

PROBUS CLUB OF JAMBEROO INC
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday 23 September 2026

Meeting Opened at 3.00 pm.

Apologies:

Susan Alexander, Tony Arntz, Debbie Arntz, Jennie Breeze, Brian Cassell, Colin Brown, Diane Brown, Colin Cavenagh, Julieanne Douglas, Mike Douglas, Denise Emmett, Lynn Franzeskow, Peter Franzeskow, Kevin Gilbert, Trish Gilbert, Susan Good, Val Gregory, Julie Hall, John Hansen, Sandra Hansen, Harry Hoogendoorn, Annette Hoskins, Richard Hoskins, Gerard Kenny, Maiya Kenny, Mike Keys, Helen Keys, Louise Manning, Michael Manning, Marj Micallef, Julie Milne, Kel Milne, Colleen Moran, Kim Oborn, Luke Oborn, Marji O'Connor, Graeme Relf, Diane Samways, Noel Samways, Denise Sims, John Sims, Linda Webb.

Visitors: Carol Fraser, Vicki Walsh.

Rob Lee welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there was any business arising from the August General Meeting Minutes, then, as there was no business arising, for the Minutes to be accepted.

Motion was raised: That the July Minutes be accepted

Motion moved by: Ali Relf

Seconded by: John Milne

Motion declared carried.

President's Report:

Robert reported to the Meeting that our Constitution/Standing Resolutions do not allow those holding the positions of President, Treasurer or Secretary to do so for more than 3 consecutive years. As Shirley Johnston has been Secretary of the Club for almost three years, we are in need of someone to step up to the role of Secretary, or our Club will not be able to continue functioning.

Rob also reminded Members of the changed date for our November Meeting because of our trip to the Hunter Valley to see the Christmas lights. The Meeting will now be 18 November 2026.

Guest Speakers

David Hall introduced our Guest Speakers, Amanda Large and Kate Malfroy who spoke to us about our endangered local native animals and birdlife. Delivering a simple message... Just slowing down between dusk and dawn will help a lot...

If you come across a dead/injured native animal check its pouch, and get them off the road if possible to reduce the hazard to other animals who may be using them as a food. And please... check that pouch. If a baby is detected in a pouch sometimes volunteers raise a young animal for two years.

Sometimes a damaged animal may not die right away and then they often hop off into the bush, eventually dying a painful death.

Wombats, echidnas, possums, water dragons and turtles, as well as kangaroos, are often victims.

As we encroach on their habitats, there are further risks of injury to our wildlife.

Predation by pets, getting caught in netting, fishing lines, house and shop windows are all hazards for our wildlife.

Download the free app for Wires: WIRES1300094737

Or Wildlife Rescue South Coast (North) 0418427214

Get with their program as it's a road safety issue for humans too, plus the cost of damage to vehicles in wildlife collisions.

Amanda and Kate are working with council to:

- Put signs of public lands
- Identify and mark wildlife crossings
- Reduce speed limits on certain roads
- Pursue the idea of virtual fencing and community education programs

What we see around Jamberoo especially, is their creative signage: they have even got kids involved in the graphics used in the signs which hopefully will make them more aware when they use the roads as teens and adults.

Amanda and Kate sell the signs at markets, but they can be purchased directly from them.

Early reports are that the signs are having a positive effect in the Highlands and in Jamberoo and as some of our local roads are hotspots ... people have suggested warning signs need to be put up. At this point the signs are on private properties but there is a need to get councils on board as well.

David Hall thanked Kath and Amanda for their talk.

During the afternoon tea break, slides of upcoming events were shown

Member Speaker: David Hall

I firstly want to acknowledge the efforts of my great-great grandfather George Hall who was the first person who trialled the Siebens Diving apparatus on the famous wreck of the Royal George in Spithead Harbour around 1835. The artists drawings were donated to the Sydney Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour.

