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**The Speaker for the January Meeting will be Peter Ball - Vice President R.S.L. and also the curator of the R.S.L. Museum.**

Arthur Eaton introduced Kevin Butler to the members, Kevin spoke in great detail about VIC Rail for the 1940s through to the present. One example was that in the 1950s passenger number were 20 million and to date we are still catching up. At the conclusion of his talk Kevin handed out a very comprehensive 2 page VR time line extract detailing dates and changes to our rail network. Arthur Eaton thanked him on behalf of our members and made the usual presentation.

- Editor.



**January 20th 2010**

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.**

# Notice of Annual General Meeting of the "Probus Club of Bendigo Inc."

Members are advised that the Club's A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 17th March 2010. The A.G.M. will commence at 10am in the Supper Room at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road, Bendigo. All members are invited to attend. All positions will be declared vacant and reports together with general business will be presented as per agenda (together with nomination forms) to be published in the February issue of "Probe". Members with any special agenda items pertaining to an A.G.M. are invited to submit them in writing to the Secretary before the 1st February 2010 please.

- Bob C.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Best wishes are extended to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming months...

January 2010			February 2010		
15	Don Ridge	82	04	Nigel Christie	70
27	Zane Hughes	74	06	Cyril Slade	88
29	Cliff Binks	88	18	John Hardy	86
			25	Cliff Neivandt	84
			25	Graham Osborne	75
			26	Ken Proud	89

Congratulations to all the above; especially Nigel Christie.

**Note:** If you do not wish for your birthday etc. to be published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.

## Questionnaire

The idea was to obtain members views on the future of our club, but to date we have a disappointing 50% returned. Please members don't sit on your hands, we need your comments to help plan our future, please return your questionnaire.

- Editor

## NEW MEMBER

Ian Dean was introduced by Alec Crowthers. Ian was born in Bendigo in 1947 and was educated at Long Gully Primary, also at Bendigo Junior Technical School. He joined the Boy Scouts in 1959 and spent time fox hunting with Scout Leaders. He completed a diploma of Education at Hawthorn Teachers College, and taught at Keon Park and Fawkner Technical Schools. Ian married in 1970 and has three daughters, he moved back to Bendigo to take up teaching at White Hills Tech school, teaching maths etc. He left teaching 20 years ago and moved to Mandurang about six years ago and lives on a small farm with his wife of 39 years. Ian was inducted to our club by President Ern.



- Photo by Rupert R.

- Editor

## *Profile on Foundation Member - No. 7*

*Ken Gloster*

Ken Gloster was Born at Ouyen in 1928. Was educated at the Underbool Primary School, Ouyen High School and Maryborough Technical College. After 3 years with the Education Dept at the princely sum of 2 pounds a week he left the public service and returned home to join his father and brother in the family business. The business entailed operating the town electricity plant, maintaining the Town water supply, running school bus services, conducting a General Motors dealership, selling tractors (Bulldog and Case), operating a large freezing works producing ice and chilling rabbits for export, selling and servicing TV's and other electrical items.



*- Photo by Rupert R.*

In the passage of time domestic refrigerators replaced the humble ice chest, 1080 and Myxo robbed the chilling plant of its major components, the Shire took over the waterworks, and the electricity supply was forcibly taken over by the SEC after 30 years of operating. The business diversified with farming ventures at Quambatook and rental property in Bendigo. The GM dealership was retained and extended to the Ouyen district. Ken can remember delivering the first Holden in the area in 1948 when he says he was an order taker rather than a car salesman. He won several sales competitions the best one in 1969 when he and his wife Joan won an all expenses paid tour on a Pacific Cruise aboard the Himalaya. After 82 years the GM dealership is still in operation only now run by his brothers family since Ken retired from the partnership in 2000.

Ken took his turn as President and/or Secretary of many local public and sporting organisations. Athletics was his main sporting interest and although he won a few "Gifts" he wasn't able to make it to Stawell. A keen footballer, he was President of the Underbool Football Club for 10 years, was best and fairest 6 times and captained the premiership side in 1955. That same year he was President of the local Bowling Club - a unique double. At the age of 44 he hung up his boots while playing for Kennington.

Ken and his wife Joan have always been thankful for their Church involvement and will celebrate their 60th wedding Anniversary next year. They have 3 married daughters, 7 grandchildren, (6 Married) and one great grandson.

Ken has made bowls his main activity having played close to 250 games in the top Pennant Division. He is currently Treasurer and Pennant Recorder for the Bendigo Association after 25 years in those positions for which he was recently awarded the Medal of Merit, the highest award given by the Royal Victorian Bowls Association for services to bowls.

Ken is a foundation member of the Bendigo Probus Club and had enjoyed his long association with other members.

## **Useless Information**

- Socrates committed suicide by drinking the poison "Hemlock"
- Any female bee in a bee hive could have been the queen if she had been fed the necessary royal jelly, all females in a given hive are sisters.
- H<sub>2</sub>O expands as it freezes and contracts as it melts, displacing the exact same amount of fluid in either state, so if the Northern Ice cap did melt, it would cause absolutely no rise in the level of the ocean.
- Each year Americans spend more on cat food than baby food.
- On average most people button their shirts upwards.
- The english word "Soup" comes from the middle ages word "SOP" which means a slice of bread over which roast drippings were poured.
- Christianity has over a billion followers, Islam is the next in representation with half this number.