



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 Monthly Meeting - Tuesday SEPTEMBER 13, 2022.
at Glenroy RSL

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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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AUGUST SPEAKER

Charles Fyfe

Charles' talk was on earlier times in Glenroy, and the start of his working life, although he surprised many by covering some of his experiences in the more Northern 'suburb' of Pt Moresby in southern PNG.

Charles family consisted of two brothers and one sister, and father and mother, living in Tudor St Glenroy - the house is still there today. He went to Glenroy Primary, then "State School" #3118, and amazed us by recalling this number and many other details completely without notes!

He mentioned two houses built within the boundary of the school premises which accommodated children from girls/boys institutions, with most students reaching 6th grade before proceeding to high or technical schools.

Charles caught scarlet fever after starting school, and spent 3 1/2 months in Fairfield Hospital, having to repeat 1st year but finally completing 6th grade, then attending Essendon Tech.

Early recollections of the Glenroy area.

The landmark flour mills were owned originally by the Haller family, then acquired by the Hutchinson family in 1937. There was a branch rail line into the building for loading bagged grain and flour. Charles and friends bagged rats, not grain, with their air-guns and no one begrudged them this civic activity.

Boys used to race billy carts down the Pascoe Vale Rd hill as there was little traffic and the road had deep bluestone gutters on each side.

The rail gates at Devon Rd were hand operated by a family who lived in a small house on railway land.

Charles father died young having lost a leg and suffered gas injuries in WW1.

Pre WW11 soccer was played at Glenroy, and there was an amateur cycling club.

After WW11 Australian rules football was favoured and Glenroy played in the Essendon league.

Dances were regularly held in the district, and Charles attended Saturday nights at the Cromwell St. Hall from the age of 14.

Melbourne's first aerodrome was in Glenroy, which was closed after the Essendon one opened about 1927.

Starting work.

Finishing Form 3 with a Junior Tech. Certificate, Charles started a machinist apprenticeship at Ordnance Factory Maribyrnong where his father worked. He soon found he was allergic to cutting compound and changed to a Motor Mechanic apprenticeship with the Shell Company in Newport, necessitating a 5.30 am start on the "paper train" to get to Newport.

Fortunately after 8 months he was able to arrange better travel, allowing a much more 'luxurious' rising time for the 8am start at Newport.

Finishing his apprenticeship Charles was transferred around Shell Depots in Victoria, staying in hotels, before being transferred to Shell in Port Moresby, PNG.

He then moved to Napa Napa in PNG where he was an engineer on a coastal boat sailing between there and Moresby.

Soon afterwards the one-bottle-of-gin-per-day skipper died on voyage and Charles had to bring the ship (and the skipper!) home along the coast to Port Moresby.

This experience led to him gaining a limited skipper's licence, sailing up the Fly River with frozen food delivered by a Catalina sea plane.



SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Thursday 1st- Glenroy RSL Morning Melodies and Lunch. Natalie Jay - 60s & 70s.

Tuesday 6th- Book Club.

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

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

Monday 26th- Stroll - Woodlands Park at 10.00am.

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

Thursday 29th- Devonshire Morning Tea at '21 Days Later' Café 10.00am- 11.30am

Friday 30th- MCC Senior's Movies. Merlynston Hall. 9.45am. For 10.00am start.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 4th- Book Club.

Thursday 6th- Glenroy RSL Morning Melodies & Lunch. Paul Hogan - Bobby Darin.

Tuesday 11th- Monthly Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 9:45am. Club 34th Birthday

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

Monday 24th- Stroll -

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

Friday 28th- MCC Senior's Movies. Merlynston Hall. 9.45am. For 10.00am start.

OUTINGS Bea Hammond

At the Committee Meeting held on August 30 Bea reported that 11 members/friends enjoyed their Get-Together Lunch at Cross Keys Hotel on the 25th August.

Another Devonshire Morning Tea is booked for Thursday September 29th, at '21 Days Later' Coffee Shop, 10 Post Office Place, Glenroy. 10.00 am - 11.30 am.

Cost \$10.00 pp. Please register and pay at the September Meeting.

Note parking is now open in Dowd Place.

On the last Friday of the month the Moreland City Council sponsor Senior's Movies in the Merlynston Hall, 1 Novian St. Coburg North 3058. 9.45 for a 10.30 start.

If this event is not better patronised the Council will pull the plug!

We have two Christmas Lunch options, Place your name on one (or both) of the book-ing sheets. See full details in August Minutes that accompany this newsletter.

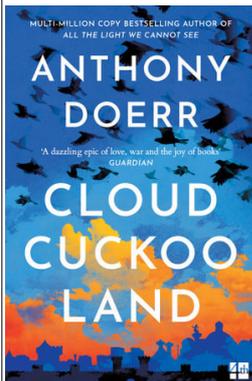
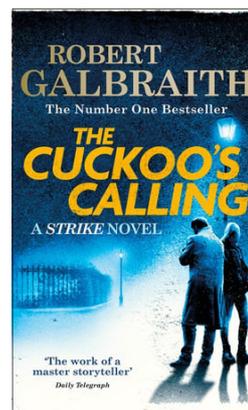
SIP "N" CHAT GROUP -Fourth Tuesday in the Month

The next meeting will be on the fourth Tuesday 27th Sept at the Glenroy RSL 10:30 am. Come along, enjoy the coffee have a chat and help solve the world's problems.

BOOK CLUB - First Tuesday in the Month

The book that was chosen to read in July was “the Cuckoo’s Calling” published by J.K. Rowling (the author of the Harry Potter books) under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith. It is the first of series of crime novels featuring the detective Cormoran Strike.

The story involves a supermodel Lula Landry, known to her friends as the Cuckoo, who fell to her death a few months earlier. The police ruled it a suicide, but her brother refuses to believe that and he hires Strike to reinvestigate the case. This plunges Strike into a world of multimillionaire beauties, rock-star boyfriends, and desperate designers. This book was an easy and enjoyable read compared to some of our recent books.



The book that we will read in September will be ‘Cloud Cuckoo Land’ by Anthony Doerr. This novel follows five characters whose stories, despite spanning nearly six centuries, are bound together by their mutual love for a single book.

STROLLERS - Fourth Monday in the Month

Monday 22nd August- Strollers - Golden Sun Moth Park, Craigieburn

On a rather cold and windy day eleven strollers ventured out and most walked the 6 kilometres around the circuit of Malcolm Creek. River Red Gums line the creek on the southern side while the walk back on the north side is through open grasslands.

On returning nine stayed to enjoy an “All you can eat” buffet lunch at Highlands Hotel.

SEPTEMBER MONDAY 26th - WOODLANDS PARK, ESSENDON

Join us for a stroll with friends. Park in Woodlands Street for a 10:00am start.

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We will stroll through Salmon Reserve then up North for Napier Park. Then back to Woodlands Park for a loop around the lake.

Park in Woodlands Street. Please bring your chair and a picnic lunch/thermos.



TECHNOLOGY- Third Tuesday in the Month

At the August Committee Meeting it was decided to simply call this activity ‘Technology’, the next meeting is at the RSL on Tuesday 20th Sept at 10.30am.

Please come along if you have any questions or issues regarding not just computers but anything else that is ‘technical’.

IMPORTANT: Please read and respond

Les Hooke recently requested everyone to provide the Name and Phone number of their preferred person to contact in an emergency, He has not been overwhelmed with

your responses. At every Probus Club meeting or activity the leader must have a list of

the Emergency Contact details for every participant.

We have been slack with this and must do better. Please get your details to Les.