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Our General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month, except December,  
at 10 am at the Masonic Centre Mc Ivor Rd , Bendigo

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**The Speaker for the 21st September is Brian Boettcher on  
"The Battle For Milne Bay".**

**Stewards: Nigel Christie, Norm Dack, Ian Dean, Allyn Fisher,  
Jean Goodrich, Bet Hall, Barry Hargrave.**

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

I have been President of The Probus Club of Bendigo for about 6 months now, and it has been a very pleasant, fulfilling experience, with the wonderful fellowship and friendship that is shared by all the members. It gives all something to look forward to each third Wednesday in the month when we gather together to mingle and chat, and listen to very interesting guest speakers, and hear the interesting things that these people do in their lives.

The dinners after the meeting each month are a great social event, where we can have some good tucker and let our hair down a little, I would like to see more members come and join us so they too can enjoy the company, and not forgetting the Coffee and Chat at the Beechworth Bakery.

With the computer classes , and Arthur and his trips and tours there is so much activity going on there is hardly enough time in the month, may it all get bigger and better.

Many thanks must go to Hugh Ward the "Elder Statesman" of our Club who gave a most interesting profile of his life at the last meeting. Thanks also to our Secretary, Mike Watt for the unique presentation as guest speaker and bringing us all up to date with computers/computing in Probus and our every day lives nowadays.

*Regards and Thanks*  
*President Ray Fitzgerald*

**NEXT MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP  
Thursday 15th September at the Beechworth Bakery  
10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome!**

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**Luncheon For Members, Partners and Friends.**

The September Luncheon is to be held at The All Seasons Fortune Bistro, McIvor Road, Bendigo following the Probus Meeting on Wednesday Sept. 21st. Come and join us!! It is great fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere and the food is delicious and non expensive !!

If you are not a regular, please inform Dorothy of your intention to participate no later than Monday 18th July. Any regulars who are not available please ring also. Phone Dorothy: 5443 2642. This helps to book for the correct number.

**LONERS GROUP**

Those members (and that includes ladies and widows of members) on their own are invited to join the regulars for dinner at the Bendigo Club **every** Thursday at 6pm. They have a great record on winning Seafood Vouchers and Meat Trays !! FIVE WINNERS LAST WEEK !! Table is booked in either Arthur Eaton or Ian Bennett's name. Give Arthur or Ian a ring if you intend joining any week to give it a try !

**COMPUTING WORKSHOP** The next meeting is at The Bendigo Neighborhood House, 21 Neale Street, Bendigo at 3.30pm till 5.30pm on Monday 19th September. The topic for this session will be "eBay" . Sorry there are no vacancies as we have a full class.

**COMPUTING FOR RAW BEGINNERS** : Last 2 classes Monday 5th and 12th September 1.30pm.

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST TRY OUT:**

14 Members and Partners took up the invite to join with us for a \$12 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at The All Seasons, McIvor Road on SUNDAY 4th September. When this was organised we clean forgot that it was Fathers Day, however Denise was able to secure us a table and everyone thoroughly enjoyed both the food and the company! It was unanimously agreed to have another, so the tentative date is Sunday 6th November 9am. Comments/suggestions to Denise 54493925.

**BOWLS GROUP:** Bowls game to be played at Eaglehawk the morning of 25th Oct at 9:30 for cuppa, finish 11:45 Casual dress.

**BIRTHDAYS** : Have a great day !

**SEPTEMBER**

3rd John Stephens  
13th Ern Holland  
16th Rupert Reynolds  
20th Brian McGrath  
27th Doug Laity

**OCTOBER**

10th Maurie McDonald  
11th Barry O'Brien  
22nd Ken Coles  
26th Evelyn Bruhn

**SICK LIST:** Our thoughts and prayers are with those members not enjoying the best of health, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

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**ATTENDANCE FIGURES:**

2009 Jan 38; Feb 43; Mar 41; Apr 41; May 41; Jun 46; Jul 42; Aug 42; Sep 39; Oct 43; Nov 40.

2010 Jan 35; Feb 43; Mar 38; Apr 34; May 45; Jun 44; Jul 47; Aug 43; Sep 46; Oct 52; Nov 51.

2011 Jan 43; Feb 52; Mar 50; Apr 46; May 50; Jun 54; Jul 48; Aug 45

**LETS MAKE SEPTEMBER SIXTY + !!!!!!!!**

## Bendigo District Probus Meetings

Club	Date	Venue	Time
Sandhurst	1st Wed	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	9.30am
Eaglehawk	2nd Mon	California Gully Mechanics Institute	10am
Bendigo Ladies	2nd Wed	Bendigo & District RSL Havilah Road	10am
Kangaroo Flat	2nd Wed	K Flat senior Citizens	10am
Strathfieldsaye	2nd Thu	Uniting Church Hall Strathfieldsaye	10am
Golden Square	3rd Thu	Abundant Life CC McKenzie Street	9.30am
White Hills	4th Tue	Bendigo & District RSL Havilah Road	10am
Strathdale	4th Wed	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	10am
Spring Gully	4th Thu	Bendigo Club, Reception Ave	10am

## SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

### Membership Booklet Amendments:

1. Barry COGHLAN Mobile Telephone number should be changed to **0438 528 037**

### Probus Association of Victoria Delegates Meeting:

Denise and I travelled down to Melbourne on Sunday 22nd and stayed overnight across the road from the PAV venue in Mulgrave. The meeting started at 10am with 206 delegates representing some 115 Clubs. Reports were given on

1. Victorian Probian magazine entireties for next edition close 7th October.
2. Annual Bowls Tournament 23rd September 2011.
3. Friendship Day Wed 18th April 2012 Maryborough Harness Racing Club.
4. Croquet Tournament 23rd September 2011.
5. Wanderers Caravan Group. Event 21 at Cobram fully booked. Event 22 is at Bairnsdale.
6. PAV Website. [www.probusvic.com.au](http://www.probusvic.com.au)
7. 2011 Rendezvous—Barossa 450 booked so far.

PCSP: Board Chairman Ken Brand and PCSP General Manager Patricia Atkinson gave an update on administrative matters with a power-point presentation. The main thrust was the changes to the requirements for the new database and its security, also covered was the Club Insurance. It was announced that PCSP had the previous week become a Limited Company named Probus South Pacific Ltd.. No other details were given. Only 10 minutes for questions was a bit of a disappointment.

All in all a worthwhile exercise and I believe this was our Club's very first attendance. Denise and I will attend the next one in November.

Items for the next PROBE must be submitted to the Editor no later than:

Friday 30th September

Mike Watt Ph 5449 3925 or email [mjwatt@dodo.com.au](mailto:mjwatt@dodo.com.au)



## 14 days Fiji & South Pacific Roundtrip From Sydney

This itinerary features a 14-day cruise with 8 ports of call, including visits to Lifou, Fiji, and Noumea. Meals and entertainment are inclusive.

Ship: [Sea Princess](#) Voyage Departure Port: [Sydney, Australia](#)

**FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT MIKE OR DENISE WATT**

Departure Date	<a href="#">Mini-Suite/Suite</a>	<a href="#">Balcony</a>	<a href="#">Oceanview</a>	<a href="#">Oceanview Obstructed</a>	<a href="#">Interior</a>
Monday, Feb 06, 2012	N/A	N/A	\$2,698.00	\$2,198.00	\$1,798.00

Government Fees and Taxes in above fares: \$96.55 Currency: AUD

# MINUTES OF THE 286th GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE WEDNESDAY 17th August 2011

The General Meeting was opened at 10am by President RAY FITZGERALD in the chair.

**ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:** A total of 45 members attended & were welcomed by Pres. Ray. Apologies were recorded from 19 members: C Binks, C Bird, G Bloomfield, B & N Bruhn, E Bruhn, B & T Chenery, A Cowling, N Dack, N Gillies, B Hall, T Iser, M McDonald, B O'Brien, R Reynolds, A Ryall, J Stephens, L Stork, R Twitt, J Wallace, R Watkins.

**CONFIRMATION:** The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by the Secretary, seconded by Hugh Ward, Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil

## CORRESPONDENCE:

### IN:

1. Seven monthly Bulletins from local clubs. Extracts In Probe where appropriate.
2. PCSP Confirmation Constitution approved.
3. PCSP apology for misprint in Club Directory

### OUT

Bendigo Domain Village invite to residents to attend our Club.

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Secretary seconded by Peter Randall.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil.

## REPORTS:

**Treasurer's Report:** DON RIDGE reported on the financial statement from 1st June to 30th June 2011 as follows:

General Account: (Total Receipts \$361.00) (Total Expenditure \$289.96) Account Balance \$1861.39

Tours / Activities: (Total Receipts \$500.00) (Total Expenditure \$1244.75) Account Balance \$2352.37

Cash at Bank – Cheque a/c \$1463.76 Deposit a/c 2750.00

The financial report was received and approved. Moved by the Treasurer, seconded Ern Holland, carried.

**Welfare Officer:** Peter Randall gave an update on those of our members currently on the sick list..

**Members Luncheon** Dorothy Crothers reported that the last luncheon was again well attended and encouraged more members to come!

