



# 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 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

President:- Peter Dimsey

Vice President:- Alan Whatman

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Attendance & Nametags:- Ray Austin

Membership Records:- Dudley Twigg

Speakers:- Bob Brown

Secretary:- Len Sherwood

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Treasurer:- Wal Jarvis

Past President:- Dudley Twigg

Functions Officer:- John Darling

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Charles Fyfe

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Les Hooke

Catering Officer:- Eddie Ebeyer

Appointed Officers for 2011/12:

Auditor:- Jack O'Hara

Public Officer:- Harry Middlemo

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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## JUNE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 14th - Monthly Meeting.  
Wednesday 15th - Crown Casino Visit  
Monday 27th - Stroll - Gavan Park, Pascoe Vale

## JULY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 12th - Monthly Meeting.  
Monday 25th - Stroll - Pipemakers Park, Edgewater.  
Tuesday 26th - Mental Health Research Institute, Parkville

## MAY SPEAKER

At our May meeting we were privileged to have Detective Senior Sergeant Ron Iddles as our Speaker. Ron has served 32 years in the Victoria Police Force, of which 20 years have been with the Homicide Squad.

He is currently the longest serving and most experienced member of any Homicide Squad in Australia having investigated over 250 murders and 400 suspicious deaths.

His talk was titled "Insight into Homicide" and was based on real cases he had investigated.

In 1980 Victoria had 90 to 95 murders per year.

This has now dropped to about 65 per year.

If a death certificate has not been issued it is considered to be a suspicious death and is

sent to them to be investigated. He spoke about murder, manslaughter, suicide, unlawful acts dangerous to life and assault. He is on call 24 hours per day and gave an example of a suspicious death in Mildura he solved at 2:00 am from home. It concerned an old lady who had been found naked with a bruised leg lying under her bed. Because of his wide experience he did not consider the death suspicious. He considered that the woman had fallen out of bed and bruised her leg and when she couldn't get back into bed had suffered hypothermia. With hypothermia people feel hot and take their clothes off.

She had then crawled under the bed to try and get warm and had died.

They investigate 4 to 5 cases each year where one punch has caused death and spoke about the punch that killed David Hooke. He believes actions prove intentions and no reasonable person would expect a punch to kill a person.

This action would be an assault but someone throwing a rock at a car would be committing an act dangerous to life.

He always looks for a motive and with his years of experience can sense who might be a suspect.

Owen Turner thanked Ron for his interesting talk and presented him with a Club pen custom crafted by Doug Birchall.

(For more information Google "Ron Iddles")



*(Don O'Meara)*

## VALE JACK JEFFREYS

It is with deep regret that we mourn the passing of one of our members, Jack Jeffreys, and we offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Nell and his loved ones. Jack joined the Club on 12th February 2002. Jack passed away peacefully at John Fawkner Hospital on Thursday 19th May.

## TREASURER'S REPORT & GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At the start of the May meeting President, Peter Dimsey, expressed our sympathy to Bob Harwood and his family on the death of his wife. Joan passed away on Tuesday 26th April.

Peter noted our pleasure in seeing Len Sherwood in attendance so soon after serious surgery, and thanked Geoff Woods for his assistance with the Secretarial duties for the day.

He also welcomed Kevin Boyall and Duncan Forbes back from the Sickies list.

Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that our major annual expense of fees to Probus Centre South Pacific of \$1036 were paid during April reducing our available funds to \$829.92 at the end of that month.

At the May meeting there were 62 members in attendance . There were 13 apologies and 16 members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL

## TEA ROSTER

**JUNE** — Jim List, Harry Middlemo, Geoff Milley & George Owen.

**JULY** — Neil Pearce, Max Penaluna, Peter Pendlebury & Ken Pryor.

## COMMITTEE

The President reported on the recent Probus Central South Pacific (PCSP) Information Day and what changes are in the pipeline.

“Probus - The Magazine” has a new publisher and is being renamed “Active Retiree”.

