

**MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP**

Thursday 13th October at the Beechworth Bakery 10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter !! 15 people attended the last one !! Any comments/suggestions phone Denise on 54493925

**Luncheon For Members, Partners and Friends.**

The October Luncheon is to be held at a venue to be announced at the General Meeting on Wednesday 19th Oct. Come and join us!! It is great fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere and the food is delicious and non expensive !!

If you are not a regular, please inform Dorothy of your intention to participate no later than Monday 17th. October. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone Dorothy: 5443 2642. This helps to book for the correct number.

**LONERS GROUP**

Those members (and that includes ladies and widows of members) on their own are invited to join the regulars for dinner at the Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6pm. Oh dear !! One of the regulars failed to turn up ( for a very legitimate reason I am sure) and lo and behold the missing member’s number was called out to win \$500 and of course as they were not there could not claim it ! Table is booked in either Arthur Eaton or Ian Bennett’s name. Give Arthur or Ian a ring if you intend joining any week to give it a try !

**COMPUTING WORKSHOP** The next meeting is at The Bendigo Neighborhood House, 21 Neale Street, Bendigo at 3.30pm till 5.30pm on Monday 17th October. The topic for this session will be “Keyboard Skills” and a short demonstration of “eBay” . Sorry there are no vacancies as we have a full class.

**COMPUTING FOR RAW BEGINNERS** : Due to popular demand a new class is about to (has) start(ed). The meeting dates are on the following Wednesday mornings from 10am till 12 noon:- Oct. 5th, 12th, 26th and Nov 9th & 16th. There are a couple of places available for late starters if you ring Mike 54493925 straight away.

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Again due to popular demand put Sunday 6th November 9 a.m. in your diary for a \$12 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at The All Seasons, McIvor Road. Names on sheet at our October meeting please. Comments/suggestions/bookings to Denise 54493925.

**BOWLS GROUP:** These are the teams for the Eaglehawk day Tuesday 25th Oct 2011, where there are spaces these will most likely be filled by emergencies from Eaglehawk. **PLEASE**, if you cannot play on that day, would you let me know as soon as possible, so that I can contact Eaglehawk, and arrange for more players to make up the teams. Ring 54470680, or Email [rayftz@gmail.com](mailto:rayftz@gmail.com)

SKIP	THIRD	LEAD
Ray Fitzgerald	June Fitzgerald	Barry Coghlan
A Court	Pauline Brooks	Noel Bruhn
Z Hughes	Rosmary Hughes	D Laity
Chas Smith	Barb Smith .	.....
A Eaton	Bill Redmond	J Kelly.

Be at the Eaglehawk club house by 9;30 for a cuppa, casual dress, 2 Bowl triples

**BIRTHDAYS** : Have a great day !

<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER (Cont.)</b>
10th Maurie McDonald	2nd Thelma Chenery	10th Alf Ryall
11th Barry O’Brien	3rd Arthur Eaton	18th Clare Bird
22nd Ken Coles	3rd Chas Smith	22nd Noel Bruhn
26th Evelyn Bruhn	7th George Himsworth	25th Rob Watkins
	8th Bruce Perrin	28th Bryan Clemson

**ATTENDANCE FIGURES:**

2009 Jan 38; Feb 43; Mar 41; Apr 41; May 41; Jun 46; Jul 42; Aug 42; Sep 39; Oct 43; Nov 40.

2010 Jan 35; Feb 43; Mar 38; Apr 34; May 45; Jun 44; Jul 47; Aug 43; Sep 46; Oct 52; Nov 51.

2011 Jan 43; Feb 52; Mar 50; Apr 46; May 50; Jun 54; Jul 48; Aug 45; Sep 59;

**LETS MAKE OCTOBER SIXTY + !!!!!!!!!**



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# PROBE

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## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

It pleases me to see how well the Club is going since we admitted Ladies. In the last two years we have come a long way! Our membership is going up, and hopefully by the end of my term as President we will have close to 100 members on the books.

The September Meeting was memorable in a couple of ways...firstly we had 57 Members and two guests, the best attendance for a number of years then secondly our Guest speaker failed to turn up, he thought he was booked for "NEXT YEAR", however we are deeply indebted to both Ken Crouch and Barry Coghlan who at VERY short notice "VOLUNTERED" to give their life profiles. Both were extremely enlightening and their efforts were very well received by the members. Thank you Gentlemen!!!

All the activities that are being run in our club, such as Morning Coffee and Chat, the Luncheon for Members, Partners & Friends, after our Monthly Meeting, the Loners Group, Computer Classes, a couple of games of Bowls, frequent well conducted Trips and Tours, and now the Sunday Breakfast looks like being a goer, ALL being well attended, bode well for our future!

