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Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.**



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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

We were extremely saddened to hear of the death of Aileen, the wife of our member Jack Kelly. Our sincere condolences go to Jack and family. The long cold winter seems to have taken its toll as we have a number of members on the sick list or in some form of residential care. To all of them we wish them a speedy recovery and if we can help in any way please let Peter Randall know, Tel 54433091

It was especially pleasing to have THREE potential new members at our last meeting and two of them also joined us for the Sunday breakfast! Please ensure that we all make them most welcome when they next attend our meeting.

Regards and Thanks
President Noel Bruhn

SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES

The month of September has been hell on wheels as I try my hardest to deal with PSPLtd in an affable manner over the issue of our Club Website content in particular the project I undertook on behalf of our Club to find a suitable software package for our Treasurer. This project has mushroomed into the joint adaptation of a UK program with the English author and myself to truly reflect Probus Club requirements and our Club being offered the sole distributorship within Australia of the Probian version of the program. As our Club is barred from fundraising I personally took on the distributorship and pledged that all net profits from the sale of the program would be donated to our Club. The program is up and running and is featured at <http://www.probusclubofbendigo.com.au/css.html> go look see for full details of what I am on about. At this stage it appears that the staff at PSPLtd are doing everything in their power to thwart this and me, so it has kept me exceptionally busy over the month and the end currently is not in sight. I have had the FULL support of our President and the Committee over the whole period and the end result will be conveyed to you all in due course. **And I thought, like most of you, that PSPLtd was there to support us in our endeavours and to promote and further advance the Good Name of Probus!**

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR PRESIDENT'S EMAIL HAS CHANGED TO: bevandnoel2@oneseniors.com.au

Members over 90 years of age please note the "Probus Australia National Insurance Program for 2012/2013"

AGE LIMIT: Up to and including 90 years of age.

This is for General Meetings and Club Approved activities.

This is not to be confused with the Probus Travel Insurance which does cover (with some exclusions) up to 100 years of age. This matter has only just come to light by reading the SMALL PRINT and will be taken up by me with PSPLtd. Especially as we were required to pay the Affiliation Fees, including the Insurance component for those members over the age of 90 years!! ☹

ATTENDANCE FIGURES:

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; Oct 53; Nov 53.**

2012 **Jan 52; Feb 52; Mar 65; Apr 53; May 56 ; Jun 55;** Jul 49; Aug 49; **Sep 50;**

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

Ladies Only Luncheon (LOL) Group

The last LOL was attended by 7 ladies and we enjoyed a good chat and meal. As we have been through the luncheon menu we will try out the **Kangaroo Flat Hotel** next. That will be **Friday October 26th at 12 pm**

Come on ladies contact Denise as soon as possible so that she can book the table for the right number!!

Or Names on list at October General Meeting

Denise is the acting organiser. Ph: 5449 3925 email: denisewatt4@gmail.com

Walking for Pleasure and Fitness Group

FRIDAYS October 5th and 12th Rotary Park Kangaroo Flat. Meet at the Car Park on Browning Street, opposite the Leisure Centre at 10.00am.

FRIDAYS October 19th and 26th, November 2nd & 9th at LAKE WEEROONA ** Meet at Lake Weeroona Car Park Nolan Street at 10.00am promptly

Special Note: On **Friday 23rd November** the **Walking Group** will depart from the Car Park on Browning Street Kangaroo Flat at 11.00am and after our walk at 12 Noon **will have a Two Course Xmas Meal at Kangaroo Flat Hotel, 130 High Street, Kangaroo Flat** (Choice of (3) Mains and (2) Sweets at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

** Other Club Members are most welcome to join with us.

List at 17th October Meeting. Contacts: Arthur Eaton or Bob Santon

Garden Group combined with Spring Gully Probus:

October 18th, meet at Macdonald's Nursery in Retreat Road by 10.00am. Keith Macdonald will give us a talk on what to do in the Spring Garden particularly with respect to vegetables and no dig gardens and other matters appropriate to the season. Morning tea will be supplied.

November: A visit to the Silky Rose Garden at Clonbinane, near Kilmore. The nursery in Kilmore was sold recently and the owners have moved their business out to their farm. The date will be SUNDAY November 18th, details at a later date.

MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Next on **Thursday October 11th at Strath village at 10.15 am**, see you there

All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter!! Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream from the correct Cafe.

LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS. **The Probus Luncheon on the 17th October will be at the R.S.L. Havilah Rd (approx. 12.15pm).** All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Dorothy 54432642 likewise regular attendees who will not be attending, so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for.

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**. 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!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST:

Put **Sunday 4th November 9 a.m.** in your diary for a \$15 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at **The All Seasons, McIvor Road.** ☺

COMPUTING SUPPORT: Mike is still available for computer help if needed. Also private computer lessons in his own home just \$10/hour. Please just phone him with your problem or request.



