



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 11th. September 2012

President:- Alan Whatman

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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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SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 11th - Monthly Meeting.

Monday 24th - Stroll - Pipemaker's Park, Maribyrnong.

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.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

SEPTEMBER - Tony Muller, B24 Liberator Reconstruction.

OCTOBER - MCG - Famous Events and People.

AUGUST SPEAKER

The Speaker at our August meeting was Mel Higgins from the RACV whose topic was *Road Safety for Seniors*.

Mel had previously spoken at the Club in April 2005 and December 2010.

The main points covered in his talk were: Crash involvement, Road rules, Safe driving tips, Vehicle safety, Pedestrian safety, Physical fitness & driving and Mobility alternatives.

Driving today is more complex because of changes on the road including new road rules, number of vehicles on the road, car design and the design of the road system.

He displayed a graph of Victorian fatalities for 2006-2010 which showed drivers aged 18-29 had twice as many fatalities as those over 70 but those 60-69 had half the fatalities of those over 70.

Over 70 you are 2.5 times more likely to be injured in the same accident as someone under 50 and at 80 it is 5 times. Older drivers are more at risk of serious injury because of aging, illness, side-effects of medication, have a longer recovery time and drive older cars.

He explained some of the road rules and questioned us on who had right-of-way at some intersections and gave tips on avoiding dangerous situations.

He stated that all cars on sale in the last 8 years had been crash tested and distributed information to help select a suitable replacement car if required.

In pedestrian accidents the pedestrian is most often at fault.

Most older pedestrian accidents occur in daylight, in dry conditions, in 50 & 60 km zones, near shopping areas, mid-block or at uncontrolled intersections.

It is our responsibility to ensure we are fit to drive and may need to find alternative transport when we to limit our driving, stop temporarily, or give up driving.

Remember other choices are taxis, family and friends and public transport.

Leigh Hoatson thanked Mel and made the comment that he was 86 and still driving, He presented Mel with a Club pen custom made by Doug Birchall.



(Don O'Meara)

GENERAL CLUB NEWS

At our August meeting, Treasurer, Wal Jarvis, reported that during August there was \$24.06 received and we had expenses for Hall Rental \$45.00, Communicator \$16.50, Committee \$24.00 and \$26.00 for morning teas, resulting in available funds of \$1579.63.

At the August meeting there were 48 members present and there were 11 apologies.

There was one special visitor, with pastmember Bruce Thomson joining us, welcome Bruce.

Sixteen members indicated they would be lunching at the RSL.

MAKE IT SPECIAL

October is our Club's 24th Birthday (formed in 1988). Members, partners and friends are invited to join together and celebrate with a Buy Your Own Lunch at the Glenroy RSL following our meeting. Name list this meeting.

(John Darling)

Many members will remember Don Yorston (with his walking frame) who was a member from January 2000 to November 2004.

Sadly Don lost his long battle with MS on 27 August 2012.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Barbara and his family.

TEA ROSTER

SEPTEMBER - Ray Averill, Doug Birchall, Ken Dahl & Eddie Ebeyer.

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

COMMITTEE

The subcommittee formed to research Risk Management requirements met during August and will be reporting to the next Committee meeting in October.

Don Parfett reports that members wishing to dispose of refrigerators, microwaves and washing machines could ring a Metal Collector that gave him excellent service—1800 472 727 or 9460 6022. Also computer stuff can be left free at the Recycle Centre at Holmes Road Moonee Ponds.

Thanks Don.

UPDATE

Our May Speaker reports that the first Landing Helicopter Dock hull is well on its way to Williamstown on a huge floating dock ship and should arrive this month. In Port Phillip Bay there is only one spot in the bay with sufficient depth to allow the "Blue Marlin" to partially submerge at high tide, when tugs will float off the LHD and take it to Williamstown. Watch the press for dates and times.

