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**This month's Guest Speaker is Jack Runnals, formerly the Laundry manager at the Anne Caudle Centre. Later he was a consultant in Malaysia and his talk is concerned with his experiences in Malaysia.**

**Today's meeting opens at 9.30 am and this will be the monthly meeting time until the end of March 2006.**

## Glossary of Management terms.

**Delegate:** Pass the buck

**Pending:** Haven't figured it out yet.

**Delayed:** Forgotten.

**Urgency:** Panic.

**Extreme Urgency:** Blind Panic.

**Frank Discussion:** Bloody Argument.

**Analytical projections:** Guess.

**Forecast:** Guess.

**Long Range forecast:** Wild guess.

**Scheduled:** Hoped for.

**Deficiency analysis:** Search for scapegoat.

**Ambitions:** Ruthless.

**Strategy:** Low cunning.

**Shrewd:** Devious.

**Profit:** Profit before tax loss.

**Defecit:** Staggering loss.

**Industrial By-product:** Waste.

**Environmental pollution:** Other peoples waste.

**Pilfering:** Theft by employee.

**Fringe benefit:** Theft by Executive.

**Terminal payment:** Golden handshake.

**Supplementary Statistical information:**

Padding.

*By Committee member, Bruce Michelsen.*

# Bowls Section News

Teams Bendigo Probus    Host Club: South Bendigo    Date: Tuesday, November 22

<b>Leader</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>Skipper</b>
D. Laity	R. Chenery	A. Court
G. Glover	Z. Hughes	H. Hesse
L. Roy	J. Laidler	F. O'Connell
M. McDonald	W. Redmond	E. Waterworth
W. Winzar	W. Clemens	R. Fitzgerald

Assembly at host club at 9.30 for 10.00am start. Play to the bell 11.45am. Casual dress. \$4 per player. Two bowl triples.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes are extended to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming months...

### DECEMBER 2005

04	Ted Driscoll	88
04	Ken Gloster	77
<del>04</del>	Bob McCaskill	<del>77</del> 83
06	Rupert Holland	89
11	<b>Allan Dingle</b>	<b>90</b>
12	<b>Hugh Ward</b>	<b>90</b>
17	Bill Clemens	73
26	Alan Court	79
28	Ian Dixon	86
28	Bill O'Donoghue	79

### JANUARY 2006

27	<b>Zane Hughes</b>	<b>70</b>
29	Cliff Binks	84

Congratulations to all of above especially **Allan Dingle, Hugh Ward and Zane Hughes.**

Note: If you do not wish your birthday published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.

Speaking of Birthdays (and ages); taking calculations as at the end of the 2005 years, the average age of Club members will be 79 years, 2 months and 19 days.

So you could say that this Probus Club helps to keep you going... However, what about inviting some new prospective members along to our meetings as your special guest. What with interest, fellowship with a laugh or two, they may be promised to live longer. Like the motels, we have "vacancies" too.

(Bob. C)

Following on from our October speaker Audiologist Dirk De'Moore, one of our members at his annual medical check-up enquired about his hearing, "Your hearing is getting worse", said the Doctor "and you will have to cut out drinking, smoking and sex". What, cried the Probarian in alarm, "just so I can hear better".

Most people say that as you get old, you have to give up things. Maybe you get old because you give up things.

No one frankly admits to being nearer sixty than fifty, but no one over ninety can resist boasting at it.

# Bendigo Probus Foundation Members



*L to R: Arthur Cowling, Jack Davies, Cliff Binks, Ken Gloster, Arthur Eaton, Alan Dingle, Tom Roberts. Front: Dick Opie and Peter Goodrich.*

Foundation Members: Congratulations to those F.M. who received their F.M. lapel badges. Vice President Len presented the badges in this our 21st year since foundation. An excellent photo appearing in this bulletin of the nine members receiving their badges was taken by Norm Dack. Thank you Norm for your professional photographic ability. The photo is being sent to Regional Probus for entry in the National Probus News.

Christmas Luncheon: By the time you receive their bulletin it will be less than two months to our annual Christmas luncheon, this year please make a special attempt to attend, last year the attendance numbers were disappointing. I am sure we can do a lot better this year, to date we have 43 acceptances and we are able to cater for 120 so PLEASE make the 14th. December your undertaking to attend and help us to help YOU promote the fellowship and friendship of YOUR CLUB.

Membership participation: this month in your bulletin you will notice we have contributions from two of our members. It has been decided to assist Bulletin Editor Alec Crothers that each month one or two members will be nominated to present an article for publication in the bulletin on any subject, it is hoped your choice of subjects will be of interest for others to read similar to Len Hodrens and Bruce Michelsens insertion this month. Thank you both Len and Bruce. When you are nominated for your article please give it your best shot.

Vice President 2005/06: Still no nomination to this important office, please give if your serious consideration, don't leave it till the last month or two of the year and find we are in trouble for a nomination or even nominations. Wouldn't it be interesting if we had to have an election.

Daylight Savings: Please don't forget our November meeting will commence at 9.30 am instead of 10 am. Committee members 8.15 am.

May we look forward to an increase in membership attendance for the November 16th meeting, in the meantime, please take care and keep well.

*W.B. (Bryan) Armstrong*

## President's Comments

The October Ladies Day was a great success with 21 ladies present along with 51 members. Several members commented on the success of the morning and suggestions were made that we should be looking at making it an annual twice a year event. Maybe we should look at making it more interesting for the Ladies, what do you think, yes or no? Thank you to those members who contributed to making it a successful morning.

