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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 January Meeting will be Ken Gloster.

- Barry, O'B.



January 21st 2009

Please make a note of this date in your diary as there will be no Probe printed in January.

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

— Photos by Norm Dack



The proofs for all of the Christmas photos will be available at the January meeting and can be ordered if so desired.

Puckapunyal and Seymour

We had a fair taste of the Victorian Railway Working philosophy in the coach en route to Seymour. Arthur had enlisted a few of his former work colleagues who gave us the inside story of work on the railway, including a description of the apprentice training programme.

We first visited the Army Tank Museum and RAAC Memorial. There we had an eye opener when we saw the numerous tanks of all kinds on display. The size of modern tanks was amazing. Descriptions of the armour and armament of these machines was most interesting.

We re boarded our coach to travel to Seymour and the Seymour Railway Heritage Centre. Before the tour began we enjoyed a lunch provided by the staff of the center in the Avoca Dining Car which has been well restored to its glory. The center is dedicated to the restoration and maintenance of the vehicles to which have been collected. This work is carried out voluntarily at weekends.

There is an extensive group of early and recent rolling stock, which includes three carriages built in 1890. Besides these there are Parlour Cars used in the Sydney Limited and Spirit of Progress, and the Avoca Dining Car referred to earlier.

There are also many classes of Diesel Electric Locomotives with power ranging from 600 to 3000 Horse Power. The final event before leaving for Bendigo was a tour of the Seymour area with Arthur presenting a commentary on the scenes of his childhood and youth. We thank the following people for their contribution to the day. Neil Harris, Cliff Stowman, Roy Grierson, Bob Vine, Alec Court, Merv Baker and David Evelyn

- Alec C

The Zipper

As the bus stopped and it was her turn to get on, she became aware that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to come up to the height of the first step of the bus. Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little, thinking that this would give her enough slack to raise her leg. She tried to take the step, only to discover that she couldn't. So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more, and for the second time attempted the step. Once again, much to her chagrin, she could not raise her leg with a little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was unable to take the step. About this time, a large Texan who was standing behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus (BR). She went ballistic and turned to the would-be Samaritan and yelled,

'How dare you touch my body. I don't even know who you are!'

The Texan smiled and drawled, "Well, ma'am normally I would agree with you, but after you unzipped my fly three times, I kinda figured we was friends."

Rupert R.

Bowls News

Bowls, 2 bowl triples.

Assemble at Golden Square 9:30 for 10:00 start, play to the bell, casual dress, \$4:00 per player.

Final team to be in the paper, Friday before playing date 20th January 2009.

If you cannot play let me know.

W Redmond

Z Hughes

Chas Smith S

R Chenery

A Eaton

A Court S

D Laity

B Hargrave

R Fitzgerald S

N Bruhn

W Clemens

A Stevens S

Emergency: J Kelly

Bowls Co-Ordinator,

Ray Fitzgerald Ph 5447 0680

Useless Information

- It is the Female Lion who does more than 90% of the hunting. While the male is afraid to risk his life, or simply prefers to rest.
- Muffins spelt backwards is sniffin.
- The largest employer in the world is the Indian Railway System employing over a million people.
- The sentence "The Quick Brown Fox Jumps Over The Lazy Dog" uses every letter in the English Language.
- Sheriff came from Shire Reeve, during early years of Feudal Rule in England, each Shire had a Reeve who was the Law for that Shire, when the term was taken to the us, it was shortened to Sheriff.
- The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.

- Editor

Humour

Mistaken Identity A 45 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years. Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?" God replied, "I didn't recognize you."

- Ralph M

Presidents Piece

Your Committee & I wish all our Members and Theirs all they would wish for themselves for their Christmas and New Year happiness and well being.

The Best of Happiness, Honour & Fortunes, keep with you!

– Timon and Athens

God's bension go with you; and with those
That would make good of bad, friends of foes!

– Macbeth

Be Happy!

Let all the number of the stars give light
To thy fair way!

– Antony and Cleopatra

Guest Speaker

After an early "cuppa" we returned to our seats to find two brochures on from the RACV and a very comprehensive one from Vic Roads titled "The Victorian Older Drivers Handbook". President John introduced Norma Stubbs from RACV who talked us through the different sections covering, road rules, safe driving tips, vehicle safety, pedestrian safety etc. and the comparison between the different makes in crashes in crashes quite graphic and demonstrated which protected the driver and passengers Norma conducted a quiz on roundabout movements etc. Backed up with a high tec projector, and it was noticeable the audience participation was at the highest order. Rupert Reynolds made the usual presentation on behalf of the members.

- Editor.

New Member

Ron Murphy was introduced to the members by Sec. Bob and was inducted by Pres. John. Ron was born in Carlton and spent his first 25 years in that area. He worked as a production trainee, then supervisor at McRobertsons in Fitzroy, after that he was branch manager of Brown's Office Cleaning, other Positions include a Director and Sales Manager of Mini Mix Concrete. Also Licensee of the Royal Hotel Punt Road Richmond, his latter life has been spent in the Hospitality Business managing and consulting to the industry.

A WELSH FARMER

A Welsh farmer walking through his field, noticed a man drinking out of a pond.

The Welsh farmer shouted: "Paid a yfed a dwr, maer gwerthin wedi cachu un a for." Which means: "Don't drink the water the cows have xxx in it."

The man shouts back: "I'm a muslim, I don't understand. Please speak in English." The Welsh farmer says: "Use two hands, it holds more"!!!

– Rupert R

Untitled

A lady goes to her priest on day and tells him, 'Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots. But they only know how to say one thing.' 'What do they say?' the priest inquired. They say, 'Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?'

That's obscene!' the priest exclaimed, Then he thought for a moment. 'You know,' he said, 'I may have a solution to you problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible. Bring you two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to praise and worship, and your parrots are sure to stop saying.. That phrase.. In no time.' Thank you, 'the woman responded, 'this may very well be the solution.' The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house. As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying. Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them. After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison: Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?' There was stunned silence. Shocked, One male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and exclaimed, 'Put the beads away, Frank our prayers have been answered!'

Rupert R.

SANDHURST PROBUS CLUB – TRIP TO MELBOURNE – TELSTRA DOME THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 2009

COST: \$40.00 per person. Includes: Coach, Lunch & Tour of Telstra Dome.

Currently Sandhurst Probus Club have a few vacancies, if interested then contact:
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Bookings with payment required by Wednesday 7th January, 2009

