



PROBUS CLUB OF JAMBEROO INC  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday 22 October 2025

Number of attendees: **46**

Visitors: (Guest Speaker)

**Apologies:**

Susan Alexander, Jan Allan, Debbie Arntz, Tony Arntz, Margo Ballentine, Angela Besnard, Jennie Breeze, Brian Cassel, Kay, Crotti, Anne Edwards, Denise Emmett, Cathy Faulks, Ross Faulks, Peter Franzeskow, Susan Good, Tony Grainger, Linda Grainger, Julie Hall, John Hansen, Sandra Hansen, Carol-Anne Hudson, Mike Keys, Jenny Lee, Wendy Markham-Lee, Christine Marks, Gary Marks, John Norton, Kim Oborn, Luke Oborn, Ali Relf, Graeme Relf, Denise Sims, John Sims, Linda Webb.

**Rob Lee** opened the meeting at 3.05 pm.

**Minutes of September Meeting**

President Rob advised that the Minutes of the September 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: John Pearce

Seconded: Trish Gilbert

Motion declared carried.

**Guest Speaker**

Our Guest Speakers today were representatives from the Funeral Industry. After a brief audio visual presentation, they took questions about putting in place end of life plans, including becoming informed about the options for celebrating a life lived and prepaying for such options.

**Afternoon Tea Break**

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

The **Photo Showcase** "Pets" draw was made in today's meeting and was won by Treasurer Bruce Johnston.

**Member Speaker**

**David Hall introduced Peter Jeffries**

Peter grew up near Gunnedah, riding horses to a one-room school. At 14 he worked nights in a flour mill while finishing school and was managing his own mill by 20.

After marrying young, he helped build Fielders Flour into the Goodman Fielder Group — from 65 people to 32,000 — supplying McDonald's, Bakers Delight, and more.



Peter moved into grain trading, managing \$800 million in exports, mostly to China and Japan, where he worked for nearly 30 years and even met President Jiang Zemin.

Later he founded BODA Steel Silos and Bolted Steel Structures, building major food and industrial plants in Australia and the Pacific.

While building his Gerringong home, Peter was diagnosed with stage 4 bowel cancer, metastasised to several organs. After extreme surgeries and chemo, he miraculously recovered. During treatment, Peter's wife was diagnosed with terminal cancer and passed away. He underwent lung surgery soon after, then endured Covid lockdowns, which ended his businesses.

Now retired, Peter enjoys life with family, grandkids, friends and the Lions Club. I'll drive myself on the Probus trip — easier for quick stops!

Peter ended his presentation with: "Still here — and very thankful for it."

## **Financial Report: Bruce Johnston**

### **Treasurer's Report - October 2025**

#### **Financial Year 01 January 2025 – 19 October 2025**

1. Admin Income for Year of \$4,230.90 of which \$4,200.00 is for Membership Dues and Joining Fees. Bank Interest of \$0.90. After Capitation Fees and Name Badges total of \$2,225, leaves us a Net Income of \$2,005.60.
2. Admin Expense for the Year of \$1,593.22 leaves us showing a Surplus of \$424.68 YTD. The Lucky Door Draw shows a club subsidy of \$92.08 as at October 19th.
3. Events Income of \$66,295.00 for the Year and \$61,286.51 in costs to date. We now show a Surplus YTD of \$5,008.49.
4. Total members Accounts Receivable balance is \$-332.00 being credit balances for some members from cancelled events.
5. All Accounts Payable is up to date.
6. IMB Balance \$11,599.49 as at October 19th of which \$4,247.09 is Admin Funds and Retained Earnings and \$7,352.40 is Events Funds and Member Balances from Events. There is \$129.00 in the Cash Tin and \$120.05 in the Lucky Door Draw Float.
7. We have 96 Financial Members, and no Un-financial Members.
8. We have 40 for Central West Tour, 8 for Combined Probus Lunch, 25 for Vons Vintage lunch, only 5 for the Bus for the Low Tea at Vons, 75 for Christmas Dinner and 10 for the JD Smith Christmas Concert and 4 staying for the JD Smith lunch.
9. If anyone would like a copy of any Financial Reports, please email me [jamberooprobus treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:jamberooprobus treasurer@gmail.com).



## **Update on the Probos Constitution and Standing Resolutions**

Bruce thanked the Club Members for their submissions to the Committee regarding the questionnaire on Standing Resolutions. He advised that the Management Committee had considered all their responses and had reached a consensus on the values to be used in our Standing Resolutions.

The Constitution, which all Clubs need to accept as a standard, and the Standing Resolutions pertaining to our Club, will be circulated to all Members in the next week or two.

Members will have adequate time to consider these and send any questions to Bruce so they can be answered by the Committee before voting on them at the November 2025 General Meeting.

