

Probus Club of Balmain Newsletter: March 2026

"For 50 years, Probus has been about connection, friendship and community. While the world has changed, the importance of people coming together has not."

Apologies: If you are unable to get to the March 2026 meeting, please send apologies to me on margaretdunn@bigpond.com or Mobile: 0439 818 311, or to Lester Jones at lesterjjones@bigpond.com or Mobile: 0424 791 570.

Address for Club Mail: 3/12 Thames Street, Balmain, NSW, 2041.

Meeting Venue: We will be meeting in the **Balmain Town Hall** in the Uncle Bob Webb Chamber at 10:00am on **Wednesday 11 March 2026**. Entry is through the side door.

Birthdays for March. We have only one birthday in March and that is for Val Lewis. Good luck with your scratchie and have a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Val

50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia

Head Office has provided a 50th Anniversary Club Promotion and Activities Kit from which needs to be acted upon by the Club. It is too much for one person so I will need some help. **Volunteers** please look at the kit and see what is required, and what you may be able to assist with.

Celebration! The 50th Anniversary morning tea was an opportunity to acknowledge what is enjoyable about our club. The Probus philosophy – Fun, Friendship and Fellowship – lives on.

Guest Speaker: Julie has Tom Glynn lined up for the March meeting to speak to us about "Adventures in Marketing", and in April we will be hearing from Kseniia Pisareva from Body Library Pilates Studio about "Pilates for the Elderly". I have heard that she achieves miraculous results for people with disabilities.

Bus Outings: Dates for your diary: 18 March, 15 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October, and 18 November, 2026. Please remember to let Sue know of any destinations you would like to be included on our outings. And don't forget that the bus will leave Balmain Town Hall at **9.30am** unless any changes are notified. The March outing will be to the **Henry Kendall Cottage & Museum**, West Gosford (fee of \$5) then on to the RSL in West Gosford for lunch. Tea and Coffee is available for \$2 at the Henry Kendall Cottage & Museum.

Welfare: Evelyn reported that she was sending a birthday card and scratchy to our birthday girl for March, i.e. Val Lewis. Evelyn herself is still suffering pain from her spine and finds sleeping to be difficult. However, she may be able to take a rest shortly as we have a new member who has put her hand up to take over the Welfare role.

Coffee Mornings: Don't forget to advise Penny if you know of other coffee places that may be suitable for our meetings, i.e, that they can fit 10 to 12 together without crowding, and that it is not too noisy. Penny reported that Coffee mornings continue with a core group of regular attendees and a few others coming along for a chance to meet up in a more relaxed setting. Meanwhile, as Penny has commitments that will prevent her from participating on a regular basis this year, she would like to hand over to someone else to organise the coffee mornings. Any volunteers? The dates and venues for coffee mornings coming up are:

5th March at **Dirty Red at 711 Darling Street, Rozelle**

19th March at **RREES 388 Darling Street, Balmain**

Theatre Excursions: Simone Nichol has put a lot of work into creating a schedule of plays at small venues that are conveniently close to public transport. **Please let me know if you did not receive the email** on Theatre Excursions.

Theatre: Would anyone be interested in attending The Lion King, Capital Theatre, from April 18. Groups of 10 @ \$85; or Moulin Rouge, Sydney Lyric, from 9 March. Groups of 10 @ ??

Film Club: Mary reported that a French season has started so films are in French with subtitles. She is unable to find any of other movies to suit our times and dates but hopefully she may have something new next week.

Management Committee: The AGM will follow the General meeting this month and all positions on the Committee will be declared vacant. Thanks again to all committee members who have continued in their previous roles, particularly Lester who has continued as Treasurer as well as President; Julie in finding Speakers; Sue in organising bus outings; Mary in finding interesting films to see; Val in organising morning teas; Penny in organising the coffee mornings; Evelyn in organising the Birthday cards, scratchies, and Get Well cards; Robin for welcoming members as they sign in to the meetings, and Leone for her welcoming visitors.

PLEASE NOTE: The April meeting will be held in the Balmain Town Hall in the upstairs big hall but all other meetings will be back in the Uncle Bob Webb Chamber.