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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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**The speaker for the November meeting will be Jenny McKobb
Subject - Red Cross services available.**

At the October Meeting President Alex introduced Jay Gardiner who is a Public Relations Officer for the C.F.A. Jay explained that some of the worst area for fires which occur every summer season are Victoria, France and California, and then explained in detail about living in the bush during the fire season. The C.F.A. have published a very informative workbook, a copy of which was given to members. Some of the main points are as follows.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING

A BUSHFIRE:

- Hot weather
- Wind
- A lot of smoke
- Noise
- Loss of power & water
- Loss of phone line
- Fire trucks and aircraft nearby

TRY TO:

- Keep Calm
- Take breaks

CHECK FOR BURNING

EMBERS:

- inside the roof
- Under the floor boards
- Under house spaces

- On verandas and wooden decking
- On timber window ledges and door sills
- Roof lines and roof gutters
- Outdoor furniture
- Doormats
- Garden beds and mulch
- Wood heaps
- Sheds and carports

Defending your home during a bushfire can be a very frightening and emotional experience. The conditions will also make it physically demanding.

The easiest and most effective way to extinguish a fire is to apply water, therefore if you intend to stay to defend your home you will need access to an adequate water supply. If you are on a mains water supply, do not rely on this during a bushfire.

Jay was thanked by Norm Dack on behalf of the members

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE NEED
YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

President's Remarks

These days a member of misuses of language and grammar seem to be about. I suppose we all have been rebuked and corrected by our own parents in this respect, it is nothing new. None the less I will present some present day errors. One which is annoying to me is when someone says "The amount of people was more than..." instead of "the number of people was...". We use amount for, say water, rainfall, time, etc., but when we are dealing with individual items, people, cans, books, etc.

A rather similar situation is the use of less instead of fewer, thus "There were less people here..." are we talking about dwarves?

In different context there seems to be a growing lack of discrimination between the words alternative and alternate. Alternative implies offering a choice while alternate means by turns, thus night and day alternate.

Sometimes the mistaken expression means the opposite of what is meant. A common instance of this is the mistaken use of least common multiple (or denominator). This is taken from arithmetic so lets take an example.

Take the two members 300 and 504 their least common multiple is 12,600 which is far greater than either. On the other had the greatest common factor of the two numbers is 12 which of course is less than either, so this is what should replace least common denominator.

President Alec

Foundation Members Luncheon

As we have no meeting of Probus in December we are going to make this Month's Foundation Members Luncheon the Special Christmas Luncheon.

**Date: November 21, Time: 12.30pm, Place: The Malayan Orchid, View Street,
Cost: approximately \$25.00 for a three course meal.**

We shall be receiving an excellent meal, we have had a discussion with Bobbie about, without doubt it will be of the standard we have come to expect at this restaurant.

Because the seating arrangements will have to be prepared we need to give the numbers involved to the most advance so will you please confirm you participation before Nov., 20. This applies to everybody, even the regulars who normally we expect to come. As usual we welcome all members and friends.

Last month the luncheon was taken at the Bendigo Club. We had a good meal, well served and a beautiful day to complete the enjoyment.

President Alec.

Annual Christmas Luncheon - Wednesday 5th December, 2007

- At Foundry Arms Hotel, (Platinum Room), High St., Golden Square.
 - Maximum: (120) Current Bookings: (61) Further bookings are required
 - Please report at 11.30am for 12 Noon Luncheon.
 - Cost: \$27.50 per person • Two Course Lunch, Multiple Raffle Draws.
 - Tickets will be issued: at time of payment being made
 - please bring them with you to the lunch.
 - A great opportunity for all to meet, fraternise and enjoy the fellowship of Probus.
 - President Alec and Committee seek the support of the membership.
- LIST: Posted Oct 17th. PAYMENTS: At or prior to Wed 21st Nov. meeting.**

Birthday Wishes

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

DECEMBER

05th - Ken Gloster (80)

17th - Bill Clemens (76)

11th - Allan Dingle (93)

26th - Alan Court (82)

12th - Hugh Ward (93)

28th - Ian Nixon (89)

JANUARY

27th - Zane Hughes (72)

29th - Cliff Binks (86)

Congratulations to all of the above, especially Ken.

