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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.00am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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The Guest Speaker at today's meeting is Michael McCartney who will speak about the Bendigo Stock Exchange

Last month's speaker was introduced by Alan Court. He is Ray Bertuch who was formerly in business as Raytronics and is now LOOK video surveillance.

Initially Ray's work was confined to surveillance of tills in retail establishments but he has advanced a long way. To give graphic illustration to his work, Ray brought along a display board with working survey cameras mounted and electrically powered, and a display screen to show what the cameras were observing. All these models were suitable for domestic use.

The simplest one just detected intruders and triggered an alarm. More elaborate were systems which displayed the picture on a monitor, even showing the scene on the normal television screen. The displays could be in black and white or in full colour. There are cameras which operate in the dark, using infra-red radiation. Demonstrated also was an Intercom System for the front door where visitors could be viewed, and with phone interconnection.

Ray has carefully evaluated products from scores of manufacturers and carefully selected the best. Ray was thanked for his excellent talk by Alec Crothers who made the usual presentation.

Vale: It is with sadness that we report the passing of another club member - David O'Neill. David died on 23 September after a short illness. Our sympathy is extended to Kareen and family

Supplied to
Arthur Eaton

PROBUS BOWLS

Our Bowling Season commences on Tuesday 21st October with our first game at Eaglehawk Bowls Club. The teams selected are:

W. Winzar	F. O'Connell	M. Boyd
B. Redmond	J. Laidler	H. Hesse
A. Wilson	E. Waterworth	P. Bath
R. Chenery	E. Hogan	A. Court
E. Trewartha	R. Fitzgerald	J. Tate

We will be playing 2 bowl triples. 9.30am assembly for 10am start. Casual Dress. Please let me know if you are not available.

Probuss Bowls dates to be remembered for the new season:

Tuesday 21st October	Eaglehawk
Tuesday 25th November	South Bendigo
Thursday 4th December	Bendigo
Tuesday 13th January 2004	East Bendigo
Thursday 26th February	Combined all day at Eaglehawk
Thursday 25th March	Woodbury
Thursday 15th April	Sandhurst Probuss at Woodbury

I suggest you keep these dates in your diary.

Bill Clemens

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

OCTOBER

9	Max Shipp	75
10	Max Hallett	73
10	Arthur Morris	92
11	<i>BARRY O'BRIEN</i>	70
18	Wal Spicer	83
22	Ken Coles	71
27	Peter Bath	67

NOVEMBER

3	<i>ARTHUR EATON</i>	80
8	Bruce Perrin	75
10	Bob Arundel	88
10	Alf Ryall	86
12	Herb Hesse	86
12	<i>JOHN TATE</i>	60
20	Bill Cowling	82
25	Bill Jacka	82
25	Rob Watkins	74
28	Bryan Clemson	75

Congratulations to all of the above especially *BARRY O'BRIEN*, *ARTHUR EATON*, and *JOHN TATE* for their *very special* anniversaries.

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

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The Club now has vacancies for ten (10) charming fellows like me!! (who?). Applications are available from the secretary.

The qualifications are that they must be retired or semi-retired professional / business men of good standing and have an interest in worldly affairs and / or social activities.

So the challenge to bring our numbers up to full strength of 100 is up to you the members: early action needed please.

Answers to last months puzzles

What are the nursery rhymes?

1. To Market to market to buy a fat pig
2. Sing a song of sixpence
3. Georgie Porgie puddings & pies

This month's puzzles

What would be the worst day of the year on which to be told that you had just won a big cash prize?

The Hotel Bill

There is no dollar missing: the hotel received not \$9.00 for each guest, but \$25.00 in total, \$8.33 each guest. The guests received one dollar each and the porter took \$2.00.
 $\$(25 + 3 \times 1 + 2) = \30.00

Puzzle . . . what does this mean?

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PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO -- TRIPS INFORMATION

REPORT ON: Trip to Melbourne Docklands & Telstra Dome - Thursday 18th September, 2003.

From the time the list was first tabled this trip attracted much interest, in all it attracted 70 bookings, however, due to 34% cancellations which were mainly due to illness, 46 travelled on the day.

At 7.30am sharp our Bendigo Coachlines Coach with our capable Driver Warren (Ned) Fawcett departed on time. Although a chilly morning, weather conditions were kind to us throughout the day.

We arrived at Docklands on time at 9.40am and were met and welcomed by our Docklands Publicity Officer/Hostess/Guide Nicqui Merlino. Shortly after arrival we were treated to morning tea of Tea/Coffee, Cakes & pieces of fruit. Our appetites satisfied, Nicqui proceeded with the Audio/Visual Docklands Presentation. We were given a most comprehensive coverage on early Melbourne Docklands, the current and future development of this extensive area of land.

Currently there are 3500 Office Workers commuting daily to Docklands, it has 3000 residents, has 10,000 visitors/day (3.7 million/year), a daily population of 16,500 per day & 3000 construction workers.

By year 2015: there will be 25,000 Office Workers/Employees, 20,000 residents, 55,000 visitors per day, (20 million per year,) and a daily population of 100,000. **Development Values:** completed/under construction \$1.75 billion, **at completion in 2015, \$7 Billion,** there will be 7 kilometres of waterfront promenade, a community mix of Residential 53%, Hotels 5% Commercial 33%, Retail 8% and other 1%

Following the Docklands Presentation we proceeded to the Wharf for our Boat Cruise, we waited but our boat failed to show, Nicqui frantically made phone calls and to her extreme disappointment learnt the Boat had broken down and Cruise cancelled. However she then accompanied us on our Coach for an extensive tour of the Docklands development, giving us a detailed commentary on the existing/proposed **Precincts** of Waterfront City, New Quay, Digital Harbour, Stadium, Victoria Harbour, Batman Hill, Yarra's Edge. We were captivated by the Art forms of the huge the "Cow Up the Tree" and the "Eagle."

