



# 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 11th August 2015, 9.45 am**

### ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2015/16

President:- Wal Jarvis

Vice President:- John Vandenberg

Communicator Editor:- John Elletson

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Attendance & Nametags:- Dudley  
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Membership Records:- Dudley Twigg

Speakers:- John Vandenberg

Secretary & Public Officer -  
Peter Dimsey      Mail to  
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Treasurer:- Barry O'Connor

Past President & Welfare Officer:  
Les Hooke

Functions Officer:- Peter Pendlebury

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Arthur Jarvis

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Murray Gorham

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott  
Asst. - Joe Milanese

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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## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 11th - Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday 19th - "Pancakes on the Run", Glenroy Hall, Cromwell St. 11.30am.

Monday 24th - Stroll - Canning Reserve - Avondale Heights.

Thursday 27th - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Monday 31st - Committee Meeting at Rotary Centre, Glenroy at 9.30am.

## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 8th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th - Albury Rail/Coach Tour.

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

Monday 28th - Stroll -

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

AUGUST - Australian Hearing.

SEPTEMBER - Mr. & Mrs Chris Hardy - Kent Police.

## JUNE SPEAKER

Our July Speaker was Syd Sherrin on "AFL sporting equipment - The Sherrin"

The Sherrin family were originally from Scotland, and migrated to Australia in the 1850's, to Williamstown. The game which became Australian Rules was developing, particularly around Melbourne.

Tom Sherrin was a saddler, and repaired rugby balls; he developed work on sports equipment and in 1879 moved to Wellington St. in Collingwood, where the range of products widened from cricket balls to boxing gloves and associated equipment.

In 1906, the boxer Jack Johnson used Sherrin's boxing equipment and endorsed it in Sherrin's advertisements.

The manufacture of footballs for the emerging Australian Rules became an important part of their activities.

Tom and friends formed the Collingwood Football Club around 1880.

Sherrin's cricket balls were not recognised for Test matches, but used special stitches until 1950.

The Australian National Football Council now specifies standards for footballs for properties including size, etc. The A.F.L. now use only Sherrin footballs in matches; the name has gone into normal commentaries—"---Got the Sherrin and---" Sherrin still make footballs by hand; Syd would like such products to be made by Indigenous workers. Sherrin started putting cloth in the inside of footballs; and have tried different sources of leather- even kangaroo and crocodile. The tanning process has changed—now "Chrome Leather" is the norm. Leather from different areas of the cow hides will be used for differing products. Syd himself still hand-makes footballs; Members were intrigued by his ability to turn a football inside-out during making!

Bob Brown thanked Syd for his insights into the earlier times and the changing history of footballs.



*(Doug Birchall)*

## GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At the July meeting there were only 37 members present and 10 apologies. Nine members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

Treasurer, Barry O'Connor, reported that during June there was \$250 received for subscriptions. There were Expenses of hall rent \$45, photocopying Communicator \$13.20 and Morning Teas \$20.45. Current available funds are \$1593.70.

Secretary, Peter Dimsey read a letter from Kevin White tendering his resignation due to poor health. His resignation was regretfully received.

## COMMITTEE

At the June Committee Meeting we discussed a letter from the Rotary District 9790 Probus Chairman focusing on the health of Clubs. With 66% of Clubs more than 25 years old we also share the trend of dwindling membership. Using the Chairman's checklist we see a need to address areas such as future office bearers and interest groups. We really only have two interest groups - Keilor East Club has 25 but they have 196 members and a lower average age. Our average age is 83.8. John Vandenberg, Robin Waltrowicz and others have been working on a promotional leaflet for members to pass on to likely candidates. A special thanks to Robin for the work he put into producing various samples of leaflets to assist our thinking. A reminder to all Committee Members that a Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 31st August 2015, at the Rotary Centre, Glenroy, commencing at 9.30am. Enter via the LH door and meet upstairs.

## TEA ROSTER

AUGUST - Eddie Ebeyer, Alan Evans & Duncan Forbes.

SEPTEMBER - Charles Fyfe, Jacob George & Murray Gorham.

## STROLLERS

JULY MONDAY 27TH - CHERRY LAKE - ALTONA We had a brisk winter morning for our stroll around the lake. Fifteen walkers started out and most made it all the way around,. A few quickly found the excellent mobile coffee stall. As usual at this lake we saw lots of water birds including a large flock of Pelicans.

AUGUST MONDAY 24TH - CANNING RESERVE - AVONDALE HEIGHTS Enter car park off Canning St. , Avondale Heights . Melways 27 G8

*(Arthur Jarvis)*

## OUTINGS

**SIP N' CHAT - GLENROY R.S.L.** This activity is on the 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH at 10.30am On 23rd July, 6 Members attended the Sip N' Chat at Glenroy RSL.

### **JULY WEDNESDAY 15TH - CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Sixty two members and friends from both Glenroy clubs attended "Christmas in July" at Hotel 520 on Sayers, Tarneit. June Newman entertained us with her singing and everyone had a good time, especially John. Our three course Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all.



**AUGUST WEDNESDAY 19TH - "PANCAKES ON THE RUN"** With the School of Music outing cancelled and poor response to visit Highlands Hotel, arrangements have been made for us to join the ladies for a two course pancake luncheon in the Glenroy Hall, Cromwell Street. Arrive from 11:30am for a pre-lunch chat. Payment of \$15.00 at the August meeting.

**3 DAY ALBURY RAIL/COACH TOUR 14TH - 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2015** Travel by XPT to Albury and join Coach Tour. Accommodation will be at a central motel with time to visit shops. Coach tours to see Albury City, Hume Weir, Tallangatta and Beechworth. Pensioner cost with Travel Voucher - \$260.00 ppts Seniors to pay Rail fare - an extra \$53.05. Single Supplement an extra \$100.00 A few places are still available - if you are interested please contact Peter on 9300 3375. Spring is a pretty time of the year in the N.E. of our State, just right for a short break after Winter. Full payment at September meeting.

## **JOKE FOR THE MONTH** Geoff Milley

A lawyer is standing in a bakery waiting to be served when he sees the chap in front of him steal three biscuits and slip them into his pocket.

The thief sees that the lawyer is watching. "Clever, aren't I?" "I'm smarter," says the lawyer, "and I'll prove it." He says to the baker: "Give me a biscuit and I'll show you a magic trick." The baker gives him the biscuit, which the lawyer promptly eats. Then he says to the baker: "Give me another biscuit." The baker is getting suspicious, but he gives it to him. He eats this one too. Then the lawyer says: "Give me one more biscuit." The baker is getting angry now, but gives him one anyway. The lawyer eats this one too. Now the baker is really mad, and yells: "And now where is your famous magic trick?" The lawyer says: "Look in this chap's pocket."