



# PROBE

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Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.



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## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Hi Members, well our last meeting for 2012 is upon us, where has the year gone? No meeting in December so please ensure you support the Christmas Luncheon which is always a great event.



It is with great pleasure that we welcome our second Honorary Member, Nick Lamming from Chelmsford in England. This is in recognition of the very hard work, still ongoing, in the production of the Probus Club Software Package which both Mike and he **assure** us will mean we will become the richest Probus Club in Australia in due course as all net proceeds of sale are to come to the Club ☺ After royalties are paid to PSPLtd.

*Regards and Thanks*  
*President Noel Bruhn*

## SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES

I AM EXTREMELY HAPPY ( and relieved) TO REPORT THAT I HAVE REACHED AN AMICABLE, AND OF BENEFIT TO ALL, AGREEMENT WITH PSPLtd WITH REGARD TO THE PROBUS CLUB SOFTWARE PROGRAMS. Everything will be up and running before the end of the month.

Members over 90 years of age please note the “Probus Australia National Insurance Program for 2012/2013”  
**DOES INCLUDE YOU UP TO THE AGE OF 100 YEARS!**  
**I APOLOGISE FOR NOT READING FAR ENOUGH INTO THE POLICY OF SEVERAL PAGES.**  
**This is for General Meetings and Club Approved activities.**

PSPLtd are currently working on many projects which will in due course come to light and be of benefit to all Probus Clubs. Negotiations with Rotary are under way and the results of that should become apparent in the near future.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2 p.m. at Bendigo Neighbourhood House.

Next PAV Delegates meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> November in Melbourne and Denise and I will be attending on your behalf.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

2010 Jan 35; Feb 43; Mar 38; Apr 34; May 45; Jun 44; Jul 47; Aug 43; Sep 46; **Oct 52; Nov 51.**  
2011 Jan 43; **Feb 52; Mar 50;** Apr 46; **May 50; Jun 54;** Jul 48; Aug 45; **Sep 59; Oct 53; Nov 53.**  
2012 **Jan 52; Feb 52; Mar 65;** Apr 53; **May 56; Jun 55;** Jul 49; Aug 49; **Sep 50; Oct 56;**  
**LET'S MAKE NOVEMBER SIXTY + !!!!!!!!**

### **Ladies Only Luncheon (LOL) Group**

The last LOL was attended by 7 ladies and we enjoyed a good chat and meal. Next LOL we will again go to the **Kangaroo Flat Hotel** next. That will be **Friday November 30th at 12 pm. Anyone who would require a lift please let Denise know.**

**Come on ladies contact Denise as soon as possible so that she can book the table for the right number!!**

Or Names on list at November General Meeting

Denise is the acting organiser. Ph: 5449 3925 email: [denisewatt4@gmail.com](mailto:denisewatt4@gmail.com)

### **Walking for Pleasure and Fitness Group**

FRIDAYS November 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, at LAKE WEEROONA \*\* Meet at Lake Weeroona Car Park Nolan Street at 10.00am promptly

**Special Note:** On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November the **Walking Group** will **depart** from the Car Park on Browning Street Kangaroo Flat at **11.00am** and after our walk at 12 Noon will have a Two Course Xmas Meal at Kangaroo Flat Hotel, 130 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (Choice of (3) Mains and (2) Sweets at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

\*\* Other Club Members are most welcome to join with us.

List at 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. Meeting. Contacts: Arthur Eaton 5443 9162 or Bob Santon 5447 1914

**FRIDAYS:** November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Rotary Park Kangaroo Flat. Meet at the Car Park on Browning Street, opposite the Leisure Centre at 10.00am.

### **Garden Group combined with Spring Gully Probus:**

November: A visit to the Silky Rose Garden at Clonbinane, near Kilmore. The nursery in Kilmore was sold recently and the owners have moved their business out to their farm. The date will be **SUNDAY November 18th**, to be there by 10am. Mike and Denise are going so have space for two on drivers, anyone else going please contact Mike for Map and directions.

