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## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

We were extremely saddened to hear of the death of our dear friend and Female Foundation Member, Jean Goodrich. Jean's late husband, Peter, was a Foundation Member of our Club and Jean has been a stalwart supporter and attendee at our various functions, trips etc. over the 27 year period. After Peter's death, Jean continued to support our Club and in July 2010 she herself became one of the first female members. Latterly Jean formed a marvellous companionship with our member Ian Bennett and they were constant attenders at virtually all our activities. Our sincere condolences go to Jean's daughters and family. To Ian, besides our condolences, we pledge our support in this time of his grief.

Having just returned from Darwin, I must say congratulations and thank you to Ailsa – ably supported by husband Barry – for a well organised and smoothly run trip! The accommodation, activities, meals, even the weather was “Spot On!”. We even enjoyed the sight of Alec Crothers without a tie ☺  
Well done Ailsa!

*Regards and Thanks*  
*President Noel Bruhn*

## SECRETARIAL SCRIBBLES

**Garden Group: The September meeting will be held on Thursday 13th of September at 10.00 am at the Bendigo Conservatory. Please see more details further on in “Probe”.**

**PROBUS COUNTRY CONCERT, Capital Theatre, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm THE DAY BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING AND WE HAVE THREE SPARE TICKETS AT \$12 Phone Denise to purchase.**

At our last meeting a member commented to one of our Committee Members that “*The meeting went too long and ate into our fellowship time!*”. I, as Secretary, have a one word retort to that Member – “*Tough!*” However let me explain why I am so abrupt in my response. I looked back four years ago in the Probes and note that we had a membership in the low sixties and attendance between 30 and 40. Other than Arthur's magnificent tours and trips and “The Foundation Members Luncheon” that was the extent of our “Out of Meeting Fellowship”, we had no official Activity Groups. Minutes and Financial Statements were read in full at our General Meetings and the only report given was Arthur's Tours and Trips report. The tea/coffee **break** between the general meeting and the guest speaker was thus seen as the **fellowship** session, albeit VERY limited.

Well our Club has progressed from that situation. Today we have 91 members and attendances average in the plus fifties and of course we have welcomed female members. We have the following Activity Fellowship Groups: Walking for Pleasure & Fitness; Morning Coffee and Chat; Garden; Loners Weekly Dinner; Members and Friends Luncheon; Quarterly Sunday Breakfast; Computer Support; Ladies Only Luncheon and more on the horizon!! **Each of these is entitled to give a short report at our meeting as well as the extensive Travel and Activities report!** We also like to fit in, whenever possible, a Member Profile. Your President HAS NO CONTROL over the length of these reports and profiles on any given day! **We no longer read the minutes and financial statement but distribute them with Probe** in an effort to cut back on meeting time. We are required and need to have, a business meeting once a month, that meeting is not, and never should be, seen as a race against time!! If we run a few minutes longer, or shorter, than the previous month SO BE IT, the world will not end as a result. We are all there to RELAX and ENJOY! The tea/coffee BREAK is just that a BREAK! Come and join us in one or more of our many FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES outside our General Meeting/Guest Speaker session. Those of us who do, have a great time and have learned so much more about our fellow Probians and really appreciate TRUE FELLOWSHIP!

### Ladies Only Luncheon (LOL) Group

Next Luncheon is on FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> September at ONE TREE HILL HOTEL, 109 Spring Tree Gully Road.

