



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. July 2012

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Appointed Auditor for 2012-2013: Jack O'Hara

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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JULY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 10th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 23rd - Stroll - Moonee Ponds Creek, Westmeadows,

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

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 14th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 27th - Stroll - Norris Bank Reserve, Bundoora.

Tuesday 28th - Self drive visit to Public Record Office, North Melbourne.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

JULY - Michael Foley, TTA, - What will myki do for you?

AUGUST - Mel Higgins, RACV, Road Safety for Seniors.

SEPTEMBER - Tony Muller, B24 Liberator Reconstruction.

JUNE SPEAKER

The Speaker at our June meeting was Adele Thompson who spoke about the *First Fleet*, the reason Britain sent convicts to Australia and why she had researched the subject.

The *First Fleet* is the name given to the eleven ships that sailed from Portsmouth on 13 May 1787 and arrived at Botany Bay between 18 and 20 January 1788 under the command of Captain Arthur Phillip.

The ships in the Fleet were 2 naval escorts, the HMS *Sirius* and HMS *Supply*, 6 convict transport ships and 3 food and supply transports.

They sailed via Santa Cruz de Tenerife (on the African coast) across the Atlantic to Rio de Janeiro, then to the Cape of Good Hope, provisioning the ships at each port before sailing around Tasmania to Botany Bay, a distance of 24,000 km in 252 days. Adele's interest began when she discovered she had an ancestor named Mathew who in 1784 had been sentenced to 7 years Transportation for stealing and selling 3 books.

Stealing an article over 1/- in value was grand larceny and over 4/- was a hanging offence. Mathew was imprisoned in a hulk on the Thames until he could be transported to a colony.

From the late 1600's until the American War of Independence Britain had been transporting convicts to America.

After the war Britain had to find an alternative and Botany Bay and Norfolk Island were suggested as possible destinations.

Mathew was one of the 548 male and 188 female convicts, 7 horses, 29 sheep, 74 swine, 6 rabbits and 7 cattle together with a further 219 males, 34 females and 41 children who arrived in Botany Bay and shortly after moved to the more suitable Port Jackson about 12 km to the north. Mathew married Elizabeth Ryan and was granted 50 acres of land to farm to support the family.

She briefly mentioned the Second Fleet which left England with 1000 convicts but 267 convicts died on the way.

Robin Waltrowicz thanked Adele and presented her with a Club pen custom made from Blackwood by Doug Birchall.



(Don O'Meara)

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At our June meeting, Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that during May there was \$250 received for subscriptions and expenses were, Hall Rental \$40.50 and Communicator \$16.50, resulting in available funds of \$1560. Wal also reported that all subscriptions have been received.

At the June meeting there were 55 members present plus two visitors.

There were 12 apologies.

Thirteen members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

TEA ROSTER

JULY - Colin Tootell, Owen Turner, John Vandenberg & Roy Wayth.

AUGUST - Noel Wenlock, Kevin White, Jack Williamson & Reg Wood.

COMMITTEE

Probus South Pacific Limited has requested clubs supply feed-back on any changes they think need to be made to the Standard Constitution. As the requested time for reply is before our next Committee meeting a sub-committee of 6 members was formed to review the Constitution options. Five members of this sub-committee met at the Glenroy Library on Thursday 21st June.

Any members wishing to make any suggestions should contact Alan Whatman, Neil Thomas, John Darling, Peter Dimsey, John Elletson or Len Sherwood.

OUTINGS

AUGUST TUESDAY 28th - PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE VICTORIA

Drive to the Record Office, 99 Shiel St. North Melbourne (Melway2A E6) for a morning guided tour of this "repository" of information. Then Buy Your Own lunch at a local venue. Numbers at the Record Office are limited but there will be a Waiting List! Name list this meeting.

OCTOBER WEDNESDAY 24th (NOTE DATE) - TIGERS CLUBHOUSE LUNCH

Coach to Tigers Clubhouse, Hoppers Crossing, arriving for morning tea followed by entertainment and 2 course lunch. Cost \$24.00. Name list this meeting. This outing needs 35+ to proceed. We had to cancel our May visit due to lack of numbers. Please give this your support with family and friends!

(John Darling)

BOWLS

- Les Hooke reports that he is planning a Bare Foot Bowls Social Day.
- Maybe, men versus ladies?
- Keep the 2nd Thursday in November free.

OUTINGS REPORTS

JUNE WEDNESDAY 20th - DOLPHIN RESEARCH INSTITUTE, HASTINGS

With 75 passengers and 2 buses we headed to Hastings. After a morning cuppa we arrived at the Dolphin Institute being greeted by Mandy Robertson, Education Director, who gave an informative presentation on migrating birds, native birds, various species of fish, marine creatures, dolphins and whales. We all enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Western Marina Bar and Bistro. We arrived back at Glenroy at 4.15pm. Thanks to Barbara and John D for making this day possible.

(Ken & Jenny Roberts)

JUNE TUESDAY 26th - VICTORIA POLICE AIR WING - ESSENDON AIRPORT

Members, wives and friends found this self drive outing very interesting. John and Alf, two retired Air Wing Officers, gave us a good lesson with the aid of a Power-Point presentation which contained some exciting car chase videos captured by the helicopter's FLIR ball (the remarkable Forward Looking Infra Red rotating camera). Sgt. Martin Veal then gave us a close-up tour of the control room and hanger. We then relocated to the Skyways Hotel for lunch.

STROLLERS

JUNE MONDAY 25th - JACK ROPER RESERVE, BROADMEADOWS.

Some walking tracks were closed due to work on the Ring Road so we strolled under the M80 and circled around the Bird Habitat Lake. Some returned to the reserve while others went down a new track beside the Merlynston Creek towards the Northern Memorial Park passing the north end of West Street. Seventeen gathered for lunch under one of the shelters and left before the rain came.

JULY MONDAY 23rd - MOONEE PONDS CREEK - WESTMEADOWS.

Melways Map 6 A6 (right on the join of the page) Turn from Ardlie St. into park entrance opposite Westmeadows Tavern.

Stroll will be upstream along creek to Woodlands Homestead boundary and return. Lunch in Westmeadows Tavern where a Senior's Lunch is available. Other club members are very welcome to join us for lunch, just let us know so the booking can be adjusted.

AUGUST MONDAY 27th - NORRIS BANK RESERVE - BUNDOORA.

(John Elletson)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

If the shortest distance between two points is a line, why does waiting in a line take so long.

You can never do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.