### **MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP**

Next on **Thursday November 15th at Strath Village at 10.15 am**, see you there

All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter!! Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream from the correct Cafe.

**LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS. The Probus Luncheon on the 21<sup>st</sup> November will be at the FOUNDRY HOTEL (approx. 12.15pm).** All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Dorothy 54432642 likewise regular attendees who will not be attending, so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for.

### **LONERS GROUP**

Those members (and that includes ladies and widows of members) on their own are invited to join the regulars for dinner at the **Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6pm**. Table is booked in either Arthur Eaton or Ian Bennett's name. Give Arthur or Ian a ring if you intend joining any week to give it a try!

### **SUNDAY BREAKFAST:**

Put **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2013 at 9 a.m.** in your diary for a \$15 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at **The All Seasons, McIvor Road.**

**COMPUTING SUPPORT:** Mike is still available for computer help if needed. Please just phone him with your problem or request. Also private computer lessons in his own home just \$10/hour.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Have a great day!

#### **NOVEMBER**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Thelma Chenery	20 <sup>th</sup> Jean Andrews
3 <sup>rd</sup> Arthur Eaton	22 <sup>nd</sup> Noel Bruhn
3 <sup>rd</sup> Chas Smith	25 <sup>th</sup> Rob Watkins
7 <sup>th</sup> George Himsworth	28 <sup>th</sup> Bryan Clemson
7 <sup>th</sup> Barb Smith	29 <sup>th</sup> Yvonne Wallace
8 <sup>th</sup> Bruce Perrin	
10 <sup>th</sup> Alf Ryall	
18 <sup>th</sup> Clare Bird	

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**SICK LIST:** Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not enjoying the best of health, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

# **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc.**

## **HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012.**

**The General Meeting was opened at 10 am by President Noel Bruhn in the chair.**

**ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:** A total of 54 members and 2 guests, S & L Dangerfield, attended and were welcomed by Pres. Noel. Apologies were recorded from 43 members: J. Aitken, J.Andrews, I.Bennett, C.Binks, C.Bird, G.Bloomfield, E.Bruhn, N.Christie, B.Clemens, A.Coghlan, A Cowling, G&N.Dack, A.Fisher, J&KGloster, J.Hardy, K.Holland, Z.Hughes, M.McDonald, C.McLean, R.Michell, M.Powrie, K.Proud, P.Randall, L.Roy, A.Ryall, A.Stephens, L.Stork, C.Thomson, R.Twitt, J&Y .Wallace, J.White.

**MEMBERS' GUESTS.** S & L Dangerfield (**Secretary**)

**CLUB JESTER :** Bob Chenery provided light relief with a well chosen joke.

**CONFIRMATION:** The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed . Moved by the Asst. Secretary Brian McGrath, seconded by Eileen McGrath. Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**IN**

1. 8 newsletters from other Clubs
2. 2 Travel brochure.....to Ailsa
3. Great Southern Rail to Ailsa
4. PAV Minutes of General meeting
5. Probus White Hills cheque for \$200 repayment of loan to Treasurer
6. Department of Justice Legal Changes affecting Incorporation to Public Officer/Sec
7. PSPLtd Insurance 90+
8. PSPLtd Proposed changes to Constitution.
9. Emails: numerous inconsequential

**OUT** Emails inconsequential

**Matters arising:**

Dept of Justice – Mike Watt reported this matter is ongoing..

PSP Ltd.- Insurance – persons between 90 years + covered in 2<sup>nd</sup> policy

PSP Ltd – proposed changes to Constitution - sub-committee comprising D Crothers, Barry Coghlan, Don Ridge and Secretary to review the matter and report back.

PSP Ltd.- Board of Rotary, Council of Governors, Arbitrator met in New Zealand in October and will meet in Australia in November /December with a view to revising the PSPLtd constitution.

