



# 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 11th July 2017**

### ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2016/17

President:- John Vandenberg

Vice President:- Ken Pryor

Treasurer:- Barry O'Connor

Communicator

Editor:- John Elletson

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Attendance & Nametags:- Les Hooke

Membership Records:- Les Hooke

Speakers:- Max Smedley

Secretary & Public Officer -

Peter Dimsey      Mail to

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Past President: Wal Jarvis

Functions Officer:- Vacant

Asst. - Joe Milanese

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Wal Jarvis

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Murray Gorham

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott

Asst. - Joe Milanese

Welfare Officer: Les Hooke

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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## JULY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 11th - Monthly Meeting.

Thursday 13th - Christmas in July at Skyways Hotel

Monday 24th - Stroll - Malcolm Creek, Craigieburn - Lunch at Highlands Hotel.

Tuesday 25th - Computers - Function Room, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Thursday 27th - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Monday 31st - **Committee Meeting at Glenroy Rotary Centre at 9.30am.**

## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 8th - Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday 22nd - Computers - Function Room Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Thursday 24th - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Monday 28th - Stroll -

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

**JULY** - RACV - Healthy Aging and Staying Connected.

**AUGUST** - Bronwyn Roberts - "The Benefits of Laughter".

## JUNE SPEAKER

Our speaker for May failed to turn up and Max requested that members with an interesting story might like to share it with us.

**Duncan Forbes** told us of an early expedition with his wife Cath and their young daughters to all places north. They drove to Port Augusta and put the car and camping gear on the train to Alice Springs, then a detour south to Uluru and climb "The Rock".

Then heading north up to Darwin and flights to Kununurra and over Kakadu before the long haul East through Mount Isa to Townsville where the car needed some TLC.

This was a very adventurous and exciting trip for a young family.



**Ken Pryor** was brought up in a small country town near the Mount Morgan goldmine in the Rockhampton Region of Queensland. Ken spoke about Mount Morgan's rich and famous and what they did with their wealth. William Knox D'Arcy was a major share-holder and went via England to search for oil in the Middle East and with support from Winston Churchill eventually became involved in founding what was to be BP Petroleum. Also from Mount Morgan, Walter Hall's wealth was put to good use by his wife founding the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research.

**Max Smedley** spoke about a highlight of one of his trips, sailing through the 77 km Panama Canal. After being held up at Los Angeles airport they missed their flight to San Diego which caused some concern but ended up a blessing as they were driven to San Diego and negotiated with the driver to take them direct to the dock. There are two canals (more built after Max was there) where the locks raise the water level over the range. The water supply comes from the huge man-made Gatun Lake some 24 km long .  
Thanks guys for a very interesting morning.

## GENERAL CLUB NEWS

President, John Vandenberg opened the June Meeting and requested a minutes silence in respect of Joe Vassallo who passed away on 5th June 2017.

The President then welcomed and installed our newest Member, Ian Jackson.

Ian and his wife Donna live at 10 Battersea Street, Hadfield 3046.

At the June General Meeting there were 40 members present, 6 apologies and four visitors Nancy Mooney, Teresa Sanchey, Geoff Freeman and Lyn Elletson who brought along the Ladies Club's data projector to support the Speaker's presentation.

Eight members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that during May there was subscription income of \$100. Expenses were \$45 rent and \$12.90 photo copying the "Communicator".

Morning Teas \$15.40.

Current available funds are \$1,333.07.

Secretary, Peter Dimsey reported on incoming correspondence and the Meeting decided to accept the resignation of Helen Thomas due to ill health and to transfer Jim List to the Non-Active list.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Gavin Herft, Wal Jarvis & Jim List.

## TEA ROSTER

**JULY** - Ken Pryor, John Reisenberg & Moira Smedley,

**AUGUST**- Anton Basil, Brian Callingham & Eddie Ebeyer.

## ACTIVITIES

### **JULY TUESDAY 25TH - COMPUTERS - GLENROY R.S.L.'s FUNCTION ROOM**

**10:30am.**

Come along this month with your problems and ideas, seven members did in June.

Bring your Smart Devices or just a pad and pencil to take notes.

### **JULY THURSDAY 27TH - SIP N' CHAT - GLENROY R.S.L.**

In June, 13 members met and enjoyed the chat at this event.

Any members wishing to join us in July will be most welcome.

Time 10.30am.

## OUTINGS

### **JULY THURSDAY 13TH - CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

At Skyways Hotel, Airport West with tradi-tional 3 course Christmas lunch and be entertained by the many voices of Joe Piastrino.

Drive yourself, doors open 9.45am and show starts at 10.30am.

President, John Vandenberg informed the meeting of a musical show, "The King of Croon " at the Moonee Ponds Clocktower Centre.

Tickets for the show \$22 and fol-lowing the show a meal for \$5, ie total \$27.

Tickets for the show and meal quickly sold out, but show tickets may still be possible.

## MEMBERS NEWS

Jack O'Hara advises that he has moved into "Craigecare" 1A Virginia Street, Pascoe Vale 3044.

Ken Pryor told us of one of the best-kept secrets of Australia's involvement in World War II. A secret airfield east of Marble Bar for long range B-24 Liberator heavy bombers. 25 Squadron RAAF and the 380th US Bomber Group of the American 5th Air Force operated successfully against Japanese held targets and shipping. Also operating there was #7 Communications Unit with our Jack O'Hara, who was one of the last handful of servicemen leave Corunna Downs at war's end.

Ken presented Jack with Antonio Cafarella's book "Corunna Downs - The Invisible WW2 Airfield". Nice touch Ken.

Duncan Forbes was pleased to announce that the National Boer War Association have finally achieved their aim of installing a Boer War Memorial in the Nation's Capital. The memorial was dedicated on May 31 at the site in Anzac Parade, Canberra. Volunteers had raised \$4 million for the memorial which depicts four troopers mounted on horseback. Duncan's father was in the 5th Victorian Mounted Regiment. Thanks for the news Duncan, it's been a long campaign.



## STROLLERS

### JUNE MONDAY 26TH - WOODLANDS HISTORIC PARK

On a crisp, sunny morning 20 strollers proceeded to walk the tracks around the park. All completed the walk. A small number of kangaroos were sighted. Park Management estimates that there are in excess of 2000 in the area.

John Elletson informed us that the arrangements for the extended stroll at Stawell are in motion and a booking has been made at the Magdala Motel for the nights of 20, 21 & 22 November 2017.

### JULY MONDAY 24TH GOLDEN SUN MOTH PARK, MALCOLM CREEK, CRAIGIEBURN

You can travel to Craigieburn by either the Hume Hwy or Hume Fwy but continue past early exits until Amaroo Road turn left on to Grand Boulevard into the Craigieburn residential area.

Continue West and after crossing over Atkin Boulevard with Highlands Hotel on the left corner turn left at roundabout into Packington Drive at the back side of the hotel car park. Parking is at the end of Packington Drive at the toilets and shelter.

After the stroll along Malcolm Creek we will relocate the cars to the hotel car park. Any other members are welcome to join us here for the Seniors Buffet Lunch.

