



PROBUS CLUB OF JAMBEROO INC
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 23 July 2025

Number of attendees: **59**

Visitors: **Lesley Timmins and Jackie England**

Apologies:

Jan Allan, Susan Alexander, David Barnes, Angela Besnard, Jennie Breeze, Kerry Brennan, Colin Brown, Diane Brown, Chrissie Cieplucha, Kay Crotti, Denise Emmett, Cathy Faulks, Ross Faulks, Lynn Franzeskow, Peter Franzeskow, Marea Gardner, Val Gregory, Richard Hoskins, Carolann Hudson, Brian Hudson, Helen Keys, Mike Keys, Jenny Lee, Louise Manning, Chris McCabe, Marj Micallef, Lyn Nicoll, Sharon Norton, Cheryl Pearce, Linda Webb

Minutes of May Meeting

Rob Lee opened the meeting at 3.10 pm.

President Rob advised that the Minutes of the May meeting had been circulated and asked if anyone had any concerns about or matters arising from the Minutes. No concerns or matters were raised, so Rob called for a Motion to accept the Minutes.

Moved: Maiya Kenny

Seconded: Helen Waterhouse

Motion declared carried.

President's Report July

As an ex cocky and coal miner, being President is an interesting learning curve, which I am very much enjoying. Someone once told me that being president is being like the captain of the ship; well, I was never a good sailor, so please, if I'm venturing off course, correct me.

We are very blessed in Jamberoo Probus with people who have volunteered their time for the many and various positions, and they are all operating at warp speed. Without their time and great effort to organise members' engagement in all the club's activities, events and tours we wouldn't have a club, so Jamberoo Probus should be very proud of the capped 100 membership. I would like to acknowledge the efforts Helen and Leo made to organise our Christmas in July event which was enjoyed by more than sixty of our members.

Thanks also go to Debbie Arntz who through a contact in the Shellharbour Probus Club was able to put our events organisers in touch with theirs to fill our bus for our trip to the Central West of NSW.

Our Calendar is starting to fill for the rest of the year, but please come forward and discuss with our committee members any suggestions regarding activities, events or tours that we could investigate. Sky diving, swimming with sharks etc have been mentioned, however our insurance company may not look too kindly on these types of outings.

I look forward to enjoying our time that we all spend in fellowship. Cheers Rob Lee



Guest Speaker, 23 July 2025

(A long report from this meeting but the information Lisa has given us is vital for most of us)

Many thanks are due to Julieanne Douglas for her detailed notes.

Lisa McGregor, Customer Development Manager, Illawarra Retirement Trust

Over 80% of older Australians want to see out their retirement in their own home. Home Care is a government subsidised support service designed to provide assistance to seniors to help with daily living and care around their home, including domestic assistance, social and shopping outings, transport to and from appointments and social events, allied health professionals such as podiatrists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists. and also access to equipment (GEAT - goods, equipment and technology). The result is a better quality of life and the ability to stay at home longer.

The benefits of Home Care are: choice and control over the care you would like to receive; personalised care tailored to your specific needs; and the opportunity to stay independent and keep doing the things you love.

Homecare Funding Options

1. The Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) – entry level, ongoing or short-term support services. (CHSP is not income tested so people receiving it make a contribution towards the services they receive. Domestic services, for example, on average cost between \$12 and \$20 per hour, which is a heavily subsidised rate).
2. Home Care Package
3. Paying privately.

Packages and Government Funding

- Level 1: Basic care needs (around \$10,000 per year)
- Level 2: Low level care needs (over \$18,000 per year)
- Level 3: Intermediate care needs (over \$40,000 per year)
- Level 4: High level care needs (just over \$60,000 per year.)

There is currently a long wait for assessment, so if you need help sooner you can pay privately for services from a reputable provider. To avoid this, people are encouraged to register and apply when eligible.

Obtaining a Home Care Package

Step 1: Register with My Aged Care to start a service. Everybody over 65 can be registered (over 55 if Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander). Go online to the My Aged Care website or call them.

Once the application is successful you will receive an Aged Care number which will stay with you for life and is used to manage your services.

Step 2 Get your needs assessment to determine if you qualify and the type of services you could receive. Wait times for assessment are currently about 6 months for level 1, 12-18 months for level 4

Step 3: Once you receive your package, start living a better life at home.