Our Australian story

My grandfather, George Frederick Hall, was born in 1890 in Whitstable in Kent, the youngest child in a family of 13 children. His father, Arthur, and mother, June, ran a small general store, but as you could imagine things were extremely tough. George managed to earn a few dollars helping out in a butcher shop and was approached by someone about working as a deck-hand on a boat going to Australia, leaving the following day, so at the age of 17 he was off to Australia, despite protests from his mother.

However life on a boat didn't agree with George and as soon as the boat docked in Adelaide, he jumped ship. That led to the ship's captain contacting his mum saying they believed he had been lost at sea.

He somehow managed to put some money aside and make his way to NSW. He had an ambition to start his own butcher shop and bought a run-down shop in Binalong, later doing the same at Gulgong.

George had a very limited education and could neither read nor write, so he never let his parents know he was alive.

He met and married Margaret Turner when he was 26, and she wrote to his mother back in England to tell her of their marriage and apparently his mum read the letter and collapsed in shock.

Pop never saw his parents again, being reticent to fly, and sea travel wasn't an option for him. In fact, apart from his nephew William, who was only two years younger and was brought out on a sponsorship, and one of his older sisters who came out late in her life to live with her son who lived in Adelaide, he never saw any of his family again.

He eventually bought a business in Goulburn, where my dad Ray was born, joining his two older brothers, Arthur and Harold, before buying a shop in Kiama where the ice-creamery is opposite the old Fire Station is.

However Pop had a liking for the drink and often left Margaret and William to run the business and eventually Margaret divorced Pop and she and William left and married, with Margaret leaving the two older boys with Pop and took dad, who was just 18 months-old.

However, Dad fretted for his brothers and Pop became sole parent of three small boys.

Margaret lived to the age of 106 in Ballina and after being married to Pop for 12 years was married to William for 56 years before he passed away. They had three further children, including another Raymond. Pop passed away in Jamberoo on 16 February 1977 at the age of 87 from liver cancer.

Hall's Butchery continued for many years and when the shop was sold dad and Arthur worked for Swan's Butchery and dad for a shop in Shellharbour, where he met mum.

Eventually they were married in 1953 and I was born in 1954 and my sister Sharen in 1956.

My parents bought three acres of land south of Kiama and established a successful dressed poultry business, however the advent of frozen chickens in Woollies in the early '60s meant looking for alternatives.

Dad followed Pop's previous example and purchased a run-down butcher's shop in Jamberoo in 1962 ...and the rest is history.

Treasurer's Report : Gerard Kenny – As At 20/09/26

Firstly, the Club's Overall Financial Position

As at 20th September, when the financial reports were prepared, we had \$35,371 in the IMB bank account. Of that:

- * We were holding \$30,285 for Events & Tours, and \$1,602 of Member Credits
- * Leaving \$3,485 for Admin Funds

Secondly, the Financial Year from 1st January (this financial year)

Our Admin Income for the Year is \$4,833.

Our Admin Expenses for the Year are \$4,096.

That leaves a Surplus of \$738

Events Committee Report

- Helen expressed thanks to Bruce, Fiona, Shirley and Marj for the success of the Liaison Group Croquet Day. There is a more detailed report in the Liaison Officer's Report
- Although some of our Members enjoyed the James Blundell Concert, the consensus was that the dinner and format of the concert were both not up to the standard we have grown to expect.
- Fiona advised that organisation for the Christmas Dinner on the 3 November 2026 at Warilla Sports and Recreational Club at 7 pm was in hand and that members be requested to be there at 6pm for pre-dinner drinks and fellowship before being seated at 6.30 pm. The Band is booked in for 7-10pm. The cost for Members will be \$66.00 per person, which includes the cost of decorations.
- Nan Tien Temple 14 October 2026 Cost \$16 for the Tour plus \$8 lunch. Numbers and payment to be finalised by the week before the event.
- Liaison Group Clubs Lunch at Kiama Leagues is to be held on 27 October 2026 at 12 for 12.30 pm at a cost of \$52.00. There is still room for our Club Members
- April 2027 Rob and Jenny Lee have agreed to host a Prawn and Chicken evening in their gardens on Churchill Street, Jamberoo.

