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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 the September meeting will be Geoff Russell who will speak on the background preparation for the Federation Display in the Old Bendigo Post Office.

## **GUEST SPEAKER:**

At the last meeting we had two speakers, Muriel and Peter Thornton who were introduced who were introduced by Alan Dingle. Peter began by claiming that he had little skill as a photographer, but as the pictures showed, he was being unduly critical of his skill. The photographs were taken during a 2,500 km trip from Shanghai to Chongqing on the mighty Yangtze Kiang, the third longest river, after the Nile and the Amazon, in the world, with a side trip to Xian by plane.



Peter was succeeded by Muriel who explained the material shown. China is a very big and beautiful country, the scenes of misty mountains and placid waters shown on traditional chinese painting truly represent the scenes.

Shanghai, a huge city, really impressed the Thorntons. The CBD has impressive modern buildings, but the historic architecture and traditional way of life still can be seen.

The cruise ship was big, carrying 140 passengers, with a crew of 112. The river is a major routeway through the coastal low lands. Flooding is a serious problem in the river valley, to control this and to help irrigation and supply power, a huge dam is under construction where the river emerges from the gorges. Upstream of the dam 1.5 million people will be

displaced, the cultivated riverside terraces will be inundated under 135m of water by 2003 rising to 175m by 2009. Besides the main gorge of the Yangtze there are minor gorges passing through beautiful mountainous country. To view them the passengers boarded sampans which were poled up the tributary.

The current up the Yangtze gorge is very strong and navigation demands skill and care. Here the pilot instructed the helmsman by means of hand signals.

Much of the working in rural china is carried out with human labour, Muriel and Peter were astonished to see big, precast concrete electricity pylons being manhandled up the steep hills.

Chongqing, where the cruise ended, is one of the major industrial areas of China, and a result of this is that the city is subject to smog. The Thorntons were not very impressed.

Again they were not impressed by the city of Xian, nor by the army of terracotta warriors displayed there. They saw two historic buildings there, the Wild White Goose temple and the Drum Tower.

Some dates about the Yangtze dam. The site was chosen in 1930, but because of invasions and wars and revolutions, work was only begun in 1994. It is scheduled for completion in 2009.

The speakers were thanked by Cliff Nievandt, who made the usual presentation.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:**

The 'Membership Directory 2001/2002' has now been printed and one copy per member will be available at the September meeting. Please add the following:

<b>Page 2</b>	<i>Ian Bennett</i>	<i>(Jean)</i>	<b>Page 9</b>	<i>Len Hodren</i>	<i>(Margaret)</i>
	<i>80 Bennetts Road</i>			<i>1 Bobs Street</i>	
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Also change the street (Drive) address (line 2):

**Page 26** *Vic Canobie*  
*4 Royal Drive. Palm Lake Resort*  
*(remaining lines: no change)*

#### **BOWLS NOTES: BENDIGO PROBUS:**

Well bowlers it is nearly that time again when we polish our bowls for the coming season. I hope you are all fit and well for the challenge ahead.

Welcome to our two new bowlers in David O'Neal and John Tate who I am sure will strengthen our teams.

Our first match is against Eaglehawk on Tuesday October 23rd and teams will be published in the October 'Probe'.

**The following matches are listed for the season. Please make entries in your diaries:**

**Eaglehawk** ..... *Tuesday 23rd October 2001*  
**South Bendigo** ..... *Tuesday 20th November 2001*  
**Bendigo** ..... *Thursday 20th December 2001*  
**East Bendigo** ..... *Thursday 17th January 2002*  
**North Bendigo** ..... *Wednesday 20th February 2002*  
**Woodbury** ..... *Wednesday 27th March 2002*

Bendigo Probus v Sandhurst Probus at Woodbury: Thursday 18th April 2002  
combined Probus at East Bendigo: Monday 25th February 2002

We are the host club which is the penalty for winning in 2001.

**Bill Clemens**

**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: TRIPS ITEMS FOR 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2001**  
**TRIP TO HARCOURT & CASTLEMAINE: THURSDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2001**

**\*\*Maximum (49) Current (51). Emergencies bookings sought.**

**DEPART:** Strathdale Community Centre Crook Street at 8.30am. Home: 4.00pm

**COST:** \$25.00 per person. (Based on a minimum 40 to travel).

Includes Coach fare and all admissions to attractions plus a light morning tea and a B.B.Q. Lunch.

**VISITS TO: Harcourt in Morning**

**\*\* Woop-Woop:** 'You've never seen anything like it'.

Roam through an Aussie Garden, a laugh behind every bush. We stay here for a BBQ lunch. 'A popular attraction'.

**\*\* A unique 'Fauna Garden'** with extensive bird avaries stocked with an interesting variety of Australian birds and animals.

**In the afternoon:**

We travel on from Harcourt to Castlemaine.

**\*\* A visit specially arranged to Arts Music Manufacturing Centre (Paul Davies) the famous Violin Maker (who was at our July Meeting). Makers, restorers & suppliers of fine stringed instruments.**

**\*\* Combined with a visit to a Carousel Restoration Centre.**

**\*\*A visit to 'Restorers Barn'- what a sight to behold, see some treasurers of yester year, will take you back to your early days.**

**\*\* A specially designed, leisurely paced and most interesting trip with great variety, will suit all tastes.**

**PAYMENTS:**

At meeting Wednesday 19th September.

**THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 2001: Trip to Geelong \*\*Maximum (49)**

**DEPART:** 7:45am **HOME:** 5:30pm (approx.)

**VISITS TO:**

**The Ford Discovery centre:** Recognised as one of the most popular Geelong attractions, will be of interest to all. (Conducted Tours).

**The Ford Factory:**

An opportunity to see a high technology Automotive Manufacturing Plant in operation. View the Engine Stamping Plant, Panel Sub Assemblies, see the robotic operations, again this will be of interest to all. (Conducted Tours).

**LUNCH:**

For group arranged at **Smorgies** on Pier, as much as you can eat, with free Tea/Coffee, soft drink or wine.

**COST:**

\$29.00/person. Coach, admission fees, lunch. (Based on 40)

**LIST/BOOKINGS:**

Again, at September meeting.

**PAYMENTS:**

October 17th

**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO XMAS LUNCHEON**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER**

Will again be held at the Burnett Lounge, Osborne Street. Arrival time approximately 12 noon. Full details will be available at the Wednesday October 17th meeting when a list will be tabled. Payments due at November 21st meeting. **\*\*Please log in your diary!!!**

**TOURS ORGANISER:**

Arthur 5443 9162



**CONTRIBUTION FROM SHEREE (Granddaughter of the Chenery's)**

*There was a pile of apples on the end of a school cafeteria table with a note, which a nun wrote:*

*"Take only one, God is watching."*

*On the other end of the table there was a pile of cookies with a note, which a boy wrote:*

*"Take as many as you want, God is watching the apples."*

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*The Best-man was having trouble with the ball-point pen when he was signing the register.*

*"Put your weight on it". suggested the Vicar, trying to be helpful.*

*So the Best-man duly signed, " John Evans, 90kg".*

**GLUTTONY NEVER PAYS**

*A minister visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch, he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table.*

*"Mind if I have a few?" he asks.*

*"No, not at all," the woman replies.*

*They chat for an hour and as the minister stands to leave, he realises that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl.*

*"I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few," he says.*

*"That's alright," the woman says, "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."*

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(Punctuate above to make it read sensibly). To be read out correctly at next meeting.  
President Herb.