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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 Fran Siro.
Subject - General Travel**

Owing to the illness of the scheduled Guest Speaker, well known Bendigo Identity Graham Turpie was introduced to the members by President Ern. Graham gave a very interesting and a time hilarious talk about his time in the media, reminiscing with members regarding old radio series, eg. Dad and Dave which was recorded in the 1930's and is still being played week days in Bendigo, also the two oldest commercials, Vegemite and Skipping Girl Vinegar which are still being used today. Graham mentioned that the Bendigo Advertiser cost 6 pence in 1853 which made it one of the most expensive papers in the country, in 1882 the price dropped to one pence from those days it has survived many competitors and has observed and recorded Bendigo's progress from a tent town to the thriving regional centre it is today. Bill Redmond thanked Graham on behalf of the members and made the usual presentation.

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

President's Piece

Great Quotes

We should take care, in inculcating patriotism into our boys and girls, that it is a patriotism above the narrow segment which usually stops at one's country, and thus inspires jealousy and enmity in dealing with others... Our patriotism should be of the wider, nobler kind which recognises justice and reasonableness in the claims of others and which lead our country into comradeship with... The other nations of the world.

The first step to this end is to develop peace and good will within our borders, by training our youth of both sexes to its practice as their habit of life, so that the jealousies of town against town, class against class and sect against sect no longer exists; and then to extend this good feeling beyond our frontiers towards our neighbours.

- Robert Bade-Powell

Funny Quotes

I told my wife that a husband is like a good wine; he gets better with age.
The next day, she locked me in the cellar!!

It's true that we don't know what we have got until we lose it,
but it is also true that we don't know what we have been missing until it arrives!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

November 2009

03	Arthur Eaton	86
03	Chas Smith	81
07	George Himsworth	78
08	Bruce Perrin	81
10	Alf Ryall	92
22	Noel Bruhn	78

December 2009

04	Ken Gloster	81
12	Hugh Ward	94
17	Bill Clemens	77
26	Alan Court	83
28	Ian Nixon	90

Congratulations to all the above; especially Ian Nixon.

Note: If you do not wish for your birthday etc. to be published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.

Luncheon Members and Friends

The October Luncheon is to be held at the British and American Hotel Eaglehawk Rd., following the Probus meeting on Wednesday 21st October. If you are not a regular, please inform us of you intention to participate no later than Monday 19th October. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone: 5443 2642. This helps to book for the correct number. There were 21 members at the September lunch.

- Alec C.

PROBUS CLUB BENDIGO - TRIP TO FAMOUS CRUDEN FARM GARDENS
(Of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch) AT LANGWARREN. SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER, 2009

Depart Bendigo: 8.00am Home: Approx: 6.00pm. Maximum: (53) Current: (60)

Cost: \$35.00/person, includes: Coach Travel and Entry to Cruden Farm.

Cruden Farm is possibly one of the most famous gardens in Australia and the life achievement of National Treasure, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch. You will be free to meander through the gardens. Participants could either take a Picnic Lunch or (purchase on day.) Sausage Sizzle available.

Free Entertainment: Tommy Carter & His Celebrated Jazz Band.

"Don't miss this opportunity." Bookings confirmed for: (53)

Allen. H. (2), Archdall J. (1), B.Armstrong (1), Bennett I. (1), Bloomfield G. (1), Bruhn N. (2), Chenery .R. (2), Davies J. (1), Davies. M (1), Dingle. T (1), Eaton A. (1), Gillies N. (1), Gloster K. (2), Goodrich J. (1), Griffin J. (1), Holland E (2), Himsworth G (2), Laity D. (2), O'Brien. B (5), Randall P. (1), Reynolds R. (2), Slade C (2), Stephens J. (2), **Wallace Ian (2)**, Wallace. Y. (1), Ward (1), Watkins R. (3), White J. (1), Winzar W (1), G.Rumbold (2) **D.Skinner (2)**, **C.Thomson (1)**, D.Spicer (2),

Yet to pay: (In bold type).

Emergencies: I Truscott (2) F.Turner (1), B.Salt (1), D. Skidmore (2), Joan Summers (1)

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 2009

CAPITAL THEATRE MORNING SHOW:- "The Spirit of Christmas.". Show starts 11.00am

**** Report 10.15am for a Cuppa**, before start of show. Maximum: (35) Current (7) Vacancies

**** LUNCH: -12.30pm** Select from menu. AT RIFLE BRIGADE HOTEL.

(Just walk across View Street.)

