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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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GUEST SPEAKER at our September Meeting is MR. BRYCE THOMAS Club Manager Melbourne Cricket Club since 1978. (Assistant Secretary M.C.C./Secretary M.C.G. Trust.) Subject : Melbourne Cricket Club : 150 Not Out. Bryce Thomas was a prominent Amateur Sportsman in the 1950's.

Papua New Guinean society is non-sexist in one respect at least; the greeting "Morning Brother" is used irrespective of gender. HUGH WHEELER revealed this, and much besides, in the second instalment of his account of his experiences in P.N.G.

The remoteness of the interior was emphasised by Hugh's accounts of travel and the problems of supply. Even the fuel for generators must be flown to Port Moresby then trucked to the interior.

The difference between the local culture and our own came over very strongly, for instance "an eye for an eye and a life for a life" still applies.

Because there are hundreds of different languages (not dialects), communication is difficult.

In Lai there is an alcohol problem, because of this the flour mill is closed from Thursday to Monday - following pay day.

On one journey, to Asekik, a barricade was in place across the new highway out of respect for a dead man. This barrier was only negotiated when the magic words were spoken "School of Martyrs".

Hugh described Port Moresby as "a seedy, run down town". There are huge problems arising from the "Rascals".

A final pronouncement from one resident "In twenty years time this will belong to Indonesia".

LES NANKIVELL thanked Hugh, and made the usual presentation.

At the August Meeting we had a new member inducted. ALAN MICHELSEN, CYRIL'S son, was inducted by Cyril. The new member was presented with a Probus Badge and a copy of the Constitution. ALBIE COOPER supported Cyril in a short speech.

As members are aware we thought that this was a unique event in Probus history, to have a father and son both in the same Probus Club. However, LES HARRISON of the Sandhurst Probus Club was a foundation member of the Rye Probus Club, and so was his father. But the event is certainly unique for Bendigo, and the fact that the induction was performed by the father, Cyril, may well be unique; but don't hold your breath, there may be a refutation of the statement. Any way sorry Les, but we did not know.

Presidents and Secretaries of all the local Probus Clubs were at the meeting and also the Bendigo Advertiser was present. An account appeared in the Advertiser on the following day.

TRIPS AND ENTERTAINMENT :

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8TH. Trip to Melbourne

CONDUCTED TOURS OF GALLERY OF SPORT

MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB AND TENNIS CENTRE

Cost : \$20/person includes Coach Fare, a light lunch, and admissions to : Gallery of Sport, M.C.G. & Tennis Centre. Departure from : Strathdale Community Centre at 7.30 a.m. Estimated arrival home : approximately 6.00 p.m. **Maximum to travel** : 49. Current Bookings : 53. **NOTE** : We are required to pay some entry fees in full 2 weeks prior to trip, important that we maintain numbers we have committed for. **FINAL PAYMENTS** : at today's meeting (Wed. Sept. 18th.) please.

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

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

Cost : \$383.00/person 6 days/5 nights, Includes : Coach Fare, Accommodation, All meals, Tours, Excellent mountain scenery, an enjoyable trip assured. **Maximum to travel** - 47. Current bookings : 81 ***** PAYMENTS IN FULL** : by the first 47 persons booked for travel, are required 30 days prior to date of travel : i.e. : October 12th. Payments to be made to Houldens Tours, 15 Charing Cross, Bendigo. **TOUR ITINERARIES** : will be available at Meeting. *****Travel List will be tabled at today's meeting**: Please check the list (Particularly the first 47).*******

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH. 1991 : HOULDEN'S TOURS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRIP TO RICH RIVER

"A popular, low cost 'Final' Trip for 1991." Log it in your diary. List will be tabled at the OCTOBER Meeting. **Payments** November. **Maximum to travel** will be : 49. **Estimated Cost** : \$6.00/person which includes "Christmas Dinner".

MEMBER PROFILE :

NORM PHILLIPS

Norm Phillips began his education at the North Bendigo State School and then at the Bendigo Technical School. On leaving school he worked as an office boy at the Farmers and Citizens Trustees Company in the Commonwealth Bank building on View Point Bendigo, and commenced studying Accountancy at the Bendigo Business College under Jimmy Cox.

He worked as a clerk at the Trustees until 1942 when he enlisted in the Army and from then until 1946 he served in the A.I.F. in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

On returning to Bendigo after the war he obtained a position as a clerk at the Bendigo Base Hospital. Over the years he completed his studies in Accountancy and Hospital Administration, and was promoted, being appointed Manager and Secretary of the Hospital in 1964 and held that position until his retirement in 1986.

He was recently honoured by the Hospital Board when the new kitchen and linking building at the hospital was named "The Norman Phillips Wing".

He has a family of three children and eight grand children. Daughter Helen lives in Narooma on the New South Wales south coast (one of the best golf courses in Australia is an added attraction at Narooma). Son Raymond lives in Melbourne and son Carl is a resident of Bendigo.

His hobbies are golf, gardening, music and harness racing and he is a very keen member of Melbourne Football Club.

He likes to travel whenever the opportunity offers, particularly to New Zealand where he has friends on both the North and South Islands.

PROBUS TRIP TO MALDON - THURSDAY 5TH. SEPTEMBER :

Again Arthur Eaton's weather 'hot-line' worked perfectly and we had a delightful day.

The organisation of the day was in the hands of the Castlemaine Probus Club and was first class. Sharing the day with them were Kangaroo Flat Probus Club, the Ladies Probus Club and ourselves, a total of about 140 people.

Our day started with a visit to Carmen's Tunnel where our knowledgeable guide gave a graphic description of the mining operations over a century ago. This tunnel shows the fickle nature of mining for gold, as years of work produced an interesting hole in the ground but little gold.

Next, to the top of Mt. Tarrengower where we were able to admire the beauty of the countryside and distant views of 50 kms and more.

A barbecue lunch supplied by the Railway Restoration group, at the railway station was a satisfying prelude to the nostalgic ride in the restored train pulled by a good old steam loco.

So with the smell of coal smoke in our nostrils and the odd bit of grit in our eyes we enbussed back to Bendigo, happy that we had enjoyed another great Probus outing.

RAY DOWNIE