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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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**The speaker for the October meeting will be Jay Gardiner on C.F.A. subject Awareness within and around the House.**

At the September meeting the Guest Speaker was Neil Gill from Legacy. After being introduced by President Alec, Neil gave an enlightened talk about legacy, intermingled by a joke or two and his own personal experience as a Legatee. Legacy in Bendigo was formed in 1926 with 28 Returned Personnel. There are 49 branches in Australia, on in London, 13 in Victoria and on in Bendigo incorporating 5 groups. There are approximately 1,000 windows in the Bendigo area and 800 have Gold Cards, most are in the 75-100 age group. Legacy receives no funding from the Government and relies on Badge Sales and Donations. On a suggestion by Barry O'Brien a collection was taken up, with \$190 raised for Legacy. Well done members.

Dr Allyn Fisher made the usual presentation on behalf of the members.

## **Probus Club of Bendigo Christmas Luncheon**

**When:** Wednesday December 5

**Location:** Foundry Hotel in Platinum Room, High Street Golden Square

**Time:** 11.30a.m. for Noon lunch **Cost:** \$27.50 per person

**Listing:** At Wednesday October 17 meeting

**Payments:** Wednesday November 21

*Come along and enjoy the fellowship of Probus. Invite your friends to come.*

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

## **President's Remarks**

I have news of two of our sick members. Wal Spicer is going about after a series of complaints which took him into hospital. He had a troublesome chest infection, followed by pneumonia. Then he had trouble with blood clots in his legs, this is still under treatment. Lastly he now has gout in both feet.

The other invalid is Peter Goodsich who had a stroke just before our last meeting. Now he is out of hospital, he came home on Saturday September 29th. He is making slow but steady progress, he is able to walk a little and his speech is much improved.

One reason for reporting on this is because it was only by accident that we met Wal, there may be other sick members I have not heard about.

It would be good if some one would take on the task of collecting this kind of news, perhaps even a team of two or three could get together and pool information.

**President Alec**

## **Foundation Members Luncheon**

Following the General Meeting in September, the Foundation Members and partners and friends had a luncheon at the British and American Chinese Restaurant in Eaglehawk Road. We all had a good meal there, the consenses of opinion was very much in favour in all respects.

After this month's general meeting the Foundation Members and friends will dine at The Bendigo Club which is at 22 Park Street, Strathdale. Time 12.30. There is ample parking in the club grounds. The function is not restricted to Foundation Members, we welcome all members and friends.

**President Alec.**

## **Country Town of Prosperity**

The trip to Boort on Thursday September 20th 2007 was a great success, all participants enjoyed a great day.

After picking up our guide for the day at Boort Lake we traveled to Simply Tomatoes where we learned about the production of green tomatoes and how they are transformed into simply tomatoes. Then we had the chance to sample this product in a scrumptious morning tea. From there we went on to the Glencoe Fish Hatchery an organization which is state of the art and produces Murray Cod and Barramundi, in carefully controlled tanks. Next we had a lunch at the Railway Hotel in Boort. The final visit was to the Boort Olive Plantation, which is and may eventually be the world's largest irrigated Olive Plantation.

We returned to Boort where our guide Bruce Haw took us to the look out where we had a view of all of the town of Boort and of the surrounding countryside. Then, farewell to Bruce and back to Bendigo.

**President Alec.**

## Notice Of Motion.... (Preamble):-

Each 3 to 4 years the "Constitutional Review" sub-committee of the Probud Centre-South Pacific (our club H.Q. based in Sydney) recommends changes to the Clubs' constitution. These recommendations are made principally due to past clubs' experiences with legal interpretations, matters of concern by some clubs and other reasons. Every club is asked to vote either to support or object to the constitutional change and report back to H.Q. (in this instance) by 31st January 2008. The changes will require more than a 25% objection vote by accredited clubs **not to** enact a proposed amendment. Therefore, following the above:-

"I give notice of motion that at the meeting on the 21st November 2007, I will seek the approval of the Club's membership to adopt changes to our club' constitution to read as follows."

### **Change Number 1**

ORIGINAL WORDING (Rule 5(c)).

"Membership of the Association shall be open to retired and semi-retired professional and business men and others who have held positions of responsibility in any worth vocation and value the opportunities of social contact with others in similar circumstances."

AMENDED PROPOSED WORDING

"Membership of this club shall be open to retired and semi-retired professional and business men and others from any worth vocation and who appreciate and value opportunities for social contact with others in similar circumstances."

### **Change Number 2**

ORIGINAL WORDING (Rule 10 (c)).

"The term of office of the President shall be one year. Other committee members shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election except that he may serve for not more than five consecutive years. Years of service as an executive are excluded from this rule. A member may re-serve on the committee after a break of at least twelve months."

AMENDED PROPOSED WORDING

"Officers and committee members shall be elected annually. The term of office of the president shall be one year, which may be extended to not more than two consecutive years if required due to special circumstances. The foundation president may serve two successive terms if the club has been formed less than nine months before the first Annual General Meeting."

### **Change Number 3**

Addition of a new clause (Rule 14 (f)).

AMEDED PROPOSED WORDING

"Newly elected officers shall take office from April 1 each year."

*Bob Chenery (Secretary) 1st October 2007.*

## Committee News

The committee is inviting input from members regarding suggesting activities to involve wives/partners eg: card playing, walking and theatre groups etc., any ideas would be appreciated.

- Editor.

### Useless Information:

The shortest British Monarch was Charles 1 who was 4'9". A group of owls is called a Parliament. Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before the go into space because passing wind in as spacesuit damages them. On average most people button their shirt up wards. Tigers have striped skin not just striped fur. The shortest war in history was between Zanzibar and England, Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes . A Standard grave is 7'8" x 3'2" x 6'. Less than two percent of the water on earth is fresh. Frogs must close their eyes to swallow. Each King in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades - King David, Clubs - Alexander The Great, Hearts - Charlemagne and Diamonds - Julius Caesar.

- Editor

## WELFARE OFFICER

We need someone to extend the hand of friendship to those members who are unwell. Contacting them either per phone or personal visit. This is not an arduous task and can be shared with others. Reimbursement for phone calls etc, is available. Can you help?

EDITOR

## Ten Commandments

How Moses got the Ten Commandments

God went to the Arabs and said, " I have commandments for you that will make your lives better.

The Arabs asked, "what are commandments?"

And the Lord said, "They are rules for living."

"Can you give us an example?"

"Thou shall not kill."

"Not kill? We're not interested."

So God went to the blacks and said, " I have commandments."

The blacks wanted an example, and the Lord said,

"Honor thy Father and Mother."

"Father? We don't know who our fathers are. "We're not interested.

The God went to the Mexicans and said, " I have commandments."

The Mexicans also wanted an example, and the Lord said "Thou shall not steal."

"Not steal? We're not interested."

The he went to the French and said, "I have commandments."

The French too wanted an example and the Lord said,

"Thou shall not commit adultery."

"Not commit adultery? We're not interested."

Finally, he went to the Jews and said, "I have commandments."

"Commandments?" They said, "How much are they?"

"They're free."

"We'll take 10."

There, that ought to offend just about everybody.