**Come on ladies contact Denise as soon as possible so that she can book the table for the right number!!**

**Or Names on list at September General Meeting**

Denise is the acting organiser. Ph: 5449 3925 email: [denisewatt4@gmail.com](mailto:denisewatt4@gmail.com)

### Walking for Pleasure and Fitness Group

Walks meet promptly at **10a.m.** All members, partners and friends are most welcome to join us. Please make sure your name is recorded by Arthur or Ron or Bob Santon depending who is the organiser for the day. **ENJOY ☺**

**FRIDAYS 21<sup>st</sup> , 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER and then FRIDAYS OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> ROTARY PARK, KANGAROO FLAT. MEET AT THE CAR PARK ON BROWNING STREET OPPOSITE THE LEISURE**

**CENTRE 10a.m. PROMPT.** If you are unsure of this location please ring Bob Santon for directions 5447 1914

**Garden Group: The September meeting will be held on Thursday 13th of September at 10.00 am at the Bendigo Conservatory. In conjunction with Spring Gully Probus garden group.**

This should be in time for the early tulip display. Our guide will be Brendan who is the Team Leader of Intensive Horticulture within Council's Parks and Nat. Reserves department. He will take us on a short tour around the gardens and tell us about growing tulips, all about the fernery and explain about the bats that frequent the gardens and much more. **BYO morning tea, hot water will be provided.**

If in doubt about the weather on the day, please phone 5443 8089 by 9.15am to confirm or otherwise that the tour continues.

As from October we will meet on the third Thursday of each month, combined with Spring Gully Probus.

### MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

Next will be **Thursday 13th SEPTEMBER at the Strath Village Food Court 10.15am**

All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter!! Only \$5 for Coffee and Cake or Coffee and Scone and Cream from the correct Cafe.

**LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS.** The Probus Luncheon **after the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting** (approx. **12.15pm**) will be held at **The ALL SEASONS, McIvor Road.** All members and their partners are encouraged to attend. If you are not a regular and intend attending then please ring Dorothy 54432642 likewise regular attendees who will not be attending, so that reasonably correct numbers can be booked for.

### 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.** 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!

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Put **Sunday 4th November 9 a.m.** in your diary for a \$15 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at **The All Seasons, McIvor Road.** ☺

**COMPUTING SUPPORT:** Mike is still available for computer help if needed. Please just phone him with your problem.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Have a great day!

#### SEPTEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> John Stephens  
8<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Watkins  
13<sup>th</sup> Ern Holland  
15<sup>th</sup> Jeanette Clark  
16<sup>th</sup> Rupert Reynolds  
20<sup>th</sup> Brian McGrath  
27<sup>th</sup> Doug Laity

#### OCTOBER

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

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

**Final Episode of this journey.**

Hi Family & Friends, For the second year in succession Birdsville was again slipping away in our rear vision mirror. After 150 kilometres towards Windorah and dozens of muddy crossings, we drove a kilometre or so off road to spend the night where last year Barn owls used our roof to launch attacks on native rats that were in plague numbers. This year rats were nowhere to be seen but to our surprise budgies in vast numbers remained feeding in patches of sparse dry grass on red gibber stone. Only fifty metres away and close to timber lining a dry creek, no less than a thousand Black tailed Native hens also accepted the intrusion of our vehicle. Cameras went into overdrive from windows on both sides as these busy birds continued feeding over an area of about 100 metres either side of our motor home. Surprised to find these birds in such an arid environment, our bird book indicated such happenings involving large numbers was a common happening for this specie. After a freezing cold night, daylight revealed the Native hens had left the scene but Budgies, Black faced Wood swallows and a couple of grey nomads remained to soak up the warmth of a rising sun. Because the Cordillo Downs road was still closed as a result of earlier rain, we headed south towards Innamincka via Nappa Merrie Station where we were held up for several hours behind a couple of road trains of cattle deeply bogged in wet sand. Because we were not carrying a long steel rope a road grader was radioed for to haul them to solid ground. On our arrival in Innamincka we found the causeway was just reappearing from a very muddy Cooper Creek, so muddy in fact few water birds were seen because they were unable to detect fish. We turned our attention to Budgerigars nesting freely in the hollows of Coolibah trees lining the banks of the Creek. The results of some enjoyable days there may be mailed later. After leaving Innamincka we travelled 180 kilometres south via Moomba on the well formed Strezleckie Track, before turning east toward Cameron Corner where SA meets NSW and QLD. On reaching Merty Merty Station a patch between sand hills offered us a mass of red and yellow Eremophilas in full bloom. Nearby budgies nesting in stunted Coolibahs beside a massive red sand dune gave us a memorable camp site for a couple of days, where a near full moon rising over sand hills was icing on an already large cake. After crossing hundreds of sand hills to reach the Cameron Corner Store, the genial owners offered us free camping, providing a few dollars were darted onto the ceiling of the bar as a donation for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Next day as we passed through the adjacent Dog Fence gate, kangaroos and emus were immediately seen and in strong numbers. After a long stretch of road beyond Tibooburra, the traffic lights and roundabouts of Broken Hill seemed like Melbourne or Sydney after our stay in the back country. The multitude of galleries and coffee shops were relished as we did our bit to support local industry. Then it was onward to Bendigo to welcome back Alaskan friends Pat and Irm who had been seeing a large slice of Eastern Aussie for four plus months travelling in our 4wd Nissan X Trail. Our immediate tasks include visiting opticians, GPs, dentists, oncologists and if we remember, memory training lessons. Thanks to all who kept in touch by email and phone. With the call of natural places still loud in our ears, we may head off again soon . Fond regards to all, Rob & Cynthia.



