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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9.30am at the Masonic Centre, Melvor Rd, Bendigo.

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This month's Guest Speaker is John Jones. He will be speaking about "Wonders of Technology for Disadvantaged Children".

Probus Christmas Luncheon

We had a very enjoyable gathering. An excellent meal with efficient and friendly service. A high light of the function was the performance by Katlin Penno. This very young singer presented a performance well matched to the rather elderly audience. Every number was one which we all knew well and appreciated.

The organisers did a great job, all are to be congratulated and also the choir, accompanied by Norm Dack at the piano led us through some well loved carols.

SICK MEMBERS

John Davies had a fall just before Christmas and broke a hip. He is recovering in St. John of God. Jim Harrison also had a fall, resulting in some broken ribs. Gordon Rayson is not at all well, he has had several falls and his memory is deteriorating. Ian Carter is not well, physically and in memory matters. John Petrosma is having hip trouble. Geoff Biles is suffering from some illness, so far not identified but is undergoing testing.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

FEBRUARY 2006

02	Tom Roberts	85
06	Cyril Slade	84
18	John Hardy	82
25	CLIFF NEIVANDT	80
26	Ken Proud	85

MARCH 2006

02	Peter Randal	72
17	John Sanderson	82
19	Gordon Glover	89
23	Jim Harrison	84
23	Ray Fitzgerald	84
25	Jim Aitken	81

Congratulations to all of above especially **Cliff Neivandt**.

Note: If you do not wish your birthday published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.

Note: If you (or your partner / a family member) is unwell; then please remember to phone one of the Club's **Welfare Officers**, (**Herb Hesse 5443 6424**) or (**Cyril Slade 5443 5748**). Your Club friends would like to know how you are going, and can possibly help you. Remember to keep in touch. Herb & Cyril are keen to help.

Foundation Members Luncheon - Nov. 2005

Our normal November luncheon took the form of a special Christmas event with 28 members and visitors enjoying a very pleasant occasion at the National Hotel on High Street.

We were privileged to have our Club President Bryan with wife Denise and Club Vice President Len with his wife Margaret join with us. Other visitors were two of our founding Rotarians Joe Miles of Eaglehawk and Ken Briggs of South Bendigo, Rotary Clubs. A special welcome was extended to Alan and wife Nancy Brown, both Foundation Members of Beaufort Probus Club (They are now retired into Bendigo).

Hazell Simkins from Spring Gully Club and Muriel Miller, Joyce Griffin and Molly Rothacker, widows of our Foundation Members, were made welcome as was Pauline from Noosa and Christine from Castlemaine, daughters of our Convenor Cliff.

The hotel management and staff went out of their way to ensure our event went off smoothly, we occupied the small dining room which proved ideal for our small group. The meal was voted as being great and the service left nothing wanting. Vice President Len extended our thanks.

A number of lucky draws added excitement to the occasion.

A CD was specially 'cut' made up of Christmas Carols from a number of varying CD's and was played in between courses. After enjoying our delicious Christmas meal we enjoyed a time of talking and listening to Christmas music, finishing up with Old Lang Syne.

This brought us to the end of our first year of Foundation Members luncheon and we look forward to our first luncheon of 2006 in the Mt Edgecombe Hotel at 8 Olinda Street (near the South Bendigo Bowling Club) at 12.15 pm in January 18, 2006. 2 courses, include tea/coffee \$9.50 p.p., widows of our Foundation members are always welcome.

C. Binks, Convenor.

Bowls Report

Teams Bendigo Probus

Host Club Eaglehawk

Date January 24, 2006

Leader

R. Chenery

W. Winzar

J. Laidler

G. Glover

Third

J. Kelly

W. Clemens

W. Redmond

Z. Hughes

Skipper

F. O'Connell

E. Waterworth

M. McDonald

R. Fitzgerald

EMERGENCIES: H. Hesse and A. Court

Assemble at host club at 9.30 for 10 am start. Play to the bell 11.45 am. Casual dress, \$4 per player. Two bowl triples.

Last game at South Bendigo November 22, 2005. Bendigo Probus won. Best team for Probus, J. Laidler, Z. Hughes, Ray Fitzgerald (C).

