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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.00 am. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road, Bendigo.

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The speaker at the April meeting will be Mr. Darby Illingworth, Vice President of Legacy, who will talk on the work of Legacy.

As the March meeting was the Annual General Meeting there was no guest speaker and, due to the disorganisation of the morning tea, there was no time for a short talk from one of the Probians present.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The number of nominees equalled the vacant positions. Elected were:

President:	Alan court	Committee:	Bill Clemens
Vice President:	Herb Hesse		Kevin Houlahan
Secretary:	Arthur Cowling		Ralph Michell
Treasurer:	Maurice Pease		Clive Miller
Auditor:	Clive Miller		Maurice Pease
Public Officer:	Ken Coles		
Trips Coordinator:	Arthur Eaton.		

President-Elect Alan Court was inducted to the position of President by President Ern Waterworth who now becomes Past President of the Club.

The new fee structure was then set at \$25 for the nomination fee and \$20 for the annual subscription.

The position of editor is not an elected position and remains in the hands of Alex Wilson.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

No, Ern Waterworth has not moved, but his address in the membership booklet has been incorrect for some time. It should be 1/13 not 1/3 as printed.

Ralph Hislop has resigned from the club and is moving to Queensland.

PROBUS NEWS



This news service is continuing to be provided by radio station KLFM on FM 96.5 from 10.00 am to 10.30 am on the 3rd Friday of each month. News includes the trips being conducted by other Clubs in the area. I am sure that any trips that are advertised and are not filled would be available for members of other Clubs. Listen in as you may hear something to your advantage. If you are having difficulty tuning in to this station let me know, I may be able to help.

By the way, the program can be recognised by the theme song, "Rainbow On The River" sung by Bobby Breen; remember him.

ACTIVITIES

BOWLS REPORT



The game against Woodbury on Wednesday, 22nd March resulted in a win to Woodbury, 57 shots to 52. Best performed rink for Bendigo was Ted Trewartha, Alex Wilson, Len Roy and Alan Stephens, skipper.

Our final engagement for this season is the annual grudge match against Sandhurst Probos for a trophy won last year by Sandhurst. We will be keen to reverse that result. The match will be played at Woodbury on Thursday, 20th

April, 9.30 am attendance with 10.00 am start, regulation dress with Probos shirts if possible.

Teams for Bendigo versus Sandhurst at Woodbury, Thursday, 20th April are:

J. Kelly	E. Hogan	E. Waterworth	M. Boyd	(s)
E. Trewartha	C. Turner	W. Clemens	H. Hesse	(s)
J. Rose	A. Wilson	A. Stephens	K. Gloster	(s)
R. Holmes	A. Court	R. Fitzgerald	V. Canobie	(s)

Bill Clemens

BOWLS SHIRT

Bill Clarke has assured me that there is a substance that will return bowls creams to their original colour after being washed with a Probos polo shirt. The polo shirt was unscathed.

VISIT TO B.R.I.T. SALEYARDS CAMPUS

It was in 1993, following recommendations from the Victorian Government that facilities be developed to meet the requirements of Vocational Education Training, that the former Bendigo Saleyards was chosen as the site for a new B.R.I.T. Campus.

On 16/3/2000 members of our Club, through the courtesy of Graeme Trewartha, son of member Ted, were given the opportunity to inspect the transformation scene which is now well advanced.

We met at the Campus Canteen and, while enjoying a cuppa, Graeme, with the aid of a contoured plan, explained the processes of converting the site for present and future development following its reclamation and decontamination to meet E.P.A. Certificate standards.

Our comprehensive excursion began at the Horticultural Centre which was officially opened in 1997 and will feature an orchard, vineyard and landscaping of the site to provide practical experience for the students.

In early 1998 Automotive and Rural Studies moved into the 3,500 sq. metre rockface building, while existing buildings, including the old pig shed, are used for storage and machinery.

The Building Construction complex with Carpentry, Joinery, Painting and Decorating and every detail of Plumbing, including a sand pit, and yes, with official approval, you can have a unit built to your design and specifications. This complex, together with Engineering, was completed in December 1999. The Engineering building accommodates the Fitting and Machine shop, Metal Fabrication and lecture rooms.

Buildings are very well designed and equipped for their intended purpose with the installation of dust and fume extractors where necessary to serve work areas.

Local contractors were employed for the construction of these "state of the art" upgraded buildings and facilities covering the whole spectrum of training from the use of basic trade tools to modern, sophisticated computer controlled machines.

Students and staff have moved from archaic, out-date buildings to the most modern available.

The head of each department was in attendance to answer questions and give a detailed explanation of his particular operation.

The State Government has recently confirmed that funding of an additional \$1.5 million will be made available later in 2000 for the construction of a new Electronics building along with a Student Union building which will house a Library, toilets, canteen and student recreational area. This Stage Four announcement brings the total funding invested in the new Industry Training Centre, Saleyards Complex, since 1997, to over \$15 million.

At the conclusion of our excursion President Alan thanked Graeme for organising and conducting a very enlightening and interesting tour of inspection and made the traditional Probus presentation on behalf of the members.

Congratulations Graeme on what you have achieved in directing the development of a project which is a great asset to the Bendigo Regional Institute of T.A.F.E. and to the City of Bendigo and the region it serves.

Bob Holmes





THURSDAY 22nd JUNE, 2000. "SPECIAL MILLENNIUM DINNER" at B.R.I.T.
VENUE: Bendigo Regional Institute of T.A.F.E. Hospitality Restaurant, Mc.Crae Street,
Bendigo.

TIME: 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm Dinner.

COST: \$20.00 per person, includes: Meal & Entertainment. Max:(100)

A Special Dinner Menu, excellent entertainment arranged, three talented lady soloists.
'tis You won't want to miss out on this !!

Cliff Binks is determined this "Special Millennium Dinner" will be special in all respects and be long remembered. Watch for it !!

Current (79). VACANCIES EXIST: PAYMENTS: April 19th meeting.

Arthur Eaton

Again a little something from Monty Blandford's "Philosopher's Scrap Book".

GIVE HIM A LIFT

Give him a lift! Don't kneel in prayer,
Nor moralise with his despair;
The man is down, and his great need
Is ready help, not prayer and creed.
One grain of aid just now is more
To him than tons of saintly love;
Pray if you must, within your heart,
But give him a lift - give him a start.
The world is full of good advice,
Of prayer and praise and preaching nice;
But generous souls who aid mankind
Are, like diamonds, hard to find.
Give like a Christian - speak in deeds;
A noble life's the best of creeds;
And he shall wear a royal crown
Who gives a lift when men are down
