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Scots Hall - phone: 04 9048 008.

Next Meeting - Friday 29th September 2023

9.45am, at the Scots Hall, Weka Park, Weka Road, Raumati Beach.

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Guest Speaker: Gary McElhinney – “So It Won’t Happen Again”

Apologies: *Don't forget to send in your apology if you are unable to attend the meeting. There are still some members who fail to do this. You can ring **Irene on 04 299 2824**, or ring or text her on **021 252 6492**, or ring **Diane Coombe on 299 7624**. You can also send your apology with a friend you know is going to attend the meeting.*

President's Report

Dear members,

The months are whizzing by and it will soon be the end of the year.

Our speaker for August was Cecilee Donovan from the organisation “Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust.” A grandparent who had to raise a grandchild herself, she talked about some of the difficulties that she had had. Many other organisations have been giving support in many ways. She has been given a large number of garments that our Knitting for Charity Group have made over the past couple of years. Our cameo speaker was Diane Smith.

Good news is that Gary McElhinney has agreed to stay on the committee for the rest of this year and the committee have voted for him to be vice president, with a view to him becoming president in 2024. Thank you, Gary, for being willing to step up at this time.

The trips are gaining momentum and, after a very successful visit to Shelshok on 11th August, several members are looking forward to a trip to Foxton this month.

We welcomed two visitors to our last meeting.

Our newsletter editor is producing this newsletter from a distance as she enjoys her holiday in England. Isn't technology amazing when we can communicate so easily over thousands of miles? Enjoy your canal boat trip, Annie.

We are now officially in springtime and can look forward to longer and, we hope, warmer days.

Yours,








Ann Gregory - President.

Birthday wine – The July birthday boy was Rob Hiddleston and August was Alex Crawford. Hope it was a good birthday, Rob and Alex.

Surplus Table

Don't forget to bring along any surplus goods or items for our surplus table.

EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS

	<p><u>ARTS GROUP:</u> Merlene Beard 902 4225. Last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th of September</p>
	<p><u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u> Ian and Alison Basire 904 9121. Second Wednesday of the month. On Wednesday 13th of September, meet at the Paraparamu Railway Station by 10.00am. We will walk from the station to the café in the new events centre opposite Te Papa for lunch.</p>
	<p><u>LITERARY GROUP:</u> Second Friday of the month. Contact Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 904 7243 for venue. After you have joined you will be informed by email of the next venue. PLEASE NOTE: The meeting this month has been moved to Sunday 10th September, 2pm, at 7 Harry Shaw Way (off Matai Rd).</p>
	<p><u>GAMES GROUP:</u> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824, 021 252 6492. Third Friday of the month. This month's meeting will be on Friday 15th of September, 10am, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparamu.</p>
	<p><u>GARDEN GROUP:</u> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089. First Thursday of the month. The group will lunch at Harrison's Garden Café on Thursday 7th of September.</p>
	<p><u>JIGSAW GROUP:</u> Delza Raynor 04 299 5388 or 021 170 3374. Second Monday of the month: The next meeting of the Puzzle Group will be held at 15 Telford Way, Raumati on Monday 11th of September at 10am.</p>
	<p><u>KNITTING4CHARITY:</u> Heather Wakeling 04 902 2285 or 027 271 2290. Last Monday of the month. Next meeting is on Monday 25th of September at Heather's house.</p>

