



PROBUS CLUB OF JAMBEROO NEWSLETTER February 2026

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Jamberoo Probudus Club 2025-2026 Committee

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Member Speaker Officer	Kevin Gilbert
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President's Report January 2026

Rob welcomed Members back after the Christmas break and reminded them that we have our new Probudus Year starting in April, with the AGM being held in March 2026.

At the March Meeting, all currently held positions will be declared vacant. Rob reminded Members that without the Committee positions being filled, particularly those of President, Treasurer and Secretary, our Club cannot function. He urged Members to consider taking on a Committee position, or to be involved by offering suggestions of activities or contributing in some capacity in the running of our Club.

We have Nominations for President, Treasurer, Guest Speaker Officer, Member Speaker Officer, Welfare Officer and Liaison Officer, so we are off to a good start, but don't hold back if you want to be involved.



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Question: HOW CAN YOU HELP IN RUNNING THE CLUB?

Answer: By contacting the Events Officer 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

Birthdays

Happy Birthday Wishes to the following members who celebrate birthdays in February:
Jan Allan, Angela Besnard, Anne Doorn, Lyn Franzeskow, Helen Keys, Sandra McCarthy, Grahame Ramsay

Welfare Report for January 2026

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

PS: If you, or any member you know of, 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!

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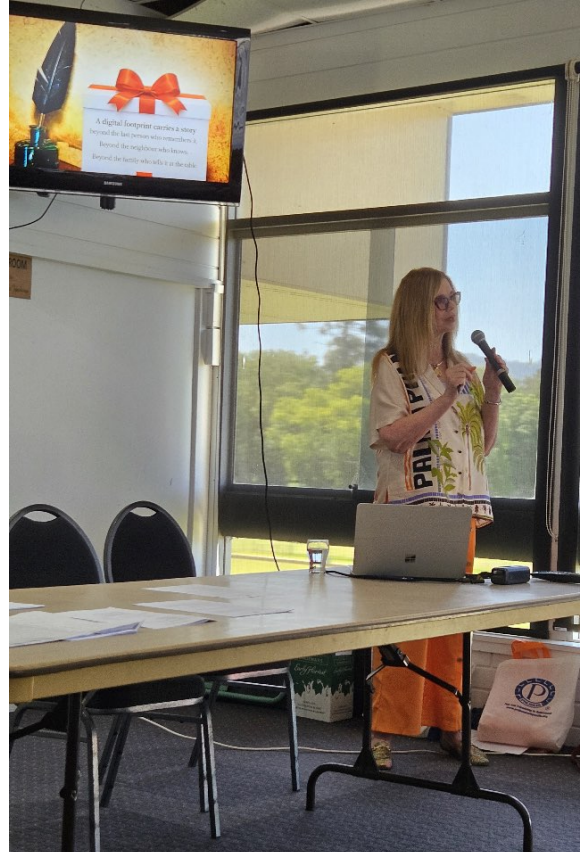
Guest Speaker:

Introduced by David Hall, our guest speaker was local storyteller Lynne Strong, who spoke about why everyday stories matter, and why this community holds stories found nowhere else.

Lynne spoke about how lived history can stay alive long after the last person who remembers it, and why recording these stories now makes a difference.

The presentation explored how seemingly ordinary experiences carry extraordinary decisions inside them. In Jamberoo, those decisions travelled far beyond the valley.

One example came from the 1970s, during Australia's butter and margarine wars. Faced with a changing market, innovators at the Jamberoo factory drew on a long local tradition of cooperation and problem solving. Working from the belief that if you can't beat them, join them, Geoff Boxsell and Kevin Richardson created a butter that spread straight from the fridge. At the time, the law made it illegal to call it spreadable butter, so what began as a workaround became a breakthrough, an idea born in Jamberoo that went on to change how people around the world use a staple product every day.



This story sits within a much longer tradition. Jamberoo is recognised as the birthplace of the cooperative movement, where farmers chose collaboration over competition. That movement was given momentum by the local newspaper editor, who became a catalyst for change by writing under a nom de plume and arguing publicly for cooperation at a time when it was far from assured.



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Another story came from local artist Jack Waugh, whose illustrations appeared in magazines across Australia and on the much-loved Arnott's Christmas biscuit tins. His work reached kitchens and lounge rooms nationwide, while its origins remained local.

These stories invite pride.
They create connection.
They offer education, curiosity, and belonging.

The message was simple. Stories like these survive only when someone takes the time to record them. Once they are gone, they are gone for good.

Judging by the conversations afterwards, many members left thinking about the stories they know, and the ones they would hate to see lost.

Key takeaways

- Ordinary communities carry stories with national impact; Jamberoo is one of them
 - History is shaped by everyday decisions, many of those stories are still sitting in people's heads
 - Recording those stories is easier than ever, and you do not need to be famous to leave something worth keeping

People may forget what you said or what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel. Maya Angelou





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Member Speaker.

