



# 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 9th. July 2013**

President:- Bob Brown

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Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott

Appointed Auditor for 2013-2014: 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 9th - Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday 16th - "Christmas in July" at Skyways.

Monday 22nd - Stroll - Canning Reserve, Avondale Heights.

Monday 29th - Committee Meeting. Venue TBA

## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 13th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 26th - Stroll - Royal Park Wetlands.

Tuesday 27th - Coach to Quang Minh Buddhist Temple & Flemington Racecourse.

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

**JULY** - Cathrine Kelly, Respecting Patient's Choices.

**AUGUST** - Gary Ferguson, The Rights of Seniors.

## JUNE SPEAKER

The Speaker for June was Karen Orchard from Country Club Villages speaking specifically about their local Melba Vale Village, corner of Pascoe Vale & Barry Roads.

Karen explained that retirement villages are aimed at people desiring a lifestyle with other people who wish to live in a community with likeminded people and have a home with no exterior maintenance or garden upkeep.

Basically you purchase your own building and buy a lease over the land. There is a service levy, currently around \$275.00 per month. This service levy takes care of the gardens, community centre, safety link and insurance. Like any home you have your choice of telephone, electricity and gas suppliers and of course Council rates.

There is an onsite Village Manager and the safety link phone and pendant ensure immediate contact in case of emergency.

Your home is yours to sell but the Developer receives part of the proceeds of sale as a Deferred Management Fee (or Exit Fee).

Melba Vale has a fee of 6% for each year of residence capped at 6 years. This means that the Exit Fee could be as high as 36% of the Sale proceeds.

Replacement of carpets, drapes, appliances, etc. occurs before the sale at your cost.

Karen emphasized that village life is not for everyone so anyone contemplating making a move should visit different villages and talk to residents.

Intending purchasers should seek as much professional independent advice as they can.

A good source would be to use the Consumer Affairs Victoria's free and independent information at "[consumer.vic.gov/retire](http://consumer.vic.gov/retire)". This web site also has check lists of questions you should ask and even has an audio guide you can listen to rather than wade through mountains of text.

Reg Ratcliffe, who has been a resident at Melba Vale for 18 months, thanked Karen for her presentation and presented her with a Club pen.



## GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At the start of our June meeting President, Bob Brown, called for one minutes silence to respect member Tom Brown who passed away on 21st May.

Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that during May we had income of \$440 from Subscriptions. Expenses were Hall Rental \$45, Communicator \$13.20, Morning Teas \$14.20, Speaker, Consumer Affairs \$50.10 and Committee Reimbursements \$220. Resulting in available funds of \$1605.27.

At the June meeting there were 45 members present and 6 apologies, there was one visitor, Bruce Delzoppo.

Thirteen members indicated that they would be lunching at the RSL.

Our President called for any nominations for the position of Secretary. This was met with stony silence. Fortunately Peter Dimsey had indicated to the President that he was willing to do another term in this position.

His offer was gladly accepted and he will take up his duties when he returns from holidays. Thank you Peter.

## TEA ROSTER

**JULY** - Duncan Forbes, Keith Greathead, Murray Gorham & Gavin Herft.

**AUGUST** - Ron Howard, Ted Hucker, Rick Johnson & Jim List.

*If you cannot attend on your rostered day swap with a mate or contact Catering Officer, Gordon Scott.*

## COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Members are reminded that there will be a Committee meeting on Monday 29th July.

Due to the damage done to the Rotary Center it is not known if this will be available for the 29th. We hope to have an update at the July General Meeting.

### CLUB RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY – NOTICE OF MOTION

Members are advised of the Committee's proposal to present a Risk Management Policy to the August meeting for adoption by the Club. Enquiries to John Darling

Have you remembered to bring back your completed Emergency Contact Phone Number Form?

It is essential that we have a telephone number for your desired contact person on hand in case of an emergency.

If you would like to have the "Communicator" emailed to you each month just give your email address to John Elletson.

If you are now getting your "Communicator" by email and you don't need the hard copy delivered, then please let Geoff Woods know to stop delivery.

In October this year we will celebrate the Club's 25th Birthday.

To make the occasion special we are thinking to add a catered luncheon to the October meeting. Its early days yet so further suggestions are most welcome, please speak to John Darling.

## OUTINGS

### **JULY TUESDAY 16th - "CHRISTMAS in JULY" at SKYWAYS**

Arrive at Skyways Hotel, Airport West at 10.00am for Morning Tea before entertainment by Janene Joy featuring "Broadway Melodies" followed by a 3 Course lunch.  
Cost \$20.00. Payment this meeting. Correct money in a named envelope please.

### **AUGUST TUESDAY 27th - BUDDHIST TEMPLE & FLEMINGTON RACECOURSE**

By coach visit the Quang Minh (Bright Light) Buddhist Temple, Braybrook to learn of their culture, then lunch and a walking tour of Flemington Racecourse.  
Cost Approx. \$35.00 Names this meeting.

### **OCTOBER TUESDAY 8th - CLUB'S 25th BIRTHDAY**

More information later.

### **OCTOBER FRIDAY 11th - DEFENCE FORCE SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

Coach to the Defence Force School of Music (DFSM), Watsonia for a morning feast of musical entertainment, then to Zagames, Reservoir for a Buy Your Own lunch.  
Cost \$10.00 plus Buy your own lunch. Names this meeting.

*(John Darling)*

## STROLLERS

### **JUNE MONDAY 24th - CHERRY LAKE, ALTONA**

On a cold very foggy morning 17 strollers braved the elements for a circuit of fog bound Cherry Lake; quite soon the fog started to clear and we were able to see beautiful reflections on the water of large lake side trees .



We also saw a variety of birds including Pelicans, Blue Wrens, Black Swans and other water birds , all of which contributed to make it a very pleasant morning.

### **JULY MONDAY 9th - CANNING RESERVE, AVONDALE HEIGHTS**

Enter carpark off Canning Street, Avondale Heights. Melways 27 G8.

### **AUGUST MONDAY 13th - ROYAL PARK WETLANDS, OAK STREET , PARKVILLE.**

Melways 29 C11.

*(Arthur Jarvis)*

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

**Bob Brown**

Life is like a taxi, the meter just keeps on a-ticking whether you are getting somewhere or just standing still.

How rare and wonderful is that flash of a moment when we have discovered a friend.

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

I KNOW THAT YOU BELIEVE YOU UNDERSTAND  
WHAT YOU THINK I SAID BUT I AM NOT SURE YOU REALIZE  
THAT WHAT YOU HEARD IS NOT WHAT I MEANT.