**Loners Group** ARTHUR EATON invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday at 6.00pm. The group managed ONLY four prizes the previous week.

**Bowls** RAY FITZGERALD reported on the proposed match to be held at Eaglehawk 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**Computing Workshop/Probe/Website** MIKE WATT advised that all three were going well.

**Coffee/Chat Group and Badger** DENISE WATT reported that 18 members attended the Beechworth Bakery on the Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August and an enjoyable time was had by all. Next date is THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am. Denise also advised members that a Sunday Breakfast Try Out was arranged for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at The All Seasons, only \$12 for a full Buffet Breakfast.

**Tours/Trips Report** ARTHUR EATON reported on Trips & Entertainment for the coming months. Full details in Probe. Arthur moved "that all Trips & Entertainment details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond, carried.

President Ray thanked all those giving reports.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Dorothy Crothers asked that if the Club was permitted to make donations then she would like the committee to consider making a donation to the East African Refugees. The secretary undertook to check the rules and advise the Committee.

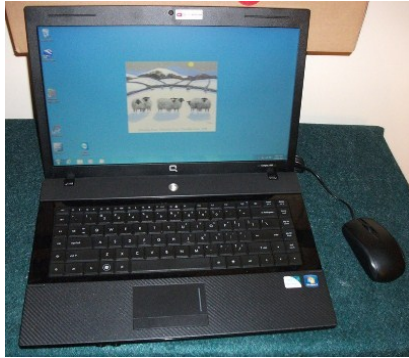
Collin Adams invited members to help themselves to Gladioli bulbs available at the back of the hall.

**Profile:** Hugh Ward gave a very comprehensive account of his long life to date.

**STEWARDS:** Jillian Adams, Alan Court, Alec Crothers, Dorothy Crothers, Ken Crouch, Ken Gloster.

**CLOSE:** There being no further business, President RAY declared the meeting closed at 10-50 am.

**CONFIRMED**.....President 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011



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2.30GHz, 500GB HDD, 4Gig DDR3 RAM. (More than Enough  
Storage, heaps of Memory and Fast enough for the majority of  
Probiants/Seniors).**

**15.6" LCD Screen.**

**DVD player/burner, 3USB ports, Ethernet, Wireless 801.1 b/  
g/n, Card Reader SD/MMC, Bluetooth, Webcam, Mouse.**

**Windows 7 Home Premium (32Bit), Microsoft Office (NOT tri-  
al), Antivirus/Antispyware, Photo Software, Email Software,  
Skype, Google Earth and much, much more !!!!! All installed  
and ready to use. No need to buy any more software for the  
majority of Probiants/Seniors.**

**Ready to be connected to your internet provider. (Internet  
plan not included but help and guidance available free if nec-  
essary)**

**All data/photos from your old computer transferred free.**

**One Year return to base warranty.**

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**OR EMAIL [mjwatt@dodo.com.au](mailto:mjwatt@dodo.com.au)**



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**The desktop case is mini with small footprint.**

**18.5" Flat Screen LCD Monitor.**

**DVD player/burner, 6USB ports, Ethernet, Card Reader inbuilt for you digital camera photos, Webcam, Speakers, Keyboard Mouse and Mouse Mat.**

**Windows 7 Home Premium (64Bit), Microsoft Office (NOT trial), Antivirus/Antispyware, Photo Software, Email Software, Skype, Google Earth and much, much more !!!!! All installed and ready to use. No need to buy any more software for the majority of Probiants/Seniors.**

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**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: TUTANKHAMUN/GOLDEN AGE OF THE PHARAOHS**

**THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2011 – 11.30am Entry COST: Exhibition: \$25/per person**

**Travel by Train: 7.45am ex Bendigo. Return: 3.15pm ex Melbourne.**

**Use your “Free” or Concession Rail Tickets – suggest to book Rail Tickets day prior.”**

**We will travel as a Group – I will Guide you.. Further details nearer date of travel.**

**(25) Confirmed Bookings & Payments have been received from and tickets secured for:**

C.Adams (2), I.Bennett (1), C.Bird (1), G.Bloomfield (1), N.Bruhn (2), E.Bruhn (1), A.Court (1), A.Crothers (2), A.Eaton (1), J.Goodrich (1), E.Holland (2), R.Michell (1) R.Pollock (1) J.Mc.Donald (1), B.Mc.Grath (2) Y.Wallace (1), M.Watt (2), J.White (1), C.Thomson (1) **Emergencies:** B.Clemens (1) and D.Michelsen (1)

**Note: I have secured tickets for the above, should you cancel you will require to arrange for your own replacements.**

**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - TOUR OF BENDIGO BANK - LUNCH AT HOUSE OF KHONG**

**Maximum: (24) (Tour is Full.) List for Emergencies: A relaxed, interesting and enjoyable outing.**

**Depart by Coach at 10.30am: From : Strath Community Ctre Car Park, Crook St.**

**11.00am: Conducted Tour of the Bendigo Bank.**

At conclusion of tour, transported by Coach to House of Khong, 200 Hargreaves St.

