



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.

A.G.M & Next Monthly Meeting:- Tuesday 10th March 2020 - 9.30am start

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2019/20

President:- Noel Walsh

Vice President:- Vacant

Treasurer:- Barry O'Connor

Communicator

Editor:- John Elletson

Distributor:- Geoff Woods

Attendance & Nametags:- Les Hooke

Membership Records:- Les Hooke

Speakers:- Max Smedley

Secretary & Public Officer -

Peter Dimsey Mail to

PO Box 604, Glenroy 3046

Past President: Ken Pryer

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

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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MARCH 2020 ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 10th- AGM & Monthly Meeting. 9:30am start.

Tuesday 17th- Computer Group - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Wednesday 18th - Ladies Coach Tour - Tungamah Silo Art Trail & Lunch. Leaves 8.30am

Monday 23rd - Stroll - John Aitken Reserve, Gisborne.

Thursday 26th- Sip N'Chat - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

APRIL 2020 ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 14th- Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday 15th- Ladies Coach Tour - Noorilim Estate Homestead, Wahring.

Tuesday 21st- Computer Group - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Thursday 23rd- Sip N'Chat - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Monday 27th or some other date? - Stroll -

FUTURE SPEAKERS

MARCH - Bianca Friend - Australian Wildlife.

APRIL - Cheryl Williams - Smith Family.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

The speaker at our February meeting was Justin Edwards from Moreland's libraries to talk to us about libraries in general and Glenroy library in particular.

He opened with a brief history of libraries which go back as far as 3000 BC. Libraries in early civilisations stored writings on clay tablets which progressed to papyrus or parchment scrolls. Many early rulers took pride in building libraries to store the knowledge of the day.

The Victorian State Library was founded in 1854 thanks to the initiative of Supreme Court Judge Redmond Barry and Lieutenant Governor La Trobe.

The City of Moreland has libraries on the five sites, among them Glenroy due to be relocated to a new \$25M community hub in W heatsheaf Road. In 2018-19 Moreland's libraries had 237,185 books and 30,051

digital items. There were 41,479 registered members of which 25,166 are active, resulting in 670,500 annual visits.

But libraries are more than just books. They contain forms, music, newspapers, videos, and free Wi-Fi to search for whatever ... There are digital options such as:-

E-news with newspapers from around the world, but they also have hard copies of Australian newspapers (kept for one month) and some 90 current magazines.

e-music from Sony with 5 million items of which you can download three per day or stream for five hours a day.

E-movies where you can borrow 10 movies per month to watch on your smart TV.

To assist senior citizens cope with the new technology, Glenroy library has people available at 2 PM every Wednesday, so just drop in with your problems. You can also ring 9389 8603 and book a free one-on-one session with a computer expert.

Other Library programs include "Word Play" for preschoolers (and migrants) and also the "1000 books before school" program. There are "libraries after dark" on Thursday nights to 10 PM as an alternative to the pokies.

There is also a home library service for those unable to visit a library.

Jack Isles thanked Justin for prompting our interest and presented him with a Club Pen hand turned by Doug Birchall.



CLUB NEWS

In the absence of President Noel Walsh, Vice President, Barry O'Connor opened the February Meeting and welcomed members.

Les Hooke reported there were 32 members present and 8 apologies.

Later in the meeting 9 members indicated they would be having lunch at the RSL.

Barry O'Connor put on his Treasurer's hat and reported that we started the month of January with a balance of \$3393.49, and we had \$82 Door Prize Income.

Expenses were \$45 Hall Rental, \$16.25 Communicators, \$30 Morning Teas and \$60 for Door Prize purchases.

Currently we have available funds of \$3324.24.

Barry advised that the Annual Subscription would remain at \$50 and can now be paid.

COMMITTEE

The Club's AGM will precede the March General Meeting when the Committee for 2020-2021 will be elected.

The AGM will commence at the earlier time of 9.30am.

With assistance from the Moreland City Council Grant the Club will supply a light lunch in the hall after the meeting and all members are encouraged to stay.

Partners are welcome but for catering purposes please ring Barry O'Connor before the meeting.

Maybe a few extra helpers for Joe, Murray and Merva in the kitchen would be nice?

The Committee has not received any Nominations for the position of Functions Officer.

This is proving quite difficult to fill.

Perhaps the appointment of a person to liaise with the Ladies Club for Outings would go some way to providing continuity?

Also causing a problem, is finding a replacement for Max Smedley to look after the Speakers. Max has been doing the job since 2016 and had wanted to relinquish the reins last year, but this year he is adamant. He will hand over with three months already booked.

He is willing to assist his successor and pass on his contacts and methods.

Probus South Pacific also have a register of sorts that can be of some help.

There has only ever been six Editors of the "Communicator" and the current one would like a break. If you are not happy with computers, but could write the report on the

TEA ROSTER

MARCH - Merva & Murray Gorham.

APRIL - Jack & Margaret Isles.

BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Milanese & Faye Woods ... Geoff Freeman, Noel Walsh, Noel Wenlock & Special Birthday, Tony Bajoras (70).

RECOMMENDATIONS

Bea Hammond is happy to recommend a local Handyman who did good work for her recently. If you are looking for a trustworthy worker, have a chat with Bea.

STROLLERS

FEBRUARY MONDAY 24TH COULSON GARDENS, MARIBYRNONG

Heading off around the Maribyrnong River twenty-one strollers enjoyed their morning stroll, most made it around the circuit.

The weather was very pleasant although we needed to sit under shelter while we ate lunch and had a catch up chat.



MARCH MONDAY 23RD JOHN AITKEN RESERVE, GISBORNE

Travel along the Calder Freeway, take the

Gisborne turnoff and travel along Melbourne Road to the round-about.

Turn right into Aitken Street and travel through the next round-about.

The John Aitken Reserve car park is the first opening on the right. (Melways 197 E/F 7).

Arrival by 10.30 will be fine.

Come along and enjoy the company.

Do not forget a hat, your lunch, thermos and a chair.

OUTINGS

MARCH WEDNESDAY 18TH -

Coach tour of Tungamah Silo Art Trail. A full day out leaving at 8:30am.

Morning tea and a two course lunch is included.

Names and Payment is required at time of booking. (March meeting) Cost \$70.00

APRIL WEDNESDAY 15TH—Coach tour to Noorilim Estate, Warring.

A full day Coach trip to Noorilim Estate Homestead, Warring, leaving at 9:00am for the homestead, with a tour of the gardens and mansion.

Lunch at Nagambie Lakes and Information Centre. Cost \$70.00

Names and payment at March meeting.

Note: Due to our late meeting date in April this outing is the day after our meeting,