### **Events Officer's Report: John Pearce**

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### **October:**

#### **Monday 13 October 2025 10.00 am Minnamurra Coast Walk and Coffee Shop.**

32 Members met at the Minnamurra Cafe for refreshments after most of this number walked from Minnamurra headland on a beautiful day.

### **October 27 - 31 2025**

Tour to Central NSW including, Cowra, Orange and Parkes. Cost includes travel, accommodation, breakfasts, 2 lunches, all dinners, Japanese Garden entry and Parkes Telescope entry. 2 more members are unable to go on the trip so efforts are being made to secure some refunds for them as it is too late to organise replacements.

### **November:**

**Tuesday 11 November 2025** 11.30 am "Low Tea" at Vons Vintage Cafe at Pyree (719 Greenwell Point Road).

Plan is to meet at 10.30 am and have an explore around Greenwell Point, then meet in the Memorial Park at 11am to observe Remembrance Day. After this, Low Tea at Vons Vintage Cafe

Cost: \$20.00 for Low Tea. Those participating to self drive or carpool.

### **December:**

**Tuesday 2 December 2025** 10.00 am for morning tea. 11.00 am JD Smith (ex TenTenors) Christmas Celebration Concert at Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre. \$25. Own transport.  
Fully booked.



### **Friday 12 December 2025**

End of Year Celebration

Venue: Bella Char Restaurant, Mercure Hotel, Gerringong. From 5.00 pm for Happy Hour at own cost.

We now have 75 members participating, with room for 5 more only, so if you are interested send your money through to our Bank Account.

Cost: \$60.00

### **Norfolk Island Trip**

It was reported that 20 Members so far had signed up for the Norfolk Island Trip from 8 May to 16 May 2026, so the event will be going ahead, with room still for a few more.

**Expressions of interest are being sought for several events planned for the new year, with the opportunity to register your interest through signup sheets at today's meeting.**

**John pointed out that registering interest does not constitute a booking and until you send your money through, no place is allocated to you.**

### **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.

### **Guest Speaker Officer: David Hall**

November: Nic Van Oudtshoorn presenting: ***Monsters and Miracles in the Backyard Garden***

### **Liaison Officer: Marj Micallef**

Marj made no official report in the General Meeting

### **Member Speaker Officer Kevin Gilbert**

There will be no November Member Speaker as the November General Meeting will be loaded with business considering the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions which must be implemented before the March 2026 AGM.



### Welfare Officer's Report: Maiya Kenny

**Julianne Douglas** is recovering from her shoulder surgery

**Michael Keys** fell off a ladder and hurt two vertebrae - I'm sure he would love to hear from you while he's recovering

I haven't heard otherwise so I'm assuming everyone else is healthy.  
So continue that for the next month ... and stay off ladders!!

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.

### Newsletter Officer's Report

Shirley thanked those regular contributors to the Newsletter but asked Members not to be complacent that someone else is helping out when in fact very few are. So please make suggestions when you can, particularly when it comes to telling us about something you have read or watched, something you have cooked or baked or somewhere that you have been that may be of interest to other members in the Club and look good in the What Have Members Been Up To section of our Newsletter.

Remember, our Newsletter is read by many other Clubs in our area.

The next Photo Showcase will be **Water** and will be shown at the November Meeting.

Please submit your Photos in jpeg format to Ali and Graeme [jamberooprobussinfo@gmail.com](mailto:jamberooprobussinfo@gmail.com) by

### Jamberoo Probuss - Upcoming Events Calendar Snapshot

| When is It?                                      | What is It?                     | Where is It?                                      | What does it Cost?                                    |
|--|---------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>27-31 October 2025</b>                        | Tour                            | Cowra, Orange and Parkes                          | \$1051.00 Shared<br>\$1493.00 Single                  |
| <b>Tuesday 11 November<br/>10.00 am</b>          | "Low Tea"                       | Vons Vintage Cafe, Pyree                          | \$20.00 for Low Tea<br>payable by 31 October          |
| <b>Tuesday 2 December<br/>10.00 for 11.00 am</b> | JD Smith's<br>Christmas Concert | Shoalhaven Entertainment<br>Centre                | \$25.00 payable by 31<br>October 2025<br>Fully booked |
| <b>Friday 12 December<br/>5.00 pm</b>            | Christmas Dinner                | Bella Char Restaurant<br>Mecure Hotel, Gerringong | \$60.00 payable by 30<br>November<br>5 spots left     |

The Meeting ended at 5.00 pm with a lucky door prize draw. Many thanks to those who donated prizes, adding a little fun and also increasing the number of possible winners.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 26 November, 2025 in the Gala Room at Club Jamberoo

