

# WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS CLUB May 2026 Newsletter



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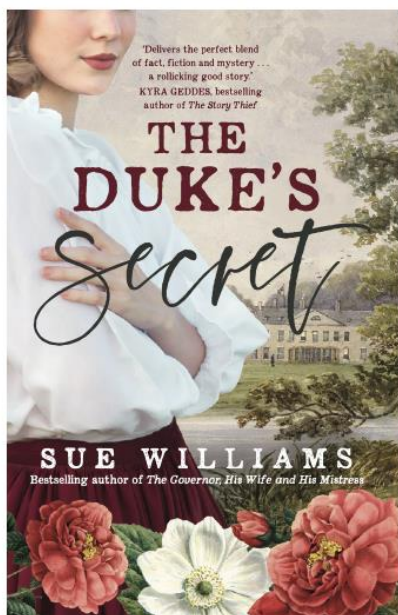


## OUR NEXT MEETING

**Monday, 18 May, 10.30am - Pulse Room 1**

**With set up at 10.15 then morning tea**

***If you cannot make it, please submit a Meeting Apology Form***



## **NEXT SPEAKER SUE WILLIAMS**

Sue gave us a great talk last year on her book *Run For Your Life* about a family escaping Putin. She is back this month to speak about her family and the subject of another of her books - *The Duke's Secret*.

It's been a legend in Sue's family for the past five decades that they're related to the Duke of Wellington (Battle of Waterloo) through an ancestor, a maid in his household, who mysteriously fell pregnant.

The book follows both the maid and the Duke, starting out as Arthur Wellesley, through their lives, as uncovered by a contemporary journalist - loosely based on herself - in an exciting real-life version of the hit TV show *Who Do You Think You Are?* It's a match of our enduring fascination with family history with a true detective story.

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## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

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A special morning tea to celebrate the Easter season was organised by Trish Georgeson, Nancye Purser and Roslyn Slade with a feast of hot cross buns, Easter eggs and a couple of festive bunnies. A large cake was shared to celebrate Peter Purser's special birthday. Photos by Alison Ross-Smith.



## MAY CELEBRATIONS

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### May Birthdays

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| Helen Shume    | 6 May  |
| Julie Townsend | 10 May |
| Lindsay Shume  | 14 May |
| James McManus  | 19 May |

### May Anniversaries

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| Dianne and Joe Nelson          | 16 May |
| Barbara and Barrie Browning    | 20 May |
| Elizabeth and Graham Griffiths | 21 May |

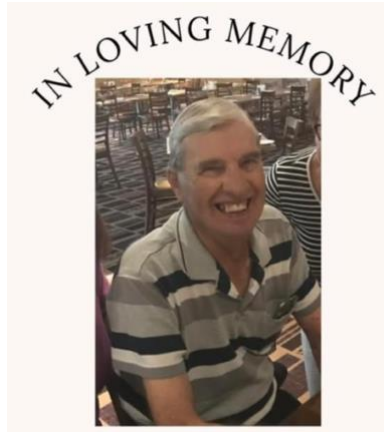
*Happy celebrations to our friends with special days in May*



## SAD TIDINGS

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We extend our warmest thoughts and sympathy to Denise and Jim McManus on the very sad loss of Denise's brother, Rodney Madgwick, previously one of our members.



## EVENTS IN MAY

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*Every May, while the weather is cooling, the vibe isn't as Sydney explodes with colour and ideas thanks to SWF and Vivid. The Biennale continues until 14 June too...*

### SYDNEY WRITERS' FESTIVAL

The annual feast of stimulating ideas centred around the [Sydney Writers' Festival](#) comes around each May. Carriageworks near Redfern Station is the main venue with some events at Town Hall and other venues. Includes free and ticketed events.

### VIVID 2026

Light installations galore, music and vibrant splashes of colour will transform our city again from May 22 to June 13. Get your steps up with the 6.5 km Light Walk. Check out the variety of [Vivid programs](#) this year.

## UPCOMING OUTINGS

Our outings officers, Garry and Richard, have planned the following outings:



Lucas Heights Discovery Centre

Wednesday May 27th 2026

**POSTPONED!**

We have the opportunity as a Probus group to visit Sydney's unique **Lucas Heights nuclear reactor**. Sited here is a 20-megawatt multi-purpose research reactor which produces medical radioisotopes to treat 10,000 patients every week, as well as conducting scientific research, and developing industrial applications. A coach will take us to the reactor and then on to Padstow Park Hotel for a lunch of either beer-battered fish and chips or chicken schnitzel. The date for this visit will be advised shortly as the original date has had to be changed due to circumstances beyond the committee's control. [Details](#) and [flyer](#) here. **New date to be advised shortly!**

**12 AUGUST, 2026**



**Anh Do** is a national treasure, a multi-talented Australian with a touching and inspiring life story. He is an author, an artist, an actor and comedian, a television personality and producer, a public speaker, and a trained lawyer. We have the chance to hear Anh Do present his stand-up show based on *The Happiest Refugee* at the Riverside Theatre on 12 August. [Details](#) and [flyer](#) here.



RIVERSIDE THEATRE  
PARRAMATTA

Thursday August 27th 2026  
7.30pm

**\$80**

**[Menopause the Musical](#)** returns to the Riverside and our Probus Club is planning an outing on 27 August to this "night of feel-good hits, hilarious truths and a whole lot of heart. See what millions of women (and brave men) have been laughing about for over 25 years!" [Details](#) and [flyer](#) here.

## FUN & USEFUL STUFF

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### NFSA LISTENING PLEASURES

You may find some treasures in the [National Film and Sound Archives' 2026 capsule](#): including Joe Dolce's *Shaddap you face*, Marcia Hines, Missy Higgins, historic jingles and a Rosie Batty speech among others. And for a fun listen along Memory Lane...

[Australia' best novelty songs](#)

### TECHNOLOGY HELP

The usefulness of the website [Beconnected](#) was mentioned by Warwick at our April meeting; it offers easy video tutorials on useful tech [topics](#) and emphasises esafety.

Check it out!

### WHAT'S ON?

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#### The Piazza

Keep a lookout for posters about Piazza events and book early.

#### Concord Rotary Farmers Market

The market is held on the first and third Sundays of the month. October markets take place on the **3rd and 17th May**. Click [HERE](#) for more information on where and when, stalls, etc. Fit, able-bodied volunteers would be very welcome to help set up.

#### [Wentworth Point Markets, Wentworth Place](#)

Held on the third Sunday of every month, the market takes place from 9am – 3 pm outside Marina Square. The next market will be on the **17th May**.

#### [Eat Drink Nights at Wentworth Point](#)

The Eat Drink Nights are still on. Come along with friends and enjoy a twilight gourmet market featuring great global food, brilliant drinks and entertainment. Next event:

**Saturday 16 May** 5pm – 9pm.

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