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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 29 Woodbury St., Bendigo, 3550.

GUEST SPEAKER at the September Meeting will be Rev. Lindsay Faulkner of the Uniting Church. Lindsay will address the meeting on aspects of his recent trip to Korea.

NEW MEMBERS inducted at the August meeting were Alex Wilson and Bruce Perrin. Alex and Bruce were introduced to members by Ken Coles and Allan Dingle respectively. After being presented with their membership pins both were formally welcomed by our esteemed president - Reg Brock.

WASTE is a personal matter. It seems it may be more so when you are literally "up to your elbows in it". My authority for these observations was our guest speaker at the August meeting - NEIL BURNS.

Neil, who is the Chief Administrator of the Bendigo Water Board is a former student of the Civil Engineering course previously conducted by the Bendigo College of Advanced Education. He has worked as a Civil Engineer in Shepparton as well as here in Bendigo.

Before commencing the formal part of his address Neil referred to his perception for the need to extend the current two-year start to Engineering courses at B.C.A.E. to at least three years.

As Chief Administrator of the Water Board, Neil is responsible for the collection, treatment and disposal of approximately five million gallons (20 megalitres) of sewage per day.

While 99.5% of this sewage is water, the remainder yields 10 tonnes of solids.

Approximately 85% of the waste in the system is from household sources and the remainder is either trade waste or hazardous waste. (Bendigo has little of the latter).

Trade waste sources include the Saleyards, Sandhurst Foods, tanning industries and food outlets - particularly the "fast-food" group.

Currently collection of sewage is by way of between 600 and 700 kms of mains. Treatment is undertaken at Epsom/Huntly where the Board has 1000 acres under irrigation, and supplies irrigation water to farmers downstream by way of the Bendigo Creek.

Current plans to upgrade the treatment works involve expenditure \$22.5 million. The resultant new plant is designed to cope with Bendigo's needs for the next 30 years and will ensure that the water discharged from the plant will be free of the nutriments now upsetting the balance in the Bendigo Creek.

Requests for information concerning the possible collection of lost property from the system include enquiries for rings, wallets, money and false teeth!!!!

As well as addressing the question of sewage, Neil spent some time on general environmental issues that led to discussion of the over-use of water and the recycling of materials such as paper, glass, plastic.

In response to a question members were advised that water discharged from the new treatment plant would be sufficiently pure to drink if it were not for the fact there was no way of knowing what viruses had entered the system. Viruses are currently almost impossible to eliminate.

Neil was introduced by CLIFF BINKS and thanked by TRAVIS WILSON.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11TH & THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH. TRIP TO PHILLIP

ISLAND: Sightseeing on way to Cowes - "View the Penguin Parade".
Sightseeing on Mornington Peninsular. Coach capacity: (44), at present 10 emergencies. COST: \$99.00 / person, which includes: Coach fare, D.B.B. & Sightseeing. \$10.00 / person Deposits payable to Treasurer Bob Holmes, Balance of \$89.00 / person should be paid direct to Houlden's Tours one month ahead, (by September 11th), please finalise early. Departure from: Strath Community Centre, Crook Street at 8.00 a.m.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23RD: TRIP TO DANDENONGS & RIDE PUFFING BILLY.

Bookings for this trip have been confirmed. The trip will include a ride on Puffing Billy and sightseeing in the Dandenongs. Cost: \$15.00 per person, which includes: Coach fare and admissions. Current bookings 45, plus 26 emergencies.

LOST: On G.T.V.9 Sale Century Coach Trip: Aug. 23rd. A hand woven "MEXICAN STOLE", color: Pink/Maroon with blue fleck, measures approx. 5ft x 18 inches. Owner Miriam Moyle (43 6140).

THE GOOD OLD DAYS: Are you interested in refreshing memories? The CAPITAL THEATRE will present a MUSIC HALL EVENING featuring a range of local artists on either Sunday 26th November or Sunday 10th December. Lists for expressions of interest will be tabled at this meeting. Details of cost and final acceptances at a later meeting.

