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

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The guest speaker at today's meeting is Mr. Ron Lake who is the Principal of the Bendigo Senior Secondary College. His subject will be "Secondary Education"

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For our August meeting the guest speaker was Mr. Colin Burns, Production Manager for the Bendigo Mining Company, who spoke on mining in Bendigo. Due to the late arrival of Mr. Burns Bob Holmes kindly agreed to share his holiday experience in Fiji.

He enjoyed the luxury of the Fijian Hotel situated right on a palm fringed shore, complete with a bowling green.

Of the population of 1 million, 48% are Indian and the rest Fijians. The Fijians are well spread out around the islands in villages of 3 to 4 hundred people. The Indians tend to take over the businesses in the larger towns.

The Captain Cook cruise takes 120 passengers and visits some of the idyllic islands where the locals entertain the tourists with their dancing and harmonious singing. Many thanks to Bob for filling in and giving us food for thought when it comes to winter holidays.

Bob also showed us a booklet with comprehensive information of our most prolific flora, the gum tree. Written by our member, Eugene Sandner, it is titled "Know Our Gum Trees", and is available from A.B.C. shops and at stationers.

Our listed guest speaker was introduced by President Kevin. We were told that Colin Burns studied at the Bendigo Institute of Technology and obtained a Diploma in Metallurgy.

Colin outlined a brief history of the Bendigo gold field from when gold was first discovered in 1851. The last mine to close was the now tourist attraction, Central Deborah, in 1954. Bendigo mining produced 9 to 10 times that of Ballarat. Production over the 103 years totalled 6 million ounces alluvial and 17 million ounces of reef gold.

It now appears that we are to experience a resurgence in a major operation in reef mining well below that of previous operations.

Western Mining Corp. spent \$20 million in exploration of the Bendigo field. Bendigo Mining, with a successful rights issue of \$35 million, bought the leases, and all of their data base for \$3 million. The balance to be used to construct a decline over 4 km long and about 5.5m square to accommodate large earth moving equipment. The decline will reach mineralised targets below previous workings.

The start of this mammoth project can be seen in operation at Ham St., Kangaroo Flat. The estimate of the quantity of gold to be produced is 10 million ounces, but it will take 2.5 years for the decline to reach the expected gold bearing rock. It is envisaged rock crushing will take place underground.

Jack Watts thanked Colin Burns for bringing us up to date with mining in Bendigo.

Hugh Ward

ANNIVERSARIES



60th Wedding Anniversary - Clark and Gwen Jeffrey
50th Wedding Anniversary - Bill and Bess Jacka
Sincere congratulations to both couples.

SICK LIST

Gordon Glover and Alistair McLean have both had knee reconstructions recently. We wish them both a speedy recovery, as we do any other sick member.

ACTIVITIES



On Sunday afternoon, 23rd of August, local and regional Probians, and friends of Probus, met at the Campbell Theatrette for Food, Films and Fellowship. This function was organised by Cliff Binks to cater for those Probians who had not ventured north for the winter. "Badger Ray met us with name tags while Arthur collected the admission tickets. Back seats at the theatrette were quickly filled by those romantic couples; you all know who they would be, so they will not be named.

A king-sized attack of laryngitis prevented "Fergy" of 3BO fame from being our M.C. but Cliff, at very short notice, directed proceedings, welcomed everybody and gave a special welcome to visiting Probians who came from Maryborough, Daylesford, Echuca, Moama and other districts. 14 Probus Clubs were represented.

The program started with "Marvellous Melbourne (1910)", complete with cable trams, then "Back Of Beyond (1954)", an interesting documentary about the Birdsville Track and the battlers who carried out the mail run.

At interval we moved out to the foyer to indulge in a scrumptious afternoon tea, catered for by Anthony Boucher of "Gourmet-on-View". This break enabled members to mix freely and greet visiting Probians.

On returning to the theatrette Cliff introduced Elfi Willman (soloist) and Graham Knight (piano accordion accompanist) who were a delight to hear and, by the acclamation received, were enjoyed by all.

Then came the feature film, "The Road To Nhill", a very entertaining film about the problems that arose after a car-load of lady bowlers overturned. Mind you, I am of the opinion that the film director portrayed an out-moded side of our country cousins.

Cliff thanked all who assisted in making the afternoon such a success and made suitable presentations to the artists, to Max Morse (assistant projectionist) and to Ms Himaschael Young (President of the Film Society).

President Kevin thanked Cliff and Arthur on behalf of Bendigo Probus for another first class program. Cliff's timing of this event was within 5 minutes of the timetable; congratulations Cliff.

On completion of the films approximately 50 filmgoers went to the Kong Dynasty for a smorgasbord evening meal. Here we further indulged in fine food and more fellowship, thus concluding a very full and pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Thank you all for your company and support.

Bill Jacka.



BOWLS NOTES

Well bowlers, the winter has past and a new bowls season is at hand. Our first game is scheduled at Eaglehawk on Thursday, 22nd October. Other dates to enter in your diaries are -

South Bendigo	Tuesday	24th November 1998
Bendigo	Thursday	17th December 1998
Bendigo East	Thursday	14th January 1999
North Bendigo	Wednesday	24th February 1999
Woodbury	Wednesday	10th March 1999

Other dates will be notified.

