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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 24th June, 2008.

President John Vrolyks opened the first meeting of his Presidency by welcoming 10 visitors and the 85 members who were present..

There were 18 apologies.

Ellen Poile, who was unable to attend the last meeting, was then introduced by John as our new Vice President..

The Probus Prayer was read by Annette Gaynor.

Birthdays: The birthday people for June are, 2nd Vince King, 6th Roy Possee, 10th Edna Whitehorn, 12th Joy Beck, 17th Rita Cameron, 29th Maxine Koetz. The above are the least number of birthdays of club members in any month. So, happy birthday to you all and may you have an enjoyable day.



Welfare: Our Welfare officer, Ailsa reported that John Smith was in hospital and not very well at all. Robert Stakenburg had recently been in hospital in Sydney but was now home and he was at the meeting. Welcome back Robert.

Activities: Marie reported that the lunch at the William Farrer Bistro was well received by the 30 members who attended.

The next lunch will be at the Kooringal Hotel Bistro, on Wednesday, 11th June, 12pm as usual.

If you wish to attend, please contact Marie on 69213275 prior to Monday 9th.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Brian Andrews. Brian was originally the Town Clerk of the Wagga Wagga City Council, becoming General Manager after a Council restructure in 1993.

In 1997 he was awarded the Public Service Medal. He is now an Alderman on Council.

He is currently, in his spare time, writing his reminiscences of past events and stressed the

importance of writing down your past experiences, even if you think they are boring, they will be a great source of information for the benefit of future generations of your family and others because once you are gone important historical events will be lost forever.

Murray Aitken extended a vote of thanks to Brian for an informative and humorous speech.

The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be Dr. Sowter, speaking on Men's health problems.

The Club Notice Board

Martin Kendall gave a report on the Walking Group's trip to Lockhart and their visit to the museum and viewing of Doris Golder's wool paintings.

The next walking morning will be 4th June (past) and then 18th June. Venue not known at this time.

Jon Smit asked if there was any interest in a trip to New Zealand in 2009, which would have participants picked up from and returned to Wagga.

There were about 32 names down for the trip to the Sapphire Coast in September, the deposit, which should have been paid by now, with the balance due by 15th August.

The Cowra trip with the Sturt Ladies Probus club for 19th June is in doubt, as there are not enough numbers, if interested contact Margaret Gregurke on 69264771.

Members fees of \$25 are now due, and must be paid by 30th June, or you will become unfinancial and will have to rejoin.



There was a vacancy at the local police station, for a highly qualified police do,g so John took his poodle in for an interview.

Firstly, the dog had to type at 60 words per minute and it romped through that test.

Then there was the physical test and the poodle had no difficulty completing the obstacle course and associated stress tests.

The testing officer then said, "There is just one more condition. The dog must be bilingual".

The poodle looked up and said, "Meow".

Till next month, Regards, Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 22July, 2008.

President John Vrolyks opened the meeting and warmly welcomed all members and the seven visitors, to our club.

There were 89 members present with 16 apologies.

The Probus Prayer was read by Annette Gaynor.

President John then inducted 5 new members and presented them with their name badges after they were introduced by their sponsors.

They were John & Pam Whiles, Kay Smith, Maureen Nugent and Jane Nortje. We welcome them to our Club and hope they enjoy our friendship and hospitality.

Birthdays: Happy birthday wishes for July go to the following, 8th Keith Beirne & Milton Loiterton, 11th Joyce Harrison, 12th Des Gaynor, 14th Annette Gaynor, 24th Fred Wood & Glynn Jones, 29th Victor Eade, 31st Elaine Baker & Jean Pottie.

We hope you are all in good health and have a memorable day.

Welfare: Our Welfare Officer Aileen, reported that the only members on her sick list were, John Smith, who has been in hospital recently but would be home the day after the meeting and Neil Harris who had had surgery.

These were the only members Ailsa knew of who were unwell, if you know of any others please let Ailsa know.

Membership: Membership Officer Joy, advised that we now have 125 members with several other people expressing interest in our club.

Any members with overdue subs at 1 July will be declared non members. And this will be your last newsletter.

