



# COMMUNICATOR

## PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

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

**Next Monthly Meeting:- Thursday 9th. January 2014**

### ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2013/14

President:- Bob Brown

Vice President:- Les Hooke

Communicator Editor:- John Elletson

Communicator Distributor:- Geoff  
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Attendance & Nametags:- Dudley  
Twigg

Membership Records:- Dudley Twigg

Speakers:- John Vandenberg

Secretary & Public Officer -

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Treasurer:- Wal Jarvis

Past President:- Alan Whatman

Functions Officer:- John Darling

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Arthur Jarvis

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Murray Gorham

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott

Appointed Auditor for 2013-2014: Jack O'Hara

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

**Thursday 9th** - Monthly Meeting at **Glenroy RSL**. - Note date & venue.  
**Monday 20th** - **Committee Meeting at Rotary Centre, Glenroy at 9.30am.**  
**Thursday 23rd** - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

## FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

**Thursday 6th** - Blackbird Cruise, Lunch & Buddhist Temple.  
**Thursday 13th** - Monthly Meeting.  
**Monday 24th** - Stroll - Riverside Park, Aberfeldie.  
**Thursday 27th** - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

JAN - Matthew Shanks - Healthy Lifestyle

FEB - Frank Walsh - County Court Judge

## DECEMBER SPEAKER

Our speaker for December was Geoff Gaff.

Geoff and his wife were teachers in Saudi Arabia for a number of years so he was able to bring us his observations of life in an Islamic State.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia came into being in 1932. Unlike the romantic image of Arab sheikhs as portrayed by Rudolph Valentino in "The Sheik", the Arab in the early 1900s was very poor, nomadic and illiterate.

Then in 1938 oil was discovered and money was never again a problem, but progress was without change.

The Arabs remained Bedouin and continued to follow a traditional and extreme form of Islam.

Saudi Arabia is the cradle of Islam as Muhammad was born in Mecca in 570AD.

Family (tribe) comes first, what is important is pride and reputation. Shame and humiliation must be avoided and blood washes away shame.

Honour killings (usually of women) are to regain lost family reputation.

The problems between Sunni and Shia go back to 30 years after the death of Muhammad.

The Shia sect regard Ali as the first Imam or successor of Muhammad and reject the first three Sunni Caliphs. The Sunni make up 90% of the population and say that Shias are not really Moslems.

Women are not seen in the streets and on public transport. The occasional ones and twos are always accompanied by a male.

Women are banned from driving cars, and are not responsible for themselves, they have guardians.

Some families have a "best daughter" that has never been out of the home, to the general population they do not exist. They are prime candidates for an arranged marriage.

Some cities may have a woman only shopping centre but this is rare. Shop keepers are always male and usually Indian, never Arab. Not a reputable occupation.

There is little tolerance of non believers. Geoff thought Christians were the most accepted non believers, being allowed to pray in private.

Gavin Herft thanked Geoff for the insight into Arab history and customs and presented him with a Club pen turned by Doug Birchall.



## GENERAL CLUB NEWS

In the absence of President, Bob Brown, Vice President, Les Hooke took the Chair and proceeded with the induction of a new member, Barry O'Conner. Barry was introduced by Jack O'Hara. Barry and Lyn live opposite Jack at 2/54 Chapman Avenue, Glenroy .

At the December Meeting Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that during November there was the refund of the Constitution lodgement fee of \$75.20 received from PSPL, \$45 payment by members for the purchase of RDU products and 6 cents bank interest.

Expenses were Hall Rental \$45, Communicator \$13.20 and Morning Teas \$26.50.

Currently we have Available Funds of \$1162.77

At the December meeting there were 45 members present and 9 apologies.

Sixteen members indicated they would be having lunch at the RSL.

## TEA ROSTER

It is not known what Morning Tea duties may be required at the RSL but will the following members be ready to assist Gordon Scott if needed.

**JANUARY** - Ray Averill, Anton Basil, Doug Birchall & Brian Callingham.

## RSL LUNCH

### **JANUARY THURSDAY 9th - RSL LUNCH AFTER MEETING**

For Members staying for lunch in the RSL Function Room, a Seniors Meal Menu will be circulated at the start of the meeting.

Please nominate your selection on the list which John Darling will collect at Morning Tea time to lodge it with the kitchen staff to speed up your meal service.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

As a consequence of the Uniting Church's plan to sell the Wheatsheaf Road church, arrangements have been made to hold our January General Meeting in the Function Room of Glenroy RSL.

Park in the RSL carpark and the venue will be open at 9.30am for our 9.45am start.

**Note that it has been necessary to change the meeting day to the 2nd Thursday of the month, 9th January 2014.**

The day after the December meeting the Glenroy church was withdrawn from sale.

The selection of the venue for the February and subsequent meetings will be decided at the **Committee Meeting, Monday 20th January 2014 at the Rotary Centre, Glenroy commencing at 9.30am.**

## BOWLS

### **MARCH WEDNESDAY 12th - 30th ANNUAL PROBUS BOWLS TOURNAMENT**

Murray Gorham has entered 3 teams (of three). Please pay \$22 entry fees to Murray at the January meeting. Buckley Park has been requested as the venue.

## OUTINGS

### JANUARY THURSDAY 23rd - SIP 'CHAT AT GLENROY RSL

Meet at 10.30am. All welcome.

### FEBRUARY THURSDAY 6th - BLACKBIRD CRUISE AND BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Coach departs at 9.00am from carpark cnr. Murrell St & Cromwell St, Glenroy to Footscray. Board the "Blackbird" for a Maribyrnong River Cruise to Canning Reserve with commentary about the history of this section of the River. Then "Buy Your Own" lunch at the Anglers Tavern before visiting the Quang Minh (Bright Light) Buddhist Temple in Sunshine North. More Members welcome.

Cost \$35.00. Payment this meeting.

### MARCH WEDNESDAY 19th - HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY

Glenroy Ladies Probus Club has invited us to join them on a coach visit to Healesville Sanctuary.

Limited places are available. Cost \$45.00 for coach and admission. Either "Buy Your Own" or "Bring Your Own" lunch.

More details at this meeting. Names this meeting.

(John Darling)

## STROLLERS

### DECEMBER MONDAY 9th – JACK ROPER RESERVE CAMP ROAD.

Light rain saw 32 strollers gather for the final stroll for 2013. While the workers set about preparing for the BBQ a few of the group braved the rain and enjoyed a fairly good walk. On their return they were greeted by a great spread of salads, cakes and BBQ meat . Many thanks to Charles, John & Graham for their BBQ cooking and also to the ladies for their outstanding culinary efforts.

**There will be no stroll in January.**

### FEBRUARY MONDAY 24th - RIVERSIDE PARK, ABERFELDIE.

Meet in the car park off the roundabout at the corner of The Boulevard and Fawkner Street, Aberfeldie, Map 28 B 6/7

(Arthur Jarvis)

## IRISH MEDICAL DICTIONARY

### *Medical Term*

### *Irish definition*

Artery	The study of paintings
Bacteria	Back door of cafeteria
Barium	What doctors do when patients die
Benign	What you be, after you be eight
Caesarean Section	A neighbourhood in Rome
Cat Scan	Searching for Kitty
Cauterize	Made eye contact with her
Colic	A sheep dog
Coma	A punctuation mark