

Probus Club of Balmain Newsletter: June 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 10 June 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 10 June 2026**. Entry is through the side door to the Uncle Bob Webb Chamber.

Birthdays for June We have three birthdays in June and they are for Leone Morrison, Shirley Carroll and John McGill. Shirley will be turning 90. Good luck with your scratchies and have a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Leone, Shirley and John

50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia

To celebrate 50 Years of Probus, the Anniversary Team is promoting a Celebratory National Probus Picnic/Lunch, on Thursday October 1st. Decision to be made whether to hold a picnic or lunch in place of the coffee morning which is due to be held on that Thursday. What do Members prefer? a picnic or a lunch?

Friday Lunches: These are held at *The Cat & Fiddle* Hotel on the last Friday of the month as an official Probus activity for those who are interested. Nine members and a guest attended on Friday 29 May

Guest Speaker: This month we will be hearing one of our own, Sally Jones, who will tell us about "House Exchanges". In July Paul Kearney will tell us about "The History of Rock & Roll"; and in August Alexandra Whyte will speak to us about "Healthy Aging". Julie is interested in hearing from anyone about speakers she could invite to speak.

Bus Outings: On Wednesday 20th May 13 members visited the Manly Art Gallery and Museum which exhibited developments at the University at Kandos (near Mudgee) which is teaching ways to develop innovations in planet health for the future. Many of the exhibits featured charcoal, which apparently does not disintegrate, and poo: there were rolls of toilet paper

labelled "Humanure" for \$10 each, and other intriguing exhibitions. There was also a section on ceramics.

The outing on 17 June will be to the New South Wales Lancers Memorial Museum at Parramatta, the oldest continually occupied military Barracks on mainland Australia. There will be a small group fee payable. The tour will be followed by lunch at one of the Clubs. Christmas in July at *The Greens* in North Sydney is on the cards for the July outing.

Just a reminder that remaining dates for your diary are: 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October, and 18 November and that the bus will leave Balmain Town Hall at **9.30am** unless any changes are notified. 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.

Coffee Mornings: Penny reported that as some of you already know I have resigned from the committee and will no longer be organising coffee mornings. Thank you, everyone who sent me thanks.

I suggested to the committee a couple of ways that the coffee mornings could continue, and after surveying the current crop of Usual Attendees, I informed the committee that the option that had the biggest vote was that the first Thursday of the month continue in Rozelle, and the third Thursday of the month continue in Balmain, at least for the next few months. This will mean that the reminders will only be made at the monthly meeting, and in the newsletter, as was the pattern before Covid. There also will be no table booked beforehand. I view of more mobility needs needing to be taken into consideration I have suggested that the Rozelle venue be moved to Hancock Lane Cafe, and the Balmain venue continue to be RREES cafe (although those of us at The Big Treehouse found it a possible consideration in the future)

Of course it would be great if someone could volunteer to take on the vacant role, I am able and happy to give any information that might help. Please remember that each new holder of any role brings what they can to a role - it doesn't need to be exactly the same as the way a previous person did it.

DATES FOR COFFEE MORNINGS

June 4 Hancock Lane Cafe, 690 Darling Street, Rozelle
18 RREES 338 Darling Street, Balmain
July 2 Hancock Lane Cafe, 690 Darling Street, Rozelle
16 RREES 338 Darling Street, Balmain
Aug 6 Hancock Lane Cafe, 690 Darling Street, Rozelle
20 RREES 338 Darling Street, Balmain
Sept 3 Hancock Lane Cafe, 690 Darling Street, Rozelle

17 RREES 338 Darling Street, Balmain
Oct 1 Hancock Lane Cafe, 690 Darling Street, Rozelle (50th picnic/lunch?)
15 RREES 338 Darling Street, Balmain
Nov 5 Hancock Lane Cafe, 690 Darling Street, Rozelle
19 RREES 338 Darling Street, Balmain
Dec 3 Hancock Lane Cafe, 690 Darling Street, Rozelle
17 RREES 338 Darling Street.

Welfare: Kirsten advised that she will be sending Cards and scratches to Leone Morrison, Shirley Carroll and John McGill for their birthdays in June. Apart from Penny resigning from the committee due to ill health, and Carole having her shoulder pain eased with physiotherapy, no other reports of illness.

Film Club: Mary has picked *The Sheep Detectives* movie for Wednesday 3rd June at 10.45 am. As usual it will be at the Palace Cinema in Norton Street, Leichhardt. Mary looks forward to seeing you there.

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.

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.

Club Website - Kirsten explained that HO was upgrading the home Website and now HO website access should be available from beginning of June. Kirsten hopes to start on the Balmain Club Website with their assistance soon.

Citywest Probus Cluster: Mary O'Dwyer attended the Zoom meeting and reported that there was a check on the health of the various clubs; some discussion of club constitutions and incorporation requirements; the need for interesting speakers; clubs encouraged to use a banner; responded that we were busy trying to build our numbers when asked how we were coping with Balmain East Club; and replied that we were in planning stages when asked what we are doing for Probus Celebration Day.

Management Committee Update recommended that the Probus Video by Heather Ewart be watched by members. Kirsten is to bring her Laptop to show the Video at the June meeting if we are able to get the HDMI cable to connect to the TV screen.

