



**Probud Club of Glen Osmond  
General Meeting 490 Minutes  
Monday 4th August 2025**

**Opening** 10.00am. President Mary Dawes opened the meeting and welcomed members.

**Apologies:** Beth Angel, Peggy Barker, David Davidson, Betty Hele, Helen Johnston, Helen Lindner, Marg Patton, Alan Perry, Kim Perry, Bess Welch.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

2 birthdays – Christine Lincoln and Rosie Lonum.

**Minutes of last meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

The minutes of the meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 were approved by a show of hands and signed by the President.

**Treasurer – Andrew McEwin**

Andrew McEwin advised that the current balance is \$3,342.

**Activities – Kaye Leaker**

Kaye Leaker is planning a Picnic in the Park for 12noon Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, and a Christmas Lunch at the Caledonian Hotel for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

A trip later this year to the Recycling Plant at Wingfield and a visit early next year to Coopers Brewery are also mooted.

Mary Dawes reminded members of the next film morning on 27<sup>th</sup> August at the Regal Theatre preceded by coffee at 10am.

**Welfare – Jill Casperson**

Betty Hele has had eye surgery and

Helen Lindner had a lesion on her leg which became infected.

**Membership – Brian Rice**

- 57 Regular Members (including 1 Honorary)
- 7 Non Active Members

**Attendance – Bev Webber**

- Present 34
- Apologies 10
- AWOL 13
- Total 57 (Plus 7 Non Active)

**Any other Business**

Management Committee has affirmed John Overton as a member of the Glen Osmond Probud Club. *(However John has since advised that after a traumatic experience with a car fire he is moving to Sydney to live with his daughter, and has withdrawn from membership)*

**Story time with Tom**

Talking of driving hazards, an engaged couple heading to their wedding ceremony were killed in a car crash. When entering the Pearly Gates they asked if they could still be married; the answer was yes but it would take 6 weeks to find a parson. And who knows how long it would take to find a lawyer if they were later to divorce!

### **11.00am Guest Speaker**

Sam Weavers: A young man who is on the autism spectrum, established Sam's Popcorn at age 9, and his business has thrived.

Topic: My Business, how I started it, how it has grown, my publicity and awards, and the fund raising programme I set up.

Sam is a very engaging young man, now 18 and planning to study Medical Science at Flinders University. At 9 years of age he wanted to start a business and first thought of making chips but he couldn't make them at home so he turned his attention to flavoured popcorn.

With the support of his parents Sam researched what he needed to do including legal ramifications. He made a list with his parents, gained a business number, had the family home inspected and set up an industrial scale machine in the 'living room'.

He was able to promote and sell his products and to meet increasing orders bought 4 more machines and trucked them from Melbourne. Production increased 300%. Indeed there has been 150% growth each year, and in Year 11 Sam contracted with United Petroleum to set up in each of 30 petrol stations a wall of Sam's Popcorn. Still working out of the family home he is now setting up with Council approval a small factory at the back of the house.

Sam enjoys public speaking and is about to address an International Autism Conference in Singapore. Along the way he has received Young Achiever Awards, an Australia Day Award and been a Fred Hollows SA Ambassador. He is also recognised for his charitable support of the Fred Hollows Vietnam Hospital, the Children's Cancer Association and the Kids for Kids Foundation.

Sam finished his exposition with the support of Barb Corrin and Tom Pearce in protective gear competitively hand packing popcorn into small bags. Ever the entrepreneur Sam offered a range of his products for sale – good gifts for the grandchildren.

After Sam and his father responded to several interesting queries from the audience Ken Watson thanked them both, and offered Sam a small gift of appreciation for his engaging presentation.

**The meeting closed at 11.40am**

**Signed as a true and accurate record**

**President**

**Date**