

Probus Club of Balmain Newsletter: October 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 14 October 2026 meeting, please send apologies to me on margaretdunn@bigpond.com or Mob 0439 818 311, or to Robin James on 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 14 October 2026**. Entry is through the side door to the Uncle Bob Webb Chamber.

Birthdays for October: We have seven birthdays in October and they are for Margaret Froio, Mary Englefield, Jen Cutting, Helen Fenton, Sally Jones, Voirrey Cochrane and Beverley Dollar. Good luck with your scratchie and have a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Margaret, Mary, Jen, Helen, Sally, Voirrey, and,
Beverley.

50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia

To celebrate 50 Years of Probus, the Club is holding a National Probus 50th Anniversary Lunch on Thursday 1 October at the Red Lion Hotel in Rozelle at 12:00 mid-day. The Club will subsidise one drink of either champagne, wine, beer or soft drink for those present.

Friday Lunches: A reminder that these are held on the last Friday of the month and are held at the *East Village Hotel* while the *Cat & Fiddle Hotel* is closed for renovations.

Melbourne Cup Lunch: Tuesday 3 November. Robin is sorting a venue and will have more information at the 14 October meeting.

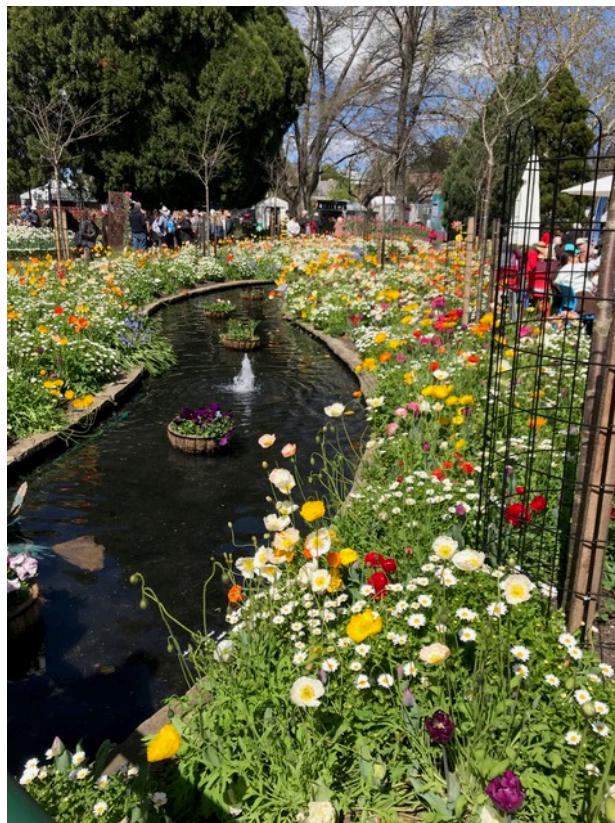
Christmas Lunch: Mary Englefield had booked for 25 to attend Christmas lunch at the Little Snail but are unable to add any more to the table. Therefore, she has asked that if members find that they are unable to attend to please **let her know as soon as possible** so that she can slip others in. Mary has also advised to pay Lester the \$50 at the October meeting, plus the \$15 if you are using the bus (let Sue know); or to pay into the Probus Bank Account which is: Westpac Bank: 032020; Account #: 373898; Name: Probus Balmain. Order on the day. Three course all same price regardless of what you have.

Guest Speaker: This month we will be hearing from Camille Tatibouit from together2 to tell us about the Commonwealth Government changes to Aged Care; Courtney Edwards will speak to us in November on Coach Holidays and Tours; and Diana Hoosen, will tell us about Chinese Culture, Performing Arts and Meditation in December. **NB:** A reminder that Julie is interested in hearing from you about speakers you would like her to invite to speak.

Welfare: Kirsten advised that she will be sending Cards and scratchies to seven recipients for their birthdays in October. Welfare news has it that Patti Florence has been in hospital: also Simone Nichol and Sally Jones will be in for surgery.

Coffee Mornings: As 1 October is the 50th Anniversary lunch at the Red Lion Hotel in Rozelle, the coffee mornings will be moved along by one week to 8th October followed by Thursday 22nd October. Lester and Carole have suggested the **Zuchero Nero**, next to the Rozelle Post Office, as a desirable venue for the coffee lovers. So let's try this on 8 October, followed by **The Berlin Cafe** in Balmain on 22 October.

Bus Outings: On Wednesday 16th September, 19 members travelled to Bowral to visit the Tulips at Corbett Gardens. Apart from the tulips, which were at their best and truly magnificent, there was a beautiful display of Iceland Poppies and Daisies along the stream that flows through, so here is a picture.



Sue is planning a trip on the 21st October to Mount Penang Gardens in Kariong. There is a cafe on site which she has booked for lunch.

Film Club. Mary has not found anything of interest for the last couple of months but if anyone would like to suggest something she would be very pleased to circulate it to the group jso let her know and she will send it out to everyone.

Professional Theatre Shows. Val has asked if there are any members who would like to see “Fiddler on the Roof” which will be playing from the end of July to 3 October.

Theatre Excursions: On Sunday September 27, three members attended the Genesian Theatre in Rozelle for “Captain Corelli’s Mandolin” which lasted three hours.

Health Check: Would members who have not yet handed in their forms, please complete them and bring them to the meeting on Wednesday 14 October. Pop them in your bag the day before, ready to bring.

Testimonials: An initiative to foster more interest in the Club, members are Invited to submit a short testimonial about their Probus experience.

Award: Margaret Dunn received the NSW Volunteer of the Year Award for the 15 years she has been providing JP services for the public.

