



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 10th January 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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JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 10th - Monthly Meeting.

Thursday 19th - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am. (Note week early)

Tuesday 24th - Computers - Function Room, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am. -

No Stroll in January.

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

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 14th - Monthly Meeting. Tuesday 21st - 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.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

JANUARY - Seeing Eye Dogs.

DECEMBER SPEAKER

Our December speaker was John Negrin from the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

World wide Make-A-Wish has affiliates in 37 countries with 30,000 volunteers.

Over 30 years there have been 300,000 wishes granted.

Make-A-Wish Australia was founded in 1985 and has granted over 8000 wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

Make-A-Wish wishes give very sick children and teenagers hope for the future, strength to face the challenges of their illness, and joy from their incredible wish experience.

John belongs to the North Melbourne branch which has been running for 17 years and has 35 volunteers granting around 50 wishes a year.

The first Australian wish was to 16-year -old Shawn from Footscray who wished to see his favourite footy team in action. The organising of Shawn's wish had an incredible ripple effect which inspired those involved to bring this healing power to other very sick kids.

John showed a video about five-year-old Olivia who wanted to be a ballet dancer. It gave an insight into the organisation behind granting a wish and the cooperation of others, in this case the Australian Ballet Company and the Sydney Opera House.

This cooperation cannot be bought, it depends on people's desire to give.

In answer to a member's question John said funds were raised with partnerships with large organisations (some wishing to stay anonymous) right down to tin rattles on street corners. 96% of funds raised go to granting the wishes, there are 55 paid workers and 12,000 volunteers.

Ken Pryor who's son had a wish experience 28 years ago thanked John for his talk and presented his speakers fee as a donation to the foundation. Many members purchased John's gift merchandise.



GENERAL CLUB NEWS

President, Wal Jarvis welcomed all and opened the December meeting.

There were 43 members present and 8 apologies.

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

With regret Reg Ratcliffe's resignation was received. Wal paid tribute to Reg's 9 years contribution as Treasurer.

Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that during November there was income of \$50 for Badge requests.. Expenses were \$13.20 photo copying the "Communicator", \$45 for hall rental, \$50 donation to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne. \$400 Raffle Book money paid to Rotary.

Current available funds at the end of November were \$868.73.

Barry attended the Rotary draw on Nov 25th but none of our members were amongst the winners. The \$400 has now been received.

COMMITTEE

Committee members are reminded that a committee meeting will be held at the Glenroy Rotary centre at 9:30am, Monday 30th January 2017.

This will be the last Committee Meeting before the AGM so formation of the 2017 Committee will be on the Agenda.

All members are encouraged to offer their services.

Consider the various Committee positions and if you think any fit your talents or experience talk to a Committee Member.

TEA ROSTER

JANUARY - Noel Wenlock, Anton Basil, & Brian Callingham.

FEBRUARY - Bill Conroy, Julie Conroy & Eddie Ebeyer.

December's Morning Tea was especially festive thanks to Bill and Julie Conroy.

Both were dressed in Christmas theme and Julie had baked shortbread and two Christmas Cakes, one thoughtfully gluten free. They also had a festive gift pack for everyone and conducted a Door Prize resulting in three lucky winners. This was a fantastic initiative that was appreciated by all. Thanks Julie and Bill.

SIP N' CHAT & COMPUTERS

These two groups did not meet in December but will resume in January. Sip N'Chat will resume a week early (to miss Australia Day) on Thursday, 19th of January at Glenroy RSL at 10:30am. Come and join us, all welcome.

The Computer Group will meet on Tuesday 24th of January in the function room, Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

OUTINGS

FEBRUARY TUESDAY 21ST - LUNCH at HIGHLANDS HOTEL

Drive yourself to Craigieburn and enjoy one of their marvelous buffet luncheons.

Register your intention at the January meeting.

STROLLERS

DECEMBER MONDAY 12TH - JACK ROPER RESERVE BROADMEADOWS Our Break-up BBQ got off to a bad start with Hume Council closing Jack Roper Reserve to resurface the car park. There was no stroll but the BBQ took place under shade trees on Arthur and Wendy's back lawn. While Arthur and John Darling did the cooking 28 strollers sat around chatting and working through two tables of salads, sweets and drinks. Thanks ladies. Thanks Arthur and Wendy for the use of your house and for all your planning and leadership throughout the year. There will be no stroll in January but we will resume at Riverside Park, Aberfeldie on Monday 27th February 2017.



MEMBERS AGE PROFILE

1st January 2017

Age	Number of Members
60	1 *
61	1 *
64	1 *
65	2 **
66	1 *
67	1 *
68	1 *
69	1 *
72	2 **
74	2 **
75	1 *
76	1 *
77	2 **
78	4 ****
79	1 *
80	2 **
81	3 ***
82	1 *
83	4 ****
84	2 **
85	5 *****
86	4 ****
87	3 ***
88	3 ***
89	3 ***
90	4 ****
91	4 ****
92	1 *
94	1 *
95	1 *
Total	63

Each * denotes 1 active member
Each ** denotes 1 non-active member