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The guest speaker for the October Meeting will be Barry Cooper.

Subject - Roymack Surgery on handicapped children from disadvantaged countries.

- Barry, O'B.

Owing to the non appearance of our guest speaker for our September meeting, Barry O'Brien arranged speakers from our members, namely Cliff Binks was allotted two minutes only, Alec Crothers ten minutes and our visitor Ron Murphy, extended time. Cliff spoke about a friend who became ill at a restaurant in Castlemaine and was taken to the Hospital two blocks away and was handed an account for \$2,100. Cliff quotes "Make sure you are covered by ambulance cover". The second speaker was our immediate past President Alec Crothers who described his 1st Job at Dunlop Rubber in Birmingham England During WWII, and the making of tyres for war planes in cast iron moulds, also the difficulty in getting the correct compositions the planes had to fly from England's cool climate to the icy runways in russia and other allied countries.

The last speaker was our visitor Ron Murphy who emphasised very strongly that he was born and breed in Carlton, his father had a green grocer shop in Drummond St., they didn't own a car, and used their horse and cart to buy fruit and vegies from the markets. He played football with his beloved blues and in those days he was paid £3 a game, but if he played in other competitions he could earn £5. He also spoke about going to two up games at a very early age.

- Editor

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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 3/12/2008

Members are urged to attend this function and to enjoy a continuation of the fellowship we have as club members.

Your Committee has responded to some of the criticisms that were felt were legitimate and hopes that all will have an enjoyable day. An invitation to attend has even been sent to the North Pole but as yet no reply has been received. Gift numbers have been reduced but are more substantial.

As previously advised the venue for this function continues to be the Foundry Hotel (12.00 for 12.30) where we have enjoyed our meals in past years, and where we have access to a bar and free tea and coffee. (Cost \$28.50 per head). Please help to make this a memorable occasion by attending with your spouse/partner, your friends will also be welcome. Seating arrangements and/or dietary problems should be discussed with Barry O'Brien (5444 1625). Travel Assistance - contact Ken Coles (5443 8590)

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- Ken C.

Presidents Piece – Talk's Cheap?

The silence often of pure innocence persuades when speaking fails. – The Winter Tale

The reason why we have two ears and only one mouth is that we may listen the more and talk the less. – Zeno 333-261 B.C.

Oh, he is tedious. – King Henry IV

Public speaking is a little like taking a holiday. It helps to know the right place to stop.
– Peter Orben

In peace there's nothing becomes a man as modest stillness and humility. – King Henry V

Foundation Members Luncheon

The Luncheon this month will be at the One Tree Hill Hotel in Spring Gully, which is at the junction of Retreat Road and Spring Gully Road, there is ample parking space available. Last month we lunched at the Bendigo Club, we had a group of twelve to enjoy the lunch, and each others company. If you are a regular, but unable to attend please give the information to Dorothy, with two days notice at least.

- Alec C.

Bowls

Tuesday 20th January 2009 at Golden Square. 2 bowls triples, casual dress, assemble 9.30am - 10.00am start. Play to bell, \$4.00 per player.

C. Smith	A. Court	R. Fitzgerald	F. Oconnell
Z. Hughes	A. Eaton	B. Hargrave	W. Clemens
W. Redmond	R. Chenery	G. Osborn	N. Bruhn

Emerg: J. Kelly & D. Laity

No Meeting in December. Let me know before November meeting if can or cannot play. Final teams in paper Friday before day of play teams in November Probe.

- Ray F.

Members Profile

Approx 35 years ago the 1st "PROBE" was printed and during the ensuing issues it featured a Members Profile section. We have inducted a lot of new members since then and I believe the time is right to revive this segment. I intend starting with the remaining foundation members, on a voluntary basis. Many thanks to Ken Gloster for a loan of his impeccable records of "Probe" some of which I will have to edit and update. The 1st cab of the rank is Allan Temple Dingle.

Allan was born in Melbourne in 1915 and spent his early years of his life on the West Coast of Tasmania, he was educated at Gormaston Primary School, which in those days had little or no vegetation owing to the fumes from the smelters in Queenstown. They lived in a house on Mt Reid where the rain was measured in feet not inches and the snow was so thick that his father used a wide mouth shovel to clean a path to the outside toilet. Allan attended Swinburn Technical School where he obtained his intermediate certificate and started a Diploma Course. During the depression he became an apprentice to a cabinet maker and nights were spent studying at the working men's college (now RMIT) a career in technical teaching beckoned and after a number of metropolitan appointments including being foundation principal at Benalla Tech, he arrived at Stawell Technical School, whilst being there he married his wife Thelma and raised three sons, they have been married for 62 years and have four grandchildren and one great grand son. After climbing the career ladder he spent the last ten years working as principle at White Hills Technical School. Voluntary service to the community became a second career to Allan involving, Libraries, Kindergardens, Scouting Community, YMCA, Homes and Hospitals for the aged etc. In 1982 he won a trio of citizen awards and was citizen of the year for Strathfieldsaye and Bendigo District. Allan and his wife reside at "Strath-Haven" Condon St.



