



COMMUNICATOR

PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

Normally meets at 9:45 am on the second Tuesday of each Month
at the Glenroy Uniting Church Hall, Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy.

**CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS
MEETINGS NOW HELD BY ZOOM 10am SECOND TUESDAY
Tuesday October 13 2020**

ELECTED COMMITTEE FOR 2019/20

President:- Barry O'Connor

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Catering Officer: Joe Milanese

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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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VALE GAVIN HERFT

It is with deep regret that we mourn the passing of one of our members, Gavin Herft, and we offer our deepest sympathy to Sylvia, his family and friends. Gavin joined the Club on 9th December 2008 moved to Non Active Membership when he entered Plumpton Villa. Gavin passed away on Wednesday 30th September 2020, he was aged 81 years.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

After a short break the September General Meeting reconvened for Max Smedley to tell us of his working life with Fruehauf Trailers at Somerton.

In 1961 Max came down from Broadford to take up a drafting position with the manufacturing engineering company.

American August Fruehauf started a blacksmithing business in 1882. In 1914 he was asked to build a contraction to hook up to a T-model Ford to haul a boat. Being a blacksmith the construction was solid and the sturdy two wheel, single axle platform connected by a long pole which acted as a connection and a break.

It was 20 foot long and he called it a trailer. Next came a platform trailer for carting sawn timber and the trailer business began. Orders began with a rush.

If you wanted to carry something Fruehauf could make a trailer for you to use.

(Information sourced from Historic Commercial Vehicle Club of Australia Inc. Aug 2012)

The Australian company had a similar philosophy of providing a trailer for whatever you wanted to carry. With the exception of axles all parts were manufactured in the Somerton factory. Every part required a drawing. There were around 50 to 100 drawings for each trailer and the drawings were where Max came in.

Early trailers were simple single axle units up to 38 foot long for longer loads (timber) using two axles and extendable trailers. As time progressed loads got heavier and the trailers got longer.

Max had a vast array of photographs of the different types. Bulk delivery trailers carrying solids, liquid or gases. From the ubiquitous shipping container trailer to one off special purpose trailers like the one Max especially liked, an 82 tonne, 11 axle unit that he travelled with up to Darwin after Cyclone Tracey.

This was the time that Victoria was the manufacturing capital of Australia with factories to the west and north of Melbourne and to the east at Dandenong.

Max obviously enjoyed his job for its constantly changing challenges and the satisfaction at the end of the day to see his drawings fabricated in steel and aluminium rolling out the door.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

How are you travelling through these “unprecedented” times? Gosh, how that adjective has been done to death over the past months.

Next week's General Meeting will be the seventh time we have been unable to meet together. We have however been able to stay in contact via phone calls and messages and the ever present Internet. Over that time 22 individual members have attended our Zoom General Meetings with the attendance continually rising. Seventeen attended the September meeting.

We are indebted to Tony Bajoras for arranging 28 Zoom meetings, including five General Meetings and a mixture of 23 sip N'chats and Information Technology/ Computer meetings.

At the September meeting Barry O'Connor reported that we started the month of August with a balance of \$3333.43. We had an income of \$50 for an Annual Fee and had expenses of \$90 for Lotto prizes, leaving us with \$3293.43 of available funds. This is down about \$500 compared to this time last year. The MCC Grant is not expected this year, also the Rotary Raffle later this year is doubtful.

Seven members have not paid their fees for 2020 as personal contact is currently precluded due to the Covid Restrictions. Expenses were reduced somewhat with PSPL discounting their annual fees by 20%.

Barry's latest financial update is that we had no income during September and only \$80 drawdown for Lotto expenses. At the end of October we had \$3213.43 of available funds.

After the September meeting Max Smedley gave an interesting illustrated Power-Point presentation of his time working at Freuhauf Trailers. It was so interesting I forgot to take notes, so the summary given later in this newsletter is somewhat sketchy, sorry Max.

There will be no Speaker as such for our Birthday Meeting, rather a small group of members will be presenting short items about things they have been involved with that other club members are not aware of.

Covid Restrictions make it difficult to obtain Speakers for future meetings.

It was suggested that perhaps we could find a speaker online or a video of some famous Establishment or City. Tony volunteered to look for some video options.

Tony has also gathered together a list of historic houses in Glenroy. They are scattered around on both sides of the railway line and Tony proposes that when we are allowed to

assemble in small groups we can utilise them for a couple of short walks.

He is collecting historic facts about these houses and when complete these will be available for folk to take with them on these walks. Thank you Tony for this initiative.



Update on our recent Saturday Lotto winners.

Sept 5	29 John Darling	36 Tony Bajoras
Sept 12	24 John Elletson	6 Peter Dimsey
Sept 19	12 Joe Milanese	33 Geoff Freeman*
Sept 26	11 Ray Averill*	14 Geoff Woods
Oct 3	36 Tony Bajoras	40 Les Hooke

WHAT'S COMING UP?

In the next month it is planned to hold the following Zoom meetings, please join us.

Tuesday, 6 October 2020	Sip n'chat Meeting at 10:30 AM
Tuesday, 13 October 2020	Birthday General Meeting at 10:00 AM
Monday, 20 October 2020	Sip n'chat Meeting at 10:30 AM
Tuesday, 27 October 2020	Information Technology Meeting at 10:30 AM

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to our Special Birthday members, Don Parfett (95) and Cath Forbes (85). Lyn Elletson & Marj Twigg ... John Elletson, Charles Fyfe, & Gordon Scott. Also our Club's Birthday 32 years.

PSPL PUBLICATIONS

Probus South Pacific Ltd (PSPL) have continued to keep us up to date with their weekly publication, "Staying Connected with Probus", it is now up to Issue 27. These have been forwarded to all members with Internet access.