

APRIL SPEAKER

Our April speaker was Warren Sparrow who told us about the work of the Not for Profit Charity "Angel Flight".

Angel Flight has been in operation from 2003 to provide flights for people in remote areas where a trip to hospital may involve long road or rail transport. It currently has 3700 volunteer pilots who volunteer their time and aircraft. Angel Flight negotiates aviation fuel discounts and the waiver of landing fees at airports.



Warren is one of 4900 Earth Angels who drive patients from home and take them to the airport or meet others at the airport to transport them to hospital.

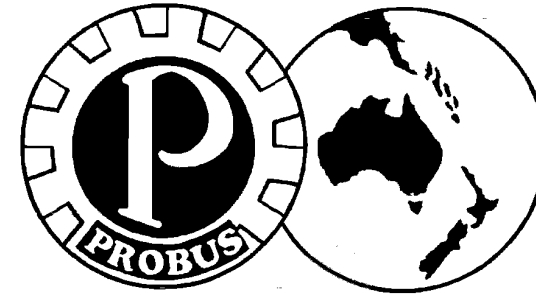
Requests for flights can come from doctors (530 listed), bush nurses, social workers or anyone working with patients in remote areas where air flights are necessary but the cost beyond their reach.

Warren said it was a privilege to offer this service. There is no Government funding so donations are important. 85% of all moneys received go to the flight operations, there is only four paid staff in the Brisbane Head Office.

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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 14th May 2024 at 9:45am.

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MAY ACTIVITIES

Monday 6th - Book Club.

Tuesday 14th - Monthly Meeting - Glenroy RSL at 9:45am.

Tuesday 21st Sip n'chat - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

Monday 27th - Stroll - Pipemakers Park, Maribyrnong.

JUNE ACTIVITIES

Monday 3rd - Book Club.

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

Tuesday 18th - Sip N'Chat - Glenroy RSL at 10:30am.

Monday 24th - Stroll -

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes go to:-

Rachel Jacob & Chris Waltrowicz ... Kevin Large & Geoff Woods

CLUB NEWS

Our \$40 Annual Subscription is now past due, so if you have not paid as yet please see Barry.

Club Future

At the April Meeting the parlous state of our declining membership was discussed at some length, Our efforts to find new members has not been successful and with the exception of the Ladies Club other clubs are also having similar problems. Maybe we should reduce the number of clubs by amalgamations. This could mean we may have to meet outside of Glenroy,

Past approaches to the Glenroy Ladies Club have indicated that they were happy as they were, but we should try them first. President Liliana said she would contact their President to sound them out and report back next meeting.

Thursday 11th April -Kerrisdale Miniature Railway

Three of our ladies went on the Pascoe Vale Club's trip to the Kerrisdale Miniature Railway. They reported that this trip was real value for money. The driver supplied a great morning tea and the railway experience was marvellous with beautiful scenery. This was followed by lunch which was also great.

Wednesday 17th April - Puffing Billy - Belgrave

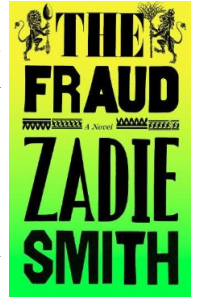
Only one of our members took the opportunity of joining the Ladies Club on the Puffing Billy Trip and she had a most enjoyable day. The "all you can eat" buffet lunch at the Ferntree Gully Hotel was exceptional.

BOOK CLUB

The book club will be meeting on the first Monday of the month for the rest of the year.

'Julia' by Sandra Newman is a disturbing retelling of George Orwell's '1984'. It was well written and similar in style to "1984" but we all found it not a pleasant read due to the subject matter. The author transforms Julia into a feminist hero doing what she needs to do in order to survive; she betrays her lover, Winston Smith, defeats the rats in Room 101 and even meets Big Brother. When she eventually escapes to the rebels, she realizes the rebel's society is not that different from the one she has left.

The book that we are reading in April is 'The Fraud' by Zadie Smith. This book is a historical novel centred about the 'Tichborne Trial' where a lower class butcher from Australia claims that he is the rightful heir of a sizable estate and title.



SIP N'CHAT Third Tuesday in the Month

This takes place at 10:30am at Glenroy RSL. Come and enjoy a coffee and a chat.



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

There is some uncertainty with the "IT Drop In" assistance at Glenroy Library. The Library is advertising Wednesday at 2pm but the volunteers say Thursday. Tony will give an update at the May Meeting.

STROLLERS Fourth Monday in the Month

Monday 22nd April - Stroll at Boeing Reserve, Strathmore

On a lovely autumn day twelve strollers and two dogs headed off along the Moonee Ponds Creek towards Gowranbrae. Most of them went as far as the start of the dam before returning for lunch and a chat.



Monday 27th May - Pipemakers Park, Maribyrnong

Melway Map 28 B 9/10. To enter the park turn sharp left off Van Ness Ave. at the round-about. Do not take the Museum Road but continue down to the car park nearer the river. Please bring picnic lunch and chairs, etc.. All are welcome, bring your dog and stroll with us.