## Member Profile of Hugh Ward (Our Elder Statesman) (Reprint from Probe August 2009)

(Photograph By Rupert R)(Editor Barry H)

I was brought up in what was a new suburb of Melbourne - Glen Iris. I attended a newly built school – Gardiner Central which went to the 8th grade (now year 8). I then attended Melbourne High School from 1930 to 1933 to leaving certificate. It was the middle of the Great Depression and I had several clerical jobs and to my great delight I was successful in obtaining a job with the Metropolitan Gas Company at the West Melbourne Workshop in the production office. In 1939 when War was declared I was posted to Fort Queenscliff 34th Fortress Engineers with whom I had been a peace time member. After two years at Queenscliff I was sent to Milne Bay, New Guinea and spent two years on coast patrol between East Cape and Buna. My small unit of 21 men was down to 12 in 1943 due to health problems. I returned to Sydney in 1944 where I was discharged. I was married just prior to my move north in 1942. My wife Phyll joined the AWAS and was still in the army in Sydney when I was discharged. We returned to Melbourne early 1945 and lived with in-laws. I decided on a career in Gas Manufacturing and was granted a cadetship to finally become a shift Superintendent. But it took 4 long years to obtain a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering - a prerequisite to the shift superintendent job. In 1948 I was able to fulfill my objective - a most interesting and responsible job to ensure sufficient gas was produced to the city and suburbs of Melbourne which varied according to the weather from day to day. My next move was to that of manager of the South Melbourne works about 1/4 size of West Melbourne works and it was day work. With the advent of natural gas South Melbourne was closed down and I returned to West Melbourne as Assistant Works Manager. In 1958 the Chief Secretary of the John Cain Government Bill Galvin persuaded the Gas and Fuel Corporation to advise on the condition of the failing gas industry in Bendigo. I was then asked to come to Bendigo to prepare a report as to improving the gas supply. The cost to improve the supply was beyond the means of the Bendigo Gas Company so the Government prevailed on the Corporation to reluctantly take over the Gas Company. I was asked to manage the Company for about 6 months on loan. At the end of 6 months there was so much still to be done, I was appointed manager and I brought my family, wife and 4 children to Bendigo. It was a big upheaval for my family as we had just gone into a new home in North Balwyn. When I had the opportunity to return to Melbourne, Bendigo seemed to be a city on the move and I made the decision to remain here – it proved to be a great place to bring up my family. I have no regrets and became involved with membership of Legacy, Rotary, Bendigo Home and Hospital Board of Management, School Committees and the Yacht Club. These have been fulfilling and worthwhile causes and of course in retirement as a member of the Probus Club.



*Hugh is a regular attendant at our meetings, activities and trips!!!*

### GETTING OLDER

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REPEATS'."