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

Useless Information:

- A cockroach's favourite food is the glue on the the back of stamps.
- Clark Gable used to shower more than 4 times a day.
- There is enough stone in the Great wall of China to build an eight foot wall encircling the globe at the equator.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies room during a dance.
- Ninety per cent of women who walk into a department store immediately turn to the right.
- A normal raindrop falls about 7 miles per hour.
- Iron nails cannot be used in oak because the acid in the wood corrodes them.
- A jumbo Jet uses 4,000 gallons a fuel to take off.
- At the high of power in 400 BC the Greek city of Sparta had 25,000 citizens and 500,000 slaves.

- Editor

WELFARE OFFICER

We need someone to extend the hand of friendship to those members who are unwell. Contacting them either per phone or personal visit. This is not an arduous task and can be shared with others. Reimbursement for phone calls etc, is available. Can you help?

EDITOR

Can you work this out?

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- Using the above number, make it read 950 by only adding one Pen/pencil stroke.
- The answer will be announced at our Club Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday 5th December at the "Foundry Hotel" See you there!

- Bob. C

Report:-

*4Day/3Nights Warrnambool/Portland Trip Tues 9th to Fri. 12th October, 2007
With Bendigo Coach Lines.*

Day (1) Tuesday 9th October. 2007:

Thirty One Passengers comprising twenty five Members of Probus Club of Bendigo & their Partners together with six from Sandhurst Probus & five friends of Probus, departed Bendigo on time at 8.30am

Our Coach Captain was "our friend to all" Neville Dewhurst of Bendigo Coachlines.

Our morning tea stop was at Ballarat in garden area near the lake, refreshed we continued on passing through the pleasant green countryside and the towns of Colac, Camperdown and Terang , arriving at Warrnambool in time for lunch, after which we were taken on a comprehensive guided tour of impressive Warrnambool.

We settled in at our home for the next two nights "The Downtown Motel," where we met our most friendly and considerate hosts Glynis, Anthony and staff who made every effort to ensure our stay was a memorable one. The meals were excellent, of much variety, high quality and always plentiful and served in a pleasant function area. Our first evening meal was at 5.30pm after which we were taken to Flagstaff Hill to view the impressive laser show, "Shipwrecked." "A perfect start to our holiday."

Day 2 Wed 10th October:

A fully cooked breakfast completed, we departed from the Motel at 9.00am, for what would prove to be a very full, informative, most interesting day with great variety.

Our first visit was to Tower Hill Game Reserve which is nestled inside the area of a huge dormant volcano, believed to have erupted some 32,000 years ago. Most of our group chose to stay at the Visitor Centre, a few of those fit enough made it to the top of tower hill, (some blew out on the way up.).

Our next visit was to Port Fairy, now home to a large fishing fleet, here we had a very detailed guided tour of this very pleasant historical seaside town at which between 1850-53 19 foreign ships & 56 coastal vessels entered the port. We returned to Warrnambool in time to have a bistro lunch (as included.)

Next we travelled about 15km through pleasant countryside to visit the impressive, very wide Hopkins Falls, over which to our delight there was a reasonable flow of water.

Our next visit was to very pleasant area of Childers Cove with its attractive coastal cliffs, at which many of our group walked down the extensive steps to view at close range this lovely cove, whilst here we had A/Tea as provided by Neville. Our final visit for the day to Cheese world at Allansford, the home of Warrnambool Cheese since 1888. Our tour group enjoyed the cheese tasting and made many purchases.

A bonus here, we also discovered in their quite large museum area an extensive range of historical items ranging from a butter churn to a power generating plant and an early car .

