



# COMMUNICATOR

## PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

Meets at 9:45 am on the second Tuesday of each Month  
at the Glenroy Uniting Church Hall, Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy.

### CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

#### ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2019/20

President:- Barry O'Connor

Vice President:- Max Smedley

Treasurer:- Murray Gorham

Communicator

Editor:- John Elletson

Distributor:- Geoff Woods

Attendance Records & Nametags:-  
Les Hooke

Speakers: Liliana Ward

Secretary & Public Officer -

Peter Dimsey Mail to

PO Box 604, Glenroy 3046

Past President: Noel Walsh

Functions Officer:- Bea Hammond

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Wal Jarvis

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Vacant

Catering Officer: Joe Milanese

Welfare Officer: Vacant

Probus is an association of active retirees who join together in clubs, to provide regular opportunities for them to keep their minds active, expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

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## APRIL 2020 ACTIVITIES

The simple fact is that there are no activities planned for April, or for the foreseeable future. To combat the scourge of the Coronavirus COVID-19 the government emphasis currently is for us to hibernate, not exactly the Probus ethos. All our various meetings, groups and tours have been cancelled.

This could well be the last “Communicator” until there is more news to communicate.

The Committee has a roster system in place to telephone every member on a regular basis to see how people are travelling.

The January “Communicator” contained a complete membership list together with phone numbers so every member can make use of this to remain in contact with each other.

So get your flu injection, follow the health instructions, keep your distance and stay safe.

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

**Cancelled**

## MARCH SPEAKER

Our speaker for the March meeting was Bianca Friend from the Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) and she made the statistics of geographical sites and endangered animal numbers interesting - many of which are actually increasing in many locations under the care of AWC.

She provided a splendid 30 page booklet on the AWC with copious photos of many animals, reptiles and birds, with one page devoted to fund raising.

The AWC was founded in 1991 and their mission is to save endangered species of Australian fauna, which means in many cases restoring ‘flora’ as well to provide sustenance for the fauna.

They do this principally by building a network of “predator free havens” throughout Australia.

AWC is the largest non-Government wildlife organization in the country, without government financial support, deriving income from a number of sponsoring companies, but mostly from individual donors.

Where AWC and the NSW wildlife departments operate their own schemes of wildlife conservation the statistics show that in this State in 2014 the Government spent over \$350M on 7M hectares for wildlife conservation, while the AWC spent \$3,5M on 3.5M hectares.

AWC programs generally follow three major steps:

1. Acquisition (or arranging cooperation of the land holder);
2. Fencing an area within the project to keep feral predators out; and
3. Clearing out existing “ferals” within the fenced area.

In many cases flora and or water enhancement is necessary, as is occasionally releasing specially bred wildlife into a fenced and restored area.

The feral pests include cats, rabbits, wild dogs, and larger animals like deer, horses, cattle, camels, goats and donkeys.

Max Smedley thanked Bianca and presented her with a Club Pen, hand turned by Doug Birchall.



## CLUB NEWS

The March meetings commenced with our Annual General Meeting. After the minutes of the previous AGM were read and accepted the Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported on the previous year. We finished \$468 up on the previous year. Good use was made of the \$1500 grant from Moreland City Council. Barry's financial year report up to the end of January 2020 is on the back page of this newsletter.

The election of the new Committee followed with Barry O'Connor being elected President and Max Smedley Vice-President.

It was pleasant to see two lady members bring their talents into Committee.

For details of the 2019-2020 Committee see the front page. In addition John Swift offered his services to provide Speaker Reports which is greatly appreciated. You may have already read his first in this issue.

President Noel thanked the committee members for their hard work during the year, making each event a success.

Noel offered congratulations to incoming President Barry O'Connor and wished him all the best for the coming year.

The General Meeting followed. Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that we started the month of February with a balance of \$3324.24 and had received \$700 of Annual Subscriptions, \$66 of Door Prize Income and a \$10 Badge request.

Expenses were \$45 Hall Rental, \$10.90 Communicators, \$499 purchase of sound system, \$60 for Door Prize purchases, \$5.70 batteries for sound system, \$8.10 locker keys and \$34.76 to Advanced Corporate Badges.

At end of February available funds were \$3436.78.

With the cancellation of the April meeting super efficient Barry has sprung into action and supplied the financial report he would had given at that meeting.

He reports that in March we received \$900 of Annual Subscriptions and \$76 from Door Prize Income.

Expenses were \$45 Hall Rental, \$10.90 Communicators, \$60 for Door Prize purchases, \$134 Australia PO Box Rental, \$14.25 additional locker keys, \$30 for Morning Teas and \$232 for the AGM luncheon.

At the end of March available funds were \$3886.63

.Thank you Barry for the great job you have done as Treasurer for the past 5 years.

After the General Meeting members stayed to enjoy a chat and light lunch in the hall thanks to the MCC grant.

Thanks also to Joe and all those who pitched in to assist.

## BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Ebeyer, Wendy Jarvis & Nola

Wenlock ... Peter Dimsey, Eddie Ebeyer & Joe Milanese

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**Statement of Receipt and Payments for the period 01/01/2019 to 31/01/2020**

	2018/2019		2019/2020		2018/2019		2019/2020
		<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>			
2026	Probus Funds		3324	Hall Rental		540	
448	Smokers Funds		474	Morning Teas		270	
167	Functions Funds		111	Printing/Stationery		141	
1900	Council Grant		1900	Committee Expenses		300	
2220	Subscriptions		2365	Speakers Expenses		150	
4004	Functions		2150	Functions		2765	
105	Smokers		95	Smokers		69	
400	Rotary Raffle		300	P. O. Box/Postage		230	
30	Club Badges		0	Probus South		1067	
740	Door Prizes		812	Pacific Annual Fees			
245	Birthday Auction		0	Donation		30	
16	Club Pen Sales		52	Consumer Affairs Fee		58	
				Club Badges		45	
				Cash at Bank		3909	
				Door Prizes		608	
				Speakers Pens		0	
				Rotary Raffle		0	
				Cheque Stop		0	
				Recruitment Drive		81	
				Club Pens Purchase		179	
				Probus Merchandise		73	
<u>12701</u>			<u>11183</u>			<u>10715</u>	
31/01/2019	Bank		3441	31/01/2020	Funds		
	+Receipts		11183		Probus		3324
			14824		Smokers		474
	-Payments		<u>10216</u>		Functions		<u>111</u>
31/01/2020	Bank		3909				3909

*Beggs A. O'Connor*

**B. A. O'CONNOR**  
Honorary Treasurer