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An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son.

"Yes, Dad, what is it?"

"Don't be nervous, son; do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

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**The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.**

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# MINUTES OF THE 295<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO Inc. HELD AT THE BENDIGO MASONIC CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2012.

The General Meeting was opened at 10 am by President Noel Bruhn in the chair.

**ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES:** A total of 49 members attended and were welcomed by Pres. Noel. Apologies were recorded from 43 members: C&J Adams, J. Aitken, J. Andrews, C. Bird, G. Bloomfield, B&T. Chenery, N. Christie, B. Clemens, A. Cowling, K. Crouch, G&N. Dack, I. Dean, A. Fisher, N. Gillies, J&K. Gloster, J. Hardy, F&G. Himsworth, K. Holland, Z. Hughes, D. Laity, M. McDonald, C. McLean, M. Miller, I. Nixon, R. Pollock, L. Roy, A. Ryall, J. Sanderson, B&D. Santon, B & C. Smith, A. Stephens, S. Lynwood, J. Wallace, C & R. Watkins, J. White.

**CLUB JESTER:** In Bob Chenery's absence Mike Watt's wit was in evidence.

**MEMBERS GUESTS:** Nil.

**CONFIRMATION:** The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed as distributed. Moved by the Asst. Secretary Brian McGrath, seconded by Ern Holland. Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

IN

1. 9 newsletters from other Clubs
2. 2 Travel brochures.....to Ailsa
3. Recognition ID Invoice/Statement re badges
4. La Trobe Uni Student re survey of 65+ year olds
5. Carelink re Dementia A-Z on Sept 19th
6. Whitehills Probus re PAV concert tickets
7. Strathdale Probus Invite to President Noel & Bev to their 25th Anniversary function.
8. Ailsa letter re travel insurance being individual responsibility and if none must sign to decline.

OUT Nil

**Matters arising:**

Mike Watt advised Concert Tickets are available today for collection. Strathdale Probus invitation accepted with thanks.

The correspondence was received & approved. Moved by the Assistant Secretary seconded by D. Watt. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**President:** Nil.

**Treasurer:** Barry Coghlan moved that the Financial Statement distributed in the August 2012 ( Issue No.302) of the Probe for period ended 31st July 2012 be received and approved, seconded by A. Court. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Mike Watt advised that the Committee had resolved that in future our Guest Speakers would receive one only lunch: if not attending then a pen would be presented. Members with issues to raise are requested to put their concerns in writing to the Secretary for consideration by the Committee. Members are able to attend Committee Meetings as observers.

**Welfare Officer:** Peter Randall reported Bill Clemens situation has not changed. Bob Chenery at home.

**Members Luncheon** Dorothy Crothers reported that today's luncheon is at the RSL Complex Havilah Road. Some regulars unable to attend; other members welcome.

**Loners Group** Arthur Eaton invited any single member to join their group for dinner at The Bendigo Club every Thursday from 5.30pm. He reported on a good attendance last week. The Member's Jackpot continues to rise.

**Bowls:** No report – Bob Santon not present.

**Computing:** Mike Watt stated he is still available for personal assistance over the phone. Members with Internet encouraged to visit Web Site.

**Coffee Group/Chat and Badger:** Denise Watt reported there were 15 members present at last week's gathering at Strath Village. Next is Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at Strath Village.

The next Sunday Breakfast will be at the All Season's Complex on 4<sup>th</sup> November. She reminded members the Probus Concert Tickets for 18<sup>th</sup> September are available for collection today.

**Tours/Trips Report :** Bet Hall reported on her trip to Central Australia with White Hills Probus Club; 30 onboard, an excellent experience.

Ailsa Coghlan reported on the Expo at Ballarat attended by Jillian Adams and herself. Victoria Hotel in Melbourne re-furbished, a great central location.