PAST PRESIDENT

I was educated at Gravel Hill and then Quarry Hill Primary Schools before going on to the Bendigo High School until I finished Year 10. I was interested in Carpentry, but because of the war (in the 1940's) no local building was in progress, so my father sent me to the Bendigo School of Mines and Industries to study a Diploma course in Electrical Engineering.

It was during this time that I got a real liking for sport and represented the B.S.M. in cricket, football, baseball and athletics, being fortunate enough to win two open athletics championships and winning two sprints in the Victorian Technical School Championships.

Having nearly finished my course in December 1946, I applied for a position with Imperial Chemical Industries and was appointed an instrument engineer at the Deer Park Ammonia and Explosives Plant. Wanting to finish my course, I was granted 12 months leave to return to Bendigo.

Having now fully qualified, my father who had resumed his building contractors business then accepted me and at last I was able to become a carpenter. In the mean time I met a lovely young lady who at the end of 1951 became my wife and over the years presented me with four sons.

In 1960 dad took me in as a full partner which continued until his retirement in 1972. I continued as a building contractor until 1983 when I applied for and was appointed Production Foreman in the Roof Truss Plant at Hume & Iser P/L.

In 1985 I was approached by the management to see if I would accept the position of Plant Manager, which I did until my retirement in 1989.

After I finished Cricket in 1967, I joined the Bendigo East Bowling Club, becoming President in 1992 then Treasurer in 1994 which I still enjoy.

I was nominated for Probus Club of Bendigo in 1989, inducted in 1990, became President in 2000 and was re-elected in 2004.

Alan Court, Past President.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Members are reminded that the Club's Annual Meeting will be held at 9.30 am on Wednesday, March 15, 2006. All positions in the Club will be declared vacant at the Meeting and members are invited to apply to any position.

In addition, the Club may be seeking volunteer/s to fill positions other than the Committee and your indication on the nomination form is invited.

Nomination forms are enclosed within this issue of "Probe". Completed nomination forms are to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to Wednesday, March 9, 2006, (seven days prior to the A.G.M.). Further blank copies of the nomination forms are available from the Secretary upon request.

Bob Chenery, Secretary.



PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO

TRIP TO TASMANIA - Don't miss out on this !!

WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL TO THURSDAY 4th MAY, 2005. (9 Day/8 Nights)

COST: Pensioner Concession: \$1285; Seniors: \$1390; Adults: \$1455. Single Supplement: \$455.

**** Pensioner Concession Card Numbers & (in case of Seniors Card Numbers/ Birth Dates are also required.) Please provide these details to Arthur at or prior to Jan 18th Probus meeting. *** Suggestion, please set out on paper and hand to Arthur**
Maximum to travel: (50) Current Bookings: (47)

Cost Includes: Transportation Bendigo to Bendigo - Bendigo Coachlines. Overnight Boat Trips (2 Nights) with Cabin accommodation on the boat to & from Tasmania. Dinner, Bed & Cooked Breakfasts, entry to attractions as per the itinerary.

Lunches on (3) days. Note: (meals not included on the boat segment of travel.)

Feature attractions: the famous ABT Railway trip with spectacular scenery, now world acclaimed, and also a Gordon River Cruise, but there is much more. "It will be a great trip with consideration being made to cater for our age group."

(49) Bookings have been received from:

B. Armstrong (2), I. Bennett (2), C. Binks (1), G. Bloomfield (1), B. Bruhn (1), R. Chenery (1), A. Cowling (2), A. Court (2), A. Crothers (2), A. Dingle (2), A. Eaton (2), O. Faderson (1), G. Glover (2), P. Goodrich (2), F. Himsworth (2), Z. Hughes (2), D. Laity (1), R. Barty (1), R. Mitchell (1), M. Miller (1), C. McLean (1), I. Nankivell (2), K. Proud (2), A. Stephens (2), C. Slade (2), W. Spicer (1), D. Spicer (1), W. Winzar (1), I. Truscott (1), W. Truscott (1), M. Williams (1), Mary Donaldson (1)

Required at meeting on Wed January 18th, 2006 please.

**** Deposits of \$25.00/person and Pensioner Concession & Seniors Card details.**

Balance of Payments due: At or by meeting Wed 15th March, 2006

Tours Organiser Arthur Eaton.

For inquiries telephone Arthur : 5443 9162