



## PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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### **Next Meeting - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2024**

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

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**Guest Speaker: Carey Ollerenshaw – cycling around the Southern States of America**

**Cameo Speaker: Pam Doyle**

**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.

**Also, if your address or phone number changes, please let us know so we can keep our records up to date.**

### **President's Report**

I am pleased to present the President's report for 2023-2024.

We have had a successful year with some very interesting speakers, covering a good range of topics and interests. It is sometimes difficult to source speakers but I am aware that many of our members may have had interesting experiences and/or expertise that they could share with us. We must also know of people who would make good speakers. If this is so, please let us know.

Our interest groups have continued to thrive with a couple of new ones added. Joining these groups is a good way to expand our interests and develop good friendships. We had a very interesting club outing in May to the Robotic Farm in the Manawatu and Whanganui and Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery in Palmerston North. In August there was another club trip to Shelshok in Otaki and the Otaki Museum. Our thanks to Mike Whooley for organising these.

*I have enjoyed my year as president and am now ready to support a new one. We are fortunate that most of our present committee are prepared to stand again and I thank them for their enthusiastic and continued support this year.*

*Special thanks must go to Trish Tennant who is leaving the committee, having fulfilled the role of Secretary so efficiently for three years. She has offered to mentor our new Secretary for a couple of months.*

*Off committee our thanks go to Irene Shepherd for looking after our morning tea and birthday wine supplies each month. We are also grateful to Barrie Woods, our Tech Man, who oversees the power point presentations so willingly.*

*I wish the incoming President a satisfying and enjoyable year ahead. Our club remains in good heart.*

*For those of you who did not attend the AGM, the following is new President Gary McElhinney's address to the meeting.*

I would like to thank Ann and the rest of the committee for their work during the year for Raumatī Probus. I have always admired Ann's ability to 'ad lib' and remember jokes when needed, a gift I don't have, hence the script.

Before coming here this morning I was discussing my talk with my wife and she said to me: "Don't try to be charming, too witty or too intellectual, just be yourself".

At school my teachers told me I would never amount to much because I procrastinate so much, I told them, "Just you wait."

One day I will be President!

I found the Probus Handbook very helpful, it states "Do the housework – correct and accurate administration makes things easier for everyone.

It makes me think what my mother told me - that housework won't kill you. But then again why take the chance?

You may notice that I tend to do things differently to most people. The townsfolk fear me, why is that? Because I can do things they can't.

Like what?

Mind my own business for one.

When nudged to stand for President (got to be PC here) I thought what a great opportunity to get more wear out of my suit and tie.

When we joined Probus it was with the thought that no longer did I have to raise funds, organise raffles and a bunch of other stuff – we could just put our feet up and enjoy all that Probus provides. That was a nice thought but every organisation relies on its members to help out where ever they can, and ours do.

The Probus handbook requires targets to be met, not unlike school, we needed to at least achieve something better than a D or C+.

Apparently now all I am required to achieve is an "F"- in fact three of them – Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.

With the "Fun" bit I would like to continue the tradition of the occasional Joke!

All I need to find out is if there are any:

Englishmen

Scotsman

Irish

Kiwis

Brunettes

Red Heads  
Blondes  
Males or Females

Thank heavens there are none of these in the club.

Now I have given a lot of thought about how I could recognise the help already given to me by key members,

I thought maybe a small gift for President Ann, Secretary Trish & Treasurer Keith but that missed out members who do a lot of work behind the scenes.

Take for instance Barrie with the projector, then there is Jim with the sound system and Terry with the facilities, along with members setting up the room, not to forget Annie who writes the newsletter, Hazel our Almoner, Irene and Diane on membership, Mary-Ann who finds cameo speakers then there are the Events Groups:

Merlene – Arts Group  
Ian and Allison – Away Café  
Trish and Hazel – Literary Group  
Irene – Games Group  
Annie – Garden Group  
Delza – Jigsaw Group  
Heather – Knitting4Charity  
Peter – Music Group  
Hazel – Shows and Concerts  
Kay – Sunday Walking Group  
Mike – Trips  
Kay – Luncheon Group  
Kevin – Wine appreciation Group  
Heather again with the Ploughman's lunch  
Margaret – Natural Heritage Group

I pondered how to thank all these people without bankrupting me or taking too much meeting time.

I found a solution – I have all the members names except for Bev & myself in this very elaborate and expensive container. The plan is for some anonymous person to draw out names one at a time who will then be the lucky recipient of a small gift (Warning – may contain nuts).

A number of our members are soon to travel away, that reminds me of the three ladies who recently visited NASA on a tour.

The Redhead was asked where she would like to go if she could go anywhere in the universe – after a bit of thought she said Mars. But why would you like to go to Mars? Well, it's a red planet and might be nice to view it close up.

The second lady, a brunette, was asked the same question. She said Saturn because it has nice rings around it.

The third lady (of a different hair colour) was also asked where she would like to go. After much thought this lady said "the Sun". That took the NASA scientists a bit to digest. They eventually said to her – don't you know the sun is very hot, and you would burn alive almost instantly. She said that wouldn't be a problem she would just go at night.

***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. If you pay before the 1<sup>st</sup> of April the amount will be \$35. After this date 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. Ann Gregory will receive subs at the meeting.

On a lighter note, we gave a donation to Huha which was added to by members of the audience. Treasurer Keith rang Huha to explain how he was going to get the money to them. Keith asked for Huha's bank account number. There was a silence, then the girl on the other end of the phone said, "Er, is it alright if I do that after I get off this horse?" Keith got a reply at 8.30pm – long ride???

