



**Probud Club of Glen Osmond
General Meeting 491 Minutes
Monday 1st September 2025**

Opening 10.00am. President Mary Dawes opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitor Niki Burton.

Apologies: Peggy Barker, Richard Burns, David Davidson, Helen Johnston, Kaye Leaker, Christine Lincoln, Stephen Lincoln, Susie McEwin, Alan Perry, Kim Perry, Bess Welch.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 6 birthdays – Joan Babidge, Mary Catford, David Davidson, Kaye Leaker, Mary Mackenzie, Jan Rundle.
- 2 Anniversaries – Barb Corrin, Bev and Brian Webber

Minutes of last meeting Monday 4th August

The minutes of the meeting Monday 4th August 2025 were approved by a show of hands and signed by the President.

Treasurer – Andrew McEwin

Andrew McEwin advised that the current balance is \$2588 with no payment outstanding.

Activities – Kaye Leaker

In her absence Andrew McEwin offered the following from Kaye.

Picnic in Hazelwood Park is set for 12noon Wednesday 15th October, and Christmas Lunch at the Caledonian Hotel for 12.30pm Monday 15th December. These planned activities have been approved by the Management committee.

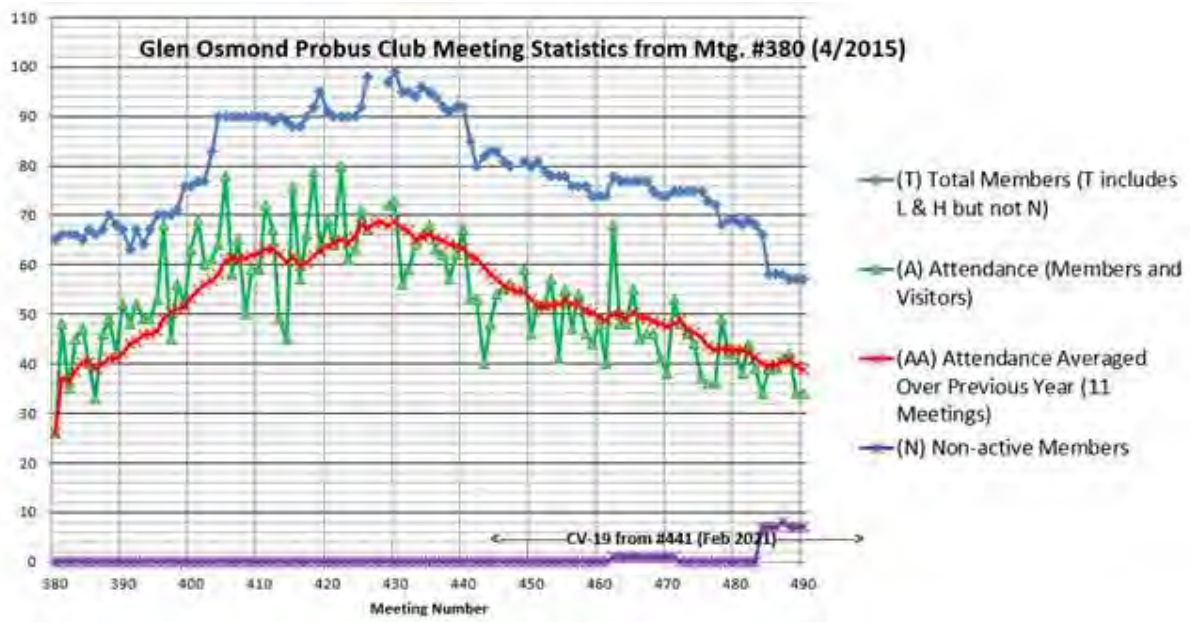
Mary Dawes reminded members of the next film morning on 26th September at the Regal Theatre preceded by coffee at 10am. The film is Downton Abbey. Those attending are invited to join Mary for lunch.

Welfare – Jill Casperson

Bess Welch was feeling unwell and unable to be present, but pleasingly both Betty Hele and Helen Lindner were at the meeting.

Membership – Brian Rice

| Membership Report for Meeting | Sep-2025 | # 491 |
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| (L) Life Members | | 0 |
| (H) Honorary Members | | 1 |
| (T) Total Members (T includes L & H but not N) | | 57 |
| (N) Non-active Members | | 7 |
| (G) GOPC Membership (G = T + N) | | 64 |



Attendance – Bev Webber

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

Business arising – Change of Constitution

Members had been advised by email on 8th August 2025 (copy attached) of the General Meeting and been given notice of a series of motions regarding proposed changes to the Glen Osmond Probus Club (GOPC) Constitution and Standing Orders plus three Policy Statements. The Management Committee had formally agreed to put these motions to the members at its meeting of 4th August 2025.

There being a quorum with 34 members present the following motions were put:

- Moved Ken Watson/seconded Charles Gristci “That members by special resolution, hereby adopt the attached Recommended Constitution replacing any current Constitution of the Club”.
Adopted Unanimously
- Moved Ken Watson/Seconded Charles Gristci: “That members hereby adopt the attached Standing Resolutions replacing any current Standing Resolutions of By-laws of the Club”.
Adopted Unanimously
- Moved Ken Watson/seconded Charles Gristci: “That members adopt the attached Risk Management Policy”.
Adopted Unanimously
- Moved Ken Watson/seconded Charles Gristci: “That members adopt the attached Privacy Policy”.
Adopted Unanimously
- Moved Ken Watson/Seconded Charles Gristci: That members adopt the attached Payments Policy.’
Adopted Unanimously

Thanks were accorded Charles Gristci for documents related to the old Constitution, to Ken Watson for his drafting of the policies and handling the documentation, and to sub-committee Alan Perry, Stephen Lincoln, Brian Rice, Andrew McEwin and Brian Webber

Story time with Tom

The golfer out practising was complaining loudly about what a horrible day he was having blaming the caddy for most of his woes. The caddy quietly suggested that his problem was that he couldn't keep his head down long enough.

11.00am Guest Speaker

Chris Burns CEO of the Hutt Street Centre gave a most interesting exposition supported by a power point presentation of the work of the volunteers that help the homeless in and around the city of Adelaide. The Centre was established in 1954 by the Catholic Archbishop with the help of the Daughters of Charity; they concentrated on the homeless in the City and Victoria Park offering shelter and care in 3 homes at the southern end of Hutt Street. As an adjunct they also visited the homeless in hospitals and prisons.

With similar help now offered by Baptist Care and the Salvation Army the Hutt Street Centre concentrates on the homeless in the city offering primary care of a shower, food and recharging phones, and secondary care with individual case management and subsidised housing. This all takes place in the recently refurbished Hutt Street Wellbeing Centre.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the organisation as the work is all privately funded with no direct government funding.

Seeking help is highly traumatic particularly for women; since Covid there has been 130% rise in the number of women visiting the Centre. This need is increasing and by 2028 will outstrip capacity requiring a new centre just for women and children.

The biggest reason for homelessness is the lack of affordable housing with a compounding negative effect; the growth in Australia is greatest in South Australia

Chris answered questions and was roundly applauded; Ken Watson offered a token of appreciation.

The meeting closed at 11.50am**Signed as a true and accurate record**

President

Date