



PROBUS CLUB OF JAMBEROO INC
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 26 November 2025

Number of attendees: **48**

Visitors: (Guest Speaker: Nic Van Oudtshoorn)

Apologies:

Susan Alexander, Jan Allan, Angela Besnard, Jennie Breeze, Nuffy Brooke-Smith, Winton Brooke-Smith, Diane Brown, Colin Brown, Chrissie Cieplucha, Julianne Douglas, Mike Douglas, Anne Edwards, Ian Facey, Pam Facey, Cathy Faulks, Ross Faulks, Lynn Franzeskow, Peter Franzeskow, Steve Gaddin, Marea Gardener, Val Gregory, Julie Hall, Annette Hoskins, Richard Hoskins, Peter Jeffries, Jenny Lee, Louise Manning, Wendy Markham-Lee, Christine Marks, Gary Marks, John Milne, Marie Milne, John Norton, Sharon Norton, Graeme Relf, Denise Sims, John Sims, Gail Taylor, Lorraine Tibbitts, Fiona Turner, Richard Turner, Linda Webb.

Rob Lee opened the meeting at 3.00 pm.

Minutes of October Meeting

President Rob advised that the Minutes of the October 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: David Hall
Motion declared carried.

Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker today was Nic Van Oudtshoorn, who lives in Jamberoo and who let us into the world of Macro Photography which he pursues as a hobby.

Introduced by David Hall, Nic Van Oudtshoorn presented:

Monsters and Miracles in the Backyard Garden

Nic van Oudtshoorn, is a photo journalist with more than 40 years experience, whose 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 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.

Afternoon Tea Break

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

Member Speaker

There was no Member speaker for this November Meeting.

Approval of Probus Constitution and Standing Resolutions

Treasurer Bruce conducted a session regarding approval of the new Constitution and Standing Orders. Bruce advised that there were 48 members in attendance today with an additional 12 members having lodged correct Proxy Forms with the Secretary by Monday 24th November as required, giving a total of 60 members participating. Under our current Constitution, we are required to have at least 25% of members participating, so, with 60% being in attendance, we could formally declare a Quorum.

Bruce then referred to the Draft Constitution which had been circulated to all members on October 26th and was displayed on the TV monitor in the room.

Bruce then read Resolution 1. "That the members present at the meeting of November 26th, 2025 voted to accept the Constitution as circulated to all members and as presented at the meeting." to the meeting and called for a Proposer and Seconder for the Resolution. Gerard Kenny proposed the Resolution, seconded by David Hall. Bruce then called for any member who wished to speak in favour of the Resolution, with no one responding, and then he called for any member to speak against the Resolution. Again, no one stepped forward.

Bruce then called for a show of hands of those approving the Resolution and then those against. There being no hands raised against the Resolution, it was declared carried unanimously.

The President and Secretary were authorised to sign the new Constitution.

Bruce then referred to the 25 Standing Resolutions which had been circulated to all members on October 26th and were displayed on the TV monitor in the room.



Bruce stepped through the 25 Resolutions explaining the details of many and the thoughts which had led to the various wordings by the Management Committee.

He then read Resolution 2. "That the members present at the meeting of November 26th, 2025 voted to accept the 25 Standing Resolutions as circulated to all members and as presented at the meeting." Bruce called for a Proposer and a Seconder and Kim Oborn and Helen Hoogendoorn confirmed themselves as Proposer and Seconder.

Bruce explained that, if we were unable to have a majority of 51% or more support the Resolution to approve all 25 Standing Resolutions in one group, then we would go through each one and have an individual vote on each one. He also reminded members that Standing Resolutions can later be amended or replaced as appropriate by following processes laid out in our recently approved Constitution.

Bruce asked for any members who wished to speak for the Resolution and then who wished to speak against the Resolution. No members came forward so Bruce called for a show of hands for those supporting the Resolution and then those against the Resolution. There being no hands raised against the Resolution, it was declared carried unanimously.

Bruce then explained that the next step was to lodge our new Constitution with NSW Fair Trading and, once accepted, copies of the Constitution and Standing Orders, which will be managed by the Secretary, will be sent to all members.

Bruce then thanked all the members for their co-operation.