Activities: Marie reported that the monthly luncheon at the Kooringal Hotel Bistro was well enjoyed by the 36 members who attended. The next luncheon will be a Christmas in July occasion at the Wagga



RSL Bistro on Wednesday, 16 th July, 12.pm as usual. It will consist of ham, turkey and roast vegetables followed by plum pudding & custard, and the cost will be \$13.50. Names must be on Marie's list as soon as possible as this is a special meal and only those on the list will catered for. Contact Marie on 69213275.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Dr. Steven Sowter, a local urologist, who gave a very informative talk on men's prostate cancer and the treatments that are currently available to treat the disease and stressed the importance of men over 50 having regular checks as there are no obvious symptoms until the disease has greatly progressed.

The Guest Speaker at the July meeting will be Brian Kahlefeldt OAM, a local philanthropist and author of the Book "90 minutes to Success", with over 25,000 copies having been sold and proceeds of over \$300,000 donated to various charities.

Club ramblings

Martin Kendall told of the Walking Group's latest walk at the Lake Albert walking track, and the next walk is to be at the Tourist Information Centre, on Wed,. 2nd July, and then every second Wednesday.

If you enjoy walking come along and join in.



Jon Smit advised that there are now 40 names on the list for the Sapphire Coast trip and that the final payment will be due at the July meeting.

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral of the story:..... When you're full of bull keep your mouth shut!!!

Till next month, Regards, Keith.



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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 26th August.

President John Vrolyks opened the meeting by welcoming the 78 members present and the 5 visitors to the meeting. There were apologies from 22 members.

He then invited Ailsa Bowman to read the Probus Prayer.

Elaine Baker spoke on the annual 'Samaritan's Purse' campaign of making shoe box size Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in overseas countries. Elaine explained that there are some items that are not suitable to include in the boxes. The boxes need to be completed by September. For further details please contact Elaine on 69224374.

Birthdays: The birthday revelers for August are, 7th Bob Williams, 10th Joan Corbett, 11th Barbara Wooden, 12th Anne Van Wel, 13th Ruth Davis, 14th Ellen Heinjus, 15th Joan Beirne, 16th Gwen

Feutrill 25th Joan Breust. May you all enjoy good health and have a happy day.

Welfare: Ailsa reported that she had phoned John Smith, who has not been well lately, and Allan Mathew. Allan is going to Perth for specialist treatment. She had also sent a get well card to Frank Downey and received a card from Bob Harrison thanking the Club for their wishes.

Ailsa will be unavailable for a period of time and Barbara Fielder will be acting Welfare Officer.

If you know of any members who are unwell please let Barbara know on 69266064.

Membership: Joy reported that we have 121 members and two more application have been received and two others have expressed interest in joining the club.

She said it was pleasing to see that we had only lost two members due to them being unfinancial. Joy introduced Betty Loiterton as a new club member and presented her with her club badge.

Activities: The Christmas in July luncheon at the RSL Club Bistro on the 16th July was attended and enjoyed by 64 members.

Marie advised that the next luncheon will also be at the RSL Club, in the Chinese Restaurant, at 12.00pm, on Wednesday, 13th August. The lunch special is \$7.00, or other meals are available from the menu.

If you wish to attend please contact Marie on 69213275 no later than Monday 10th august.

Guest Speaker: Due to Brian Khalfeldt being unable to attend, the Guest Speaker at the meeting was Stephen Luka, who was introduced by Haydn Willitts, and with Haydn presenting him with a Probus gift, and thanking him at the conclusion.

Stephen, who comes from Sudan, told of the great differences in life in Australia compared to Sudan, with the beatings and killings in that country. He told of running through the bush for three days without food and water and having to live on anything that could be scavenged from rubbish bins.

After coming to Australia to escape danger and religious persecution, he was naturalized as an Australian citizen and now works part time at Centre Care and is studying Social Welfare at CSU.

The Guest Speaker at next month's meeting will be Neil Gavin, Financial Services Officer from Centre Link.

Club ramblings

The Walking Group will be holding a walk on Wednesday 13th August starting from the Botanical Gardens and at the conclusion will visit the Museum.

The Walking Group will be visiting Ganmain on the 10th September. Lunch of soup, bread roll and slice will be available for \$5. They will be travelling in private cars and will meet at the north entrance to the Murrumbidgee Turf Club at 8.30am. Martin Kendall is compiling a list of those wishing to participate, contact Martin on 69313089.

Peter Piltz has gathered together the minutes of the past club meetings and recorded them on digital media, and they have now been lodged in the Regional Archives at CSU South Campus.

Murrumbidgee Probus is organizing a trip to Coolamon on the 27th August, at a cost of \$50, for further information contact John Smit on 69319727.