SALE OF THE CENTURY

Fancy Clarke Jeffrey and Alf Whatmore and other Probus Members being on the eve of the Century. They didn't answer many questions, but all that "grey power" was impressive for the fleeting moment on television.

Our visit to the production of two programs of "The Sale" was a most interesting experience. Much of the "behind the scenes" activity was quite surprising. The "set" was a hive of activity with cameras, camera-men, floor managers and assistants endlessly flitting here and there.

The occasional hick-up was amended by a minor re-run or by electronic editing if that was possible. Things are not quite what they seem on the TV screen!

Those who made the trip were glad that we were able to present a Probus pin to Tony Barber and have him subsequently acknowledge our presence on the show. Additionally, during one of the intervals Arthur Eaton was given the opportunity to tell the rest of the audience a little about Probus.

Altogether another enjoyable Bendigo Probus Outing. (Ray Downey).

VISIT OF TOUKLEY PROBUS CLUB

On the eve of a short visit by the above club and a few members from other Probus Clubs from the area just north of Gosford, Secretary Ray was advised of the visit.

Those of us who could meet these visitors at short notice had the pleasure of discussing with someone from outside this region the attractions we have to offer visitors. Although some may have found Sandhurst Town and Sovereign Hill (Ballarat) a bit too much from history glowing comments were made about our trams and churches - particularly Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Perhaps we could spend more time appreciating our own attractions!

It was also interesting to hear the Probus Clubs along the Central N.S.W. coast tended to limit membership to about 40 in the belief that this restriction helped to keep the club as a more personal affair. However it was noted that clubs had to amalgamate to make trips viable.

If any member of the Bendigo Probus Club is planning a visit to the coast of N.S.W. north of Gosford, I'm sure you would find a warm welcome at Toukley. I believe the weather and scenery there are as spectacular as the hospitality.

FROM THE PEN OF THE PRESIDENT:

Many of us have reached that time of life when the past appears to be littered with unfulfilled ambitions and the future offers little scope for new adventures.

Our minds tend to dwell on opportunities lost and we are anxious about a world which our generation no longer controls.

We wonder why a new menace (noise pollution) has been added to our daily tortures - why the younger generation have felt impelled by this decibel dilemma to inflict more and more volume on their tortured ear-drums; and why, when the noise becomes unbearable they seek the solace of life-destroying drugs in a pathetic attempt to solve the problem.

But wait! In these circumstances there is some measure of comfort in the knowledge that Man was bugged by similar dilemmas at least ten thousand years ago when the Persian poet, Omar Kaayam penned his famous verses.

In a club devoted entirely to the pursuit of happiness through acquaintance and fellowship one of these verses seem to offer us the solution to our fears: "Ah, fill the cup, what boots it to repeat. That time is slipping underneath our feet. Unborn tomorrow and dead yesterday - Why fret about them - if today be sweet?" Cheers! RVB.

SPORTING NEWS

BOWLS: It has been written that "If Winter's here can Spring be far behind. The equivalent piece for Bendigo Probus may well be - If September's here can Bowls be far away?"

Vic Canobie advises that the first scheduled match for 1989/90 will be played against Eaglehawk, at Eaglehawk on Thursday 19th October. Teams will be named at this meeting. Any member wishing to play bowls with Bendigo Probus this season should advise Vic if you have not been listed in previous years.

Additionally a day for beginners is being organised by Vic. Details will be published as available.

GOLF: A Probus Golf Day has been scheduled for Monday 13th November. The venue for this event will be the Midlands Golf Course at Ballarat. The entry fee for what will be a Stableford event is \$10. Entries close on Monday 23rd October. See Joe O'Sullivan for more detail.

BILLIARDS: Eaglehawk Room - Monday 25th September - 2.00 p.m.
