



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 8th March 2016, 9.30 am

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2015/16

President:- Wal Jarvis

Vice President:- John Vandenberg

Communicator Editor:- John Elletson

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Attendance & Nametags:- Dudley
Twigg

Membership Records:- Dudley Twigg

Speakers:- John Vandenberg

Secretary & Public Officer -
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Treasurer:- Barry O'Connor

Past President & Welfare Officer:
Les Hooke

Functions Officer:-
Asst. - Joe Milanese
Stroll Co-ordinator:- Arthur Jarvis

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Murray Gorham

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott
Asst. - Joe Milanese

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 ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 8th - AGM & Monthly Meeting. 9.30am start at UC Hall.

Wednesday 16th - Coach and Lunch - Ballarat Begonia Festival.

Monday 21st - Stroll - Logan Reserve, Altona. N.B. 3rd Monday.

Thursday 24th - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 12th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 18th - Stroll - N.B. 3rd Monday.

Thursday 28th - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

MARCH - Natalie Mills - Dorset Rehab for Retired People.

APRIL - Don Miller - Critical Look at Sport, "The West at Play".

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Our February Speaker was Peter Johnson, accompanied by Bradley Smith from Yooralla. Peter was born with Spina Bifida; the position of the lesion determines the degree of disability, so Peter has full use of hands and arms. Peter had three years at Belmore Special School, where he had some therapy and teaching.

At 17 years of age he went into respite care where he attained up to grade ten.

He included sport where possible; at one point he was sabotaged by tacks spread on the play area. He was supported by a Charity up till 17 years old and moved into Yooralla Hostel, where they were classified by age groups – they included up to 60 year olds.

They had communal bathrooms, and they needed day placement. Later, they had single rooms and bathrooms.

After 7 years he is now in a single unit, and does his own cooking. He has a Helper in one day per week for cleaning. Now he is self-sufficient, and can handle public transport.

He has been involved in raising money in a charity Telethon. He has taken to video producing; as he had difficulty with his hearing, he developed his skills in video editing .

Channel 31 has some programmes in which he acts as Editor and Floor Manager.

He has been involved in car programmes and Community Education programmes.

He feels he should use physio more! But he is very proficient handling his wheelchair!

Peter handles shopping O.K., but needs help to reach high shelves (Don't we all?).

He reads a lot and enjoys assembling jigsaw puzzles.

Peter lives in Box Hill. Yooralla has helped him to handle everyday living.

At present, Yooralla's finances are provided by N.D.I.S. 50% and Fund Raising 40%.

Gordon Scott thanked Peter for showing that disability can be coped with by education, training, and effort.



(Doug Birchall)

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At the February meeting President, Wal Jarvis welcomed everyone especially the dozen ladies who accepted the invitation to attend.

Wal also welcomed Sandra Hanley, District Probus Chairperson, who responded congratulating President Wal and the Members on the decision to open membership to Ladies. She commented that Combined Membership was now the norm for all new clubs. She wished us success in this venture.

At the meeting there were 40 members present, 8 apologies and the 12 lady visitors.

Ten members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

Treasurer, Barry O'Connor, reported that during January there was income of \$10.

Expenses were \$58.20 for Rent and Photocopying the "Communicator" and Morning Teas \$32. Current available funds are \$1420.32.

Probus South Pacific Limited have advised that Capitation Fees have risen from \$11.50 to \$12.25pa. The annual subscription for their magazine "Active Retirees" remains at \$10.00

Our Club's Annual Subscription remains at \$50.00 and is due on 1st March. Please pay Treasurer, Barry O'Conner.

This issue's Speaker Report will be the last provided by Doug Birchall. Doug's support of the "Communicator" goes way back, he was Editor in 1991-93. Thanks Doug for your reports over the last two or three years. Doug's departure means there is a vacancy for some wordsmith to step into. If anyone would like to offer this service please contact me.

(John Elletson)

TEA ROSTER

MARCH - Eddie Ebeyer, John Eyles and Duncan Forbes.

APRIL - Charles Fyfe, Jacob George & Keith Greathead.

COMMITTEE

February's Committee Meeting was held on Monday 29th where a letter of resignation from Max Couch was received.

Max is one of the top ten of elder members and we are sorry that ill health has prompted his decision. His resignation was accepted with regret.

The Club's AGM will precede the March General Meeting when the Committee for 2016-2017 will be elected.

BOWLS

Murray Gorham reports that we have one team of three entered in the 2016 Annual Probus Bowls Tournament at Buckley Park on Wednesday 9th March. The day after our March Meeting. Matches start at 10.30am and Morning Tea is available beforehand. There will be two games of two bowl triples and Lunch and Afternoon Tea will be provided.

OUTINGS

SIP N' CHAT - GLENROY R.S.L. This activity is on the 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH at 10.30am.

FEBRUARY TUESDAY 23RD - HIGHLANDS HOTEL, CRAIGIBURN Forty-five participants enjoyed the Devonshire Morning Tea and the great Buffet Lunch at Highlands Hotel, Craigieburn. Many thanks to John Darling for this initiative.

MARCH WEDNESDAY 16TH - BEGONIA FESTIVAL, BALLARAT Join the Ladies' Club on a coach trip to the Begonia Festival at Ballarat Botanical Gardens followed by a two course luncheon at Ballarat Leagues Club. Will leave Cromwell Street at 9:00am. Payment at March meeting please. Cost includes entry and self guided tour of Festival and lunch. Cost \$45.00

MARCH THURSDAY 24TH - SIP N' CHAT - GLENROY R.S.L. In February 10 Members attended and enjoyed the chat at this event. Any members wishing to join us in March will be most welcome. Time 10.30am.

(Peter Pendlebury)

STROLLERS

FEBRUARY MONDAY 22ND - RIVER-SIDE PARK, ABERFELDIE

In excellent walking conditions 19 strollers set off along the east bank off the river. About half the strollers made it to the nearest coffee shop while the rest carried on to the Maribyrnong Road bridge. On the return trip along the west bank we admired the beautiful homes and lovely gardens. After a nice lunch and the usual chit chat we all headed home.



MARCH MONDAY 21ST - LOGAN RESERVE, ALTONA This is opposite the pier- Melway 54 H 11. Reminder- it is the 3rd Monday instead of the 4th Monday because the 4th is Easter Monday

(Arthur Jarvis)