



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 12th. June 2012

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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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JUNE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 12th - Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday 20th - Join the Ladies for Coach Trip to Hastings.

Monday 25th - Stroll - Jack Roper Reserve, Broadmeadows.

Tuesday 26th - Victoria Police Air Wing, Essendon Fields.

JULY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 10th - Monthly Meeting.

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

FUTURE SPEAKERS

JUNE - Adele Thompson - The First Fleet.

JULY - Transport Ticketing Authority - myki.

MAY SPEAKER

Our speaker for May was Andrew Orr from BAE Systems who told us about current projects taking place at Williamstown dockyards.

Historically ship building commenced at Williamstown in 1867 with convict labour constructing a shipyard and graving dock for the Colony of Victoria.

At the time it was the largest dry dock in the southern hemisphere.

It was requisitioned by the Commonwealth in 1918 and eventually passed into the private control of Tenix Defence in 1987.

Tenix made Adelaide and Anzac Class frigates before BAE acquired the dockyards in 2008. BAE has a \$3.2B project to build 2 Canberra class Landing Helicopter Docks.

The Canberra and Adelaide will be fitted out and completed at Williamstown on hulls built in Spain. At 27850t the LHD's will be the Navy's largest ships, 30% larger than Melbourne or Sydney. They are designed by Navantia who built the first of this type, Juan Carlos1, for Spain's Navy.

With 352 crew these vessels are most suitable for Australia's multi-tasking requirements.

For amphibious deployment they can be configured with 16/24 helicopters and four LCM-1E landing craft while transporting a battalion of troops complete with tanks.

With two 52 bed hospitals they are also ideal for disaster relief.

The hull of the Canberra was launched in February 2011 and will arrive in Melbourne in Aug/Sept 2012 on board the heavy lift ship "Blue Marlin".

Watch the press for date, the journey up the bay will be worth seeing.

While thanking Andrew and presenting him with a Club pen, John Cheney reminisced that he started work at the dockyards while the destroyer HMAS Anzac was being built.

This being the first welded hull vessel built at Williamstown.

Alan Whatman added his thanks and closed the meeting.



GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At our May meeting Dudley Twigg introduced new member, Joe Milanese and President, Alan Whatman inducted and welcomed him to the Club.

At our May meeting, Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that during April there was \$440 subscriptions received and \$299 expended, leaving available funds of \$1367. At the May meeting there were 49 members present plus one visitor. There were 15 apologies. Thirteen members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

TEA ROSTER

JUNE - Kevin Ryan, Max Smedley, Koos Soeterboek & Keith Stewart

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

COMMITTEE

On Friday 11th May 2012 six committee members made the trip to East Doncaster to attend the "2012 Probus Information and Friendship Day" arranged by the Probus Clubs in Manningham.

Those who had not been before probably gained the most, but we all came away with something.

Some clubs do things differently and it's up to us to find what suits our circumstances the best.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Bob Brown

Time is an equal opportunity employer, each human being has exactly the same number of hours and minutes every day.

Rich people can't buy more hours, scientists can't invent new minutes, and you can't save time to spend it on another day.

Even so, time is amazingly fair and forgiving, no matter how much time you've wasted in the past, you still have an entire tomorrow.

OUTINGS

MAY WEDNESDAY 23rd - CELTIC CHOIR & PANCAKE LUNCH

Nine of our members joined the ladies to enjoy the singing of the Scottish Celtic Choir.

The seven ladies and four men were very entertaining with a wide variety of songs. The pan- cake luncheon also went down very well. We thank the ladies for offering us this opportunity.

JUNE WEDNESDAY 20th - DOLPHIN RESEARCH INSTITUTE, HASTINGS

With Glenroy Ladies' Probus members, coach to visit the Dolphin Research Institute and find out what is being done to protect these threatened animals.

Cost \$40.00 includes entry and 3 course lunch. Payment this meeting.

Coach departs Wheatsheaf Road at **9.00am**, returning approx. **4.30pm**.

JUNE TUESDAY 26th - VICTORIA POLICE AIR WING

Drive to the VicPol Air Wing Complex at Larkin Court, Essendon Fields, Essendon Airport (Melway 16 C6) to learn of the work of the Police helicopters. Limit 30 visitors. Then "Buy Your Own" lunch at Skyways International Hotel, Airport West, (Melway 16 A4). (Seniors 2/c \$13.50).

Names this meeting.

Arrive at the Complex at 10.30am.

(John Darling)

STROLLERS

MAY MONDAY 28th - Return to RIVERSIDE PARK, ABERFELDIE

Riverside Park is a well known stroll for us and 23 strollers made up their own minds as to how they would enjoy it. Some did the circuit of looping the bridges, some decided when they wanted to return and others found their favourite coffee haunt.

Although overcast the weather was good enough for an open air lunch during which John Darling gave an update on how the arrangements for the November Extended Stroll were coming together.



JUNE MONDAY 25th - JACK ROPER RESERVE, BROADMEADOWS.

Jack Roper Reserve, Camp Road, Broadmeadows. Meet at the Southern carpark (Melway 7 B11) at 10:00 am.

Don't forget your lunch and thermos.

There is undercover seating and tables but please bring your own.

JULY MONDAY 23rd - MOONEE PONDS CREEK - WESTMEADOWS.

(John Elletson)