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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.00 am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road, Bendigo.

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**Our guest speaker today will be Colin Fowler who  
will speak on the Submarine Service.**

The speaker at last month's meeting was the Mayor of Greater Bendigo, Willie Carney. She was introduced by Brian Clemson.

In his introduction Brian gave a summary of Willie's life before Bendigo and up to the time that she became involved in Council activities.

Willie spoke of her decision to stand for council, encouraged by her husband, but she would not be concerned if she was not elected. She was successful and, in due course, put up her hand for the mayoral position. Again being successful, but in the second round, she was voted into Office.

On one occasion Willie had not been briefed properly on a meeting with Professor Fells from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission which resulted in an embarrassment to her. After that she decided that it would not happen again as she would bone up on everything before hand.

The next day Willie was meeting and lunching with the British High Commissioner and, on the following day was on a 'plane headed for Canberra to talk to Senator Robert Hill on the Bushmaster project'. This was not a happy meeting and gave Willie a previously unknown insight into "Pollies". Her return to Bendigo was delayed as flights were behind time and, as this was the night of her installation as Mayor, she was in panic mode but, after a quick change, she made it.

In answering some complaints that the council favoured the inner city, Willie made mention of some of the work being undertaken in some of the outlying areas.

Bendigo is growing at the rate of 1000 people per annum and is becoming the retirement centre for retirees in the middle and upper income brackets.

Willie spoke of the committees to which she belongs, the meetings she attends, the functions she has opened and the loyal support she receives from her husband and from the staff on the council.

In reply to a question on the three tiers of government, Willie was very much in favour of a two tier system, i.e. remove State Governments and develop Regional Governments with the Federal Government.

Our President, Barry O'Brien, thanked the speaker and made the usual presentation.

### **REPORT ON LOCAL INDUSTRIES TRIP (Tuesday 8th October)**

A group of 22 Probians and wives had a very interesting afternoon.

First visit was to the Bendigo Advertiser Print Works in Beischer St. where we were given a conducted tour of the Complex and shown over the complete operation for preparation and printing.

At present 2 shifts Day/Night are worked, 16 hrs, may go to 24 hrs. The complex prints newspapers for the Bendigo Advertiser, Wimmera Mail Times, St. Arnaud, Cranbourne and Berwick. Copy for each paper is received electronically by Microwave Link and processed by computers at the complex. A combined total of approximately 185,000 sets of newspapers are printed daily by a staff of 7. Printing with colour is carried out by 16 units of "State of the Art" printing presses set up in two banks of eight.

Our thanks to Production Manager George Stewart and Head Printer Shane.

As total numbers were limited at Rositas and Australian Defence Apparel, President Barry accompanied a group to A.D.A. and Arthur to Rositas.

**ROSITAS:** A 12 year old food industry in Bendigo employs a staff of 100 and work is carried out 24 hrs per day, 5 days per week. It produces both corn and flour based products, the raw materials are all Australian.

The main products produced are:

TACHOS: or retail and speciality shops.

TORTILLAS: (a flour based product for wrapping food). These are sent to locations all over Australia for K.F.C. and MacDonaldis and are exported to Malaysia and South Africa.

CORN CHIPS: Are also produced in both Risoto and Home brands.

We were conducted over the production operations by Project Engineer Greg Atkinson detailing each process from the raw material to finished products.

A most interesting and informative visit to such a vibrant local industry with dedicated staff with their sights set firmly on increasing their market share both in Australia and overseas.

Our thanks to Manager Peter. Greg and office staff Katherine and Katrina.

**AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE APPAREL:** We were divided into two groups for a bright and most informative tour of the complex.

A.D.A. commenced in Bendigo in 1988 and now employs 180 staff, (140 machinists, 30 support and Administrative Staff).

A.D.A. manufactures for our services, B.P. Aust., B.P. Oil, AAMI etc, in all for 33 companies. It also supplies a number of companies "Corporate Wardrobes".

We observed computerised cutting machines which cut 100 garments per movement. 40 cutters would be required for the same amount of work. Bullet-proof vests are currently being made for the Victorian Police Force and are very heavy. The ceramic base is moulded to the chest, then covered many times in a special fabric which reduces the velocity of a spinning bullet or the blade of a knife.

