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# COMMUNICATOR

## PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

Next Meeting Tuesday February 9 2021

10.30am at the Glenroy R.S.L.

Lunch is available for purchase following the Meeting

### ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2019/20

President:- Barry O'Connor

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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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## WHAT HAPPENED IN 2020?

We were fortunate we had our AGM in March, some Probus clubs have not yet had their 2020 AGM's. We were in new territory, no more meetings, no more outings, strollers or other groups.

We did have to become used to staying at home, and travel limited to local trips to purchase food and visit the doctor. As time went by resourceful people like Tony Bajoras came to our rescue and introduced us to Zoom. For those with web cams and microphones on their computers, together with Tony's instructions we were able to join together for group meetings. The sip n'chat and the computer/smart devices groups were able to get together almost as normal for their activities, you did have to get your own coffee.

Soon we were confident enough to encourage other members to join for our Monthly General Meeting on Zoom. This doubled the participation rate!

In all, over the period from April to December 2020 we had 28 small group meetings with an average attendance of 8.25 and eight Monthly General Meetings with an average attendance of 14.75. Best attendance was 17 for a couple of meetings.

We are indebted to Tony for enabling so many of us to enjoy meeting this way.

During June President Barry had an idea for a competition to maintain and stimulate the attention of members during the then current lockdown restrictions using Saturday's Tattslotto draw. Each member was assigned their own randomly selected number within the range of 1 to 45. On Saturday nights the two members whose numbers matched the two Tattslotto. Supplementary Numbers would be awarded a \$10 prize from Club funds.

This expense basically equated to the cost of meeting expenses that would normally be paid for hall rental and morning teas.

On 1st August we had our first winners and the competition continued for 25 weeks until the last draw on 16 January 2021. Unfortunately there were 13 members whose number never came up. Thirteen members had one win, while 15 members had two wins. Two lucky members had three wins.

We only had 44 members entered and strangely number 45 only came up once.



For lovers of music and light entertainment the Glenroy RSL hosts Morning Melodies on the first Thursday of EVERY month. \$12 per person, includes 2 Course Meal, tea & coffee. The show starts at 11am - 12 noon with lunch following.

Pick up a flyer when you are next at the RSL for the year's programme.

4th February - Tom Jones and Friends. 4th March Andrew Portelli - Elvis Show.

## WHAT HAPPENED IN JANUARY?

Our January General Meeting was held in the Function Room of the Glenroy RSL on Tuesday, 12 January 2021. There had been no meetings since March 2020 so it was great to get back together again. The venue looked Covid safe with seven tables spaced around the room seating six or eight people at each table. With people seated there was ample distancing so there was no need to wear masks.

President Barry opened the meeting and Les Hooke informed us that 29 members were in attendance, there were 4 apologies and one visitor. The sickies report was good with Les reporting he had had his operation and Jack Isles was actually with us at the meeting. Welcome back Jack.

Thanks were expressed to John Elletson for keeping the "Communicator" going and emailing other items of interest and the Saturday Lotto results. Also thanks to Tony Bajoras for educating us in the use of Zoom.

The Committee met on 1 February 2021 at the Glenroy RSL. Barry gave a summary of the financial situation as being some \$764 less than at the same time last year. This is understandable seeing we did not receive any grant moneys from Moreland City Council during Covid lock down. Grants should be available this year, The PSPL capitation fee was discounted last year from \$15 down to \$12 per person, this year it will be back to \$15 but we do not have to purchase the Active Retiree magazines as they will be delivered digitally and be complimentary being included in the capitation fee. All things considered the Committee decided to recommend that the subscription fees be held at \$50 for the 2021-2022 year.

Three of our members are transferring to Non-Active membership and we look likely to be getting two new members.

The sip n'chat and the computer/smart devices groups will be recommencing in February as will the strollers group. All members are welcome to join these groups as and when they choose, just roll up.

Our first stroll for 2021 will on Monday 22nd February commencing at Coulson Gardens, Maribyrnong at 10am. Melway Map 28 C7.

Travel through Moonee Ponds and take Maribyrnong Road over the bridge to the third street on the right, Newstead Street, just before the traffic lights at Van Ness Avenue. Coulson Gardens are on the right-hand corner of Newstead Street and Chifley Drive at the river. Turn right to the off-street car park, toilets and shelter.

We will stroll the river loop anti-clockwise so those preferring a short walk can get a coffee fix at The Boathouse. Maybe a mask required?

Do not forget a hat, your lunch, thermos and your chair. All are welcome.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

When attending the Glenroy RSL remember that Glenroy Road is closed at the railway crossing until the end of the month.

The February General Meeting will be held on 9 February 2021 in the Function Room of the Glenroy RSL commencing at 10 AM. Please follow all instructions from RSL staff.

As well as signing in to the RSL with your Name and Phone Number please check in with Les Hooke because the Club needs to record who has attended to notify PSPL in the case of a Covid-19 incident.

Liliana is arranging for speakers from the Glenroy Library to tell us how the Library is coming out of Covid lock down and also describe the plans for the new Library in the Wheatsheaf Road Hub.

Tuesday 16 February, the computer/smart devices group will gather at the Glenroy RSL at 10:30 AM.

Thursday 25 February, the sip 'chat group will meet at the Glenroy RSL at 10:30 AM.

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bea Hammond, Nancy Mooney, Marie Pryor & Lyn Shields ... Murray Gorham & Dudley Twigg



## PSPL PUBLICATIONS

"The Victorian Probian" from PAV is no longer in print format but digital copies are available online <https://issuu.com/starnewsgroup/stacks/724bed4d81dd4d8c8e053ca4c7817896e>



Probus South Pacific Ltd (PSPL) have continued to keep us up to date with their weekly publication, "Staying Connected with Probus", These have been forwarded to all members with Internet access.