St. Johns Anglican Parish is holding a Festival of Flowers & Music on 11th October.

A meeting concerning the setting up of a Men's Shed in Wagga is to be held in the Council Meeting Room on the 12th August.

True bravery is arriving home stinking drunk after a night out with the boys.......

Then..... being assaulted by your wife with a broom,

And, still having the guts to ask:

"Are you cleaning, or were you flying somewhere?"

Till next month, Regards, Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 23rd September, 2008.

President John Vrolyks opened the August meeting by welcoming the 83 members in attendance and extending a welcome to our five visitors. There were apologies from 22 members who were unable to attend.

He then invited Margaret Nash to read the Probus Prayer.

John then presented Karen Pettitt with her Club name tag and welcomed her as a new member.

Keith Beck gave an account of his attendance at the meeting, which was held recently, concerning the setting up of a Men's Shed in Wagga. The Men's Shed is to be established in the Wagga Showgrounds with a building, equipment and services already promised.

The Men's Sheds provide a place for retired men to pursue their hobbies and a place to

The Men's Sheds provide a place for retired men to pursue their hobbies and a place to socialize with other men.



Birthdays: Those having birthdays during September are, 1st Norma Judd, 6th Alan Mathew & Ronda Lampe, 8th Laurel Macdonald, 12th Lyn Stackenburg, 15th Ivan Heinjus, 18th Ruth Walker & Barb Fielder, 26th Dorothy Eade, 27th Noreen Langtry, 30th Robyn King, Bill Prest & Bruce McAlister. Keith & Joy Beck will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 20th.

Welfare: Our Welfare Officer, Ailsa Bowman, reported that she had received a thank you card from Frank Downey for our thoughts on his recent illness. He has now recovered and he and Lorraine have gone for a holiday.

John Smith is still not well and back in hospital

Bob Harrison was the only other member on Ailsa's not well list.

Jeanette Carroll and Alan Mathew have returned from Perth after Alan's treatment. Alan thanked all the members for their get well wishes and phone calls while they were away.

Membership: Membership Officer, Joy Beck advised that we now have 127 members, with Joan & Boyd Stone, John & Gloria Beck, Lorraine Devine & Lorraine Barassi being approved for membership at the Committee Meeting. The new members will be inducted at the next meeting.

Activities: Marie McGuigan reported that last month's lunch at the RSL Club Chinese Restaurant was enjoyed by 46 appreciative diners.

The next luncheon will be at the Bridge Tavern, Fitzmaurice St. on Thursday, 11th September, at 12.00 pm, as usual. The \$7.50 menu will consist of silverside with white sauce, beef & bacon casserole or crumbed fish, or you can select from the menu board but, at extra cost.

If you wish to attend and your name is not already on the list please let Marie know by the 8th for catering arrangements.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting, was Neil Gavin, the Financial Services Officer at Centrelink. Neil spoke about the changes in the 2008 Federal budget and how they affected pensioners, and explained how assets were assessed.

He also explained how information could be cross referenced between government departments. Neil was introduced, and thanked at the end of his presentation by Bruce McAlister.



Next month we will be entertained by the Sing Australia Choir. Many of us will have experienced the singing of the choir previously and enjoyed their repertoire.

What else is happening?

The Walking Group is going to Ganmain on the 10th September, leaving from the north entrance of the Murrumbidgee Turf Club at 8.30 am. Lunch of soup, bread roll and slice will be available for \$5. Contact Martin Kendall on 69313089 if you wish to join in.

John Smit is seeking expressions of interest in a proposed trip to the Central Coast, on 15th to 20th June, 2009. Cost will be approximately \$640, and will include coach travel to the Central Coast and return. If interested contact John on 69319727.

John is also proposing a day trip to Jerilderie for May 7th next year, cost will be \$63 - \$71, depending on numbers.

More details will be advised in future newsletters.

The Kooringal Ladies Probus Club will be celebrating their 20th anniversary on the 24th September, congratulations Kooringal Ladies.

St. John's Anglican Parish is holding a Festival of Flowers & Music on 11th October.

You know you are getting old when a sexy babe catches your eve AND YOUR PACEMAKER OPENS THE GARAGE DOOR!!!

Till next month, Regards, Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 28th October, 2008.

President John Vrolyks opened the meeting by welcoming the 67 members and 3 visitors who were present. There were 29 apologies from those who were unable to attend.

