



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 11th. June 2013

President:- Alan Whatman

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Stroll Co-ordinator:- Charles Fyfe

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Les Hooke

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott

Appointed Auditor for 2012-2013: 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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JUNE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 11th - Monthly Meeting.
Monday 24th - Stroll - Cherry Lake, Altona.

JULY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 9th - Monthly Meeting.
Tuesday 16th - "Christmas in July" at Skyways.
Monday 23rd - Stroll - TBA.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

JUNE - Karen Orchard, Melba Vale Retirement Village.
JULY - Cathryne Kelly, Respecting Patient's Choices.

MAY SPEAKER

The Speaker for May was beekeeper Ken Jepson. Ken has been a beekeeper for 49 years earning a living taking his hives to commercial orchards to pollinate fruit trees. This also provides him with honey to sell.

Ken does not use gloves to handle his bees only a black veil and sometimes a smoker. The knack is to be slow and gentle.

Bees only sting when they feel they are in danger. The female bee has a barbed sting that attaches into flesh so as to pull free of the bee's body once lodged and has its own muscle which allows it to keep delivering venom even while detached. The female dies after the sting is torn from her body.

Ken warned us not try to pull out a bee sting as this only pumps in more venom.

Try to scrape or brush it off. You can put ice on the wound or liquid Mylanta which has the same chemicals as Stingose.

The Queen is the largest bee in the hive. Her sole purpose is to lay eggs. She leaves the hive only to mate or when the hive reproduces by swarming. Her body can store sperm to fertilize her eggs which then develop into female (worker) bees.

Eggs she doesn't fertilize develop into drones. Eggs hatch into larvae.

Larvae are fed initially on Royal Jelly then on pollen.

Selected larvae are fed only Royal Jelly to develop into a Queen.

The drone's only task is to mate with the Queen bee. Once the drone mates with the Queen bee he dies. The drone has no sting.

The females are the workers in the hive. Depending on their age they successively clean out their own cell then feed the brood, receive nectar, clean and guard the hive.

Some specialize in removing corpses of their nest mates. Later still, a worker takes her first orientation flights and finally leaves the hive and typically spends the remainder of her life as a forager.

The pollination of our food crops is so important that Ken believes that without bees there would be no humans within 4 years.



VALE THOMAS BROWN

It is with deep regret that we mourn the passing of one of our members, Thomas Brown, and we offer our deepest sympathy to his loved ones. Tom joined the Club on 9th October 1990 and moved onto the Non-Active list on 11th August 2008.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At the start of our May meeting President, Bob Brown, called for one minutes silence to remember Life Member Don O'Meara.

Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that during April we had income of \$480 from Subscriptions and 7 cents interest.

Expenses were Hall Rental \$45, Communicator \$16.50, Morning Teas \$14, Conference Fees \$60 and Affiliation Fees \$864.

Resulting in available funds of \$1532.77.

Subscriptions are now past due so if you have not paid Wal yet, please do so.

At the May meeting there were 52 members present and there were 5 apologies.

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

Our President emphasised our need to fill the position of Secretary.

So if you think you can assist please talk to Bob or Neil.

TEA ROSTER

JUNE - Ken Dahl, Peter Dimsey, Eddie Ebeyer & Alan Evans.

JULY - John Eyles, Duncan Forbes, Keith Greathead & Murray Gorham.

COMMITTEE NEWS

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.

We will be brought up to date with PSPL news at the June meeting by those members who attended the Manningham Interest Group Information Day on Friday 31st May.

MAKE IT SPECIAL

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

To make the occasion special it has been suggested that we have a catered luncheon at the October meeting. It is early days yet so further suggestions are most welcome,

OUTINGS

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

Drive to Skyways Hotel, Airport West for a Three Course "Christmas in July" lunch with entertainment by Janene Joy featuring "Broadway Melodies".

Cost \$20 .00. Names this meeting please.

STROLLERS

MAY MONDAY 27th - EDWARDES LAKE PARK, RESERVOIR

Light rain fell on the way to Edwardes Lake but it was dry as 18 strollers assembled.

We were surprised to see the vast numbers of water birds as we started off to circuit the lake.



A bit past half way Roy had a tumble receiving nasty lacerations to his forehead and nose. A compress was applied to quell the bleeding and an ambulance called.

Fortunately this was the closest section of track to the road thus giving easy access to the paramedics.

Roy was soon on his way to RMH and we completed the circuit and had an early lunch while we contemplated the morning's events. Geoff Woods kindly offered to take Roy's car back to his house.

JUNE MONDAY 24th - CHERRY LAKE, ALTONA

Enter the reserve's parking area off Millers Road. - Melways Map 54 K9.

Stroll will be around the lake so it will be all level going. There are seats and tables under cover but please bring chairs and lunches and hope for a sunny day.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Geoff Milley

Young Jack was having trouble with his maths, despite everything his parents tried. Eventually they decided to send him to a new Catholic school.

After the first day, Jack came home and didn't even kiss his mother.

Instead, he went straight to his room and started studying. The next day, the same thing happened.

Straight to his room to study. After a few weeks of this, Jack came home with a report card. He'd scored an A in maths.

His mother asked; "Son, what was it?" Was it the nuns?" Jack shook his head.

"Well, was it the books, the discipline, the structure, the uniforms?" "What was it?"

Jack looked at her and said, "Well, on the first day of school, when I saw that guy nailed to the plus sign, I knew they weren't fooling around."