



PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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Next Meeting - Friday 26th of April 2024

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

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Guest Speaker: Sue Leonard from Red Cross to talk about her experiences during Cyclone Gabrielle in Hawkes Bay and the floods in Auckland.

Cameo Speaker: Keith Williams – Mediterranean Trip

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.*

If your address or phone number changes, please let Irene or Diane know so we can keep our records up to date.

President's Report

When Bev and I joined Raumati Probussouthpacific we looked forward to a time when we didn't have to raise funds or run raffles, one where we could just sit back and enjoy ourselves. But clubs don't function without the contributions of its members, so when asked I was (relatively) happy to take on the President role for the 2024 / 2025 year. Now it will take a while to become totally familiar, but welcome help such as the nudge to have the National Anthem. It reminds me of standing in the old days at picture theatres for God save the Queen.

To run our Club, we rely totally on the income from subscriptions to cover all costs. I am sure our treasurer would appreciate early payment of the \$35pp sub.

While on the subject of finance, our Treasurer found that the Raumati Probussouthpacific Club was dissolved two years ago. Apparently, during Covid, information and financial returns required by the Registrar for Incorporated Societies sent by mail were not received by the Office (no staff to process – Covid). Keith contacted them, filled out forms on-line and

attached financial reports. They were very helpful and quickly reinstated Raumati Probus as an Incorporated Society. Well done, Keith.

Now the only means to increase our income is by growing the club's membership. We will continue to promote the club wherever possible in the media but we ask members to spread the word to friends and neighbours.

As previously mentioned, I am amazed how enthusiastically our members participate in the many and varied activities the club has on offer. I took the opportunity to Join the last "Away Cafe" group with Ian and a number of members. It was a great day out. While waiting for a bus to arrive I took photos of the group to add to the club's archive, somehow these photos were lost despite much searching. It does not appear that anyone is interested in a "Men's" Group.

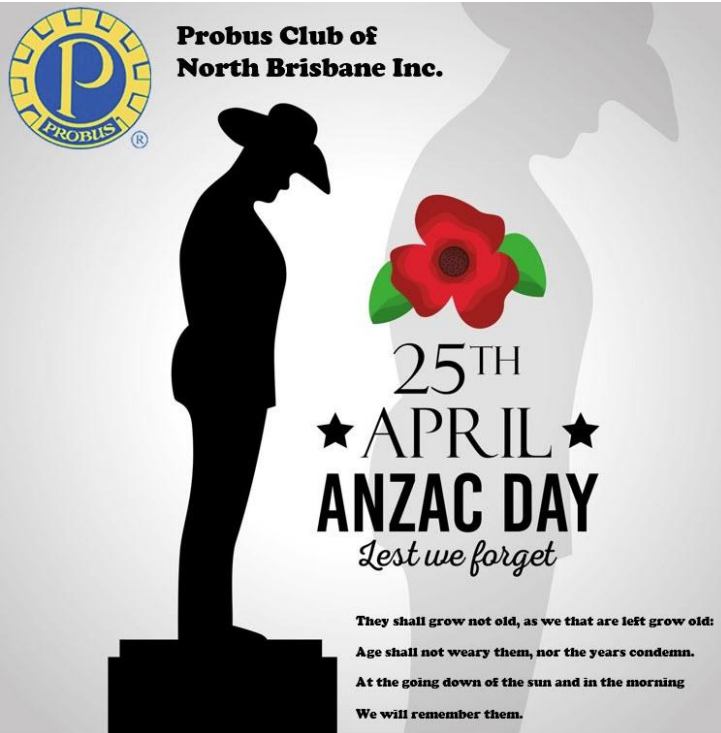
You may have noticed I trialled a little fun by creating the opportunity to win a nominal prize, this will not be the norm for most meetings. At the last meeting two seats were randomly picked for a bag of Easter Eggs.

Thank you, Mary-Anne Kindell and Ann Gregory, for all your work on the "President's" Chain and Honours Board.

Our speaker for the March meeting was Carey Ollerenshaw. His anecdotes and highlights of biking and travelling through the Southern United States made a few members want to experience that journey themselves.

Our next meeting is the day after ANZAC Day Friday 26 April. I never got to meet my uncle who was killed in Crete during the Second World War but we were able to visit his grave at the Souda Bay Cemetery in 2008. The local residents maintain this cemetery in immaculate condition.





I found a Poster created especially for ANZAC Day posted on the Probus Club of North Brisbane website. Hopefully they won't mind it being used here.