So it seems that our Club is alive and kicking again, a big thanks to all the members who participate, AND ENJOY, these many and varied activities,

*Regards and Thanks*

*President Ray Fitzgerald*

## SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

### Membership Booklet Amendments:

1. Bill Redmond email address [bill@redmond.cc](mailto:bill@redmond.cc)

**Voluntary Help Required:** 1. I would love someone to learn the role of updating the website monthly. Full tuition given and only takes less than 1 hour per month. It is not as hard as you think !! Must have computer and internet access. 2. I would like someone to undertake the **small** task of giving a short report on our Guest Speakers for Probe and compiling a **short** report on our Club's activities for the Probus "Active Retiree" bi-monthly and "The Probian" 5 times per year. Please phone me on 54493925

**Internet Banking:** The Club, and hence all four signatories, are now on Internet Banking! Guess the next step is to actually use it !!

**PAV Regional Meeting:** Denise and I attended on behalf of the Club. Held and hosted at and by Kangaroo Flat Probus. Chaired by Irma Dymke, President PAV. Main items discussed were the membership database required by PCSP, the probable changes to the Vic Incorporation Act, reports by each club present, proposed regional concert in 2012 being arranged by White Hills Probus, PAV website ([www.probusvic.com.au](http://www.probusvic.com.au)),. Clubs were asked to consider hosting next years Regional Meeting. Entertainment was provided by a Bush Poet and the meeting was followed by a light lunch.

**Membership:** All members especially our newer members are urged to introduce friends to the benefits of Probus by inviting them to one of our meetings and encouraging them to join us.

**Tutankhamun:** Thanks must go to Arthur for another thoroughly enjoyable and very well organized trip. Those members who attended had a great time !!

# MINUTES OF THE 286th GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE WEDNESDAY 21st September 2011

The General Meeting was opened at 10am by President RAY FITZGERALD in the chair.

**ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:** A total of 57 members and 2 guests (I & D Kirkby) attended & were welcomed by Pres. Ray. Apologies were recorded from 10 members: M.Caulfield, B & T.Chenery, N.Christie, B.Clemens, A.Cowling, N.Gillies, F.Himsworth, K.Holland, J.Sanderson, **CONFIRMATION:** The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by the Secretary, seconded by Ern Holland, Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**IN:**

1. Seven monthly Bulletins from local clubs. Tabled and extracts In Probe where appropriate.
2. PCSP re database, tax, GST, ABN and future changes to Vic Incorporated Clubs.
3. PCSP re medical cards.
4. PAV minutes of delegates meeting.
5. Ian Jennings re. Heather Jennings now in supported residential care in Essendon.
6. PCSP re medical cards being a recommendation and signing for trips not required just accurate attendance roll.
7. Probus Club of Spring Gully re Regional Conference agenda items.

**OUT**

PCSP order for medical cards.  
Dorothy Crothers re last meeting request for donation to East Africa appeal.  
Probus Club of Spring Gully re attending Regional Meeting.  
Ian Jennings thanking him for his letter.  
The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Secretary seconded by John Hardy. Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Medical cards distributed to all members present.  
PAV delegates meeting short report in Probe. Secretary and wife will attend November delegates meeting.  
Secretary and wife to attend Regional PAV Meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report:** DON RIDGE reported on the financial statement from 1st August to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 as follows:

General Account: (Total Receipts \$398.00) (Total Expenditure \$481.98) Account Balance \$1777.41

Tours / Activities: (Total Receipts \$525.00) (Total Expenditure \$40.00) Account Balance \$2837.37

Cash at Bank – Cheque a/c \$1864.78 Deposit a/c 2750.00

The financial report was received and approved. Moved by the Treasurer, seconded Ern Holland, carried.

**Welfare Officer:** Peter Randall gave an update on those of our members currently on the sick list..

**Members Luncheon** Dorothy Crothers reported that the last luncheon had a record attendance and encouraged more members to come to future luncheons!

**Loners Group** ARTHUR EATON invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6.00pm.

**Computing Workshop/Probe/Website** MIKE WATT advised that probe would have a new format due to last of the wrappers having been used. A new raw Beginners computer class to commence 5<sup>th</sup> October for 5 classes Wednesday mornings 10am – 12 noon. Two more main computer classes remain next Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Computer help is free and private lessons only \$10/hour.

**Coffee/Chat Group and Badger** DENISE WATT reported that 18 members attended the Beechworth Bakery on the Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September and an enjoyable time was had by all. Next date is THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am. Denise also advised members that the Sunday Breakfast Try Out was a great success and announced that a second one is to be held on arranged for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at The All Seasons, only \$12 for a full Buffet Breakfast.

**Tours/Trips Report** ARTHUR EATON reported on Trips & Entertainment for the coming months. Full details in Probe. Arthur moved "that all tours, Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond, carried.