'Viagra' is now available

in powder form for your tea.

It doesn't enhance your sexual performance

but it does stop your biscuit going soft..

BIRTHDAYS: Have a great day!

OCTOBER

10th Maurie McDonald
11th Barry O'Brien
22nd Ken Coles
26th Evelyn Bruhn

NOVEMBER

2nd Thelma Chenery
3rd Arthur Eaton
3rd Chas Smith
7th George Himsworth
7th Barb Smith
8th Bruce Perrin
10th Alf Ryall
18th Clare Bird

20th Jean Andrews
22nd Noel Bruhn
25th Rob Watkins
28th Bryan Clemson
29th Yvonne Wallace

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

Cliff Binks has had a heart attack however is now at home.

Clare Bird is recuperating with her daughter in Mooroopna however has to have treatment on a wrist complaint before returning home.

Hugh Ward is off to Melbourne to have "stent(s)" inserted.

A TRIP TO THE 'TOP END'.

A group of 7 Probians and friends from the Village---Anne, Margie and Rosemary---have had an interesting trip to Darwin and Kakadu, returning on The Ghan.

After flying to Darwin, our first two days were spent in Darwin where we visited the Military Museum. We spent several hours here learning about the attacks on Darwin in W.W2; it is well presented, inter-active and very informative. Another visit was to Doctor's Cove to see the Fish Feeding, where sea fish come to be feed, hundreds of fish, and visitors can stand in the water to feed them. A Sunset Cruise on the Bay with a delicious buffet dinner was another excellent event. Of course, there was time to look at the shops and wander around the C.B.D. to get some retail therapy.

Then it was off to spend 2 days in Kakadu National Park and enjoy some magnificent scenery.. Here we had 2 excursions to view Aboriginal Rock Art and hear some of the legends told by the Aboriginal ranger. We also visited 2 Aboriginal Culture Centres which showed the historical, cultural and environmental aspects of the Aboriginal people. A cruise on the Yellow Water Wetlands and another on the Alligator River brought us up, close and personal, to crocodiles of varying sizes and a diversity of bird life.

A final day in Darwin was spent on a tour of the sights and the excellent Art Gallery and Museum with its Cyclone Tracy exhibition.

Our return trip on The Ghan had to start in Katherine as repairs were being made to the rail track. Our trip by bus to Katherine was a bit of a disaster due to a malfunctioning bus, but we did get a magnificent river cruise to Katherine Gorge.

Finally we boarded THE GHAN! We were given our cabins and introduced to the very efficient staff and began our Ghan adventure. The journey from Darwin to Adelaide is 3000 kms, our train had 32 carriages and was about 750mtres long. The cabins are well- appointed but small, especially when the 2 bunks are being used. I wondered how large people managed in the confined space. The top bunk is gained by climbing a narrow ladder, so the occupant hopes there will be no need to visit the bathroom during the night! The food was excellent and we kept fit by pushing or pulling 12 doors on the six carriages between our carriage and the Restaurant. A tour around Alice Springs broke the journey which was one of ever changing scenery.

After leaving the Ghan we flew to Melbourne and so home.

As you can see, we had a full program covering a lot of ground and we thank Ailsa for the effort she put into organising such a good tour. We learnt about our country, we learnt about each other and we had a lot of fun as well.

Dorothy Crothers.

The Haircut

One day a florist went to Fred for a haircut After the cut he asked about his bill and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The cop was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a Member of Parliament came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you I'm doing community service this week.' The Politician was very happy and left the shop. The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Members of Parliament lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

REMEMBER, POLITICIANS AND DIAPERS SHOULD BE CHANGED OFTEN AND FOR THE SAME REASON

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2012.

The General Meeting was opened at 10 am by President Noel Bruhn in the chair.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: A total of 50 members and 4 guests, N&D, Warne, M.Jinks, S.Bullock, attended and were welcomed by Pres. Noel. Apologies were recorded from 43 members:

C. Adams, J. Aitken, J.Andrews, G.Biles, C.Bird, P.Brooks, E.Bruhn, T.Chenery, N.Christie, B.Clemens, B.Clemson, A Cowling, D.Crouch, G&N.Dack, A.Fisher, J&KGloster, F&G.Himsworth, K.Holland, Z.Hughes, T.Iser, J.Kelly, A.Lawson, M.McDonald, B&E.McGrath, C.McLean, R.Michell, B.Perrin, M.Powrie, K.Proud, L.Roy, A.Ryall, B &C.Smith, A.Stephens, L.Stork, C.Thomson, R.Twitt, J.Wallace, W.Winzar.

CLUB JESTER: Bob Chenery provided the humour for the day.

MEMBERS GUESTS: 4 as per attendance above, guests of the Secretary.

