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

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Our Guest Speakers at todays meeting are Captains Gordon and Elaine Stewart of the Salvation Army. Their subject is "Combatting the Drug Problem".

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### ***AUGUST MEETING GUEST SPEAKER.***

Due to my absence, Alex Wilson has provided this report. Ed.

Our Guest Speaker for August was to have been Mr. Mark Webster of Goninans, Bendigo, but, as he was unable to attend his place was very ably taken be Mr. Martin Gray. Mr. Gray was introduced by Allan Dingle and spoke of the history and achievements of Goninans in Australia.

The first Goninan to come to Australia arrived here from Cornwall in 1874 and commenced a foundry in Newcastle in 1899. From general foundry work, the firm became a progressive Australian company in the transport field with 18 sites nationally, approximately 2000 employees and specialized in the manufacture and maintenance of rolling stock for the various rail systems of Australia and Asia.

Some of the Goninans achievements include the manufacture of the Sprinter trains, light rail vehicles, for Victoria and Hong Kong, manufacture, and maintenance, of the Tangara

trains for Sydney, equipment for the Western Australian mining industry and the manufacture of diesel/electric locomotives for Thailand.

The lease of the Railway Workshops was obtained in February 1996, with a staff of 119 workers. Some of the problems at takeover included staff problems where the staff were highly skilled but came from a climate of mistrust, uncertainty, poor communications, poor prospects and declining work load. There were also poor practices which were not staff caused. This has now been turned around with a good working environment. In the near future, staff will be able to take part in a share plan. Goninans is now a joint venturer worldwide and has also been helping A.D.I. Bendigo with specialized welders on a recent project.

Mr. Gray was thanked by Arthur Eaton for his interesting and informative talk and was presented with the customary classic probus mug.

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### ***VISIT TO PERTH***

Jack Rose will be attending 'Rendezvous 97' this month as our official representative. Hopefully a report will be forthcoming.

And our member from Nagambie – Bill Sadler has shed his plaster cast and crutches to be off to Beijing.

Always good to meet Probians from other Clubs, and it was our pleasure to have John Gamble, President of White Hills Club, at our August meeting.

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### ***UPDATE OF PRESIDENTS BOARD***

Peter Thornton, President of Kangaroo Flat Probus, has expertly carried out this task – Thank you Peter.

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### ***CARING AND WELFARE COMMITTEE***

President Bill wishes to remind members that the following should be advised of any sick members – namely Alan Court, Robert Holmes and Colin McLean.

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*A reminder* to members rostered as Stewards, that they also have cleaning duties at conclusion of the meeting. Committee Members are advised that meetings will start at 8.45 a.m.

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## ***A PROBUS NIGHT AT THE FLICKS***

The eve of Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup> saw members and friends of Probus Clubs of the region including Castlemaine and newly formed Mt Alexander Club, converge on the Bendigo Library to enjoy a night of Fun, Fellowship, Food and Flicks.

Proceedings commenced in the foyer where we were tempted to partake of dishes of dainty delicacies to delight the gastronomic desires prepared by caterer Antony Boucher of "Gourmet on View".

After indulging in a session of nibbling, nattering and the general conviviality synonymous with Probus functions, came time to be ushered into the RL Campbell Theatre, by Master Director Arthur Eaton, where we received a cordial welcome from President Bill (No funny stories), there we were assigned to our compere for the night Dereck Guille, Regional Manager and morning presenter with A.B.C. radio, who set the mood for Flicks of the Forties with some Humorous Headline Howlers and a commentary of wit and wisdom.

A series of Documentaries, Shorts and familiar News Reels of the Forties era were viewed before interval.

Lights up, no peanuts or lollies, instead we were treated to appropriate harmony and entertainment by artists, Bev Billingsley, Jack and Ron Paynting and Alan Russ.