We arrived at our motel at about 5.15pm to conclude "a most enjoyable day." Evening meal -excellent."

Day 3. Thursday 11th October.

Breakfast at 7.00am over, cases loaded, at 8.00am farewelled by our hosts, we departed from our Warrnambool Downtown Motel for further day of touring.

Our first visit was to the large Codrington Wind Farm where a property owner on whose property some of the 34 Wind turbines in the area were located gave us a guided tour.

We arrived in Portland in time to have M/Tea as provided by Neville, in parkland adjoining the seashore.

Next we travelled to Nelson for our Lunch Cruise on the Glenelg River during which we were given a commentary on the interesting history of this wide river which is tidal for some 42km. We were surprised to see the numerous variety and standards of the "boat houses" dotting the river shores. Whilst waiting to board we met the father of ABC Bendigo presenter Jonathon Ridnell. Our final visit for the day was to the Cape Bridgewater area to visit the blowholes and the Petrified Forest. Faye chose to have a ride on a Harley Davidson Motor Bike Ride

After an interesting day we arrived at about 5.30pm at our Portland motel for the night overlooking the port area, "The Richmond Henty Motel," it was spread over a huge area. Our evening meal menu was three course with multi choice for each of the entree, main and sweets, it was of good quality & plentiful.

Day 4: Friday 12th October, 2007. Homeward Bound

Cases loaded on the Coach, Breakfast at 7.00am, the coach departed at 8.30am to travel to the Information Centre to collect our guide who provided us with an extensive tour of the Portland area.

Reluctantly, we farewelled Portland and travelled the Henty Highway to Hamilton arriving in time for lunch, stopping first at their visitor centre before visiting some of their "eateries." Lunch over, we returned to the Visitor Centre to pick up our Guide for a "full tour" of the immediate Hamilton area, being informed of its early history, heritage, tourist locations and it's industries of today.

After leaving Hamilton we travelled through to Ararat, and from there along the Pyrenees to Horsham and finally home to Bendigo, arriving about 5.50pm.

Summary: An excellent trip all round, with a pleasant and friendly group, nice motels, a variety of meals of very good quality with most adequate servings, tours of great variety with excellent, dedicated Tour Guides and our Coach Captain Neville Dewhurst who was most considerate, co-operative and helpful at all times.. Thanks to Faye Himsforth for her assistance to all during the trip.

A trip reasonably priced, with much variety and of interest to all, shared with a friendly caring group who mixed well and enjoyed each other's company. A highly successful trip.

Thanks to all for supporting the trip.



Committee News

The committee is inviting input from members regarding suggesting activities to involve wives/partners eg: card playing, walking and theatre groups etc., any ideas would be appreciated.

- Editor.

Perks of Being over 50

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run - anywhere.
4. People call at 9.00am and ask, "Did I wake you????"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat dinner at 4.00pm
9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. You get into heated argument about pension plans.
11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
13. You sing along with elevator music.
14. Your eyes won't get much worse.
15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologist than the national weather service.
17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
19. You can't remember who sent this list.

- R. R.

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress ask for their orders. The man say, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke,' and turns to the ostrich, 'What's yours?' 'I'll have the same,' Says the ostrich. A short time later the waitress returns with the order. 'That will be \$9.40 please,' she says and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment. The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke.' The ostrich says, 'I'll have the same.' Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change. This becomes routine until the two enter again later in the week. 'The usual?' asks the waitress. 'No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato, and salad,' says the man. 'Same,' says the ostrich.

Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, 'That will be \$32.62.' Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer. 'Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?'

'Well says the man, 'several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.'

'That's brilliant!' says the waitress. 'Most people would wish for a Million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!'

That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there,' says the man.

The waitress asks, 'But, sir, what's with the ostrich?'

The man sighs, pauses, and answers, 'My second wish was for a tall chick, with a big bottom and long legs who agrees with everything I say.'

- R. R.