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

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Today's Guest Speaker is : Andrew Lelliott, Network Manager,
Northern Region, Powercor

At the November meeting the Guest Speaker, Sen. Sgt. Brian Hinton was introduced by Jim Aitken. Sen. Sgt. Hinton of the Traffic Branch was talking of the work of his section and their efforts to reduce the number of accidents on the roads. Fortunately for us the grim story was lightened by the recounting of various incidents.

First some numbers. It is calculated that, since 1990 over 1000 lives have been saved through the initiatives of the State Government. These measures include the use of "Booze Buses", speed cameras and the points system of licence endorsement. The cost of these initiatives, purely in financial terms, is great, \$98 million for the cameras, with publicity included and the processing and issuing of tickets; \$42 million was spent on advertising alone by the TAC. However, balance this against the human cost which has been avoided, lives spared, injuries averted, damage to vehicles avoided.

The age range 18 to 25 is the most disaster prone, but these people are showing a responsible avoidance of drink driving although in other respects they are irresponsible.

The publicity about drink driving has been quite successful, the next problem for attack is speeding. After the speech Ron Stanistreet expressed the thanks of the meeting, and made the usual presentation.

Chris Willson was inducted as a member of the Club by our President, in spite of the introduction by Rupert Reynolds.

REPORTS - We were entertained to a slide show at the Department of Agriculture on Friday November 17. Rob Watkins and his wife spent a year travelling in North America in a mobile home. They ventured as far north as Alaska, and south and east to Florida. Throughout their travel they kept their cameras busy and we were shown an enthralling series of slides. Rocky Mountain scenery, canyons, trees, wild flowers, squirrels, alligators and occasionally Rob or Cynthia were featured. It was all magnificent camera work.

Wednesday July 6th 1988 saw the Bendigo Probians set off to Craigieburn to view the note printing branch of the Reserve Bank plus the Ford factory at Broadmeadows.

On Wednesday November 22nd 1995 we again set out for the printing works but this time we changed our allegiance from Ford to General Motors and visited the Holden Engine Manufacturing plant at Port Melbourne.

At the note printing works we watched, through glass, the various stages of printing, checking, guillotining, numbering and final inspection of the new plastic notes of various denominations.

The building is heavily guarded by electronics and the gardens have been landscaped and planted to prevent helicopters landing within the boundary fence perimeter.

Notes are printed in sheet form with 24 or 40 notes per sheet by Simultan or Intaglio machines. The Simultan prints multi-coloured backgrounds on both sides simultaneously. The Intaglio provides raised security printing on one side at a time.

The Simultan prints 8000 sheets per hour and the Intaglio prints 6000 sheets per hour. All sheets are manually examined for marks or bad printing. Rejects are marked with a special ink detectable by Crosfield Computers which count the sheets, reject the faulty, replace the marked ones and record the details. It handles 1200 notes per minute. Rejected notes are destroyed and the good notes are packaged and sent by conveyor to be stored in the vault.

Forgery is a big problem not only in Australia but world wide and Australia now has the best technology in the world to combat it. Countries such as Kuwait, Singapore, Indonesia, Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea and Samoa already have their notes printed at the plant with some large countries making enquiries.

One o'clock was the starting time for the inspection of the Holden Engine plant and we were split up into five groups each with a guide. Both the 4 and 8 cylinder engines are totally manufactured at this plant whilst the 6 cylinder motors are made in the U.S.A. but assembled here. The 4 cylinder engines are produced at the rate of 1200 per day and are all exported. Some return to Australia in the Daewoo vehicles imported from South Korea. We were shown the manufacturing of these engines from the foundry right through assembly, testing, packaging and finally being put into containers for shipment to 11 countries throughout the world. Engine components are also made for other countries and we even saw the parts being produced for SAAB in Sweden. This engine plant is considered to be the largest export earner for Australia in the manufacturing field.

We arrived home right on time and thanks must be given to Ralph Michell for organising 6 of his friends from the Bendigo Society of Model Engineers to fill the late withdrawals. Naturally we must once more thank Arthur for organising a great trip.

Ken Gloster

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

This live show was viewed by Bendigo Probians on December 20. It is a magnificent show, an old fashioned pantomime mounted with new fashioned technology. The costumes, the scenery, the effects, the dancing, the singing, all were superb and very much enjoyed by our members and all of the audience.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Once more we had our Christmas Party at the Bendigo Bowling Club. After the meal, as usual very satisfactory, we were entertained. This year our own members were watching, while a group of Benola Singers presented musical items and Jack Paynting and Norm Fieldew gave us a comedy act. The piano accompaniment was made by Norm Dack, who also played for the final rounds of carols.

TRIPS INFORMATION:

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO: REPORT ON 1995 XMAS TRIP TO MOAMA R.S.L.