He then asked Murray Aitken to read the evacuation instructions. Murray has been co-opted as our safety officer.

The reading of the fire evacuation instructions are a requirement of Council for the use of the venue and must be read at the beginning of each meeting.

The Probus Prayer was read by Elaine Baker.

President John then inducted Lorraine Barassi and Lorraine Devine as members of our club. They were introduced by Rita Smit.

Birthdays: Those having Birthdays in October are, 2nd Marray Aitken & Jane Nortje, 5th Ellen Poile, 8th Bernie Langtry, 11th Robert Stakenburg, 12th Margaret Johnston, 20th Ray Fielder, 21st Neil Harris, 14th Eileen Hargreaves & Ailsa Bowman, 25th Betty Loiterton, 27th Nola Chapman, 31st Col Dunn. Happy birthday to you all and may there be many more of them.

Welfare: Welfare Officer Ailsa, reported that John Smith was much improved and was present at the meeting. She had also contacted Alan Mathew who assured her that he was progressing well (Alan was also at the meeting).



It is with much regret that we report the recent death of Edna Whitehorn, one of our long time and much admired members. Ailsa advised that she had sent a sympathy card to Edna's family on behalf of the club.

Membership: Membership Officer Joy, advised that we now have 129 members, with Jock and Shirley Meiklejohn's nominations being accepted at the Committee meeting.

Activities: Marie reported that last month's luncheon at the Bridge Tavern was attended by 46 hungry members, who were no longer so after the ample servings.

The next lunch will be at the William Farrer Bistro, on Thursday, 16th October, at 12.00 pm as usual. Numbers to Marie by Monday 13th please.



Our Christmas function will be held at the Wagga Boat Club, on Thursday, 4th December, at 12.00 pm.

Marie has promised a special surprise for the party. The cost will be \$27.50 per head and the money must be in by the October meeting for catering purposes.

Members are requested to bring a present to the value of around \$2.00.

Martin Kendall gave a report of the Walking Group's recent trip to Ganmain where they visited the museum, had lunch at the Craft Shop, inspected a straw bale house which was under construction, and the haystack which had been erected at the Ganmain Show.

John Smit reported on the trip to the Sapphire Coast, which the combined Probus Clubs enjoyed recently. They travelled via the Alpine Way to Eden and from there visited the Killer Whale Museum, and enjoyed a luncheon cruise on Twofold Bay. Other excursions were to Tilba, Bega, Mogo Zoo and Batemans Bay . The return trip was via Cooma and Canberra, with a lunch stop at the new DFO Centre in Fyshwick, "a bargain hunter's paradise".

Peter Piltz gave a report on his and Bernice's trip to Europe, which they spent on a river cruise ship, as well as many shore excursions visiting some of the old historic cities.

In lieu of a guest speaker we were entertained by the Sing Australia Choir, who presented us with a selection of songs from the war years, musicals, and many old favourites that had the audience joining in, singing and foot tapping.

The Sing Australia Choir members were introduced by Beryl Aitken. Beryl thanked them at the conclusion and presented them with a token of our appreciation.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the next meeting will be John Winterbottom. We have had John as a guest speaker at a previous meeting. He is a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker on the history of the Wagga Wagga region.

Coming events

A day trip to Jerilderie on 7^{th} May, 2009. Cost \$63 - \$71 depending on numbers A trip to the Central Coast on 15^{th} - 20^{th} June, 2009. Cost approx. \$640 with coach travel included. More details will be advised in future newsletters.

Trips with other Probus Clubs

Day trip to Cowra on 9th Oct. with Sturt Ladies \$55. Contact Margaret Gregurke on 69264771. Day trip Heritage tour on 10th Oct. with Kooringal Men's. Contact Peter Simpendorfer on 69223393. Day trip Mystery Tour on 22nd Oct. with Sturt Ladies. Contact Margaret Gregurke on 69264771. Day trip to Tumut on 31st Oct.. with Wagga Ladies \$42.00. Contact Cate Dengate on 69254309.

For sale, cakes, 66 cents Upside down cakes, 99 cents



Till next month, Regards, Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 25th November, 2008.

President John Vrolyks opened the meeting by welcoming the 84 members present along with the 5 visitors.

There were 28 apologies from those members unable to attend.

Murray Aitken then took all in attendance through the fire evacuation procedures.

The Probus Prayer was read by Ellen Poile.

