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**PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO INC.**

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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd. Wednesday each month at 10.00 a.m. at the Bendigo Club.

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**THE GUEST SPEAKER** at our June Meeting is JOE BROWN, Immediate Past President of Sandhurst Probust Club. His subject is "A Great Australian, and a Great Australian Company".

CYRIL MC DONALD introduced the Speaker for May, JIM AITKEN, who scarcely needed introduction since he is one of our own members.

"Some Experiences as a Coroner". The word coroner is related to corona, and it signifies an officer of the Crown, these days mostly to conduct enquiries or inquests. The first experience that Jim related was an inquest into the death of a young man following his participation in a bout in a boxing show. The question was whether his death was due to the punches he had received during the bout or due to being dropped by a group of friends who were carrying him away.

Less serious was the incident when Jim was waiting to enter a country court house and one of the by-standers who later had to face him, asked him; "What are you up for mate?"

Then there was a very serious matter in Geelong which was to have an important effect on Health Department regulations. During an epidemic of "Hong Kong Flu", Pilkington's arranged for their workers to be vaccinated against the flu. Unfortunately two of those treated died of septicæmia, the site of the infection being at the point of injection. The vaccine was proved to be pure, and it was concluded that one of the victims must already have been infected, and this was transmitted to the other due to the use of multiple dose syringes. Jim recommended, as a result of advice from many medical men, that the regulations about procedures in mass treatments should be changed, and eventually this was adopted.

Other incidents related to a paternity suit brought against a sailor, and a very tragic case where an 18 month old child died as a result of a massive overdose of medication for asthma.

The career of a coroner seems to be very varied and fortunately not entirely confined to death and tragedy.

Jim was thanked after his talk by ALAN MC CONNELL.

#### BENDIGO PROBUS AN INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION. WHEN? :

To comply with the requirements of becoming an Incorporated Association our original constitution was replaced by a new constitution based on the "Model Rules of an Incorporated Association". Those clauses pertinent to the management of our Club, and not covered by the new constitution were retained by adopting them as By-laws. These By-laws, together with others subsequently adopted or ammended have been collated to prepare a policy document which must, unless and until, it is formaly accepte and ratified, be regarded as a draft copy only.

To give members the opportunity to address the matters contained therein, and note any points of concern, I give notice "That the document entitled Probus Club of Bendigo Inc. By-laws will be presented for discussion at the next Special General Meeting of the Club on July 17th."

Copies of our constitution as an Incorporated Association will be available for members at today's meeting.

A supplementary document consisting of our Statement of Purposes and By-laws will also be distributed and every member, including those accepted on the Waiting List, should ensure that he secures a copy and is familiar with its contents before our July meeting.

R. HOLMES

#### TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT :

THURSDAY JULY 11TH. Trip to Melbourne

"GREAT AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE SHOW"

Depart : 8.15 a.m. from Strathdale Community Centre (48 to travel)

Return Home : estimated time of arrival - 6.00 p.m. Cost : \$13.00 per person. Current bookings - 51. Includes coach fare and entry to Science Show. Lunch : B.Y.O. or purchase own at Science Show.

\*\*\* Additional emergency names would be appreciated \*\*\*

TUESDAY JULY 2ND. to THURSDAY JULY 4TH. "PROBUS BOWLS AT MILDURA"

"Men's Triples" - 9.45 a.m. at Mildura Bowls Club, Cureton Ave.,

Mildura on Wednesday July 3rd. V/Line Coach : Depart : Bendigo

Tuesday 2/7 10.55 a.m. Arrive : Mildura 4.45 p.m. On Return Depart

: Mildura Thursday 4/7 9.10 a.m. Arrive : Bendigo 3.10 p.m. Costs

: V/Line (Over 60 Pass) - \$39.00 Return. Accommodation at Seventh

Street Motel, 7th. Street, Mildura - \$22.00/night (Includes light

breakfast). Bowls : \$8.00/Player. Accommodation, Entry for Bowls

and V/Line bookings have been made for all who submitted their names

at May meeting. \*V/Line - fare payment by June 26th.)

