



COMMUNICATOR

PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

Meets at 10:00 am on the second Tuesday of each Month
at the Glenroy RSL, 186 Glenroy Road, Glenroy.

Next Monthly Meeting - Tuesday May 10, 2022.
at Glenroy RSL

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2022/23

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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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APRIL SPEAKER



Our April Speaker, Dr Richard Smart, a recently joined member in Glenroy Probus, delivered an interesting talk on Climate Change, backed up with well-illustrated points and several graphs in a Power Point presentation.

Perhaps one of the most influential graphs was that showing the increase in global carbon dioxide levels from 1950 to 2020.

Before 1950 the CO₂ parts per million had never risen above 300 parts per million for thousands of years, but by 2020 the level had increased to over 400 parts per million.

Together with this, he explained that CO₂ was the most damaging greenhouse gas compared with its rivals methane and nitrous oxide, and the greenhouse gases are the most damaging to the atmosphere.

This in turn causes increased temperature, which causes increased water vapour leading to increased atmospheric instability.

Richard used his special area of expertise - the wine industry - to illustrate a specific area of environmental damage. Graphs showed that the wine industry causes 1% of CO₂ emission and the breakup of this 1% was shown to be: Vineyard 15%; winery 17%; transport 18%; and the packaging 50%.

This led Richard to emphasise that this packaging (glass bottles!) should either be replaced by other materials, or a container deposit scheme be introduced in Victoria. He mentioned that successful deposit schemes had been successful in three other states, SA (first State to introduce a scheme in 1977); NSW; and WA.

Options to glass bottles for wine included decanting from a larger vessel; "Frugalpak" containers; "Trentham Estate Wine pouches"; and even paper bottles.

Although the grand Australian invention, and alternative to bottles, the wine cask wasn't mentioned, it obviously also fits the bill. Incidentally, our indigenous Australians were one of the first groups to enthusiastically embrace these containers soon after their inception, proving once again their traditional concern for the environment (as well perhaps their grasp of price differentials).

Further to the 1% example of the wine industry, another graph and a quote from the UN showed that the most serious environmental problem came from fossil fuels. The secretary of the United Nations, General Antonio Guterres was quoted: "Climate activists are sometimes depicted as dangerous radicals, but the truly dangerous radicals are the countries that are increasing the production of fossil fuels."

Another graph showed global carbon production had increased little from the original records in 1900, to 1.3 metric tons in 1940. By 2010 it had risen to 10,000 tons, an incredibly steep increase.

Richard assisted at the closing of the meeting by drawing three Door Prizes;

- Liliana's Knitted Rug Peter Dimsey
- Coles Vouchers Les Hooke and Jacob George

MAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 3rd- Book Club.

Monday 9th- Devonshire Tea at "Twenty One Days Later".

Tuesday 10th- Monthly Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 9:45am.

Tuesday 17th- Technology Group - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

Monday 23rd- Stroll - Coulson Gardens, Maribyrnong beside the river.

Tuesday 24th- Sip n'chat - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

Tuesday 31st- Committee Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

JUNE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 7th- Book Club.

Tuesday 14th- Monthly Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 9:45am.

Tuesday 21st- Technology Group - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

Monday 27th- Stroll -

Tuesday 28th- Sip n'chat - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

MEETINGS

In April Ken Pryor opened the meeting, there being an apology from President Liliana, who had a medical appointment. Max Smedley introduced Andrew Philipovic, who was then inducted by Barry O'Connor. Andrew's address is 102 Snell Grove, Oak Park 3046 Phone 0418 536 182. Please add these details to your Membership List.

Ken Pryor then asked for a minute silence in memory of Murray Gorham.

Barry O'Connor reported we started March with a balance of \$4546.55.

We had income of \$840 Annual Fees, \$10 Joining Fee, \$10 Donation, \$110.90 Functions Fund and \$73 Door Prize Income; Expenses of \$460 Glenroy RSL (AGM Luncheon), \$60 Door Prize purchases, \$14.70 purchase pin and certificate and \$139 PO Box Rental. Leaving available funds of 4916.75.

A Special Committee Meeting was held on 19 April to discuss what initiatives we could put in place to grow our Club membership. There were only two apologies so there were good discussions. Quite a number of ideas were put forward and the available PSPL literature was assessed. One item that PSPL considers important is to have a designated Publicity Officer. It was decided to move as soon as possible and a report will be forthcoming at the May meeting.

OUTINGS

Monday 9th May - Devonshire Tea at "Twenty One Days Later" Cafe.

"Twenty One Days Later" Cafe is situated at 10 Post Office Place Glenroy.

Come join us for a morning Devonshire Tea and chat - 10am to 11:30am.

Payment should have been paid to Bea at April meeting. Cost \$8.50

Parking nearby could be a problem as Dowd Place is closed due to railway works on the West side of the rail line until mid September.

SIP N' CHAT GROUP - Fourth Tuesday in the Month

Back to the new normal on the fourth Tuesday 24th May at the Glenroy RSL 10:30 am.

Come and enjoy the coffee and solve the world's problems.

