



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 12th December

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2017/18

President:- John Vandenberg

Vice President:- Ken Pryor

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 -

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Past President: Wal Jarvis

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

Probis 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 4th - Combined Christmas Luncheon. Monday 11th - Stroll and BBQ - Jack Roper Reserve, Broadmeadows.

Tuesday 12th - Monthly Meeting.

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 2018 ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 9th - Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday 23rd - Computers - Function Room, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Tuesday 25th - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

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

FUTURE SPEAKERS

DECEMBER - Bill Reid - "Alma Doepel" Restoration.

JANUARY - Peter Hyden - Journey of a Lifetime in a Wheelchair.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Deputising for Max Smedley, John Isles introduced our speaker for October, John Peck, talking on his favourite subject Harness Racing.

We were very fortunate to have John as he is recognised as the most outstanding authority on the history of Australian Harness Racing. John was too modest to tell us that in August he was inducted into the Victorian Harness Racing Media Association Hall of Fame at a gala dinner at Tabcorp Park, Melton.

John enthralled us for over an hour, quoting from memory, facts and figures relating to courses and horses and personalities of the industry.

Harness racing in Victoria started in 1838 at Batman Hill down near Spencer Street but in 1840 it had to move to Saltwater River, the present Flemington race-course site.

1860 saw the introduction of trotting races. In 1861 the running of the first Melbourne Cup forced a move to Emerald Hill. By 1863 trots were back at Flemington but in 1864 with the formation of the VRC they were back to Emerald Hill.

Not all races were on courses, match races on paved streets, the large iron wheels on the rigs meant more speed and high stakes. Beach Road, Sydney Road, and St Kilda Road had their fair share of races. Between 1865 and 1893 courses were opened at Croxton Park, Faulkner Park, Box Hill, Doncaster, Caulfield, Kensington, Mooney Valley, Elsternwick Park, Mentone, Aspendale, Richmond and Oakleigh (Sandown).

The 1900s saw courses at Oak Park, Albert Park and in 1906 a race at Flemington, the first there since 1864.

Night trots at the Showgrounds began in 1935 and later on at Moonee Valley. Tabcorp Park in Milton opened in 2009.

Member's questions and reminiscing were many and Jack Isles' vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.





GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At the November meeting there were 38 members present, nine apologies and one visitor, Marie Pryor, good to see Ken up and about.

Seven members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that during October we received income of \$250 from sales of Rotary Raffle tickets and door prizes income \$58. Expenses were \$45 rent and \$12.90 photo copying the "Communicator". Morning Tea birthday cake & candles \$88, speaker's fee of \$35 and purchase of door prizes \$60..

Current available funds are \$2,036.40.

We do not know if any members were lucky in the Rotary Community Raffle.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Elva Averill, Pat Birchall & Helen Hillier ... Doug Birchall, John Darling, Peter Mawer and Special Birthdays for Robin Waltrowicz (75), ,John Eyles (90) & George Smith (95).

TEA ROSTER

DECEMBER - Ian Jackson, Merva and Murray Gorham.

JANUARY - Arthur Jarvis, Geoff Milley and Peter Pendlebury.

ACTIVITIES

SIP N' CHAT - GLENROY R.S.L. In November, only three members met but enjoyed the chat. There will not be a meeting in December. We will resume on the fourth Thursday in January 2018 at 10.30am.

COMPUTERS - GLENROY R.S.L.'s FUNCTION ROOM 10:30am. Again only three members came along in November showing how busy it gets this time of the year. There will not be a meeting in December. We will resume on the fourth Tuesday in January 2018.

BOWLS

Message to all bowlers. Murray Gorham advises that the Annual Probus Bowls Tournament will be on Wednesday 21st March 2018. Three to a team with the entry fee \$30 per player. Please see Murray at the December meeting.

