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A Special General Meeting is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road.

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Our Guest Speaker at today's meeting is Mr Derek Guille – Manager of our ABC Bendigo. His subject "The ABC Past and Present".

At our September meeting, Clark Jeffrey ably introduced Captains Gordon and Elaine Stewart of the Salvation Army.

Their subject "Combating the Drug Problem", was a stark reminder to our generation that the problem exists in all stratas of our youth today. Statistics show that 62% drink alcohol from year 10 and 16% have tried drugs.

Alcohol is attributed to 2 in 5 divorces, 3 in 4 assaults, 1 in 3 drownings and 2 in 5 road casualties.

He suggested grandparents could play a part by building up a trusting relationship with their grandchildren to discuss problems they may have.

Captain Gordon then told us of a 26 year old, who had spent a time in jail for drink driving and again found himself in court for the same offence. The presence of Gordon in Court, who requested to the magistrate, that the offender be allowed to have a chance under their "Bridge Program", to be given rehabilitation – the Salvo's method is to insist on complete abstaining – there is no better method to combat addictions. He has now learnt a trade and is now gainfully employed.

Addicts are cared for in units in Strickland Road, where they may stay for days or even months. Captains Gordon and Elaine live next door, so they can maintain close contact for counselling at all odd times – such is their dedication.

Gordon then told us, not without some emotion, that they had lost a young son to drug addiction, hence their compelling devotion to help people who are addicted to drugs.

He told us the old Citadel in High Street, has been sold to Family Stores – Red Shield Industries – another arm of the Salvation Army. A new Citadel will be built on the Grand Hill with the proceeds.

It was appropriate that our retired Magistrate Jim Aitkin was chosen to thank Gordon and Elaine and both were presented with a Probus Mug.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK 1998**

\* Senior Citizens Week – 15<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

There are a number of 'Events' planned for this week listed below.

- a. Photographic competition and exhibition.
- b. Our local Council will receive suggestions from Probus members for activities to be included in this week. Secretary Arthur has the forms if you wish to express an interest.

### **BIRTHDAY**

One of our younger lads has reached the age of 3 score years + 10 – happens to be our esteemed Treasurer, Rupert Reynolds.

### **VISITOR**

The Rev. Brian Moxon O.B.E., was present at our September meeting. He is enthused with Probus and hopes to form a Golden Square Club. He would appreciate names of men whom you, as a Probian, could recommend to him.

*His address is* – PO Box 83, Kangaroo Flat, 3555. Phone (03) 5447 2132.

### **BOWLERS – PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES**

Bendigo Probus 1997-98.

Eaglehawk - Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 97

South Bendigo - Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 97

Bendigo - Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 97

Bendigo East - Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 98

North Bendigo - Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 98

Woodbury - Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 98

Sandhurst V Bendigo – Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 98 at Woodbury.

The Combined Probus Club Day at venue to be decided – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 98.

Bowls Teams for Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1997 at Eaglehawk. (9.30 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. start).

N. Barningham	O. Watson	W. Winzar	H. Hesse (s)
J. Kelly	W. Spicer	W. Clemens	R. Marslen (s)
J. Rose	E. Driscoll	L. Roy	A. Stevens (s)
R. Chenery	A. Court	E. Hogan	F. O'Connell (s)

Res. A. Morris, A. Stevens.

Maryborough Probus Bowls. Monday November 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. Fours \$40 per team.

Bill Clemens – Co-ordinator.

## **MEMBERSHIP BOOKS UPDATE**

New address of Jake Vingerhoerts is 1 Marnie Road and an asterisk is required for Clive Miller.

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### **PROFILE OF HERB HESSE**

Herb and his brother Ken, started the firm of Hesse Bros. Electrical Services in 1946. Their success was due to being able to repair and service all appliances sold. At one stage they operated a fleet of 10 service vehicles.

Both brothers also found time to render great service to our Community. Ken is remembered for his constant efforts to put the trams on the rails again, as an important tourist attraction.

Herb is well known for his contribution to sport. However, he balanced this with community service. He was a Life Governor of the then Bendigo Institute of Technology, the Home and Hospital for the Aged and Mirridong Home for the Blind.

As a member of St Johns Presbyterian Church, he conducted their stewardship campaigns for 26 years, and was also a choir member for 30 years.

