



## PROBUS CLUB OF JAMBEROO NEWSLETTER October 2025

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### Jamberoo Probud Club 2025-2026 Committee

President	Robert Lee
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### President's Report September 2025

It feels as though I am writing this report every week or so as the year seems to be running towards the finish line very quickly. It was quite apparent from our last meeting that end of season bugs have caught up with several of our members. I wish them all a speedy recovery.

There are several activities, events and the end of year Central West Tour coming up fast, which our members are very much looking forward to. I have mentioned in the past how much effort, time, worry and frustration it takes to organise all these events and activities. Some very hard negotiating skills come in to play which benefits all our participating members.

We are always searching for things to keep our members interested so if you have any ideas for a show, activities or tour please mention it to one of our committee members.

Our last guest speaker, Dr David Butcher, was a great success and I thank David Hall for organising this. David's role is organising guest speakers and he would welcome any suggestions that you may offer.

Cheers, Rob Lee.



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**Question: HOW CAN YOU HELP IN RUNNING THE CLUB?**

**Answer:** By contacting John Pearce to offer ideas for Club Events  
By volunteering to assist a Committee Member  
By sending contributions for the Newsletter  
By recommending a potential Guest Speaker  
By becoming a Member Speaker

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### Membership Officer

If you can't make the next meeting, please remember to email Ian Facey with your apology at [jamberooprobudmembership@gmail.com](mailto:jamberooprobudmembership@gmail.com)

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday Wishes  
to the following  
members who celebrate  
birthdays in October:

Geoff Btreen, Ian  
Facey, Ross Faulks,  
Susan Good, Brian  
Hudson, Mike Keys, Lyn  
Nicoll



### Welfare Officer's Report September 2025 -

**Julianne Douglas** finally had surgery on her shoulder last week. It was the result of a fall she had while she and Mike were overseas. Now she can get on with the healing process.

**Helen Waterhouse** is also nursing a shoulder injury but seems to be soldiering on.

**Kerry Brennan** is unable to come to the meetings as she can't access the stairs. I'm sure she would love a visit or a phone call from you.

**Anne Edwards** succumbed to the lurg and is now starting to feel better.

**Brian Cassell** is having a tough time with some breathing difficulties. Hopefully he gets some answers from the doctors next week

The change of seasons has hit a few people hard, myself included and I have had hay-fever for the first time in a few years.

If you, or someone you know has had an operation, a fall or is feeling under the weather, please let me know. Because sometimes having a chat can make a difference to how you feel.

Take care of yourself!  
Maiya



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### Guest Speaker 24 September 2025

David Hall introduced David Butcher, now retired and living in Jamberoo. A veterinarian for 60 years, David has made some interesting observations about the interaction between people and animals, some of which are quite hilarious.



Born in New Zealand, David began his studies in Medicine but changed to Vet Science. David joked about his name which he had never considered odd until he met a Professor of Botany at Victoria University in New Zealand, who agreed it was just as well that he was contemplating changing from Medicine to Vet Science when his title as a Medical Graduate would be Dr Butcher!! Even as a Vet Science Graduate, his name was unforgettable. David feels he has had one of the most incredible careers.

Early in his career David helped set up a comparative pathology registry to look at the pathology across diseases of humans and all kinds of animals and do a comparison. There was only one other similar laboratory anywhere in the world, which was in the United States Army.

David's adventures started immediately upon graduating from Vet Science. He needed practical experience, so got a job on a property in NSW where he was the "victim" of many practical jokes.

Returning to New Zealand, David's first experiences as a qualified Veterinarian were "sink or swim" in the calving season in the dairy industry.

After New Zealand, David decided to go to the UK, looking to do research in parasitic diseases. He ended up in North Yorkshire where he had more adventures, including meeting up with the Vet and Author, James Wight, pen name James Herriot, who wrote about Veterinary practice, and is famous for the content of the long running series All Creatures Great and Small. Here he had his first experience of winter housing of cattle which he found appalling and the extreme experience of having to examine the zebra of Lord Londonderry at Wynyard Hall (complete with a butler!)