**12.30pm: Chinese Smorgasbord Lunch (At House of Khong)**

**2.00pm: Depart House of Khong by Coach 2.30pm Arrive Strath Community Car Park**

**COST: \$20.00/person Includes: Coach Fare, Tour of Bank, Chinese Smorgasbord Lunch**

**PAYMENTS: At Meeting Wed 17<sup>th</sup> August. (24) Acceptances as listed for payment please:**

C.Adams(2), C.Bird(1), G.Bloomfield(1), P.Brooks(1), E.Bruhn(1), N.Bruhn(2), R.Chenery(2), B.Coghlan(2), K.Coles(1), A.Eaton(1), R.Fitzgerald(2), J.Goodrich(1), B.McGrath(1), E.Holland(2), R.Pollock(1), M.Watt (2), W. Winzar (1) **Yet to pay :** N. Gillies (1) **Emergencies:** P. Thornton (2) C. Thomson (1)

**Note: I have arranged Coach Transport in order to avoid “car parking problems.”**

**To be cost effective, I require that we retain (24 persons) on the Tour.**

**SPRING GULLY/PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO – TRIP TO MLBOURNE MON 14<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2011**

**TRAMBOAT CRUISE SPECIALS – HERRING ISLAND & BEYOND - Seniors \$40.00/person**

**Travel by Train: (Use Free or Concessions) Depart: 7.45am Train. Return: 3.15pm Ex Melb.**

We sail up the Yarra to Herring Island where we stop for approx 40 mins, then proceed on to Hawthorn.

On the return trip *a lunch of gourmet sandwiches is provided.*

**Duration of Cruise: Approx 3.5 hours. (20) Bookings received from & confirmed for:**

C.Adams (2), C. Bird (1), G. Bloomfield (1), R. Chenery (2), A. Eaton (1), N.Gillies (1), E. Holland (2), B.Mc.Grath (2), R. Michel (1), M. Miller (1), R. Pollock (1) H. Ward(1) M. Watt (2), J. White (1)

**Emergencies (3) R. Michell, C. Bird (1), C. Thomson (1), H. Ward (1)**

**PAYMENTS \$40.00/person: At Meeting Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> September Please tender correct amounts**

**CAPITAL THEATRE - BENDIGO TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER, 2011.**

**GASLIGHT THEATRE XMAS SHOW: At 11.00am (Report 10.15am for Cuppa & chat.)**

**12.30pm: Lunch (Own Cost) at “The Rifle Brigade Hotel.” – just over road from Theatre**

**(35 tickets) Theatre Cost (Subsidised) \$10/person. Group Booking secured at the Hotel**

**Bookings received from:** C.Adams (2), I. Bennett (1), C. Binks (1), C. Bird (1), B. Coghlan (2),

A. Crothers (2), K. Crouch (1), T. Dingle (1), A. Eaton (1), N.Gillies (1), K. Gloster (2), J. Goodrich (1), G. Himsworth (2), E. Holland (2), D. Laity ((2), M. Miller (1), R. Pollock (1), K. Proud (2), W. Redmond (2), D. Ridge (2), H. Ward(1), M. Watt (2), J. White (2), **Emergency C. Thomson (1)**

**Payments of \$10/person will be due Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER, 2011 – ANNUAL PROBUS XMAS LUNCHEON**

***In Platinum Room At Foundry Hotel Complex High St Golden Square (11.30am for 12 Noon.)*** WEDNESDAY

**7th DECEMBER, 2011 – ANNUAL PROBUS XMAS LUNCHEON**

***In Platinum Room At Foundry Hotel Complex High St Golden Square (11.30am for 12 Noon.)***

**Cost: \$30.00/person Includes: Two Course Luncheon, Many Door Prizes.**

A considered and most interesting program will be prepared. *The Committee would appreciate the assistance of the members with “donations of items suitable for Door Prizes.”*

***President Ray Fitzgerald and the Committee seek your support, be sure to come, enjoy fellowship of Probus***

**LISTING: At Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> September Meeting. PAYMENTS: Wed.16th November Meeting**

**TRIPS ENQUIRIES: To Tours Organiser: Arthur Eaton. Phone: 5443 9162**