PCSP is creating a Membership Data Base requiring Clubs to provide a listing of members. They are requiring surname and first name, title, gender, address, phone number, email address and year of birth.

Some members have concerns with such information being supplied to PCSP and the President requested committee members to arrive at 9.15am next meeting to discuss. All members should consider their opinion and be ready to give input on the issue.

## FAREWELL BRUCE THOMSEN

Bruce Thomsen is leaving us and moving to Tasmania. In farewelling Bruce, President, Peter Dimsey presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding service to the Club.

Bruce joined the Club on 12th February 1991 and took office as Secretary from 1992 to 1995. He was President in 1995/1996 and served as Functions Officer from 1996 to 1998.

Bruce was a willing cook at Strollers BBQ's and his evening Quizzes on extended strolls are legendary.

**We will miss you Bruce.**

## OUTINGS

### MAY TUESDAY 24th - BROADMEADOWS HISTORICAL SOCIETY & LUNCH

Twenty six interested people arrived at the Broadmeadows Historical Society's Museum, Pearcedale Parade and were welcomed by Elayne and Alan Whatmore.

Elayne gave an interesting PowerPoint presentation on the early history of Melbourne and Broadmeadows.

After many questions and a browse around the Museum we drove to the Westmeadows Tavern for lunch. Elayne and Alan joined us and also Jack and Bet O'Hara.

### JUNE WEDNESDAY 15th - note date CROWN CASINO VISIT

Join with the Glenroy Ladies members for this outing. Cost \$15.00 includes lunch.

The Crown June special - for an extra \$5.00 have 1/2kg of prawns - pay on the day.

Coach departs Wheatsheaf Rd. 9.30am and leaves Crown at 2.00pm.

Payment of \$15.00 this meeting.

### JULY TUESDAY 26th - MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE, PARKVILLE

Self drive to visit this leading Psychiatric Research Centre to learn about Alzheimer's disease and other psychoses and mood disorders.

Cost \$5.00pp for visit. Then "Buy Your Own" lunch nearby. Name list this meeting.

## STROLLERS

### MAY MONDAY 23rd - MELTON

The weather looked threatening as 17 strollers assembled at the Melton Oval carpark off Reserve Rd. Well equipped with umbrellas, jackets and headwear the stroll commenced by going to and through the area set aside for the Melton Botanical Gardens. Much turned over soil was seen but not much evidence of plantings.

Continuing on to the track alongside the Toolern Creek, a small detour was required when a crossing was under water but we continued on through the Police Paddock to Hanna Watts Park and then back to the oval car park. No rain was experienced on the stroll, but towards the end of lunch a sharp shower caused some seat shuffling.

### JUNE MONDAY 27th - GAVAN PARK, PASCOE VALE

Meet in the carpark on east side of Northumberland Road - Melways Map 16 - K 8 or Map 17 A - 8. Stroll will be along Westbreen Creek to north area of Northumberland Road, back to Devon Road and along Danin Street to Austin Crescent Reserve and back to the car park. Lunch at Pascoe Vale Hotel - Seniors meal approx \$15 for three courses (\$12 main & \$1.50 each for soup and sweets).

### JULY MONDAY 25th - PIPEMAKERS PARK & EDGEWATER

(Charles Fyfe)

## THOUGHTS OF THE MONTH

*Jack Williamson*

Opening champagne at breakfast is as premature as uncovering a Christening font at a wedding.

*The husband who uncomplainingly eats everything that his wife puts in front of him may live more peacefully but not necessarily any longer.*

A cannibal is a man who loves his neighbour with sauce.

*Eat drink and be merry for tomorrow they may cancel your credit card.*

There is nothing wrong with waiting for your ship to come in, but when it does you can be sure the tax man will be there to help you to unload it.

*Don't get too excited when you see the light at the end of the tunnel it may be the tax man's torch.*

A recession is when your neighbour loses his job. A depression is when you lose your job.

A panic is when your wife loses hers.