

## JUNE SPEAKER

Our May speaker was Martin Green who gave us a fascinating talk on the beautiful mansion “Beleura” at Mornington.

Beleura was designed by architect Joseph Reed and was built for successful merchant James Butchart in 1863. Joseph Reed had just finished designing the State Library and went on with the Royal Exhibition Building, the Town Hall and Rippon Lea.

A very fine residence for a gentleman who spared no expense in creating a country seat on the edge of the bay away from Melbourne’s bustle. It was sad that James Butchart died 5 years after the house was built.



Originally built on 200 acres, it still consists of 12 acres. of which 3,5 acres are formal gardens forming 17 “rooms”, some showing influences by Edna Walling and Desbroe Annear. There is a Palladian style carriageway, classical water features and pools, a Japanese Garden, a Temple of Ceres, a Folly, a Summer House, a Rose Garden, a Kitchen Garden and a Hansel & Gretel garden.

Over the years Beleura has been a country house, a boarding school, a vice regal summer house, a holiday house and a gentleman’s residence.

In 1916 Sir George and Lady Amelia Tallis purchased Beleura at auction as a holiday home for their family. As Managing Director of the global entertainment company J C Williamson Ltd., Sir George Tallis brought his show business friends to Beleura and housed his collection of artworks.

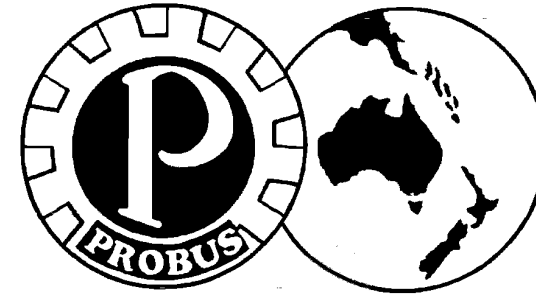
His son, composer John Tallis, spent his lifetime preserving Beleura and left the House in perpetuity to the people of Victoria for their enjoyment and education. Today Beleura is a state heritage listed house museum that contains an intriguing collection of artworks, ephemera and furnishings belonging to composer John Tallis and the Tallis family. It also houses the Klytie Pate Treasury. Beleura has one of Australia’s best collections of 20th century ceramics by celebrated potter Klytie Pate.

Throughout the year Beleura welcomes you to tour the House and visit its beautiful gardens, enjoy a fine table of refreshments and hear exceptional musical performances by Melbourne’s best musicians.

Beleura is like a theatre of the past. A classic Italianate Villa designed by Joseph Reed in 1863, it contains original interiors housing an intriguing personal collection of artworks and household items just as John Tallis had left them.

Max thanked Martin for his presentation and asked him to draw the winners of the day’s door 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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 9:45am.**

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## JULY ACTIVITIES

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Book Club.

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

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Sip n'chat - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Stroll - Cross Keys - Strathmore.

## 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 -

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Only Birthday for July is Wal Jarvis who turns 91 on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>.

## CLUB NEWS

The morning tea at the Twenty One Days Later Cafe was well attended and very successful with 22 attendees.

There were a few from Pascoe Vale Probus as well as three other guests.

Bea would like to acknowledge the assistance of Sam from the Cafe.



Max reports he has speakers booked for :-

July - Ray Weston, Vietnam Veterans.

August - Doreen Arnott, Italian POWs.

## 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.

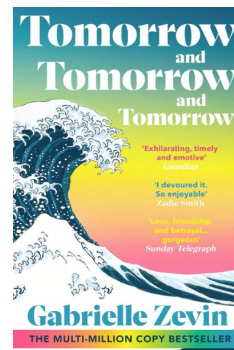
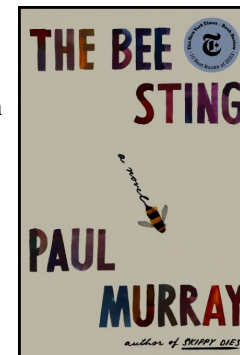
Tony confirms the "IT Drop In" assistance at Glenroy Library is on Thursdays at 2pm..



## BOOK CLUB First Monday in the Month

The book club will be meeting on the first Monday of the month for the rest of the year. But not for August, see below.

We read the Bee Sting in June and it was tough going and not that well enjoyed with only a couple of us actually finishing the book.



The next book we read was "Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin. This is the story of Sam and Sadie who initially meet as young teenagers and bond whilst playing video games. They meet again at college and the two of them design and publish a video game going on to run a successful video game company..

It's not a romance, but it is about love.

This book was enjoyed by the group and led to quite a lengthy discussion.

As a few of us will be away at the time of the Aug meeting, we will not be again meeting 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



## STROLLERS Fourth Monday in the Month

Monday 24th June - Stroll along Moonee Ponds Creek - Westmeadows.

On a icy winter morning ten strollers and two dogs braved the weather and meandered along the Moonee Ponds Creek towards Woodlands Homestead.

Nine enjoyed their lunch at Westmeadows Tavern before travelling home.



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

Arrive at 10am and park in car park behind Cross Keys Hotel (entrance is from Woodlands Street) for a stroll around the area. We will then have lunch at the hotel (as it will still be cold) before heading home.