We observed a line of machinists sewing a service persons shirt to completion — taking in all 3 minutes, including packaging.

Our sincere thanks to Kerry Hodges and staff of A.D.A.

*Co-authors: Arthur for Advertiser and Rositas, Barry for A.D.A.*



## **BOWLS NOTES**

We played our first game of the season against Eaglehawk and suffered a sound defeat. Hopefully we will improve in the warmer weather. With only one rink successful we were 26 shots in arrears. Our winning rink was Warren Winzar, Bob Chenery and John Tate.

We journey to Maryborough on the 18th November for their Annual Probus Tournament and Bendigo has entered two teams.

The local November match is against South Bendigo on Tuesday, 26th November. Teams are as follows:

G. Glover	A. Eaton	M. Boyd
W. Redmond	E. Hogan	H. Hesse
E. Driscoll	W. Clemens	P. Bath
Z. Hughes	L. Roy	R. Fitzgerald
R. Downey	C. Turner	A. Court

Reserves are: F. Scrivener, E. Trewartha, F. O'Connell, W. Winzar and R. Chenery

Remember — Casual dress — 9.30am assembly for 10.00 start.

If any player is unavailable please notify me A.S.A.P. on 5447 0562. GOOD BOWLING.

*Bill Clemens*



**HEALTH CARE:** As an ongoing fellowship of our club the Committee urges members to arrange for their partner to phone Barry O'Brien on 5444 1625 or John Hardy on 5441 6657 to inform us of illness at home, or in hospital. We can then offer any assistance or arrange for members to visit in hospital when visitors are permitted.



## PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - TRIPS INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER: TRIP TO THE FORD FACTORY AT BROADMEADOWS & CATERPILLAR FACTORY AT TULLAMARINE.

**Depart:** 7.30am Strath Community Centre Crook St. Home approx 5.45pm

**COST:** \$16.00 per person (Based on 40).

\*\* Includes: Coach Fare. Bring own Picnic Lunch. M/T available at Ford.

**First Visit:** Ford tour, we travel aboard a people "Transporter"

\*\* After visit to Ford, we have our Picnic Lunch in a Park area.

**In afternoon:** we visit the Caterpillar Factory, where we will again be treated to another interesting conducted tour.

\*\***CLOTHING:** Covered toe shoes and long sleeved garments required.

Maximum: (49) Current (49).

WEDNESDAY 27th to FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2002 (3 DAY/2 NIGHT TRIP)

"XMAS IN NOVEMBER TOUR" — DREAMTIME TOURS.

GLENROWAN, RUTHERGLEN, COROWA, MYRTLEFORD, BRIGHT, MILAWA, YARRAWONGA.

**Depart: 7.00am from Strath Community Centre Cark Park (Crook St.).**

Cost: \$210 per person. (Based on Minimum 40 to travel.)

Includes: 5 Star Coach Travel, Corowa — Quality Accommodation (Twin Share)

2 Continental Breakfasts, 2 Lunches (Luncheon Cruise on Day 3)

Morning Tea Day 2 All entrance & sightseeing as per itinerary.

Accommodation: (In Corowa at Greenacres Motel).

\*\*Full PAYMENTS \$210/person: by no later than 16th October Meeting

\*\* By Cheque: made payable to: "Dreamtime Tours Pty.Ltd."

Maximum: (48). Current Bookings: (43). \*\*\* Vacancies exist.