Introduced by Kevin Gilbert, our Member Speaker was **Grahame Ramsay**.

Grahame, who was one of six children and born in Lithgow, showed us a cute AI version of his family. Apparently he considered himself the “black sheep” of his family but his siblings all vied for that title too!!

His father had been a school teacher, but suffering PTSD from his time in the Navy, was medically retired and Grahame’s mother was forced to work. This included furthering her education and acquiring a scholarship to do postdoctorate work in North Wales. Grahame had a great time travelling by ship first class to Wales, not having to learn Welsh and living on a farm.

Back in Australia, Grahame graduated from high school and enrolled in a university communication and media degree.

Grahame married Dorothea (a Teacher) in 1977 with Dot’s father officiating in a “Dutch” Presbyterian Church, followed by a honeymoon in a tent at Avoca Beach!! Together Grahame and Dot had four children, enjoying travel as a family. Another cute AI family picture flashed up!!





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Grahame enjoyed a career in radio, working with Jenny Brockie and Caroline Jones, and moving into production, directing and writing for the ABC, and later working at the University of Western Sydney lecturing in Media Studies. He went on to become National Education Manager at the National Trust... Grahame later also pursued other jobs which we may hear about another time.

Grahame talked about the importance of Christianity in his life ..starting in the Presbyterian Church, which became the Uniting Church, and later moving to the Anglican Church.



Grahame and Dot are now enjoying being grandparents and boasting about the youngsters' amazing talents...as we all do.... Being able to gaze upon them rather than having to nurture them!!

Grahame obviously still finds time for radio.

Grahame expressed his gratitude for being in our Club and we are glad to have him!





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Upcoming Events

After enjoying Lynne Strong as Guest Speaker at this month's meeting you may want to register for this event.

Matriarchs, Mentors and Aunties: Stories that Celebrate the Elder Women in our Lives

Every generation has women who light the path. This night is about them.

This February *Generation Women Australia: On the Road* comes to Kiama sharing stories from six women, over six decades about their grandmothers, mentors and icons who showed us what's possible.

You'll laugh, nod along and leave reminded that strength multiplies when it's shared across generations. If you've ever looked up to an older woman and thought, *Because of her, I can*, this show is for you.

ON THE ROAD
Generation Women
AUSTRALIA

**Matriarchs, Mentors
and Aunties
Kiama**

**7pm - 9pm
Feb 17
Fillmore's**

Proudly funded by
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This event is proudly presented in partnership with the South Illawarra Older Women's Network and funded by Create NSW.

Jamberoo Probuss Club Event

Minnamurra Rainforest Park Picnic

**Thursday 12 February 2026
from 10.30 am**

At the picnic site beside the river in the Park

BYO picnic, drinks from the kiosk



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Jamberoo Probus Club Event

Shoalhaven River Fish & Chip Cruise

**Wednesday 4 March
10.30am to 1.30pm**

**Departs 10.45am from Greenwell Point jetty
40 Members if possible
Cost: \$63
includes f&c lunch onboard**



Jamberoo Probus Club Event

Premier's Gala Concerts

Live life in colour at the 2026 Premier's Gala Concerts!

When: 11 and 12 March 2026

Where: ICC Sydney Theatre, Darling Harbour

Tickets available soon!



**Thursday March 12th
11am - 12.30pm
ICC Sydney Theatre
International Convention Centre
Darling Harbour
Small bus \$20 or own transport**

ONLY 20 Bus Tickets Available – only 1 left





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Jamberoo Probud Club Event

Some Enchanted Evening

Wollongong IPAC

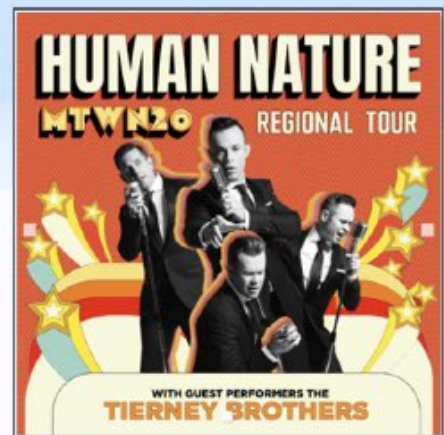
Saturday 14 March

2.00pm

**\$55 per person, payment by
Monday Feb 3rd at the latest**

Jamberoo Probud Club Event

Human Nature Motown Tour
Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
Friday 27 March 8pm
\$95
Payment by 31 January





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Autumn Colours at Retford Park

**Thursday 16 April
10.00am**

**House Tour: 10.30am to 11.30am
Cost: \$25 for house and gardens**

Lunch at Scottish Arms Hotel, Bowral

Jamberoo Probud Club Event

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 Sup**

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