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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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**The speaker for the September Meeting will be Don Challenger.  
Subject - Gurkhas with the British Army.**

Peter Cecil from the C.F.A. was the guest speaker at the August Meeting. Aided by excellent slides Peter spoke about fire behaviour in fire prone areas and how to prepare yourself and your home for the coming season, e.g. clean gutters of leaves, remove flammable items away from your home etc.

#### **Other Fire Safety Tips:**

- Have a fire extinguisher and fire blanket handy and know how to use them.
- Do not dry clothing too close to heaters.
- Do not deadlock yourself inside the house, keep keys in the back of the lock or close by.
- Have a fire escape plan and practise it.

#### **If caught on the road during a wildfire:**

- Don't get out of the car and run.
- Pull over into a cleared area.
- Put headlights and hazard lights on.
- Shut windows and vents and get below window level.
- Cover exposed skin, but not with synthetic material.

After answering many questions from members, Bill Redmond made the usual presentation.

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE NEED  
YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

## President's Piece

### *Famous Peace Quotes*

I greet you all in the name of peace, democracy and freedom for all!! I stand here before you not as a prophet but as a humble servant of you, the people. You're tireless and heroic sacrifices have made it possible for me to be here today. I therefore place the remaining years of my life in your hands.

*Nelson Mandela - Speech upon release from prison*

All we are saying is give peace a chance...

*- John Lennon*

### *Funny Quotes*

You tried your best and you failed miserably, The lesson is "Never try"

*- Homer Simpson*

Good girls go to Heaven, bad girls go everywhere!!

*- Mae West*

## Luncheon Members and Friends

The September luncheon is to be at the Foundry Hotel Golden Square following the Probus meeting on Wednesday September 16th. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Monday September 14th. Any regulars who are not available please ring also - Phone: 5443 2642. This helps to book for the correct number. There were 18 members at the August lunch.

*- Alec C.*

### *Snippets*

**VISITOR:** Noel Brvhn introduced Ian Dean to the meeting hopefully another new member. - *Editor*

**SIMPLE PUZZLE TIME:** Name a english word which actually doubles the length of its spelling in order to form its plural - answer next issue - *B.C.*

**CLUB VACANCY:** We are still seeking a Guest Speaker Organiser. - *Editor*

**SICK LIST:** Our thoughts and prayers are with these members not feeling well and hope for better days ahead. - *Editor*

**PROBUS PROMOTION:** I visited K.L.F.M. Radio in Golden Square on Wednesday 26th August, leaving a flyer regarding promoting our Probus Club. To my amazement, it was broadcast on my way back home less than 10 minutes later. - *Editor*

### *Useless Information*

- It takes an average of 48 to 100 tries to solve a rubix puzzle cube.
- The Angel Falls in Venezuela are nearly 20 times taller than Niagara Falls.
- There are 47 czars buried with the Kremlin.
- A 42ft sperm whale has about 7 tons of oil in it.
- The Elephant is the only mammal that can't jump.
- In 1963 Marilyn Monroe appeared as the first Playboy Centrefold.
- Next to many the Porpoise is the most intelligent creature on earth.

## *Profile on Foundation Members No: 6*

### **Alec Crothers**

Born June 11th 1923 in Royton, Lancashire, 8 miles from Manchester. Royton was then a town mostly engaged in spinning cotton.

Schools: St. Paul's Church of England 1927 - 1934.  
Royton Council School. 1934 - 1936.  
Chadderton Grammar School. 1936 - 1941.

Manchester University, School of Physics  
Admitted to B.Sc. Honours Physics 1947.

LaTrobe University. M.Sc. in Statistics. 1980.

Employment: 1943 Dunlop Rubber Co. Birmingham.  
Physics Dept. Low temperature properties of rubber (-20 C0) Thermal conductivity and electrical conductivity of rubber.  
Temperature recording in tyre moulds during heating.

1947 Tootal Broadhurst Lee. Manchester. Textile manufacturers.  
Testing Laboratory.  
Wear and Crease resistance. of cotton fabrics.  
Heat and Wetting. Water imbibition.

1956 AVRO. Woodford. Aircraft manufacturers.  
Analogue computing on Guidance system of the Blue Steel Guided missile.

1960 G.E.C. Stanmore.  
More analogue computing.

1963 Emigrated to Australia. Bendigo College of Advanced Education.  
Lecturing in physics and maths.

1983 Retired.

Married Dorothy in June 1953. We have two children, Fiona and Andrew, who each have two children.

*Alec was 07/08 President.*

*- Editor.*



*- Photo by Rupert R*

## **A BIG THANK YOU**

A big thank you to Cynthia, Rob Watkins and the family members who assisted them with the Film Presentation of their recent trip to the North Americas which was held at the Campbell Theatre on Sunday 19th of July. There were almost 100 Probians and friends in attendance and they immensely enjoyed the "spectacular films" and excellent commentary. Greatly appreciated by all.

