



# 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 14th. February 2012**

President:- Peter Dimsey

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Past President:- Dudley Twigg

Functions Officer:- John Darling

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Charles Fyfe

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Les Hooke

Catering Officer:- Eddie Ebeyer

Appointed Officers for 2011-2012:

Auditor:- Jack O'Hara

Public Officer:- Harry Middlemo

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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## FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Monday 13th - City Sights Coach Tour.

Tuesday 14th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 27th - Stroll– Riverside Park, Aberfeldie.

## MARCH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 13th - AGM & Monthly Meeting. **(9.30am start at Masonic Centre)**

Wednesday 14th - 28th Annual Probus Open Fours Tournament - Buckley Park

Monday 19th - Stroll - Yarra Flats, via Heidelberg. (Note change of date)

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

**FEBRUARY** - Elayne Whatman - History of Broadmeadows

## JANUARY SPEAKER

Our January Speaker, John Gardner, had been a building contractor, sanitary contractor and author of at least 4 books.

To set the scene he changed into the work clothes he wore as a dunny man before entering the hall carrying a night soil pan.

The pan was empty but the left shoulder of his shirt was stained from years of contact with pans. (He later said it was boot polish)

He was born in 1943, started work as an apprentice carpenter, sub-contracted for a few years before becoming a registered builder and almost by accident became a sanitary contractor. At a social outing he complained to Knox Council Officers about the poor pan service provided to builders and as the contract was due for renewal in a few months, Council Officers sent him the necessary tender documents so he could apply for the job. He won the contract and from his talk we can assume he enjoyed it.

Trucks used by Sanitary Contractors had a special body that carried 120 cans on two levels with doors along the side but no floor so that spills could drip on the road. Cans weighed 100 lbs ( 45kg) when full and each property was serviced once a week.

If the pan was full when they went to collect it the dunny men would drain some off to give the householder a message. At times they would make an arrangement to leave an extra can for money or beer.

He carried cans on his shoulder sloping back so any leakage missed him.

He had some interesting experiences cleaning up after the odd can fell from the truck.

The men were light fingered and properties were like supermarkets. He knew of one man who stole a dog but the owner traced it and got it back.

Safety pins were left by residents on the seats in the dark and Night men would collect as many as they could and wear them as a chain.

There were a number of sites around Melbourne where cans would be emptied and the contents ploughed into a paddock.

Noel Wenlock thanked John for his interesting talk and presented him with a Club pen custom made by Doug Birchall.



*(Don O'Meara)*

## GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At our January meeting Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported nil income during December and after normal expenses of \$77.30 there was \$499.21 of available funds.

There were 53 members in attendance at the January meeting with 10 apologies and one visitor.

Fourteen members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

## COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting was held Monday 30th January 2012 at Rotary Centre, Glenroy. The Committee approved two applications for membership and Murray Gorham and Arthur Jarvis will be inducted into the Club at the March meeting.

The Committee advises that the **AGM and March general meetings** which will be held at the **Masonic Centre, Station Rd. Oak Park** on **13th March** will commence at **9:30 am** and be followed by a catered luncheon at a cost \$12pp.

If you intend to stay for this lunch, please enter your name on Geoff Woods' list at the February meeting.

This will give an indication of numbers for the caterers.

Sherry, wine and orange juice will be provided, but if you prefer beer you will need to BYO.

We have been directed by Probus South Pacific Ltd. to incorporate the position of Public Officer into the Secretary's duties.

The necessary legislation was enacted last December so the statistics required by the Victorian Dept. of Justice will be dealt with by the Secretary from 2012.

Our sincere thanks go to Harry Middlemo who has been our Public Officer since the Club's incorporation in 2002.

## TEA ROSTER

**FEBRUARY** - John Garito, Keith Greathead, Gavin Herft & Leigh Hoatson.

**MARCH** - Ron Howard, Ted Hucker, Ron James & Jim List.

### "Hello, Welcome to the Psychiatric Hotline"

If you are obsessive compulsive, please press 1 repeatedly

If you are co-dependent, please ask someone to press 2

If you have multiple personalities, please press 3, 4, 5 and 6

If you are paranoid-delusional, we know who you are and what you want, just stay on line so we can trace the call.

If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and a little voice will tell you which number to press.

If you are manic depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press, no one will answer.

*Ed. This gem comes from the October 2011 "Newsletter" of Clarence Probus Club, Bruce Thomsen's new club. Thanks to Bruce, Neil Thomas & Peter Dimsey.*

## OUTINGS

### FEBRUARY MONDAY 13th 2012: CITY SIGHTS COACH TOUR

This is the day **before** our next meeting.  
Coach departs Wheatsheaf Rd. at 9.30am

### MARCH FRIDAY 16th 2012 MORELAND COUNCIL MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY

Self drive to visit the Polytrade Materials Recycling Facility, Newlands Road, Coburg North.  
Then "Buy Your Own" lunch at Zagame's Hotel, Edwardes St., Reservoir, Melway 18 D5.  
As there is, limited parking at the Facility, meet at Zagame's at 10. 15 am.  
Names this meeting.

### MARCH 26th to 30th 2012: HIGH COUNTRY FIVE DAY TOUR

Balance of payment is due this meeting, plus payment for the 4WD 1/2 day tour. (\$520.00ppts, \$740.00 S/S, and 4WD \$135.00pp).

### MAY WEDNESDAY 23rd TIGERS - CLUBHOUSE LUNCH

Coach to Tigers Clubhouse, Hopper's Crossing, arriving for morning tea followed by entertainment and 2 course lunch.  
Cost \$24.00. Name list this meeting. This outing needs 35+ to proceed.

*(John Darling)*

## STROLLERS

There was no stroll in January.

### FEBRUARY MONDAY 27th - RIVERSIDE PARK, ABERFELDIE

Meet in the car park off the roundabout at the corner of The Boulevard and Fawkner Street, Aberfeldie, Melways Map 28 B 6/7

*(Charles Fyfe)*

## PROBUS STROLLS 2011

<b>Date</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Visitors</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Location</b>
28-Feb	19	16	35	Maribyrnong Riverside Park, Aberfeldie
28-Mar	14	10	24	Sunbury, Kismet Creek Track
18-Apr	10	10	20	Boeing Reserve, Strathmore Heights
23-May	12	5	17	Melton, Hannah Watts Park
27-Jun	15	11	26	Gavan Park, Pascoe Vale
25-Jul	10	5	15	Pipemakers Park & Edgewater
29-Aug	13	10	23	Westerfolds Park, Templestowe
26-Sep	21	14	35	Woodlands Historic Park, Greenvale
24-Oct	19	11	30	Altona Coastal Park
14/17-Nov	22	27	49	Echuca Extended Stroll
12-Dec	20	19	39	Canning Reserve break-up BBQ

**Averages 15.9 12.5 28.5**