Coming back to Australia, David ran a successful practice at Roseville on the North Shore in Sydney. He was asked by one of the vets at Taronga Zoo to do a locum there. He obliged, having to get a replacement for himself, but was in the right place at the right time to hear about the new Zoo to be built in Dubbo. At Taronga Zoo, he was able to solve a few problems with elephants and monkeys due to his experience with the Pathology Laboratory, so, with his reputation preceding him he was offered the job of setting up the Taronga Western Plains Zoo.



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With 30 people and \$30 million and a year to build the zoo, David set about this challenge. David recalls how practical the regional workmen were in solving problems in their engineering of the grounds.

He also came in well under budget and was able to build an on site vet clinic, which had not been factored into the original plans. When they discovered the money left over would be taken back they found many other practical ways to use it up.

An unusually wet Spring saw them modify some of the impractical aspects of the official Public Works Engineering plans. Some dams, lakes and roads just ended up in more workable locations. The aim was to create as natural and safe an environment for the animals as possible.

The team had to work through the logistics of getting some of the animals to the Zoo. Transporting the elephants and giraffes to the zoo was particularly challenging. With the elephants, the truck broke down and the weather was particularly hot so a road works water truck was commandeered to keep the elephants watered down until the necessary repairs were done to continue the trip to Dubbo. The obliging drivers got life passes to the Zoo!!

Even though they got young giraffes which still had some growing to do, it took some clever engineering to Transport them under some of the bridges.

One anecdote David shared with us was about an alpha male monkey who took it upon himself to discipline 3 out of control human boys, to the delight of all witnessing the event. After this project, David ran WWF Australia for 10 years. His story goes on and we could have listened but were appeased by the possibility of his coming back to entertain us some more.

### Upcoming Guest Speaker

Michael Giles from Hansen and Cole, will be our October Guest Speaker

### Upcoming Events

#### Minnamurra Coast Walk + Cafe

Monday 13 October

10.00am at Minnamurra Headland  
car park

11.00am at Minnamurra Cafe

Refreshment at cafe, own  
selection, own cost





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### Combined Probud Luncheon

Kiama Leagues Club

Tuesday October 21, Noon

### 5 day/ 4 night Tour of Central NSW

-Cowra, Parkes & Orange

Mon –Fri 27 – 31 October 2025

Travel by Coach staying at the Club  
Cowra Motel and The Remington Hotel,  
Orange

Included: coach travel, accommodation,  
all breakfasts, 2 x lunches, all dinners,  
Japanese Garden entry, Parkes Telescope  
Tour

Places of interest to be visited at Cowra,  
Eugowra, Parkes and Orange

Cost: \$1051pp Shared Room, \$1493  
Single



“Low Tea” at  
Vons Vintage Café  
Pyree

Tuesday 11 November 10.00am

Cost: \$20 for Morning Tea and  
\$20.00 for bus TBC  
Payment by 31 October





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### **J D Smith's Christmas Celebration Concert Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre**

Tuesday 2 December

11.00am

Cost: \$25 ( group of 8+)  
Payment by 1 November



### **Christmas Dinner End of Year Celebration Bella Char Restaurant Mercure Gerringong**

Friday 12 December  
5.00pm Happy Hour  
6.00pm dinner  
Live music

Cost: \$60pp (max 65 members, entire  
restaurant)  
Payment by 30 November

*Bella Char*  
RESTAURANT & WINE BAR



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### Jamberoo Probuss - Upcoming Events Calendar Snapshot

When is It?	What is It?	Where is It?	What does it Cost?
<b>Monday 13 October 10.00 am</b>	Minnamurra Headland Walk	Minnamurra Headland, then Minnamurra Cafe	Own cost at cafe
<b>Tuesday October 21 Noon</b>	Combined Probuss Lunch	Kiama Leagues Club	\$40 payable by 31 August
<b>27-31 October 2025</b>	Tour	Cowra, Orange and Parkes	\$1051.00 Shared \$1493.00 Single
<b>Tuesday 11 November 10.00 am</b>	"Low Tea"	Vons Vintage Cafe, Pyree	\$20.00 for Low Tea payable by 31 October \$20.00 for bus TBC
<b>Tuesday 2 December 10.00 for 11.00 am</b>	JD Smith's Christmas Concert	Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre	\$25.00 payable by 1 November Optional Lunch \$35.00
<b>Friday 12 December 5.00 pm</b>	Christmas Dinner	Bella Char Restaurant Mercure Hotel, Gerringong	\$60.00 payable by 30 November

**For the latest on our Upcoming Events, be sure to check our Facebook page**



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### What have Members been up to?