	<p><u>MUSIC GROUP:</u> Peter Sander 904 8452. Second Monday of the month at various members' residences. The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th of September. New members are welcome – be aware that you need to have the equipment and space to accommodate ten members.</p>
	<p><u>SHOWS and CONCERTS:</u> Hazel Ollerenshaw 021 108 9513 or 04 904 7243.</p> <p>WOW: 30th September at 1.30pm. Between \$59 and \$79 plus booking fee for cheap seats. Hazel has booked for six people for this show. She will drop off the tickets.</p> <p>Kapiti Players: Sleighed to Death. 12th November. matinee at 4pm. Seniors \$27.</p> <p>Elton John vs Billy Joel, a NZ Tribute. Cam and Sam on two pianos. 7.30pm, 18th November at Te Raukura. \$42.50+fees. Cam is our very own Alex Crawford's son.</p> <p>The Harmonic Resonators: Te Raukura. 7pm, 4th November. \$44.99+ fees.</p> <p>Operatunity: Last Night of the Proms. Southwards 12th September. 11am - 12.45. \$38 if I ring, \$39 if you go without me ringing.</p>
	<p><u>SUNDAY WALKING GROUP:</u> Kay Bell 027 603 5769. Every Sunday morning at 9.30am.</p> <p>Phone Kay if you would like to join in as they meet at a different venue each Sunday. They walk for about an hour and then have a cuppa at a café near to wherever they happen to be.</p>
	<p><u>TRIPS:</u> Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.</p> <p>Foxton trip – Friday 8th of September. MAVtech (Museum of Audi Visual Technology). Flax Stripper Museum DETAILS AT END OF NEWSLETTER</p>
	<p><u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u> Kay Bell 027 603 5769. After Probus Meeting.</p> <p>Kay has booked Truffles. This is new café in the old Whitirea building on the corner of Milne Drive opposite the Z service station. You must let Kay know by the Wednesday if you plan to go. If Kay books for eight and three or four more turn up it can be very awkward for the café and embarrassing for Kay.</p>
	<p><u>WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:</u> Kevin Morris 905 0019. Third Sunday of the month.</p> <p>Meeting this month is on Sunday 17th of September.</p>
	<p><u>PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH:</u> Heather Wakeling 027 271 2290.</p> <p>There is no Ploughman's Lunch this month. Ring Heather if you are willing to organise one.</p>
	<p><u>MOVIES GROUP:</u> Di Burton 027 268 0985.</p> <p>Di will choose a movie and members will indicate whether they want to go along. Di will then book the tickets.</p>
	<p><u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u> Margaret Willard 027 0363 02967</p> <p>Margaret is planning to lead groups to see what is going on in the natural world around us. Margaret will start this group in the new year.</p>

ALMONER: Hazel Ollerenshaw 021 108 9513 or 04 904 7243, is our Almoner. If you know of any member who is ill or needs help, please give her a call.

NEWSLETTER: Annie Johnston 021 187 4089. Hope everyone is successfully receiving their copy of the newsletter. If you think you are missing out, ring me or email me on anniejohnston51@gmail.com

Please send any contributions you wish to make to the newsletter to raumatiprobus@gmail.com

COMMITTEE 2022-2023

President: Ann Gregory: 04 297 3258; Immediate Past President: Heather Wakeling +64 27 271 2290; Vice President: Gary McElhinney 04 299 3135; Website: Keith Williams +64 21 022 51815; Secretary: Trish Tennant 027 241 7910; Treasurer: Keith Williams +64 21 022 51815; Membership: Irene Bayly 299 2824, 021 252 6492 and Diane Coombe 299 7624; Newsletter: Annie Johnston 021 187 4089; Almoner: Hazel Ollerenshaw 021 108 9513 or 04 904 724; Cameo Speakers: Mary-Anne Kindell 021 251 5375; Trips: Mike Whooley 027 687 2010; Facilities Co-ordinator: Terry White 299 3611; Seating Organisation: Mike Whooley 027 687 2010; Sound System Technician and Assistant Seating Organisation: Jim McIntosh 299 9003;

Thanks to Irene Shepherd for organising refreshments for Friday meetings.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Friday 6th of October at 10am at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu.

**DATE OF NEXT PROBUS MEETING:
Friday 29th of September 2023**

TRIP TO SHELSHOK – Isobel Whooley

Six of us met at the Scots Hall and drive to Otaki. Lyn at Shelshok made us very welcome to the display in her home. There were hundreds of eggs, all sizes, in the clever displays. Here are three that caught my eye.

We reviewed the egg samples over coffee, then spent a happy hour visiting the local gallery and shops.



Here is an interesting article that I found in the Porirua Probus Club newsletter. It is written by John Ellings, a founder member of their club who has very kindly given me permission to add it to our newsletter. Thank you, John.

