



PROBUS CLUB OF JAMBEROO INC
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 27 August 2025

Number of attendees: **56**

Visitors: Christine Bernasconi, Victor Bernasconi

Apologies:

Susan Alexander, Barbara Barnes, Angela Besnard, Jennie Breeze, Kerry Brennan, Nuffy Brooke-Smith, Winton Brooke-Smith, Chrissie Cieplucha, Kay Crotti, Peter Jeffries, Steve Gaddin, Sue Gaddin, Kevin Gilbert, Trish Gilbert, Val Gregory, John Hansen, Sandra Hansen, Annette Hoskins, Richard Hoskins, Helen Keys, Mike Keys, Jenny Lee, John Milne, Marie Milne, Sandra Moores, Cheryl Pearce, Lorraine Tibbitts

Minutes of July Meeting

Rob Lee opened the meeting at 3.10 pm.

President Rob advised that the Minutes of the July 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: David Hall

Seconded: Helen Waterhouse

Motion declared carried.

Guest Speaker 27 August 2025

Gillian Opie, Downsize & Organise.

Gillian spoke about how to declutter, downsize and recycle. She started her business nine years ago, after experience working with elderly people who needed to move. She now helps people declutter, whether it be wardrobes, garages, sheds or houses for sale. She defines clutter as the stuff that piles up due to delayed decisions, filling spare rooms, dining tables and other available surfaces.

Barriers to decluttering can be thinking 'I might need it', feeling overwhelmed, not knowing where to start, putting it off, and feeling unsure about how to dispose of items responsibly.

Why declutter? Clutter can be a trip hazard, items can deteriorate and become landfill unnecessarily, and your children or someone else will end up with the problem.

The benefits of decluttering are a calm, clear, organised environment, minimised trip hazards, a better flow of feng shui, and you can take a fresh look at what is on display.

Start small (kitchen drawer or bathroom cabinet), have boxes or bags ready, and make quick decisions, easier if you find out where to dispose of items in your area. Unwearable clothing can be recycled as rags, small furniture items can be put on the street, Facebook free stuff and Marketplace are available, art supplies can be donated to community art groups, books and sometimes DVDs can go to Lifeline and other organisations (check their condition, though). You can use Google Lens on your phone; this can help you identify items and gain some idea of their value.



Inspiration to Watch

The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning (SBS). The book on which this is based is also available.

The Home Edit (Netflix)

Tidying Up with Marie Kondo (Netflix)

Space Invaders (Channel 9).

Trade Travel Presentation.

Our Events Team have been working on a trip for next year to Norfolk Island and Fiona invited Amelia Murray, born and raised on Norfolk Island, from Trade Travel which is a Partner Business with PSPL, to present the trip to our Members.

Trade Travel has put together an 8 day trip, departing 8 May 2026, which Amelia presented to our Club. Tour details, itinerary and booking forms will be sent to Members. Cost will be \$3848.00 with a single supplement of \$785.00.

Booking Forms and Deposits need to be sent to Trade Travel by the end of September (first week in October) to reserve air tickets at the price agreed.

Member Speaker Eddie Lyon presented today and gave us a condensed version of his life.

Born in England, his strongest, earliest memories are of Wartime Britain. He didn't feel particularly anxious at the time, but realises much later that he was very close to areas which were destroyed by German bombing.

He trained as a fitter and turner and worked for a number of years for de Havilland, as his training had given him the finer skills to work with aircraft engines.

He met his wife Eileen when he was socialising with a somewhat intoxicated group of New Zealanders. She was Australian and was travelling and working in the UK as many young Australians did at the time (and still do). Influenced by the New Zealanders, they decided to travel to New Zealand. Eileen needed to go back home to Australia to earn some money first and Eddie eventually joined her here.

They were soon engaged, and married in 1968. They settled in Maroubra, where they lived for 50 years before moving to Jamberoo in 2019. Eddie has established long connections with Cornish and Celtic heritage.

Eddie embraced the Australian lifestyle, working at the University of NSW, being heavily involved in the Maroubra Surf Lifesaving Club and raising three children, two of whom live in England and Switzerland. He has three granddaughters in Australia and two grandsons in England. This gives him a reason to continue his travels and he even still does a little skiing when he is in Switzerland.

Sadly, Eddie's Eileen passed away not long after moving to Jamberoo. Eddie keeps busy pottering in his garage, often making things for neighbours or working with the community garden group in his street. He also regularly attends the Men's Shed in Kiama and recently has been seen at Jamberoo Pub playing in a band!!



Afternoon Tea Break

During the break a slide show of upcoming events was shown for members' information.

President's Report August 2025

Again the calendar seems very full of various activities and events that are booked and on the horizon. The Central West Tour with Pam, as captain of the ship, is certainly shaping up to be the event of the year.

I look forward to our meetings for the fellowship with such a wide range of people. It is good to get out of our comfort zone and it is so interesting to talk to people from all different backgrounds and experiences.

I encourage members to consider all the activities on offer. An incredible amount of hard work and effort goes on behind the scenes. Please put on your thinking caps and have a think about activities that may be suitable.