The feature film, taken from an authentic production recorded by War Correspondents, exemplified the outstanding courage and heroism of the Australian Servicemen and Women in the New Guinea, Middle East and other World War 2 zones, which contributed substantially to the ultimate Allied Victory.

Films were made available by Peter Lowe and screened by projectionist Steve Mabee.

Appreciation and thanks were expressed to Artists and all who assisted, by Rup Reynolds, supported by Mr. E, and confirmed with a presentation of the traditional Probus Mugs.

Such occasions don't just happen, they are the result of much careful thought, planning and capable organising and so we say thank you Cliff for inviting us to share with you an enjoyable and entertaining evening and the opportunity to practice those worthy Probus objectives, good fellowship and social interaction.

Bob Holmes.

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### ***TRIPS INFORMATION***

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – TRIP TO MELBOURNE – VISITS/TOURS TO CARLTON BREWHOUSE AND VICTORIAN ARTS CENTRE. Max 49 – Current**

40, **\*\*More required\*\*** Depart 7.30 a.m. from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street. Home approx. 5.30 p.m. Carlton Brewhouse Tour: Personally escorted by C.U.B. Guides, presents the old age art of brewing in an innovative and interesting way. Victorian Arts Centre: Guided tours of this modern complex which comprises three Theatres and the famous Melbourne Concert Hall. Lunch time: will be near South Gate Complex – Yarra bank, great variety of low priced foods available, or bring your own. \*LADIES – Flat soled footwear required – may be more comfortable in slacks. COST: \$22/person, includes coach fare and entrance fees.

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> – SPECIAL MELBOURNE CASINO TRIP.**

Depart: 8.30 a.m. from Strath Community Centre, Crook Street. Home approx. 5.30 p.m. List: names of all who missed in June. **\*\*Special Coach Package\*\*** COST: \$11/person – includes coach, lunch vouchers (on points). The New Melbourne Hotel, Entertainment, Casino & Convention Centre contains shops, restaurants, theatres – some spectacular. PAYMENT: At September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Maximum 53 – Current 58.

**TRIP OF THE YEAR: FRIDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> TO TUESDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 1997 – 5 DAY/4 NIGHT – MARY LYNN – (MARYSVILLE).** Maximum 46 – Current 73. Depart: from Strath Community Centre, Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 a.m. Arrive home: on Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> at approx. 5.30 p.m. COST: \$310/person, includes coach, ensuite accommodation, all meals, supper, use of all resort facilities, coach tours (daily) to local attractions. Evening entertainment. **\*\*\*Indoor heated swimming pool and \*Six rink full size indoor lawn bowls stadium.** (Cheque payable to Probus Club of Bendigo).

**TRIP TO R.A.A.F. MUSEUM POINT COOK WERRIBEE WILD LIFE SAFARI PARK – THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 1997.** Maximum 53.

Visit the R.A.A.F. Museum at Point Cook. We will see an amazing variety of R.A.A.F. memorabilia, excellent variety of R.A.A.F. “serviceable vintage aircraft”, also many of the modern aircraft housed at the Museum and Aircraft under restoration.

Our second visit is to the Werribee Wildlife Park where we will experience the excitement of a Wildlife Safari amongst African animals from the comfort and security of “Safari mini coach”. COST: \$23/person, includes coach fare and entrance fees. LUNCH: Bring own picnic morning tea and lunch. LISTING: At September 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting. PAYMENTS: October 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

**PROBUS CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH- PROBUS ASSOCIATION “FRIENDSHIP DAY” AT MARYBOROUGH – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 1997.**

Invitations sent by Maryborough to all Victorian Probus Clubs. Entertainment provided, shuttle bus take visitors on tour some of Maryborough’s items of interest. Snacks, tea/coffee outlets available. Expressions of interest sought, if sufficient will organise coach. COST: Estimate \$10-\$11/person, includes coach fare and entry. LIST: at Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Maximum 49.

Arthur Eaton – Trips Organiser. Ph 5443 9162.