

Probus Club of Balmain Newsletter: April 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 April 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.

NB: Meeting Venue: We will be meeting in the **Balmain Town Hall BALL ROOM** at 10:00am on **Wednesday 8 April 2026**. Entry is through the LIFT at the door on the RIGHT of the Library Door. Paper disposable cups for morning tea or bring own.

Birthdays for April. We have five birthdays in April and these are for Sue Roll, Penny Plumbe, Joan Pender, Narelle Kirby and Mary Roberts'

Good luck with your scratchie and have a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sue, Penny, Joan, Narelle & Mary

50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia

Have our Club join in the activities to celebrate the 50th Anniversary and build the numbers in our Club. The 50th Anniversary Club Promotion and Activities Kit has ideas to use and Margaret sent these to members to think about.

Anyone with expertise in Media and/or Social Media savvy could have particularly useful advice to provide.

Chandon Sparkling Wine with the Probus 50th Anniversary logo will be available shortly after Easter for \$30 bottle. Orders have now been placed.

Guest Speaker: One of our members, Dianne Litt, stepped in at the March meeting and spoke about "A Canadian's Self Initiated Repatriation to Australia" in lieu of Tom Glynn who will be now speaking to us in May about "Adventures in Marketing". 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: In case you need reminding, dates for outings are on the third Wednesday of the month, which are: 15 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October, and 18 November, 2026. The bus will leave Balmain Town Hall at **9.30am** unless any changes are notified.

The April outing will be to the **Quakers Hill Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre**. This is a guided tour which will run for approximately 1 hour. You must **wear sturdy, fully enclosed, flat soled shoes**. Long pants are preferred. Safety

glasses will be provided for a section of the tour, if you have your own you may wish to bring them. For more information about the PRW Discovery Centre please click here: [Purified recycled water](#)

Sue is still researching places for lunch to follow. Also, let Sue know of any destinations you would like to be included in her program.

Welfare: Kirsten met with Evelyn on Monday 30 March to “learn the ropes”. Evelyn was unable to attend the March meeting as she was having Cataract Surgery on that day, while Lester was to have surgery on Monday 16 March.

Coffee Mornings: Penny reported that the numbers attending the coffee mornings fluctuate depending on who is away from Sydney, who is unwell, and what else is coming up on the calendar, such as Easter. However there are usually 6-10 people and there is no shortage of chatter or topics touched on. So come along and see for yourself. The venues for this month’s coffee mornings are ;

2nd April: Dirty Red in Rozelle
16th April : RREES cafe in Balmain.

Theatre Excursions: Simone Nichol created a Professional Theatre Schedule which has been circulated. Until Val Lewis has been cleared by the Specialist to carry on with taking orders to buy tickets at the Box Office for discounted prices, Margaret has volunteered to step in for the earlier shows, Cheaper tickets will be purchased at the Theatre without having to gather up groups.

Meanwhile three members attended *Exit Laughing* at Club Ryde, which was a bit risqué. Public transport would have been fine as parking was a problem. The next show will be *The Admirable Creighton* at the Genesian Theatre on Sunday, 26 April.

Film Club: Mary reported that she has not been able to line up a movie that she thinks members would like, and the times we use. However, there may be some movies members may like and if anyone wants to put a movie forward she is quite happy to organise that.

Management Committee:

The Management Committee will be meeting on Monday 30 April in the Library Meeting Room at 11:30 to 12:30. The Committee agreed on holding meetings every two months to plan ahead. Interested members are welcome to come along.