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. 8 newsletters from other Clubs
2. 1 Travel brochures.....to Ailsa
3. Jacinta Allan Bendigo East News
4. Probus Warracknabeel Annual Bowls Tournament
5. PSPLtd National Insurance, Annual Report, Directory of Clubs, Merchandise Catalogue
6. PAV minutes of AGM
7. PSPLtd Membership cards, software flyer.
8. Various inconsequential emails.

OUT Various inconsequential emails

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Secretary seconded by B.Hargrave. Carried.

Matters arising:

Secretary handed out Membership cards and outlined intended future use.

REPORTS:

President: Nil.

Treasurer: Barry Coghlan moved that the Financial Statement as distributed in the August 2012 Issue of the Probe for the half year ended 31st August 2012 be received and approved, seconded by P.Randall. Carried.

Business Arising: The Probe Editor announced that those members with internet access would in future ONLY receive the Probe by email in order to cut costs..

Welfare Officer: Peter Randall reported on the sick members. .

Members Luncheon Dorothy Crothers reported that today's luncheon is at the All Seasons, McIvor Road. Booked for 24 however other members and guests welcome.

Loners Group Arthur Eaton invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday from 5.30pm. He reported on a good attendance last week. The Member's Jackpot has gone but the table continues to win well at the raffles.

Bowls: No report – Bob Santon.

Computing/Website/Probe: Mike Watt is still available for support please phone him if help required. Members again encouraged to visit our Website. Probe going well despite mistakes!

Coffee & Chat/Badger/Sunday Breakfast/LOL: Denise reported 17 members were present at last week's Coffee/Chat at Strath Village. Next is Oct.11th 10am at Strath Village. The next Sunday Breakfast will be at the All Season's Complex on 4th November 9am. Next LOL Frid 28th Sept.

Tours/Trips Report : Ailsa gave a comprehensive report on the trip to Darwin and the Ghan followed by details of proposed trips/tours/activities all of which will be published in the next Probe. The secretary moved "that all Tours, Trips & Entertainments details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond., carried.

Gardening: The secretary 1 persons had attended the Joint Gardening Group with Spring Gully Probus at The Bendigo Conservatory. Details of the future plans will be published in the Probe.

Walking Group: Arthur Eaton reported on the success of the group. Future group activities as per the Probe.

Ladies only Luncheons: Denise Watt reported on the last LOL and the next LOL will be published in Probe..

GENERAL BUSINESS

President: Nil.

Secretary:

1. The committee have discussed the possibility of changing our start time as of the next Probus year to 9.50am or 9.45am to relieve the pressure on time for the business part of our meeting and maintain a reasonable coffee break. Members were invited to write to the secretary with their views.
2. The committee have agreed to the Probe being distributed by email only to those members with email addresses and stamped mail to those without at a considerable saving in costs and time.
3. The Software package adapted by the secretary is now available for purchase on our website by other Probus Clubs. All net profits will be donated to our Club.
4. The new Probus membership cards were distributed and are available to those not present except for those new members this Probus year.

Treasurer: Nil.

STEWARDS: Six members volunteered to be stewards.

CLOSE: President Noel thanked members for their attendance at the meeting, There being no further business, he declared the meeting closed at 10.40 am.

GUEST SPEAKER: A/Prof Brian Boettcher gave a very comprehensive talk on The True Story of the Battle For Milne Bay. As the talk went well overtime regretfully question time was very limited. However Brian attended the luncheon afterwards and answered several questions there.

CONFIRMED.....President 19th September 2012.

Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.

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Profit & Loss [Cash]**1/03/2012 through 30/09/2012**

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Income		
Subscriptions		\$2,210.00
Attendance Fees		\$1,840.00
Donations		\$80.00
Tours & Activities		
The Great Stupa	\$160.00	
Probus Concert	\$264.00	
Total Income		<u>\$4,554.00</u>
Cost Of Sales		
Total Cost Of Sales		<u>\$0.00</u>
Gross Profit		<u>\$4,554.00</u>
Expenses		
Venue Hire		\$647.00
Catering		\$736.00
Printing & Stationery		\$212.01
Postage		\$401.74
Affiliation & Insurance		\$987.20
Consumer Affairs		\$42.80
Badges etc.		\$278.07
Web Site		\$120.00
Miscellaneous		\$122.95
Tours & Activities		
The Great Stupa	\$160.00	
The Capital Theatre	\$264.00	
Total Tours & Activities		<u>\$424.00</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$3,971.77</u>
Operating Profit		<u>\$582.23</u>
Other Income		
Interest Income		\$98.17
Total Other Income		<u>\$98.17</u>
Net Profit (Loss)		<u>\$680.40</u>

Balance Sheet**As of September 2012**

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Assets		
General Cheque Account		\$2,007.81
Term Deposit		\$2,750.00
Loan- White Hills Probus Club		\$200.00
Total Assets		<u>\$4,957.81</u>
Liabilities		
Net Assets		<u>\$4,957.81</u>
Equity		
Retained Earnings		\$4,277.41
Current Earnings		\$680.40
Total Equity		<u>\$4,957.81</u>

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

We have some members going to the Opera in the Alps in January for 3 days, so if any others are interested please see me as soon as possible.

