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The Guest Speaker at today's meeting is Ray Bertuch who will speak about Dedicated Video Surveillance.

At the August meeting the speaker, introduced by Brian Clemson, was Professor Les Kilmartin, Dean and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University, Bendigo Campus. His subject was the "View from the Hill, Retrospective and Prospective".

Professor Kilmartin has found his stay of eight years in Bendigo professionally stimulating. He will soon be leaving to join the Insight Group where he will be 'head hunting' for senior staff in higher education.

Nowadays there are bigger and more intense demands on academics, arising through shortage of finance causing higher work loads. Eight years ago courses were

being excised because of shortage of money. For instance Geology has been relegated from being a course in its own right, to being an element in a science course.

Bendigo now has many overseas activities in Asia, in Europe and elsewhere.

However the majority of students are from regional Victoria. Many are mature students pursuing part-time courses who would not be able to study in Melbourne.

Bendigo has a Regional Advisory Board with members from outside the University. This is in contrast to the metropolitan Universities. As a consequence, Bendigo is well linked with the community.

As to academic development, new programmes are needed, to this end the Pharmacy degree was started four years ago. This was possible because Bendigo, being a Faculty, has a degree of autonomy.

Professor Kilmartin was thanked by Rupert Reynolds for an interesting talk and received the usual momento in the form of a Probus mug.

Vale

The passing of Ray Downey leaves an empty space in our Club, and in the Probus movement in Bendigo, which will not easily be filled. Ray had a large part in the initial formation of our club, he was the Foundation President in 1985-86, our first year. Later as secretary and committee man, he continued his service. He was also a founding member of many local Probus Clubs, a loved and respected Probus Club Member.

We note also the passing of Col Turner.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO – TRIPS INFORMATION

THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2003: TRIP TO MELBOURNE: (NEW DOCKLANDS TOUR.)
Road Coach: Depart 7.30am From: Strathdale Community Ctre Crook St. Home 5.45pm approx.
Maximum: (48) Cost: $35.00/person covers: **Road Coach, Docklands Presentation, Morning Tea & Boat Cruise**
** At 10.00am: Docklands Presentation, morning tea included. 11.00am: Docklands Cruise.
** At 12 noon **: LUNCH: (At own cost)** At a Telstra Dome Food Outlet (overlooking the playing area.) where able to purchase snacks/light lunch at a reasonable cost.
** At 1.00pm: **An Optional 1 Hour Guided Tour of Telstra Dome: (Additional cost: $7.00/person.)**
Remainder of Group: To "Village Docklands Display Suite." and/or other as may be arranged.
** **Outstanding PAYMENTS: Please finalise at meeting on Wed 17th September.**

MONDAY 27TH TO THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER, 2003 - 4 DAY/3 NIGHT SWAN HILL AREA
Accommodation Twin Share at the Sun Centre Motel. RACV 3 Star Rated.
Maximum: (22 Persons) Current Bookings: (32)
Monday 27th Oct: Depart Bendigo per V/Line Road Coach 10.55am. Arrive Swan Hill: 1.12pm.
Cost: $175.00 per Person Includes: Accommodation Twin share, 3 Cooked Breakfasts, 2 Evening Meals, Murray River Luncheon Cruise, Entries to attractions we visit, transport is

provided by Courtesy coach.
Add $27/person for V/Line Road Coach Bendigo-Swan Hill return, **if you are not using a Travel Voucher or Pass for this journey.**
Evening Meals: are at Murray Downs Golf/Country Club: **(No compulsory time limit)**
Attractions: Murray River Luncheon Cruise, Tyntynder Homestead, Pioneer Settlement, Evening Sound & Light Show, with free time available to explore Swan Hill.
Thursday 30th Oct: Depart Swan Hill (V/Line Road Coach)**: 12.45pm. Arrive Bendigo: 3.20pm.**
Cost per person: Sun Ctre Motel: $175 + $27 V/Line Coach. Total: $202/person
Balance Payments due 17/9/03: **$202 - $50 Deposit = $152.00/per person**
Persons with Pass/Travel Vouchers: $175 - $50 Deposit = $125.00/person
Deposits:$50/person at Meeting 20th August. **Balance: Wed 17th Sep't. Meeting**
** Persons having Rail Passes or Travel Vouchers may use these for V/Line Road Coach component.

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER – TRIP TO MELBOURNE – NEW SHRINE MUSEUM,
Maximum: (49) Minimum (40) NEW MELBOURNE MUSEUM/FEDERATION SQUARE.
COST: Coach: $17.00/person. Entries: To Shrine (by Gold Coin), To Museum: Seniors Free
Depart Bendigo: 7.30am. From Strathdale Community Ctre; Home: Approx 5.45pm.

Visits to: The Shrine to view its recent improvements, particularly that of the new **Visitors & Museum Section** with its Gallery of Medals, Audio Visual Display, Interactive Touch Screens and Military History. The **New Melbourne Museum:** Which is now Australia's largest and most modern museum, it will surprise and delight you, there is a wealth of things to see and do, including Audio Visual and hands on displays. **I have visited both the Shrine & Museum, this will be an excellent trip and will be of interest to all.** there is **adequate seating** at both the Shrine and Museum. **New Federation Square precinct,** new style architecture & controversial buildings, much to see, visit dependant upon time constraints. **Lunch: Buy your own - Light Lunch/Snacks available (at own cost).**
****A low cost, value for money and most interesting trip with much variety to please all, and will be at a leisurely pace.**
LIST: At meeting **Wed 17th September. PAYMENTS:** At meeting Wed 15th October.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

Annual Christmas Luncheon

WED. 17TH DECEMBER' 03
(Maximum 120) AT FOUNDRY ARMS HOTEL GOLDEN SQUARE. 12 Noon

COST: $20.00 per person TWO COURSE MEAL
Drinks: Buy your own, **at discount prices.**

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES Two: (Donated by Foundry Arms Hotel).
One Voucher: (Lunch for two.) and (One bottle of Wine.)

This Xmas Lunch provides a great opportunity for members/partners and widows of former members to meet, fraternise and enjoy the fellowship of Probus.

President Jack and the Committee seeks the support of the membership to ensure the success of this Xmas Luncheon.
LIST: At meeting Wednesday 17th Sep't. **PAYMENTS:** At meeting Wednesday 19th November.

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from the secretary's desk

The Secretary has got around to it at last . . . The Club's membership booklet has now been updated and will be available (one copy per member) at your entry at our next meeting . . see Alf Ryall and team.

Each month our club is getting a larger and larger 'Sick List' so we wish all those members who are feeling a little unwell: 'A speedie get well wish' as we hope to see you back at our meeting soon.

A Question of the Hotel Bill

Three men check into a hotel, each paying the cashier a $10 advance. When they are ready to leave, the hotel discovered that the bill was only $25.00, and $5.00 was given to the hall porter with instruction to refund it to the men. The porter thought about it – five dollars split three ways – that is too hard! So he gave each man $1 and pocketed the remaining $2 for himself.
As a result each man paid $9 for his stay. A total of $27. If you add the porters $2, you get $29. *What happened to the other $1.00?*

Puzzle

What are the Nursery Rhymes?

1. **T.M.T.M.T.B.A.F.P.**
2. **S.A.S.O.S.**
3. **G.P.P. & P.**

The answer to last month's problem is 'three blind mice'.

Confucius say . . .

Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.

"Any married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing."

"Why is it that the one who snores always goes to sleep first?"