All clubs are finding it hard to fill trips. Bus Hire is becoming expensive. Tocumwal Day Trip Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October \$60.00 per person. Bendigo Ladies Probus Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon, Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> All Seasons \$35.00 per person. Opera in The Alps – Beechworth. Details later.

Ailsa Coghlan moved "that all Tours, Trips & Entertainments details as listed in the Club's monthly "Probe" publication be accepted as authorized by the membership". Seconded by Bill Redmond., carried.

**Gardening:** Mike Watt reported that 4 persons had attended meetings to date; have decided to run a Joint Gardening Group with Spring Gully Probus.

Next outing at The Bendigo Conservatory on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September @ 10am. BYO morning tea. Thereafter on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Walking Group:** Arthur Eaton reported next outing on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August at Kennington Reservoir at 10.00am. Meet opposite Aldi carpark..

**Ladies only Luncheons:** Jean Goodrich reported last luncheon had been very successful; next on 24<sup>th</sup> August at One Tree Hill Hotel at 12noon.

**PHOTO COMPETITION:** Mike Watt stated prize winners; Grandchild Photo - T.Chenery & R.Fitzgerald. Holiday Photo - Bev. Bruhn.

President Noel thanked all those giving reports.

**MEMBER PROFILE:** Evelyn Bruhn grew up in Cohuna, secondary schooling in Echuca. Became a Trained Infant Teacher after 3 year course at Bendigo and Melbourne Teachers' Colleges. Taught in Clifton Hill Melb. Regarded teaching Preparatory Grades as being fulfilling, setting children on a solid learning path. She returned to Cohuna as she missed the life of a small country town. Now retired in Bendigo.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**President:** Nil.

**Secretary:** Nil.

**Treasurer:** Nil.

**STEWARDS:** Six members volunteered to be stewards.

**CLOSE:** President Noel thanked members for their attendance at the meeting, There being no further business, he declared the meeting closed at 10.40 am.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Bryan Clemson provided an interesting insight into his career as a Bendigo Teachers' College & LaTrobe University Primary Teacher Educator in dealing with governments at all levels in respect to the evolving growth of education in Bendigo. Dorothy Crothers thanked him for making the process of politics interesting.

**CONFIRMED**.....President 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

**Probus Club of Bendigo Inc.**

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**Profit & Loss [Cash]**

1/03/2012 through 31/08/2012

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Income		
Subscriptions		\$2,175.00
Attendance Fees		\$1,590.00
Donations		\$80.00
Tours & Activities		
The Great Stupa	\$160.00	
Probus Concert	\$264.00	
Total Income		<u>\$4,269.00</u>
Cost Of Sales		
Total Cost Of Sales		<u>\$0.00</u>
Gross Profit		<u>\$4,269.00</u>
Expenses		
Venue Hire	\$551.00	
Catering	\$636.00	
Printing & Stationery	\$95.91	
Postage	\$356.42	
Affiliation & Insurance	\$987.20	
Consumer Affairs	\$42.80	
Badges etc.	\$278.07	
Web Site	\$120.00	
Miscellaneous	\$63.55	
Tours & Activities		
The Great Stupa	\$160.00	
The Capital Theatre	\$264.00	
Total Tours & Activities		<u>\$424.00</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$3,564.95</u>
Operating Profit		<u>\$714.05</u>
Other Income		
Interest Income	\$65.34	
Total Other Income		<u>\$65.34</u>
Net Profit (Loss)		<u>\$779.39</u>

**Balance Sheet**

As of August 2012

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Assets		
General Cheque Account		\$2,106.80
Term Deposit		\$2,750.00
Loan- White Hills Probus Club		\$200.00
Total Assets		<u>\$5,056.80</u>
	<u>GENERAL FUNDS - \$2591.93</u>	
Liabilities		
Net Assets	<u>TOURS &amp; ACTIVITIES - \$2464.87</u>	<u>\$5,056.80</u>
	<u>\$5056.80</u>	
Equity		
Retained Earnings		\$4,277.41
Current Earnings		\$779.39
Total Equity		<u>\$5,056.80</u>

