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November Meeting - Mr K. Butler will present a talk entitled "changes in railway public transport". Bring a friend or even a relation, all new faces welcome.

October Meeting - Arthur Eaton introduced Jan Spiro from AAPT Travel, and Jan gave us a quick rundown on the history of AAPT, from the days when the founder took tourists around Melbourne in an old truck, to the present time. The Australian owned company is still run by members of the same family, but of course these days only the latest types of transport are used and tourists travel to the four corners of the globe. Starting with European tours, Jan covered the delights of cruising in today's luxury liners, and the smaller (and the more intimate boats which cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest). Tourists are cosseted with superb accommodation and meals and have time to explore the onshore attractions at the various ports of call. Many members still have fond memories of cruising the west coast of America, and photographing the magnificent Rocky Mountains and the glaciers in Alaska. Jan then emphasised the value of appreciating the customs of other countries, particularly when travelling in Asia, an appreciation of their food and their day to day customs greatly enriches the Asian experience. She mentioned destinations closer to home, Norfolk Island, Tasmania and especially New Zealand ("The land of the wrong white crowd" as a voice was heard to say). Arthur thanked Jan on behalf of all members, and presented her with a token of our esteem.

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

President's Piece

As our club has aged and we currently have declining membership your Committee would appreciate your assistance to enable us to determine a strategy for our sustainable future.

Accordingly, we will be posting to all members a "Member Survey form" seeking your views.

Please take a few minutes of your time to complete and return this survey, as data obtained could ensure our future.

- Ern, H

Luncheon Members and Friends

The November luncheon is to be held at the Brougham Arms Hotel Williamson Street following the Probus Meeting on Wednesday 18th November. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday 16th November. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone: 5443 2642. This helps to book for the correct number. There were 17 members at the October lunch.

- Alec C.

NEW MEMBER

Bob Chenery introduced Mike Watt and President Ern had the pleasure of inducting him. Mike was born in Scotland in 1941 and despite emigrating to Australia in 1976, still has that lilting brogue characteristic of Aberdeen. After leaving school he was commissioned in the RAF as a navigator. He later transferred his commission and served in the Royal Artillery with the rank of captain until 1993. He then went to Nottingham University and qualified as a secondary school mathematics and computing teacher. After emigrating, he taught at Horsham until 1979 when he was "lured back in the army". There he rose to the rank of major specialising in computer projects.

Retiring from Defence in 2003, he set up his own company specialising in computer support for schools and retired "for the last time" in 2006, after he lost his wife of 45 years to cancer. In 2008 he married a Bendigo girl and settled in a house they built in Junortoun. Mike has two daughters, three step daughters and six grandchildren. He is a past president of the Rotary Club Belvoir, Wodonga, but is no longer a Rotarian.



VALE

It is with great regret that we record the passing of Bryan Armstrong, President 2005-2006 and we pass our sincere sympathies to all family members

Club Vacancy

The position of Guest speakers officer is still unfilled, President Ern had been doing this (along with his other duties) but we urgently need someone to fill this interesting post.

Motivation Deficit Disorder

For centuries this syndrome has been mis-diagnosed by the medical profession (and others), and those who are affected have just been labelled as "lazy". Fortunately, recent research has revealed deep psychological reasons why this syndrome exists.

Bendigo Library Book

A.J.Mackinnon - The unlikely voyage of Jack de Crow

This is the hilarious but true story of a remarkable voyage in a tiny boat, by a very talented Geelong Grammar School Teacher. Full of optimism but not knowing that the Severn has the second highest tides in the world, the author set out to sail from North Wales to Bristol in an old "Minor" dinghy. One year, 4900 Kilometers, and 282 locks later, the voyage, under sail, oar, and tow rope finished in the black sea. On the way, he met up with a surprising number of helpful people, including the Dover harbourmaster who gravely warned him about the food in a certain restaurant in Calais, people who repaired his dinghy, and Bulgarian police who saved his life during an encounter with pirates.

Nursery rhymes updated

Jack and Jill went up the hill,
to get some chips and sweetsies,
Jack can't keep his heart rate down,
And Jill has diabetes

Georgie Porgie pudding and pie,
Kissed the girls and made them cry,
When the boys came out to play,
He kissed them too, 'cos he was gay.

Mary had a little lamb,
Which ran into a pylon
A sagging wire caused a fire,
And turned its wool to nylon.

BRAIN TEASER

by Charles Dodgson, aka Lewis Carroll, author of Alice's adventures in Wonderland

Two travellers spend from 3 o'clock to 9 in walking along a level road, up a hill, and home again: their pace on the level being 4 miles per hour, up hill 3, downhill 6. Find the distance walked; (also within half an hour) time of reaching the top of hill.

Originally meant for children, it really does have answers.

Answer: 24 miles, half past six

Using a microphone

What!!! Everyone knows how to use a microphone!!! Well, actually, No, very few have been schooled in this simple art, and television is often misleading because the microphone you see in the picture is often just a prop, the real microphone is being held by the TV crew and not visible. However it is quite easy. Hold the microphone like a torch, aiming it at the back of your mouth and held about 4 to 5 inches away. If you do this you will make life a lot easier for the "sound man". It is the first thing T.A.F.E. teaches wannabee radio presenters doing Radio 101 to do.



