



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 14th February 2017

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2016/17

President:- Wal Jarvis

Vice President:- John Vandenberg

Treasurer:- Barry O'Connor

Communicator

Editor:- John Elletson

Distributor:- Geoff Woods

Attendance & Nametags:- Les Hooke

Membership Records:- Les Hooke

Speakers:- Max Smedley

Secretary & Public Officer -

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Past President: Les Hooke

Functions Officer:- Noel Walsh

Asst. - Joe Milanese

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Arthur Jarvis

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Murray Gorham

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott

Asst. - Joe Milanese

Welfare Officer: Vacant

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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FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 14th - Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday 21st - Morning Tea and Lunch at Highlands Hotel, Craigieburn.

Thursday 23rd - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Monday 27th - Stroll at Riverside Park, Aberfeldie.

Tuesday 28th - Computers - Function Room Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 14th - AGM & Monthly Meeting. 9.30am start at UC Hall.

Wednesday 15th - Join Ladies Coach Trip to Daylesford.

Thursday 23rd - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Monday 27th - Stroll

Tuesday 28th - Computers - Function Room, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY - Wendy Rix from the Federal Police.

MARCH - Geoff Ashley from the SES.

JANUARY SPEAKER

Our speaker for January was Joan Duncan and her best friend, guide dog Hillsy. He has been with Joan for 8 years and was named Hillsy because the Hills (hoist) Corporation donated \$35,000 for his training and that entitled them to choose a name.

They came to Glenroy from Ringwood by bus and train showing how confident and independent Joan is. Joan told us about the procedures of obtaining a guide dog from Guide Dogs Victoria and how they are bred, trained and matched to their future owners.

The Breeding and Puppy Centre (including pool) has 90 kennels and currently 26 breeding bitches, mainly Labradors because of the ease of training. They are only allowed four litters each. Puppies stay with their mothers two weeks and then introduced to others at the Centre. At eight weeks they go out with Puppy Raisers until they are 12 to 20 weeks old. This time is essential for the dogs to meet lots of people and travel on public transport.

Great care is taken to match the temperament of both the dog and the recipient. During this initial learning experience it was good that Joan could call Guide Dogs Victoria for assistance and attend group sessions to discuss problems with other dog owners. Hillsy also needed his health checks. On the street Hillsy is trained to stop at the curb, check for traffic, decide if safe to act and then proceed. Joan has commands such as "forward", "follow" someone who is assisting, "find a way", "find ?????". "Find a seat" took some training as she ended up on someone's lap, she had to show him an empty table and then train the command "find a table", this took some time.

Ray Averill expressed our thanks to Joan and presented her with a small donation for Guide Dogs Victoria.

p.s. Max Smedley advises any members with old bath towels don't throw them out, the Puppy Centre can make very good use of them.



GENERAL CLUB NEWS

President, Wal Jarvis welcomed all and opened the January meeting. There were 40 members present and 5 apologies.

Eight members indicated that they intended to lunch at the RSL.

Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that during December there was income of \$10 for a Badge request and \$400 of Raffle proceeds from Broadmeadows Rotary.

Expenses were \$13.20 photocopying the "Communicator", \$5.20 photocopying Strollers trip data, \$45 for hall rental, \$50 donation to the "Make a Wish Foundation", and \$59.40 to Advanced Corporate Badges, for name badges.

Current available funds at the end of December were \$1105.93.

COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting, at Rotary Centre on Monday, 30 January 2017.

- The new By Laws adopted late last year were supplied to each Committee Member. Any other member who would like a copy please contact the Secretary.
- A request was received from Jim Taylor to be moved to the Non-Active Member's list and this was agreed to. Non-Active Members do not pay subscriptions and the Club does not have to pay PSPL or PAV registration fees. They will still continue to receive the "Communicator" so they can keep up with what's going on. If their situation changes they can resume full membership by paying any part subscription applicable at that time.
- This was the last Committee Meeting before the AGM in March. All members should consider the Committee positions that are listed on page 1 of the "Communicator" and offer their services to assist. Two positions really require filling, the first being that of the Functions Officer. The provision of trips and functions are an essential part of the Club's activities. The position of Welfare Officer has been vacant for most of the last year; the Welfare Officer keeps a check on member's attendance and gives them a call to check that they are well, or whether they need transport to the meetings etc. Other members can advise the Welfare Officer if they become aware of a member who is not well.
- When members attend our meetings and functions it is essential that our listing of who to contact in an emergency must be current and readily available. Last year an attempt was made to collect and update this data but the response was not good. A new attempt will be made once the new committee is established.
- Max Smedley suggested that a short 5 to 10 minute time-slot be made available at our General Meetings for members to tell a little about their life before Probus. This would be similar to the "getting to know you" segment that John Cheney organised a few years ago

TEA ROSTER

FEBRUARY - Bill Conroy, Julie Conroy & Eddie Ebeyer.

MARCH - John Eyles, Cath Forbes & Duncan Forbes

SIP N' CHAT

FEBRUARY THURSDAY 23RD - SIP N' CHAT - GLENROY R.S.L.

In January 9 members attended and enjoyed the chat at this event. Any members wishing to join us in February will be most welcome. Time 10.30am.

OUTINGS

FEBRUARY TUESDAY 21ST - LUNCH at HIGHLANDS HOTEL

Drive yourself to Highlands Hotel, Craigieburn and enjoy morning tea followed by one of their marvelous buffet luncheons. Be on time for Morning Tea at 10.30am

Total Cost is \$17.00 per person. Register your intention at the February meeting to book your place.

MARCH WEDNESDAY 15TH - COACH TRIP TO DAYLESFORD

This is a Ladies Club trip with the coach departing from Cromwell Street at 9:30am and will return late afternoon. Enjoy a day at Daylesford with a two course lunch. Visit the Daylesford Mill Market.

Cost \$45.00 per person. Payment at February meeting please.

STROLLERS

FEBRUARY MONDAY 27TH - RIVERSIDE PARK, ABERFELDIE

For our first stroll this year meet at 10am, in the car park off the roundabout at the corner of The Boulevard and Fawkner Street, Aberfeldie, Melway Map 28 B 6/7.

New strollers will be very welcome, you need to provide your own lunch, Thermos and chair.

COMPUTERS

FEBRUARY TUESDAY 28TH - COMPUTERS - GLENROY R.S.L.'s FUNCTION ROOM 10:30am.

Come along this month with your problems and ideas, 8 members did in January. Bring your Smart Devices or just a pad and pencil to take notes or just come and listen.

BOWLS

The Annual Probus Bowls Tournament is on Wednesday 15th March 2017 and Murray Gorham has one team registered and has confirmation that Buckley Park will be the venue

SMILE A WHILE Geoff Milley

A golfer visits a fortune teller to ask if there are any golf courses in Heaven. "I have good news and bad news," the fortune teller says. "What's the good news?" the golfer asks. "The good news is that the courses in Heaven are without doubt better than anything you have ever seen on Earth," she replies. "What's the bad news then?" the golfer asks. "You have a tee time booked at 8:30 tomorrow morning."