President Ray thanked all those giving reports.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Secretary Mike is seeking a volunteer to act as Club Correspondent and another to learn how to update the website. (See Probe for details)

**STEWARDS:** J.Goodrich, B.Hall, B.Hargrave, G Himsworth, J.Kelly, D.Laity.

**CLOSE:** There being no further business, President RAY declared the meeting closed at 10-45 am.

**CONFIRMED**.....President 19th October 2011

## Bendigo District Probus Meetings

Club	Date	Venue	Time
Sandhurst	1st Wed	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	9.30am
Eaglehawk	2nd Mon	California Gully Mechanics Institute	10am
Bendigo Ladies	2nd Wed	Bendigo & District RSL Havilah Road	10am
Kangaroo Flat	2nd Wed	K Flat senior Citizens	10am
Strathfieldsaye	2nd Thu	Uniting Church Hall Strathfieldsaye	10am
Golden Square	3rd Thu	Abundant Life CC McKenzie Street	9.30am
White Hills	4th Tue	Bendigo & District RSL Havilah Road	10am
Strathdale	4th Wed	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	10am
Spring Gully	4th Thu	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	10am



## 14 days Fiji & South Pacific Roundtrip From Sydney

This itinerary features a 14-day cruise with 8 ports of call, including visits to Lifou, Fiji, and Noumea. Meals and entertainment are inclusive.

Ship: [Sea Princess](#) Voyage Departure Port: [Sydney, Australia](#)

**FOUR MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY BOOKED AND TWO MORE ARE VERY LIKELY PARTICIPANTS!**

**FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT MIKE OR DENISE WATT**

Departure Date	<a href="#">Mini-Suite/Suite</a>	<a href="#">Balcony</a>	<a href="#">Oceanview</a>	<a href="#">Oceanview Obstructed</a>	<a href="#">Interior</a>
Monday, Feb 06, 2012	N/A	\$2,698.00	\$2,398.00	\$2,198.00	\$1,798.00
<b>Incl AIR from Melbourne</b>	N/A	\$2,978.00	\$2,678.00	\$2,478.00	\$2,078.00

Government Fees and Taxes in above fares: \$96.55 Currency: AUD

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**SICK LIST:** Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not enjoying the best of health, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

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### ***BENDIGO LADIES PROBUS CLUB:***

***Invitation for our Members to participate in the two following events:***

***AT ALL SEASONS – MC.IVOR ROAD - 11.30AM ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER.***

***FOR A MELBOURNE CUP GET-TOGETHER***

**COST: \$27.00 COST: per person: Payment: At our Meeting WED. OCT.19<sup>TH</sup>**

Melb. Cup Sweep, Competitions – Dress Up (If you wish) – A Fun Day \*\* *Vacancies*

**Bookings received from:** A. Eaton (1), Bet Hall (1), H. Ward (1), J. White (1)

**Additional Bookings invited:** (To assist Collector: *Please tender correct amount.*)

### **TOUR TO MORNINGTON PENINSULA - By Designer Tours of Yackandandah**

**MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2012**

**COST: \$655 Per Person – Twin Share – Single Supp: Add \$40/night \*\* (10) Vacancies. \*\***

**Seat Belt equipped Coach – Pick Up: Bendigo Rail Station at 8am Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

**Price Includes: \* 4 Nights Quality 4 Star Accommodation at Harbour Motor Inn**

**All Downstairs accommodation- Walk In Showers Situated on 4 Acres Lawn & Gardens**

**\*\* Two Course Dinners each evening, Full Cooked buffet style breakfast**

**\*\* Fish & Chips on Board Port Phillip Bay Cruise**

**\*\* All Admissions, Ferry Trip and Morning Teas as per Itinerary.**

**Booking List:** At 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. Meeting –

**Payments By Cheque: *Made Payable to Bendigo Ladies Probus Club.***

**Deposit of \$55.00 due by 16<sup>th</sup> November Balance due 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011:**

**For this Tour: Enquiries to: Brenda Dohnt (Bendigo Ladies) Phone: 5442 1943**



**The Speaker for the 19th October is .**  
**Terry Kelly Centerlink Financial Services Officer**  
**Stewards: SIX Members will be chosen at the meeting!**  
**(No excuse now for not attending.)**

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:  
Friday 28th October  
Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email [mjwatt@dodo.com.au](mailto:mjwatt@dodo.com.au)

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Our General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,  
at 10 am at the Masonic Centre Mc Ivor Rd , Bendigo

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**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - TOUR OF BENDIGO BANK - LUNCH AT HOUSE OF KHONG**

**Maximum: (24) (Tour is Full.) List for Emergencies: A relaxed, interesting and enjoyable outing.**

**Depart by Coach at 10.30am: From : Strath Community Ctre Car Park, Crook St.**

**11.00am: Conducted Tour of the Bendigo Bank.**

At conclusion of tour, transported by Coach to **House of Khong, 200 Hargreaves St.**