**** COST: \$ 12.00 per person for Theatre Entry. Lunch: - Select & pay for Meal from Menu.**

Bookings confirmed for Theatre & Lunch: (29) C. Binks (2), N.Bruhn (2), A.Cowling (2), A.Crothers (2), Thelma Dingle (1), A.Eaton (1), A.Fisher (1), N. Gillies (1), G.Himsworth (3), E.Holland (2), M. Miller (1), K. Proud (2), W.Redmond (2), Heather Ryall (2), C.Slade (2), , H.Ward (1), W.Winzar (1), J.White (1),

Theatre Only:(3) P.Randall (1) Carmel Thomson, (1) YvonneWallace (1),

Lunch Only: (1) Ian Bennett (1)

PAYMENTS: At meeting Wednesday 21st October, 2009. **VACANCIES: (3)**

To assist the collector, please tender correct amounts

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - ANNUAL XMAS LUNCH AT THE FOUNDRY HOTEL
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2009 - 11.30AM for 12 NOON. LUNCH: Two Course.

**** Our Club is in it's 25th year since foundation. ** A full attendance would make it special."**

**** COST: \$27.50/person**

**** 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 Ern Holland & 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.**

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND - APRIL 14th to APRIL 29th, 2010.

16 Days/15 Nights. Aust Pacific Tours . Cost: \$3,380.00. Includes: Air Travel, Airport Taxes, Accommodation, Meals, Sightseeing and Entrance Fees as per Itinerary. An Experienced Tour Director and a Coach Driver. Travel Bag & Wallet. **Passport required: (Valid for 6 months after 29 April, 2010)**

Insurance: Is strongly recommended.

**** Itineraries, and as required Booking Forms available. Other Probus Clubs welcome.**

**** Seating availability is being progressively down sized. Please do not hesitate to enquire.**

**** Currently vacancies exist, - to secure your booking, book now.**

**** At time of booking, a Deposit of \$250/person by Cheque payable to APT is required.**

Contact: Tours Organiser, Arthur Eaton, 4 Maxwell Crescent, Bendigo. 3550. Phone: 5443 9162

Snippets

SIMPLE PUZZLE TIME: Name an English word which actually doubles the length of its spelling in order to form it's plural?

Answer: Ox / Oxen - *Bob.C.*

NEW MEMBER: Another new member Mike Watt will be inducted at the October Meeting. - *Editor*

PROBUS FACTS: There are 2263 Probus Clubs in Australia with 188,000 members averaging about 83 members per club. - *Editor*

PROBUS VACANCY: We are still seeking a Guest Speaker Organiser. - *Editor*

Useless Information

- Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.
 - Certain sounds in the english language are real germ spreads, particularly the sounds of F, P, T, D, and S.
 - The height of the Eiffle Tower varies as much as six inches depending on the temperature.
 - Ducks will lay eggs only in the early morning
 - In Helsinki Finland instead of giving parking tickets the Police usually deflate tyres.
 - The Hoover Dam was built to last 2,000 years. The concrete in it will not be fully cured for another 500 years.
- *Editor.*

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Members are urged to attend this Function and enjoy a continuation of the fellowship we have as club members. As previously advised the venue continues to be the Foundry Hotel, where we have enjoyed our meals in past years. Please make this another memorable occasion by attending with your spouse/partner, your friends are also very welcome. If you can help in anyway eg. monies, wine etc. please contact our Secretary Bob. C.

- *Editor.*

Strip Poker with dice

Two bored croupies are waiting at a Crown gaming table.

A very attractive woman arrives and bets \$2,000 on a single roll of the dice.

She says in a southern US accent: "I hope y'all don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude."

With that, she strips from the neck down, rolls the dice and yells: "Come on baby, Mama needs new clothes!"

As the dice came to a stop she jumps up and down and squeals, "YES! YES! I WON, I WON!"

She hugs and kisses each of the croupiers and then picks up her winnings and clothes and quickly departs.

Finally, one of them asks, "What did she roll? the other answers, "I don't know, I thought you were watching."

- *Rupert R.*