**PROBUS CLUB BENDIGO - TRIP TO FAMOUS CRUDEN FARM GARDENS
(Of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch) AT LANGWARREN. SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER, 2009**

Depart Bendigo: 8.00am. From Strathdale Community Centre Car Park, Crook Street.

Home: Approx: 6.00pm. Maximum: (53) Current: (52)

Cost: \$35.00/person, includes: Coach Travel and Entry to Cruden Farm.

Cruden Farm is possibly one of the most famous gardens in Australia and the life achievement of National Treasure, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch. You will be free to meander through the gardens. Participants could either take a Picnic Lunch or (purchase on day.) Sausage Sizzle available.

**** Seating may be limited - May take your own folding chair, (with your name on it.)**

Free Entertainment: Tommy Carter & His Celebrated Jazz Band. "Don't miss this opportunity."

Herewith Bookings confirmed for: (52) Allen. H. (2), Bennett I. (1), Bloomfield G. (1), Bruhn N. (2), Chenery R. (2), Davies. M (1), Dingle. T (1), Eaton A. (1), Gillies N. (1), Gloster K. (2), Goodrich J. (1), Griffin J. (1), Holland E (2), Himsworth G (2), Laity D. (2), O'Brien. B (5), Randall P. (1), Reynolds R. (2), Ruth Rule (1), Slade C (2), Stephens J. (2), Wallace Ian (2), Wallace. Y. (1), Ward (1), White J. (1), Winzar W (1), G.Rumbold (2) D.Skinner (2), C.Thomson (1), D.Spicer (2), In -Yet to pay: D. Skidmore (2), Joan Summers (1), Joyce Hossack (1)

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 2009

CAPITAL THEATRE MORNING SHOW:- "The Spirit of Christmas.". Show starts 11.00am

**** Report 10.15am for a Cuppa, before start of show. Maximum: (35) Current: (33)**

**** LUNCH: -12.30pm Select from menu. AT RIFLE BRIGADE HOTEL. (Just walk across View St.)**

**** COST: \$ 12.00 per person for Theatre Entry. Lunch: - Select & pay for Meal from Menu.**

Bookings confirmed for Theatre & Lunch: (30) C. Binks (2), G.Bloomfield (1), A.Cowling (2), A.Crothers (2), T.Dingle (1), A.Eaton (1), N. Gillies (1), K.Gloster (2), M. Hallett (2), G. Himsworth (2), E.Holland (2), M. Miller (1), K. Proud (2), W.Redmond (2), Heather Ryall (2), C.Slade (2), H.Ward (1), W.Winzar (1), J.White (1), Theatre Only:(3) A.Fisher (1), Carmel Thomson, (1) Yvonne Wallace (1), Lunch Only: (1) Ian Bennett (1) Yet to Pay: A.Fisher (1), C.Slade (2),

**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - ANNUAL XMAS LUNCH AT THE FOUNDRY HOTEL
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2009 - 11.30AM for 12 NOON. LUNCH: Two Course.**

**** Our Club is in its 25th year since foundation. ** A full attendance would make it special."**

**** COST: \$27.50/person. **Current Bookings (61) Vacancies exist,
please consider bringing a friend.**

**** 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 Ern Holland & Committee seeks the support of the membership to ensure the success of this Xmas Luncheon...**

Bookings received for I.Bennett (1), C.Binks (2), G.Biles (2), G. Bloomfield (1), N. Bruhn (2), R.Chenery (1), B.Clemson (2), W. Clemens (2), K.Coles (2),A.Court (1), A.Crothers (2), K.Crouch (1), N.dack (3), T.Dingler (1), A.Eaton (1), R.Fitzgerald (2), A. Fisher (1), N.Gillies (1), J. Hardy (2), F.Holland (2), G. Himsworth (3), D.Laity (1), R.Michell (1),M. Miller (1), B.O'Brien (2), P.Randall (2), W.Redmond (2), H. Ryall (2), J.Sanderson (2), M.Shipp (2), C.Smith (2), A.Stephens(2), P.Thornton (2), C.Tomson (1), I. Truscott(2), A. Waterworth (2), J.White (1), W.Winzar (1)

PAYMENTS: At meeting Wed. 18th Nov. To assist the collector, please tender correct amounts.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO:

TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND - APRIL 14th to APRIL 29th, 2010.

16 Days/15 Nights. Aust PacificTours . Cost: \$3,380.00. Includes: Air Travel, Airport Taxes, Accommodation, Meals, Sightseeing and Entrance Fees as per Itinerary.

An Experienced Tour Director and a Coach Driver. Travel Bag & Wallet.

Passport required: (Valid for 6 months after 29 April, 2010) Insurance: Is strongly recommended.

**** Itineraries, and as required Booking Forms available. Other Probus Clubs welcome.**

**** Currently vacancies do exist, - to secure your booking, advisable to book now.**

**** At time of booking, a Deposit of \$250/person by Cheque payable to APT is required.**

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