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

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The Guest Speaker at today's meeting is Mr John Ward, a direct descendant of the early settlers of Australia.

The September Speaker, Mr Keith Mitchener, was introduced by Bob Arendell. He was born in New Zealand and came to Bendigo in 1975, worked in the darkroom at the Bendigo Advertiser in the photographic section.

Keith said he "yearned to work in a natural light environment" and was successful in joining the Ambulance Service. After three years of intense training in cardiac care, he was transferred to Bendigo where he is now the Training Officer.

He stressed the need for the public to be better versed in First Aid and every home should have a General Purpose First Aid Kit.

No doubt he tailored his talk to the elderly audience with the following advice.

1. If you suspect a heart attack, by-pass your doctor and ring for the ambulance, giving address and nearest cross road. It can be risky to take people in your own car.

2. Whilst waiting for ambulance, check for consciousness, keep airways clear, roll patient on to side, tilt head backwards and lift jaw. If breathing has ceased, then Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is essential. A six hour course in CPR is available at our Ambulance North District Region Headquarters.

The REVIVA Resuscitation is now available for use in CPR emergencies. This kit eliminates the need to use mouth to mouth artificial ventilation and delivers correct amount of air to the patient.

There should be one in every household. Available from the Ambulance Service.

I think all of us came away from this meeting knowing that we are indeed well serviced by our local Ambulance Service.

Maurice Pease duly thanked Mr Mitchener for a very informative talk on a subject 'close to our hearts'.

BOWLS CALENDAR

Warracknabeal - 18th November, \$40 per team - 9.50 a.m. start, entries close 17th October.

Maryborough - 18th November. First game at Eaglehawk 24th October.

Teams are:

J. Rose, O. Watson, A. Court, V. Canobie (S).

V. Bell, R. Holmes, E. Driscoll, G. Rayson (S).

R. Fitzgerald, R. Downey, P. Goodrich, A. Eaton (S).

N. Barningham, W. Spicer, J. Griffen, W. Winsar (S).

DISPOSITION OF MEMBERS

Bill Clemens is recovering from a Gall Bladder operation and Jake Vingehoerts has had an eye operation for cataracts. We hope both operations were successful and we wish them both a speedy recovery.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Arrangements in hand for the 11th December at the Bendigo Bowling Club, 6.30 for 7.00 p.m.

I had the pleasure of travelling with Bob Hollow on our visit to the Casino. He recounted some of his experiences in the R.A.A.F., and later he agreed to provide more details, which makes interesting reading.

BOB HOLLOW was born at Rutherglen in 1914 and the family moved to Wangaratta where he was educated at the Primary and High schools and matriculated in 1931. He applied for positions in the education department, post office and other facilities without success owing to the depression.

During the next few years he worked at many odd jobs until getting a permanent position in a butter factory, sometimes working until 11 o'clock but getting above the basic wage.

Bob's ambition was to become a teacher, so on receiving an appointment as a junior teacher, he accepted it.

In 1936, he studied at the Melbourne Teachers College and then taught at many schools until joining the R.A.A.F. in 1941.

After initial training in Victor Harbour and Benalla, where he learned to fly, he was then posted to Canada for advanced training and married Carrie before leaving. He was selected for training on multi engine planes, but after an appeal, was sent to Camp Borden in Canada on single engined Harvards. After completing his course, he received his wings and was one of 20 to receive a commission as pilot officer.

Bob was next sent to England where he was sent to Hawarden near Chester, for operational training on Spitfires. On completing this course, he joined No. 41 Spitfire Squadron, seeing action over France and the channel before being posted home.

Bob went to America on the Queen Elizabeth and spent Christmas and New Years Eve in New York. Back in Australia he did a refresher course before a posting to 79 Spitfire Squadron just being formed...but having service on Spitfires, took 20 Lac's to Good-enough Island, north of New Guinea to prepare the squadrons camp.

After more than six months service with the squadron, he did a course in Army Co-operation before going to HQ Western Area in Perth to form and be commanding officer of an Air Support Section. This position involved handling requests from the army for bombing, strafing, photographing or aerial observing and then ording the necessary R.A.A.F. squadron to do the job.

Bob was unfortunate to split the Tibia bone in his knee and spent six months in hospital, after which he was sent to Watsonia to lecture aircrew going up to the islands, on treating the natives living in the jungle etc.

At the end of the war, Bob returned to teaching and after being the HT at many schools, finally retired as Principal at White Hills Primary School.

Retirement was mostly spent playing bowls and spending most of the winter in Queensland.

Carrie and Bob had 5 children, Colin, Carol, June, Kaye, and Dorothy and 7 grandchildren. Kaye was killed in an accident and since, Carrie died. Carol and her son Ben are looking after Bob.

Thank you Bob for allowing your fellow Probians to share some of your life's experiences.

TRIPS INFORMATION - It is high time to purchase diaries for 1997 if we are to keep up with Arthur's efforts to entertain us.

