



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 9th May 2017

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2016/17

President:- John Vandenberg

Vice President:- Ken Pryor

Treasurer:- Barry O'Connor

Communicator

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Attendance & Nametags:- Les Hooke

Membership Records:- Les Hooke

Speakers:- Max Smedley

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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

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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MAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 9th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 22nd - Stroll - Coburg Lake

Tuesday 23rd - Computers - Function Room, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Thursday 25th - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

JUNE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 13th - Monthly Meeting.

Thursday 22nd - Sip N'Chat, Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

Monday 26th - Stroll -

Tuesday 27th - Computers - Function Room Glenroy RSL at 10.30am.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

MAY - "Donate Life" - Organ Transplants.

JUNE - TBA

APRIL SPEAKER

Our speaker for April was Karin Koeppen from the Cuckoo Restaurant at Mount Dandenong. She was accompanied by Valeri with his piano accordion.

Karin came to Australia 60 years ago from her native Germany. She was working for Bayer pharmaceuticals in Cologne when a co-worker told her that the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, was inviting people to come to Australia.

She thought an invitation from a prime minister was pretty good so she was soon on a boat heading for Sydney. When the boat stopped at Melbourne she found out the 1956 Olympic Games were on. She thought she'd like to see some of these games so just walked off the boat.

Three months later when visiting the German consulate for information she found she had been marked as "missing" (maybe at sea).

Time passed and eventually she met, fell in love and married her Willie. One day while walking around the Dandenongs they saw a house/cafe for sale on 2 ½ acre. After a three months free trial they paid it off at £10 per week. Many renovations later she is still there. Their cafe started small; on their first day of business they only had two customers. From those first customers the Cuckoo can now cater for functions of 450.

Russian born Valeri is a classical musician and plays 11 instruments. He soon had us singing and clapping and enthraling us with his personal stories of his early days in Australia. Battling with his lack of English he had comical experiences reminiscent of Nino Culotta in John O'Grady's "They're a Weird Mob".

Five times visitor to the Cuckoo, Charles Fyfe, thanked our two visitors and presented Karin with a Club pen, hand turned by Doug Birchall.



GENERAL & AGM CLUB NEWS

At the commencement of the April meeting Wal Jarvis inducted incoming President, John Vandenberg and presented him with the Chain of Office. Les Hooke carried on the tradition of passing on the turned "P.P.P." - Probus Past Presi-dent's regalia to Wal. President John's first duty was to call the meeting to rise for a minutes silence in remembrance of Ray Dunstan who passed away on 23rd March. Present at the April General Meeting there were 44 members, 7 apologies and two visitors, Ian Jackson and Brian Baxter. Four members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL. Treasurer, Barry O'Connor reported that during March there was subscription income of \$1,400. Expenses were \$45 rent and \$13.20 photo copying the "Communicator". Probus supplies \$41.90 and Post Office Box rental \$124. Current available funds are \$2,395.38.

Members are reminded that your Annual Subscription of \$50 is now over-due, if you have not already paid Treasurer, Barry please do so.

COMMITTEE

Four members, John Vandenberg, Ken Pryor, Barry O'Connor and Les Hooke at-tended the Probus Information Day on Wednesday 26th April at Windy Hill. Thanks fellows!

TEA ROSTER

Thanks to Bill and Julie Conroy for the Easter themed Morning Tea in April.
MAY - Jacob George, Margaret & Jack Isles.
JUNE - Jacob George, Geoff Milley & Peter Pendlebury.

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☆☆ **SMILE A WHILE** Geoff Milley ☆☆

☆☆ Man sees a sign outside a house: "Talking dog for sale". He sees a black Labrador in the garden. ☆☆

☆☆ "Do you really talk?" he asks the dog. "Yes" the dog replies. ☆☆

☆☆ After recovering from his shock, the man says, "So, tell me your story!" ☆☆

☆☆ The dog says, "Well, when I discovered I could talk, I told ASIO. "They sent me from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one imagined a dog would be eavesdropping. "I received many awards. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years, but I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. ☆☆

☆☆ "I got married, had a few puppies, and now I've retired." ☆☆

☆☆ The man is amazed. He finds the owner and asks how much he wants for the dog. ☆☆

☆☆ "Ten bucks," the owner says. "Ten dollars! But this dog is amazing! Why are you selling him so cheaply?" ☆☆

☆☆ "Because he's a lying mongrel. He's never been out of the garden!" ☆☆

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ACTIVITIES

MAY TUESDAY 23RD - COMPUTERS - GLENROY R.S.L.'s FUNCTION ROOM 10:30am.

In April, five members met temporarily in the RSL Bistro. Come along this month with your Smart Devices or just a pad and pencil to take notes.

MAY THURSDAY 25TH - SIP N' CHAT - GLENROY R.S.L.

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

OUTINGS

At the April meeting Barry O'Connor reported on the MCG Seniors Package looks very attractive. There is a guided tour and entry to the museum together with a sit-down lunch, for \$47.50, and we will have the added thrill of getting ourselves there and back by public transport!

The show of hands indicated that this outing will be well supported. Well done Barry. Are there a couple of members willing to run with this outing?

JULY THURSDAY 13TH - CHRISTMAS IN JULY

At Skyways Hotel, Airport West with traditional 3 course Christmas lunch and be entertained by the many voices of Joe Piastrino,
Drive yourself, doors open 9.45am and show starts at 10.30am. Cost \$20.
Names at May meeting please.

STROLLERS

APRIL MONDAY 24TH - GAVIN PARK - PASCOE VALE

Despite heavy overnight rain and more on the way 17 stroller tackled the uphill path through Gavin Park alongside Westbreen Creek.

Leaving the park we meandered around Pascoe Vale Girls School before re-entering the park to complete a very pleasant stroll.

We then headed off to Pascoe Vale Hotel where three more members joined us for a great Seniors' Lunch and time for a chat.



MAY MONDAY 22ND - COBURG LAKE

Meet in the Lake Grove car park just east of Sydney Road (Melway map 17 H 10) for **10am** start.

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