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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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**Christmas Luncheon Foundry Arms, December 14, 2005  
11.30 am for 12 noon. Cost \$24 p.p. Payments November 16.**

## LADIES' DAY

The meeting today, October 19, is a special Ladies' Day. We invite the ladies to join us for our meeting and morning tea. Make a special effort to attend, in the company of your partner. She may win a door prize. The Guest Speaker is Audiologist Dirk De Moore.

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The member attendance for the September meeting was an improvement on previous months. Thank you to those who made the special effort to attend, it is appreciated, please continue for the rest of the clubs year and help to boost our clubs yearly attendances.

**LADIES DAY:** The 19th October meeting is the clubs invitation to our Ladies. Please make a very special attempt to attend with your partner, it is the most important meeting of the year, a special morning team for the Ladies and a door prize for a lucky lady. The guest speaker is Audiologist Dick De'Moore whom I am told will be of interest to hear to many of our members.

**WELFARE OFFICER:** At the September meeting you will recall we invited for a volunteer to fill the role of Welfare Officer. To date we have not had a single offer. Please give this matter

your consideration or nomination to fill this important gap, we should have a Welfare Officer in our club to enquire of members and their families health and well being.

**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS 2006/2007:** This matter needs your thoughtful consideration now for suitable nominations particularly for the office of Vice President.

**BEREAVEMENT:** We learnt of the death of yet another member, Ed Trewartha died on 13th September last. Ed joined our club on the 15th, August 1999. He was born on 15th April, 1921. Our Secretary appropriately expressed the clubs sympathy to his family.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** A submission has been handed to the Bendigo Weekly Newspaper for their consideration in publishing a story about our club and emphasising the need to promote our membership drive. A photo of Secretary Bob Chenery and myself has been taken along with informing the newspaper of the clubs history and activities etc. It is anticipated we should read about it within the next couple of weeks.

Again let me remind you of our Ladies day on October 19 meeting, we expect to see you and anticipate your presence along with partner, so until, then, please keep well and take care.

BRYAN ARMSTRONG.

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON NOTICE: Foundation Members' Luncheon**

The attendance at this the half year monthly luncheon was 27 members, including visitors from other clubs. One of these was John Haugh who was a Foundation Member of our club, who transferred to the Eaglehawk Club. Also Bert Christmas from Mt. Alexander and Ms. Joy Lang. From the Kangaroo Flat Club there were Peter and Muriel Thornton. Besides these we had Joe Miles, one of the Rotarian launchers of Probuss Clubs in Bendigo.

In memory, Jack Watts, a Foundation Member, who passed away during the previous month, a minute's silence was observed. Also present was President Bryan, with his wife Denise. He had a few words of welcome and also advised that the F.M. pins would be presented at the October meeting.

It was agreed that any of our Foundation Members widows, with partners or friend should be invited to our Christmas meeting in November, which will most likely be at the National Hotel of Wednesday, November 16, 2005.

Because there will be Christmas Functions there will not be a December luncheon.

The Bendigo Club group agreed that we contact other clubs by letter to find out if there is enough interest in having an Annual Foundation Members luncheon and entertainment for all clubs, starting in 2006.

The next Foundation Members luncheon will be at the National Hotel, at 12.15pm on Wednesday, October 19, in a separate room. Cost \$10 p.p. and \$2 tea or coffee.

A. C. Binks - Convenor.

Don Donaldson has had stay in hospital and is now in palliative care. We all give you our best wishes, Don, and hope for your early recovery.

## FINAL WORDS

Three women are about to be executed for crimes. One's a brunette, one's a redhead, and one's a blonde.

Two guards bring the brunette forward, and the executioner asks if she has any last requests. She says no, and the executioner shouts, "Ready... Aim..."

Suddenly the brunette yells, "earthquake!!" Everyone is startled and looks around. She manages to escape.

The angry guards then bring the redhead forward and the executioner asks if she has any last requests. She also says no, and the executioner shouts, "Ready.... Aim..."

The redhead then screams, "tornado!!" Yet again, everyone is startled and look around. She too escapes execution.

By this point, the blonde had figured out what the others did. The guards bring her forward, and the executioner asks if she has any last requests. She also says no, and the executioner shouts, "Ready.... Aim..."

The blonde shouts, "fire!!"



## PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

### *ANNUAL XMAS LUNCHEON - WED. 14th DECEMBER, 2005*

- \*\* At Foundry Arms Hotel, (Platinum Room), High St., Golden Square.
- \*\* **Maximum:** (120) **Current Bookings:** (43)
- \*\* *Please report at 11.30am for 12 Noon Luncheon. \*\* Cost: \$25.00 per person*
- \*\* *Two Course Lunch, Multiple Raffle Draws.*
- \*\* *Tickets will be issued: at time of payment being made - please bring them with you.*
- \*\* A great opportunity for all to meet, fraternise and enjoy the fellowship of Probus.
- \*\* *President Brian and Committee seek the support of the membership.*
- LIST: Oct 19th meeting. Further bookings required. PAYMENTS: Wed 16th Nov.2005**

