



# **GLEN EIRA COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.**

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## **NEWSLETTER No. 284 OCTOBER 2020**

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### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Dear Friends,  
Hope you are all well and taking advantage of the occasional sunny days we are getting.  
Despite the fact we are not getting together at the moment, I would like you all to know there is a lot that needs to be done to keep our Probus Club going, and that work is being done by Brian and Maureen Cooney and Barry Wayman, who spend many hours working for our Club, and for that I thank them very much.  
Hoping to see you at our ZOOM meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cheers for now and keep safe and well.

**Pam Ryan**

If you are on Facebook please join us and help spread the joy.  
Search for GEC Probus on Facebook or call Maureen on 0418 868 439 for an email invitation.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

The following members are celebrating their Birthday in October:



Geraldine Monaghan, Alice Sullivan, Beverley Haas, Brian Cooney, Maureen Cooney, Beverley White, Merrill Fenwick, Jack Rutter and Roy Schwartz.

**We wish you all a Very Happy Birthday**

### **THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

As at end August 2020 Bank Statement

<b>General A/C (1)</b>		<b>Outings A/C (2)</b>
Opening Bal End Aug	\$6708.40	\$2276.89
Income	\$375.00	\$1672.00
Expenditure	\$156.83	\$00.00
Closing Balance	\$6926.57	\$3948.89

Received a further \$200 in member dues since end of September statement.

- General Income relates to membership dues.
- Outings Income relates to group link refund for members.
- General expenditure figure relates to:
  - John's newsletter costs \$38.50
  - Web site fees \$94.33
  - Probus Association fees \$24.00

### **MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP**

The Facebook group page has some videos from past outings, jokes and some great pictures.

### **PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC NEWS SITE**

HQ Probus produces a regular newsletter with various items of interest including active retirees.

<https://probussouthpacific.cmail19.com/t/r-l-jkitdhtd-oeanii-y/>

### **SHARE SOME MEMORIES**

Members, it's time for you to share some of your Probus memories. Just a few lines, around fifty words would be ideal. We hope to publish one or two in upcoming newsletters, so keep them coming in.

Please forward your contribution to:  
Vera Rochester **E: [vrochester5@gmail.com](mailto:vrochester5@gmail.com)** or  
Glen Eira Probus Club, PO Box 124  
Glenhuntly, Vic, 3163.

Here is our first one from Vera Rochester:

I joined Probus in 2014 and my fondest memory is the first extended trip in 2015 to Ballarat. So much to discover in Ballarat and surrounds. Highlights for me were; guided tour Maryborough and lunching at Ripple on the Reservoir, Eureka Stockade

“Blood on the Southern Cross” at night. Ararat to see J Ward Asylum and Stawell guided tour and talk on the “Stawell Gift” then on to Hall’s Gap and drive into “The Grampians”.

Cline Historic Buildings, The Avenue of Honour at Learmonth, Ballarat Wall of Remembrance for POW’s, Botanical Gardens, then onto Daylesford Chocolate Factory, Hepburn Springs and the Convent Gallery. **Wow what a trip.**

Well Done Vera.

## **HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBS?**

Thank you to everybody who has renewed their membership for 2020. It is very heartening that some seventy people have done so and that shows how keen we are to get life back to some kind normality.

Please note that if you have not renewed, you will not receive the December newsletter.

If you are in any doubt please check your bank records or contact Barry on 9579 5774.

For those wishing to pay direct into the clubs bank account via EFT or in person at the Bendigo Bank, there is a Branch at 485 North Road, Ormond.

The bank details for membership Dues – No 1 Account are:

A/C Name: Glen Eira Combined Probus Club Inc.

BSB: 633 000 and Account No: 141557710

If you are paying by EFT please put *dues and your surname* in the description box.

If you prefer to go to the Bank to deposit in person, please add your name on the deposit so we can acknowledge your payment.

CHEQUES WILL BE ACCEPTED but please DO NOT send money to our PO Box.

## **PROBIAN NEWSPAPER**

While the paper edition is not available, members can read the Probian on line with the following link.

<https://issuu.com/starnewsgroup/stacks/724bed4d81dd4d8c8e053a4c7817896e>

## **A JOKE FROM VERA**

A husband and wife were sitting at the dining room table. The wife was trying to tell a story over breakfast but couldn’t remember key detail. Eventually she gave up and went back to drinking her coffee.

“Oh God” she sighed. “I’m convinced my mind is almost completely gone!”

Her husband looked up from the newspaper and commented: “I’m not surprised. You’ve been giving me a piece of it every day for twenty years!”

## **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES FOR OCT.**

In addition to the usual reports (club finances, welfare and membership renewals) the focus of this month’s teleconference of your committee was on our delayed 2020 AGM together with the outcomes of a ZOOM meeting with other clubs in our region, including Probus

plans for Covid-19 risk assessments and response; and the arrangements for the current Local Council elections.

## **LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The postal council elections is now current and information is available at the following link: <https://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/about-council/council-elections-2020>

The Victorian Electoral Commission has advised that is no longer optional for those over 70 to vote in a council election. If you don’t vote you may be liable for a fine. For more details check out the VEC link:

<https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting/2020-local-council-election/how-to-vote>

The links below are for the “**Active Retires**” newspaper and also the sign-up link to the “**Staying Connected with Probus**”.

<https://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/aboutactive-retireesdigitalsubscriptions>

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKYgOybexP7BLH2NizcNNDYUbtANVN2Nz4XNEucHfqRi8g/viewform>

## **THE GLEN EIRA NEWS**

The Glen Eira News has some interesting things along with some info about the 2020 Seniors Festival.

This year it’s online events and to get all the info you need to register. Here’s the link for those interested.

Once registered you receive email updates on the activities and how to take part.

<https://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/services/seniors/whats-on-for-seniors/seniors-festival>

### **Vale Anne McNamara**

We have been advised that our former and foundation member Anne has recently passed.

Anne and Bill resigned from the club when they moved into the Rosstown Community aged care community a couple of years ago.

### **Vale John (Jonas) Karla**

It is with deepest regret we wish to inform our members of the passing of John Karla on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

John was a member for many years and enjoyed the outings and lunches with the club. John will also be missed at his local church St Patrick’s Murrumbena and at the Carnegie library. See link below for details:

<https://tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/details/17972/Jonas-John-Karla/obituary.html#tribute-start>

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

By now you should have received notice of the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. We are still looking for a few more acceptances to be sure of a quorum. Please contact Brian Cooney on 9568 0258.

If you are new to ZOOM we would be very happy to talk you through it before the day.