



# 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 9th. December 2014, 9.45 am**

### ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2013/14

President:- Les Hooke

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Communicator Editor:- John Elletson

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Treasurer:- Wal Jarvis

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Asst.- 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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## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Monday 1st - Combined Clubs' Christmas function.  
Monday 8th - Stroll - Edwardes Lake Reserve - BBQ Break-up.  
Tuesday 9th - Monthly Meeting.  
4th Thursday - No Sip N'Chat, planned for December.

## JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 13th - Monthly Meeting.  
Monday 19th - **Committee Meeting at Rotary Centre, Glenroy at 9.30am.**  
Tuesday 20th - Highlands Hotel Lunch.  
Thursday 22nd - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

**DECEMBER** - Kevin Trask - Dianna & the media.  
**JANUARY** - Tony Vandenberg - Computers in General.

## NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Our November speaker was Maria Metser, telling "Tales from the Lifts at Myers". Maria was on the lifts before the time of automatic lifts and long escalators; they dealt with specific floors and would open the doors and go out to check for passengers' needs. She mentioned that ladies would ask for the "Rest Room" or the "Ladies' Lounge", while men were more direct in enquiring for the "Loo".

The Myer Bourke St. Store was founded in 1911 by Sydney Myer who placed great importance on customer service.

The first lifts were installed in 1918 and were shifted in 1930, with brass doors adorning the newer Lonsdale St. Lifts.

When the Bargain Basements of the Bourke St. and Lonsdale St. stores were joined under Little Bourke St. it was claimed to be the "World's Largest Retail Floor".

Lift drivers were trained to know all Departments and their displays, products and layouts and special occasions like Sales and Fashion Week.

Maria kept a special kit against the possible chance of a lift being stuck—with water, snacks, Panadol and a pack of cards!

As well as the Passenger lifts there were the Goods lifts; in 1970 the Police drum horse "Gendarme" visited.

The Mural Hall on the sixth floor hosted celebrities - Red Symons, winning jockeys, Lilian Frank, guide dogs, the "New York Naked Cowboy" and stars from "Homicide".

Myer also ran "Santa Schools" and the "Myer Christmas Windows" bring crowds from near and far; "Cartoon Characters" are usually women.

Maria spoke of the legendary "Myer Cafeteria" with its famous "Buttermilk Pan-cakes"; the cafeteria system lives on. Maria showed slides of the new Emporium store on Lonsdale St. and the bridges connecting that to the Bourke St. Store.

Barry O'Conner presented Maria with a Club pen thanked her for her interesting talk and the memories awakened for so many customers of the past.



\* Member Koos Soeterboek has been a Myer Santa for many years.

*(Doug Birchall)*

## GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At the November meeting Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that during October there was Income of \$195 lunch payments and the Expenses were hall rent \$45, photocopying Communicator \$13.20 and morning teas \$105.60 and speaker expenses \$20. The balance of the \$528 Birthday lunch bill was \$333 drawn down from the MCC Grant. Current available funds are \$1180.16.  
At the October meeting there were 39 members present and 10 apologies.  
Welcome to two visitors.

## TEA ROSTER

**DECEMBER** - John Eyles & Duncan Forbes.

**JANUARY**- Charles Fyfe & Jacob George.

***If you cannot attend on your rostered day please swap with a mate or contact Catering Officer, Gordon Scott***

## NOVEMBER - MONDAY 25th. MERLYNSTON RAILWAY STATION

Following an initiative of Leading Senior Constable Alicia Tippiatt, our September speaker, nine members and Fawkner police attended Merlynston Railway Station car park to supply and fit non-removable screws to attach number plates.

Police had put flyers under wipers the day before so drivers could show their agreement by leaving the flyer on the dash board.

Of approximately 200 cars, 98 had agreed and the job was over before noon.

Police aim to target Glenroy Railway Station in March 2015, maybe in two sessions as this is a larger car park.

Thanks to all who participated.

### JOKE for the MONTH ...

Geoff Milley

A little girl was looking at her mother's passport.

"Mummy, I know what your middle name is."

"That's good, darling," said the mother.

"And I know how old you are."

"You're very clever."

"And I know why Daddy divorced you."

"What?!" exclaimed the mother, somewhat surprised. "How do you know that?"

"Because," said the little girl, "you got an F for sex."

## OUTINGS

### SIP N'CHAT AT GLENROY RSL

Fourth Thursday each month from 10:30am.

Several member attended the November Chat. No meeting planned for December.

### JANUARY TUESDAY 20TH — HIGHLANDS HOTEL LUNCH.

Coach to Highlands Hotel, Craigieburn for Morning Tea on arrival and a Buffet Lunch at noon. Pick up at W heatsheaf Road at 10:00am, returning approx. 2:30pm.

Partners most welcome.

Cost \$15.00 payable at January meeting. Names December meeting please.

### FEBRUARY DATE ?? - ESSENDON FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT.

Date still being finalized. Drive yourself to the Team's new home at Melrose Drive, Tullamarine for a tour and lunch.

More later.

*(John Darling)*

## STROLLERS

### NOVEMBER MONDAY 17TH to THURSDAY 20TH - EXTENDED STROLL - POINT LONSDALE.

The annual Extended Stroll started with almost all of the 34 participants assembling at Rippleside Park, Geelong for morning tea and the first stroll.

We lunched in parkland overlooking Eastern Beach then to the Geelong Botanic Gardens to view the Spring flowers.

Three nights at Point Lonsdale Guest House, with good dinners preceded by "Happy Hour."

On Tuesday we visited "Cottage by the Sea" Queenscliff, then a stroll to view the

Artists' Trail before lunch in the park. Wednesday we travelled to Ocean Grove Nature Reserve then on to Barwon Heads for lunch and a stroll. Thursday morning we had a tour of Queenscliffe Fort and lunch at the Esplanade Hotel before heading home.

Thanks to John and helpers.



### DECEMBER MONDAY 8TH - EDWARDES LAKE - LAST STROLL & CHRISTMAS BBQ.

Stroll at Edwardes Lake Park, Reservoir. Meet in Picnic Area off Griffiths St. (Melway 18 E5). Parking is available in Griffiths St. Stroll starts at 10:00 am.

This is our final stroll for 2014 and we will have our usual BBQ lunch. Please bring chairs, thermos, plates & cutlery. Ladies are asked to bring salads and cakes.

Meat and bread will be provided (\$2 pp please).

*(Arthur Jarvis)*

*As this year draws to a close our President and all Members of the  
Committee wish you and your Family a Happy Christmas and a  
Prosperous New Year.*