



# 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.

**Next Monthly Meeting:- Tuesday 10th. March 2015, 9.30 am**

### ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2013/14

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Stroll Co-ordinator:- Arthur Jarvis

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Murray Gorham

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott  
Asst. - Joe Milanese

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 10th - AGM & Monthly Meeting. 9.30am start at UC Hall.

Wednesday 11th - Annual Probus Bowls Tournament

Wednesday 18th - Coach tour to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens and Lunch.

Monday 23rd - Stroll - Gavin Park - Pascoe Vale.

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

Monday 30th - Committee Meeting at Rotary Centre, Glenroy at 9.30am.

## APRIL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 14th - Monthly Meeting.

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

Monday 27th - Stroll -

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

**MARCH** - Ray Averill - Nine Companies in 42 Years.

**APRIL**- David Bonnici - Federal Police.

## FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Our speaker for February was Det. Sgt. Bert Randall. Bert has had 30+ years with Victoria Police after he left the Army. He is currently President of Fawkner RSL.

He started in uniform at Coburg and had many memorable experiences, some of which he related. He really enjoyed his time with the motor bikes. He remembers fondly riding in a squad of 5 bikes escorting the Governor to and from the football at the MCG.

He still enjoys riding motor bikes. Bert commented that although motor bikes have specific advantages in some situations there are not as many bikes in service today.

Their high cost is one reason, with one BMW bike being equivalent to two cars.

Bert could not comment on the current police operations with bikie gangs other than to say there are many motorcycle clubs that are folk that just like to ride bikes.

The Ulysses Club and the Blue Knights are not criminals and the Victoria Motorcycle Club in addition to their charitable rides are one of the top blood donors for the Red Cross.

There was a lot of study required when Bert applied for CIB. He remembers the Selection Panels and the 1800 questions. He served with 7 CI Branches and was involved in cooperative cases with NSW and Federal Police.

One case took him to Long Beach CA. While in the USA Bert noted that compared to Victorian police the US police carried more weapons, as did most of the population. As Bert had been a weapons instructor in the army he was used to being around firearms but he was amazed at the extensive home armories of some police in USA. In answer to a question Bert reported that tasers did not always work, thick clothing can impede their effectiveness. Don Parfett thanked Bert for his interesting talk and presented him with a Club Pen turned by Doug Birchall.





## TEA ROSTER

MARCH - Harry Middlemo & Geoff Milley.

APRIL - Barry O'Conner & George Owen.

If you cannot attend on your rostered day swap with a mate or contact Catering Officer, Gordon Scott

## OUTINGS

**SIP N' CHAT - GLENROY R.S.L.** This activity is on the 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 10.30am On 26th February, 8 Members attended the Sip N' Chat at Glenroy RSL.

### FEBRUARY THURSDAY 19TH - VISIT TO NEW HOME OF ESSENDON FOOTBALL CLUB

Thirty-three members of the Mens and Ladies Clubs with family and friends enjoyed the tour of the new Essendon Football Club's training facilities at Tullamarine. Two football fields, one the size of the MCG and the other Etihad Stadium. Also at ground level player's areas and gymnasium, an 40m x 40m indoor practise field with a three lap pool in the basement.

Essendon ex-player legend Jack Jones with Hall of Fame Curator, Gregor McCaskie, kept us supplied with endless facts and figures and historic tales.

Lunch was a roast in the cafe, our thanks to Peter Pendlebury and John Darling.



**MARCH WEDNESDAY 18TH - CRANBOURNE BOTANIC GARDENS** Coach visit to these Gardens with Glenroy Probus Ladies. Coach departs Murrell St at 9.30am returning about 5.00pm. A one hour walking tour or a ride in a privately operated transporter, costs \$6.00 payable to the operator. Tour Cost \$40.00 including 2/c lunch at the Kelly's Motor Club Hotel. Coach is full with a waiting list. Payment this meeting.

**APRIL WEDNESDAY 15TH - MYSTERY COACH TOUR.** Coach departs Murrell St at 9.00am returning approximately 5.00pm. A great day out is guaranteed! Cost \$40.00. Limited seats available. Names this meeting.

*(John Darling)*

## STROLLERS

### FEBRUARY MONDAY 23RD - RIVERSIDE PARK - ABERFELDIE

On a pleasant morning with a light wind blowing 17 strollers set off along the east bank of the river, most walked to the bridge at Raleigh Rd. and then back along the west bank to the foot bridge and then returned to the car park. Lunch and the usual chit-chat followed. We were lucky to avoid the storm which broke shortly after we left the park.

### MARCH MONDAY 23RD - GAVIN PARK - PASCOE VALE

Meet in the Gavin Park car park, downhill on the east side of Northumberland Rd. Melway map 17A/8.

*(Arthur Jarvis)*