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## **PRESIDENT'S PIECE**

Well Christmas is upon us again, and this year has been a very good year for the Bendigo Probus Club, it has come back from the brink of disaster, to be a happy, financially sound club, which I think is due to becoming a mixed and a lot of hard work put in by our secretary and the committee, as a result we are in a very healthy position.

So let us come along on the **7th of December** and enjoy our Christmas lunch.

And for those for whatever reason are unable to be there and are going away on holidays, have a very happy Christmas, and if you are driving, drive safely, so we can enjoy your company.

*Regards and Thanks*  
*President Ray Fitzgerald*

## **SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES**

ALL MEMBERS especially the newer younger ones are asked to give special consideration for nominating for next year's committee in support of our most likely incoming President,.. Noel Bruhn. Full details in the January PROBE. A Guest speaker Organiser, Treasurer, Vice President and one or more committee members will most likely be needed to fill vacancies. An assistant secretary wouldn't go amiss either and could be on or off the committee.

Arthur Eaton will require earlier help than the AGM due to his health and it is hoped that a band of two or three can volunteer to take over the reins as soon as possible. Please contact me if you can fill the bill both now and next year. We all know that Arthurs shoes can not be filled by a like candidate or candidates, but those who volunteer will be free to do it their way with Arthur's blessing!

For those with broadband Internet connections the latest copy of the official Probus magazine Active Retirees™ her is the link for an online copy; <http://probus.realviewdigital.com/>

I also recommend a visit to the Probus Association of Victoria Website at: <http://probus.realviewdigital.com/>

Denise and I attended the PAV delegates meeting in Melbourne on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November which was their AGM as well. The new President is Jim Frew who takes over from Irma Dymke. More details of the meeting in the next probe.

I hope you will display the attached Christmas card with pride in your Club.

## **Guest Speaker Report** **GUEST SPEAKER.**

Wayne Williams from the Bendigo Community Telco was the speaker for Mo-vember,- complete with facial hair as he is supporting Men's Health Month. He joined Community Telco in 2003; his brief was to improve infrastructure and increase the number of customers. He has been successful in each area.

His talk was informative. In 1990's, Bendigo Bank wanted a Call Centre but the local infrastructure was inadequate until 14 local businesses banded together to set up the Bendigo Community Telco. Since then progress has been dramatic. Bendigo has 5 fibre rings, several Data Centres and is part of the global telecommunication network.

His talk was predictive. Future use of technology is going to change the world as we know it.

His talk was frightening. He used the phrase, "CAPABILITY BRINGS RESPONSIBILITY." I hope that all involved in telecommunication technology keeps this firmly in mind

*Dorothy Crothers*

## MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT GROUP

No meeting in December. Next will be Thursday 12th January at the Beechworth Bakery 10.30am All members, partners and friends welcome! Come and join the laughter and chatter!!

## LUNCHEON FOR MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS.

In temporary recess for the month of December. Watch for next details in the January Probe

## 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!

## COMPUTING WORKSHOP & COMPUTING FOR RAW BEGINERS: In recess until late March.

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Again due to popular demand put Sunday 4th March 9 a.m. in your diary for a \$12 a head Full Buffet Breakfast at The All Seasons, McIvor Road. No excuses as this gives you PLENTY notice ☺ Comments/suggestions/bookings to Denise 54493925 List available at both January and February meeting.**

**BOWLS GROUP: The proposed game at South Bendigo in November was cancelled at the last minute as no one at their end had done any organizing. President Ray therefor claims a win!!!**

## 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; Sep 59; Oct 53; Nov 53.

**LETS MAKE JANUARY SIXTY + !!!!!!!!**

## BIRTHDAYS : Have a great day !

### DECEMBER

4th	Ken Gloster	23rd	Barry Coghlan
9th	Carmel Thomson	26th	Alan Court
10th	Ron Pollock	28th	Ian Nixon
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hugh Ward</b>		
17th	Bill Clemens		

### JANUARY

13 <sup>th</sup>	Bet Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	Don Ridge
27 <sup>th</sup>	Zane Hughes
29 <sup>th</sup>	Cliff Binks

**Hope Hugh has enough puff to blow out 96 Candles this year ☺ Congratulations young man !!!**

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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. Special mention to Arthur Eaton who has just had a week in hospital and is most likely to have spinal surgery in the near future! Nice to see you back home Arthur but TAKE IT EASY !!

