



## PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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**Next Meeting: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 9.45am at Scots Hall, Weka Park**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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**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.**

*Our membership now stands at 77.*

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

**Guest Speaker: Elissa McIntosh – SPCA on the SPCA; the Animal Welfare Act;  
Life as an Animal Welfare Inspector**

**Cameo Speaker: there will be no cameo speaker for this meeting**

### **Notes from the President**

*Hello everyone,*

*Our next meeting is the AGM and so my last meeting as your President. Throughout the year I have very much appreciated the support and friendship offered to me by members of the committee. These friendships I cherish. My sincere thanks go to every one of you. Thank you to those members who have served the committee well over several years but now have indicated that it is time to retire – Heather Wakeling, Irene Bayly, Dianne Coombe, Hazel Ollerenshaw and Ann Gregory. Thank you for your support of our Club.*

*I am very pleased to be able to announce that Mary-Anne Kindell has agreed to take on the role of President for the 2025-26 Probus year. Hazel Ollerenshaw, whilst no longer being a member of the committee will remain as Almoner.*

Finally, I wish the new President and Committee Members old and new the very best for an enjoyable and fruitful Committee year.

**Gary McElhinney**  
**President 2024 / 2025**

**Notice: New Government Legislation requires all clubs in New Zealand to Re-register with the “Companies Office”.**

During the next two club meetings, we will undergo administrative processes to update the legislation under which we operate. This is necessary to comply with mandatory changes required by the Government before April 2026.

Fortunately, Probus South Pacific Limited, along with their lawyers and consultations with both Australian and New Zealand Clubs, have developed a Draft Constitution and Standing Resolutions that satisfy the requirements of the Companies Office and IRD. (Note: We are an Incorporated Society.) The Constitution must be adopted without change, except for the financial year term, which will remain the same.

Your committee has been working on the Standing Resolutions (previously known as By-laws), where several fields must be completed, such as meeting location and times. These will be presented to all members and voted on at the 28 March Club Meeting.

In practical terms, Probus South Pacific Limited has done the hard work by producing documents that not only meet most club preferences but also comply with the requirements of the enforcement authorities.

More detailed information will be presented to members at the Annual General Meeting.

## **EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS**

**ARTS GROUP:** Merlene Beard 902 4225. Last Tuesday of the month.  
The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2025.**

**AWAY CAFÉ:** Ian and Allison Basire 904 9121. Second Wednesday of the month.  
The next meeting will be **in March.**

**LITERARY GROUP:** Second Friday of the month. Contact Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 904 7243.  
The next Literary Group meeting is on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10 am at Hazel's home - 90 Rata Road, Raumati.**

**GAMES GROUP:** Irene Bayly 04 299 2824, 021 252 6492. Third Friday of the month.  
The first meeting in 2025 will be on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2025, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu.**

**GARDEN GROUP:** Annie Johnston 021 187 4089. First Thursday of the month.

The next meeting of this group will be at 10.30am on Thursday 6th of March 2025, at 38 Forest Road, Raumati South.

**JIGSAW GROUP:** Delza Raynor 04 299 5388 or 021 170 3374. Second Monday of the month.

The next meeting will be held at 15 Telford Way on Monday 10th of March 2025 at 10am.

**SHOWS and CONCERTS:** Hazel Ollerenshaw 021 108 9513 or 04 904 7243.

No bookings at this time.

**SUNDAY WALKING GROUP:** Kay Bell 027 603 5769. Every Sunday morning at 9.30am.

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.

**KNITTING4CHARITY:** Heather Wakeling 04 902 2285 or 027 271 2290. Last Monday of the month.

Next meeting is on Monday 24th of February at Heather's house.

**MUSIC GROUP:** Peter Sander 904 8452. Second Monday of the month at various members' residences.

The next meeting will be on Monday 10th of March 2025, 1.30pm.