Bendigo Ladies Probus (All Welcome) are having a Cup luncheon at the All Seasons Cost \$30 and also the foodies Dream Tour is on the 9/10/12 So if you would like to join either of these activities for a fun day please let me know .

Gas Light Theatre Xmas Concert Tuesday 4/12/12 Cost \$12 each if 10 or more of us go , otherwise \$16 each . REGISTER AND PAYMENT PLEASE AT NEXT MEETING.lease.

The Tocumwal Trip and The Tour to Port Stephens have been cancelled for 2012 due to lack of numbers but will be rescheduled in the 2013 program .

A number of our members are participating I the trip to OPERA IN THE ALPS 19/01/2013. If you would like to join them please let me know as soon as possible! This will be tour to remember!

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR AILSA COGHLAN

Tel: 5443 7046 Email: ailsa.coghlan@bigpond.com



Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP)

The City of Greater Bendigo Social Planning team is developing a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan over the next 12 months. The Plan will be developed in partnership with key internal and external stakeholders.

What makes us healthy?

Eating well and staying fit is good for our health. We know things like drinking, smoking, a poor diet and being inactive can be harmful to our health. However, there are also social and economic and environment factors that also affect our health and wellbeing. Things like housing, education, employment, transport, access to services, opportunities to participate in the community and a viable and sustainable environment can also impact on our health and wellbeing.

Why are we developing a MPHWP?

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* mandates that Local Governments must prepare a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan every four years following Council elections. Under the Act, Local Government has a responsibility to protect, improve and promote public health and wellbeing within their municipality.

Local government is ideally placed to develop and implement local policies and actions to address health and the broad range of determinants that influence health. This involves actions in a range of areas, including transport, roads, parks, waste, land use planning, housing and urban planning, recreation and cultural activities, health promotion and creating safe public places.



Liveability



Productivity



Sustainability

Contact us If you have any questions please contact the Social Planning team, Lindy on 5434 6224 or Romina on 5434 6079 or send us an email. r.lougoon@Bendigo.vic.gov.au

Bendigo Gliding Club



OPEN DAY

Saturday, October 13

from 11am to 4pm

→ AIR EXPERIENCE FLIGHTS

- special price of \$90 instead of the usual \$130

→ STATIC DISPLAYS

→ SAUSAGE SIZZLE



For more information call:

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Probus Rendezvous 2013



October 13 - 18
Albury Wodonga and Districts

Albury and Wodonga make up the beautifully placed twin cities located on Australia's great icon the Murray River. This is Wiradjuri country.

The region centred on Albury/Wodonga has a strong industrial, educational, health and business base and both cities are well serviced with accommodation, dining, shopping and entertainment facilities.

The cities are ideally situated on the Hume Freeway some three hours from Melbourne and five and a half hours from Sydney. The area is well serviced by rail and air.

The cities provide the gateway to some spectacular and historic locations in north east Victoria and the Riverina. These include the historic towns of Beechworth and Chiltern, the rich wine growing areas of Rutherglen/King Valley and access to the high country at Carryong, Mt. Beauty and Bright. Holbrook, the 'Submarine Town' features the decommissioned HMAS Otway and an associated museum.

Enquiries to: Elwyn Langford elangfor@bigpond.net.au

Experience the excitement and wonder of Probus Rendezvous 2013
hosted by Albury Wodonga and Districts from 13th - 18th October

Secure your registration brochure by phoning:

Australia 1800 630 488 New Zealand 0800 1477 6287

Email admin@probussouthpacific.org

www.probussouthpacific.org



Program

Sunday 13 October - Registration in afternoon

Monday 14 October - Registration; Opening Ceremony; Welcome Dinner

Tuesday 15 October - Full and half day tours; Trade Expo

Wednesday 16 October - Full and half day tours; Friendship Night

Thursday 17 October - Full and half day tours; Farewell Dinner

Friday 18 October - Thanksgiving Service; PSP Forum; Closing Ceremony

Full details of all activities, functions, trips and accommodation are available in the registration brochure.



**The Speaker for the 17th October
A PLEASANT SURPRISE!**

**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 2nd November 2012**

Mike Watt Ph. 5449 3925 or email secretary@probusclubofbendigo.com.au

NEXT MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Thursday 11th October at the Strath Village Food Court 10.15am

Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream.



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Our General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,
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