



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 9th. October 2012

President:- Alan Whatman

Vice President:- Bob Brown

Communicator Editor:- John Elletson

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Twigg

Membership Records:- Dudley Twigg

Speakers:- Duncan Forbes

Secretary:- Neil Thomas

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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

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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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 9th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 22nd - Stroll - Whittlesea Public Gardens - Lalor.

Wednesday 24th - Tigers Clubhouse Lunch - Hoppers Crossing.

Monday 29th - Committee Meeting at Rotary Centre, Glenroy at 9.30am.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 13th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd - Extended Stroll - Wangaratta.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

OCTOBER - MCG - Famous Events and People. Roger Canty

NOVEMBER - Social Security Matters - Ricky Volpato from Centrelink Financial Information Service

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

The Speaker at our September meeting was Tony Muller from the *B24 Liberator Memorial Restoration Fund Inc.* who spoke about the design and manufacture of the B24 in the US, its role during WWII, how they found a B24 fuselage and wings they could restore and the current status of their partially restored B24.

During the depression in the 1930's the US Government decided that it would help their economy if they spent money buying equipment for their military forces.

They had a need for a heavy bomber and approached Consolidated Aircraft of San Diego to build the Boeing B17 but Consolidated offered to design and build a better heavy bomber.

The specifications of their bomber were: wingspan 110 ft, length 68 ft, height 18 ft weight 16 tons empty, 31 tons laden, bomb load 4 tons and its 4 P&W 1200 hp engines gave it a cruising speed of 215 mph, max. speed of 290 mph, ceiling of 28,000 ft laden and a range of 2,100 miles, 3000 miles on auxiliary fuel tanks.

It carried a crew of 11. Of the 18,482 built by September 1945, more than half were built by Henry Ford in a specially built factory.

The RAAF received 287 B24's with many based near Broome. Their notable tasks were to bomb the Japanese invasion fleet as it prepared to attack Australia and also bomb the Pacific Islands before the US invaded them.

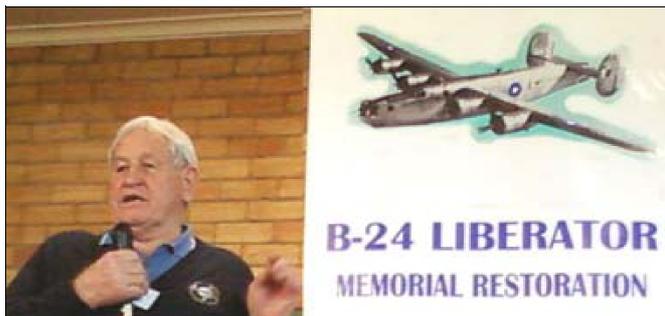
They located a B24 fuselage that could be restored at Moe. The owner had lived in it while he built his house.

They transported this to Werribee where it lay in a hanger for 2 years.

A Sydney builder working in New Guinea found a wing in the jungle and with the help of the RAAF, Qantas, Air New Guinea and a Burns Philip ship it was taken to Werribee to join the fuselage.

It all began at a 2 day meeting at the RAAF Base at Wagga in 1988 when it was decided they would try and get a B24 on public display.

The present organization grew from that meeting.



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VALE LEN SHERWOOD

It is with deep regret that we mourn the passing of one of our members, Len Sherwood. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Jean and his loved ones.

Len joined the Club on 10th November 1998.

Len organized our Speakers for 2000 - 2003 and was President in 2004 - 2005.

In 2008 he became Secretary and continued in this position through to March this year.

Len lost his battle with cancer on Sunday 30th September, aged 80.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At our September meeting, Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that during August there were no receipts and we had expenses for Hall Rental \$45.00, Communicator \$16.50, and \$14.95 for morning teas, resulting in available funds of \$1503.18.

At the September meeting there were 46 members present and there were 12 apologies.

Rick Johnson was our only visitor.

Fifteen members indicated they would lunching at the RSL.

Have you put your name on John Darling's list to indicate your intention to have lunch at the RSL after the October meeting to celebrate the Club's 24th Birthday.

TEA ROSTER

OCTOBER- Alan Evans, John Eyles, Keith Greathead & Murray Gorham.

NOVEMBER - Ron James, Arthur Jarvis, Jim List & Harry Middlemo.

COMMITTEE

Committee members are advised that the next Committee Meeting will be held at 9.30am on Monday 29th October at the Rotary Centre, Glenroy.

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They currently have the use of a WWII hangar at the corner of Farm Rd and the Princes Hwy, Werribee but Melbourne Water wants to sell the land.

They receive no government grants and rely entirely on donations from the public.

They are open for inspection Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm.

Jack Williamson thanked Tony and presented him with a Club pen custom made by Doug Birchall.

(Web site: www.b24australia.org.au)

(Don O'Meara)

