



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

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## **NEWSLETTER No. 285 NOVEMBER 2020**

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

As at end October 2020 Bank Statement

<b>General A/C (1)</b>		<b>Outings A/C (2)</b>
Opening Bal End Sep	\$6925.57	\$3948.89
Income	\$250.00	\$00.00
Expenditure	\$113.20	\$1672.00
Closing Balance	\$7063.37	\$2276.89

Received a further \$50 in member dues since end of October statement. 77 Members have renewed.

General Income relates to membership dues.  
Outings Income relates to group link refund for members.

General expenditure figure relates to:

John's newsletter costs	\$44.50
Consumer Affairs Fees	\$59.20
PO Box back-up key	\$10.00

### **MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP**

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

If you are on Facebook please join us and help spread the joy.

Search for GEC Probud on Facebook or call Maureen on 0418 868 439 for an email invitation.

### **A Tribute for John Karla**

John Karla was a member of our Probud Club for some 17 years until his recent and unexpected death. John was a registered company auditor by profession, and within the terms of the Incorporation Act was qualified to audit our financial books on an annual basis. He did this willingly year after year and at no cost to the club. This yielded the Club and annual saving in the order of \$2000 which has been of

significant advantage to the Club. John was a traveller and a strong supporter of the outings program. He was a courteous and caring member and will be sadly missed.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

The following members are celebrating their Birthday in November:



Joyce Di Stasio, Elaine Blandy, Bernard Goldin and Renee Schwartz.

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

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

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

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

### **SHARE SOME MEMORIES**

Members, it's time for you to share some of your Probud 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 Probud Club, PO Box 124  
Glenhuntly, Vic, 3163.

### **Some Memories from Maureen Cooney**

When we first came back to Melbourne after raising our family in Canberra I was lost, although we actually live in the area I grew up. I found it really hard to make friends. It took me a few years to join Probud. For me the thing that stood out about the club was how friendly everyone was. Brian was still working part time at that

point, but I went home and suggested he come along next time and that we join.

I had a few personal setbacks that year and drifted a bit but a phone call from Jack Pattison asking me if I was coming to the Christmas party got me back in gear. I guess it was the personal touch and the boost I needed.

In my early days, the day trips were a really good way to get to know people better. When Brian retired he became more active, and I must say we have never looked back. My only regret is that I did not join sooner.

### **FINAL REMINDER FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS**

This is our final newsletter for the year and we take the opportunity to thank you for supporting the club through this difficult period.

This will also be the final newsletter to be distributed to those who have not renewed, so please take the opportunity to check your records. If you are any doubt as to whether you are up to date please contact the Treasurer, Barry, who will be happy to check for you and make suitable arrangements.

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.

### **A JOKE FROM VERA**

A man approached a very beautiful woman in a large supermarket and asked: "You know, I've lost my wife here in the supermarket. Can you talk to me for a couple minutes?"

"Why?" the woman asked.

"Because every time I talk to a beautiful woman my wife appears out of nowhere"

### **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES FOR NOV.**

Your Committee met (via Zoom) to consider and plan a range of matters including: the finances (all good), registration with the Department of Consumer Affairs, the need to finalise member renewals, our newsletter, welfare, digital training, club future contact arrangements, Summer Picnic/BBQ's arrangements, Bentleigh Club reopening and a welcome back meeting in 2021.

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

<https://www.probussouthpacific.org/pages/aboutactive/retireesdigitalsubscriptions>

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

### **SUMMER BBQ'S ARE BACK AGAIN**



Our Summer BBQ's have resumed at Harleston Park, 47 Allison Road, Elsternwick (Seymour Road Entrance).

The park has been upgraded by the council and is looking great. BYO food, drinks and maybe a chair.

The next dates are Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> January and 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 5:00pm, so make a note in your diary now.

In addition, we plan to hold midweek picnic lunches at Packer Park AB West Pavilion, off Walden Road Carnegie.

The contact for these is Elizabeth Scott, 0421 241 960. The dates are Wednesdays December 2<sup>nd</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00noon.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting for 2021 is expected to be on 26<sup>th</sup> February. This is because the Bentleigh Club is not available for functions (including our meetings) until then. So to be clear, there will be NO meeting in January.

That's another good reason to make the most of the extra opportunities for picnics and BBQ's in Glen Eira's parks, see elsewhere for details.



As this is the last newsletter for 2020, the President and Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Probus members a **Very Happy Christmas** with family and friends and a safe and healthy **New Year**.