



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 May 2016

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2016/17

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Bowls Co-ordinator:- Murray Gorham

Catering Officer:- Gordon Scott

Asst. - Joe Milanese

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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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MAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 10th - Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday 17th - Lunch at the National Gallery of Victoria.

Wednesday 18th - Ladies trip to Mont De Lancey, Yarra Valley.

Monday 23rd - Stroll - Woodlands Park, Essendon.

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

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

JUNE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 14th - Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday 15th - Lunch with Huffers & Puffers at Glenroy Bowls Club.

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

FUTURE SPEAKERS

MAY - Ken Pryor - Travelling around Australia.

JUNE - Prof. Ricky Johnson - Cancer Research.

APRIL SPEAKER

Our speaker for April was Don Miller and his topic was "Will to Win, the West at Play", which is the title of his book where he takes a philosophical look at the importance of sport in the Western world.

Don spent the years 1962 to 1995 working in the Department of Political Science at the University of Melbourne exercising his mind "learning and searching".

Don observed that in the morning's "Age" out of 40 pages there were 16 pages given over to sport.

Along with the obsession of sport the West is obsessed with winning, why?

For every winner there can be thousands of losers, is this good?

He commented on the more "civilised" attitude in PNG where in school sport's foot races the "winners" wait for the other contestants to reach them before crossing the finishing line together. The aim is to achieve equality.

Compare this to earlier days where the result would have been decided with clubs and spears.

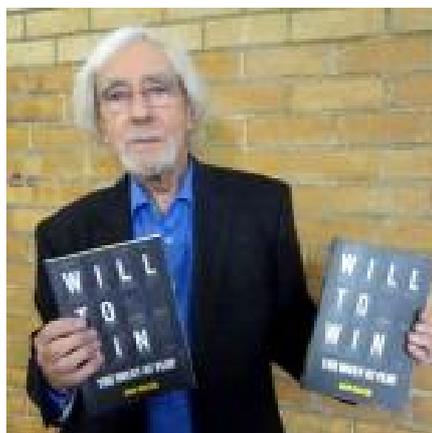
It is sad that school sports and amateur competition are affected by this will to win.

The popularity of sport ultimately depends on the public. "Success breeds excess", Don thinks that if sport becomes too large it will self-destruct inwardly. The push to win leads to corruption. FIFA and the Olympics are examples.

Don cited the case of Lance Armstrong, the famous bike rider who no one suspected him as a drug cheat. He got more famous until he became arrogant and doxxed in a member of his own team for drug taking. This member then turned on him and divulged his years of drug taking resulting in him having many of his titles stripped from him.

No person is indispensable, no club is indispensable, they may go but sport will still continue.

Bob Brown thanked Don for his whimsical but thought-provoking discourse and presented him with a Club Pen made by Doug Birchall.



(Doug Birchall)

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At April's General Meeting there were 34 members present, eleven apologies and four visitors.

Seven members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that during March there was income of \$1250.

Expenses were \$45 rent, \$13.20 photo copying the "Communicator", \$121 PO Box, \$100 Club Pen materials, \$120

Keilor East Club Information Day and morning teas \$54.32.

Current available funds are \$2288.65. Our Club's Annual Subscription remains at \$50.00 and is now due.

If you have not paid please see Barry O'Conner.

TEA ROSTER

MAY - Gavin Herft, Jim List & Harry Middlemo.

JUNE - Geoff Milley, Ken Pryor & Reg Ratcliffe.

COMMITTEE

Committee Members are advised that a Committee Meeting is planned for Monday 30th May at 9.30am at the Rotary Centre, Glenroy.

At last, confirmation of Murphy's Law with a wonderful Irish explanation. If you have your glasses.

Murphy drops some buttered toast on the kitchen floor and it lands butter-side-up. He looks down in astonishment, for he knows that it's a law of nature of the universe that buttered toast always falls butter-side down. So he rushes round to the Presbytery to fetch Father Flanagan. He tells the priest that a miracle has occurred in his kitchen. But he won't say what it is, so he asks Fr. Flanagan to come and see it with his own eyes. He leads Fr. Flanagan into the kitchen and asks him what he sees on the floor. "Well," says the priest, "it's pretty obvious.

Someone has dropped some buttered toast on the floor and then, for some reason, they flipped it over so that the butter was on top." "No, Father, I dropped it and it landed like that!" exclaimed Murphy. "Oh my Lord," says Fr. Flanagan, "dropped toast never falls with the butter side up. It's a miracle. Wait. ... it's not for me to say it's a miracle. I'll have to report this matter to the Bishop and he'll have to deal with it. He'll send some people round; to interview you, take photos, etc."

A thorough investigation is conducted, not only by the archdiocese but by scientists sent over from the Curia in Rome. No expense is spared. There is great excitement in the town as everyone knows that a miracle will bring in much need tourism revenue. Then, after 8 long weeks and with great fanfare, the Bishop announces the final ruling. "It is certain that some kind of an extraordinary event took place in Murphy's kitchen, quite outside the natural laws of the universe. Yet the Holy See must be very cautious before ruling a miracle. All other explanations must be ruled out. Unfortunately, in this case, it has been declared 'No Miracle' because they think that Murphy may have buttered the toast on the wrong side!"

OUTINGS

MAY THURSDAY 26TH - SIP N' CHAT - GLENROY R.S.L.

In April, 10 Members attended and enjoyed the chat at this event. Any members wishing to join us in May will be most welcome. Time 10.30am.

TUESDAY 17TH MAY - LUNCH at NATIONAL GALLERY of VICTORIA

Travel by train to Flinders Street Station, the NGV is in St Kilda Road just over the Yarra River. Meet at restaurant entrance at 11:30am for a 2 course lunch with glass of wine or soft drink at 12 noon.

You can choose two of either entree, main course or desert.

Gluten-free and vegetarian available.

Admission to NGV is free and NGV opens at 10.00am. Time to have a browse.

WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY - MONT DE LANCEY - YARRA VALLEY

Ladies coach trip leaves Cromwell Street at 9.00am, returning approx 3.30pm.

WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE - HUFFERS & PUFFERS AND LUNCH.

Location is the Glenroy Bowls Club. Join the Glenroy Ladies for two course lunch, followed by entertainment. Arrival time 11:30am. Payment of \$25.00 per person ASAP so money and numbers can be forwarded to the ladies.

WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY - CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Location: Skyways International Hotel Airport West. Travel by own car and arrive at 10:00am for morning tea. Then there is live entertainment, followed by a two course meal. The total cost is \$40 per person. Book your place at the next meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Payment for all outings must be placed in a sealed envelope with the outing, your name & amount of money enclosed clearly written on the front when making payment .

STROLLERS

APRIL MONDAY 18TH - BOEING RESERVE, STRATHMORE HEIGHTS

In beautiful weather twenty two strollers assembled at Boeing Reserve for the April stroll. Crossing the bridge we headed north up the Moonee Ponds Creek. At the next two bridges various groups decided to return via the opposite path and only five strollers got to the Jacana Wetlands and the Western Ring Road. By the time this five got back the lunch and chat was well underway.



MAY MONDAY 23RD - WOODLANDS PARK, ESSENDON

The Park is in Woodlands Street, Melways 16 F12 for a 10am start.