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS to:

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### Out and About

#### Combined Probus Clubs' Croquet Day

The Combined Probus Annual Croquet Competition was held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September at Jamberoo Croquet Club. The event had been postponed from August due to prolonged bad weather, and everyone was amazed at the clear sunny day that unfolded after record breaking rain the previous two days. Some 60 sportsmen and sportswomen competed in 14 teams drawn from 10 of the local Probus Clubs. The event was hosted by Shell Cove Probus Club who also won the competition. Jamberoo Probus was represented by David and Barbara Barnes who won two of their three matches for an honourable result.

All of the attendees were grateful to the more than 20 members of Jamberoo Croquet Club who prepared their three croquet lawns, organised the scoring, explained the rules as well as providing morning tea and lunch.



#### Combined Probus Clubs' Golf Day

Four of our Members played in the Combined Probus Annual Golf day (postponed to the 18 September)

Colin Brown, Luke Oborn, Kim Oborn and Bruce Johnston represented the club and took out third place overall. In addition, Kim was **first** among the women and also won the Women's Nearest the Pin.

**Special congratulations go to Kim!**





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### Visit to Thirlmere Railway Museum and Lunch

Sadly, a terrible weather day prevented a few Members participating. Several Members were unwell and withdrew from the event. Nevertheless about 18 Members enjoyed a great experience in a magnificently presented and well-funded exhibition space displaying locomotives and rolling stock from the beginnings of steam rail in Australia through to the next-but-latest diesels. Nostalgia for everyone and particularly memories for a few Members previously employed in the railways.



Left: The Rail Pay Bus

Below: Accomodation for someone's "**last train ride**" to the cemetery



Left, huge workshop where trains are restored.



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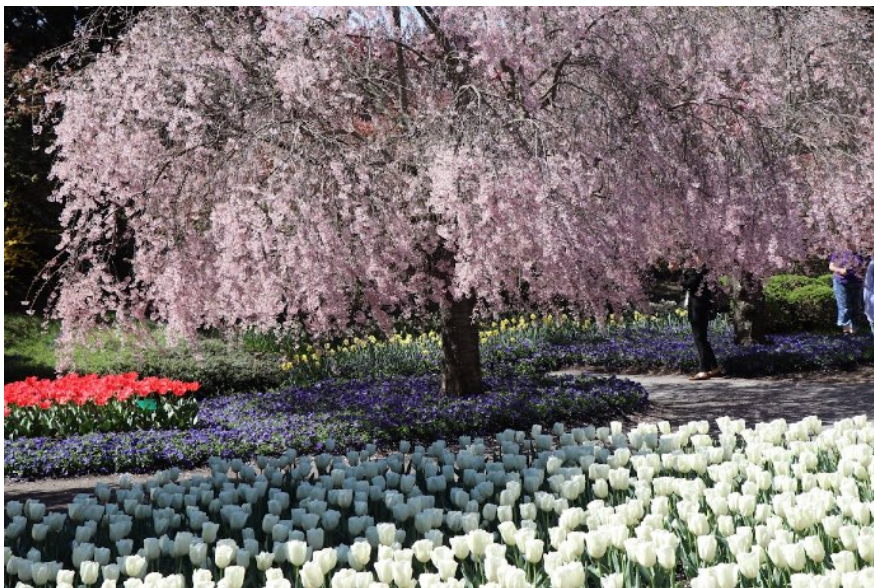
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Event: Visit to Tulip Top Gardens  
(near Canberra)

It was a beautiful sunny day, just  
perfect for a wander in these  
magnificent gardens

Right: A bee hard at work

Below: Beautiful blossoms at their  
peak



These golden yellow tulips were just  
perfect.





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We had plenty of time to enjoy the spectacle that was this well presented garden with lots of camera snapping to capture the intricate flowers and colours



And time to stop at the Big Potato in Robertson which has been painted over to celebrate the the thirtieth anniversary of the movie "Babe", by none other than Julie and David Hall's son Sam.