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Assistant Secretary seconded by D. Ridge. . Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**President: Nil.**

**Treasurer:** Barry Coghlan moved that the Financial Statement distributed in the October 2012 Issue of the Probe for period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be received and approved, seconded by Hugh Ward. Carried.

**Welfare Officer:** In Peter Randall's absence Mike Watt reported John Hardy and Jack Kelly still unwell.

**Members Luncheon:** Dorothy Crothers reported that 26 members attended last month's luncheon at All Season's Complex, well satisfied; today's luncheon is at the RSL Complex Havilah Road. Reservations for 24 but others welcome.

**Loners Group** Arthur Eaton invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday from 5.30pm. He reported Member's Jackpot continues to rise. Probus Club of Keith in Bendigo at All Seasons Complex for a meal at 7pm on 24<sup>th</sup> November Our members invited to join them.

**Bowls:** Bob Santon reported a game is organised at VRI on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am.

**Computing:** Mike Watt stated he is still available for personal assistance over the phone. Members with Internet encouraged to visit Web Site. Forty-two copies of the Probe were posted, the balance were forwarded by email.

**Coffee Group /Chat and Badger:** Denise Watt reported there were 18 members present at last week's gathering at Strath Village. November 8<sup>th</sup> at Strath Village. The next Sunday Breakfast will be at the All Season's Complex on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**Ladies only Luncheons** Denise reported 7 ladies attended their last Luncheon. To meet at Kangaroo Flat in November.

**Tours/Trips Report :** Colin Adams reported that due to lack of numbers The Port Stephens and Tocomwal trips have been cancelled.

In 2013 a number of members will participate in the trip to Opera in the Alps. The Probus Rendezvous 2013 will be held in Albury Wodonga on October 13-18.

Details next Probe.The Bendigo Ladies Probus Cup Day Function at All Seasons Complex – cost \$30.00. Tickets for Gas Light Christmas Concert on sale now.

Colin Adams moved "that all Tours, Trips & Entertainments details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond., carried.

**Gardening:** Mike Watt reported information on Group Activities is included in The Probe.

**Walking Group:** Arthur Eaton reported the group meets on Fridays at 10.00am – Lake Weeroona 16<sup>th</sup> November. Christmas Lunch at Kangaroo Flat Hotel on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**President:** Nil.

**Secretary:** A new set of Member Cards is now here for distribution..

Mike moved that his contact in England, Mr Nick Lamming, who had put many voluntary hours into the production of Club Membership and Accounting Software in conjunction with Mike at no charge, be offered an Honorary Membership of our Club. The motion was seconded by Ern Holland and carried unanimously..

**Treasurer:** Nil.

**Barry O'Brien** moved, seconded Ern Holland that our Secretary Mike Watt be commended for the time and effort he has expended in the production of the software. Carried.

**STEWARDS:** Six members volunteered to be stewards.

**CLOSE:** President Noel thanked members for their attendance at the meeting, There being no further business, he declared the meeting closed at 10.40 am.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** The North West Regional Co-Ordinator of State Emergency Service spoke of the work of the 500 volunteers in the region, the cooperation of all services, Police, Ambulance, Medical. A Vote of Thanks for the informative address was given by Dorothy Crothers

**CONFIRMED**.....President 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012.

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## Profit & Loss [Cash]

1/03/2012 through 31/10/2012

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<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions		\$2,210.00
Attendance Fees		\$2,120.00
Donations		\$80.00
Tours & Activities		
The Great Stupa	\$160.00	
Probus Concert	\$264.00	
Gas Light Theatre	\$510.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>\$5,344.00</u>
<b>Cost Of Sales</b>		
Total Cost Of Sales		<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<u>\$5,344.00</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Venue Hire		\$743.00
Catering		\$848.00
Printing & Stationery		\$212.01
Postage		\$461.74
Affiliation & Insurance		\$987.20
Consumer Affairs		\$42.80
Badges etc.		\$278.07
Web Site		\$120.00
Miscellaneous		\$137.45
Tours & Activities		
The Great Stupa	\$160.00	
The Capital Theatre	\$684.00	
<b>Total Tours &amp; Activities</b>		<u>\$844.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<u>\$4,674.27</u>
<b>Operating Profit</b>		<u>\$669.73</u>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest Income		\$98.17
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<u>\$98.17</u>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>		<u>\$767.90</u>