The Southern Cross "Annual Xmas Dinner Trip" to Moama R.S.L. retained its popularity, a total of 58 travelled, including members, wives and friends of Probians. On this occasion the meal was served "Bistro Style" with seating at small tables. As usual following the meal our party "challenged the pokies", pleased to report that some of our party recorded "substantial wins", regret many of the remainder subsidised the wins. On the return trip a draw was conducted for a bottle of wine donated by R.S.L. An outing enjoyed by all. I would welcome any comments on the new format meal and seating arrangements.

Arthur Eaton.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27TH, 1996 - TRIP TO MELBOURNE - WEATHER BUREAU, NATIONAL PHILATELIC CTRE, MUSEUM OF VICTORIA SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS.

Depart Bendigo: 7.30am. Arrive Home: Approx 5.45pm. Maximum (49)
Cost: \$17.00/person. Includes: Coach & Entrance Fees.

LUNCH: Bring or buy own. A Trip packed with things to interest all our Members, Weather Bureau: forecasting - early days to present time; Philatelic Centre (C'wealth of Aust. Postage Stamps 1913 to 1996) - current theme Stamps of Space Age - some actual Space Items

on display: Museum of Vic: Special Awe Inspiring Exhibition "Whales of the Deep" - First Exhibition of its kind in the World, 30 exhibits. Planetarium Star Show: everything you wanted to know about the Stars. LIST TO BE TABLED: At Jan. 17th meeting - ****PAYMENT with booking is preferred please. A positive response is required.

MONDAY MARCH 11TH TO WEDNESDAY MARCH 13TH, 1996.

COMBINED TRAIN & ROAD COACH TRIP TO WARRNAMBOOL (3 Day/Night)

Maximum 45. Current Bookings 73

Depart Bendigo: Monday March 11th 9.20am. From Bendigo Rail Stn. Return Home ex Warrnambool wed March 14th: Departing 8.00am. Cost: \$235/person Twin Share - (With Rail Voucher or Pass \$199). PRICE INCLUDES: Rail Travel, Coach Travel, Accommodation D.R.B. Entrance Fees, Luggage Handling. (Provide own mid-day lunches) FULL ITINERARIES/DETAILS: were distributed at November meeting. ****DEPOSITS: \$20/person payable at Jan. 17th Meeting.

*****TRIP OF THE YEAR*****

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD to SATURDAY SEPT. 28TH, 1996 (6 DAY/5 NIGHT)

TRIP TO SNOWY MOUNTAINS - STAYING AT PROVIDENCE LODGE (ADAMINABY)

Minimum: 38 - Maximum: 48 - Host: Col Mayhew (Owner)
Early booking is advised: A Trip not to be missed - great value.
Cost: \$404.00/person Twin Share: Includes: Coach, Accommodation-Twin Share, Full Breakfasts, 3 Course Dinners, Lunches & Evening Supper, Morning & Afternoon Teas. All Entries, Rides, Inspections etc, Evening Entertainment, Fun Nights. Host provides commentary on all outings. Our Club will have "exclusive use of entire Lodge". Excellent selection of Tours: including Thredbo Alpine Village & Chairlift Ride, Ski Tube (Australia's highest Railway), Waterfalls, Gorges, Snow capped Mountains & Tobogganing.
Providence Lodge is situated on Lake Eucumbine, which together with Proprietor Col Mayhew, comes very highly recommended. Our 1991 trip was voted as best ever - suitable for all travellers, an interesting, enjoyable and relaxing trip is assured. *I have tentatively booked these dates & must give a positive reply shortly following our Jan. meeting. LIST TO BE TABLED: At Jan. 17th meeting. ENQUIRIES TO: Arthur Eaton (Tours Liaison) phone 439162.

ANNUAL COMBINED PICNIC.

The Probus Annual Picnic will be held at the Echuca Trotting Track on 14th March 1996, the final day of Probus Rendezvous 1996.

Format: A fully catered barbecue lunch -
Registration 12.00 to 1.00 - Lunch 1.00 onwards

Cost: Member \$15.00 (\$5.00 Reg \$10 Lunch)
Partner \$10.00

Phone Ken Medlin on (054) 809 322 A.S.A.P. to make bookings.

**Note This date clashes with the Warrnambool Trip.

BOWLS

To play Bendigo East Bowling Club, on Thursday January 18 at 9.30 a.m.

TEAMS:-

W. BELL	J. ROSE
D. DONALDSON	R. HOLMES
E. WATERWORTH	L. ROY
A. MORRIS (skipper)	V. CANOBIE (skipper)

A. WILSON	R. FITZGERALD
R. DOWNEY	R. CHENEY
E. DRISCOLL	G. RAYSON
A. EATON (skipper)	H. HESSE (skipper)

PRELIMINARY NOTICE: Members are reminded that the Club's Annual Meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 20th March 1996. All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant at the meeting and members are invited to apply to any position to join the 96/97 Committee. Nomination forms are enclosed within this issue of "Probe". Completed forms are to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to Wednesday 13th March '96, (seven days prior to the A.G.M.). Further blank copies of the nomination form are available from the Secretary upon request.

Ken Coles...Secretary
