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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 at the November meeting will be from RACV. Subject - years ahead roadsafety for seniors.

- Barry, O'B.

The guest speaker at the October meeting was Barry Cooper O.A.M. and was introduced to the members by Vice President Ern Holland. Barry spoke with passion about surgery on handicapped children from disadvantaged countries in the South Pacific area and the help given by ROMAC. What is Romac? It is an acronym for Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children. The foundation of which started in Kangaroo Flat in 1988 and has helped many children to live a better life. Don Bradman helped some years ago by donating 10 bats to ROMAC with one selling for \$10,000. "ROMAC the dream to reality".

- Editor

Foundation Members Lucheon

Foundation Members Lucheon for this month, November 19th. We are breaking new ground as we are booked in at the Windermere Hotel 112 High St., Kangaroo Flat. There is ample parking space behind the shop parade. If you are one of our regulars, but unable to be present on this date please present the information to Dorothy or myself. We met for lunch last month at the One Tree Hill Hotel where thirteen of us had a good meal and plenty of conversation.

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

Birthday Wishes

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

December 2008			January 2009		
04	Ken Gloster	80	27	Zane Hughes	72
11	Allan Dingle	93	29	Cliff Binks	86
12	Hugh Ward	93			
17	Bill Clemens	76			
26	Alan Court	82			
28	Ian Nixon	89			

Congratulation to all the above, especially Ken Gloster.

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

- Bob C.

Presidents Piece

To whom do you attribute these statements? And to whom do they refer?

Let me have men about me that are fat.

They're only a lot of old boilers.

Let them eat cake.

Dead birds don't fall out of their nests.

Welfare News

Wally Spicer returned home on Melbourne Cup day and is looking better. Allan Dingle has got over an attack of gastro, which heavily attacked the people in Strathhaven. Frank O'Connor and his wife have moved into Bentleigh for respite. Alf Ryall is doing well, but is no longer up to attending Probus.

- Alec C.

Useless info

- In the 1940's the Bich Pen was changed to Bic for the fear that the Americans would pronounce it Bitch.
- The most reverse charge calls are made on Fathers Day.
- Each year Americans spend more on cat food than on baby food.
- There are 10 body parts that have only three letters long, eye, ear, leg, arm, jaw, gum, toe, lip, hip and rib.
- There are 336 dimples on a golf ball.
- There are only 12 letteres in the Hawaiian alphabet.
- If you look carefully at the picture of Mona Liza you will notice a bridge in the background.

- Editor

Snippets

Durning the last 18 months we have inducted ten new members, good effort, keep up the good work. The Segment "Members Profile" will re-commence February 09.

- Editor.

Alaska Bear & Fish

The toilet in our RV is centrally situated in the rear, with double glass doors behind that for several reasons, are usually locked. Because moose are not animals to take liberties with, shooting through the partly open back doors seemed the ideal solution. Good images resulted. We were heading for the Canadian Rockies when a sign popped up BEAR VIEWING. Fortunately no vehicle was behind us. We detoured 40km past hanging glaciers and spectacular scenery to reach the tiny community of Hyder in southern Alaska, situated at the end of a 150km long fjord. Huge chum salmon were running up spring fed Fish Creek at the time to reach their spawning ground. Because in the past photographers were risking the creek bank with bears, NP Parks constructed 100m' of elevated board walk which they man for info' and additional protection. Spent four glorious days there in light rain and freezing cold, photographing both black and grizzlies catching big salmon in knee deep crystal clear water. Catching fish entailed chasing the chosen salmon from one end of the pool to the other as many times as necessary. Chum salmon in Fish Creek can reach 20kg. Spectacular



viewing and demanding photography with high speed action in low level light, often in early morning or evening. Only possible with digital technology.

A Ranger explained that two of the grizzlies fishing each day, first came there three years before, when their mother arrived with three cubs. She displayed frustration because the cubs preferred to wrestle in the water while she was trying to teach them the serious business of catching fish.

- Regards, Rob & Cynthia.

Unloading cargo at Norfolk Island

The Norfolk island coast is very rugged, making it difficult to unload heavy cargo such as motor cards. The ship waited two days for weather calm enough to unload this car. The car was driven into a net, and then lifted aboard a platform on top of two tenders which had been tied.

The tenders were then towed by the boat if front about 200 metres to a jetty, where the car was lifted off by another crane and driven away. The crane drivers have to be very skilful to prevent the car swinging against the side of the pitching and tossing ship. It is no wonder that most cars on Norfolk Island are secondhand Japanese models!



- Rupert R.

Smile Time

A certain young lady heard that milk baths would make her beautiful.

She left a note for the milkman to leave 100 litres of milk.

