



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. and next Monthly Meeting:- Tuesday 12th March 2019- 9.30am start

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2018/19

President:- Ken Pryor

Vice President:- Noel Walsh

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: John Vandenberg

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 2019 ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 12th - Monthly Meeting. and AGM
Tuesday 19th - Computer Group - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.
Wednesday 20th - Ladies Coach Trip to Arthurs Seat and Lunch.
Monday 25th - Stroll - Gisborne, John Aitken Reserve
Thursday 28th - Sip N'Chat - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

APRIL 2019 ACTIVITIES

Monday 1st- Committee Meeting at Glenroy Rotary Centre at 9.30am.
Tuesday 9th- Monthly Meeting.
Tuesday 16th- Computer Group - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.
Tuesday 23rd- Stroll - TBA. Note day change.
Thursday 25th- Sip N'Chat - Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.
Monday 29th- Bus Crown Casino, show & lunch.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

MARCH - Alex Carter - Absolute Care, "Care in the home".
APRIL - Robin Panopoulos - Bunnings.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Our February speaker was Jim Callahan to tell us about the "Africa Mercy". This is a 16,000 ton Danish ferry converted into a floating hospital to provide surgical assistance to the poorest people in the world, usually around the coast of Africa. Of the 9.6 billion people on earth 3 billion live on less than three dollars a day, 5 billion have no access to emergency surgery. In 1978 Americans, Don and Deyon Stephens founded the not-for-profit organization "Mercy Ships". Since then these ships have provided 2.5 million operations in 70 countries.

Currently a new 37,000 ton ship, "Global Mercy", is being purpose-built in China.

"Africa Mercy" spends two months of the year at dry dock in South Africa as maintenance is essential. It has to house and feed 300 crew and provide its own water, sanitation, electricity and security. It has a P-12 school, internet/wifi, library, gymnasium, kitchen (400 lunches), bank, general store and even a Starbucks.

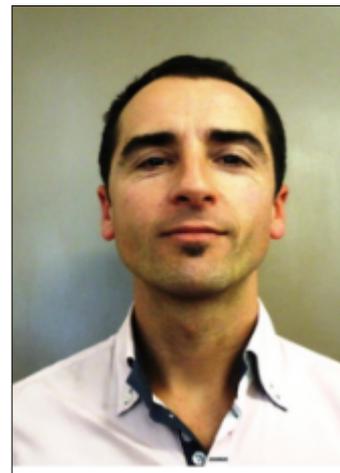
Its four theatres and recovery ward are world-class; there are 82 Ward Beds and two ICU beds. It has radiology and CT scanner, laboratory, blood bank and hospital laundry.

An advanced team negotiates with the government of the next country involved and distributes information on future screening days. After screening the procedure dates are set. Ailments covered are tumours, cleft lips and palates, hernia paediatric orthopaedics, obstetrics and fistula repair.

Jim and his wife volunteer for three monthly periods. Volunteers pay their own way to get there and pay board while on the ship. The organization is financed by donations of which 80% come from individuals.

More information can be sourced online at www.mercyships.com.au.

Also SBS is into the second series of "The Surgery Ship", so try 'SBS On Demand' for recent and earlier episodes.



VALE BRIAN CALLINGHAM

It is with deep regret that we mourn the passing of one of our members, Brian Callingham, and we offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Val, family and friends.

Brian joined the Club on 8th October 1991.

Brian passed away on Sunday 17th February 2019, aged 89.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At the February meeting with the President being on holidays, Vice President, Noel Walsh opened the meeting and welcomed all present including three visitors, Margaret Partridge and John & Phyllis Swift.

Les Hooke reported there were 35 members present and eight apologies.

During the meeting nine members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that we started January with available funds of \$2626.12 and we received door prize income of \$64 and \$16 from sale of pens.

To finalize the end of our financial year, the balance of the Petty Cash float of \$73.25 was returned to the main account.

Expenses were Hall rental \$45, Communicator \$10.90, Door Prize Purchases \$60 and \$15 bank fee to stop a cheque.

Currently, available funds are \$2648.42.

Barry reported that he was now collecting the Annual Subscriptions of \$50.

There were no Sickies reported at the February meeting..

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Club's AGM will precede the March General Meeting when the Committee for 2019-2020 will be elected.

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

In past years we have tried to organise members to relocate to the RSL for lunch but the numbers are sometimes lacking.

This year the Club will supply a light lunch in the hall after the meeting and all members are encouraged to stay.

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

Maybe a few helpers in the kitchen after?

BIRTHDAYS

Lucy Milanese & Faye Woods ... Tony Bajoras, Noel Wenlock and Special Birthdays Geoff Freeman (80) & Noel Walsh (70).

TEA ROSTER

MARCH - John Reisenberg & Lyn Shields.

APRIL- Moira Smedley & Diane Walsh.

COMPUTERS

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH - GLENROY R.S.L. TIME 10:30am.

Come along this month with your problems and ideas, five members did in February.

SIP N'CHAT

THURSDAY MARCH 28TH - GLENROY R.S.L.

In February, 5 members braved the heat for a chat at this event. Any members wishing to join us in March, the time is 10.30am. Lady members or partners most welcome.

OUTINGS

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH - COACH TRIP TO ARTHURS SEAT AND LUNCH AT ROSEBUD RSL

For those that have their names on the list for this trip the coach will leave Cromwell Street at 9am and return at approx 4.30pm.

The Cost \$50, payment at the March meeting please.

If you desire you will be able to have a 30 minute ride on the Gondola (disable friendly).

This will be an extra \$19 to be paid on the day.

MONDAY 29TH APRIL - CROWN CASINO OUTING

This is a Red Carpet Experience at The Palms. Bus transport to and fro is provided and the entertainment includes a Cabaret Show and light lunch.

We will be at the Casino for about four hours.

The Ladies Club has been invited to join us.

Expected cost \$20. More information later.

The booking sheet will still be available at the March Meeting.

STROLLERS

FEBRUARY MONDAY 25TH RIVERSIDE PARK, ABERFELDIE

On a bright sunny day, 20 strollers (including 3 first time strollers) headed off down the Maribyrnong River as far as Maribyrnong Road bridge then along the south side of the river to the pedestrian bridge and back to the car park.

As this was the first stroll for 2019 it was good to have a leisurely lunch and have time to spend on a catch up chat.

MARCH MONDAY 25TH GISBORNE - John Aitken Reserve

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 678 C/D2 (Previously 197 E/F7).

Come along and enjoy the company. Do not forget a hat, your lunch, thermos and a chair.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU -TONY BAJORAS

In 1948 in postwar Germany Tony's parents not want to return to Lithuania and took up Arthur Calwell's invitation to migrate to Australia.

They came to Prospect Street, Glenroy and Tony was educated at Oak Park.

He started to study science at Melbourne University and obtained a job as a laboratory assistant at DTS in the city.

They analyzed export dairy products mainly destined for England. When England joined the Common Market Australia's exports dropped. Fortunately Japan entered the market and they required extreme purity, so to prove there was zero preservatives in the dairy products staff grew from 12 to 400 to provide 1000s of different types of analysis.

Tony completed a Diploma of Applied Chemistry and in 2005 with the company doing 2000 tests per day a \$0.5 million IT software installation was required putting Tony on a new learning curve.

After 42 years at DTS Tony joined Silica. Here his job was more digital than chemical ensuring good communications of data between offices in Melbourne, Leon and Chicago.

Tony retired in 2015 and shares his time between golf, Probus and the Melbourne PC Users group.