Financial Report: Bruce Johnston

Treasurer's Report - November 2025

Financial Year 01 January 2025 – 24 November 2025

1. Admin Income for Year of \$4,404.06 of which \$4,360.00 is for Membership Dues and Joining Fees. Bank Interest of \$1.06. After Capitation Fees and Name Badges total of \$2,339.04, leaves us a Net Income of \$2,065.02.
2. Admin Expense for the Year of \$1,916.38 leaves us showing a Surplus of \$160.64 YTD. The Lucky Door Draw shows a deficit of \$70.24 as at November 24th.
3. \$300 transferred to Events to Subsidise Christmas Dinner Prizes/gifts.
4. Events Income of \$65,775.00 for the Year and \$63,895.53 in costs to date. We now show a Surplus YTD of \$1,879.47.
5. Total members Accounts Receivable balance is \$-1,001.80 being credit balances for some members from cancelled events and refunds from Central West Trip.
6. Central West Trip had a Surplus of \$696.40 which was distributed as Credits to members and \$191.40 to Shellharbour Club.
7. All Accounts Payable is up to date.



8. IMB Balance \$8,891.13 as at November 24th of which \$4,047.95 is Admin Funds and Retained Earnings and \$4,843.18 is Events Funds and Member Balances from Events. There is \$132.00 in the Cash Tin and \$162.15 in the Lucky Door Draw Float.
9. We have 100 Financial Members, and no Un-financial Members.
10. We have 79 for Christmas Dinner and 10 for the JD Smith Christmas Concert and 4 staying for the JD Smith lunch and 4 have paid for the Human Nature Concert in March.

Events Officer's Report: John Pearce

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October:

A summary of our Central West Tour, as follows, has been provided by Pam Facey

Central West Tour

Day 1: Commencement of the Tour

Our five-day adventure through the Central West began with 38 eager members. Most of us were collected from our usual pickup points, with Shellharbour members boarding at Oak Flats. The final two members joined us at Eling Forest Winery & Cafe in Sutton Forest, where we enjoyed a brief coffee break surrounded by picturesque scenery. Two members travelled independently but met us at each of our stops.

Lunch was enjoyed at the Rollin Café in Bowning, set against a charming vintage rural backdrop. The meal was simple yet truly delicious.

Upon arriving in Cowra, we settled into our first accommodation at The Club Cowra Motel, which proved to be very comfortable. Breakfasts and dinners were served in the adjoining club and were consistently excellent.

Day 2: Exploring Cowra

The day began with a quick visit to the POW camp, followed by a leisurely wander through the majestic Cowra Japanese Gardens. Lunch was served in the café within the gardens. Afterwards, we had a few hours to explore and enjoy the township of Cowra at our own pace.

Day 3: Journey to Orange

Departing Cowra, we travelled to Orange via Canowindra and Eugowra, both of which felt like ghost towns—perhaps because we arrived early. Lunch was in Forbes, another quiet town. Some members took a brief tour of a local biscuit factory, where most employees have disabilities but are highly capable. The day continued with a visit to the CSIRO Parkes Observatory, including a guided tour and a half-hour visual presentation—though a few members found the darkness of the theatre quite relaxing! Parkes remains one of the world's leading radio telescopes even after six decades of operation.

After a pleasant drive, we arrived at the Remington Hotel in Orange, our base for the next two nights. The rooms were modern and spacious, and breakfasts were generous and delicious. That evening, we dined at the hotel's Whitney Room, enjoying a delectable three-course dinner together.

Day 4: Exploring Orange

Our morning was spent at Lake Canobolas, where many members enjoyed a walk around the lake and, naturally, stopped for coffee. Although we had hoped to visit the Mount



Canobolas lookout, road conditions prevented our coach from making the trip. Instead, we strolled through the Orange Botanic Gardens before enjoying free time to explore Orange. Members wandered through shops and sampled lunches at various cafes and pubs. Some took a pleasant walk through Cook Park, enjoying the small aviary and the lively chatter of the birds. Dinner was held at the Peacock Room, a retro vintage restaurant with delightful surroundings and beautiful interior design. The three-course dinner was thoroughly enjoyed, complemented by attentive staff.

Day 5: Final Stops and Homeward Bound

After checking out of the hotel, we made a short visit to Millthorpe, a charming and emerging town. Lunch was at the Conservation Hut at Wentworth Falls, offering sweeping views over the valley. Our driver, Ian, was extremely accommodating with drop-offs on our journey home, and all members arrived at their final destinations by early evening. The tour was a thoroughly enjoyable five-day experience for everyone involved.