*THURSDAY OCTOBER 17TH, 1996 - GREATER BENDIGO AREA MYSTERY TRIP. Depart 8.45 a.m. Home 5.45 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Maximum 49 - Current 81. Visits to 5 different locations, short tours, talks and inspections, minimum walking involved. COST: \$22/person includes coach, morning and afternoon tea, lunch, entry fees. OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS at Wednesday October 16th meeting.

*THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28TH - TRIP TO AVOCA/AMPHITHEATRE AREA. VISIT MT. LONARCH FINE CHINA AND OASIS LEAD CRYSTAL. Maximum 49. Depart 8.30 a.m. Home approx. 5.30 p.m. Witness skilled craftsmen at work. A leisurely and interesting day is assured. COST: \$25/person includes coach fare, lunch, afternoon tea and entrance fees. Bookings: Coach Full and Emergencies 10. PAYMENTS at Wednesday October 16th meeting.

*FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH, 1996 - ANNUAL XMAS TRIP TO MOAMA R.S.L. Kangaroo Flat Bus Lines/Southern Cross Travel. Depart Strath Community Centre 5.30 p.m. Home approx. 12.30 a.m. COST: \$12/person includes coach and xmas dinner. Kangaroo Flat Bus Lines and Southern Cross are again running this popular "Annual Trip" which will be our last Probis trip until February 1997. LISTING at October 16th meeting. PAYMENTS by November 20th.

*FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14TH, 1997 - TRIP TO SEYMOUR ALTERNATE FARMING EXPO. The Sixth Annual "Seymour Alternate Farming Expo", a highly successful and popular event, with up to 450 exhibitors, its many features include alternate farming, building techniques, crop and livestock options, exotic animals, Alpacas, Llamas, Osriches, Emus, Crafts, Foods and Wines. Everything from fashions to snakes and crocodiles. Continuous demonstrations. "A great day out, entertainment for the whole family". LIST/COSTING at November meeting.

*THURSDAY APRIL 17TH, 1997 - OUT OF TOWN MYSTERY TRIP by Cliff Binks. This is guaranteed to surpass previous Mystery Trips, it will both please and surprise. COST: \$32/person includes coach, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and 3 tours. Maximum 53. LIST at January meeting.

FRIDAY MAY 9TH TO MONDAY MAY 12TH, 1997 (4 DAY/3 NIGHT)
MURRAY RIVER CRUISE ON PADDLE WHEELER, PROUD MARY. Maximum 35.
Current 35. (Emergencies 11, further invited). COST: \$435/person
twin share (Based on 30 paying travellers) includes road coach,
Proud Mary Package and Murray Bridge Motor Inn (D.B.B.)
***Important: To assist the "Collectors", please tender correct
monies at time of payment. If by cheque, endorse payment for the
particular trip.

SUNSET BOULEVARD - SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY, 1997.
Depart Bendigo 8.00 a.m. 'A' Reserve ticket. (2pm Matinee)
COST: \$91/Person. Contact Southern Cross Travel Direct on
43 5099 or 43 5133. ONLY 21 SEATS AVAILABLE.

KOSCIUSKO HIGH COUNTRY

There were 46 of us travellers and Tony the driver. We headed north, on our way to Providence Lodge, the Snowy Mountains and so on.

We saw many things, did many things, heard a lot, mostly from our host at the Lodge, Colin Mayhew. Col's knowledge of the area and of its history, botany and zoology are really remarkable, and reinforced with his sense of humour made the trip memorable.

We saw lots of activities, jewellery making, apple packing, fuchsia gardens, a goat enterprise and much more. We saw Australia's highest town, Cabramurra, we looked at St. John's Church, Adaminaby which was relocated when the Snowy Mountain Authority relocated the entire settlement to make way for Lake Eucumbene. Another interesting visit was to the Monaro property of the Locker family, Happy Valley, where we saw Neville Locker's collection of material showing 150 years of Snowy Mountains life.

On the second night of our stay we had a games night under Col's direction. This culminated in an 'eggciting' and 'eggsacting' race.

Amongst many topics explained by Col were the frost hollows of the high plains. He also gave us a short history of the Kiambra gold rush.

For some of us the high points of the trip were two excursions to the snow. The first of these via the chairlift at Thredbo up to top of Crackenback Range. One couple tried to emulate the Olympic gymnasts when boarding the chair lift. Fortunately they sustained nothing more serious than some bruising and a few aching

muscles. The second snow trip was taken by means of the Ski Tube up to Mt. Blue Cow ski resort where we did some fooling about throwing snowballs and so on. Then on the return we left the Ski Tube at Persiher Valley for some tobogganing. No records were broken and there were no injuries but there were some narrow escapes.

No visit to the Snowys is complete without a visit to one of the Power Stations. The one chosen was Tumut 2 where a service bus takes viewers into the heart of the mountain to see the turbine generators.

Lots of wild life was to be seen, kangaroos, emus, eagles, feral goats besides magnificent panoramic scenery. The cameras were clicking all the time and Col was videoing all the time. The results of his filming was revealed on the last night in a hilarious film show, after which our President made a speech and presented a certificate of appreciation to Col.

We all appreciated the work of Edith and Col together with the rest of the staff of Providence Lodge. A word must be said in praise of our driver Tony. His driving at all times was first class.