*- Arthur Eaton.*

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: Tour for: THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER, 2009 Maximum: (48)

**Famous CRICKET WILLOW, the CHOCOLATE MILL - SHEPHERDS FLAT & DAYLESFORD AREAS.**

Depart: 8.45am From: Strathdale Community Ctr Crook Street – Home approx 5.00pm.

COST: \$35/person Based on (40) Includes: Coach, Tours, Entrance Fees: Light M/Tea & Basket Lunch

We will travel via Castlemaine & will stop for M/tea and a short visitor to the Restorers Barn which has an amazing array of things from yesteryear. Next we travel via Daylesford to Shepherds Flat where we visit the famous "Cricket Willows" facility for a tour & talk and a basket Lunch

We also visit "The Chocolate Mill," and have a look around Hepburn & Daylesford area

Bookings confirmed for: Armstrong.B. (1), Archdall J. (1), Bennett I. (1), Bloomfield G. (1), Bruhn N. (2), Court. A. (1), Cowling. A. (2), Crouch (K.) (1), Crothers. A.(2), Davies J. (1), Eaton A. (1), Gillies N. (1), Gloster K.(2) Goodrich J. (1), Himsworth G (3), Iser. T. (1), Laity D. (2), Mc.Grath. B. (2), Michell. R. (1), Michelsen B. (1), Randall P. (1), Redmond. W. (2), Ridge D. (1)

C.Thomson (1), R. Ridge (1), C.Slade (2), R.Watkins (2), H.Ward (1), White J. (1), Winzar W. (1)

**Yet to Pay: (14) \*\* Please finalise at or prior to August meeting.**

Vacancies exist - more required please. Friends of Probus and members other Clubs welcome.

**PROBUS CLUB BENDIGO - TRIP TO FAMOUS CRUDEN FARM GARDENS (Of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch ) AT LANGWARREN. SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER, 2009**

Depart Bendigo: 8.30am Home: Approx: 5.30pm. Maximum: (53) Current: (60)

Cost: Based on (40), Approx \$35.00/person, includes: Coach Travel and Entry to Cruden Farm. Cruden Farm is possibly one of the most famous gardens in Australia and the life achievement of National Treasure, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch. You will be free to meander through the gardens.

Participants could either take a Picnic Lunch or (purchase on day.) Sausage Sizzle available.

Free Entertainment: Tommy Carter & His Celebrated Jazz Band. "Don't miss this opportunity."

Bookings confirmed for: Allen. H. (2), Archdall J. (1), B.Armstrong (1), Bennett I. (1), Bloomfield G. (1), Bruhn N. (2), Chenery .R. (2), Davies J. (1), Davies. M (1), Dingle. T (1), Eaton A. (1), Gillies N. (1), Gloster K. (2), Goodrich J. (1), Griffin J. (1), Holland E (2), Himsworth G (2), Hughes Z (2), Laity D. (2), Miller. M. (1), O'Brien. B (5), Randall P. (3), Reynolds R. (2), Slade C (2), Stephens J. (2), Wallace Ian (2), Wallace. Y. (1), Ward (1), Watkins R. (3), White J. (1), Winzar W (1), G.Rumbold (2) Emerg: D.Skinner (2), C.Thomson (1), D.Spicer (2), J.Truscott (2) F.Turner (1), B.Salt (1)

PAYMENTS: September 16th Meeting. Please assist Collector, tender correct amounts.

**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 2009**

**CAPITAL THEATRE MORNING SHOW: – "The Spirit of Christmas." Show starts 11.00am**

\*\* Report 10.15am for a Cuppa, before start of show. Maximum: (35 ) Current ( 27) Vacancies

\*\* LUNCH: -12.30pm Select from menu. AT RIFLE BRIGADE HOTEL. (Just walk across View St.)

\*\* COST: \$ 12.00 per person for Theatre Entry. Lunch: if interested - purchase your own.

PAYMENTS: At meeting Wednesday 21st October, 2009.

**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO – ANNUAL XMAS LUNCH AT THE FOUNDRY HOTEL WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2009 – 11.30AM for 12 NOON. – details soon, "reserve the date."**

\*\* Our Club is in it's 25th year since foundation. \*\* A full attendance would make it special."

**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND**

**– APRIL 14th to APRIL 29th, 2010.**

16 Days/15 Nights. Aust PacificTours . Cost: \$3,380.00. Includes: Air Travel, Airport Taxes, Accommodation, Meals, Sightseeing and Entrance Fees as per Itinerary. An Experienced Tour Director and Driver. Travel Bag & Wallet. Passport required: (Valid for 6 months after 29 April, 2010) Insurance: Is strongly recommended.

To secure bookings: A Deposit of \$250/person , Cheque payable to APT, forward to Arthur by 16th September.

Seating availability will be downsized after 16th September. Please do not hesitate to enquire.

A positive response is desirable to retain maximum of seats available for our group.

Itineraries, and as required Booking Forms available. Other Probus Clubs welcome.

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