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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9.30am at the Masonic Centre, Melvor Rd, Bendigo.

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Christmas Luncheon

THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

December 17, at 12 noon

2 Courses \$20.00

at the

Foundry Arms

(For further information on the Christmas Luncheon see end of *Trips information* on page 4.)

**The Guest Speaker at today's meeting is
Ken Johnson – "The Donkey Man"**

John Stephens made the introduction of last month's Guest Speaker. He was Michael McCartney who spoke about The Bendigo Stock Exchange. The presentation was made in two parts, first the History and second Re-emergence.

So far, as history is concerned, it is mostly based on stories, experience, anecdotes made orally by many people; due to a fire in the 1930's there are not many records of activities in writing. Originally, it seems, there were several small stock exchanges, for instance there was one in Eaglehawk, in those days, the whole thing was unregulated.

In the 1860's and 70's the exchange operated 24 hours a day. There were three 8 hour trading times, and there were huge trading figures.

Up to the 1930's gold stock prices were fixed by the Bendigo Exchange. During World War II the government regulated gold prices and the Bendigo Stock Exchange became virtually redundant.

Recently the Bendigo City Council gathered interested parties to form a small stock exchange, one of these interested parties was Rob Hunt, CEO of the Bendigo Bank.

There is a need for regional exchanges, to raise capital locally, to support small retailers and companies. All three levels of government, Federal, State and Municipal, have had input to the Bendigo Stock Exchange. The Financial Review is going to publish weekly the trading figures for the Exchange.

Michael's talk inspired a series of questions from members, and Ian Nixon thanked him on behalf of the meeting also making the usual presentation.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

SICK LIST:

Don Donaldson
Kevin Houlahan
Hugh Ward has had a hip operation
Jack Rose poorly in Albury hospital

Vale - It is with sadness that we report the passing of member Ted Jenkins on 9 November 2003. Our sympathy to Esther and Family.

BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes to all the following
December 2003

4th	Ted Driscoll	86	28th	Ian Nixon	84
4th	Ken Gloster	75	28th	Caspal Sens	78
4th	Bob McCaskill	75			
5th	Alex Wilson	73			
6th	Rupert Holland	87			
11th	Allan Dingle	88			
12th	Hugh Ward	88			
17th	Bill Clemens	71	27th	Zane Hughes	68
26th	Alan Court	77	29th	Cliff Binks	82



January 2004

Wanted

Dead or Alive

- Preferably the latter -

New Members

See the Secretary for application forms.

BOWLS NOTES

The opening match of our season was against Eaglehawk and the result rather poor 113 - 74 39 shots down. Our only winning rink Bob Chenery, Eddie Hogan and Alan Court (s). I am sure we will improve in the warmer weather! Our November game is against South Bendigo on Tuesday 25th - 9.30am assembly for 10am start. The teams selected are:- 2 bowl triples

B. Redmond
E. Trewartha
G. Glover
R. Chenery
D. Laity

Z. Hughes
A. Court
L. Roy
A. Eaton
W. Clemens

M. Boyd
H. Hesse
P. Bath
R. Fitzgerald
F. O'Connell

Res: A. Wilson, J. Laidler, J. Kelly, E. Driscoll

Puzzles . . .

The answer to last month's puzzle: Side by Side

This Month's Puzzle:

R S
 O D
 A
 O D
R S

Thought for the month . . .

**THE WORLD IS BREAKING
INTO BITS AND PC'S**

FINAL WORDS

Don't forget - The General Meeting starts at 9:30am. Committee meets 8:30 - 8:15 setting up the room.



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - TRIPS INFORMATION

REPORT ON: Trip to Swan Hill from Monday 27th to Thursday 30th October, 2003.

On Monday 27th October a Group of (22) Probians and friends of Probus departed Bendigo at 10.55am on a comfortable V/Line Road Coach for Swan Hill. Upon our arrival at Swan Hill at 1.12pm we were met by representatives of the Sun Centre Motel to which we were transported by Courtesy Coach.

Our first day Monday did not unfold as first planned, however our Sun Centre Hostess Bev was very helpful as was our Host for the week Peter when he returned later that day. Many of the group spent the afternoon around Swan Hill. We were transported to and from Murray Downs Country Golf Club for our evening meal and afterwards to the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement for the 9.00pm session of the popular "Sound & Light Show" during which we travelled on a people transporter throughout the settlement, it which was very interesting and well presented.

On Tuesday morning we departed per Coach for Tyntynder Homestead for a conducted tour of the old homestead, en route our Driver Rick commented on items of interest and history of the area. Our Tyntynder guide and hostess Glennis was a dynamic personality, full of humour and she possessed a great knowledge of the history of the homestead which she so capably imparted. Part of homestead was built in 1846 and in 1856 another section built with hand made bricks, the first brick veneer in Australia. Many treasures were evident, original hand made dresses and clothing, furniture including an 1835 cedar sideboard, 1860 organ on which a tune was played, some of the many ingenious items included of a blow fly trap, swivel reading lamp and clockwise roasting spit, and a "grown pitchfork." In its time Tyntynder has had three owners, first the Beveridge Brothers, the Holloways for 120 years and now the aborigines.

