

## JULY SPEAKER

Max Smedley introduced our guest speaker for July, Ray Weston, from the Vietnam Veterans' Association.

Ray was called up for National Service in 1965 and after completing his training was shipped out to Vietnam in 1966.

Prior to this Australia had only sent thirty advisors to Vietnam in 1963. In 1965 combat troops were sent.



Conscription was a hot topic in Australia and there were plenty of protests mainly by University students. The press reports were often false and at one stage the postal service stopped delivering mail to and from Vietnam. Those serving in Vietnam promoted a campaign of "punch a postie" and the postal service was reinstated.

Most of the Vietnam fighting was in rubber plantations and to restore visibility the Americans conducted a defoliation program where they dumped "Agent Orange" over everything. This was a particularly nasty chemical which affected the health of many of the soldiers on both sides of the conflict. It did not stay in Vietnam, even when soldiers were repatriated the effects continued. Children were born with terrible defects.

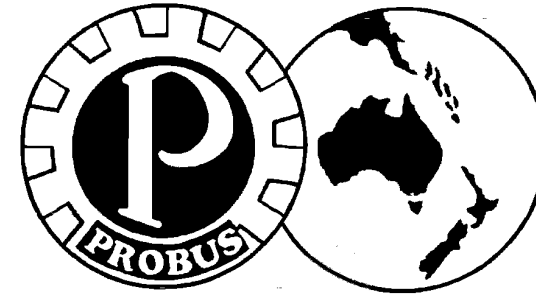
Soldiers on patrol had to be vigilant as the Viet Cong left booby traps in local villages and in their many tunnels.

On their return to Australia the Australian Troops were not treated well by ill-informed protesters although 25,000 marched in Sydney. It was many years before they marched in Victoria. They were well received in later years when they marched in the ANZAC day parades.

Ray served in the Army Reserve until 1999. He answered many question giving us a far better understanding of this campaign.

Max thanked Ray and asked him to draw three winners for the Raffle prizes.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 9:45am.**

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## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Book Club. No Meeting in August,

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 9:45am.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Sip N'Chat - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Stroll - Malcolm Creek, Craigieburn and lunch at Highlands Hotel.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Committee Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.**

## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Book Club.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 9:45am.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sip n'chat - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Stroll -

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Isabell Collins & Marion Dimsey ... John Reisenberg & Max Smedley.

Special Birthday is Jacob George who turns 80 on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>.

### ***VALE ARTHUR JARVIS***

**It is with deep regret that we mourn the passing of one of our members, Arthur Jarvis, and we offer our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.**

**Arthur joined the Club on the 13th March 2012, and transferred to Non-active on 28 November 2023.**

**Arthur was the Coordinator of the Strollers Group from 2013 to 2017.**

**Arthur passed away on 4th July aged 92.**

## BOOK CLUB **First Monday in the Month**

As a few of us will be away at the time of the August meeting, we will not meet till September when we will discuss "The Hummingbird Effect" by Kate Mildenhall.

Spanning 1933 to 2181, this ambitious novel explores the future of humanity through the lives of a few women, zeroing in on capitalism, AI and violence.



## SIP N'CHAT **Third Tuesday in the Month**

This takes place at 10:30am at Glenroy RSL.



If you have any IT problems bring them along to the Sip n'chat.

Tony confirms the "IT Drop In" assistance at Glenroy Library is on Thursdays at 2pm..

## STROLLERS **Fourth Monday in the Month**

**Monday 22nd July - Stroll from Cross Keys Hotel, Strathmore**

Nine strollers and one dog explored a new stroll from behind Cross Keys Hotel. It took about one hour to navigate around the area winding their way to Moreland Road and then they returned to Cross Keys Hotel for lunch. They were joined for lunch by eight other Club Members.

**Monday 26th August 2024 - Stroll - Craigieburn - Golden Sun Moth Park.**

Meet at **10:30am**, Golden Sun Moth Park, Malcolm Creek, Craigieburn  
Melway Map 386 G/H 3.

Located at 327 Grand Boulevard, turn left at the roundabout into Packington Court at the back side of the hotel car park. Parking is available at the end of Packington Court or just park in the back of the Hotel car park. We will stroll along Malcolm Creek before lunching at Highlands Hotel, 301 Grand Blvd, Craigieburn for an "All You Can Eat Lunch". All welcome