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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

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GUEST SPEAKER Today we will hear David Eedle, Manager Bendigo Regional Arts Centre, speak about "Aspirations for the development of the Arts Centre".

The Guest Speaker at the September Meeting was Peter McGregor, the Chief Executive Officer of the Bendigo Health Care Group. Mr McGregor was introduced by Bruce Perrin, to whom we are indebted for the summary which follows.

The recent changes in the Victorian Health System were outlined, with particular emphasis on the Metropolitan Region where the number of hospital boards has been reduced down to seven.

In the Bendigo area there has been the amalgamation of the Base Hospital and the Anne Caudle Centre, but the details here are still to be finalised. Effort is being expended on improving services available in Bendigo so that there is less reliance on Melbourne's facilities and a consequent reduction in travel. At the present time the Bendigo Group is the largest outside the Metropolitan area.

A new method of funding has been introduced for the Diagnostic Related Groups, making the supply of funds directly related to the throughput of cases. This throughput has increased over the last two years.

After the talk Peter was thanked on behalf of the members by Hugh Ward, who made the usual presentation.

TRIPS INFORMATION

SURPRISE!! SURPRISE!! SURPRISE!! - MYSTERY TRIP - THURSDAY OCTOBER 19TH. Maximum (49) Current (66). Depart 9.00 a.m., arrive home 5.15 p.m. Cost : \$22.00/Person - includes coach, morning tea, 3 course lunch and afternoon tea. Cliff Binks has prepared another excellent trip. Emergencies in order: A. Cowling (2), B. Perrin (2), A. Dingle (2), J. Griffin (2), R. Downey (2), O. Watson (2), R. Michell (2), J Laidler (2), R. Hollow(1).

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH - PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOWING FILMS - NORTH AMERICA
Location: Department of Agriculture, Taylor Street, Epsom. Meet at Conference Room at 4.30 p.m. Maximum (100). Program includes:
Film: 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; Picnic tea - (BYO) 5.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. (Use of kitchen available - tea and coffee supplied).
Films: 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Supper 9.00 p.m. - tea/coffee and biscuits supplied. Rob Watson has prepared an excellent program which will suit all tastes. A most enjoyable and informative evening is assured, a great opportunity for members and wives to meet and socialise. Cost : \$2.00/Person. List (18/10) Payments November 15th Meeting.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22ND - TRIP TO MELBOURNE - NOTE PRINTING WORKS AND G.M.H. CAR ENGINE WORKS PORT MELBOURNE. Maximum (49) Current (55). First we visit Printing Works, at Craigeburn to see how our "Notes Currency" is made for both Australia and overseas. After lunch we travel on to the Port Melbourne G.M.H. Car Engine Build Factory where we will follow the production of Car Engines from the basic raw material through to the completed Engine. At each location we have conducted tours. LUNCH: (BYO Picnic Lunch). Cost : \$12.00/Person. Final Payments : Wednesday October 18th meeting please.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15TH 1995 - ANNUAL XMAS TRIP TO MOAMA R.S.L. CLUB
XMAS DINNER INCLUDED. Cost : (Group Concession \$8.00 per person)-
includes coach fare and Xmas dinner. "Southern Cross Tours" have
again offered this much sought after, popular, low cost trip for
1995. Depart Strathdale Community Centre: 6.00 p.m. - arrive home
approx. 12.30 a.m. Maximum (60) Current (60). Payments : October
18th Meeting please.

"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" LIVE STAGE SHOW - PRINCESS THEATRE MELBOURNE
- WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20TH - 1.00 p.m. Maximum (26) Current (26)
Depart Bendigo 10.00 a.m. - Arrive home 6.00 p.m.

22ND MALDON FOLK FESTIVAL - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD TO SUNDAY NOVEMBER
5TH - DAILY. A great variety of quality Musicians/Artists per-
forming, also Musical Instrument Makers Exhibition. Commences
Friday evening with a "Bush Dance" - variety of bands. Saturday
12 noon to mid-night; Sunday 10.00a.m. - 6.00 p.m. (Main Concert
and Music Train on this day). PROBUS MEMBERS : FESTIVAL CONCESSION
PRICE \$15.00/PERSON, (normal \$25) - includes - entries all days.
(Train and Saturday Headline Concert extra). Arrange own travel.
List/Payment: October 18th Meeting.

Arthur Eaton - Trips Liaison.
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PROBUS TRIP TO LAKES ENTRANCE - Compiled by Herb Hesse

Un-Arthur like weather greeted us as we set off on our "trip of
the year" to Lakes Entrance. First, per Calder Highway to Mel-
bourne, then S.E. Freeway and Princes Highway to our destination.
Our driver gave us special permission, because of the rain, to eat
our lunches in the bus; our first place for inspection was the
Morwell Power complex and believe it or not we had the pleasure of
having a male who was a female as our guide - yes, a very bright
and informative Mrs Male presented an excellent account of the
many aspects of coal mining in the area. Firstly an 8 minute
full width screen presentation in the thetrette, outlining the
early workings of the plant to the highly advanced level employed
today. The whole project is now privatised with 3 separate comp-
anies involved. Because of the modern methods being used and ad-
vanced technology a staff of 10,500 employed 7 years ago, has now
been reduced to approx. 2,500. Some interesting details were :-

Pit area - 7 X 20km by 300m deep. Each dredge mines approx. 5,000 tonnes per day, 60km of conveyor belting is used to convey coal from the mine to the generating plant. We arrived at the George Bass Motor Inn around 6 and all were ready for the well presented 3 course meal at 6.30.