Navigating the Website and Applying for Assistance or a Package

1. Check your eligibility. There are currently two assessment teams: the Regional Assessment Service (for CHSP) and the Aged Care Assessment team (more clinical and can provide a package, but with a 12 month wait). It is expected that these two teams will combine in November to speed up the process.
2. Face-to-face assessment (more commonly over the phone). It is advisable to have another person with you to gain a clear understanding and obtain the right support.
3. Income and Asset Assessment. Depending on your income, you may be required to pay a fee. Currently, full pensioners pay no contributions towards care, part pensioners and fully



self-funded retirees may need to pay an income tested fee (\$0-\$37.70 per day), and the government pays the remaining cost of services.

4. Your assessment review and outcome will arrive in the mail with your dedicated number and relevant information.

If navigation assistance is needed, the Illawarra Retirement Trust offers a customer service line 7 days per week to provide assistance in navigating the My Aged Care website.

The cost of home care services depends on the level of care you need, the services you select, the provider you choose and whether you are eligible for government support. There are currently variations between providers; after 1 November the government will cap fees to 10%, but rates will increase. The costs deducted from your package include administration fees, care management fees, Home Care service costs, and product service costs (eg walking aids). Obtaining legal and financial advice is recommended, especially if on a part pension or self-funded, to assist in determining any income tested fees.

Once you are approved and assigned your package, you can name your provider. It is wise to check before approval. There are around 50 providers in the Illawarra but some of them are small and outsourced. You can transfer between providers if another better suits your needs.

In November the Support at Home Program is due to commence, based on a new classification system with eight levels, defined service lists and funding allocated quarterly rather than annually. The doubling of levels allows for a more accurate amount of funding to meet people's needs. Anyone in the system before 12 September 2024 can keep their funding surplus or transfer it to another provider. If approved before that date you can continue to use the funding as you wish (No Worse Off). If you are approved after that date you are allowed to keep \$1000 or 10%. You will not receive an upgrade to the next level unless you have less than \$10,000 of funding in surplus. There will also be a sliding scale for cost of services, from no charge for clinical care, 5%-50% for independence (personal care, transport and social support) and 0%-80% for everyday living (domestic, garden, meals), depending on income and assets.

When registering, it is a good idea to make your partner or another person your representative (so you can speak on that person's behalf and vice versa.) Some time ago, people were on packages for up to 15 years. Now, 50% of package holders pass away or go into care within a year.

Whether commencing or progressing to the next level, there will be long waiting times, so being proactive is essential throughout the process.

Afternoon Tea Break

The Photo Showcase Winter contributions were shown and a random participant's name drawn to win the bottle of wine.

The lucky winner was Maiya Kenny!!

Thanks to Ali and Graeme for their continuing to run this event.

The next Photo Showcase will be *Pets*

Member Speaker Carole Parsons was introduced by David Hall.

Carole spoke about her life growing up in Rose Valley, Gerringong. This included her early family life, work life, meeting her future husband, Dave and their life together.



Treasurer's Report - July 2025

Financial Year 01 January 2025 – 21 July 2025

1. Admin Income for Year of \$4,190.36 of which \$4,160.00 is for Membership Dues and Joining Fees. Bank Interest of \$0.36.
2. Admin Expense for the Year of \$1,138.12 leaves us showing a Surplus of \$905.24 YTD.
3. Events Income of \$13,107.00 for the Year and \$24,677.91 in costs to date, \$13,180 of which is for Accommodation in Orange. This then shows a loss YTD of \$11,570.91. We have \$450 in pre payments for Anniversary Lunch, \$2,900 in pre-payments for Central West tour (with another \$1100 due from Shellharbour Club), and \$320.00 pre payments for HARS visit and lunch. \$486 has been collected and remitted for Archibald Tour on July 29th.
4. Total members Accounts Receivable balance is \$-793.00.
5. We have one Accounts Payable bill of \$13,180 for Accommodation in Orange on Central West tour, \$3,307.50 due on August 14th and \$9872.50 due by end of September.
6. IMB Balance \$9,293.20 as at July 21st, \$4,927.70 of which is Admin Funds and Retained Earnings and \$4,365.50 is Events Funds and Member Balances from Events. There is \$60.00 in Cash Tin.
7. We have 98 Financial Members, and no Un-financial Members.
8. We have 9 booked and paid for Anniversary Lunch, 29 for Central West Tour, 18 for Archibald Prize visit, 6 for HARS visit and 8 for follow on lunch at Golden Loy.

Events Officer's Report

John Pearce jambereooprobusoutings@gmail.com

64 Members enjoyed a delicious Christmas in July lunch. It was a fine day allowing wonderful views of Wollongong and the ocean from the restaurant.

Thanks especially to Helen and Leo for arranging the lunch, decorating the tables and chairs providing a festive occasion, certainly a noisy one which will be remembered.

