



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.

**A.G.M and next Monthly Meeting:- Tuesday 13th. March 2012
9.30 am. start at the Masonic Centre**

President:- Peter Dimsey

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Bowls Co-ordinator:- Les Hooke

Catering Officer:- Eddie Ebeyer

Appointed Officers for 2011-2012:

Auditor:- Jack O'Hara

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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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MARCH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 13th - AGM & Monthly Meeting. **(9.30am start at Masonic Centre)**
Wednesday 14th - 28th Annual Probus Open Fours Tournament - Buckley Park
Friday 16th - Moreland Council Materials Recycling Facility and lunch.
Monday 19th - Stroll - Yarra Flats, via Heidelberg. (Note change of date)
Monday 26th to Friday 30th - High Country Five Day Tour.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 10th - Monthly Meeting.
Monday 23rd - Stroll

FUTURE SPEAKERS

MARCH - Speaker from Vic Roads on the M80 Ring Road Upgrade.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Our February Speaker, the Speaker at our last monthly meeting was Elayne Whatman, Secretary of the Broadmeadows Historical Society Inc. who was assisted by her husband Alan, President of the Society. Elayne spoke about early settlers James Robertson, a blacksmith and Alexander Gibbs, a carpenter. They both built houses in the district in the 1850's. (Gowrie House and Meadowbank respectively.)



James Robertson and his family had an adventurous voyage from Britain as during the voyage they had to abandon ship when it caught fire and they spent time in Rio de Janeiro before another boat was sent to bring the survivors to Australia. (Early voyages to Australia were via Cape Horn.) Gibbs first rented 640 acres of farming land at Campbellfield and prospered. In 1848 he selected farm land with Robertson and called the property Meadowbank. She spoke about the early days in Glenroy and showed slides of the district including many old houses and views of Wheatsheaf Rd and early documents. Some members of our Club have been very active in the Historical Society including the late Jim Hume, Bert Housden and John Ness. She mentioned that in 1908 Bert Housden and his brother had been paid sixpence per week to light the 4 kerosene street lamps in Glenroy. Duncan Forbes thanked Elayne for her talk which had brought back many memories and presented her with a Club pen custom made by Doug Birchall

(Don O'Meara)



GENERAL CLUB NEWS

There were 53 members in attendance at the February meeting with 15 apologies and three visitors.

Fifteen members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

At our February meeting Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported income of \$101.05 during January including \$51 from the Special Effort. After regular expenses of \$83.30 there was \$516.96 of available funds, a reduction of \$669 from this time last year. Annual Subscription of \$40.00 is now due.



OUTINGS

FEBRUARY MONDAY 13th 2012 CITY SIGHTS COACH TOUR

Eleven members and eight wives joined with a further sixteen members of the Glenroy Ladies Probus Club for an enjoyable coach tour South of the Yarra.

After morning tea in a park on Kings Way (with toilet and BBQ's), our driver, Bill Martin managed to get the coach through the narrow streets of Albert Park and South Melbourne and compare its imposing Town Hall with the tiny portable corrugated iron houses.

The little bit of England with the elegant terrace houses facing their formally fenced private gardens of the St. Vincent Estate.

Through the back streets of St Kilda and down beside the bay before heading East to Caulfield Racecourse for lunch at the Glasshouse Café.

After lunch it was North to the leafy suburb of 'Trak' to see the homes of the rich and famous.

Thanks to John Darling for persevering to get this outing off the ground, those that didn't join us missed a good day out.

MARCH FRIDAY 16th 2012 MORELAND COUNCIL MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY

Self drive to visit the Polytrade Materials Recycling Facility, Newlands Road, Coburg North.

Then "Buy Your Own" lunch at Zagame's Hotel, Edwardes St., Reservoir, Melway 18 D5.

As there is limited parking at the Facility, meet at Zagame's car park at 10.15 am.