**TRIPS:** Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.

Mike has booked a trip to **Mana Island** for **Thursday 3rd of April**. He needs **numbers at the February meeting** and **payment for the boat by 21st of March**. Info re Mana Island at the end of this newsletter. Details of the trip will be provided to potential participants nearer the time.

Cost of boat trip: \$70 (special rate – usually \$80)

Mileage:

<b>CAR</b>	<b>2 PEOPLE</b>	<b>3 PEOPLE</b>	<b>4 PEOPLE</b>
Petrol/diesel	\$9.00	\$6.00	\$4.50
Petrol/hybrid	\$5.00	\$3.50	\$2.50
Electric	\$2.60	\$2.00	\$1.50

**LUNCHEON GROUP:** Kay Bell 027 603 5769. After Probus Meeting.

Lunch will be at **Relish in Waikanae**.

**Don't forget to let Kay know by the Wednesday if you plan to attend.**

**WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:** Kevin Morris 905 0019. Third Sunday of the month.

Kevin will make contact re next meeting.

**NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP: Margaret Willard 027 363 2967. Third Monday of the month.**

The group will meet on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of February at the Waikanae River mouth to walk the sandspit with Gavin Klee.

**Hazel has a mobility scooter to give away free to a good home.** She says it is the older type and a little heavier than the newer ones. If you know anyone who could make use of this, please let her know. **Hazel 021 108 9513 or 04 904 7243**

**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: 027 364 7639; Vice President: Mary-Anne Kindell 021 251 5375; Secretary: Joy Heenan 027 327 9775; Treasurer: Geoff Gregory 027 384 4126; 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; Guest Speakers: Trish Tennant 027 241 7910; Cameo Speakers: Mary-Anne Kindell; 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 first meeting of the new committee will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of March at Mary-Anne's home – 61A Eatwell Avenue, Paraparaumu Beach, at 10am.**

**DATE OF NEXT PROBUS MEETING:**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

In case you weren't at the last meeting and missed Gary's joke, here it is:

An elderly farmer in Florida had a large pond down by his fruit orchard. One evening he decided to go down to the pond and took a five-gallon bucket to pick some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard female voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in the pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, 'We're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man thought for a second and said, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim or to make you get out of the pond naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator!'

## Mana Island

Mana island is one of New Zealand's interesting islands! Over 40 Takahe, plus Kingfishers, Robin's Teal, Yellow-crowned Parakeet. The giant Weta - the largest in the world, lots of skinks, lizards, sea birds and more! Stunning views and over 500,000 native trees planted in the past 30 years by Friends of Mana Island.

Mana Island has a rich and varied history including early Maori settlement and visiting European whalers, many years of farming, and being used as a quarantine and research station. DOC, with the assistance of Friends of Mana, is reverting the island to a natural habitat as it was before human settlement and it is now home to many insects, reptiles, birds and plants.

Mana is an abbreviation of Te Mana o Kupe ki Aotearoa - which translates to 'the ability of Kupe to cross the ocean to Aotearoa'. Mana Island has connections to earliest Māori arrivals and in particular, Ngati Toa Rangitira, when it became part of the great chief Te Rauparaha's stronghold of the Kapiti region in the 1820s and 1830s. His nephew Te Rangihaeata lived on Mana Island. Today, Ngati Toa Rangitira is a vibrant and influential iwi who still maintain a strong relationship to Mana Island.

The ferry leaves from Mana Marina and the trip takes 20 minutes each way.

The trip starts with a scenic boat ride to the island where it lands directly on the beach. You will need to walk up and down a ramp and a few steps. This will be followed by a 30-minute presentation at the historic woolshed about the human and natural history.

To walk round the island can take up to 4 to 4.5 hours and requires a reasonable level of fitness with some hill tracks including a steep climb of 30 to 40 minutes. Or you may decide to stay on the lower areas of the island or just go at your own pace

The guide will give you about 30 min over view of the natural and human history, rules of the island and where to walk and what to see. There you are - off into nature!