

MAY SPEAKER

(John Swift)

Andrew Gibbs explained a great deal of interest about modern Air Traffic Control, working as he does at Melbourne Airport, Tullamarine.

The first surprising points were that he controls aircraft in an area stretching from Tullamarine to Adelaide Airport, covering the take-offs and landings at both airports. He also mentioned that Australia controls 11% of the world's airspace.

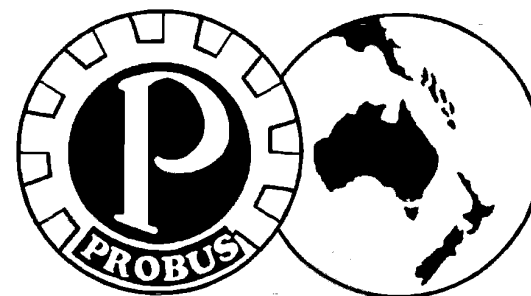


Andrew went on to inform a very interested audience of the following facts about Air Traffic Control:

- There are 28 entry points under A.T.C. in Australia, three of them come under Perth, Melbourne, and Sydney control.
- At 300 ft height planes first show up on radar screens, below that they are visually observed from the control tower.
- The 'terminal controller' operates up to 24,000 ft, and then the 'en-route controller' observes up to 39,000 ft.
- The 'push-back' of planes from boarding bridge to taxiways is under 'ground control'.
- The 'terminal controller' takes control of flights on approach to the runway.
- On terminal approach aircraft are kept 3 miles apart in line, and the timing for planes landing is three minutes apart.
- Lateral separation is 5 nautical miles, typically a straight line from Glenroy RSL to Flemington racecourse.
- Height separation of aircraft is 1,000 ft (hard to judge visually) on a non-visual approach 2,000ft.
- The Melbourne Airport runway lengths are N.S. 3657m and E.W. 2286m.
- Shifts for AT officers are eight hours, and no more than 72 hours per fortnight.
- Pilots talk to one another in visual flying conditions.
- Each shift has three or four people per area controlled, and five or six may overlap on a busy day.
- On nightshift usually only one person per area is on duty.
- A.T.C. officers are assessed twice per year, with a written assessment once per year.
- 6,000 ft is the minimum height for an emergency fuel dump.
- RAAF planes: Andrew also mentioned that he has also worked as a RAAF Air Traffic Controller and noted that some RAAF planes coming into his current domestic work were often too fast for the radar to keep up with.

President Ken and Max thanked Andrew for his informative talk and he received a gift in appreciation.

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COMMUNICATOR

PROBUS CLUB OF GLENROY INC.

Meets at 9:45 am on the second Tuesday of each Month
at the Glenroy RSL, 186 Glenroy Road, Glenroy.

Next Meeting Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 9:45am.

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JUNE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 6th - Book Club.

Tuesday 13th - Monthly Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 9:45am.

Tuesday 20th - Technology - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

Wednesday 21st - Port of Melbourne Tour at 9am

Monday 26th - Stroll - Gavin Park, Pascoe Vale & lunch at Pascoe Vale RSL.

Tuesday 27th - Sip n'chat Group - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

JULY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 4th - Book Club.

Tuesday 11th - Monthly Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 9:45am.

Tuesday 18th - Technology - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

Monday 24th - Stroll -

Tuesday 25th - Sip n'chat - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Only one member is celebrating a birthday this month, Jack Isles, who attains 93 on Sunday 11th. Well done Jack.

CLUB NEWS

At the May meeting President, Ken, inducted new member Bev Bellchambers into the Club. Her contact details are:- 2/29 Leonard Avenue, Glenroy 3046. Ph. 9304 3593. Please add these details to your Membership List which was supplied with the April Communicator.

Robin Waltrowicz changed his address some time ago so your Membership List should be updated to :- 11/1A Gowanbrae Drive, Gowanbrae 3043 Ph. 0409 747 343

OUTINGS

Bea Hammond reported that 12 members attended the informal lunch at the Pascoe Vale Hotel on Wednesday 24th May. Bea hopes this can become a monthly event. She will report at the June General Meeting on the time and venue for a June luncheon.

Wednesday 21st June - Port of Melbourne Tour

Bea Hammond advises that the Ladies Club have 10 seats available on their Coach tour of The Port of Melbourne. To partake of the offer contact Bea and bring your payment to the June General Meeting. **Cost \$70.00**

The coach will leave from Murrell Street Car Park on the corner of Cromwell Street corner at **9am** and will return at **3:15pm**

A guided tour of Port of Melbourne, and a two course lunch at Elgin Inn in Hawthorn. While sitting in a luxury coach enjoy an informative talk and learn about the activities of Port of Melbourne, its ships and the wider port environment.

BOOK CLUB First Tuesday in the Month

The book that has been chosen to be read in June is Tim Winton's "Breath", winner of the Miles Franklin Literary Award.

'This brilliant book may well turn out to be the finest thing that Winton has done.'

Andrew Riemer, Sydney Morning Herald

It is a story about the wildness of youth and learning to live with its passing.

When paramedic Bruce Pike is called out to deal with another teenage adventure gone wrong, he knows better than his colleague, better than the kid's parents, what happened and how.

Thirty years before, that dead boy could have been him.

A relentlessly gripping and deeply moving novel about the damage you do to yourself when you're young and think you're immortal.

There are vacancies in the Book Club, to join call Bea 0419 581 463 or Tony 0431 249 087.



TECHNOLOGY Third Tuesday this Month

The next meeting is at the RSL on Tuesday 20th June at 10:30am..

SIP N' CHAT GROUP Fourth Tuesday in the Month

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th June at the Glenroy RSL at 10:30 am.

STROLLERS Fourth Monday in the Month

Monday 22nd May - Stroll at Boeing Reserve

On a crisp autumn morning thirteen strollers headed off south along Moonee Ponds Creek, several got past the primary school and could see the remedial works being done, as described to us by David and Neil, our March Speakers. Getting back to our starting point we were ready for lunch and a chat.



Monday 26th June -- Stroll Gavin Park, Pascoe Vale - Lunch at Pascoe Vale RSL

Meet in the car park on the east side of Northumberland Rd at **10am**.

Come along and enjoy the company, as we are into winter we will be having lunch at the Pascoe Vale R.S.L. All welcome.