Any new members interested in bowling please let me know. All games are 9.30 am assembly for 10 am start and are usually concluded by 12 noon.

Bendigo Probus bowls teams selected to play Eaglehawk on Thursday, 22nd October, 1998.

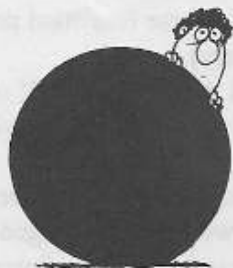
J. Kelly	N. Barningham	N. Kilby	F. O'Connell	(s)
J. Rose	O. Watson	R. Fitzgerald	W. Clemens	(s)
L. Nankivell	A. Dingle	E. Driscoll	A. Stevens	(s)
R. Downey	A. Wilson	A. Eaton	V. Canobie	(s)

Reserves: G. Rayson, A. Morris, E. Waterworth, J. Laidler

As usual, 9.30 am assembly at Eaglehawk for 10.00 am start. Regulation dress please.

Bowlers chosen and not available please notify me on 54470562.

Bill Clemens.





TRIPS INFORMATION

MON. SEPT. 28TH TO FRI. OCT. 2ND. Inc. ****TRIP OF THE YEAR****.

5 day/4 night staying at PINNACLE VALLEY RESORT. (Mansfield area).

Max 48 Current 48. *****EMERGENCIES invited*****

"A first class trip" - highly recommended. (AE)

COST: \$420/person. Include: Coach (5 star), Accommodation (4 star) twin share, all meals, morning and afternoon teas, tours, entry fees.

NOTE: M/tea, lunch commence from day 1 and cease after lunch on day 5.

** Covered/heated swimming pool, spas, tennis court, mini golf PLUS.

** Ensure that you bring some warm clothes and suitable walking shoes.

** Please advise Arthur re special meals, bed arrangement, etc.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9TH: TRIP TO MELBOURNE (By V/Line Train to attend) "THE TIMBER AND WOODWORKING SHOW" at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre.

** Numbers were not sufficient to obtain concessions.

** Members requested to make their own arrangements.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29th, 1998 Day trip. "THE CAMPASPE/TONGALA EXPERIENCE"

COST: \$26.50/person. Max. 49. Current (39). Includes: Coach fare, Morning tea, Lunch, Afternoon tea and entry fees. "A beauty, don't miss out".

Depart Bendigo at 8.15 am for Elmore and visit the new, highly acclaimed tourist attraction: "Campaspe Run" the H. V. McKay Rural Discovery Centre. Next, an interesting escorted coach tour of the Elmore area, after which we have lunch. Then on to the "Golden Cow" Tourist and Dairy Education Centre at Tongala - a wealth of interest for all here. "A leisurely, interest packed, value trip". Arthur seeks your support.
PAYMENTS: At September 16th meeting.

**** Vacancies Exist ****



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH 1998 TRIP TO MELBOURNE. (Tentative)
LIVE STAGE SHOW - "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

Matinee performance at 1.00 pm. Maximum: 48 Current: 57.

COST: Approx. \$67/person. Includes: Coach and admission to show.

*** Due to finishing date for this show unknown please be prepared to advise Arthur (by or at meeting Wed. Sept 16), if necessary to advance date to Wed. Nov. 4th or 11th, if you are still available.

Depart: 9.00 am - Arrive home 6.00 pm (approx)

*** PAYMENT: To be advised at Sept. 16th meeting.

**** PROPOSED TRIP OF THE YEAR FOR (JULY/AUGUST PERIOD) 1999 ****

(Between dates: Sunday July 25th and Sunday August 8th, 1999). Maximum 44.

** Trip to SOUTHPORT (GOLD COAST) QUEENSLAND-Harbour-side resort.

** SUNGOLD HOLIDAYS ** 4 star resort ** All modern facilities.

** OWNER OPERATED RESORT (15 YEARS IN THE INDUSTRY) -

** REPUTABLE SUNGOLD PACKAGE: includes accommodation (twin share), private ** facilities, ** all meals, tours on 5 days of the week.

** COST: 7 day/6 night - \$489/person. Additional night \$50 D.B.B.

** Additional cost: \$299 air fares Melbourne - Coolangatta and return.

** \$25/person transport Bendigo - Tullamarine and return. (Based on 40)

** TOTAL COST SUNGOLD HOLIDAY: air fares, transport = \$813/person.

** For 15 days/14 nights "Sungold Holidays" middle Sunday is free, all inclusive: accommodation, all meals, tours, entry, transfers.

** TOTAL COST; 15 day/14 night approx \$1350.00 = approx. \$90/day.

** Opportunities like this seldom come along, I highly recommend this trip.

** Be prepared to list your preference for either 7 day/6 night or a 15 day/14 night holiday. ** Tours differ each week.

*** A LISTING WILL BE TABLED AT THE SEPTEMBER 16TH MEETING.

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN DATES, I WILL REQUIRE A POSITIVE RESPONSE.

*** PAYMENT: Deposits of \$35/person will be required at October 21st meeting.

