



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 12th. February 2013

President:- Alan Whatman

Vice President:- Bob Brown

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Membership Records:- Dudley Twigg

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Treasurer:- Wal Jarvis

Past President:- Peter Dimsey

Functions Officer:- John Darling
Ken Roberts

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Charles Fyfe

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Les Hooke

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott

Appointed Auditor for 2012-2013: Jack O'Hara

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

Tuesday 12th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 25th - Stroll - Riverside Park, Aberfeldie.

Tuesday 26th - Parliament House Tour & Lunch. See **Outings** for further details.

Wednesday 27th - Parliament House Tour & Lunch. Check your date.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 12th - AGM & Monthly Meeting. **9.30am** start at **Uniting Church Hall**

Monday 25th - Stroll - Malcolm Creek, Craigieburn.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY - "Golden Days of Radio", Heather Swift.

MARCH - "Senior's Rights, Victoria" Gary Ferguson, COTA

JANUARY SPEAKER

The Speaker at our last meeting was Ian Eyles, the son of Fay and John Eyles. Ian gave a presentation titled *Meandering in Nepal*.

Ian, his wife and 3 friends had visited Nepal in 2009 to trek in the Annapurna Conservation Reserve and while there to donate something directly to the people.

Ian started his presentation with a video, some of which was filmed while they travelled in their mini-bus from the Kathmandu airport to the city.

It showed city streets and the methods of transport used by the Nepalese.

Nepal is a poor country and this was shown in the street scenes and the transport vehicles.

Their trek was organized by a local Nepalese guide and they travelled to the site in a minibus. Each of the 5 members of the party was accompanied by his own Nepalese guide/porter. Supplies including gas cylinders were carried by donkeys.

His pictures showed the rough track, at times very steep and covered by loose rock. They crossed 2 recent landslides, one of which was still moving slowly.

He spoke of their adventures including their stay in a Buddhist Monastery, the visit to the Monkey Temple, the scenic waterfalls, the lush green countryside and their climb over a very high mountain pass.

It was decided to donate first aid supplies to worthy recipients while they were in Nepal and Ian organized first aid packs which he had vacuum packed to reduce the volume so they could be carried in their personal luggage. He described some of the places where he distributed these kits.

He returned from the adventure with 2,500 pictures, 9 hours of video and many silk scarves that were presented to him as farewell gifts.

Noel Wenlock thanked Ian and presented him with a Club pen custom made by Doug Birchall.



(Don O'Meara)

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At our January meeting Geoff Woods stood in for Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, and reported that during December there were nil receipts and expenses of \$240, resulting in an available funds balance of \$1,016.84.

There were 41 members present and there were 15 apologies.

Twelve members indicated they would be attending the RSL for lunch.

TEA ROSTER

FEBRUARY- Ken Pryor, Reg Ratcliffe, John Reisenberg & Kevin Ryan.

MARCH - Max Smedley, Koos Soeterboek, Keith Stewart & John Vandenberg.

COMMITTEE

At the Committee Meeting on Monday 21st January an application for membership from Anton Basil was accepted and we welcome him to the Club. Anton will be inducted at the February meeting.

To enable you to update your membership lists;- Anton lives at 3/34A Arundel Avenue, Glenroy, phone number 9306 4462.

Another membership update is for Rick Johnson and his partner, Josie Duggan, who live at 9 Romsey Crescent, Dallas, 3047, phone number 9309 4680.

Rick was inducted into the Club on 9 October 2012. (Sorry for the late notice, I was asleep on the job, Ed.)

Committee advises that the **AGM and March general meetings** which this year will be held at the **Uniting Church Hall, Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy** on **12th March**. It will commence at **9:30 am** and be followed by **lunch at the RSL**.

If you intend to attend this lunch, please enter your name on the list at the February meeting. This will give the organizers the numbers to be booked.

The AGM is the time to consider nominating to assist the Club in a Committee position. Be aware being a Committee Member is not just attending a committee meeting four times a year. Each position is a job essential to the running of the Club.

If positions are not filled the organization and activates of the Club will suffer.

You can nominate for any position but we especially need :-

Vice President:- This is a lead up to President the following year.

Speakers:- We thank Duncan Forbes for stepping up last year to arrange a great variety of speakers. It is essential that this position is filled. PSPL supplies a Guest Speakers Listing and Duncan will be happy to explain what is required. He already has some speakers lined up.

Stroll Coordinator:- Charles Fyfe is uncertain about the coming year but the Strollers

definitely should give thought to how their coordinator position is to be filled for the

BOWLS

MARCH WEDNESDAY 13th - 29th ANNUAL PROBUS BOWLS TOURNAMENT AT BUCKLEY PARK

OUTINGS

FEBRUARY TUES 26th & WED 27th PARLIAMENT HOUSE TOUR AND LUNCH

Tours on these 2 days start at different times On payment of your \$22.00 at the February meeting you will receive your personal tour handout for train and tour times.

Lunch follows the tour in the Sessions Cafe.

Still some places available on the Wednesday Tour. Make sure your MYKI is activated and has credit!

MARCH TUESDAY 12th - RSL LUNCH FOLLOWING ANNUAL G.M.

After the AGM, gather at Noon at the Glenroy RSL, for a BYO lunch. Name list this meeting. Partners welcome!

APRIL WEDNESDAY 24th - TIGERS CLUBHOUSE COACH OUTING "ANZAC SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY"

Coach from Glenroy to Tigers Clubhouse, Hoppers Crossing for Devonshire Tea, entertainment and 2 course lunch. Cost \$25.00 for a minimum of 35 passengers. Name list this meeting.

MAY TUESDAY 7th - SHEPPARTON TRAIN, LUNCH and BUS TOUR

Use your free Rail Voucher to train to Shepparton. where a coach will move us to Tatura for lunch.

Then visit the Tatura Museum to learn of the WW2 P.O.W. camps in the area and the Tatura Irrigation Scheme.

Cost approx. \$25.00. Name list this meeting to determine Member interest.

(John Darling)

STROLLERS

JANUARY - There was no stroll in January.

FEBRUARY MONDAY 25th - RIVERSIDE PARK, ABERFELDIE

Riverside Park, Aberfeldie - Melways Map 28 B 6/7 Enter from roundabout at the junction of The Boulevard and Fawkner Street. Assembly is at 10:00am, please bring picnic lunch, thermos and chairs.

MARCH MONDAY 25th—MALCOLM CREEK, CRAIGIEBURN

(Charles Fyfe)

QUICK QUIPS for the MONTH

Geoff Woods

The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time....

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70 !!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30am? Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.