



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 December 2019 - 9.45am start

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2019/20

President:- Noel Walsh

Vice President:- Vacant

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

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Past President: Ken Pryer

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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DECEMBER 2019 ACTIVITIES

Monday 2nd- Combined Probus Clubs' Christmas Party at Glenroy Bowling Club.

Monday 9th- Stroll and BBQ - Jack Roper Reserve, Broadmeadows.

Tuesday 10th- Monthly Meeting.

Note:- no Computer Group or Sip N'Chat in December. They will resume in January.

JANUARY 2029 ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 14th- Monthly Meeting.

Monday 20th- Committee Meeting at Glenroy Rotary Centre at 9.30am.

Tuesday 21st- Computer Group - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

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

Monday - No Stroll in January.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

DECEMBER - Peter Newton - Cheshire Foundation.

JANUARY - Hon Neil O'Keefe, Former MHR for Burke.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Our speaker for November was Leon Savaris from Quantum Low Vision Services whose topic was "Living with Low Vision".

Their mission at Quantum is to help people with failing vision to help themselves. He had many aids to show.

He started with the simple ones, lighting and how to utilize the natural light. i.e. sit by a window or have a well positioned reading lamp.

Then there is the good old magnifying glass for \$30 to \$50.

An improvement on this is a hand held magnifying glass with built in LED lights (\$160-\$180).

Now the electronic age has introduced a vast array of options.

Firstly an electronic magnifier with a mobile phone size image and another up to an i pad size.(\$700) These can change the font and background colours to make reading easier. They are good with photos as magnification of distinct areas can be selected.

Desktop magnifiers can enlarge articles or objects placed underneath them and displayed on a large screen. They are also good for filling in forms.(\$3500). There is even a model that takes a photo and will then read the articles (\$4000)

His last small portable device was able to be attached to your spectacles, and then read printed text to you. It can be programmed to tell the time and even recognize faces.

This small device has a price tag of \$7500.

Quantum is an approved supplier to the DVA, NDIS and MyAgedCare. If you qualify for any of these, the cost would be low.

John Isles thanked Leon and presented him with a Doug Birchall hand turned Club pen.



**VALE LEIGHTON HOATSON
VALE GEOFFREY MILLEY**

It is with deep regret that we mourn the passing of two of our members, Leigh Hoatson and Geoff Milley, and we offer our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

Leigh joined the Club on 10th November 1998 and took on Non-Active Membership on 8th May 2018 when he moved to Arcare, Craigieburn.

Leigh passed away on Saturday 25th November 2019, he was aged 93.

Geoff joined the Club on 12th June 2007.

Geoff passed away suddenly in his back yard on Wednesday 20th November 2019, he was aged 71.

CLUB NEWS

At the October meeting President, Noel Walsh opened the meeting and welcomed all and proceeded with the induction of new member Liliana Ward. Liliana is a local living next door to Bea Hammond who proposed her. Welcome Liliana.

Les Hooke reported there were 38 present, 7 apologies and no visitors.

Twelve members indicated they would be having lunch at the RSL.

Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that we started the month of October with a balance of \$3952.51, and we had income of \$35 from Annual/Joining Fees.

Expenses were \$45 Hall Rental, \$10.90 Communicators, \$10 Morning Teas, and \$72 for purchase of Birthday Cake. Birthday Door Prizes cost \$147.80 and \$72.62 was paid to AFT Merchandising & Promotions..

This leaves us with available funds of \$3557.29.

Murray Gorham thanked those who had sold tickets for the Rotary Club's Raffle.

The total value of \$300 for all the tickets sold will come back to our Club.

We have been asked to contribute six door prizes for the combined Christmas party.

Peter moved that the meeting authorise this purchase and also authorise a subsidy of \$10 per person to those attending the party.

This to be paid from the Moreland Council grant. This was carried.

Peter also advised that the Bright Chalet was offering discounted stays in 2020. Stays are for five days/4 nights and include tours, all meals and transport to and from Bright from Southern Cross Station. Cost is only \$345 per person. Dates on offer are 30th February to 3rd March and 5th April to 9th April, see Peter Dempsey if you are interested.

TEA ROSTER

DECEMBER - Bill & Julie Conroy

JANUARY - Eddie Ebeyer & Geoff Freeman.

BIRTHDAYS

Elva Averill, Pat Birchall & Margaret Partridge ... Doug Birchall, John Darling, John Eyles, Peter Mawer & Robin Waltrowicz.

OUTINGS

NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY 20TH -WARRATINA LAVENDER FARM

Nine of our members joined the Ladies Club on this coach trip to Wandin North. It was a very pleasant spring day and we enjoyed having morning tea at Lilydale Lake and then on to the Lavender Farm for an insight in growing and processing lavender. Lunch at the Upper Yarra RSL was enjoyed by all.



DECEMBER MONDAY 2ND -CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Combined Probus Clubs' Christmas Party at Glenroy Bowling Club was a great success with over 90 attending. We were well entertained with a lively performance by Rory and Isobel that had folk dancing. This was followed by a very nice two course Christmas lunch.

Many thanks to the organizers of this event.

STROLLERS

NOVEMBER MONDAY 18TH -STROLL AT COBURG LAKE

On beautiful sunny morning 20 strollers headed south along the Merri Creek to Bell Street. Most did the long walk and returned to Coburg Lake for lunch, a welcome cuppa and a chat.

DECEMBER MONDAY 9TH -BBQ at JACK ROPER RESERVE CAMP ROAD - BROAD-MEADOWS

Note the date is the second Monday, the day before the December Meeting.

Down by the lake . (Melways 7 B11)

This is the last stroll for 2019 and we will have the usual BBQ. Ladies are asked to please provide the usual salads and sweets. Hamburgers, snags etc are supplied.

Don't forget to bring your chairs, cup & glass , thermos, plate and cutlery.



Your President and all Members of the Committee
wish you and your Family a Happy Christmas and
a Prosperous New Year.

