



COMMUNICATOR

PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

Meets at 10:00 am on the second Tuesday of each Month
at the Glenroy RSL, 186 Glenroy Road, Glenroy.

Next Monthly Meeting - Tuesday August 10, 2021.

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2021/22

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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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JULY SPEAKER

Our speaker for July was Rosie Smith.

Rosie is a former teacher, so it was not surprising to learn that her subject, the “Smith Family”, was a charity whose principal goal is the education of children in need.

Her talk on the “Smith Family” charity was extremely interesting, and although I had always known of the institute, but knew no detail about it, I presumed that perhaps it was composed of Smith namesakes (it isn't!) or that a Smith family member founded it (they didn't!).

It was founded by five Sydney businessmen in 1922 whose own children were being educated at private schools, and who wished to remain anonymous, but desired to help children whose families couldn't afford them a normal education, or where the parents had language difficulties inhibiting their children's education.

The “Smith” name was their device for ensuring anonymity and this has continued throughout their decades of operation, and “Smith's family was everybody's family”.

Their mission was “doing good by stealth” and from their origin in 1922 they assisted children in the 1920's to 1940's through the depression and WW11, then assisted children of Vietnamese and Timorese refugees through the 1970's; and in the 1980's generally helped needy children with their education.

Currently their work is still helping needy children get an education, and the need seems as vital as ever.

“Learning for Life”

The Smith Family provides assistance in many ways including programs covering the importance of sleep, diet, and relaxation as these are fundamental to learning.

All Smith family programs are free, and all information discussed is confidential.

Other important points discussed were:

- Financial support for items such as uniforms and individual equipment;
- Co-coordinator who creates a partnership with parents, student and school;
- Access to programs to assist learning from start to tertiary level;
- Parent and community engagement;
- 65,000- people have been assisted with programs so far.

Rosie pointed out a few of the interesting aspects of the work including:

- Their aim is 'reaching young people in need';
- It is the largest such organization in Australia;
- There is no overseas assistance;
- Their guiding principle is to help disadvantaged kids to grow up not needing help!

The 'learning from home' during lockdowns has badly affected those families and particularly children already disadvantaged in their education, making the Smith Family's mission to provide long term support – from primary school to tertiary level just as important as ever.

At the conclusion of the talk, no one was in any doubt that the Smith Family was a very worthy Australian charity, and carried out it's work very efficiently, with a history of quiet success over many decades.

STROLLERS

Due to Victoria's Covid 19 “short lockdown” the July stroll at Edwardes Lake could not go ahead. So we will try again in August.

Monday 23rd August - Stroll at Edwardes Lake, Reservoir

Meet in Picnic Area off Griffiths St. (Melway 18 E5). Street parking is available in Griffiths Street. Stroll starts at 10:00 am.

Covid 19 Reg's permitting we will lunch at the Edwardes Lake Hotel on Edwardes St.

You will be contacted if the arrangements need to be altered. Check your emails.

JULY MEETING REPORT

We were pleased to gather together to hold the July General Meeting at the Glenroy RSL. President, Barry O'Connor, welcomed all present and proceeded with the induction of new member Dr. Richard Smart. Richard was a viticulture consultant, having dual Doctorates in the subject which he would be pleased to tell us about in the future.

Richard lives in Glenroy at Unit 171, 23 Box Forest Road, and can be contacted on 0480 188 269.

Treasurer's Report. We started June with a balance of \$3381.63 and there was nil income for the month. We had expenses of \$26.84 Advanced Corporate Badges and a \$30 Birthday gift to Glenroy Library. This left us with available funds of \$3324.79.

Les Hooke reported there were 32 present and we had received 4 apologies.

We welcomed Gwen Taylor as a visitor.

Liliana Ward advised that she has speakers arranged for the next three months, our speaker for August will be Celebrity Photographer Andrew Filipovic. Thanks Liliana.

Good news - Noel Walsh is doing well and we can expect him back next meeting.

Margaret Partridge was told she was above the age limit for giving blood. She disputed this and was eventually told she could. So the day before our July meeting she went and made her 75th blood donation. Good on you Margaret.

Our Book Club is on the way and expected soon. A few members have come forward, so if you are interested talk to Tony Bajoras 0431 249 087.

Cath and Duncan Forbes were the lucky winners of a beautiful knitted rug donated by Liliana Ward, Coles Vouchers were won by Gwen Taylor and Tony Bajoras.

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 10th- Monthly Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 10am.

Tuesday 17th- Computer Group - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Wednesday 18th- For the Ladies, Kaye's Fashions - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Monday 23rd- Stroll - Edward's Lake, Reservoir.

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

Monday 30th - Committee Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Thursday 1st- Morning Melodies & Lunch - Glenroy RSL at 11am. Buddy Holly Show.

Tuesday 14th- Monthly Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 10am.

Wednesday 15th- "The Meadows" with the Ladies' Club.

Thursday 23rd- Sip N'Chat - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Monday 27th- Stroll -

OUT AND ABOUT

Thursday 1st July - Morning Melodies

Twenty four members and friends attended this function and our thanks go to Bea for arranging this group booking, the prepayment of entrance fees gave us a seamless entrance.

Morning Melodies are held on the first Thursday of each month and are available for all. Get together with a few friends or neighbours and book a table.

Keep up with the current Covid 19 Regulations to see whether they are on or off.

Bea informed the July meeting on a number of activities that are available at the Cloctower, Morning Music although these clash with our monthly meeting.

ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image) Some free, but check.

Art in the old VRI Ballroom. Flinders St. \$36 to \$32. Check to see if it's for you.

National Gallery of Victoria, free. French Impressionism Exhibition \$28 Seniors.

Contact Bea on 0419 581 463 for more information.

Wednesday 18th August - Kaye's Fashions at Glenroy RSL

A special invitation for our lady members, Glenroy Ladies Probus Club have re-booked Kaye's Fashions (they were previously booked for May 2021 but Victoria's Circuitbreaker Lockdown caused cancellation). Bea has attended this event before.

Kaye's Fashions bring along a vast array of fashion clothing which will be modelled by some of the Ladies Club members. All items will be for sale.

Arrive at 10:30am for 11:00am start. Lunch - There will be a sheet at the door when you arrive if you would like to stay for lunch in the Bistro at your own cost.

At the August meeting it would be appreciated if you would let Bea know if you intend to attend, so the Ladies Club can be advised of numbers.

Wednesday 15th September - The Meadows - Greyhound Race Track

We have all been invited to join the Glenroy Ladies Probus Club for a day out at The Meadows. This is a booked seated area with "a la carte" lunch at your own expense. Prices are most reasonable.

There will be more information at the August meeting and Bea will have a booking sheet..

Birthdays in August

Marion Dimsey, Margaret Isles & Phyllis Swift ... Jacob George, Max Smedley.

Special Birthdays:- John Reisenberg 70, Arthur Jarvis 90 and our eldest member Jack Williamson 95. Congratulations !!!