



COMMUNICATOR

PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

Meets at 9:45 am on the second Tuesday of each Month
at the Glenroy RSL, 186 Glenroy Road, Glenroy.

Next Monthly Meeting - Tuesday JULY 12, 2022.
at Glenroy RSL

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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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JUNE SPEAKER

Geoff Woods introduced our Speaker for June, Michael Church, who spoke as a foundation member of the Rotary Club of Broadmeadows and reminded us that this club was the sponsor of our own Glenroy Probus.

Incidentally, one thing the two organisations now have in common is diminishing membership, and both are attempting to remedy this now-common problem for so many social organisations.



Michael told us about the foundation of Rotary generally.

The originator of today's Rotary was Paul Harris (1868 – 1947) who was born in Racine, Wisconsin but at the age of 3 was taken by his father to live with his grandparents in Wallingford, Vermont. He became a lawyer after a troubled childhood and being expelled from primary school and again from a military college.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Laws he had several vocation changes including being a teacher, a cowboy, reporter and a salesman, He finally became one of Chicago's outstanding attorneys but he found himself alone in a big city.

Because he didn't "fit in" socially, after five years in business he gathered together five businessman friends and formed a 'group' in 1885, which became Rotary in 1905.

Until his death in 1947 he spent his life promoting Rotary by travelling around the world, accompanied by his wife Jean who had migrated from Edinburgh.

Closer to home, The Rotary Club of Broadmeadows was formed in 1962, and the first guest speaker was Kevin Sheedy, and the first President John Ramanis.

An 'op shop' was commenced in Glenroy shopping centre in 1965 and later land which was leased from the railways adjacent to the rail crossing and the Rotary building constructed. Coburg Rotaract (a 'young people's Rotary') also met there.

This lease arrangement lasted 57 years was made possible with the help of Errin Pruitt, the Railway's Real Estate Officer who lived in Glenroy. (Proving once more that it's not just "what you know", but who!)

One of many landmarks in the Broadmeadows Rotary history was their installation of the well known clock on the intersection of Gladstone Parade and Pascoe Vale Road.

The clock had for some years operated on only one of its two faces, but this has now been remedied.

Another landmark, literally, was the construction of a park on the site of a previous tip in Johnstone St Broadmeadows next to the hospital. Incidentally, there is a convenient carpark here for anyone finding the parking unavailable at the hospital, a frequent problem. It is not far to stroll in good weather.

Regrettably the removal of the rail crossing at Glenroy station necessitated the removal of the Rotary building and the Club is looking for a new venue.

Geoff thanked Michael for his presentation, and gave him a Club pen, hand crafted by Doug Birchall.

Michael then drew three door prizes.

VALE DOUGLAS ROY BIRCHALL

It is with deep regret that we mourn the passing of one of our members, Doug Birchall, and we offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Pat, his family and friends.

Doug was the last of our 1988 founding members joining the Club on 13th December 1988.

Doug was Club President 1996-1997, Golf Co-ordinator 1992, 1994, 2001-2010, Newsletter - Editor 1991-1993 and provided Speaker Reports 2014-2016.

Since 1998 Doug diligently hand turned the Custom Club Pens we gift to Speakers, it was fitting that Doug was present at our June meeting when one of his pens was gifted to that day's Speaker, Michael Church, well known to Doug from Northern Golf Club.

Doug passed away unexpectedly on the evening Friday 1st July 2022, he was aged 93 years.

SIP N' CHAT GROUP - Fourth Tuesday in the month

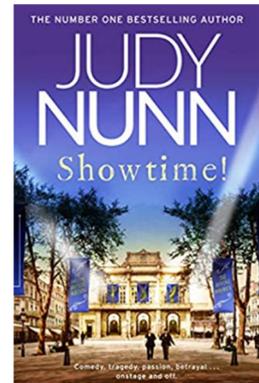
Back to the "new normal" on the fourth Tuesday 26th July at the Glenroy RSL 10:30 am. Seven members attended in June, why not join them in July?

BOOK CLUB First Tuesday in the Month

The novel chosen to be read in June was "Showtime" by Judy Nunn.

This novel takes you from the cotton mills of England to the magnificent theatres of Melbourne, on a scintillating journey through the golden age of Australian show business.

The Book club meets on the first Tuesday of the month and anyone interested in joining, please contact Tony Bajoras (0431 249 087) or Bea Hammond (0419 581463).



STROLLERS - Fourth Monday in the Month

Monday 27th June - Stroll at Westmeadows - lunch at Westmeadows Tavern.

On a cold Winters day, fifteen strollers headed off towards Woodlands Homestead. On return they adjoined to the Westmeadows Tavern for an enjoyable lunch.

Monday 25th July - Stroll at Gavin Park, Pascoe Vale.

Meet in the car park on the east side of Northumberland Rd at 10am.

Come along and enjoy the company, as it is still winter we will be having lunch at the Pascoe Vale R.S.L. Come along, all are welcome.

