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NEWSLETTER

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LAST MEETING: Tuesday 1st July 2003 at 10am in the RSL Club Rooms.

Present 41 signed attendance. Apologies 9. Kate welcomed visitors Kevin Reed and Bev Allan.

MEMBERSHIP: At present our membership is 62. We have three new applications, making the total 65. Our limit is 70 members, so we still have room for five more.

FINANCE REPORT: The treasurer advised that the club has an Operating Account balance of \$3919.66 which includes deposits for forthcoming Gippsland trip. The Activities Account balance remains \$553.72

WELFARE: Although Pat was unable to be present, Iris reported that Betty Hill has had surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

DOOR PRIZE: Was won by Syd Rennef.

Show and Tell (1)

Vicki Cowie showed us a photo taken by her father of a beautiful gum tree near where the golf links are today. The photo also depicted the old railway line.

Vicki also passed around an Indian pipe. This pipe had a compartment for water and also a place to put the substance to be smoked. Very interesting!!!

Show and Tell (2)

Ray Fleming showed us a photo taken at Harrietville of the dredge that used to mine for gold. It was first used there in the 1940's and was later sent to Malaysia in the 1950's. Ray was the dredge operator depicted in the photo.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker was to have been Lou Lieberman,

Unfortunately he was unable to visit us due to an illness in his family. He has promised to come at a later date. In his stead, **Ken Koschel** stepped in and gave an interesting talk on stem cells. Ken has had an interest in stem cell since doing a PhD. Thesis on the subject back in the seventies. He simulated the Haemopoietic system mathematically on a computer.

Stem cell based therapies for pervasive and debilitating diseases will only be possible when scientists can successfully control cell differentiation, transplantation and engraftment. Stem cells must be reproduced to make them::

- Proliferate in significant quantities to produce sufficient tissue
- Differentiate into the desired cell types
- Survive in the recipient after transplant
- Integrate into the surrounding tissue after transplant
- Function correctly for the duration of the recipient's life
- Avoid harming the recipient in any way

Significant technical hurdles will only be overcome through years of intensive research.

Nell Cosgrove passes on this information

If you have a relative or close friend in Wangaratta Hospital and wish to stay in Wangaratta overnight, there are small units occasionally available run by the Wesley Church. The cost is \$15 the first night and \$10 thereafter.

For information contact : Mrs. Tippet 11 Muntz Street Wangaratta. Phone (03) 5721 8666

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Alpine Probus Club visited for a very enjoyable outing. There was a feeling of the past and the old world that went before as Di, in the spirit of the occasion, led the choruses of old time songs. The only modern accoutrements were the BBQ, and the heater for which all present were very grateful.

Many thanks to John Farrington of Home Hardware Bright for donating the use of the heater for the day

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EXCURSIONS NEWS: The next outing will be a “Winter” party at the home of Kate and Dick Basham, (13 Mt. Porepunkah Rd., Bright) on Saturday 19th of July at 6.30 p.m. Please bring a plate of finger food.

If you need a ride, please contact Di on 5755 2097.

After our letter of complaint to the Commercial Club in Albury, informing them of our disappointment at not seeing the expected film when visiting them last month, we have received a reply offering to pay our bus fare for a future visit. We have decided to make this visit in August. There is a choice of two days. The 19th of August the Commercial Club will have a "Vera Lynne" show at 10 a. m. and the film “Die Another Day” , a James Bond movie at 1.30 p.m.. On the 26th. August there will be the movie "Analyse That" a Robert de Niro film at 1.30 p.m. We will decide which day most prefer by a show of hands at our next meeting.

There are still a few places left for our October trip to South Gippsland if anyone else is interested. The full outstanding amount for this outing is due to be paid by the September meeting at the latest. There are still a few people who have not yet paid a deposit.



Did you know that:

- A snail can sleep for 3 years
- American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first class.
- The word "lethologica" describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want
- Marilyn Monroe had 6 toes.
- More people are killed by donkeys each year than are killed in plane crashes
- Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he doesn't wear pants.



<p>Anyone interested in letting us “GTKY” (<i>Getting to Know You</i>), or if you have something to “Show & Tell”, please contact Stuart on 5755 1221. <i>If you don't wish to speak yourself, write it out and someone will read it for you.</i></p>	<p>North East Probus Group Annual Luncheon is to be held at the "Savoy Club" Myrtleford on Monday the 8th September 2003.</p> <p>Cost will be \$21-00 per person for a 2 course meal. Clubs are requested to get behind this day of fellowship with all the clubs affiliated with the group</p> <p>Please let Kate know ASAP if you wish to attend</p>
<p><u>NEXT MEETING 4TH AUGUST 2003</u></p> <p><u>GUEST SPEAKER:</u> Bill Clancy (financial adviser)</p> <p>SHOW & TELL: Sid Rennef.</p> <p>GTKY: Vickie Cowie</p>	<p>The Music Interest Group</p> <p>The next meeting will be</p> <p>Thursday 14th August at 7.30 pm</p> <p><i>Please contact Richard Rossington if you wish to attend. Phone 5750 1302</i></p>

On Duty August Meeting: -

- Greetings: - Anna Fletcher,
Barbara Friend
- Morn. Tea: - Jan Rossington,
Doreen Worton,
Jo Adams,
Roger Adams



On Duty September Meeting: -

- Greetings: - Nellie Cosgrove,
Dick Basham
- Morn. Tea: - June Brown,
David Brown,
Lynne McGillivray
Estelle Quirk

If you can't come, please arrange for someone else to take your place