**ATTENDANCE FIGURES:**

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; **Sep 59; Oct 53; Nov 53.**

2012 **Jan 52; Feb 52; Mar 65;** Apr 53; **May 56 ; Jun 55;** Jul 49; Aug 49;

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

## TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Well the Crocodiles didn't get us even though there were so many, they had a jolly good look, southerners, we must have been too pale . All home safely after a great holiday experience through Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Alice Springs, Adelaide, Melbourne and Bendigo. Home to beautiful Spring Weather so let's get out and have fun together! ☺

Strathfieldsaye are off to Kangaroo Island 17/09/12 Spring Gully are going to Flinders Island 12/10/12 We wish them happy holidays.

We have some members going to the Opera in the Alps in January for 3 days, so if any others are interested please see me as soon as possible.

Bendigo Ladies Probus (All Welcome) are having a Cup luncheon at the All Seasons Cost \$30 and also the foodies Dream Tour is on the 9/10/12 So if you would like to join either of these activities for a fun day please let me know .

Gas Light Theatre Xmas Concert Tuesday 4/12/12 Cost \$12 each if 10 or more of us go , otherwise \$16 each . REGISTER AT SEPTEMBER MEETING and Money at October meeting Please.

Tocumwal One day trip visiting Nathalia Barmah Heritage Centre for morning tea and informative talk by local guide ,On to the Tocumwal Railway Station for Lunch , and then to Christies Classic and Collectables Museum for a wander that will bring back lots of memories. Start 8.00 Strath Seniors Car Park, Home Approx 6.00 p.m Cost \$60.00 per person MONEY TO BE PAID THIS MEETING SEPTEMBER THANKYOU.

### **Proposed PORT STEPHENS AND THE HUNTER VALLEY 10 DAY COACH TOUR ONLY \$1350 pp/twin share. Single Supp \$450.00 ( Based on min 40 passengers) Dates TBA**

- \* 5 Star Coach Travel
- \* Quality Accommodation Twin Share
- \* Cooked Breakfasts
- \* Dinners in the Motel Restaurant
- \* Entrance Fees as per itinerary
- \* Lunch on the Hawkesbury River Cruise

Day 1 Bendigo – Albury/Wodonga for lunch – Holbrook – Gundagai – Yass Sundowner Motor Inn  
Day 2 Yass – Goulburn morning tea – Berrima – Borasl lunch – Campbelltown – Lansvale Resort  
Day 3 Lansvale – Sydney Harbour Bridge – Taronga Zoo – Central Coast – around Newcastle – Port Stephens Marina Resort  
Day 4 Port Stephens – Newcastle lunch – RAAF Base Williamstown – return to Marina Resort  
Day 5 Port Stephens – Hunter Valley – wine tasting, gardens, Tocal Homestead – return to Marina resort  
Day 6 Port Stephens – Tamboi Queen Cruise – Nelson head Inner Lighthouse Reserve – Cottage Museum – Coastal Patrol Base – return to Marina Resort  
Day 7 Port Stephens – Nelson Bay – Tanilba Bay & House – Shoal bay – Nelson Bay – return to Marina Resort  
Day 8 Port Stephens – Nelson Bay – Brooklyn – Sydney – Lansvale Resort  
Day 9 Sydney – Wollongong – Port Kembla – Yass Sundowner Motor Inn  
Day 10 Yass – Home Sweet Home.

**REGISTER AT THE NEXT MEETING! LAST CHANCE!**

**TOURS AND ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR AILSA COGHLAN**

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### A PRAYER FOR GRANDPA

Dear God,  
Please send clothes for all those poor ladies on Grandpa's computer.  
Amen

**The Speaker for the 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**A/Professor Brian Boettcher**

**The True Story of the Battle for Milne Bay**

Stewards: SIX Members will be chosen at the meeting!

(No excuse now for not attending.)

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

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

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

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