



COMMUNICATOR

PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

Meets at 9:45 am on the second Tuesday of each Month
at the Uniting Church Hall, Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy.

Next Monthly Meeting:- Tuesday 8th February 2011

President:- Dudley Twigg

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Membership Records:- Dudley Twigg

Bowls Co-ord:- Les Hooke

Membership Dev:- Bob Brown

Catering Officer:- Peter Dimsey

Functions Officer:- John Darling

Speakers:- Ray Jackson

Appointed Officers for 2010/11:

Auditor:- Jack O'Hara

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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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JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Monday 31st - Committee Meeting, 9.30am at Rotary Centre, Glenroy.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 8th - Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday 22nd - Lunch at Dragonfly Restaurant.

Monday 28th - Stroll - Maribyrnong River, Riverside Park, Aberfeldie.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 8th - AGM and Monthly Meeting. **(9:30 start at Masonic Centre)**

Wednesday 9th - 27th Annual Probus Open Fours Tournament.

Tuesday 22nd - Coach Trip to Serendip Sanctuary, Lara.

Monday 28th - Stroll - Sunbury.

JANUARY MEETING

The Speaker at our January meeting was Keith Jones from *The Australian Volunteer Coast Guard* which in Victoria has 500 volunteers and one paid officer. Formed in 1961, its aim is to promote safety in the operation of small craft by education, example, examination, and by search and rescue.

It was modelled on the US Coastguard which was set up by the Ford family on The Great Lakes in the 1950's. The Australian Coastguard started with a meeting at the Beaumaris Yacht Club in December 1960.

Other states except WA also established Coast Guards and these combined to form what is now the national *Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association Inc.*



The Coastguard has no law enforcement powers but it does operate under the Department of Justice which pays for uniforms and personal insurance. Like other volunteer organizations it has to actively seek government grants which fund 80%, with the balance coming from fund-raisers and sponsorship.

The Victorian Coast Guard works with the Victorian Water Police in marine search and rescue, and monitors marine radios (Frequencies 27.88 & 27.86MHz, VHF Ch.16 & 67, MF/HF 2524) 24 hours a day 7 days a week covering the entire Victorian coast and 50 Km to sea and also some inland waters.

It has its main Control Centre in Jetty Rd, Sandringham overlooking the Sandringham Yacht Club and has an excellent view of much of the bay. Keith is one of the 5 Controllers who man the Control Room.

When Keith retired 2 years ago he needed an interest so he joined the Coast Guard as a radio expert. He had worked near the Sandringham base. He spends about 50 hours a month on duties. He, like others in his position has a marine radio at home and monitors it on a regular basis.

Ken Pryor thanked Keith for the interesting talk and presented him with a custom made Club pen. (Don O'Meara)

TREASURER'S REPORT & GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At our January meeting, Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, advised that since the previous meeting we had received nil income and expended \$194.65 resulting in available funds of \$559.96. Despite the report that Probus Centre - South Pacific Inc. has increased our annual subscription by 20% we are still on track to hold our membership subscriptions at \$25.00 for the coming year.

These subscriptions become due after the Club's financial year closes at the end of January. Wal will be pleased to receive your payments at the February meeting.

At the January meeting there were 66 members and one visitor in attendance . There were 10 apologies.

Seventeen members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

To members who have received notification from their electricity distributor, Geoff Woods reported he has information on how to defer installation of Smart Meters .

Members who would like a blue "Probus Club of Glenroy" engraved plastic badge to wear at Club activities should put their name on Colin Tootell's list. Cost is \$5 and badges are also

COMMITTEE

Committee members are advised that the next Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 31st January 2011 at 9.30am at the Rotary Centre, Glenroy.

Members were again reminded to print their names in the Attendance Book to assist the Records Officer with the Statistics.

The Committee's recommendation to accept the revised By-Laws as circulated was put to the January meeting.

Moved John Darling, seconded Alan Whatman and accepted unanimously.

The new Committee for 2011-2012 will be elected at the AGM to be held before the March General Meeting at the Masonic Centre, Station Rd. Oak Park, commencing at 9.30am. Following both meetings there will a catered 2 course lunch so please stay for this annual function. For catering purposes, Geoff Woods would appreciate your names on his list at this meeting.

TEA ROSTER

FEBRUARY — Kevin Boyall, Bob Brock, Brian Callingham & Ken Dahl.

MARCH — Bernie Earl, Eddie Ebeyer, Alan Evans & John Eyles.

BOWLS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9th - 27th ANNUAL PROBUS OPEN FOURS TOURNAMENT

We assume we will playing at Buckley Park.

OUTINGS

FEBRUARY TUESDAY 22nd 2011 - LUNCH AT DRAGONFLY RESTAURANT

Self drive to the Dragonfly Restaurant, Mickleham Road, Tullamarine, Melways 5J8, enter from the South via service road in front of Hungry Jacks. Opens 11.30am for entertainment and 4 course lunch at noon in the licensed and air conditioned restaurant. Cost \$16.00pp. Correct payment in a named envelope this meeting.

TUESDAY 22nd MARCH - SERENDIP SANCTUARY, LARA

Coach to Serendip Sanctuary to view over 100 species of animals and birds. Visit the theatre and activities room. Wander the nature trails and visit the bird hides. Enjoy a 2 course BBQ lunch. Cost \$40.00pp. Name list this meeting and payment at March meeting.

FRIDAY 15th to MONDAY 18th APRIL

A 4 DAY GIPPSLAND ESCAPE

A coach trip is being planned, staying at Morwell and visiting Tarra Bulga National Park, Walhalla Historic Town & Train. Also the picturesque town of Loch, home of Crafts & Collectables, Thomson Reservoir and even a Power Works Tour and much more!

Come and enjoy new experiences or maybe relive pleasant memories.

If interested put your name on the list and get more details at the February meeting. Cost approx. \$460.00 ppts, with Single Supplement \$565.00 pp.

STROLLERS

There was no stroll in January.

FEBRUARY MONDAY 28th - MARIBYRNGONG RIVERSIDE PARK, ABERFELDIE.

Meet in the carpark at the end of Fawkner St at 10am. The carpark is entered via the roundabout at the Fawkner St/ Boulevard intersection (*Melway 28B6*). Short, long and longer strolls are to be had and coffee is about 200 metres. Please bring your picnic lunch, Thermos and chairs etc.

PROBUS STROLLS 2010				
Date	Members	Visitors	Total	Location
22-Feb-10	17	12	29	Maribyrnong Riverside Park, Aberfeldie
22-Mar-10	14	11	25	Westgate Park, Port Melbourne
19-Apr-10	12	9	21	Royal Park, Oak St Wetlands, Parkville
24-May-10	17	11	28	Canning Reserve, Avondale Heights
28-Jun-10	14	9	23	Boeing Reserve, Strathmore Heights
26-Jul-10	13	12	25	Westmeadows, Moonee Ponds Creek, North
23-Aug-10	11	9	20	Cherry Lake Reserve, Altona
27-Sep-10	9	11	20	Plenty River Gorge (Hawkstowe), South Morang
25-Oct-10	12	9	21	Pound Bend Park, Warrandyte
15/18-Nov-10	19	23	42	Ballarat Extended Stroll
13-Dec-10	17	15	32	Canning Reserve break-up BBQ
Averages	14.1	11.9	26.0	

THOUGHTS for the MONTH

Alan Whatman on Kindness

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.