## GLEN EIRA COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.



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## **NEWSLETTER No. 278 April 2020**

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Dear Glen Eira Probians

I hope that you and your family are keeping well in these challenging times. The health and safety of our Members continues to be of paramount importance to your Club. I thought you might like to know what your Committee is doing and some initiatives that you might like to consider while we are unable to meet each month.

The Committee has been in contact with HQ Probus, Glen Eira Council and the State Government and we can advise:

- Your Glen Eira Probus club membership will automatically continue while we cannot actually physically meet.
- The Warrnambool/Mt Gambier trip has been deferred until late October 2020.
- The AGM is deferred until end August 2020 and, in the meantime, the existing Committee continues. The Executive and those Committee members who can, join in on video chats.
- Barry Wayman is our new Treasurer and Maureen Cooney is joining the Committee as Vice President, reflecting their nominations.
- We will acquit the existing Glen Eira Council grant and will seek a further grant for our 25th birthday activities later in the year.

Probus is about friendship and fun and helping to avoid social isolation. Social distancing or in some cases quarantining, may be necessary health-wise but it doesn't mean we should cease all social networking. Social isolation can lead to sickness and depression, so we have taken that into account when considering the way ahead. You may have ideas on how to maintain contact with one another.

One way of keeping in touch is via a safe, Glen Eira Probus Facebook private group. The aim of the group is to allow us to keep in touch, share pictures, thoughts and ideas, maybe even a handy hint or a recipe – the kind of chat we enjoy at the tea break and over lunch at our regular meetings. This is a private group, so only members of the group will be able to see your posts. Once you have joined, make sure you have liked and are following the page. If you would like to join, look for GEC Probus on Facebook, like this:



Any questions, Maureen Cooney will be happy to help. Please ring her on 95680258. She cannot help you open a Facebook account, you should discuss that with a family member or trusted friend.

Speaking of recipes, can you dig out your best "common sense" easy recipe? It can be for any course and/or cuisine. There will be more about that activity in the May newsletter.

Remember, this is just a short-term situation that we can all get through if we work together. Check in on each other, and make sure you maintain good hygiene practices. Rely on authorised Government statements for information <a href="https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au">www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au</a>

Yours Sincerely

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