



**Proboscis Club of Glen Osmond
General Meeting 493 Minutes
Monday 3rd November 2025**

Opening 10.00am. President Mary Dawes opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitors Faye Kohler and daughter Catherine

Vale: Malcolm Mikan

Brian Rice offered a eulogy for Malcolm a much respected former member who passed away on 26th October 2025. He joined the Glen Osmond Proboscis Club in November 2016, introduced by his close friend the late Ron Kitchen, and resigned in February 2025 due to failing health. He is remembered as a gentle, friendly and loving man.

Condolences are offered to his wife Pamela and his large extended family.

A minutes silence was observed in tribute to Malcolm.

Apologies: Joan Babidge, Peggy Barker, Barb Corrin, David Davidson, Kaye Leaker, Rosie Lonum, Andrew McEwin, Susie McEwin, Kim Perry, Bev Webber, Margaret Young.

Birthdays

5 birthdays – Pam Barlow, Bob Brummitt, Richard Burns, Andrew McEwin, Ellis Wayland,

Minutes of last meeting Monday 6th October 2025

The minutes of the meeting Monday 6th October 2025 were approved by a show of hands and signed by the President.

Treasurer – Andrew McEwin

Andrew McEwin advised via Alan Perry that the current balance is \$2463.

Activities – Christine Lincoln

In the absence of Kaye Leaker, Christine confirmed that the Christmas Lunch at the Caledonian Hotel is set for 12 noon Monday 15th December 2025. The cost is \$60 per person. Members are asked to phone Kaye (0402 111 192) if they plan to attend. Payment will be on the day or by electronic transfer.

President Mary advised that members are invited to join her for “Talkies” and ‘Tea” at the Regal Theatre Burnside at 10am on Thursday 30th November 2025.

Welfare – Jill Casperson

Joan Babidge unfortunately tripped recently and broke a bone in her fibula just above the ankle. She is recovering at home with a moonboot and would love a phone call (0499 419 000).

Attendance – Jill Casperson

- Present 29
- Apologies 11
- AWOL 16
- Visitors 2
- Total 58 (Plus 7 Non Active)

Business arising –

Adjustment to Standing Orders. Ken Watson moved, Bryce Kohler seconded that Standing Resolution 15 be adjusted to read “The Committee will ensure that the Club’s annual financial statements will be certified.”
Agreed Unanimously.

Management Committee positions become vacant at the next AGM in March 2026. Calls are hereby made for members to make nominations for these positions prior to the February 2026 meeting.

Profile Speaker – Bryce Kohler

Bryce reflected on his time from 1972 as Registrar of Flinders University when it became ‘a hotbed of student unrest’. The students were seeking greater involvement in the running of student activities such as the Refectory and the Sports Association. But undergirding their actions particularly ‘sit ins’ was the stirring of activist Professor Brian Medlin. There were a series of vigorous discussions coupled with a rough and tough element that led to conflict with the Police. But the police did not become involved when students staged the longest sit in at any university in the world, for 28 days. It was left to the University to resolve.

Story time with Tom

Tom regaled us with a story about how an older rooster managed the demise of a young rooster who had been introduced into the hen house.

11.00am Guest Speaker

Pamela Rajkowski Former teacher, historian and author

Topic: Australian Afghan Cameleers

Pamela with the support of power point gave a wonderful presentation of the importance to Australia of the introduction of camels and their cameleers to the opening up of the pastoral regions of the outback. The many interesting photos of camel trains in action showed how amazing was this part of our history.

The daughter of immigrants herself, she mixed a lot with migrant groups and a Pakistani told her stories of the cameleers. She became intensely interested in them and as a teacher of history has written several books about them.

Bullock teams and horse teams were impractical for carting goods long distance so Burke and Wills used camels in the 1860's, and in the 1880's camels arrived in commercial numbers. Thomas Elder and Robert Barr Smith were investors in the SA colonies and wanted the arid regions to be productive. They purchased cheap land at Beltana and further north, and introduced sheep but they used the camels to bring provisions. They also used them with mining copper in Yorke Peninsula.

Camels were also used in laying down the telegraph line from Oodnadatta to Tennant Creek, and the rabbit proof fence.

Ken Watson thanked Pamela for her well received talk and offered a token of appreciation.

The meeting closed at 12noon

Signed as a true and accurate record

President

Date