In sport, Herb was a keen cricketer and Captained the Bendigo Cricket Association teams to Melbourne Country Week for 10 years. He played in the Bendigo representative side against the English team in 1946, captained by Walter Hammond. He is also well known as a lawn bowler and was awarded Life Member of the Bendigo Bowls Club, due to his service as Secretary for 12 years, President 1 year and 32 years on the Committee and still current. He has also held the positions of Chairman of Selectors, Press correspondent and Greens Director.

He has been Tournament Secretary for Bendigo Country-Bowls Week for 27 years (Current) and has seen it progress to be the largest bowls tournament in Victoria and approx. twice the size of Melbourne Week. Approx. 800 to 900 bowlers from clubs throughout the State, now patronize this tournament.

His achievements include – Club Champion 9 times (a record for the Club), Champion of Champions (3 times), Bendigo District Bowls Champion (3 times), won the State Title in 1978 as Skipper of Mens Fours, won Country Championship in pairs and has won every District Title inc. singles, pairs, triples and fours.

In golf, Jean and Herb Hesse have been members of Eaglehawk for 51 years, with several titles to their credit. Herb was Captain/Manager of the Bendigo District Association teams to Melbourne Country Week. He has won several open championships including Eaglehawk, Marong, Wedderburn, Calivil and Inglewood (3 times).

In swimming, Herb presided over the Bendigo Swimming Club for 5 years. For his services to sport, the Bendigo Sportsmen's Association presented him with a framed certificate "For service to sports award for continued support as a sportsman and administrator."

With all this activity, he has lived a successful family life, having been married for 51 years. Their son Morris, is a School Teacher who has given them 2 grandchildren. With that background, Herb is well qualified to be a member of our Probus Club.

### ***CASINO TRIP NO. 2***

The second Bendigo Probus trip to the new Melbourne Casino took place on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September. Not much can be added to the last report, except to comment on the crystal ceiling inside the main entrance doors. It was absolutely magnificent with the lighting display and laser generated figures.

Arthur, accompanied by Zelle and Ron Stanistreet, managed to crack the "inner sanctum", the upstairs areas, and were given an escorted tour.

Not much is known of individual results at the poker machines so it can be safely assumed that the management made no large payments.

The day was most successful and enjoyed by all that took part and our thanks go to Arthur for organizing a second bus to take those who missed out on the first excursion.

Alex Wilson.

### ***CARLTON BREWHOUSE AND VICTORIAN ARTS CENTRE TRIP***

The morning of September 18<sup>th</sup>, was the start of a delightful trip for the members of Bendigo Probus and Friends. On arriving at our departure point, the coach was at the ready along with Captain "Selwyn Knight" and as usual Arthur had produced a perfect spring day.

We arrived at the Carlton Brewhouse tour centre to be met by our guides. We were given a short history of the company, its acquisitions, its brewing and marketing both in Australia and abroad. This was followed by a short video then it was on to the mini buses for a trip around this mammoth complex.

After climbing 60 steps, we were at the nerve centre of the brewing, huge stainless steel "Mash Tin" containers where the crushed malt or "Grist" is allowed to stand in water and the malt starch is converted to fermentable sugars - this produces a sweet liquid called "Wort" (interesting to note the spent grain is taken away from the plant almost immediately and used a feed for dairy cattle). The fermentation process follows with the addition of yeast and at a given time the yeast is removed and the "Hops" or Hop Extract" is added to give the desired bitterness.

Filtration is the last process before being placed in bottles or cans, but with kegs it passes through a pasteurisation stage.

After a look at the bottling complex, it was off to the museum and the Bar to sample the various brews or a selection of fruit juices.

Back on the coach again, destination Victorian Arts Centre, lunchtime.

At the Arts Centre we were divided into two groups, firstly visiting the George Fairfax Studio, which is the smallest of the three theatres. It was first used for theatre in the

round, an experimental area, seats 376, now set up with a corner stage (but has 23 different staging positions). Our next viewing was that of the Melbourne Concert Hall, the foyer featured the multiple paintings, "Paradise Garden" by Sir Sidney Nolan 1968-70 and a beautiful "Stalactite Light Sculpture" which penetrates the various levels, this is free hanging and is illuminated by 40 spot lights.