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

**Birthday wine** – The winner of the birthday wine was Hazel Ollerenshaw. Hope it was a happy day, Hazel, and you were really spoiled.







### Surplus Table










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

**A word about membership.** At the Committee Meeting yesterday the subject of how best to increase our membership numbers was discussed. Facebook and Neighbourly were explored but it was felt that word of mouth was the most successful. A notice in the "What's On" in the local paper gained us a few new members last year. Please think about this and encourage your neighbours and friends to come along and see what we are all about. Our total membership at the moment is 85.

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

## EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS

	<p><b><u>ARTS GROUP:</u></b> Merlene Beard 902 4225. Last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of March at Sue Heald's house.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u></b> Ian and Alison Basire 904 9121. Second Wednesday of the month. On <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> meet at the Paraparaumu Railway Station by 10 am. We will catch a train into Wellington, any old bus to Courtenay Place, then stroll past The Port Nickolson Boat Club to the Boat Café for lunch before returning home.</p>
	<p><b><u>LITERARY GROUP:</u></b> Second Friday of the month. Contact <b>Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 904 7243</b> for venue. After you have joined you will be informed by email of the next venue. The next meeting will be on <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of March at Isobel's house, 7 Harry Shaw Way, Raumati at 10am.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>GAMES GROUP:</u></b> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824, 021 252 6492. Third Friday of the month. The Games Group was well-attended at the last meeting. <b>The next meeting will be on Friday 15<sup>h</sup> of March, 10am, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>GARDEN GROUP:</u></b> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089. First Thursday of the month. We were hoping to visit Boffa's water garden in Waikanae but have been asked to put off this visit to September/October. We will go for <b>lunch at Harrison's Garden Centre in Peka Peka</b> as planned.</p>
	<p><b><u>JIGSAW GROUP:</u></b> 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 <b>15 Telford Way, Raumati on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of March at 10am.</b></p>

	<p><b><u>KNITTING4CHARITY:</u></b> Heather Wakeling 04 902 2285 or 027 271 2290. Last Monday of the month.</p> <p>Next meeting is on <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of March</b> at <b>Heather's house</b>. The group were happy to welcome two new members last month.</p>
	<p><b><u>MUSIC GROUP:</u></b> Peter Sander 904 8452. Second Monday of the month at various members' residences.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of March</b>.</p>
	<p><b><u>SHOWS and CONCERTS:</u></b> Hazel Ollerenshaw 021 108 9513 or 04 904 7243.</p> <p><b>Operatunity - Greatest Hits:</b> 28<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. Southwards.</p> <p><b>Great Bike Film Festival:</b> 7pm, 11<sup>th</sup> March at Event Cinema. \$25 book and pay on Google. Hazel will book for you if you need help.</p> <p><b>Oliver:</b> Kapiti Playhouse, Southwards Theatre, 17<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March. \$35.</p> <p><b>Sound Journey with Sika:</b> 28<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Kapiti Uniting Church, 10 Weka Road, Raumati. Book on Eventfinda \$44.30 including fees.</p> <p><b>Romeo and Juliet:</b> Summer Shakespeare. Campbell Park, Paekakariki (Paekakariki Memorial Hall if wet). \$20. Part of NZ Fringe Festival.</p>
	<p><b><u>SUNDAY WALKING GROUP:</u></b> 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><b><u>TRIPS:</u></b> Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.</p> <p>More from Mike later.</p>
	<p><b><u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u></b> Kay Bell 027 603 5769. After Probus Meeting.</p> <p>Kay has booked the <b>Paraparaumu Golf Club at Paraparaumu Beach</b> for after-meeting lunch.</p> <p><b>You must let Kay know by the Wednesday if you plan to go.</b> 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><b><u>WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:</u></b> Kevin Morris 905 0019. Third Sunday of the month.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of March</b> at <b>Kevin Morris's house</b>.</p>
	<p><b><u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u></b> Margaret Willard 027 0363 02967</p> <p>The Natural Heritage group will meet at the <b>end of Takahe Drive at 10am on Monday 18 March</b>. A member of the Waikanae Estuary Care Group will show us their work and how it cares for local native species. All welcome. <b>Phone Margaret Willard on 027 363 2967.</b></p>
	<p><b><u>SOCIAL EVENTS FOR NEW MEMBERS:</u></b> Heather Wakeling +64 27 271 2290</p> <p>Heather is going to organise social events for our new members to help them get to know more about our club and its activities as well as get to know some of our longer-term members. More on this later.</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](mailto:anniejohnston51@gmail.com)

Please send any contributions you wish to make to the newsletter to [raumatiprobus@gmail.com](mailto:raumatiprobus@gmail.com)

## **COMMITTEE 2024-2025**

**President: Gary McElhinney 04 299 3135; Immediate Past President: Ann Gregory 04 297 3258; 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 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 10am, at 23 Miro Road, Raumati South.**

**DATE OF NEXT PROBUS MEETING:**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2024**

# PHOTO GALLERY *Photos courtesy of Joan Truman.*

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





**YOUR COMMITTEE 2024 (LEFT TO RIGHT) TRISH TENNANT, DIANE COOMBE. IRENE BAYLY, JIM MCINTOSH, ANNIE JOHNSTON, TERRY WHITE, HAZEL OLLERENSHAW, MARY-ANNE KINDELL, HEATHER WAKELING, KEITH WILLIAMS. MISSING FROM THE PHOTO ARE GARY MCELHINNEY, ANN GREGORY, JOY HEENAN AND MIKE WHOOLEY.**