Still to come is the Archibald Prize Tour and Lunch on Tuesday 29 July 2025.

Tuesday 29 July 2025.

Archibald prize Tour and lunch. Travel by train or car . Lunch at venue of your choice.

August:

Jamberoo Probus 7th Anniversary lunch 13th August.

Oak Flats Bowling Club

Alternate drop

Menu

Bread roll and butter

Entrée:

Salt & Lemon Pepper Squid rocket & salad, lemon, aioli

Thai Beef Salad mint, coriander, mesclun, tomato, red onion, cucumber

Main:



Grilled Barramundi chill prawns. Seasonal vegetables, mashed potato

Lamb Shanks red wine jus. Seasonal vegetables, mashed potato

Dessert:

Celebration cake

Tea and coffee

Please advise Helen of any dietary requirements. 0409080838

\$50 pp payment to Treasurer by 31 July

August: Thursday 21 August 2025 10.00 am

Visit to HARS Historic Aircraft Museum, Albion Park. After the tour, lunch is at Golden Loy Chinese Restaurant 193 Princes Highway at Albion Park Rail.

NOTE BYO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND GLASSES

Tour cost: \$30.00

Lunch Cost: \$17.50

Payment by 7 August 2025

September: Wednesday 10 September 2025

Visit to Thirlmere Railway Museum and lunch at Welcome Inn 10.30 am TBC

\$10.00 Concession for entry to Museum and lunch at own expense

Jamberoo Probus - Upcoming Events Calendar Snapshot

When is It?	What is It?	Where is It?	What does it Cost?
Wednesday 13 August 2025 11.45 for 12.00 noon	Anniversary lunch	Oak Flats Bowling Club	\$50.00 per person
Thursday 21 August 2025 10.00 am	Visit to Historic Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) Lunch at Golden Loy Albion Park Rail	Shellharbour Airport Albion Park Rail	Tour: \$30.00 Lunch: \$17.50
Wednesday 10 September 10.30 am	Visit to Thirlmere Railway Museum and lunch at Welcome Inn	Thirlmere 10 Barber Road, Thirlmere	\$10.00 concession Lunch at own expense
27-31 October 2025	Tour	Cowra, Orange and Parkes	\$1051.00 Shared \$1493.00 Single



October 27 - 31 2025

Tour to Central NSW including, Cowra, Orange and Parkes. Cost includes travel, accommodation, breakfasts, 2 lunches, all dinners, wine tasting, Japanese Garden entry and Parkes Telescope entry

Cost: \$1051 Shared

\$1493 Single

Final Payment to Treasurer by 27 September 2025

Facebook

All members are invited to join our Facebook Group. "Jamberoo Probus Club". Information regarding Events is posted to the page, as well as photos from our various outings.

Please do not invite people to join the Facebook group who are not members of our Club.

Welfare Officer's Report: - Maiya Kenny

Jan Allan has recovered from her hip operation and rehab, then two weeks ago caught the flu. As she is still coughing she decided it best to give this month's meeting a miss.

Julianne Douglas had a fall in Seville ten days before the end of their trip and shattered her left shoulder She's home and has to wait 7 weeks to have it operated on.

Kerry Brennan has had another fall so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. It was good to see Brian Cassel back at the meeting

Marj Micallef has recovered from her surgery and rehab and achieved her goal of going to Perth to visit with her son and granddaughter.

If you know of anyone who is injured, ill or feeling under the weather please let me know because sometimes it's good to have a chat.

Take care Maiya 0407536702

Liaison Officer: - Marj Micallef

In Marj's absence, Fiona Turner reminded Members of the upcoming Combined Clubs' events and to sign up if interested.

Membership Report

Ian asked for approval from the Committee for Membership Applications from Diane and Noel Samways

With these two new members' applications approved, the active membership numbers are at 100. Future applicants will need to go on a waiting list.



Member Speaker Officer Kevin Gilbert

Member Speaker for August TBA

Volunteers not scheduled yet include Richard Turner, Mike Douglas, Peter Jeffries, and Rob Lee

Photo Showcase

The next Photo Showcase will be: Pets

Please send your photos to jamberooprobisinfo@gmail.com by **13 September 2025**.

The **Showcase** will be displayed at the September meeting.

The Meeting ended at 5.05 pm after a Lucky Door Prize Draw. Many thanks to those who introduced a little fun by adding donations to our prize pool.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 27 August 2025 at 3.00 pm In the upstairs meeting room (The Gala Room) at Club Jamberoo.