## ☹ ENGLISH HUMOUR (?) TODAY ☹

It has been announced that the police are going to be allowed to use water cannons on rioters. They are putting some Persil in to stop the coloureds running.

Muslims have crashed a speedboat into the Thames barrier in London .  
Police think it might be the start of Ram-a-dam.

Years ago it was suggested that, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."  
But since all the doctors are now Muslim, I've found that a bacon sandwich works a treat!

Ngogo Mwambi has to travel 5 miles every day for fresh water, 7 miles every day for food & 10 miles every day for medicine for him & his family. This is because the daft so and so and all his mates torched the Peckham Spar, Tottenham KFC and Hackney Medical Centre and now he has to walk to Croydon for his breakfast.

Riots in Wythenshawe last month caused over £1 million worth of improvements

Migrants have gone on the rampage in Bradford , killing anyone who's English. Police fear the death toll could be as high as 5.

**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 has been prepared.*

**(70) Bookings/Payments received from (71):** C.Adams (2), I. Bennett (1), G.Biles (2), C.Binks(1), P. Brooks (1), E. Bruhn (1), N.Bruhn (2), M.Caulfield (1), R.Chenery (2), B. Clemson (2) B. Coghlan (2), K.Coles (2), A.Court(1), K.Crouch (1), A. Crothers (2), T.Dingle (1), A. Eaton (2), R. Fitzgerald (2), N.Gillies (1), J.Goodrich (1), B.Hall (1), J. Hardy (2), G. Hemsworth (3), Holland. E. (2), R. Michell (1), M. Miller (1), B. McGrath (2), J.McDonald (2), B. O'Brien (2), R.Pollock (1), K. Proud (2), P. Randall (2), W. Redmond (2), R. Reynolds (2), D. Ridge (2), C. Smith (2), A. Stephens (2), L. Stork (1), C. Thomson (1), P.Thornton (1), H.Ward (1), R. Watkins (2), M. Watt (2), J.White (1), W.Winzar (1),

**Bendigo Ladies Probus Club: TOUR TO MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

**MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2012**

**COST:** \$655 Per Person – Twin Share – Single Supp: Add \$40/night \*\* Vacancies. \*\*

Seat Belt equipped Coach – Pick Up: Bendigo Rail Station at 8am Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Price Includes:** \* 4 Nights Quality 4 Star Accommodation at Harbour Motor Inn

**Payments by Cheque: Made Payable to Bendigo Ladies Probus Club.**

**Balance due 1st December, 2011:**

**For this Tour: Enquiries to: Brenda Dohnt (Bendigo Ladies) Phone: 5442 1943**

**COMBINED TOUR – SPRING GULLY PROBUS – PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO  
TRIP TO BACCHUS MARSH – THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2012**

\*\* Approximately (25) available for Probus Club of Bendigo.

**Depart: 8.45am. From: Strathdale Community Ctre Car Park. Return home: 5.30pm Approx.**

**Cost: Est. \$35/person. Includes:** Coach Fare, Morning Tea, and a Picnic Lunch. Tea, Coffee, soft drinks and fruit will also be supplied

**A Local Guide:** will join the Coach and take us to see some of the many interesting sights of the area and the town, and tell us stories of the past.

**List: At Meeting 18th January 2012 PAYMENTS: At meeting 15th February, 2012**

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

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The Tramboat trip was another excellent event and was enjoyed by every participant from both clubs Spring Gully and of course our Club Bendigo. Well done Arthur and Margaret!

**Poetry From Sandhurst:**

He was a very cautious man who never romped and played.  
He never smoked, he never drank, nor ever kissed a maid.  
And when he upped and passed away his insurance was denied...  
For since he hadn't ever lived, they claim he never died !!

**From Strathdale:**

A woman on the phone to her friend; I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and started exercising....I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over!

**Gully Irish Humour:**

Paddy says to Mick, "Christmas is on a Friday this year." Mick says, "Hope it's not on the 13<sup>th</sup>!"  
Paddy got some new aftershave today that smells like breadcrumbs. The birds love it!  
Paddy and Mick find three hand grenades, so they take them to the Police Station. Mick says, "What if one explodes before we get there?" Paddy: "We'll lie and say we only found two."

**The Speaker for the 18th January is:-  
John Cartwright on the subject of Optometry**  
**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:  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December

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

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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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