



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 10th. January 2012

President:- Peter Dimsey

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Past President:- Dudley Twigg

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Bowls Co-ordinator:- Les Hooke

Catering Officer:- Eddie Ebeyer

Appointed Officers for 2011-2012:

Auditor:- Jack O'Hara

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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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JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 10th - Monthly Meeting

Monday 23rd - There will be no stroll in January.

Monday 30th - **Committee Meeting at Rotary Centre, Glenroy at 9.30am.**

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Monday 13th - City Sights Coach Tour.

Tuesday 14th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 27th - Stroll– Riverside Park, Aberfeldie.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

JANUARY - John Gardner, "The Dunny Man"

DECEMBER SPEAKER

Our December talk was titled the *Life of Reilly and Beyond* and the Speaker was George Osborne, Manager of the Hume Global Learning Centre.

George has led an adventurous life having served in the Australian army from 1979 to 2000 which included 2 years seconded to the United States Marine Corps in Hawaii before becoming Manager, Training and Development with the Country Fire Authority (5 years), General Manager Training and Community Services for BEST Community Development (2 years), and is now Manager of the Hume Global Learning Centre.

George listed his Military service as: Officer Training 79/80, graduated to Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

Air Defence Regiment 7 yrs. School of Artillery 4 yrs.

Aide-de-Comp 1 yr. Royal Military College Duntroon 2 yrs. US Marine Corps 2 yrs.

ADF Warfare Centre 1 yr.

He listed the Military "Stuff he did" as: Defence football tour of South Africa.

Civil Military Operations Course Charleston US 1998.

Planning for US support East Timor 1999. Deployment to East Timor 1999.

Amphibious Warfare Staff Planning Course, San Diego US 1999.

UN Operations Planning Course, Portsmouth UK 2000.

Deployments to Malaysia (x2), Singapore (x2), Thailand and New Zealand.

Involved with US Marines in planning and was helicoptered into Kandahar at start of Afghan operations.

His 5 years with the CFA involved training and development in the Ballarat area and firefighting in the area and 3 large fires in East Gippsland, the Grampians and Stawell.

This was followed by 2 years involvement as General Manager in Disability Training.

John Cheney thanked George for the informative talk and presented him with a Club pen custom made by Doug Birchall.

(*Living the Life of Reilly* was a saying popularized by US troops during WW1 to describe their life in the army. He was a fictional person who achieved an enviable existence of comfort and ease.)



(Don O'Meara)

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

Opening the December meeting President, Peter Dimsey, welcomed three visitors from Rotary and one "Buddy", Murray Gorham.

He then requested those present to stand as an act of respect for John Ness who passed away on 15 November 2011.

Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported nil income during November and after expenses of \$87.76 there was \$576.51 of available funds.

Wal also advised members that PCSP had now got their finances in order by means of a large increase in club levies.

PCSP has also recommended clubs try to have a bank balance equivalent to 12 months expenditure at all times.

To build up to this amount would require an unacceptable increase in annual subscriptions but an increase to \$40pa would reach PCSP's target in two or three years.

The members present agreed with this proposal and voted to increase annual subscriptions to \$40 for the 2012-13 year.

There were 52 members in attendance at the December meeting with 11 apologies and four visitors .

Twenty members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

Members are reminded that the AGM will be before the March general meeting. Please consider nominating for Committee.

Nomination forms for next year's committee are available, please return at January meeting.

"Special Effort" There will be a Lucky Draw at the January meeting, \$1 a ticket.

Two prizes of a bottle of wine will be awarded to the winners.

TEA ROSTER

JANUARY - Ken Dahl, Alan Evans, John Eyles & Duncan Forbes.

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

OUTINGS

FEBRUARY MONDAY 13th 2012 CITY SIGHTS COACH TOUR

We are invited to join with Glenroy Ladies' members for a tour of "South of the Yarra" landmarks. Lunch is at the Glasshouse Cafe, Caulfield Racecourse.

Cost \$36.00

Limited seats are available. Payment this meeting please.

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

We still have a full coach.

Balance of payment - \$520.00 ppts, \$740.00, S.S. excl. 4WD tour, payable at the February meeting.

Re. the 4WD tour, this will be resolved with interested travellers later.

MORELAND COUNCIL MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY

Details including date are still being finalized and Members will be advised at our next meeting. Proposal is for a morning visit followed by lunch at Zagames Reservoir Hotel.

Name list for interested Members will be available at our meeting.

(John Darling)

STROLLERS

DECEMBER MONDAY 12th - CANNING RESERVE, AVONDALE HEIGHTS

A nice bright mild morning saw 35 strollers gather for our final stroll for 2011.

After the normal round of greetings etc. the stroll commenced.

The group divided into upstream and downstream teams and we were away.

While the stroll was being enjoyed, some workers stayed to prepare for the sausage sizzle lunch.

When the strollers returned, the spread available was magnificent.

Many thanks are due to our cooks, Graham and Colin, and also to the ladies for the salads, cakes and sweets.

Four people arrived to help us eat it and all enjoyed the chat and companionship.

See you all next year.

There will NOT be a 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)

QUOTES FOR THE MONTH John Eyles

1. G.B.Shaw :
Do not do to others as you would they should do unto you—
Their tastes may not be the same. (as yours)
2. Samuel Johnson:
Oats : A grain, which in England is generally given to horses, but in Scotland supports the people.
3. Samuel Johnson again :
Tombstones : In lapidary inscriptions, a man is not on oath.
4. Tax department courtesy in the past :
Conclusion of a letter by the Australian Deputy Commissioner of Taxation early last century : "I am, Your obedient servant"
5. At tram entrances many years ago : " 7 standing if full inside"

CHRISTMAS 2011



Echuca trip



Fiskville outing

Photos by John Eyles