FILM SHOWING AT LATROBE UNIVERSITY LECTURE THEATRE. Max: O/all 168  
**FRIDAY 24th JANUARY 2003 — 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Max: (85 for our Club)**  
“A Spectacular Film Showing” by Rob & Cynthia Watkins on their Tour of Europe & Scandinavia. Film: 5.00pm—6.00pm; Own Picnic Tea: 6.00pm—7.00pm; Film 7.00pm to 8.00pm. In Air Conditioned comfort.  
**COST:** \$2.00/person. **LIST:** Sept/Oct meetings. **PAY:** At Nov. 20th meeting.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO — ANNUAL XMAS LUNCH — WED. 18th DECEMBER '02

**VENUE:** Burnett Room (Old Teachers College — Osborne Street.)  
**TIME:** 12 Noon Pre Dinner Drinks, 12.30pm Lunch. Other Drinks BYO.  
**COST:** \$26.00/person. Includes: Xmas Lunch (2 Course Carvery), goodies.  
\*\* A great opportunity to fraternise & enjoy fellowship of Probus  
**LIST:** Wed 16th October. **PAYMENTS:** Wed 20th Nov. meeting.  
\*\* Names may be added to list and payment made at 20th Nov. meeting

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20th, 2003 TRIP TO TOOLANGI & KING LAKE AREA.

\*\* A very interesting day with much variety has been planned for our visit to this Scenic Mountain/Rainforest Area which includes:  
Visits to Forest Discovery Centre at Toolangi, and guided tours of rainforest and of a working Saw Mill. Finally, either a visit to King Lake to the House of Bottles or to Sunny's Nursery Garden & Museum (over 1000 pieces Carnival Glass & 2000 Teddy Bears/Dolls)  
**COST:** \$26.00/person. **Includes:** Coach Fare, M/Tea, Entrance Fees.  
**LUNCH:** B.Y.O. Picnic Lunch.  
**LIST:** Tabled at October 16th meeting. (27 bookings rec'd)  
**MAXIMUM:** (49) \*\* **MINIMUM** of 40 passengers required for trip.  
\*\* I seek the support of members. \*\*\* A positive response with additional bookings is required at Wed. 20th Nov. meeting for trip to run.

PAYMENTS: Wed. 15th Jan, 2003 meeting.

TRIP TO SOUTHPORT (GOLD COAST QUEENSLAND - SUNGOLD HARBOUR SIDE RESORT)

SUNDAY 20th JULY to SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST 2003 - 15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS.

\*\* Opportunities like this trip seldom come along. A “First Class” trip, one you cannot afford to miss. I highly recommend it.  
\*\* **SUNGOLD HOLIDAYS** \*\* 4 Star Resort \*\* All Modern facilities.  
Situated in the Gold Coast at Southport, on the Broadwater.  
  
\*\* **SUNGOLD PACKAGE:** Accommodation Twin Share, Private Facilities,  
\*\* All inclusive: Accommodation, all meals (except lunches),  
Tours (4 days/week), entry fees, (Coach transfers in Queensland),  
\*\* Special Jupiters Casino high quality Live Show.

\*\* 15 DAY/14 NIGHT PACKAGE: \$649 X 2 Weeks = \$1298+\$70 = \$1368/person

\*\* AIR FARES: Melbourne-Coolangatta & return

(Qantas Seniors Advance/Flexible)

Approx: \$ 420/person

\*\* Special Casino Live Show during stay:

= \$ 30/person

\*\* TOTAL COST: 15 DAY/14 NIGHT PACKAGE:

Approx: \$1818/person

\*\* Add Transport Bendigo Melb. & Return (based on 40)

\$ 32/person

\*\* TOTAL COSTS: SUNGOLD HOLIDAY, AIR FARES, TRANSPORT

(Approx) \$1850/Person

\*\* **Deposits Due: \$50.00/person at 20th November 2002 meeting.**

Payments: By cash or cheque made out to Probus Club of Bendigo.

\*\* **Air Fares Due** for payment: Wed. 16th March, 2003 meeting.

(Actual air fare will be advised mid January)

\*\* **Balance/Final Payments:** By 18th June Meeting 2003.

MAXIMUM:(49) Current Bookings: (40). VACANCIES: Enquiries welcome

\*\*\*\* For further information please contact Arthur on 5443 9162.

\*\* In order to assist our "Collectors", please tender actual amounts due for each trip or function when making payments as there are (3) different payments due at 20th meeting.

*Arthur Eaton*



#### CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

**An invitation is extended to all Probians, and their partners, to attend our end of year Christmas Dinner which is to be held on Wednesday, 18th of December at the Osborne St. Campus of La Trobe University commencing at 12.00 noon.**