



PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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Scots Hall - phone: 04 9048 008.

Next Meeting: Friday 28th March 2025 at 9.45am

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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 or text Sonna-Ra on 021 328360, or Diane Smith on 272 648342. 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 Sonna-Ra 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 "raumatiprobust" in your search engine. Lots of information there.*

Guest Speaker: Paul Heath - Greenland
Cameo Speaker: to be confirmed

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR 2025-2026

The last meeting of the club being the AGM, a new Committee was formed. We now have two new committee members and five long-serving members who have stepped down.



Presidents old and new
Mary-Anne Kindell and Gary McElhinney
Congratulations, Mary-Anne, and a big
thankyou to Gary.



Mary-Anne has agreed to be our President for the year 2025-2026.

Notes from the *President*

Dear members,

It has been a privilege to be asked to guide The Raumati Probus through 2025. Although I'm used to meetings, I had forgotten how much preparation is needed to make things run smoothly. However, with an excellent secretary, Joy, by my side, and a willing committee I am sure we are going to have an exciting year. I've seen the guest speaker line up, heard ideas for trips, know you are all keen to be active participants in our meetings, what more could I desire. Well, I will answer that - that we all receive the fun and fellowship that we signed up for. I am always ready to hear your ideas, so ring me at night time, or speak to me at morning tea. Onwards and upwards and always make time to find joy in each day.

Mary Anne Kindell – President.

WE ALSO HAVE A NEW COMMITTEE



Committee for 2025-2026

Front row: Mary-Anne Kindell, Gary McElhinney, Joy Heenan, Trish Tennant, Sonna-Ra Kavanagh, Annie Johnston.

Back row: Geoff Gregory, Mike Whooley, Jim McIntosh, Terry White.

Missing: Cam Gerrard.



Resigning Committee Members

Heather Wakeling
Hazel Ollerenshaw,
Ann Gregory, Irene Bayly

Missing: Diane Coombe

NEW MEMBER OF OUR CLUB



**A warm welcome to Margie van Eysen.
Margie was inducted at the AGM.**

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please do not forget that your subs are due by the end of this month. The cost is \$40 if paid by the end of April. After this date a late payment penalty of \$5 is applicable.

Details you will need for online payment are:

Name of account: The Probus Club of Raumati. (This is a Business Premium Current Account with ANZ)

Account number: 11-7259-0183426-11

EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS

<u>GROUP AND CONVENOR</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETING DAYS</u>	<u>DATE of NEXT MEETING and VENUE</u>
<u>ARTS GROUP:</u> Merlene Beard 902 4225	Last Tuesday of the month.	Tuesday 25 th March at 10.30am.
<u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u> Ian and Allison Basire 904 9121.	Second Wednesday of the month.	On Wednesday 9 April we will meet at the Paraparaumu railway station by 10am, catch the train into Wellington, then a number 25 bus at 11:19am to Holloway Rd then walk back to the Aro Cafe for lunch.
<u>LITERARY GROUP:</u> Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 904 7243.	Second Friday of the month.	Friday 14 th March 2025, 10 am at Hazel's home - 90 Rata Road, Raumati.
<u>GAMES GROUP:</u> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824, 021 252 6492.	Third Friday of the month.	Friday 21 st of March 2025, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu.
<u>GARDEN GROUP:</u> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089.	First Thursday of the month.	Thursday 3 rd April. Details later.
<u>JIGSAW GROUP:</u> Delza Raynor 04 299 5388 or 021 170 3374.	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting will be at 10am, Monday 14 th of April at 15 Telford Way, Raumati.
<u>SUNDAY WALKING GROUP:</u> Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	Every Sunday.	Phone Kay if you would like to join in as they meet at a different venue each Sunday, walk for about an hour and then have a cuppa at a café near to wherever they happen to be.
<u>KNITTING4CHARITY:</u> Heather Wakeling 04 902 2285 or 027 271 2290.	Last Monday of the month.	Monday 31 st March at Heather's house.
<u>MUSIC GROUP:</u> Peter Sander 904 8452	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Monday 14 th of April, 1.30pm.
<u>TRIPS:</u> Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.	First Thursday of the month.	Looking forward to the trip to Mana Island on 3 rd of April. Participants should be at Scots Hall at 10am.
<u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u> Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	After each Probus Meeting.	Lunch will be at 180, Paraparaumu Beach. Don't forget to let Kay know by the Wednesday if you plan to attend.

<u>WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:</u> Kevin Morris 905 0019.	<i>Third Sunday of the month.</i>	<i>The next meeting will be on Sunday 16th of March. Kevin will make contact re next meeting.</i>
<u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u> Margaret Willard 027 363 2967	<i>Third Monday of the month.</i>	<i>The next outing will be the trip to Mana Island on Thursday 3rd of April.</i>

SHOWS AND CONCERTS

We will no longer be making bookings on behalf of members, but here is a list of what is on for you to enjoy.

SOUTHWARDS THEATRE

Operatunity – From Phantom to Les Mis., 11th of March Tickets \$39.

Featuring the best of 70s and 80s musicals: Phantom, Les Mis, Cats, Jesus Christ Superstar, Fiddler on the Roof, Grease, Cabaret and more!

KAPITI PLAYHOUSE

Nunsense: 3 April - 12 April, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Concession \$32.

Follow the crazy antics of five nuns from the Little Sisters of Hoboken convent as they decide to put on a variety performance in order to raise the rest of the money before the health department discovers their secret...

