



# 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 8th. July 2014, 9.45 am**

### ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2013/14

President:- Les Hooke

Vice President:- Wal Jarvis

Communicator Editor:- John Elletson

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Treasurer:- Wal Jarvis

Past President:- Bob Brown

Functions Officer:- John Darling  
Asst.- Peter Pendlebury

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Arthur Jarvis

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Murray Gorham

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott  
Asst - Joe Milanese

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 8th - Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday 16th - Christmas in July - Skyways, Airport West.

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

Monday 28th - Stroll - Pipemakers Park, Maribyrnong.

## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 12th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 25th - Stroll -

Wednesday 27th - D.F.S.M. and Lunch.

Thursday 28th - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

JULY - Anne Miller - Naming History of Melbourne Streets.

AUGUST - Ian Fowler - Fire Brigade.

## JUNE SPEAKER

Our June Speaker fruiterer, Pat La Manna, who was born in 1932, came to Australia in 1948.

He wanted to learn English, so he got a job where he could meet many people in a fruit shop in Thornbury. After a time he worked in a fruit shop in Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds.

He decided he should work for himself and be his own boss; his father helped him buy a fruit and vegetable shop in West Preston in 1963, where he met his wife; they have been married for 52 years, and their family has now reached to great grandchildren.

He believed customers liked to select their own fruit and vegetables and be helped by Staff. He opened shops in Chadstone and Northland.

Pat believes no formal qualifications are needed in Fruit & Vegetables just to work hard. Pat joined Lions in 1968, mixing with people in many occupations; a good businessman will cover many areas of knowledge and experience. He "Likes to do the Impossible" he rationalised the banana marketing system and captured 50% of the market.

Pat encourages employees and other people to develop themselves.

Pat won \$700 in Tatts and gave it to a blind person to learn Braille; this showed Pat how good it was to help others.

He started Lions at the F&V Market from 1972, and encouraged them to work for Charity. At one Function they raised \$480,000.

Pat passed on his businesses to his family; his son who runs the Essendon Airport shop took him back to Pat's birthplace in Italy where he saw a need and bought a minibus for the locals to ferry people to hospital .

After a stroke ten years ago he wrote a book on his life, the proceeds going to charity.

In 2007 Pat was "Victorian of the Year"; in 2009 he was "Senior of the Year", and was awarded a Papal Knighthood. He established a Passion Play for Melbourne which has run for 18 years.

He is a strong supporter of Moira Kelly, who brings to Australia overseas children for specialised surgical treatment.

Pat was thanked by Barry O'Conner for his most interesting Life Story.

*(Doug Birchall)*



## GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At the June meeting Secretary, Peter Dimsey, read a letter from Ken Dahl tending his resignation. The meeting regretfully accepted Ken's resignation and offered best wishes to Ken and Judith in their shift to Williamstown.

Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that during May there was subscription income of \$720. Expenses were hall rent \$45, morning teas \$23.15, Communicator \$26.40, book purchase \$50 and speaker travel expenses \$30, leaving Available Funds of \$1091.58.

At the June meeting there were 42 members present and 10 apologies.

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

Further to the Membership List distributed with the May "Communicator", Noel and Nola Wenlock have moved to Pascoe Vale Gardens.

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For 25 years a loyal band of Probus Club members have delivered the Communicator around their local area. Some deliver a lot and some a few, but they are on the job each month. Names have changed over the 25 years but others fill in.

Thanks to the current team, Norm Bailey, Doug Birchall, Alan Evans, Charles Fyfe, Gordon Plueckhahn, Dudley Twigg and Reg Wood.

If you live outside the delivery area or would prefer the "Communicator" emailed to you each month, just give your email address to John Elletson.

## TEA ROSTER

JULY - Reg Ratcliffe, John Reisenberg & Kevin Ryan.

AUGUST - Max Smedley, Koos Soeterboek & Keith Stewart.

## OUTINGS REPORTS

### JUNE TUESDAY 17th - RSL MORNING MELODIES

Eight members and partners attended the Glenroy RSL Morning Melodies entertainment with finger food and a cuppa.

### JUNE WEDNESDAY 18th - WERRIBEE TREATMENT PLANT

42 Members, partners and friends from Glenroy Ladies (27) and Glenroy Mens (15) coached to the WTP where we enjoyed morning tea on arrival. before an informative talk by Yvonne, the Melbourne Water Education Officer.

Then an extensive tour of the Plant including a visit to the outlet of processed water into the sea. where we also viewed the prolific bird life on the nearby lake. We also saw how sewerage is treated and how methane gas generates electricity for the plant.

Lunch at Tigers Clubhouse completed an enjoyable day out.

### JUNE THURSDAY 26th - SIP N'CHAT AT GLENROY RSL

Nine members enjoyed their cuppa and natter at the RSL.

## FUTURE OUTINGS

THE JULY TUESDAY 22ND CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT TIGERS CLUBHOUSE has been **CANCELLED** because of lack of numbers!

**INSTEAD** JULY WEDNESDAY 16TH CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT SKYWAYS, AIRPORT WEST

Drive to Skyways, Airport West, Melway Map 16 A4. Entertainment by Kingsley Koornwhyte followed by a Christmas lunch.

Names and payment this meeting. Cost \$20.00. Arrive at 10.30am.

JULY THURSDAY 24th - SIP N'CHAT AT GLENROY RSL

Meet at 10.30am. All welcome.

AUGUST WEDNESDAY 27TH D.F.S.M. AND LUNCH

The monthly Concerts by the Defence Forces School of Music, Watsonia, are resuming. Combining with the Glenroy Ladies Probus, there are only 22 tickets available for each Club. Lunch to follow at Darebin RSL.

Names this meeting. Cost \$25.00. Coach departs at 10.00am from Cromwell and Murrell Sts corner .

SEPTEMBER TRAIN OUTING

Plans are being developed for using your free train voucher.

More at the next meeting.

*John Darling*

## STROLLERS

JUNE MONDAY 23rd - MOONEE PONDS CREEK - WESTMEADOWS.

In the worst possible weather 12 heroic strollers set out South along the Moonee Ponds Creek. Most did the long walk and tackled the rather steep hill that leads to the football Reserve and then back along Carrick Drive to rejoin the creek trail.

Lunch and the usual chit- chat followed to complete a very good morning.



JULY MONDAY 28th - PIPEMAKERS PARK, MARIBYRNONG

To enter the park turn left off Van Ness Ave and meet in the car park near the river. Map reference 28- B10.

The church service was moving along when suddenly there was a massive boom and Satan appeared. Everyone started screaming and running for the exit.

One old farmer stayed in his seat.

Satan walked up to him. "Do you know who I am?" "Yep," said the farmer.

"Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan yelled. "Nope," said the farmer.

"Don't you realize I can turn you to dust with one word? I can cause you profound, horrifying agony for all eternity with just the wave of my hand?" "Yep," said the farmer.

"And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan. "Nope," said the old farmer.

"Why aren't you afraid of me?" asked Satan.

"Because," said the farmer, I've been married to your sister for 48 years."