



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 13th December 2016

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2016/17

President:- Wal Jarvis

Vice President:- John Vandenberg

Treasurer:- Barry O'Connor

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Functions Officer:- Noel Walsh

Asst. - Joe Milanese

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Arthur Jarvis

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Murray Gorham

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott

Asst. - Joe Milanese

Welfare Officer: Vacant

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 ACTIVITIES

Monday 5th - Christmas Luncheon at the Cuckoo Restaurant.

Monday 12th - Stroll & end of year BBQ at Jack Roper Reserve, Camp Road.

Tuesday 13th - Monthly Meeting

It was advised that the Computer Group and the Sip N'Chat Group will not meet in December. These will resume on the 4th Tuesday and 4th Thursday in January.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 10th - Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday 24th - Computers - Function Room, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Thursday 26th - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am. - No Stroll in January.

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

FUTURE SPEAKERS

DECEMBER - John Negrin - Make a Wish Foundation. J

ANUARY - Seeing Eye Dogs.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Our speakers for November were Dimi and David, volunteer guides at the Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens.

In 1846 Charles La Trobe selected a patch of marshland and swamps as the original site and in 1857 the first Director, Ferdinand von Mueller, was appointed.

Von Mueller also founded the National Herbarium of Victoria and brought many exotic plants into the country, his intention was for it to be a horticultural exhibition for the public to enjoy.

In 1873 William Guilfoyle became Director and changed the style to be more like the picturesque gardens that were around at that time. He added tropical and temperate plants.

There are over 12,000 species of plants in the garden which cover 38 ha (94 acres).

There is a second division of the Gardens at Cranbourne focusing solely on Australian native plants including a special section called the Australian garden, opened in May 2006. This area covers 363 ha (897 acres).

Water utilisation is important and there are moisture meters, some 4 m deep, to aid the control of the 6000 sprinklers watering the gardens. Even the correct size of droplet for individual plants has been researched.

Water is harvested at the lower parts of the site and recirculated to the higher areas for reuse.

The gardens are open every day at 7.30am and close at dusk, 2.1 million visit the gardens every year.

Finally Dimi and David gave us a PowerPoint presentation of their personal favourite plants, and were thanked by Margaret Isles.



GENERAL CLUB NEWS

President, Wal Jarvis welcomed all and opened the November meeting.

There were 38 members present and 16 apologies. Only 5 members indicated that they intended to lunch at the RSL.

There were two special birthdays, Anton Basil 80 and Leigh Hoatson 90. Well done fellows, all the best.

Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that during October there was nil income.

Expenses were \$13.20 photo copying the "Communicator", \$45 for hall rental, \$29.50 morning tea, \$65 Birthday Cake and \$40 to the Australian Volunteer Coastguard.

Current available funds are \$1326.93.

Thanks to all who took Raffle Tickets, our 40 books were sold and we can expect an injection of \$400 into our funds.

Thanks to Murray Gorman for this fund raiser.

TEA ROSTER

DECEMBER - John Reisenberg, Keith Stewart & Dudley Twigg.

JANUARY - Noel Wenlock, Anton Basil, & Brian Callingham.

COMMITTEE

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

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

Half a dozen members attended at 9am on Tuesday 15th November at the Glenroy railway station to fit non-removable screws to car number plates.

The police had placed notices under the windscreen wipers on Monday 14th November for people to indicate their agreement to have these screws fitted.

Fifty nine took up the offer and a further 22 passer-bys requested sets of screws, a response that pleased the police.

The job was completed by 11.15am, thanks to all.

BOWLS

The Annual Probus Bowls Tournament is on Wednesday 15th March 2017 and Murray Gorham has to submit entries at the end of December. Come on Bowlers, get your names to Murray at the December meeting.

SIP N' CHAT & COMPUTERS

It may have been due to the advent of the silly season or perhaps some members were away with the strollers, but only four members turned up for November's Sip N'Chat and likewise four members for the Computer Group.

