



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.

Next Monthly Meeting:- Tuesday 8th. May 2012

President:- Alan Whatman

Vice President:- Bob Brown

Communicator Editor:- John Elletson

Communicator Distributor:- Geoff
Woods

Attendance & Nametags:- Dudley
Twigg

Membership Records:- Dudley Twigg

Speakers:- Duncan Forbes

Secretary:- Neil Thomas

Mail to PO Box 604, Glenroy 3046

Treasurer:- Wal Jarvis

Past President:- Peter Dimsey

Functions Officer:- John Darling
Ken Roberts

Stroll Co-ordinator:- Charles Fyfe

Bowls Co-ordinator:- Les Hooke

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott

Appointed Auditor for 2012-2013: Jack O'Hara

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.

Email: glenroyprobus@hotmail.com
Website: www.vicnet.net.au/~gprobus

MAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 8th - Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday 23rd - Join the Ladies at the Masonic Centre for Celtic Choir and Pancake lunch. 10.30am

Monday 28th - Stroll - Riverside Park, Aberfeldie.

JUNE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 12th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 25th - Stroll

FUTURE SPEAKERS

MAY - Andrew Orr - Ship building

JUNE - Adele Thompson - The First Fleet.

APRIL SPEAKER

The Speaker at our April meeting was Don Horsburg from the Puffing Billy Preservation Society who previously spoke at our Club in January 2005.

Don has been a volunteer of the PBPS for 20 years, is a member of the Executive Committee and has spoken at over 300 Probus Clubs.

Four 2'6" gauge railway lines were constructed in Victorian to provide reliable transport for communities in remote mountainous areas.

The Upper Ferntree Gully to Gembrook line was opened in 1900 to carry potatoes, timber and other goods. At weekends it attracted "tourists" who rode on the open goods wagons.

In the 1940's and early 1950's there were a number of landslides and it was losing money so in 1954 it was closed by the VR.

The PBPS was formed in 1955 to give a financial guarantee to the VR against losses in running Puffing Billy between Upper Ferntree Gully and Belgrave.

They also assisted in the running of the train.

This section of the line was closed in 1958 for conversion to electrified broad-gauge and members of the PBPS became involved in restoring the line between Belgrave and Grembrook. This took many years but the first section was opened in 1962.

In 1977 management of the railway was transferred to the Emerald Tourist Railway Board.

The primary starting point for travel, operations, administration, refreshments, souvenirs and tickets is at the Society's railway station at Belgrave which is 0.5 km from the broad gauge railway station.

George Owen thanked Don and presented him with a Club pen.

(Don O'Meara)



GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At our April meeting, Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that during March there was \$1020 received and \$1251 expended, leaving available funds of \$1226. Subscriptions are now past due so if you have not paid Wal yet please do so. At the April meeting there were only 47 members present plus 3 visitors. There were 11 apologies.

TEA ROSTER

MAY - Peter Pendlebury, Ken Pryor, Reg Ratcliffe & John Reisenberg.
JUNE - Kevin Ryan, Max Smedley, Koos Soeterboek & Keith Stewart

COMMITTEE

April Committee meeting was held at the Rotary Centre, Glenroy on 30 May 2012. An application for membership from Joe Milanese was accepted and we welcome him to the Club. Joe will be inducted at the May meeting.

On a less happy note the Committee regretfully accepted resignations from three members:-

John Garito - joined Gladstone Park.

Max Penaluna - family commitments.

Vic Sparks - other commitments.

John and Max have been members for a couple of years while Vic has been with us for 15 years and we will miss his company.

In response to a request the committee also transferred George Smith to Non-Active membership.

As a result of these changes the membership listing will become:-

77 Members (including 3 Life Members), and 4 Non-Active Members, a total of 81.

Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that there were 9 members that have not yet paid their 2012/13 subscription. If you are in this situation please see Wal with your \$40 at the May meeting.

It is expected that seven committee members will attend the "2012 Probus Information and Friendship Day" arranged by the Probus Clubs in Manningham. It will be held on Friday 11th May 2012 at East Doncaster Baptist Church, 47 Tunstall Road. 9:00am start, drivers note please do not park on the West side of Tunstall Road.

THOUGHT for the MONTH

When you are going downhill, you will find everything is greased for the occasion.
Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans.

Ken Roberts

OUTINGS

MAY WEDNESDAY 23rd - CELTIC CHOIR & PANCAKE LUNCH - 10.30 am.

With the members of the Glenroy Ladies Probus Club, enjoy a presentation by the **Celtic Choir** followed by a **2 course pancake lunch** at the **Masonic Centre, Station Road** commencing at 10.30am.

Cost \$20.00. Payment this meeting. Partners and friends welcome!

(John Darling)

STROLLERS

APRIL MONDAY 23rd - NEWPORT PARK, NEWPORT

Twenty seven strollers took part in the stroll along the Strand. Some detoured out on to Ferguson St pier to view the city across the bay and boats at the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club moorings.

Some rain was experienced and our lunch and chat was held in the shelter of a sports pavilion.

MAY MONDAY 28th - Return to RIVERSIDE PARK, ABERFELDIE

Melways Map 28 B 6/7. Meet in the car park opposite the roundabout at junction of Fawkner Street and Boulevard , Aberfeldie,. Please bring lunch, thermos, chairs etc.

JUNE MONDAY 25th - to be advised.

FOIL PHONE THEFT

If this advice is followed, stolen mobile thefts would be practically zero.

To disable a stolen (or lost) mobile phone, check your phone's serial number, by keying in:

*** # 0 6 #**

A 15 digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset.

Write it down and keep it safe. If your phone is stolen (or lost), you can ring your service provider and give them this code to block your handset so, even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless.

You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't benefit. If everybody does this, there would be no point in stealing phones.

(Neil Thomas)

