

Probus Club of Balmain Newsletter: May 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 May 2026 meeting, please send apologies to me on margaretdunn@bigpond.com or Mob 0439 818 311, or to Robin James at robin.one@bigpond.com or Phone_02 9810 7571

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

Meeting Venue: We will be meeting in the **Balmain Town Hall** at 10:00am on **Wednesday 13 May 2026**. Entry is through the side door to the Uncle Bob Webb Chamber.

Birthdays for May. We have only two birthdays in May and they are for Lisette Engel and Evelyn Junge. Good luck with your scratchies and have a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lisette and Evelyn

50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia

To celebrate 50 Years of Probus, which was invented for retired PROfessional and BUSiness people, Probus Clubs across Australia are organising fun activities throughout the year. Think about what activities you would like your Club to organise and let Robin or Margaret know, so your ideas can be incorporated into the year's activities.

Friday Lunches: As many of you will be aware, Sue has been organising lunches at the East Village Hotel on the fourth Friday of the month as a non-Probus outing for those who were interested. This outing has now been incorporated into Probus activities and 13 members attended a lunch meeting at the Cat & Fiddle on Friday 24 April.

Understanding Retirement Living: Retirement is a time to consider not only where you live, but how each day unfolds. In partnership with Probus, Levande is to present a webinar to explore how retirement living works, and what to consider when comparing options. This is an opportunity to gain clarity in a professional and considered setting. **Friday 8 May @ 10:00 to 11:00. RSVP by calling 1800 727 170**

Guest Speaker: This month we will be hearing from Tom Glynn on "Adventures in Marketing", and in June, one of our own, Sally Jones, will tell us about "House Exchanges".

Welfare: Kirsten reported that she was sending a birthday card and scratchie to Lisette Engel and to Evelyn Junge, plus as a gesture of kindness, to Rose Braithwaite-Young who has not renewed her membership.

Bus Outings: All outings this year will be on the **3rd Wednesday of the month** so dates for your diary are: 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October, and 18 November. Members are asked to suggest and provide information on any trips they feel the members would be interested in, so Sue is waiting to hear your suggestions.

Destination on Wednesday 20th May will be to the Manly Art Gallery and Museum. **NB:** The bus will leave Balmain Town Hall at **9.30am** unless any changes are notified.

Coffee Mornings: Penny reported that several people had commented on the lack of a handrail at the internal steps at Dirty Red, Rozelle, so we will visit some alternative venues in Rozelle for the first coffee mornings of the next couple of months, starting with the Hancock Lane cafe, at 690 Darling Street (which is about where the stop is for the 445 and 440 buses, not far from Victoria Road) They have an entrance on Darling street with no step: just a slight ramp, and a side door onto Hancock Lane with a shallow step. There is a toilet on-site.

May 7th - Hancock Lane cafe, **690 Darling Street Rozelle**

May 21st - The Big Treehouse Cafe, **266 Darling Street, Balmain**

Professional Theatre Shows. An updated list of shows with dates has been distributed and Val is back on the job of getting tickets for all who would like to attend any of the shows. **NB:** The tickets are \$69.90! (I forgot the 90 cents!)

Theatre Excursions: Simone Nichol is still putting together a schedule of plays at small venues that are conveniently close to public transport for the second half of the year. This will be distributed when it is finalised.

Film Club: Mary reported that for this month's film, *Father Mother Sister Brother*, we had 5 members turn up. The film was about five different families and how the parents and children that have left home now relate. The cinema itself was very hot and really uncomfortable, which is very unusual as it is usually quite cold. The film itself was rather disappointing which was a bit of a shame as we had not been for some months. However, we had coffee after and it was nice to pass some time with the members. A couple went shopping at Cole's after coffee.

APRIL OUTING was a lot of fun!



Here are some members at McDonalds, on the way to Quakers Hill.



At the Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre and Lunch at Lalor Park Hotel.