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# COMMUNICATOR

## PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

Next Meeting Tuesday January 12 2021

10.30am at the Glenroy R.S.L.

Lunch is available for purchase following the Meeting

### ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2019/20

President:- Barry O'Connor

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Stroll Co-ordinator:- Wal Jarvis

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Catering Officer: Joe Milanese

Welfare Officer: Vacant

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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## WHAT HAPPENED IN DECEMBER?

President, Barry O'Connor opened the December Zoom General Meeting and welcomed the attendance of 16 members. This was our eighth Zoom General Meeting and it has been great that we have been able to meet this way. Over the months 22 individual members have joined in with attendance averaging 14.75.

It was brought to our notice that some members were having medical treatment. Les Hooke reported that Geoff Freeman's ears are responding to treatment at Peter Mac and things are looking good, only some loss of hair and appetite.

Les himself was heading into hospital for three days for his oft postponed operation. Cath Forbes has been in hospital, we wish her well.

Bea Hammond reported that that she had been in contact with Lyn Shields who has not been well. It is a shame that she does not have a device that she could use to join into Zoom meetings. All the best Lyn .

Our best wishes go to these folk and to any others that are struggling with the current COVID-19 restrictions, remember your Probus friends are only a phone call away.

Barry O'Connor reported that there was very little change in our financial position, we started the month of November with a balance of \$3,113.43 and during the month we had zero income and expenses were only \$80 for Lotto prizes leaving us with available funds at the end of November of \$3,033.43.

Barry has a current report that there was nil income for December 2020 and we had expenses of \$80 for Lotto prizes and \$161.69 for printing and mailing out the "Communicator" for the months of July to December inclusive.

This leaves us with available funds at the end of December of \$2,791.74.

In addition to General Meetings Tony Bajoras has continued to organise Zoom meetings for the sip n'chat and computer groups.

As reported at the end of November there have been 28 of these meetings with an average attendance of 8.25.

We again thank Tony for this much appreciated service.

Wal Jarvis reported that Covid 19 safe catering and distancing made it too difficult for the strollers to have their usual December stroll and break up barbecue this year. As usual there will be no stroll in January but in February it is planned that strolls will recommence down by the Maribyrnong River.

We will again avoid the crowds by starting from the southern side of the river at Coulson Gardens on the corner of Newstead Street and Chifley Drive. Melway Map 28 C7.

Following our first successful face-to-face Committee meeting late in November at the RSL, enquiries were made to investigate the RSL for a General Meeting venue. Later in December with no indication from the Uniting Church as to whether their hall would be available in January a booking was made with the RSL.. See later.

## DECEMBER SPEAKER

Having in November whetted our appetite for the history of Glenroy with his tour around the historic home sites, for December, Tony Bajoras provided a PowerPoint presentation on the settlement in Glenroy and of the people involved.

Tony went back to the late 1830's when "the Senior Surveyor of Port Phillip, Robert Hoddle, was given the job of charting the land around Melbourne on maps. His task was to divide the area into 'parishes' (this was the English name given to Local Government districts but in Australia was generally only used to describe the location of land) and mark out towns and boundaries. Glenroy was in the Will Will Rook parish. Eleven out of fifteen portions of Will Rook land were sold at auction in September 1838.

The biggest buyers of land were John Hughes and John Hosking who bought 5000 acres."

Then came the Camerons who rented land from Hughes and Hosking and called their farm the "Glenroy Run", named after a narrow glen (valley) in Invernesshire in Scotland.



The Kennedy brothers bought nearly all of this land in the 1840s. Then in 1886, the syndicate we heard about last month called the Glenroy Land Company bought the land on the east side of Pascoe Vale Road, for their "Toorak of the North".



On the west side of Pascoe Vale Road, James Chapman purchased over 1500 acres of Glenroy Farm for his Forest Hills Estate, later to become the Tiverton Park Estate.

For further information and photographs refer to Tony's excellent PowerPoint presentation which he emailed on 8th December to all members with access to the Internet .

Two photographs have current interest as they show the Glenroy Road railway crossing, the first circa 1940 with manually opened gates and the nearby railway house for the gatekeeper. The second, twenty years later, shows automatic boom gates and warning lights. This crossing currently is undergoing a third transformation to position the rail line under Glenroy Road.

Thank you Tony for another interesting and educational presentation.



Update on our recent Saturday Lotto draws.

Dec 5	15 Barry O'Connor	38 Dianne Walsh
Dec 12	33 Geoff Freeman*	1 Donna Jackson
Dec 19	33 Geoff Freeman*	13 Phyllis Swift
Dec 26	25 Gordon Scott *	42 Eddie Ebeyer*
Jan 2	26 Duncan Forbes	31 Kevin Large

Unfinancial Members\* should talk to Barry about their 2020 Subscriptions at the January Meeting.

### WHAT'S COMING UP?

**Our first General Meeting for 2021 will on Tuesday, 12th January 2021 at Glenroy RSL at 10:30 AM.**

The later starting time should assist those coming from the Western side of the railway line, as Glenroy Road is expected to be closed.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Special Birthdays Ian Jackson, (70) and Peter Pendlebury (80) Congratulations. Maria Large, Sylvia Pendlebury & Diane Walsh ... Ken Pryor.

### PSPL PUBLICATIONS



Probus South Pacific Ltd (PSPL) have continued to keep us up to date with their weekly publication, "Staying Connected with Probus", These have been forwarded to all members with Internet access.