MARCH 26th to 30th 2012 HIGH COUNTRY FIVE DAY TOUR

The coach for our five day tour to Mansfield will leave at 8:30am from Uniting Church, Wheatsheaf Road. Cases can be left at the Church on Sunday evening between 6:30-7pm.

MAY WEDNESDAY 23rd TIGERS - CLUBHOUSE LUNCH

Coach to Tigers Clubhouse, Hopper's Crossing, arriving for morning tea followed by entertainment and 2 course lunch.

Cost \$24.00. Name list this meeting. **This outing needs 35+ to proceed.**

(John Darling)

STROLLERS

FEBRUARY MONDAY 27th - RIVERSIDE PARK, ABERFELDIE

Sixteen intrepid folk arrived at the rendezvous for the first stroll of the year.

Due to the persistent rain it was decided to defer the stroll at this location until later in the year. Many thanks to those who came.

MARCH MONDAY 19th - YARRA FLATS PARK

Please note earlier date.

Yarra Flats Park Melways Map 32 C6.

Turn off Banksia Street at first set of lights past Lower Heidelberg Road and then left into park. Car park is on the right,

Please bring your chairs, lunch and thermos as usual.

(Charles Fyfe)

BOWLS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 14th - 28th ANNUAL PROBUS OPEN FOURS TOURNAMENT

We have 3 teams playing and we are playing at Buckley Park.

Unfortunately I will not be there, Ron Howard will take over for me.

One thing skips should do is get in touch with their players.

Morning tea is from 9.30.

The game starts at 10.30am. Good luck to all.

(Les Hooke)

TEA ROSTER

MARCH - Ron Howard, Ted Hucker, Ron James & Jim List.

APRIL - Harry Middlemo, Geoff Milley, George Owen & Max Penaluna

THOUGHTS for the MONTH—Alan Whatman

“Constant kindness can accomplish much, as the sun makes ice melt, Kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust and hostility to evaporate.”

Albert Schweitzer

“The man who is a pessimist before 48 knows too much:
If he is an optimist after 48, he knows too little.”

Mark Twain

“It is not in the stars to hold our destiny, but in ourselves.”

William Shakespeare

“Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you.
Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you.
Love me and I may be forced to love you.”

William Arthur Ward

“Insanity: Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”

Albert Einstein

MEMBER'S NEWS

The March general meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting and will be held at the **Masonic Centre, Station Rd. Oak Park on 13th March**. It will commence at **9:30 am** and be followed by a catered luncheon at a cost \$12pp.

If you intend to stay for this lunch, please pay as you enter, and if you can have the correct money it will assist those on the door. Sherry, wine and orange juice will be provided, but if you prefer beer you will need to BYO.

We welcome **two new members**, Murray Gorham and Arthur Jarvis, they will be inducted into the Club at the March meeting.

Ed's PS

As a postscript to the two articles on Wal's desire to receive your subscriptions and Charles' aborted stroll, we can advise that Wal will catch you and he does not take NO for an answer!

After travelling to the Maribyrnong Wal was not going to miss out on a stroll and attempted to cajole five others to accompany him. Jack didn't have much choice as he came in Wal's car. After 10 minutes money talked and the Treasurer in footsteps of Enid Blyton led 'the hapless five up the river' In truth the rain had stopped and all were keen to go.

The filter lakes were full and the small creek running beside Afton Street had broken its' banks. Quite a sight.

In the rotunda we were joined for lunch by the Turners so the stroll **was** a success for eight strollers.



MEMBERS AGE PROFILE

13th March 2012

Age	Number of Members	
60	2	••
63	1	•
66	1	•
67	1	•
68	1	•
69	1	•
70	1	•
71	1	•
72	2	••
73	3	•••
74	3	•••
75	1	•
76	3	•••
77	2	••
78	5	•••••
79	3	•••
80	4	••••
81	8	••••••••
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87	5	•••■
88	2	••
89	2	••
90	1	•
91	1	•
93	1	■
94	1	•
95	1	•
Total	83	

Each • denotes 1 active member
Each ■ denotes 1 non-active member