October Guest Speaker: Mr Dirk De'Moore, what an excellent speaker, one who knew his subject and knew how to present himself, could be heard by all and left us with a message that is important to many of us. Thank you again Barry O'Brien for your selection of an interesting speaker.

Welfare Officer: It is a pleasure to report that Herb Hesse has volunteered to fill this position, thank you Herb, it is much appreciated that you volunteered to this important role. Please help Herb and inform him if you are aware of any members or their families that are not well or hospitalised.

Best of British: A delightful morning at the Capital Theatre was enjoyed by 32 members along with partners in all. A very entertaining morning followed by lunch at the House of Khong cafe. Two of our members were picked upon by the shows Compare and they put on a performance equal to any of the shows cast, "the performing Hodrens" it would have been great to capture them on film, but that was not to be, good on you Margaret and Len.

## **PAST 2 PRESENT**

I am often asked, especially when meeting someone for the first time that having been a Jockey, do I now follow the horses, i.e. have a bet, the answer is no, the reason is as follows.

I lived and served my apprenticeship in Palmerston North in the Manawatu district of New Zealand. The Manawatu Racing Club held a three day meeting over the Christmas period at that time. Just prior to this meeting one morning during training, a visiting trainer Mr Archie McGregor asked my boss, Eric Temperton (both of whom afterwards trained a Melbourne Cup winner - Even Stevens and Silver Knight). This was in December 1948, I had my first ride in a race in February 1949 - an aside, I was too young and too small at 5 stone and in February 1950 I had my 12th ride.

Back to 1948, Mr McGregor asked my boss if he had someone he could borrow to ride his horse in a training trial, and so it happened I was sent to do this job. The horse I rode was named Rhondavale and in my opinion he worked very well and was to race on the 2nd day of the meeting. I asked (told) my father to come to the race meeting - another aside, I was still going to school at this time and worked every morning and every evening after and received the princely sum (looking back) of fifteen shillings a week, plus found.

As at the time I was not yet riding, I was at the races (2nd day) attending my boss's horses. I had saved some of my wages at this time to buy riding gear, silks, boots and saddles etc. so I went to the races with ten pounds in my pocket for Dad to put on the said Rhondavale in the 7th race.

I was tending our horses and talking to my Dad when over the P.A. system came the news that Rhondavale was scratched. Just after this announcement the club farrier came along to chat to my Father - another aside, Mr Laurie Purton always dressed in a suit, waistcoat with pocket watch chain and sovereign case with two sovereigns and three half sovereigns on the days he was supervising and not actually working.

In the course of his conversation with Mr Purton, my Dad mentioned my bet and that

Rhondavale had been scratched. With that Mr Purton stated, "with him out Whitley would be a certainty" when Mr Purton left my Dad said what are going to do, "put the ten pound on Whitley, five pound each way".

Do you want to know the result, Whitley ran fourth. On the third day of the meeting Rhondavale raced and won and paid eleven pounds for the win. I of course was fresh out, this is my reason for never being keen on the punt.

*By Len Hodren, Vice President,*

## **FOUNDATION MEMBERS LUNCHEON**

There will be no Foundation Members Luncheon in December. Their Christmas Luncheon will be at The National Hotel on Wednesday, November 16 at a cost of \$15 p.p.

Widows of deceased Foundation Members are invited to this function: Members of our group who have undertaken to contact some of these Ladies should advised Cliff Binks if they will be attending, **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14**, in order to facilitate the supply of special Christmas Fair.

Q.C. Binks.



## **PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO**

### **ANNUAL XMAS LUNCHEON - WED. 14th DECEMBER, 2005**

- \*\* At Foundry Arms Hotel, (Platinum Room), High St., Golden Square.
  - \*\* Maximum: (120) Current Bookings: (71)
  - \*\* Please report at 11.30am for 12 Noon Luncheon. \*\* Cost: \$25.00 per person
  - \*\* Two Course Lunch, Multiple Raffle Draws.
  - \*\* Tickets will be issued: at time of payment being made - please bring them with you.
  - \*\* A great opportunity for all to meet, fraternise and enjoy the fellowship of Probus.
  - \*\* President Brian and Committee seek the support of the membership.
- Further bookings required. PAYMENTS: At or by meeting Wed 16th Nov. 2005 please.**

### **PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - TRIP TO TASMANIA - Don't miss out on this!! WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL TO THURSDAY 4th MAY, 2005. (9 Day/8 Nights)**

**COST: Pensioner Concession: \$1300; Seniors: \$1400; Adults: \$1470.**

**\*\* Pensioner Concession Card & Seniors Card Numbers are required, please provide same to Arthur.**

**Maximum to travel: (48) Current Bookings: (39) \*\*Additional bookings are required.**  
**Cost Includes: Transportation Bendigo to Bendigo - Bendigo Coachlines. Overnight Boat Trips (2 Nights) with Cabin accommodation on the boat to & from Tasmania. Dinner, Bed & Cooked Breakfasts, entry to attractions as per the itinerary. Lunches on (3) days. Note: (meals not included on the boat segment of travel.)**

**Feature attractions: the famous ABT Railway trip with spectacular scenery, now world acclaimed, and also a Gordon River Cruise, but there is much more. "It will be a great trip with consideration being made to cater for our age group."**

**\*\* LISTING: Available at 16th Nov. meeting. Copies of itinerary: will be available meeting.**

**Deposits of \$25.00/person required at meeting Wed January 18th, 2006**

**Balance of Payments due: At or by meeting Wed 15th March, 2006**

**Tours Organiser Arthur Eaton.**

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