



PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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Next Meeting: Friday 31st January 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 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: Swami Madhhuram – The Purpose of Life and Who We Are
Cameo Speaker: Cam Gerrard

Notes from the President

Hello everyone,

Here we are at the end of January, already a month into 2025. I hope the year brings you good health, friendship and pleasure in all that you do.

Also, being this time, we must be thinking seriously about the next year of our Probus Club. We have to elect a new committee to run our Club for the year 2025-2026. Our present committee have served us extremely well over the past year and my thanks go to them and appreciation for their input – as I am sure do yours. However, some of these committee members will be stepping down.

So, please, think about volunteering yourself or a friend, with their permission. Below is an excerpt from the new Probus Constitution for your information:

- a. an annual general meeting for the election of the Management Committee must be held on or before 31 March each year.
- b. Management Committee members will be elected annually in accordance with the Club's Standing Resolutions.
- c. Nominations by members for election to the Committee for the ensuing year must be called for at the general meeting preceding the general meeting in February. Nominations must be lodged with the Secretary no later than the February general meeting.
- d. If an election is required, the Committee must appoint a returning officer to oversee the voting process. The returning officer must not be a person who is standing for election to the Committee.

It is important that we elect a strong and vibrant committee so that our Club will continue to flourish. Several clubs in the area have had to close down or amalgamate with another club because of their inability to form a committee. Please don't let that happen to ours.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on Friday.

Gary McElhinney – President

EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS

ARTS GROUP: Merlene Beard 902 4225. Last Tuesday of the month.
The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28th of January 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 14th February 2025 at 10 am at Isobel Whooley's home, 7 Harry Shaw Way, 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 21st of February 2025, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu.**



Mexican Trains – a new game



Rummikub – standard favourite



Rummikub again

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

The next meeting of this group should take place on **Thursday 6th of February 2025, but this is Waitangi Day**. So, no meeting that day. Will be in touch shortly.

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 February 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 February 2025, 1.30pm, at Rob's home**.

TRIPS: Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.

Nothing to report this month.

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

Lunch will be at **Truffles on Kapiti Road.**

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 met on Monday 20th January at the Waikanae River mouth to walk the sandspit with Gavin Klee.

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; 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 next meeting of this committee will be held on Friday 7th of February, 10am, at 23 Miro Road, Raumati South.

DATE OF NEXT PROBUS MEETING:

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