



# 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.

**Next Monthly Meeting:- Tuesday 10th April 2018**

### ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2017/18

President:- Ken Pryor

Vice President:- Noel Walsh

Treasurer:- Barry O'Connor

Communicator

Editor:- John Elletson

Distributor:- Geoff Woods

Attendance & Nametags:- Les Hooke

Membership Records:- Les Hooke

Speakers:- Max Smedley

Secretary & Public Officer -

Peter Dimsey Mail to

PO Box 604, Glenroy 3046

Past President: John Vandenberg

Functions Officer:- Vacant

Asst. - Joe Milanese

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Wal Jarvis

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Murray Gorham

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott

Asst. - Joe Milanese

Welfare Officer: Les Hooke

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 2018 ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 10th - Monthly Meeting.

Friday 13th - Coach to Dinner & Harness Racing at Tabcorp Park, Melton.

Monday 23rd - Stroll - Boeing Reserve, Strathmore.

Tuesday 24th - Computer Group - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Thursday 26th - Sip N'Chat - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Monday 29th - Committee Meeting at Glenroy Rotary Centre at 9.30am.

## MAY 2018 ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 8th - Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday 22nd - Computer Group - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Thursday 24th - Sip N'Chat - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Monday 28th - Stroll -

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

APRIL - Robert Gardiner - PNG & Responsible Eco Tourism.

MAY - Beverly Brock - Peter Brock's partner for 28 years.

## MARCH SPEAKER

Max Smedley introduced our speaker for March, Heather Wheat and her partner Lindsay Doig, who gave us a PowerPoint presentation on their expedition to Russia's Ring of Fire. The term Ring of Fire could be applied to the whole Pacific Rim, from New Zealand and the Western coastline of the Americas, down the far east of Russia through to Japan. The Russian section has many active volcanoes, deep ocean trenches and is very sparsely populated, but it is a nature lover's paradise.



Heather's trip was on a small 50 passenger expedition ship, "Spirit of Enderby". The 13 day expedition visited three distinct areas, the Commander Islands, the Kanchatka Peninsular and the Kuril Islands. Starting at the Kamchatka capital of Petropavlovsk Kamchatsky sailing North to the islands of Medny and Bering seeing prolific birdlife and whales, sea lions, sea otters, fur seals and Arctic fox.

They had a helicopter ride over a frozen river through the mountains to the Valley of the Geysers with lush vegetation where escaping steam melts the snow. Returning southward over the Kanchatka Trench to Atlasova Island with its newest (1930's) volcanoes. Then island after island in the Kuril Group with rubbery ash underfoot and spewing lava and thermal springs together with prolific birdlife. Further south down the Kuril Trench to Kunashir Island with more volcanoes, brown bears, arctic and red foxes. The voyage finished in the port of Korsakov from where Heather and Lindsay flew to Vladivostok to take the trans-Siberian Railway to Moscow. Heather's own photos, supplemented by those taken by other passengers was a truly spectacular presentation. If you wish to see more details go to Heather's blog at <http://hwheat8.blogspot.com.au/2016/>

## GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At the start of the March meetings President, John Vandenberg, welcomed members and visitors and then proceeded with the Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the previous AGM were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that we only received a \$500 grant from MCC (\$750 in 2016) but we are around \$300 better off this year compared to the same time last year. The introduction of the door prizes will have assisted this good result. A statement will be in the April "Communicator".

The election of the 2018/19 Committee saw the introduction of Noel Walsh into the position of Vice President, thank you Noel for stepping up. The full Committee is listed on the front page of this newsletter.

It is disappointing that that no one could be encouraged to volunteer for the position of Functions Officer, this must remain "a work in progress".

The President thanked the Members and Committee and closed the AGM

First item of the March meeting was to welcome and induct Lyn Shields into the Club. Her past experiences indicate that she will be a valuable member and we trust she will enjoy our fellowship.

Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that during February we received income of \$400 for annual fees and \$20 for Club Badges. Expenses were \$45 rent and \$12.90 photo copying the "Communicator", \$60 door prize purchase and \$100 door prize income adjustment. Current available funds are \$1,987.95.

Barry reminded us that the Annual Fees remain at \$50 and are now due.

The Secretary Peter Dimsey reported that he had received requests from Anton Basil, Alan Evans, Gavin Herft, Ted Hucker, Don Parfett and Graham Scholes to be transferred to Non Active Member status. The members present agreed to these requests.

At the Meeting there were 35 members present, 12 apologies and 7 visitors, Beris Hammond, Dennis Hine, Rosa & Paul La Rocca, Monica Ashworth and Speakers Heather Wheat & Lindsay Doig. Fourteen members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee members are reminded that a committee meeting will be held at the Glenroy Rotary centre at 9:30am, Monday 30th April 2017.

At our March meeting before breaking for Morning Tea the President requested those present to observe a minute's silence to remember George Owen and Bob Harwood who passed away 16th February and 3rd March respectively.

Some members had also seen a Death Notice in the Herald Sun for a Keith Stewart but on the day there was doubt that this was our member. Unfortunately it was our Keith and he will be remembered at the April meeting.

If you hear of a member's death and you have not received a phone call from the Club please phone the President/Secretary, they will contact Committee members who will in turn advise the membership. The system works if someone kicks it off.