Shortly after return to the Motel we were met by our Mini Coach Driver Bill Hogg and at 11.50am were transported to the M.V. Kookaburra for our Murray River Luncheon Cruise. We were welcomed aboard by the crew and Captain Bill Hogg, who throughout the cruise kept us interested and well informed of the early history of the Murray River, its environs and of its present day use age and environmental problems which exist. Our inner need, a two course meal, was produced by a most capable Chef, "Glennis." After finish of work on the Kookaburra Glennis was to cut hay from 4.00pm to 9.00pm, and the following day for variety, was to do some shearing.

For the remainder of the day the Group roamed at will. The Swan Hill Buses provided an hourly service, for both North and South Routes travelling in a circular direction, many of the group had interesting town tours on them. In early evening eight of the group travelled to Toolebuc and

throughout the return trip were given an excellent commentary, embracing dry land farming, the huge grape, stone fruit, carrots and Lucerne production. Many area Co-Ops are direct marketing to overseas destinations.

The Pioneer Settlement, Australia's first outdoor museum which started in 1963 was the main attraction for Wednesday. The settlement rich in 50 faithfully restored buildings and 15,000 artefacts, depicted stories of the lives and experiences of the early settlers of the region from 1830-1930, it comprehensively covered every aspect of those early days. Some of our group had rides in a horse drawn coach & 1923 Dodge Motor Car. Other Swan Hill attractions visited by some was a special travelling exhibition in the Regional Art Gallery and Nalder's Photographic Gallery featuring one of Australia's largest private collections of awe inspiring panoramic photography.

Thursday October 30th come all too quickly. At 10.30am our Host Peter Hawkins bid us farewell prior to seeing us off in a Courtesy Coach which transported us to the Swan Hill Railway Station. Peter followed with our luggage loaded on his utility and placed same in storage at the Station until departure of the V/Line Coach for Bendigo. The remaining time was utilised in a leisurely manner, some for a last look around the immediate vicinity, Nalders Gallery, and for refreshments prior to departure for home. A most enjoyable holiday with nice people, a likeable host, in an interesting country city & its surrounds.

Author: Arthur Eaton (Tours Organiser.)

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - TRIP TO MELBOURNE

NEW SHRINE MUSEUM - NEW MELBOURNE MUSEUM.

Maximum: (49) Minimum (40) Current: (47) VACANCIES: (2) * Emergencies required.**

COST: Coach & Lunch: \$27.00/person.

Entries to Shrine (by Gold Coin), To Museum: Seniors Free

Depart Bendigo: 7.30am. From Strathdale Community Centre, Crook St. Home: Approx 5.45pm.

Visits to: The Shrine to view its recent improvements, particularly that of the new **Visitors & Museum Section** with its Gallery of Medals, Audio Visual Display, Interactive Touch Screens and Military History. **The New Melbourne Museum:** Which is now Australia's largest and most modern museum, it will surprise and delight you, there is a wealth of things to see and do, including Audio Visual and hands on displays. **I have visited both the Shrine & Museum, this will be an excellent trip and will be of interest to all. there is adequate seating at both the Shrine and Museum. LUNCH: Is included in cost.**

****A low cost, value for money and most interesting trip with much variety to please all, and will be at a leisurely pace.**

***** OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS: At meeting Wed 19th November please.**

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - ANNUAL XMAS LUNCHEON - WED. 17TH DEC' 03
(Maximum 120) Current: (85) - AT FOUNDRY ARMS HOTEL GOLDEN SQUARE. 12 Noon
(2 Old High Street, Bendigo.)

COST: \$20.00 per person

TWO COURSE STANDARD MEAL: Trio of Roasts and Christmas Pudding (unless otherwise advised)

**** Alternative Meals must be pre-ordered through Arthur Eaton on booking/at payment)**

**** Alternate Meals consist of: Grilled or Fried Whiting, Seasonal Fruit Salad.**

Drinks: Buy your own, at discount prices.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES Two: (Donated by Foundry Arms Hotel).

One Voucher: (Lunch for two.) and (One bottle of Wine.)

This Xmas Lunch provides a great opportunity for members/partners and widows of former members to meet, fraternise and enjoy the fellowship of Probus.

President Jack and the Committee seeks the support of the membership to ensure the success of this Xmas Luncheon. It is anticipated that this function will finish at approximately 3.30pm.

***** PAYMENTS: At meeting Wednesday 19th November at which time tickets will be issued.**

To assist collectors, please tender correct amounts when making payments.