President John then asked Membership Officer Joy to present new members Joan and Boyd Stone, Dell and Peter Bungay and Shirley and Jock Meiklejohn with their Club name badges. John then welcomed them to our club and wished them an enjoyable association with us.

Birthdays: Birthdays for November are, 2nd Bob Harrison, 6th Janice Vrolyks, 9th Hadyn Willetts, 19th Margaret Nash, 22nd Elva Westman & John Vrolyks, 24th Keith Beck, 26th John Beck, 27th Jim Poile, 29th Beryl Aitken.

We wish all the birthday celebrants good health and many happy returns on their special day.

Welfare: Welfare Officer Ailsa reported on the members that she knew of, on the not well list. They included Marie McGuigan who has had an operation, Geoff Baker and John Beck who are also not well

Janice Vrolyks has suffered a mishap, but is on the mend and was at the meeting.

Ailsa read from and displayed several thank you cards that she had received from members who had been on the welfare list.

Membership: Membership Officer Joy advised that we now have 130 members with membership applications by Warren and Marie Tulk being accepted at the Committee Meeting.

Kaye Mulholland and Barbara Wooden have discontinued membership of the club, we wish them well in their future pursuits.

Activities: Marie, being on the welfare list, sent a report that the last lunch at the William Farrer Bistro was attended and enjoyed by 33 of our members.

The next lunch will be at the Golden Seasons Bistro, on Thursday, 13th November, at 12.00pm as usual. Numbers please to Joy Beck who is deputizing for Marie, on 69264686 by Monday, 10th, for catering purposes.

The Club Christmas party is on 4th December, at the Wagga Boat Club, 12.00pm for a 12.30pm start.

Don't be late as Marie and John have promised a special Christmas surprise.

The cost is \$27.50 per head, and members are asked to bring a present to the value of \$2.00-\$3.00, for male or female.

Money must be paid at the November meeting at the latest. Otherwise you will be unable to attend. Joy is also compiling a list of names in Marie's absence.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was John Winterbottom, who gave a most interesting and amusing talk on the history of Wagga.

He spoke of the evolution of local history and how Wagga had changed, with the centre of the town in 1840 being at the corner of Kincaid and Fitzmaurice Street, until David Copland opened a store on the Gurwood Street corner, which then drew the town centre to the Hunters Hill area, with a bank, the Australian Hotel and Post Office in the location.

The centre of the city has now moved further south to Baylis Street, with banks, Post Office and shopping malls now in that area.

He asked, "where do we think the centre will be in the future?"

<u>The Guest Speaker</u> at the next meeting will be Lyn Russell, who is the Wagga City Council General Manager.

Trips being organized by the combined Probus Trips Committee

Tumbarumba day trip, 12th November, cost \$60-\$70 depending on numbers.

Temora Aviation Museum day trip, 15th November, cost \$47.

Jerilderie day trip, 7th May, 2009, cost \$63-\$71, also depending on numbers, includes lunch.

A trip is being considered to the NSW Central Coast in August 2009.

A 7 day trip has been organized to the Flinders Ranges, from 7th-13th October, 2009, visiting Burra, Wilpena Pound, a locally guide tour of the Flinders Ranges National Park, Brachina Gorge, Bunyeroo Gorge, Broken Hill & Cobar. Price \$1020.00 PP.

A trip to the Dandenongs in Victoria is being considered from 19th- 23rd October, 2009.

The above trips are being organized by the Wagga Probus Clubs and the combined tour committees. For further information, contact your club's Tours Officer.

Sign of the current financial crisis

My bank returned one of my cheques the other day marked INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

I rang them up and asked "Does that refer to your funds or mine?"



Till next month, Regards, Keith.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 27th January, 2009.

President John Vrolyks opened the meeting by welcoming the ninety members present. There were no visitors at the meeting but twenty one apologies tendered.

Murray Aitken explained the evacuation procedure in case of fire. He promised to have a practice evacuation at the January meeting.

The Probus Prayer was read by Annette Gaynor.

President John then inducted Warren and Marie Tulk and Gloria and John Beck to the club. Marie and Warren were introduced by Martin Kendall and Gloria was introduced by Margaret Nash. Due to being unwell John was unable to be present. We send our thoughts to John and hope he will be soon with us.

Birthdays: Birthdays for December are, 1st Pam Wood & Pam Whiles, 6th Jan Jones, 12th Bruce Bowman, 18th Alf Westman & Kay Smith, 21st Fay Grant, 23rd Nola Carmichael.