## Balance Sheet

As of October 2012

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<b>Assets</b>		
General Cheque Account		\$2,295.31
Term Deposit		\$2,750.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>\$5,045.31</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>\$5,045.31</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings		\$4,277.41
Current Earnings		\$767.90
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u>\$5,045.31</u>

GENERAL FUNDS \$2580.44

TOURS & ACTIVITIES \$2464.87

TOTAL FUNDS \$5045.31

## TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday 24/10/2012 some of our members met with the members from the Keith Probus Club who were in Bendigo for a visit. We had a very enjoyable chat over dinner, Thank you to Arthur for being the contact.

### PROGRAME

**4/12/2012 GAS LIGHT THEATRE Spirit of Xmas Concert Tickets \$12 ( if you want a ticket you need to contact me by next Friday 9th November as all tickets not required by this date will be returned ]**

**19/01/2013 OPERA IN THE ALPS TOUR -This tour is now sold out**

**15/04/2013 BRIGHT IN AUTUMN TOUR** - We have been invited to join the Bendigo Ladies on a Caldwell's tour. This is a great time to see the trees in their entire colour and will be very popular SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE Cost \$ 700.00 per person twin share

**22/4/2013 -28/04/2013 ADELAIDE and CORNISH FESTIVAL ON THE YORK PENINSULAR** this tour is being run by KINGSTON TOURS -THEY WILL PICK YOU UP AND DROP YOU BACK TO YOUR DOOR SO YOU HAVE NO HASSLES. THEY CATER FOR PEOPLE WITH WHEEL CHAIRS AND HAVE A HOSTESS ON BOARD.

**17/10/2013 -24/10/2013 RURAL RIVERS RUN - MURRUMBIDGEE AND THE MURRAY** I am waiting for full details of this tour so let me know if you are interested (this also is a Kingston Tour )

**13/10/2013 -18/10/2013 Annual PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2013** this is being held in Albury Wodonga.

FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT ME OR YOU MAY MISS OUT  
TOURS AND ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR AILSA COGHLAN

Tel: 5443 7046 Email: [ailsa.coghlan@bigpond.com](mailto:ailsa.coghlan@bigpond.com)

PSPLtd is currently seeking testimonials from Probus members. Please forward this information to your members asking them if they could tell us in 25 words or less for any of the below questions:

What does Probus mean to you?

How important is Probus to you?

How has Probus changed your life?

What's the best activity you enjoy at your Probus Club?

How was your experience with optional Probus travel insurance?

What would you recommend to other retirees about Probus?

We need first lot of entries by 9<sup>th</sup> November and second lot of entries by 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please ask members to send photos if possible. Give to Mike for forwarding on to PSPLtd.

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### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 11.30 a.m. FOR 12 noon**

**\$30 PER PERSON – NAMES AND MONEY A MUST AT NOVEMBER MEETING**

**Friends, Guests all welcome!**

**Donations of Gifts please at next meeting!!!!**

**Don't forget there is NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**The Speaker for the 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Dennis Crouch on the Topic of The CFA**

**Stewards: SIX Members will be chosen at the meeting!  
(No excuse now for not attending.)**

**Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:  
FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> November for December Probe (Small Christmas Edition)  
WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> December for January Probe  
Mike Watt Ph. 5449 3925 or email [secretary@probusclubofbendigo.com.au](mailto:secretary@probusclubofbendigo.com.au)**

**NEXT MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at the Strath Village Food Court 10.15am  
Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream.**



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Our General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,  
at 10 am at the Masonic Centre McIvor Rd , Bendigo

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