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH. TRIP TO MALDON**

(Join with Castlemaine Probus)

Maximum to travel : **Not Limited. Cost** : \$13.00/Person Includes Coach Fare, B.B.Q. Lunch, Inspection of Carmen's Tunnel, Maldon Vintage Train Ride, tour of Maldon's items of interest.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 8TH. Trip to Melbourne**

CONDUCTED TOURS OF GALLERY OF SPORT

MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB AND TENNIS CENTRE

Maximum to travel : 48 **Cost** : \$20 - \$21/person approx. includes Coach Fare, all admission charges, plus a light lunch. "Should be a very interesting trip".

\*\*\* LIST TABLED TODAY \*\*\*

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH. to SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17TH. INCLUSIVE**

"TOUR OF THE YEAR" - TRIP TO SNOWY MOUNTAINS/LAKE EUCUMBENE"

days/5 nights, excellent day tours. **Cost** : \$383.00/person (all inclusive). Maximum to travel - 47. Current bookings - 81

SOUTH PACIFIC : Sunday 23rd. June, Capital Theatre - Matinee 2.00 p.m. \$12.50 per ticket. Please pay at today's meeting.

GOOD OLD DAYS : Sunday 18th. August - Matinee 2.00 p.m. Tentative price \$9.00 per ticket. Booking sheet available at today's meeting. Payment at July meeting.

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND THINK OF ENGLAND : The Y's Players will be giving matinee performances on 13th. & 20th. July. We have been offered a special deal for 20 or more seats at \$5.00 per seat. An expression of interest will be sought at today's meeting. The venue will be the R.L. Campbell Theatre. The Y's Players usually put on very good performances.

TRAVELLING PROBIANS : There is never a dull moment at Radio Australia in Melbourne where the action never stops for the full hours each day as it beams its excellent service to almost half the world.

Bendigo Probians on their visit at the end of May were fortunate to view sections of the operation despatching Australian news, interviews and educational programmes to more than 15 million listeners each day reaching each continent, but with an emphasis on Pacific and Asian countries.

The Bendigonians also viewed newspaper production at Leader Newspapers at Blackburn where 28 papers are prepared each week to serve the suburban areas of Melbourne. This precision-like and skilled operation for such a high output of papers is unique in Australia.

One of the highlights of the Leader visit was the surprise meeting of Bendigo born Noeline Egan with her first Chief, Cyril Michelson when she was a young reporter with the Bendigo Advertiser.

Noeline, now a Senior Executive in the editorial department of Leader Newspapers, was happy to receive the congratulations of her former boss and the Bendigo Probians on her great success in her chosen literacy career.

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Our genial travel leader, ARTHUR EATON had a very tough time schedule to overcome on the recent coach trip to Melbourne, but the meticulous mathematician that he is, Arthur solved the situation. Confronted with two venues wide apart and necessitating a coach trip of up to 20 minutes and the added handicap of having to divide his party of 44 passengers into two sections he had to work out a strict time table requiring strict punctuality from his charges throughout the day. The first contingent was dropped at Leader Newspapers while the second division went to Radio Australia at Nunawading. Then came the lunch break with Probians carrying the own food packages. Coach Captain, JOHN RAINBOW had a busy session transferring the final group to Radio Australia, picking up the second group and then driving them off to Blackburn for the newspaper visit.

Arthur set a starting time at Bendigo for 7.00 a.m. necessitating alarm clocks to tingle at 5.30. Despite the early rising, many only half awake at starting time, the coach was moving at 7.00 a.m.

Our travel leader had set 3.30 p.m. for departure time from Melbourne, and, believe it or not, this was achieved.

So like McCain, you've done it again, Arthur - **Congratulations!**

CYRIL MICHELSON

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Professionals built the Titanic; amateurs built the ark.

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I want to be what I was when I wanted to be what I am now.

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Want to have some fun? Walk into an antique shop and ask;  
"What's new?"

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An archeologist is the best husband a woman can have; the older she gets the more interested he is in her.

(Agatha Christie - wife of an archeologist)

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I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin-deep. That's deep enough. What do you want - an adorable pancreas?

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Q: How do you like bathing beauties?

A: I don't know, I never bathed one.

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Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same.

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A beauty is a woman you notice;  
a charmer is one who notices you.