Updates for your Member's List:- New Member Lyn Shields, 1 Castlehill Avenue, Greenvale 3059, . Anton Basil advises that his new address which is now Benetas Colton Close, 1- 19 York Street Glenroy .Are you on the Internet? If you would like to have the "Communicator" emailed to you each month just give your email address to John Elletson. If you are now getting your "Communicator" by email and you don't need the hard copy delivered, then please let Geoff Woods know to stop the hand delivery.

Is your Emergency Contact's Phone Number Form up to date?

It is essential that we have a current telephone number for your desired contact person on hand in case of an emergency. To check your nominated details talk to Les Hooke.

It is with deep regret that we mourn the passing of three of our elder members, and we offer our deepest sympathy to their family and friends.

VALE

GEORGE OWEN - George joined the Club on 10th June 1997. George passed away on Friday 16th February 2018, aged 89.

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VALE KEITH STEWART - Keith joined the Club on 17th October 1994. Keith passed away on Tuesday 27th February 2018, aged 88.

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ROBERT (BOB) HARWOOD - Bob joined the Club on 12th September 2000. Bob passed away on Saturday 3rd March 2018, aged 92.

## ACTIVITIES

APRIL TUESDAY 24TH - COMPUTERS - GLENROY R.S.L.'s FUNCTION ROOM  
10:30am.

Come along this month with your problems and ideas, seven members did in March and enjoyed the information exchanges.

MARCH THURSDAY 26TH - SIP N' CHAT - GLENROY R.S.L.

In March seven members attended and enjoyed the chat at this event. Any members wishing to join us in April will be most welcome. Time 10.30am

## BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Ebeyer, Wendy Jarvis & Nola Wenlock ... Peter Dimsey, Eddie Ebeyer & Joe Milanese

## TEA ROSTER

APRIL - Diane and Noel Walsh

MAY - Jack and Margaret Isles.

## SMILE A WHILE

Peter Dimsey

As I get older I realise:- I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.

My people skills are just fine, it's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.

The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

When I was a child, I thought afternoon naps were punishment, now it's like a mini vacation.

"Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I am there.

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves into the dryer for 10 minutes and come out wrinkle free and three sizes smaller?

## OUTINGS

### MARCH WEDNESDAY 21ST - SAND SCULPTURES AT FRANKSTON

On a very windy morning a handful of our members joined with the Ladies' Club for an interesting tour to view the Sand Sculptures at Frankston.

This was followed by "An All You Can Eat" lunch at the Food Star Family Restaurant. We had a pleasant return trip via Beach Road. Thanks to the Ladies for organising such a great day out.



### APRIL FRIDAY 13TH - SENIORS HARNESS RACING AT TABCORP PARK, MELTON

Bookings were taken at the March meeting for this special deal which includes entry, three course dinner, race book, \$2 betting voucher, sweeps. Entertainer & MC Jade Hurley. Free bus service from Wheatsheaf Rd hall departing at 4.00 pm.

APRIL WEDNESDAY 18TH The Ladies Club have some spare seats available on their Coach Trip to the African Violets & Lavender Farm - Arthurs Creek. Morning tea at the farm, and a stroll around, followed by lunch at Whittlesea Bowling Club. Coach leaves Cromwell Street at 9:30am and will return by 3:30pm. Cost \$40.00pp. Book and pay at the April meeting please

## STROLLERS

### MARCH MONDAY 26TH - RIVERSIDE PARK - ABERFELDIE

On a cooler morning 24 strollers set off to complete the loop around the Maribyrnong River. The majority completed the walk. The coffee shop attracted a few. The car park and dining areas have been updated. A pleasant lunch was enjoyed by all.



APRIL MONDAY 23RD - BOEING RESERVE, STRATHMORE Meet in the car park at 10.00 am. Melway Map reference 16 D5. Please bring a picnic lunch and chairs.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 01/02/2017 to 31/01/2018

2016/2017	Receipts	2017/2018	2016/2017	Payments	2017/2018
1227	Probus Funds	1572	540	Hall Rental	540
400	Strollers Funds	402	330	Morning Teas	258
336	Function Funds	281	182	Printing/Stationery	168
750	Grant (MCC)	500	310	Committee Expenses	270
2900	Subscriptions	2563	400	Speakers Expenses	135
4605	Functions	1410	5292	Functions	1465
110	Strollers	0	38	Strollers	76
400	Rotary Raffle	400	224	Post Office Box/Postage	192
150	Club Badges	10	1240	Probus South	1233
0	Door Prizes	545		Pacific Annual Fees	
			100	Donation	50
			54	Consumer Affairs Fee	56
			181	Club Badges	151
			1963	Cash at Bank	2255
			75	Book Purchase	0
			0	Dishonoured Cheque	30
			0	Wine Purchase	20
			0	Door Prizes	342
			0	Speakers Pens	100
			0	Rotary Raffle	90
10918		7723	10958		7431
	31/01/2017 Bank		1963	31/01/2018 Funds	
	+ Receipts		7723	Probus	1572
			9686	Strollers	402
	- Payments		7431	Functions	281
	31/01/2018 Bank		2255		2255

*Baige A. O'Connor*

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Honorary Treasurer

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