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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

All correspondence to the Secretary, 49 Emmett Street, Golden Square, 3555.

Today our President Jim is on holidays again, so the meeting will be presided over by Maurice Pease our Deputy President, and the Acting Secretary is Col McLean.

The Guest Speaker today is Eric Pascoe of VIC TV who will speak on "Effects of aggregation on the Television Industry".

MUNICIPAL RESTRUCTURING

Our Guest Speaker for the August Meeting was Les Crofts who, as one of the Commissioners of the City of Greater Bendigo was able to address the topic, outlining some of the details of what has occurred already and what will take place as the future unfolds.

Alan Dingle introduced the Speaker, and in giving a brief biographical account was able to show what excellent qualifications Les Crofts brings to Bendigo. He, Les, has spent many years working in Municipal work having been four times Mayor of Altona, and more recently he was a Commissioner in Strathfieldsaye, prior to the amalgamation.

He believes that the restructuring process was necessary, for one thing the boundaries of local communities had changed little in 150 years.

The Chairman of the Commissioners, Peter Ross-Edwards, from his experience and career in politics, will be able to communicate the hopes and aspirations, and the problems, of Greater Bendigo to the appropriate State Ministers, who are former colleagues in State Government.

An object of concern and attention for the Commissioners is the state of the Calder Highway. At present it does not serve Bendigo as well as other highways serve, for instance, Geelong and Ballarat. With improved communications Bendigo, with its central situation, could become more important than Ballarat or even Geelong, thinks Les.

Many activities were mentioned by Les, re-allocation of Municipal services, introduction of tendering procedures for activities to bring private enterprise into competition, plans for the saleyards, use of sites in the area to bring new and better facilities, progress with the Chinese Gardens.

Les concluded with his personal slogan of ten 2 letter words - "If it is to be it is up to me".

The thanks of the meeting were delivered by Jack Watts.

TRIPS INFORMATION

TRIP OF THE YEAR FOR 1994 : SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH 1994. (7 Days/6 Nights) Based on Wagga 5 nights and Canberra 1 night. ***Vacancies exist - Contact Arthur 43 9162) \$420 per person.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH TO THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10TH (INCL) (3 Days/2 Nights) Swan Hill - Tooleybuc - Staying at Lazy River Motel - Swan Hill.

The cost is \$125 per person includes 5 Star Coach, 2 nights accommodation, breakfasts, all meals, all entry fees, "Value for money trip". Depart at 7.45 a.m. on 8-11-94 and arrive home 5.00 p.m. 10-11-94. Maximum 45 - Current 65. *** Refer to June issue of "Probe" for details.

Balance of payment - \$115 per person due for payment at Probus meeting Wednesday September 21st please or by cheque direct to Treasurer G. Biles.

PROBUS "SECRET EAT OUT" VISITS IN GREATER BENDIGO AREA. THURSDAY OCTOBER 20TH, 1994. Maximum 53 - Current 63.
Visits to three locations in Greater Bendigo area.

Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea provided with talks and inspections at each location. An interesting and enjoyable day is assured.

Travel by Southern Cross Coach. Depart at 9.45 a.m. from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street. Return by 5.00 p.m. Dress is casual clothes and walking shoes. The cost is \$20.00 per person includes coach fare, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, entrance fees. Outstanding payments due by September 21st Meeting.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH 1994 Annual Xmas trip to Rich River. Maximum to travel 49. Xmas Dinner included. Depart 5.45. p.m. Cost is \$10 per person includes coach fare and Xmas dinner. "Southern Cross Tours" have again offered this much sought after, popular, low cost, final trip for 1994. (Arrive home 12.30 a.m.) List for bookings to be tabled at October 19th Meeting. Payments to be made at time of booking.

PROBUS CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH - ANNUAL PICNIC - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH
10.00 a.m. Venue - Coronation Plantation, Park Street, Maryborough.
10.00 a.m. morning tea provided 10.30 a.m. Shuttle Bus tour of city.
12 noon Lunch (BYO), 1.00 p.m. onwards variety of activities.
Facilities available BBQ's, hot water some chairs and tables. Area
Probus Clubs Welcome. Bendigo Members - arrange own transport.

Note - Probians who have booked on trips and who will not be at the September 21st meeting, would you kindly send your payments direct to Treasurer Geoff Biles, 108 Edwards Road, Bendigo. 43 6650.

Arthur Eaton,
Trips Organiser.

Vale

It is with regret that we record the passing of Athol Thomas.

On Tuesday August 15th, the golfers from some of the Probus Clubs in Bendigo met at Neanger Park to compete for the Perpetual Shield, Sandhurst Probus Club being the organising body.

The final placing for the clubs - 5 highest scores for each club were -

Sandhurst	179
Bendigo	149
Eaglehawk	118
Strathfieldsaye (only 1 entrant)	0.

No entries from White Hills or the Ladies.

So Sandhurst won the competition, retaining the trophy, and winning the honour of being organisers next year.

Individual scores from Bendigo members were -
Section with no handicap, Ralph Michell with 100 off the stick.

In the Open Stableford

J. Watts	23
H. Hesse	30
M. Pease	32
E. Driscoll	32
C. Binks	32

The winner was Ray Blandthorn with 39.



My wife Helen — she teaches art at the primary school