The January birthday people are, 3rd Ray Grant & Jeanette Carroll, 12th Jean Jenkins, 15th Dorothy Prest & Jim McLarty, 18th Jon Smit, 21st Joy Hancock, 23rd Frank Downey, 24th Martin Kendall & Leonie Kendall, 25th Joan Taylor, 26th Betty Baker.

Happy birthday to all the above and hope you enjoy your day and the festive season.

Welfare: The welfare report was given by Bruce Bowman on behalf of Ailsa. Thank you cards were received from Alan Mathew, Pam Wood, Geoff Baker and Bernie Langtry in reply to calls by Ailsa on behalf of the club. Marie McGuigan and Ailsa Bowman had been on the sick list but are now on the mend

Membership: Membership Officer, Joy advised that the club membership stands at 130.

Activities: The last monthly lunch at the Golden Seasons Restaurant was attended by 28 members.

The January lunch will be at the RSL Club Chinese Restaurant on Thursday, 15th and the February lunch will be at The Bridge Tavern on Thursday, 12th .., 12.00pm as usual for both dates. Please let Marie know if you wish to attend by the Monday before each occasion.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at the meeting was Lyn Russell, Wagga Wagga City Council General Manager.

Lyn spoke of her previous career in councils before coming to Wagga, and then outlined her vision for the Wagga Wagga that she would like it to become.

The Guest Speaker for the January Meeting will be Debra Braines who will be speaking on the Ronald Macdonald House.

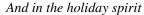
<u>Notice of motion</u>: It has been moved that the annual membership fee for current members be reduced to \$10 for the 2009 year only. New members accepted into the club after 31st December, 2008, will pay the existing annual fee of \$25 for membership & \$11 joining fee.

The notice of motion was unanimously approved by the committee to be presented to the February general meeting to be voted on by all members present.

The Garden City Probus Club Christmas party was held on 4th December at the Wagga Wagga Boat Club, with 92 members present.

The catering was done by Daryl & Doris Lamotte, who served an excellent Christmas lunch.

John Vrolyks appeared as Saint Nicholas along with his Black Peter helpers to deliver the Christmas presents.



A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.

"But why?" they asked, as they moved off.

"Because," he said. "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

Till next year, a Happy Christmas to all. Regards, Keith.



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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 25th February.

President John Vrolyks opened the first meeting for 2009 by welcoming the 65 members and our visitor, Bill Lampe.

There were 31 apologies tendered.

Murray Aitken detailed the fire evacuation procedures.

Murray had recently been to a meeting with fire brigade and council personnel and explained that the procedures as they now stood were altogether different to those previous.



The Probus Prayer was read by Ronda Lampe.

Birthdays: Those celebrating birthdays in February are, 2nd Peter Piltz, 7th Audrey Killalea & Rita Smit, 11th Bill Pascall & Bill Van Well, 13th Nancy Dunn, 16th Joan Riches &Peter Meiklejohn, 28th John Smith. We wish you all a happy birthday and hope the heat wave eases for you all.

Welfare: Ailsa reported that those on her welfare list were, Wal Breust, Joan Bierne, Bernie Langtry and Bruce Rowman

Bernie had had a fall and Joan had had a fall as well which put her in hospital for Christmas day.

Ailsa said Bruce had had an eye operation but she said that listening to Bruce you would think he had his leg off.

Ailsa had also sent a sympathy card to Janice and John Vrolyks due to the passing of Janice's mother. The thoughts of all members go to Janice and John on this sad occasion.

Membership: Membership Officer, Joy advised that there were no new applications for membership at this time and is still 130.

Activities: Marie reported that the January lunch which was held at the RSL Club Chinese Restaurant was well received with 47 in attendance.

The February luncheon will be at The Bridge Tavern Bistro on Thursday, 12th at 12.00 pm. Numbers to Marie

please on 69236423 (new phone number) or mobile 0427313323 by the Monday previous.

Marie is hoping to get enough diners to completely fill the bistro.

The March lunch will be at the Palm and Pawn. Details next meeting.

Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Deborah Braines who spoke on Ronald MacDonald

House. The Ronald MacDonald house is at 300 Edward Street Wagga and provides emergency accommodation for parents and carers of children admitted to the emergency department at the Base Hospital.