COASTERS MUSICAL THEATRE

Blues Bar: Only tickets for 3rd April left.

Welcome to the Blues Bar, a musical cabaret featuring soul and blues by singers such as Wilson Pickett, Al Green, Nina Simone and Eva Cassidy. Curated and directed by Charlotte Kerrigan, this show features a 6-piece live band and a group of phenomenal singers.

TE RAUKURA

Kapiti College Talent Quest: 6pm. 20th March. \$6.

Talented Kāpiti College students take the stage to showcase their singing, dancing and musical skills. Sure to be an evening of outstanding entertainment, it is perfect for the whole family! Running time: approximately 120minutes with interval.

Aerial Hoop Competition: 5th of April. 6pm, 6th April. 4:00 pm. Tickets \$54.

For one night only, watch Aotearoa's top aerialists compete for the national title in the Deity Aerial Hoop Competition. Highlighting the country's best performers on a professional stage, this event is not to be missed - and in Kāpiti, chances like this are rare.

Orpheus Choir – Colossal Chorale: 6th of April, 6pm. Tickets \$54.

Highlights include Parry's majestic *I Was Glad*, Mozart's serene *Ave Verum Corpus*, and the radiant *Laudate Dominum*, featuring one of our talented Orpheus Scholars. Our Scholars also shine in Haydn's joyful *The Heavens Are Telling*, while dramatic moments from Mozart's *Requiem* – the fiery *Dies Irae*, stirring *Confutatis*, and poignant *Lacrimosa* - add depth and intensity to the programme. We're proud to include New Zealand's own *A Te Tarakihi*, blending Māori haka with Western harmony. **In addition to these choral gems**, the performance also includes the complete **Chichester Psalms** by Leonard Bernstein.

A true masterpiece, **Chichester Psalms** is Bernstein at his best: a thrilling fusion of joyous melodies, jazzy rhythms, and heartfelt spirituality. With its evocative texts and rich harmonies, this work moves effortlessly between exuberance and quiet reflection, leaving audiences uplifted and inspired. From the soaring opening to the tender lullaby of the second movement and the triumphant finale, **Chichester Psalms** is a musical journey you won't want to miss.

Royal New Zealand Ballet: Dazzlehands. 15th April – 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm; 16th April – 12.30pm. Tickets: \$25 or \$35 depending where you sit.

Dazzling New Zealand children's book to become a sparkling new RNZB production for kids of all ages! A collaboration between award-winning New Zealand publishers Huia, 2024 Oceania winner of the Bologna Prize for the Best Children's Publisher of the Year, and the Royal New Zealand Ballet (RNZB). Children's book writers Sacha Cotter and Josh Morgan's magnificent *Dazzlehands*, published in 2023 in English and te reo Māori, is being adapted into a new ballet.

The Cow says "moo", the Chicken says "cluck" and the Pig says... "Dazzlehands!" As hard as the farmer tries, Pig won't go "oink". Instead, Pig gets all the animals moving to phrases like, "Cross hands, floss hands, work it like a boss hands. Bursting with the razzle, gotta liberate these dazzlehands. "Dazzlehands" will be 40 minutes long and is appropriate for ages three and over.

Comedy Fest at Kapiti: 7pm, 10th of May. Tickets \$36.

Hosted by the always brilliant **Jerome Chandrahasen**, this bite-sized comedy showcase is packed with top-tier talent and guaranteed laughs. Featuring **Justine Smith, Sera Devcich, Dan Boerman** and with more artists to be announced, you can expect a little something for everyone. Now in its fourth year, **Comedy Fest at Kāpiti** is back with a one-night-only event at Te Raukura ki Kāpiti, Coastlands Theatre. Don't miss your chance to catch some of Aotearoa's best comedians without the trek to the big smoke. World-class stand-up, right in the heart of Kāpiti - this is one comedy night you won't want to miss.

ALMONER: Hazel Ollerenshaw 021 108 9513 or 04 904 7243. Whilst Hazel is no longer a member of the committee, she is still 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 2025-2026

President: Mary-Anne Kindell 021 251 537; **Immediate Past President:** Gary McElhinney 04 299 3135; **Secretary:** Joy Heenan 027 327 9775; **Treasurer:** Geoff Gregory 027 384 4126; **Membership:** Sonna-Ra Kavanagh 021 328 3604; **Newsletter:** Annie Johnston 021 187 4089; **Guest Speakers:** Trish Tennant 027 241 7910; **Cameo Speakers:** Mary-Anne Kindell 021 251 537; **Trips:** Mike Whooley 027 687 2010; **Facilities Co-ordinator:** Terry White 299 3611; **Seating Organisation:** Mike Whooley 027 687 2010 and Cam Gerrard 977 1245; **Sound System Technician and Assistant Seating Organisation:** Jim McIntosh 299 9003.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Friday 4th of April, 10am, at 2 Lorna Irene Drive, Raumati.

The committee acknowledges the support of the following members:

Barrie Woods for organising the projector for our speakers;

Isobel Whooley for organising our morning tea and coffee;

Diane Smith who will assist Sonna-Ra with membership duties on meeting mornings;

Joan Truman for the lovely photographs that go in our newsletters.

DATE OF NEXT PROBUS MEETING:

Friday 28th March 2025

Please note: As there are two statutory holidays in April, the next Probus meeting will be moved to Friday 2nd of May. The May meeting will be on the regular date of Friday 30th of May.