**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - TRIP TO TASMANIA - Don't miss out on this !!**  
**WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL TO THURSDAY 4th MAY, 2005. (9 Day/8 Nights)**  
**COST: Approximate \$1300 pens., \$1400 seniors, \$1470 adults. Maximum to travel: ( 48 )**  
**Includes: Transportation Bendigo to Bendigo - Bendigo Coachlines. Overnight Boat Trips (2 Nights) with Cabin accommodation on the boat to & from Tasmania.**  
**Dinner, Bed & Cooked Breakfasts, entry to attractions as per the itinerary.**  
**Lunches on two days. Note: (meals not included on the boat segment of travel. )**  
**Feature attractions: the famous ABT Railway trip with spectacular scenery, now world**

acclaimed, and also a Gordon River Cruise, *but there is much more. "It will be a great trip with consideration being made to cater for our age group."*

**\*\* Proposed Itinerary:** will be available for perusal at October 19th meeting.

**\*\* LISTING:** Available at 19th October meeting. A positive response would be appreciated.

**Tours Organiser Arthur Eaton.** For inquiries telephone: 5443 9162

## **REPORT ON TRIP: Monday 19th Sep't: Dutch Masters N.A.G. Vic. & Federation Square.**

Forty Nine Passengers comprising Members of Probus Club of Bendigo & their Partners together with some from other Probus Clubs and friends of Probus, departed Bendigo on time at 7.30am for Melbourne to see the Dutch Masters Exhibition and to visit Federation Square. Prior to departure President Brian welcomed the group, especially those from other Probus Clubs and friends of Probus. Coach Captain was our friend Neville Dewhurst, who as usual was most helpful to all.

Upon arrival at Nat. Gallery of Vic at 9.45am, we were surprised to witness the large que of people already lined up waiting entry to the Gallery for the Dutch Masters, however Arthur, assisted by Faye Himsforth were quick off the mark, payments were made, tickets obtained together with booklets and we were quickly on our way. Many had a light morning tea before commencing their tour of the exhibition which proved to be **"an art lovers delight."** As previously advised, the exhibition was a most comprehensive display of the amazing works of 17th Century Dutch Masterpieces by the great artists such as Vermeer, Rembrandt, Frans Hals, Pietre de Hooch and Jan Steen, **"the cream of one of Europe's greatest collections"** the first time in Australia and only to be on display in Melbourne, **what a treat !!**

**Lunch** was taken in the Bistro Area where prior arrangements had been made to reserve seating and for our group to be served at 11.30am. Following lunch, additional time was spent at the Gallery.

On boarding the Coach at 1.30pm Neville very speedily transported us the short distance to Federation Square where we spent the next couple of hours. We first paid a visit to the Centre of the Australian Moving Image Screen Gallery, where to Arthur's dismay, **the exhibition had changed to "White Noise" exploring abstraction in the digital age** - too much for us to comprehend. However another section proved to be more of interest, where in modules seating four with touch screen control, some early Victorian Films were viewed - a 1958 fishing trip at Malacoota Inlet, Cohuna Township in 1952 and of course - the history of the Bendigo Chinese & Museum. Some visited the Potter Gallery of Australian Art, and others the Australian Racing Museum.

After an enjoyable and informative day we departed for home at 3.30pm and arrived in Bendigo on time at 5.40pm. We enjoyed meeting with and sharing the outing with our friends from other Probus Clubs and friends of Probus. Our thanks to Coach Captain Neville for transportation excellence.

Report prepared by Tour Leader Arthur.

# **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS**

The August meeting was well attended with 50 members present. It would be great to have an increase in member attendance for the September meeting. I appeal to all members, if you are well and able to attend to the September 21st. meeting you would be made most welcome and great to see all helping to improve meeting attendances and fellowship. Please make an effort to attend?.

## **LION KING VISIT - REGENT THEATRE**

A full bus load of members & friends had a delightful day to the stage show on Tuesday the 24th. August last. A fabulous three hours of International standard entertainment, the general comments after the show were of great delight and high in praise for the show. Again, the behind the scenes organising by Arthur Eaton was to his usual high standard, well done Arthur. Thank you to all who attended for your company.

## **BIRTHDAY MEMBERS**

Congratulations to the August - September members celebrating their birthdays, in particular to Don Donaldson, 90th. birthday on the 23rd. August last, also Jack Davies who turned 90 on the 15th. September and Dick Opie also 90 on the 1st. September last.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Your committee invited Past President Herb Hesse to return to the committee as a member in an ex - officio capacity. Pleased to advise Herb has accepted the invitation. Thank you Herb for your consideration.

## **NOMINATIONS**

It is not too early to start thinking about nominations for next years office bearers, particularly Vice President, please give it thought and seek your choice of nomination/s.

## **BEREAVEMENT**

It was with deep regret we learnt of the death of foundation member Jack Watts on the 24th August last. Jack was the club Secretary in 1986/87 and President in 1988/89. We are grateful for his 20 years of fellowship & friendship and for his contribution to the club in that time, he was a well liked and respected member. Our sympathy to Beth and family is expressed.

## **SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER**

The September guest speaker is Dr. Salvadore who will address the club members on his recent nine day trek of the Kokoda Trail. I believe it to be an amazing story to tell of the hardships experienced by members of the Australian Armed Forces during the 2nd. World War. Looking forward to seeing as many members possible on the 21st., in the meantime, please, take care and keep well.

**BRYAN ARMSTRONG.**