Lost or stolen card by John Ellings

You can be liable for loss if you don't follow the rules! Your credit or debit card can be used by anyone for multiple purchases up to \$200 without any pin or other identity requirements. This can allow an unauthorised person to make purchases amounting to thousands of dollars on your card in a single day. You may not be liable for the loss if you have done everything the bank has required you to do to keep your card safe, informed them that the card has gone missing and, importantly, have complied with all your credit card "terms and conditions". You need to check these to make sure that you are aware of your obligations in the event of losing your card. If your card is lost or stolen, it is important to notify your bank immediately. Do not try to contact them by the general 0800 number as you will be in a queue that might take hours. Every bank has a unique phone contact number just for this purpose. Load this number for your bank into your phone contacts a.s.a.p. so that you can immediately call your bank and report your loss or theft as you will otherwise not know this number and delays will inevitably occur. Here are some critical phone numbers – they are not the usual bank contact numbers: ANZ – 0800 658 044 WESTPAC – 0800 888 111 BNZ – 0800 735 901 ASB – 0800 803 804 KIWIBANK – 0800 521 521 CO-OP BANK – 0800 554 554 Page 5 of 7 The Big Four banks, and probably the others, also provide a facility for you to place a temporary hold on your card without needing to contact your bank in any way. Log into your bank website in the usual way, and on the home page look for reference to "cards" and follow instructions. There is no standard method of placing a temporary hold and it will vary bank to bank. Westpac, as an example, is very easy - at the bottom of the main login page is a box "manage my cards". Click this, your cards appear, click on the one you have lost and tap the button "block this card temporarily". Job done. You can unblock it any time using the same method. ANZ is longer via "manage my settings" and you need to follow instructions and choose the correct options, but it can be done relatively easily. The other banks will also have this facility and you need to check out and learn how to do this useful blocking. Summary: • Ensure that you have the banking app on your phone, preferably on the home screen. • Memorise your bank customer number and password, or have it with you at all times. • Save the lost card contact number for your bank into your phone contacts. • Read and become familiar with the "terms and conditions of credit card use" for your bank. • Consider installing contactless card payment with your phone avoiding card use for most purchases • Copy both sides of all cards on your printer and keep the prints in a safe place like your code book.

SEPTEMBER TRIP - Foxton, Friday 8th September.

Itinerary: **9.45am** – meet at Scots Hall to arrange carpool and depart by **10am**
 11am - MAVtech (Museum of Audi Visual Technology)
 Lunch in Foxton at a café of your choice
 1.30pm – Flax Stripper Museum
 De Molen Windmill – visit not organised but feel free to go there if you wish.

MAVtech - the Museum of Audio and Visual Technology – visit starts at 11am

This will include a 20-minute movie "New Zealand in the '70s" at a cost of \$8.

"Experience history through the lenses, speakers and screens of the machines which made New Zealand's memories. You can explore our extensive collection including radios, cameras, movie making and projection equipment, recorded sound, phonographs. Maybe see a movie with a pair of carbon arc projectors which bring our 1920s cinema to life!"

Flax Stripper Museum – visit starts at 1.30pm

The Flax Stripper Museum is a chance to see one of the last flax stripping machines still operating, some history of Foxton and an insight into life in Foxton in the late 1800s. We will meet the manager who is passionate about and has a great knowledge of flax farming. Entry by koha.

New Zealand's Flax Mills

“Foxton was once home to a thriving Flax industry. New Zealand Flax (Harakeke) was an important fibre for Māori who used it for baskets, fishing nets and clothing and it remains a special taonga (treasure). From the early 1800’s the export trade started – which gave rise to Foxton’s flax mills.

Most flax mills were small in size, containing only one or two strippers. However, they were an important source of employment, for each stripper provided work for 20-25 men. Flax leaves were cut by hand in the swamp, tied in bundles, carted to the mills. The processed fibre was then pressed into bales, tied with ropes and carted to the nearest port or railway station for transport to market. Most of the fibre was exported to Australia, Britain and North America, where it was manufactured into rope and twine, but a small quantity was also spun into cordage within New Zealand.

The largest flax mills in New Zealand (containing between four and seven strippers) were erected in the Manawatu region, which became the centre of the flax milling industry after the year 1890. Important improvements in swamp management, flax cultivation, mill design and mechanical efficiency were pioneered in Manawatu and exported to other flax milling regions, which included Northland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Marlborough, Canterbury, Otago, Southland and Westland.

The production of phormium fibre on a large scale did not commence until the late 1860s, when a machine was invented to beat the green leaf between a revolving metal drum and a fixed metal bar. Metal beaters on the surface of the drum struck the leaf at great speed, stripping away the non-fibrous material and releasing the strands of fibre.

Foxton was home to a number of Flax Mills situated on the Manawatu Riverbank (now, the Loop).”

De Molen Windmill (optional)

“Our Dutch name “De Molen” translates to “the Mill”. In the Netherlands, the country of windmills, a molen is, by default, a windmill with its type only specified if it is not wind driven. De Molen was built, and is run, by volunteers under the management of The Foxton Windmill Trust Inc., a charitable society. Plans and specifications were obtained from the Netherlands and De Molen is, apart from alterations made to conform with New Zealand building codes, an exact replica of a 17th century Dutch flourmill, quipped with the latest design composite millstones.

Visitors can tour the upper levels and see the inner workings of a Dutch flour mill.”

We will, again, be carpooling. Costs as follows:

TYPE OF CAR	4 OCCUPANTS	3 OCCUPANTS	2 OCCUPANTS
Petrol or diesel	\$11.90	\$15.80	\$23.80
Petrol/hybrid	\$7.00	\$9.30	\$14.00
Electric	\$3.85	\$5.20	\$7.70