Jamberoo Probus - Upcoming Events Calendar Snapshot

When is It?	What is It?	Where is It?	What does it Cost?
Thursday 8 October 2026	Coffee and Chat	Kiama Golf Club	Own Cost
Wednesday 14 October 2026 10.00 am start	Nan Tien Temple tour and lunch	Nan Tien Temple Berkley	\$8.00 tour \$16.00 lunch
Tuesday 27 October 2026 12 noon	Combined Friendship Lunch	Kiama Leagues Club Auditorium	\$52.00 for lunch
Wednesday 11 November 2026 from 10.00am	Walk 10.00am Observation of Remembrance Day 11.00 am Lunch at Pelican Rocks from 12.00 noon	Greenwell Point	Lunch at own cost
Thursday 12 November 2026 - 10am	Coffee and Chat	Kiama Golf Club	Own Cost
23-25 November 2026	Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights Spectacular	Hunter Valley	\$937 pp twin \$1127 single Bookings Closed
Thursday 3 December 2026	Christmas Party	Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club 63 Jason Avenue, Barrack Heights	\$66.00 per person

Liaison Officer's Report : Fiona Turner

Fiona reported the results of the Croquet Day and the exciting play off between three teams.

At the end of play, we had a three way tie with the maximum 12 points between, Gerringong 2 team, Shell Cove A1 team and our own stars, Sue and Steve Gaddin.

That then led to a one hoop shootout between 1 Player from each team, and after that tense tussle, Shell Cove ended up the Winners with Gerringong and Jamberoo as Runners Up.

Three more teams, Blackbutt Flinders 1, Gerroa and Kiama Seaside 1, were just one point behind on Equal Third.

We received very positive feedback on our running of the Croquet Event and Fiona thanked all those involved on the day who supplied morning tea, helped with and played in the tournament.

Special thanks go to Bruce Johnston who made up the draw of teams and recorded results.

The event could not have happened without the assistance of the members of the Jamberoo Croquet Club, who made sure the games all ran smoothly and organised a great lunch for the over 100 players and spectators. Bruce is to draw up a Certificate of Thanks and send it to Rob Lee, who will ensure that the Croquet Club receives it.

Golf Thursday 24 September 2026 at Jamberoo hosted by the Kiama Seaside Club.

The Liaison Group Golf Day has been finalised also with Jim registering himself, Luke, Bruce, Kim, Sharon and Shirley to play on the day.

District Luncheon Tuesday 27 October 2026 at Kiama Leagues hosted by Shell Cove. There are still places available.

Welfare Officer's Report: Maiya Kenny

Welfare Report for August 2026.

Best wishes to Kevin Gilbert for a speedy recovery.

If you know any of our Members who are not well, I'm sure they would appreciate a phone call to cheer them up.

Please contact Maiya if you know of anyone who is feeling unwell.

Maiya Kenny
Welfare Officer
0407 536 702

Membership Report:

There is one person on the waiting list for Membership.

Our Coffee and Chat Morning (monthly, on the second Thursday of the month), was a great success. Lots of chat happening!

It would be good to see some of our new members in attendance. We encourage new members to join us at the October Coffee and Chat at the Kiama Golf Club at 10.00 am on Thursday 8 October 2026. It is a great opportunity to meet with other Members in an ambient and informal atmosphere.

Newsletter Officer's Report: Jim Ballentine

Jim thanked members for their contributions so far for the Newsletter.

Jim encouraged members to become engaged and submit contributions as it makes the task of producing the Newsletter much easier and more interesting.

Photo Showcase

The next Photo Showcase will be ***Your Favourite Photo of 2026.***

Get your entries in to Alison and Graeme by 11 November 2026 at jamberooprobusinfo@gmail.com)

November 2026 Meeting Date Change

Because the November Tour to Hunter Valley for the Christmas Lights conflicts with the Scheduled Date for the November General Meeting, Members are advised that the November meeting will be brought forward one week to Wednesday 18 November 2026.

Also remember the date for the Photo Showcase Photos to be submitted is 11 November 2026.

Next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 October 2026 at 3.00 pm at Club Jambaroo. Hope to see you there!