



The **JERRACTIVES**
NEWSLETTER of the JERRABOMBERRA COMBINED PROBUS CLUB



DECEMBER 2025



At this very sad time for Australia, it is difficult to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas", so instead I wish you a safe and beautiful Christmas, shared with loved ones and friends, good health and the hope that 2026 brings peace on earth and goodwill to all.

The Editor

On a happier note, 46 members and friends enjoyed our Christmas lunch at the Dugout Café.





As you are well aware the Club Constitution prevents us from fundraising, we are there for Fun, Fellowship and Friends, but we are encouraged to be generous and considerate in other ways. It is therefore appropriate that at this time of year when we celebrate and renew our belief in joy, family and generosity, I acknowledge and extend a very big "thank you" to all those who have contributed to my Lids for Kids collection.

After Clare and I returned from holiday in July it was encouraging to have your accumulated contributions to get me going again. It wasn't long before I was able to deliver several more boxes of contributions and with the latest round of contributions, I will shortly be able to deliver yet more clean and sorted lids. There will also be boxes of corks, cages, beer bottle tops and small metals to mention but a few.

I am particularly grateful to everybody who took the trouble to wash their contributions, it makes the whole task much more pleasant for me! Some even more helpful folk also even sorted their stuff into separate bags - what lovely people you are.

For those newcomers to the Club, I collect members' contributions for the 'Lids for Kids' campaign. I combine these with the contributions from my fellow NSW Rural Fire Service firefighters in the Lake George Support Brigade. Together we make a positive difference.

RETURN IT

*I should also acknowledge the efforts of those people, Anita Dahl in particular, who regularly give me empty plastic bottles etc for the **NSW Return It** campaign which refunds 10 cents on every returned plastic and glass bottle up to two litres (except milk containers which should go into the normal recycling). The returned bottles are then redeemed and the money raised goes into the Funds of the Lake George Support Brigade Logistics Team. This is their only source of income for purchasing minor items to provide operational service support to the eighteen firefighting combat brigades within our District (roughly approximating to the QPRC Local Government Area). I'm always happy to accept more, with or without their lids!*

IN SUMMARY

By all these minor acts and contributions, we jointly save resources, reduce landfill, provide support to others less well-off and support our firefighting volunteers. We do all this while hardly inconveniencing ourselves at all. What a great spirit.

Richard Hobbs



DIARY DATES



2026

Wednesday, January 7

Get-together lunch at 12 noon at Kangaroo Club, Queanbeyan. Friends welcome.

Wednesday, January 14

Garden Club get-together 10.30 a.m. at Eleanor's home - 2 Homestead Gardens

Wednesday, January 21

Jerrabomberra Probus Meeting at 10.30 at Jerrabomberra Community Centre. Guest speaker Justin Parish, Branch Manager CBA Queanbeyan who will talk about "Staying Safe Online".

Wednesday, January

Wednesday, January 28

Coffee Club get-together

Wednesday, February 4

Get-together lunch at 12 noon

Wednesday, February 11

Garden club get-together

Saturday, February 14

Rotary Community Day at Jerrabomberra Community Centre

Wednesday, February 18

Jerrabomberra Probus Meeting at 10.30 at Jerrabomberra Community Centre. Guest Speaker Albert Palazzo who will talk about his latest book "The Big Fix" about building Australia's national security.

Wednesday, February 25

Coffee Club get-together

Wednesday, March 18

Jerrabomberra Probus Meeting at 10.30 at Jerrabomberra Community Centre. Also Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, March 18-Saturday March 21

Gold Creek Probus Club tour to Blue Mountains including Mayfield Gardens.

\$1,585 per person twin share. Enquiries: Heather Homewood robhezz5152@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 15

Jerrabomberra Probus Meeting at 10.30 at Jerrabomberra Community Centre

Wednesday, April 22 to Sunday, April 26

Queanbeyan Probus Club "Tumut Valley Autumn Delight - Colours of the Falling Leaf" trip.

\$1,998.00 per person Twin Share [Enquiries: june.ceretti@gmail.com](mailto:june.ceretti@gmail.com) 0417 680 250

Friday May 15-Wednesday May 22

Greenway Probus Club Murray River Cruise, Victor Harbour, Kangaroo Island. \$4,898 per person twin share. Enquiries to Gail 0417 432474

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Wednesday, May 18

Jerrabomberra Probus Meeting at 10.30 at Jerrabomberra Community Centre

Saturday, October 31 to Tuesday, November 10

Probus 50th birthday cruise - Sydney, Tasmania, King Island, Adelaide, Melbourne, Eden, Sydney.

Enquiries holiday@tradetravel.com

Please contact Eleanor if you require more information on any of these events.

Any ideas for outings can be forwarded to Ann Rau annmrau@hotmail.com



ROZ TOWNSEND'S PODCASTS



<https://podcastle.ai/show/70-roz-OG0ye8Tz/helen-burrows-the-anti-slavery-advocate-ILZ3C8Rd>

<https://podcastle.ai/show/70-roz-OG0ye8Tz/is-canberra-living-in-the-70s-with-dr-guy-hansen-cq6AclNL>

Roz's podcasts on Spotify are well worth a listen.

JERRABOMBERRA PROBUS FACEBOOK GROUP



Join the Facebook Group where you can chat to other members or post items you think may interest others.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/690245655091944>

DECEMBER AND JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



December 01 Iain Townsend
December 04 Peter Haddon
January 01 Kaylene Anderson
January 01 Chris Cox
January 03 Swee See Colton
January 05 Deborah Rogers
January 06 Jacqui Millwood
January 10 Marilyn Moir
January 18 Jo Livingston
January 25 Carline Hocking
January 26 Laurel Roberson
January 27 Chris Colton

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER



This is your newsletter, so if you have any news, family celebrations, recipes, book reviews, grandparent brags, photos, deep and meaningful thoughts, whatever, please send them to eleanor.vqa@gmail.com



The gift of love. The gift of peace. The gift of happiness. May all these be yours at Christmas.