



PROBUS CLUB OF JAMBEROO NEWSLETTER December 2025

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President's Report November 2025

It's hard to believe that another year has nearly flown by. Our trusty activities team is already well into firming up outings and activities for 2026.

This past year has had its ups and downs with some members' health challenged, however, I believe we all seem to cope well with the curve balls life throws at us and the things we put ourselves through. I think being a member of Jamberoo Probust Club and the friendship and camaraderie that we enjoy, can help us and others in need.

We are nearing the end of another Probust term so please take some time to consider the positions on the executive committee, all of which will be vacated.

These positions have a certain amount of work involved but there is assistance to make these positions run freely without that big load on your shoulders that you may feel is involved.

March 2026 is the date these positions fall due so you have plenty of time to consider them.

Our Christmas Party is fast approaching and the organisers should all be very proud of themselves with 80% of our club attending.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.
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 jamberooprobusmembership@gmail.com

Birthdays

Happy Birthday Wishes to the following members who celebrate birthdays in December and January:

Debbie Arntz, Vic Bernasconi, Mike Douglas, Peter Jeffries, Sandra Hansen, Ali Relf
Kay Crotti, Pam Facey, Richard Hoskins, Maiya Kenny, Eddie Lyon, Chris McCabe, Richard Turner, Noel Samways



Welfare Report for November 2025

Helen Waterhouse is having shoulder surgery (a replacement) this week.

Michael Keys has made a great recovery and was back at our November meeting.

I haven't heard otherwise so I'm assuming everyone else is healthy.

PS: if you, or anyone you know, is feeling unwell please let me know, either by email, text message or phone call. It's good to get a phone call when you're feeling under the weather.

Take care of yourself!
Maiya
maiyakenny@gmail.com



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Guest Speaker:

Monsters and Miracles in the Backyard Garden

Nic van Oudtshoorn, is a photo journalist with more than 40 years experience. His skills have earned him the distinction of Associate of the prestigious Royal Photographic Society. Nic's photos, including many in black-and-white, have appeared in books, magazines and newspapers around the world. Also a documentary filmmaker, his video footage has been shown on TV internationally. Nic has won multiple awards in both Australian and international photographic competitions.

Nic is a neighbour of some of our Members, living in Jamberoo, and was introduced by David Hall. We were lucky enough to have him show us some examples of his Macro Photography taken in his own backyard.

Macro photography, is extremely close-up photography in which the subject is reproduced at greater than its actual size. Macro photographs usually feature very small subjects and living organisms like insects.

Nic has been specialising in Macro Photography for the last 10 to 15 years and he let us into his world with his amazing photographs and videos of the tiniest of insects, even showing us the life cycles of some of them.





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J D Smith's Christmas Celebration Concert Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

Tuesday 2 December 10.00 am for 11.00am



Upcoming Events

Christmas Dinner Bella Char Restaurant Mercure Gerringong

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

Fully booked

Bella Char
RESTAURANT & WINE BAR

Shoalhaven River Fish & Chip Cruise Wednesday 4 March 10.30am to 1.30pm



Departs 10.45am from Greenwell Point
jetty

40 Members maximum

Cost: \$63 or less (under negotiation)

includes fish and chip lunch onboard

Licensed bar available

Premier's Gala Concert

Thursday March 12th
11am - 12.30pm
ICC Sydney Theatre
International Convention
Centre
Darling Harbour
No Cost Concert -
Approx \$32 for bus



ONLY 39 Tickets Available - First come, First served



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Stop Press!

Helen Waterhouse has reserved 20 seats for the **Human Nature Motown 20th Anniversary regional tour part 2.**

It is on Friday 27 March 2026 at 8pm at Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

Cost is \$95.

This is a fun lively show which will book out quickly so, if interested, get your money in quickly to reserve your seats.



Autumn Colours at Retford Park



House Tour: 10.30am to 11.30am
Cost: \$25 (Approx)

Thursday 16 April 2026 10.00am

Lunch at Moonacres Café, Bowral

Norfolk Island Experience Friday 8th May - Friday 15th May 2026
Return Qantas Flights, Fully Escorted.

7 Nights, 6 Dinners

Full Buffet Breakfasts

**All Bus Touring, transfers, attractions
as per Itinerary**

**\$3,848pp Twin Share/\$785 Single
Supplement**

**There is still room for more participants
in this Tour.**

**All Enquiries to Fiona Turner
0403 956 637**





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Jamberoo Probuss - Upcoming Events Calendar Snapshot

When is It?	What is It?	Where is It?	What does it Cost?
Tuesday 2 December 2025 10.00 for 11.00 am	JD Smith's Christmas Concert	Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre	\$25.00 payable by 1 November Optional Lunch \$35.00
Friday 12 December 2025 5.00 pm	Christmas Dinner	Bella Char Restaurant Mercure Hotel, Gerringong	\$60.00 payable by 30 November
Thursday 12 February 2026 10.30 am	Picnic in the park in Wollongong	Wollongong in the Park near Diggies Cafe 1 Cliff Road, North Wollongong	No cost. BYO picnic or buy lunch there. BYO Swimmers if you wish to take a dip
Wednesday 4 March 2026 10.30 am	Shoalhaven River Fish and Chip Cruise	Greenwell Point Jetty Departure 10.45am	\$63 per person
Thursday 12 March 2026 11.00 am to 12.30 pm	Premier's Gala Seniors Concert	International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour.	\$32.00 for bus to venue
Friday 27 March 2026 8.00 pm	Human Nature Motown Tour	Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre	\$95.00 per person
Thursday 16 April 2026 10.00 am	Autumn Colours, tour and lunch	Retford Park, Bowral. Lunch at Moonacres Cafe, also known as Hearth	\$25.00 for Tour
8-15 May 2026	Norfolk Island Experience	Norfolk Island	\$3,848 per person, twin share \$785 single supplement



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What have Members been up to?

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS to:

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Out and About

About 20 Members gathered at the Greenwell Point Memorial. Apart from us the Park was essentially deserted except for a lone digger, a Vietnam veteran, there to remember his fallen mates. After engaging in conversation with him, he then joined Members on

the steps of the Memorial, all respectfully mindful of those fallen and wounded in conflicts past during a minute's silence followed by a few well-chosen words from Kevin and a digital Last Post Lest We Forget.

Soon thereafter the silence was well and truly broken by about 35 Members who had gathered at Von's Café for "Low Tea", except there was nothing "low" about the "tea", being served in fine china cups from tea pots with high quality home made sandwiches, pastries, cakes and scones.



Thanks to
Helen W for
arranging the
event.