As this art complex has five storeys above and five storeys below ground level, and the theatres are all below, a theme used in decoration and design is that of a cave like structure.

The stage in the M.C. Hall has recording booths, a stage that can be adjusted to three levels, an organ (Canadian built), the ceiling features 30 Acoustic dishes and a complex set of lighting bars. The body of the theatre seats 2,677 people (larger than Sydney Opera House) with seating called "Near Perfect Acoustic Seats". These are designed to soak up sound when empty, at the same rate as when people are seated. The floor under the seats is hard-parquetry, and high up on the sides hang 22 adjustable Acoustic Banners (made from thick wool) to prevent any echo.

We finished our guided tour visiting a special mock up "Stars dressing room". The theme used - "My Fair Lady" displayed actual designs and costumes, cards, mirrors, hats, wigs, flowers, a miniature stage set and plans drawn to 1:50 scale. There were also a set of 30 masks - these enabled five actors to portray six characters each.

Finally a few interesting facts - site originally marsh land, complex supported on 12,000 steel pylons, slab under concert hall continuously heated, cost over 23 years \$250 million and all the interior designs by Australian John Truscott.

By 3.30, we were all aboard headed for home. A very enlightening and enjoyable trip, full praise once again to Arthur.

John Stephens.

### ***TRIPS INFORMATION***

**TRIP TO R.A.A.F. MUSEUM POINT COOK - WERRIBEE WILD LIFE SAFARI PARK - THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20TH, 1997.** Maximum 53 - Current 66.

Visit R.A.A.F. Museum at Point Cook to see an amazing variety of R.A.A.F. memorabilia, excellent variety of R.A.A.F. "serviceable vintage aircraft", also many of the modern aircraft housed at the Museum and Aircraft under restoration. Next we visit Werribee Open Range Zoo and experience the excitement of a Wildlife Safari amongst African animals from the comfort and security of "Safari mini coach". **PAYMENTS:** Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting please. **\*\*LUNCH:** Bring own picnic morning tea and lunch.

**PROBUS CLUB OF MARYBOROUGH - PROBUS ASSOCIATION "FRIENDSHIP DAY" AT MARYBOROUGH - WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26TH, 1997.** **\*\*Insufficient support for a coach - require to use own cars.**

**FILM SHOWING AT THE LATROBE UNIVERSITY LECTURE THEATRE:  
TUESDAY JANUARY 27TH, 1998.** Numbers unlimited. COST: \$3.00 per person.  
"A Spectacular Film Showing" by Rob and Cynthia Watkins of "A Walk in South Africa"  
Botswana, Zimbabwe, "Comparisons of what nature provides for us in Bendigo". See  
spectacular shots taken by Cynthia and Rob whilst in South Africa last year. \*\*\*A  
relaxed and interesting outing is assured".

SHOW: Air conditioned comfort in an excellent Lecture Theatre.

\*\* 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm – "A walk in South Africa"

\*\* 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm – "Partake of own Picnic Tea/fraternise

\*\* 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm – "Comparisons "Our own Bendigo Wild Life"

\*\* 8.00 to 8.30 pm – "Tea and Biscuits" and fraternise.

\*\* BYO Picnic Tea – Tea, coffee, milk, sugar, paper cups provided.

LISTING: October 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting. \*\*PAYMENTS: November 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19TH, 1998 – TRIP TO MELBOURNE. VISITS TO  
JEWISH MUSEUM AND SYNAGOGUE AND MELBOURNE BOTANICAL  
GARDENS.**

Conducted tours of the Jewish Museum and Synagogue. Visit the Botanical Gardens.

\*\*This outing very popular with Probus Clubs.

\*\*A morning tea has been arranged on arrival at Jewish Museum

\*\*Bring along your own picnic lunch to have in gardens

\*\*LISTING at October 15<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

\*\*PAYMENT January 21<sup>st</sup>. Maximum 49. COST: \$19 per person includes coach,  
morning tea and entrance fees.

Arthur Eaton. Tours Organiser.

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*As this is my last edition as editor of Probe, my sincere thanks to contributors and  
especially to Arthur Eaton for his computer print outs, hand delivered in the first week of  
each month.*

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*Thanks and best wishes to our new editor Alex Wilson who has helped out on several  
occasions.*

*Hugh Ward.*