When the milkman read the note, he felt there must be a mistake.

He thought she probably meant 10 litres.

So he knocked on the door to clarify the problem.

The lady came to the door and the milkman said, "I found your note to leave 100 litres of milk. Did you mean 10 litres of milk?"

The lady replied, "No, I want 100 litres. I'm going to fill my bathtub up with milk and take a milk bath so I can stay looking younh and beautiful".

The milkman asked, "Do you want it pasteurized?"

The lady replied, "No, just up to my boobs. I can splash in on my eyes".

- Bob C. (with thanks to Probus Club of White Hills)

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: TRIP TO THE SEYMOUR AREA

Maximum: (52) Current: (50) THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER, 2008 Cost: \$35.00 per person.
Based on (45) Includes: Coach, Two Course Lunch & Entry Costs. Depart 9.00am.

From Strathdale Community Centre Car Park, Crook Street.

Our first visit will be to: the RAAC Memorial and Army Tank Museum at Puckapunyal
Next: We travel on to Seymour where we will visit the Seymour Railway Heritage Centre: Upon our arrival we will have a two course lunch provided by the staff of the Centre, and dependent upon conditions, this may be served as we wish either under shade canopies or in the heritage Avoca Dining Car of yesteryear. There will be a number guides, among whom will be some former railwaymen.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: ANNUAL XMAS LUNCHEON AT FOUNDRY ARMS HOTEL Maximum: 120. WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 2007

COST: \$28.50 per person Report: 11.30am. MEAL. - At 12 Noon PAYMENTS : Due at Nov.19th Meeting *** Please tender correct payment amounts. ***

REPORT ON NORFOLK ISLAND TRIP – 10th to 17th October, 2008.

The Bendigo party of 16 – only six Bendigo Probians departed per Airport Coach from Crook Street at 8.30am on Friday 10th October for Tullarmarine. The Envisage Tours contingent grew to twenty nine at the Airport which included two of Arthur's relatives from Adelaide, some from Melbourne, three Sydney folk, and a couple from Brisbane. Initially a mixed bunch, thanks to all with a willingness to participate, contribute and enjoy themselves, a very full, varied & well planned itinerary, good accommodation & service, a delightful environment, we were on course for a first rate show from our decent down to the lovely palm & pine fringed Norfolk Airfield to casually stroll to the uncrowded & relaxed reception area and proceedings of the airport.

Our hosts, tour leaders, entertainers all claiming lineage with the Bounty people are immensely proud of their history and heritage. They actively participated in and contributed to community presentations and the promotion of them.

Outstanding experiences and interests were: Wonderland at Night – An illuminated bushland meander hosted by a great folksy story teller and poet Archie Bigg (shades of Banjo Patterson) with apt and historic dioramas (a real fairyland,) culminating in an enjoyable cuppa & cake in Archies tin shed of historic implements, equipage and memorabilia. Convict & General Cemetery, Penal Settlement & Port Tour: Ric our Canadian Tour Driver/Guide of Bounty lineage, long association with Norfolk, now resident, dedicated, and well informed on history and heritage of Norfolk and its people. Progressive Dinner: Range of interesting and charming homes and hosts presenting personal portraits, history and community involvement together with very good food and drinks. Cycloramar: Outstanding illustration and representation of history, it's setting, events and identities. Piteairn Settlement: Comprising (1) The Historic Homestead charming oldest continuing home (of the Church Builder/Artisan and his descendants.) (2) The Smithy: together with household and other tools. (3) Market Garden & Orchard Tour: Aboard the original 1928 A Model Ford which had clocked up some fifty nine thousand miles. National Park Walk: Ric & Brent's instructive escort through lovely bushland together with ocean and coastal vistas followed by a most enjoyable picnic breakfast at the Captain Cook Memorial Park. Fish Fry & Salad Smorgasbord: Superb fish comprising freshly caught Trumpeter, Groper and King fish done in a special batter served with a variety of island dishes splendidly organised and presented in a beautiful, ocean sunset pine setting. Additionally, more history, culture, entertainment involvement. Bounty Show: Great outdoor amphitheatre, staging of entertaining, vividly informative Bounty events. A lovely moonlight night. Brett Adams (our bus driver) played Fletcher Christian. He also played Prison Governor at the Convict Dinner Show – fun and participation night. In the Trial of the Fifteen, a pageant of significant characters of Norfolk's History presented in the Settlement Church-come Courthouse/Theatre, he played about five or six roles. Among other places of interest and demonstrations: Liquor Factory Tastings, Traditional Cooking and Recipes, Crafts Chocolate Making – so go off an enjoy yourselves.

Our thanks to Envisage Tours for a well organised, most enjoyable and highly successful trip.

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