**12.30pm: Chinese Smorgasbord Lunch** (At House of Khong)

**2.00pm: Depart House of Khong by Coach 2.30pm** Arrive Strath Community Car Park

**COST: \$20.00/person Includes:** Coach Fare, Tour of Bank, Chinese Smorgasbord Lunch

**Bookings have been confirmed and Payments received from::**

C. Adams (2), C. Bird (1), G. Bloomfield (1), P. Brooks (1), , E. Bruhn (1), N. Bruhn (2), R.Chenery (2), B. Coghlan (2), K. Coles (1), A. Eaton (1), R. Fitzgerald (2), J. Goodrich (1), B. Mc.Grath (1), R.Pollock (1), Y. Wallace (1), R. Watkins (2) W. Winzar (1) **Emergency:** C. Thomson. (1)

**Note: I have arranged Coach Transport in order to avoid "car parking problems."**

**To be cost effective, I require that we retain (24 persons) on the Tour.**

**SPRING GULLY/PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO – TRIP TO MLBOURNE MON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2011  
TRAMBOAT CRUISE SPECIALS – HERRING ISLAND & BEYOND - Seniors \$40.00/person**

**Travel by Train: (Use Free or Concessions) Depart: 7.45am Train. Return: 3.15pm Ex Melb.**

We sail up the Yarra to Herring Island where we stop for approx 40 mins, then proceed on to Hawthorn.

On the return trip *a lunch of gourmet sandwiches is provided.*

**Duration of Cruise:** Approx 3.5 hours. **(20) Bookings received from & confirmed for:**

C.Adams (2), G. Bloomfield (1), R. Chenery (2), A. Eaton (1), N.Gillies (1), E. Holland (2), B.Mc.Grath (2), R. Michel (1), M. Miller (1), R. Pollock (1) H. Ward(1) M. Watt (2), J. White (1)

**Yet to pay:** R. Watkins (2) , C. Thomson (1)

**CAPITAL THEATRE - BENDIGO TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER, 2011.**

**GASLIGHT THEATRE XMAS SHOW: At 11.00am (Report 10.15am for Cuppa & chat.)**

**12.30pm: Lunch (Own Cost) at "The Rifle Brigade Hotel." – just over road from Theatre**

**(35 tickets) Theatre Cost (Subsidised) \$10/person. Group Booking secured at the Hotel**

**Bookings received from:** C.Adams (2), I. Bennett (1), C. Binks (1), C. Bird (1), B. Coghlan (2), A. Crothers (2), K. Crouch (1), T. Dingle (1), A. Eaton (1), N.Gillies (1), K. Gloster (2), J. Goodrich (1), G. Himsworth (2), E. Holland (2), D. Laity ((2), M. Miller (1), R. Pollock (1), K. Proud (2), W. Redmond (2), D. Ridge (2), H. Ward(1), M. Watt (2), J. White (2), **Emergency** R. Watkins, C. Thomson (1)

**Payments of \$10/person will be due Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER, 2011 – ANNUAL PROBUS XMAS LUNCHEON**

**In Platinum Room At Foundry Hotel Complex High St Golden Square (11.30am for 12 Noon.) WEDNESDAY**

**7th DECEMBER, 2011 – ANNUAL PROBUS XMAS LUNCHEON**

**In Platinum Room At Foundry Hotel Complex High St Golden Square (11.30am for 12 Noon.)**

**Cost: \$30.00/person Includes: Two Course Luncheon, Many Door Prizes.**

A considered and most interesting program will be prepared. *The Committee would appreciate the assistance of the members with "donations of items suitable for Door Prizes."*

**President Ray Fitzgerald and the Committee seek your support, be sure to come, enjoy fellowship of Probus**

**Bookings to date:** C. Adams (2), I. Bennett (1), G. Biles (2), C. Binks (1), G. Bloomfield (1), P. Brooks (1), E. Bruhn (1), N. Bruhn (2), R.Chenery (2), K. Coles (2), K. Crouch (1), A. Crothers (2), B. Clemson (2) R. Fitzgrerald (2), A. Eaton (1), N. Gillies (1), J. Goodrich (1), J. Hardy (2), G. Himsworth (3), M. Miller (1), B. O'Brien (2), K. Proud (2), P. Randall (2), D. Ridge (2), A. Stephens (2), C. Thomson (1), P.Thornton (2), Y. Wallace (1), R. Watkins (2), M. Watt (2), J. White (1), W. Winzar (1),

**LISTING: At Wed. 19th October Meeting. PAYMENTS: Wed.16th November Meeting**

**TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Tours Organiser: Arthur Eaton. Phone: 5443 9162**