*Above: Allan Dingle
- Photo by Rupert R.*

- Editor.

Useless Information

- The ball on the top of a flagpole is called a truck
- Eighty two percent of the worlds population believe in an after life.
- Over a third of all pineapples come from Hawaii
- Mongooses were bought to Hawaii to kill rats, but this plan failed because rats are nocturnal, while mongoose hunt during day light hours

More next issue...

- Editor

Paddy met Mick

Paddy met Mick in the street and said,

"Mick, will you draw your bedroom curtains before making love to your wife in the future?"

"Why?" Mick asked.

"Because," said Paddy "all the street was laughing when they saw you making love to yesterday."

Mick said, "Silly buggers, the laugh's on them.

I wasn't home yesterday."

- Ralph M.

TRIP TO THE SEYMOUR AREA

Maximum: (52) Current: (52) THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER, 2008

Cost: \$35.00 per person. Based on (45) Includes: Coach, Two Course Lunch & Entry Costs.

Depart 9.00am. From Strathdale Community Centre Car Park, Crook Street.

Our first visit will be to: the RAAC Memorial and Army Tank Museum at Puckapunyal Commemorating the Royal Australian Armoured Corps and the Australian Light Horse. There is an extensive array of army vehicles, equipment and memorabilia.

Next: We travel on to Seymour where we will visit the Seymour Railway Heritage Centre: It is located adjacent to the former V.R. Seymour Locomotive Depot, there is large undercover area for storage and restoration works.

Upon our arrival we will have a two course lunch provided by the staff of the Centre, and dependent upon conditions, this may be served as we wish either under shade canopies or in the heritage Avoca Dining Car of yesteryear. The Centre is heavily involved in the restoration and ongoing maintenance of the railway vehicles in its collection and making access to these vehicles to the visitor and tourist. In short, it is dedicated to preserving Victorian Railway Rolling Stock in operating condition. The Centre has been entrusted with a large array of early & more recent Rolling Stock Vehicles, indeed a small group of three carriages built in 1890 (which featured in the Ned Kelly Film – siege at Glenrowan), also the Sydney Limited and Spirit of Progress Parlour Cars and the Avoca Dining car, added to this many varying classes of Diesel Electric Main Line Locomotives ranging from 600 to 3000 Horse Power

** There will be a number guides, among whom will be a number of former railwaymen.

** You will be given conducted tours through many of these vehicles ** (Adequate seating available.)

** Time permitting, we may have the opportunity to see other items of interest in the Seymour area.

This will prove to be a very interesting and enjoyable day, which should prove to be of interest to all, a trip down memory lane. Be in it, come along and experience the friendship of Probus.

.Please note: It is very important that I maintain the numbers the for the Seymour Trip, the support from our membership is appreciated.

The following (52) bookings have been received, payments are now due. \$35.00 per person

B.Armstrong (1), I.Bennett (1), N.Bruhn (2), R.Chenery (1), B.Clemson (1), K.Coles (1), K.Crouch (1), A.Crothers(2), A.Eaton (1), K.Gloster (2), J.Goodrich (1), R.Grierson (2), J.Jardy (1), G.Himsworth (2), E.Holland (2), Z.Hughes(2), T. Iser (1), B. Michelson (1), R.Michell (1), M.Miller (1), I.Nixon (2), B .O'Brien (1), D. Phelan (2), P. Randall (1), W.Redmond (1), R.Reynolds (1), D.Ridge (1), T.Roberts (1), C. Smith (1), A. Stephens (2), C. Tambllyn (2), R. Vine (2), H. Ward (1), J .White (1), W. Winzar (1) Sandhurst: D. Skidmore (1), H.Iwanovski (1), H. Ennis (1)

LIST/Bookings: (52) Emergencies invited- PAYMENTS: Wed 15th October meeting please.

Please assist the Collectors by tendering correct monies when paying.

TRIP TO NORFOLK ISLAND.

FRIDAY 10TH to FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER, 2008. 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

Travel is with: Envisage Tours: "A Part of Australia Pacific Tours Group"

Currently full (18): We should be on our way when you receive this edition of "Probe."

ANNUAL XMAS LUNCHEON AT FOUNDRY ARMS HOTEL

Maximum: 120. WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 2007

COST: \$28.50 per person Report: 11.30am. MEAL. - At 12 Noon

** Two Course Luncheon, Lucky Prizes, Santa in attendance, Sing A Long, Time to mingle & fraternise

** The Committee have prepared a considered and most interesting program.

** 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 John White & Committee seeks the support of the membership to ensure the success of this Xmas Luncheon. LIST At Meeting Wed. 15th Oct. PAYMENTS: At meeting Wed. 19th Nov.