The house is run by Ronald MacDonald Charities which raises the funds to keep the house running.

The house was completely gutted and renovated and extended by volunteer labor and materials and was opened in March 2005

Deborah was introduced by Janice Vrolyks and at the conclusion thanked and presented with a gift of appreciation from the club.

The Guest Speaker at the February meeting will be Sharon Bateman who is the manager of the Settlers Village at Estella.

Upcoming and proposed Probus Club's trips.

Echuca: March 16-17-18 no cost as yet but will depend on numbers.

Lakes Entrance: May 18th, four nights \$640.00

Jerilderie: The trip will be on about 14th June, a day trip for \$66.0 but will depend on sufficient numbers.

Wyong: A 6 day trip to be organized in June or July to cost \$640.00 again depending on numbers and availability of transport and accommodation.

Flinders Ranges: From 7th-13th October. This trip has a few vacancies left. The cost is \$1020.00pp.

Dandenong: October 19th- 21st Cost to be determined.

If you are interested in any of these trips contact your tours officer.

How to test whether your wife or your dog loves you the best.

Put them both in the boot of your car for half on hour. Then see who is the most pleased to see you when you open it.

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OUR NEXT MEETING DATE; Tuesday, 24th March.

President John Vrolyks opened the meeting by welcoming the 83 members present and, Robyn Kirchner and Norma Gray as visitors to our club. There were 27 apologies tendered by members unable to attend.

The Probus Prayer was read by Joan Stone.

John then asked all present to observe a minutes silence in respect for those people who had perished in the Victorian bushfires.

Murray Aitken detailed the fire evacuation procedures and asked everyone to greet those to their left and their right and, if we needed to evacuate, ensure that they were present in the assembly area. He also pointed out the location of the fire extinguishers.

Birthdays: The birthday celebrants for March are, 8th Karin Pettit, 9th Judy McLarty, 11th Heather McAlister, 13th Lorraine Barassi, 14th Lorraine Downey, 15th Pat Koetz, 18th Bernice Piltz, 21st Maureen Nugent, 24th Helen Veliscek, 27th Marie McGuigan, 29th Bill Nash, 30th Brian Hancock.

Happy birthday to you all and hope you enjoy your special day.

It may not be a club member's birthday but Janice and John Vrolyks are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild.

Welfare: Ailsa reported that she had received a thank you card from Noreen and Bernie Langtry, thanking the club for their wishes to Bernie when he was not well. Ailsa also advised that John Whiles had not been well. John Smith was still on the sick list but Marie McGuigan said she was hoping for him to have a better recovery after his medication had been changed.

Ivan Heinjus has been unwell but was to have surgery in the first week of March which would hopefully lead to a speedy recovery.

Activities: Marie reported that the last luncheon at the Bridge Tavern on 12th February was well supported by 45-50 members.

Much to Marie's delight we completely filled the dining room.

The next lunch will be at the William Farrer Bistro on Wednesday 11th March, 12.00pm as usual.

Names of those wishing to attend, to Marie, prior to Monday 9th please.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker at the meeting was Sharon Bateman, who is the manager of the Settlers Village at Estella.

Sharon gave a talk on the type of accommodation available at the village and the facilities included.

She outlined what was available in the way of entertainment and recreation pursuits that the resident could partake in.

Sharon was introduced by and thanked at the conclusion by Marie McGuigan.

The Annual General Meeting



The next meeting will be the AGM and we will need to elect members to fill vacant committee positions.

Check the positions for committee at the top of this newsletter and decide who you think would like to fill them. Nomination forms are available from the secretary.

It was passed at the meeting that the membership fees for the coming year will be \$10 for all members who had joined the club prior to 31st December 2008.

The reason for this move was that our club has built up more capital in the bank account than is required.

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The Wagga Civic Theatre has advised of their Silver Circle series of shows for 2009. They are daytime sessions from 11.00am. and include, 18th March Pirates of Penzance, 30th June, How Sweet it is, 28th August, Tenterfield Saddler, 22nd October, Ireland.

All tickets are \$20 each and details and bookings can be had at the Civic Theatre.

Junee Buses have advised of their day trips to Junee. Cost of the trip (with your NSW Senior's card) is \$2.50 return. Pickup time is 9.25 am. And return is 2.00 pm. from Junee.

If you would like a day in Junee, contact Junee Busses on 02 69242244.

Do you realise that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos.

(And rap music will be the golden oldies!)

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