Day 2 began with a 58km trip to the fabulous Buchan Caves. Our guide took most of the party through these underground wonders of most spectacular limestone formations. The 2 finest caves, the Royal and Fairy are contained in a reserve of 260ha just outside the Buchan Township. The caves were formed by underground rivers cutting through the limestone rock found extensively in S.E. Australia and are estimated to have been in course of development for 300-400 million years. Formations in the caves were created by the seepage of surface rain water which contained dissolved carbon dioxide from the air and some organic acid from the soil. The shapes and colourings brought about by the formations of stalactites and stalaginites were amazing. The taller members of the party emerged from the caves with bent over backs, however there were no major casualties. We then travelled to the Ramsdell Timberwell Display Centre to inspect a unique display of gemstones and natural wood sculptures, truly spectacular and well presented. Then on to the local privately owned Braeburn Park Orchard to sample, and purchase, some of the region's finest jams and preserves.

After lunch we visited the award winning Wyanga Park Winery set on the edge of Colquhoun Forest where we sampled the various wines. It was here that one of our party evidently with expensive tastes purchased a small slice of cake for a bargain price of \$4.50, name not to divulged, just R.M. We returned to Lakes Entrance aboard the Winery's Lake Cruiser aptly named "The Corque" and this rounded off a delightful day.

Day 3 began with a guided tour of Lakes Entrance and surrounds by a local volunteer who gave us a fascinating description of the historical Lakes system. We visited St. Mary's Catholic Church at Bairnsdale which has become famous throughout Australia because of its unique murals, painted ceilings and other works of art. A great rose window high above the balcony is rich in colour. Then on to the Rosewood Pottery at Swan Reach, the building being a unique ferro cement structure near the banks of the Tambo River.

The buildings were established and designed for the Gallery in 1976 and have a big range of arts and crafts, fine stoneware and functional ceramics. Our next port of call was to the Sculpture Gallery at Metung where the husband and wife team of John and Vicki Brody displayed their creations of wood sculpture, textile work, paintings, leadlights and cottage crafts, indeed a most interesting segment of our tour.

Day 4 began with a visit to the Griffith Sea Shell museum which was packed full of shells from all parts of the world and retained in their natural beauty by cleaning and polishing. An aquarium and working model railway of significant size added to the interest of the visit. Next we visited the historical Nyerimilang Park to see its beautiful Rose gardens, fascinating residence, old farm buildings and outstanding views of the lakes. The local ranger presented an excellent account embracing the history and establishment of the Park. We then proceeded for lunch to the Lakes Entrance Golf Club and to partake of entertainment for those who made donations per medium of the "Pokies" - a highlight of the visit for Bob Hollow. Back to the lakes frontage again for a sensational cruise of the Thunderbird Catamaran around several of the inland waterways. This was one of the highlights of the tour. Our final dinner at the George Bass Motor Inn was followed by professional entertainment by John Couzens, a local entertainer who played the Banjo, sang songs, told "funnies" and was assisted in one of his acts by our Kath who played her part with great expertise - watch out Arthur.

Day 5 began with breakfast, then packing and heading homewards. Farewells to our hosts and appreciation for excellent food and service were extended by our Tour Leader Arthur. A stop on the way home at the Jolly Jumper wool shop was interesting and Bob Chenery looked resplendent and cozy in his newly acquired jumper.

The tour presented all the ingredients necessary for the enjoyment of the Group, with good company, good hosts and food, excellent guides at all venues visited, great weather and hospitality, expert safe driving by Graham, and perhaps of most importance the excellent attention to all details by Arthur. Bob Chenery made the journey down and back seem much shorter and certainly more interesting by his presentation of R.C. mystery puzzles, cross-words, etc., and our appreciation is extended to Bob for his contribution towards the success of the tour.

The annual Christmas dinner will again be at the Bendigo Bowls Club. The date will be December 13 and the cost \$24 per head. The list is open at todays meeting and payment will be due at the meeting in November. Note that the Bendigo Ladies Probus Club also have their function at the Bendigo Bowls Club on December 13. but theirs is at midday.

Teams to play Eaglehawk B.C. Thursday October 26-

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| J. Kelly | R. Fitzgerald |
| R. Downey | J. Griffin |
| E. Driscoll | E. Hogan |
| A. Eaton (sk) | W. Clemson (sk) |

Teams to play S. Bendigo B.C. Tuesday November 14-

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| L. Nankivell | A. Wilson |
| V. Moyle | R. Holmes |
| L. Roy | E. Driscoll |
| R. Marslen (sk) | V. Canobie (sk) |

