



COMMUNICATOR

PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

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

Next Monthly Meeting:- Tuesday 10th. April 2012

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Appointed Auditor for 2012-2013: Jack O'Hara

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 ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 10th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 23rd - Stroll - Newport

Monday 30th - Committee Meeting at Rotary Centre, Glenroy at 9.30am.

MAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 8th - Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday 23rd - Tigers Clubhouse Lunch. **Cancelled**, insufficient numbers.

Instead - Join the Ladies Meeting for Celtic Choir and Pancake lunch.

Monday 28th - Stroll

FUTURE SPEAKERS

APRIL - Speaker from Puffing Billy.

MARCH SPEAKERS

Gerry George, Project Director and Jay Francis, Communications Officer from the Vic Roads M80 Upgrade Project Office in Essendon Fields attended our March meeting to help us understand some of the mysteries of the M80 upgrade.

The purpose of the upgrade is to improve reliability and time taken for a journey, improve the aesthetics of the road reserve and install equipment to facilitate the management of traffic flow e.g. Overhead electronic signs to indicate speed limits and lane availability and on road message boards.

Traffic lights to regulate traffic flow will be installed on some entry ramps.

When completed the road will have a minimum of 3 to 4 lanes each way with additional lanes at on and off ramps.

This will involve adding at least one more lane.

The new bridge being constructed over the Moonee Ponds creek west of Pascoe Vale Rd will carry all traffic travelling east and traffic exiting to Pascoe Vale Rd and will free up the existing bridge for west bound traffic.

The new bridge is 6 metres higher than the existing one to make incline less thus reducing the noise emitted by trucks.

Four lanes will be squeezed through the existing Jacana Tunnel.

The exit to Pascoe Vale Rd is expected to be completed early next year.

The containers along the side of the road are there primarily as temporary noise barriers.

Extensive alterations are being carried out on the Tullamarine Freeway to M80 interchange. The dedicated lanes for the exit from the M80 to Pascoe Vale Rd are of most interest to us and start at this interchange and pass in a tunnel under the carriageway carrying traffic from the Tullamarine Freeway and Melrose Drive.

Design and construction of the upgrade is being carried out by private contractors under Vic Roads supervision.

usual barriers are being maintained along the road as far as possible to avoid vehicles slowing down to see what is happening.

John Vandenburg thanked Gerry and Jay and presented them with a pen each.



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(Don O'Meara)

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At our March meeting, Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that at the end of February our available funds were \$1457.53.

Subscriptions are now past due so if you have not paid Wal yet please do so.

At the March meeting there were 51 members and one visitor in attendance . There were 9 apologies.

At the AGM, the committee for the coming year was elected and their names and phone numbers are on page one of this newsletter.

Changes are Alan Whatman, our new President and Bob Brown, Vice President. Neil Thomas is our new Secretary, Gordon Scott is in charge of Catering, Duncan Forbes is looking after Speakers and Ken Roberts is assisting John Darling with Functions.

Our thanks go to those members who have served the club on committee over the past year and we welcome the newcomers.

TEA ROSTER

APRIL - Harry Middlemo, Geoff Milley, George Owen & Max Penaluna.

MAY - Peter Pendlebury, Ken Pryor, Reg Ratcliffe & John Reisenberg.

BOWLS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 14th - 28th ANNUAL PROBUS OPEN FOURS TOURNAMENT

Skips Alan Evans & Ron James both won their two games with Ron Howard winning one game and just being pipped in the other game. I would like to thank Ron for taking over for me. Thanks also to the other members who bowled well.

(Les Hooke)

STROLLERS

MARCH MONDAY 19th - YARRA FLATS

On a beautiful bright calm autumn morning 25 strollers set out along the Yarra Flats Park track in Heidelberg. This track is part of the Main Yarra Trail and winds along the river side and adjacent flats. Along the tracks there are signs with copies of works by the early artists who lived nearby. Strollers made their own pace and some decided to return and the rest carried on to the Burke Road Bridge where the group split and some decided to return via The Boulevard and others via a track through the riverside scrub. On our return to the car park, a nice grassy area was selected and our usual lunch and associated chat was enjoyed in the company of a further four friends.

APRIL MONDAY 23rd - NEWPORT PARK, NEWPORT

Melways Map 56 B4. Stroll will be along The Strand to Williamstown and return. Please assemble at 10am and bring chairs and a picnic lunch, etc..

(Charles Fyfe)

THOUGHT for the MONTH—*Alan Whatman*

If you think you can, you can. - If you think you can't, you're right.

OUTINGS

MARCH FRIDAY 16th 2012 MORELAND COUNCIL MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY

The self drive portion of the visit to Polytrade Materials Recycling Facility, Newlands Road, Coburg North went off without a hitch with 29 attending.

We were able to view what goes on in this sorting centre via 16 TV cameras.

Much of the sorted material is containerised for export.

Jacqui answered all our questions on what we can and can not put in our recycling bins.

In Moreland we are more fortunate than most in being able to recycle polystyrene foam.

Lunch was at Zagame's Hotel, Reservoir.

Thanks to John Darling for the effort he put in to organize this informative outing.

MARCH 26th to 30th 2012 HIGH COUNTRY FIVE DAY TOUR

Joining our driver Gordon there were 44 representatives from the three Glenroy Probus Clubs on this tour.

On the way to Mansfield we stopped at Euroa for morning tea then up over Strathbogie descending to Bonnie Doon for a BBQ lunch.

Most travellers took the opportunity to walk across the Rail Bridge before heading off to Mansfield.

Based at Alzburg Resort we set off to three different points of the compass on three successive days.

Day two took us up Mt Buller, with its spectacular views and lunch. Closer back to Mansfield we visited Delatite Homestead with its classic country garden surrounding the Victorian Homestead and stables. A visit to Delatite Cellars topped off the day.

Jamieson Brewery was our target for day three with a stop at "Bimbi" Car & Memorabilia Museum on the way.

On day four, eleven adventurers boarded a 4WD unit to climb further into the high country and visit Craig's Hut.

The other group also climbed upwards but in the coach, to Power's Lookout over the King Valley. An unhurried stop for lunch at Benalla was followed by a leisurely drive down to Lake Nillahcootie for afternoon tea

Homeward bound we had Devonshire Tea and lunch at Eildon's Golden Trout Hotel Motel being entertained by "The Four Fathers".

Throughout the tour we were spoilt with excellent weather and huge meals. Thanks to John Darling for another magical tour.

MAY WEDNESDAY 23rd TIGERS - CLUBHOUSE LUNCH

This outing has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

INSTEAD, Our Members are invited to visit on the same day with Glenroy Ladies Probus at the Masonic Centre for a performance by the CELTIC CHOIR then followed by a PANCAKE lunch!

Cost \$20.00. Names this meeting. Partners and friends welcome!

(John Darling)



Recycling Facility March 16th.