Financial Report - August 2025

Financial Year 01 January 2025 – 25 August 2025

1. Admin Income for Year of \$4,290.44 of which \$4,260.00 is for Membership Dues and Joining Fees. Bank Interest of \$0.44. After Capitation Fees and Name Badges total of \$2,225, leaves us a Net Income of \$2,065.44.
2. Admin Expense for the Year of \$1,456.87 leaves us showing a Surplus of \$620.57 YTD. Expenses included \$224 in subsidy of Birthday Celebration event.
3. Having Billed all Central West attendees for their Balances, Events Income of \$59,866.00 shows for the Year and \$35,539.51 in costs to date. This then translates to a Surplus YTD of \$24,326.49 but we have lots of costs yet to come for the Central West trip. We have \$867 in pre payments for Tulip Top Gardens and \$126 for Thirlmere Rail Museum. Of the \$41,576 billed for balances for Central West, \$17,174 has been paid, leaving \$24,401.50 outstanding, although not due till September 25th.
4. Total members Accounts Receivable balance is \$24,139.50, the Central West Balance less a few credit balances for some members from cancelled events.
5. We have Accounts Payable of \$16,472.50 which is related to Central West trip, part due for payment on September 15th and the rest on October 4th.
6. IMB Balance \$23,462.18 as at August 25th of which \$4,461.78 is Admin Funds and Retained Earnings and \$19,000.40 is Events Funds and Member Balances from Events. There is \$60.00 in Cash Tin.



7. We have 100 Financial Members, and no Un-financial Members.
8. We have 18 booked and paid Tulip Tops, 14 for Thirlmere Rail Museum, 40 for Central West Tour, 6 for Combined Probus Golf, 3 for Combined Probus Croquet, and 6 for Combined Probus Lunch.
9. We have a Deficit of \$92.73 for our Lucky Door Prize Draw.

Events Officer's Report

John Pearce jamberooprobussoutings@gmail.com

Wednesday 13 August 2025

Forty Members enjoyed an excellent anniversary lunch at Oak Flats Bowling Club. Thanks to Helen for arranging the event. Thanks also to David for his 7th Anniversary speech reminding us of its beginnings and the foundation members who are responsible for getting the Jamberoo Probus Club up and running.

Thursday 21 August 2025 10.00 am

Despite the inclement weather, 18 brave souls mostly enjoyed the history and engineering experience at HARS (Historic Aircraft Restoration Society.)

Lunch at the Golden Loy Chinese Restaurant, a retro Chinese restaurant, was enjoyed by all with more than enough to feed the HARS visitors and the 25 other members who just came to lunch

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.



Jamberoo Probus - Upcoming Events Calendar Snapshot

When is It?	What is It?	Where is It?	What does it Cost?
Wednesday 10 September 10.30 am	Visit to Thirlmere Railway Museum and lunch at Welcome Inn	Thirlmere	\$9.00 concession Lunch at own expense
Friday 12 September 10.00 am	Combined Probus Croquet Tournament	Jamberoo Croquet Club	\$30.00
Thursday 18 September 8.00 am	Combined Probus Golf Day	Jamberoo Golf Club	\$34.00
Saturday 27 September 8.30 am	Tulip Top Gardens	Canberra Vicinity	\$51.00 includes bus and entry. Payable by 12 September
Monday 13 October 10.00 am	Minnamurra Headland Walk	Minnamurra Headland, then Minnamurra Cafe	Own cost at cafe
Tuesday 21 October 2025 11.30 for Noon	Combined Probus Lunch	Kiama Leagues Club	\$40 payable by 31 August
27-31 October 2025	Tour	Cowra, Orange and Parkes	\$1051.00 Shared \$1493.00 Single
Tuesday 11 November 10.00 am	"Low Tea"	Vons Vintage Cafe, Pyree	\$20.00 for Low Tea payable by 31 October \$20.00 for bus TBC
Tuesday 2 December 10.00 for 11.00 am	JD Smith's Christmas Concert	Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre	\$25.00 payable by 1 November
Friday 12 December 5.00 pm	Christmas Dinner	Bella Char Restaurant Mecure Hotel, Gerringong	\$60.00 payable by 30 November

Liaison Officer: - Marj Micallef

Marj was back on board, reminding Members of the upcoming Combined Clubs' events, some of which have been rescheduled due to bad weather, and to sign up if interested.

Membership Report : Ian Facey

Ian handed out Membership Badges to Diane and Noel Samways and Membership Cards to Cathy and Ross Faulks. There are several enquiries for Membership but no vacancies at the moment with 100 Financial Members. Future applicants will need to go on a waiting list.



Member Speaker Officer Kevin Gilbert

Member Speaker for September will be Rob Lee.

Volunteers not scheduled yet include Richard Turner, Mike Douglas, Peter Jeffries.

Welfare Officer's Report August 2025 - Maiya Kenny

It was great to see **Jan Allan** at our August Meeting. She has really been through the wars but presented as bright and cheery as ever.

Julieanne Douglas is still waiting for her shoulder operation but is coping remarkably well with one arm, managing gym classes and to type one handed to do our Guest Speaker summaries for our Newsletter and Minutes.

Kerry Brennan has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease which accounts for her ill health over several months and creates a challenge for her to attend meetings. We wish her well.

Marj Micallef was back at our August Meeting after her trip to Perth and recovery from her heart valve repair.

Keep those immune systems strong and stay healthy everyone ... Spring is finally here!

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.

The Meeting ended at 5.00 pm with a lucky door prize draw. Many thanks to those who donated prizes, adding a little fun.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 24 September, 2025 in the Gala Room at Club Jamberoo

Not discussed in the Meeting, but a reminder:

The next Photo Showcase will be PETS and will be shown at the September Meeting.

Please submit your Photos in jpeg format to Ali and Graeme jamberooprobuserinfo@gmail.com by 13 September 2025