Subs – it's that time of year again. As Keith explained at the AGM, running costs have increased and a small increase in the level of subs is necessary. After the end of April, the amount will be \$40. You can pay directly into the club bank account **11-7259-0183426-11** remembering to put your name and the subs amount in the reference/code spaces. You can pay by cash if you prefer. Put the correct amount in an envelope with your name, amount and "subs" clearly written on the outside. Keith will be sitting the corner ready to receive subs at the meeting.

Website: you can access our Probus website by entering "raumatiprobus" in your search engine. Lots of information there.

Surplus Table

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













Thanks to Isobel Whooley who has volunteered to organise tea, coffee, milk and biscuits for the Probus meeting morning tea break.

Caledonian Society Highland Ball

The Highland Ball will be held on the 18th May. Tickets for members \$60, \$90 for non-members. Ball dance practices are on 4th May, 8th May and 11th May, from 7 to 9pm, \$5.00 per person, if you are interested in brushing up on the dances.

Contact for tickets [Robyn Finlay kapitiscots@outlook.com](mailto:Robyn.Finlay@kapitiscots.com) PHONE: 021406088

EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS

	<p><u>ARTS GROUP:</u> Merlene Beard 902 4225. Last Tuesday of the month.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th of April.</p>
	<p><u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u> Ian and Alison Basire 904 9121. Second Wednesday of the month.</p> <p>On Wednesday 8 May meet at the Paraparaumu Railway Station by 10 am. We will catch the train into Wellington then a #2 bus to Seatoun. We will dine at the Arcimboldi Café 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. The next meeting will be on Friday 10th of May at 10am at Hazel's, 90 Rata Road, Raumati.</p>
	<p><u>GAMES GROUP:</u> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824, 021 252 6492. Third Friday of the month.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Friday 17th of May, 10am, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu.</p>
	<p><u>GARDEN GROUP:</u> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089. First Thursday of the month.</p> <p>Here are a couple of suggestions:</p> <p>Wellington Botanic Gardens: The Rose Gardens and it amazing story, Monday 27th of May, 11am – 12 noon.</p> <p>The Display Garden is getting a fresh new look and all should be revealed on Wednesday May 8th.</p> <p>Anyone interested?</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 13th of May at 10am.</p>
	<p><u>KNITTING4CHARITY:</u> Heather Wakeling 04 902 2285 or 027 271 2290. Last Monday of the month.</p> <p>Next meeting is on Monday 29th of April at Heather's house.</p>
	<p><u>MUSIC GROUP:</u> Peter Sander 904 8452. Second Monday of the month at various members' residences.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th of May.</p>
	<p><u>SHOWS and CONCERTS:</u> Hazel Ollerenshaw 021 108 9513 or 04 904 7243.</p> <p>Operatunity - Magical Musicals. 7 May I need to book early. They are pushing for payment when I book. \$39.</p> <p>Sir John Trimmer's Arts Scholar Fundraiser Concert. Southwards Theatre, May 24th, 7pm.</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>More from Mike later.</p>
	<p><u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u> Kay Bell 027 603 5769. After Probus Meeting.</p> <p>Kay has booked Two Fat Chefs at Paraparaumu Beach for the after-meeting lunch. You must let Kay know by the Wednesday if you plan to go. If Kay books for eight and</p>

	three or four more turn up it can be very awkward for the café and embarrassing for Kay.
	<u>WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:</u> Kevin Morris 905 0019. Third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on Sunday 19th of May.
	<u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u> Margaret Willard 027 0363 02967 The group visited conservationist Gavin Klee's studio to see his wildlife photography and learn of his conservation efforts.
	<u>SOCIAL EVENTS FOR NEW MEMBERS:</u> Heather Wakeling +64 27 271 2290 No event this month.

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 2024-2025

President: Gary McElhinney 04 299 3135; **Immediate Past President:** Ann Gregory: 027 364 7639; **Secretary:** Joy Heenan 027 327 9775 assisted by Trish Tennant 027 241 7910; **Treasurer and Website Coordinator:** 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; **Social Events for New Members:** Heather Wakeling +64 27 271 2290.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Friday 3rd of May, 10am, at 23 Miro Road, Raumati South.

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PHOTO GALLERY

Apart from group photos we will endeavour to contact folk to make sure they are happy to have their picture in a publication



Away Café Group



The Sunday Walkers enjoying Morning Coffee at Irene's new home.



Natural Heritage Group