Acknowledgements Sincere thanks go to Pam Facey for her hard work and to Helen Waterhouse for hers in organising our lunches and several dinners, and to Shellharbour Proboscidea Club for their contribution to the success of our tour.

November:

Tuesday 11 November 2025 11.30 am “Low Tea” at Vons Vintage Cafe at Pyree (719 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 Gilbert 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 Waterhouse for arranging the event.

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.

3 course buffet dinner, live music, drinks at own cost. We have 80 members participating so we have the whole restaurant to ourselves.

There will be a buffet featuring three courses including vegetarian options



February 2026

Thursday February 12 2026 10.00 am

Wollongong picnic in the park near Diggies Cafe at 1 Cliff Road North Wollongong

BYO Picnic and the wherewithal to swim if you choose

No Cost

March

Wednesday 4 March. 2026, 10.30 am. Approximately 2 hours

Shoalhaven River Fish and Chips Cruise

Pickup is at Greenwell Point and cruise includes the Crookhaven River, Berry's Canal and the Shoalhaven River.

Cost is \$63 per person, including lunch.

Limit of 40 participants.

Thursday 12 March 2026

Premier's Gala Seniors' Concert, International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour.

Concert is at no cost but a bus is to be arranged at a cost of approximately \$32.00 per person. More details to follow.

Friday 27 March 2026 8.00pm:

Human Nature Concert Part 2 of their Concert tour celebrating 20 years since making it into the Aria Hall of Fame.

Cost is \$95.00

April

Thursday 16 April 2026 10.00 am

Autumn Colours at Retford Park, Bowral. There will be a guided tour of Retford House at 10.30 am followed by time to explore the gardens before Lunch at Moonacres' Cafe adjacent to Retford Park (own selection, own cost)

Cost is \$25.00 per person for guided tour and access to the gardens.

November 2026

Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights Spectacular 2026. More details to follow.



Norfolk Island Trip

It was reported that 22 Members so far had signed up for the Norfolk Island Trip from 8 May to 15 May 2026, so the event will be going ahead, with room still for a few more. Contact Fiona Turner for more Information

Expressions of interest are being sought for several events planned for the new year, with the opportunity to register your interest through sign-up sheets at our 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.

Jamberoo Probus - Upcoming Events Calendar Snapshot-1-1

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	\$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 Payable by
Friday 27 March 2026 8.00 pm	Human Nature Motown Tour	Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre	\$95.00 per person Payable by 31 January 2026
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



Guest Speaker:

David Hall reported that the January Speaker would be Lyn Strong with a presentation on "Writing Your Own Story"

Liaison Officer: Marj Micallef

Marj made no official report in the General Meeting

Member Speaker Officer Kevin Gilbert

There was no November Member Speaker.

Welfare Officer's Report: Maiya Kenny

I have no report this month as I didn't receive any notification of anyone being unwell or infirm. I hope that's the case and no one has slipped through the cracks. Helen Waterhouse is booked in for a shoulder replacement the day after our meeting. We wish her well with the operation and rehab and look forward to see her smiling face at our Christmas Party

It was good to see Michael Keys at the meeting, with a cautionary tale to remind us that we need to stay off ladders!

Stay healthy everyone and enjoy the upcoming 'silly season'.

See you all at the Christmas Party!

Take care and please let me know if you or someone you know is not feeling well.

Maiya

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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

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 created or baked or somewhere that you have been that may be of interest to other members in the Club (to be included in the ***What Have Members Been Up To*** section of our Newsletter.)

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

Shirley reported that she has been producing the Newsletter since 2022 which amounts to almost 4 years. It is timely that another Member (or other Members) of the Club takes/take over as Editor or as a Part of a Newsletter Team.



The photos submitted for the **Water** Photo Showcase were shown.

The next Photo Showcase will be **Beaches** and will be shown at the January Meeting.

Please submit your Photos in jpeg format to Ali and Graeme
jamberooprobusinfo@gmail.com by 15 January 2026

Ali asks that you submit photos **that you have taken**, and please to submit **only 3**.

The Meeting ended at 5.00 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 28 January, 2025 in the Gala Room at Club Jamberoo