These two groups will not meet in December but will resume in January.

The Computer Group will meet on Tuesday 24th of January in the function room, Glenroy RSL at 10:30am. Sip N'Chat will resume on Thursday, 26th of January at Glenroy RSL at 10:30am. Come and join us, all welcome

OUTINGS

NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY 16TH - SHRINE TOUR & LUNCH

On a bright spring day 40 travelers visited the Shrine of Remembrance where we were taken on a guided tour through the crypt and up to the sanctuary area. We then headed off to Moonee Valley Bistro for a lovely lunch of our choice.

Thanks to the Ladies' Club for the invitation to join them.

DECEMBER MONDAY 5TH - COACH to CUCKOO RESTAURANT

Two bus loads of members and friends from the three Glenroy Probus Clubs travelled to "The Cuckoo Restaurant" for our Annual Combined Christmas Party.

There was plenty of entertainment with songs and carols to join in singing and of course lovely food

STROLLERS

NOVEMBER MONDAY 21ST to THURSDAY 24TH - EXTENDED STROLL at SHEPPARTON

On a very hot Monday morning thirty-two strollers assembled at Buckley Park, Nagambie for morning tea, a lakeside stroll and lunch.

We had a break at Goulburn Weir on our way into Shepparton and settled beside the pool for the first of three Happy Hours (or two).

An excellent meal was followed by a Marie Pryor quiz which set the pattern for the three evenings.

After the previous day's scorcher, Tuesday's stroll around Lake Victoria was in light rain.

After lunch at the lakeside folk explored the attractions of Shepparton.

On Wednesday a pleasant stroll through Cussen Park in Tatura was achieved by all including Marie on Myrtle the Turtle.

After lunch at the park we visited the WWII Internment Camps Museum.

It was sad to leave our great motel and Zoe and Wendy who had looked after us so well, but on Thursday we headed home with just a couple of stops.

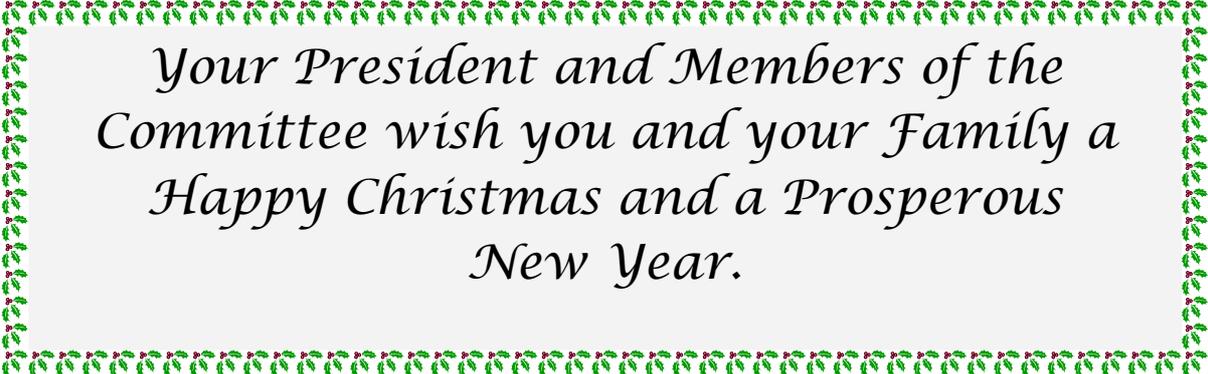
Emerald Bank for the Shepparton Motor Museum which includes the Historical Furphy Museum then lunch at Nagambie Rowing Club.

This was a very pleasant four days enjoying each other's company.

DECEMBER MONDAY 12TH - JACK ROPER RESERVE BROADMEADOWS

Down by the lake . (Melways 7 B11) This is the last stroll for 2016 and we will have the usual BBQ.

Don't forget to bring your chairs, cup & glass , thermos, plate and cutlery. Ladies are asked to please provide the usual salads and sweets.



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