At conclusion of Docklands Tour, on to Telstra Dome Stadium where we had our lunch in the Arena Restaurant where we sat in pleasant surroundings by the windows overlooking the playing arena.

A good variety of foods were available at reasonable prices.)

After Lunch (21) of the Group participated in an Optional Tour "Behind the Scenes" of Telstra Dome by our competent Guide Linda. We were taken over sections of a couple of floors and were taken into the Coaches and Media Boxes, also shown where some of the T.V. Cameras are located. Then on through the area of the Medallion Club (more for the up market patrons,) after which we seemed to wind our way through many narrow passage ways to be taken over the Media Facilities, the players & physio therapy rooms, Club Doctors area and the coaching room. We also noted there was provision for a, Phyciatrist and Chaplain. Telstra Dome is a huge building of great

complexity, it has many function rooms and is extensively used for many purposes other than football. A most interesting & enlightening tour.

The remaining (25) in the Group were taken in the Coach under the guidance of Nicqui for a visit to "Village Docklands Marketing Suite," where they were met by a Hostess. Upon entry into building they observed a Model set up on a large table centrally located in the room, the Hostess explained details concerning the project. Passing through a doorway, they were taken into an exact replica of a fully furnished Docklands Residential Suite. This unit 6 is available on levels 6 to 16 situated in the same relative position of a residential building on each floor, you can purchase one for under \$500,000.00.

On entry through the front door of replica unit, the group passed through the Kitchen/Dining/Lounge area then to the left a Bedroom with an en-suite and built in robes, on the right was another bedroom with the same facilities but this had an outside balcony. Unit living area 89 sq meters, balcony 5 sq meters.

** Our thanks to Nicqui for her assistance in organising such a most enjoyable and interesting day
Author: Tours Organiser Arthur.

MONDAY 27TH TO THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER, 2003 - 4 DAY/3 NIGHT SWAN HILL AREA
Accommodation Twin Share at the Sun Centre Motel. RACV 3 Star Rated.

Maximum: (22 Persons) Current Bookings: (28)

Monday 27th Oct: Depart Bendigo per V/Line RoadCoach 10.55am. From Bendigo Railway Station. Cost: \$175.00 per Person Includes: Accommodation Twin share, 3 Cooked Breakfasts, 2 Evening Meals, Murray River Luncheon Cruise, Entries to attractions we visit, transport is provided by Courtesy coach. Add \$27/person for V/Line Road Coach Bendigo-Swan Hill return, if you are not using a Travel Voucher or Pass for this journey.

Evening Meals: are at Murray Downs Golf/Country Club: (No compulsory time limit)

Attractions: Murray River Luncheon Cruise, Tyntynder Homestead, Pioneer Settlement, Evening Sound & Light Show, with free time available to explore Swan Hill.

Thursday 30th Oct: Depart Swan Hill (V/Line Road Coach): 12.45pm. Arrive Bendigo: 3.20pm.

Cost per person: Sun Ctre Motel: \$175 + \$27 V/Line Coach. Total: \$202/person

Balance Payments due A.S.A.P: \$202 - \$50 Deposit = \$152.00/per person

Persons with Pass/Travel Vouchers: \$175 - \$50 Deposit = \$125.00/person

Deposits: \$50/person at Meeting 20th August. ** Please FINALISE outstanding payments.

** Persons having Rail Passes or Travel Vouchers may use these for V/Line Road Coach component.

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - TRIP TO MELBOURNE - NEW SHRINE MUSEUM,
Maximum: (49) Minimum (40) Current: (50)
NEW MELBOURNE MUSEUM.

COST: Coach and Lunch: \$27.00/person. Entries: To Shrine (by Gold Coin), To Museum: Seniors Free
Depart Bendigo: 7.30am. From Strathdale Community Ctre: Home: Approx 5.45pm.

Visits to: The Shrine to view its recent improvements, particularly that of the new Visitors & Museum Section with its Gallery of Medals, Audio Visual Display, Interactive Touch Screens and Military History. The New Melbourne Museum: Which is now Australia's largest and most modern museum, it will surprise and delight you, there is a wealth of things to see and do, including Audio Visual and hands on displays. I have visited both the Shrine & Museum, this will be an excellent trip and will be of interest to all. there is adequate seating at both the Shrine and Museum. Lunch included.

**A low cost, value for money and most interesting trip with much variety to please all, and will be at a leisurely pace. PAYMENTS: \$27.00 per person At meeting Wed 15th October.



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO -

Annual Christmas Luncheon

WED. 17TH DECEMBER '03

AT FOUNDRY ARMS HOTEL GOLDEN SQUARE. 12 Noon

Maximum (120) Current: (71) COST: \$20.00 per person TWO COURSE MEAL Drinks:
Buy your own, at discount prices.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES Two: (Donated by Foundry Arms Hotel).

One Voucher: (Lunch for two.) and (One bottle of Wine.)

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 Jack and the Committee seeks the support of the membership to ensure the success of this Xmas Luncheon. *** PAYMENTS: At meeting Wednesday 19th November.

Arthur Eaton. Tours Organiser. (5443 9162)