



## PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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**Next Meeting: Friday 30th of May 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 0328360, or Diane Smith on 0272 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 78.**

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

**Guest Speaker: Bruce Greenfield\_– his Role with New Zealand Opera and his time as a voice coach.**

**Cameo Speaker: Margie van Essyen.**

### **Notes from the President**

Well, thanks Raumati Probus members for accepting the challenge for April - "Think Outside the Square". This challenge was accepted and we re-arranged the seating. We will keep the new seating layout for more members to enjoy.

#### **Robin Gunston – our speaker for April.**

I'm summarising his excellent presentation as I know a number of members had other engagements. Isn't it funny what the calendar can throw at us.

**Homes for Good** – many people have nowhere to call home because, for whatever reason, they rent but the average renting contract is 12 months. A lot of the statistics provided by Robin are garnered from KCDC and practical research by the Homes for Good trustees and helpers. They found 641 empty dwellings in Waikanae and put an information sheet in each letter box asking if they would consider other uses for the dwelling, and getting **ONE** response.

There is now a prediction that, in 40 years time, 75% of seniors will be renting their "forever home". Another consideration is that only 5% of rentals are homes that are accessible. In Central Kapiti 46.2% of your pension goes towards the gross rental cost. These figures are based on the median rental of 2-bedroom homes. You can qualify for the Accommodation Supplement if your maximum assets are less than \$8100 giving you \$80 a week for accommodation.

Robin then gave us a chance to break into small groups to discuss the situation for ourselves.

The reason for housing is changing for the over 65's. People in Kapiti are living in vans, cars, campervans. What can we all do about this situation?

As well as the Trust Robin showed us ideas to relieve and address the situation:

- 1) Co-sharing;
- 2) Abbeyfield homes – new in NZ trying to get into Kapiti;
- 3) Affordable rentals;
- 4) Granny Flats.

I would have to say, although Robin's presentation contained a lot of statistics, it also challenged us all to do something about the situation.

And,, finally thanks to Ashton for his help in setting up and making and pouring the tea, and drinking his first cup of tea. Isobel had an email from Kapiti College after giving them feedback, and Ashton and Lauren will be with us on 30<sup>th</sup> May - our May meeting date.

**May challenge:** "Actions speak louder than words".

See you all then,

**Mary-Anne - President.**

Mary-Anne with Robin Gunston.



## **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Because of the Easter holiday, the cut-off date for paying subs has been extended to 16<sup>th</sup> May. After this date you will need to pay \$45. That is \$40 subs plus \$5 late- payment penalty.

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

**Account number: 11-7259-0183426-11**

**Don't forget to add your name.**

## NEW MEMBER OF OUR CLUB



Annie Lilley was inducted at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

*It is with sadness that we have learned of the deaths of Peter Sander and Russell Bain. Peter died in the Sevenoaks Hospital on Sunday. He was a long-time member and convenor of our Music Group. His funeral will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Kapiti Road on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.*

*Russell Bain, a former member, has also died and the Kapiti Senior Singers will be singing at his funeral service on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Kapiti Coast Funeral Home.*


*Our thoughts are with the families.*

*At the last Committee Meeting a sub-committee was formed to deal with the marketing of our Club. This Committee will consist of Cam Gerrard and Jim McIntosh.*

## EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS

<u>GROUP AND CONVENOR</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETING DAYS</u>	<u>DATE and VENUE for NEXT MEETING</u>
<b>ARTS GROUP:</b> Merlene Beard 902 4225	Last Tuesday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May.

<p><b><u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u></b> Ian and Allison Basire 904 9121.</p>	<p>Second Wednesday of the month.</p>	<p>On Wednesday 9 April the group met at the Paraparaumu railway station by 10am, caught the #14 bus to Kilbirnie. The [Hey George] Café was an interesting venue for lunch with a comprehensive menu and good cabinet food.</p>																
<p><b><u>LITERARY GROUP:</u></b> Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 904 7243.</p>	<p>Second Friday of the month.</p>	<p>There will be no meeting this month. Next meeting Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of June.</p>																
<p><b><u>GAMES GROUP:</u></b> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824, 021 252 6492.</p>	<p>Third Friday of the month.</p>	<p>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu. <b><u>NB: The meeting for this month has been postponed to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.</u></b></p>																
<p><b><u>GARDEN GROUP:</u></b> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089</p>	<p>First Thursday of the month.</p>	<p>The May outing was cancelled due to bad weather. Our outing this month on 5<sup>th</sup> of June will be to the Mushroom House in Plimmerton and will be open to all club members. The tour will begin at 10.30am so we will meet at Scots Hall between 9am and 9.15am to organise carpooling. There is no charge for the tour but they offer different types of mushrooms for sale, delicious mushroom chips, and grow-your-own mushroom kits. I have had one of those kits – loved it. <b>Carpool costs:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="619 1144 1442 1267"> <thead> <tr> <th>Vehicle type</th> <th>4 people</th> <th>3 people</th> <th>2 people</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Petrol/Diesel</td> <td>\$4.25</td> <td>\$5.60</td> <td>\$8.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petrol/Hybrid</td> <td>\$2.50</td> <td>\$3.50</td> <td>\$5.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Electric</td> <td>\$1.50</td> <td>\$1.85</td> <td>\$2.75</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>We will cross over the road after the tour for lunch at the garden centre. Phone or text Annie 021 187 4089 or Mike 027 687 2010 by Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May if you plan to attend.</p>	Vehicle type	4 people	3 people	2 people	Petrol/Diesel	\$4.25	\$5.60	\$8.50	Petrol/Hybrid	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$5.00	Electric	\$1.50	\$1.85	\$2.75
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<p><b><u>JIGSAW GROUP:</u></b> Delza Raynor 04 299 5388</p>	<p>Second Monday of the month.</p>	<p>The next meeting of this group will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of June, 10am, at 21 Telford Way, Raumati.</p>																
<p><b><u>SUNDAY WALKING GROUP:</u></b> Kay Bell 027 603 5769.</p>	<p>Every Sunday.</p>	<p>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.</p>																

<p><b><u>KNITTING4CHARITY:</u></b>  Heather Wakeling  04 902 2285 or 027  271 2290.</p>	<p>Last  Monday of  the month.</p>	 <p>Last meeting at Heather's home  New venue to be announced.</p>
<p><b><u>MUSIC GROUP:</u></b></p>	<p>Second  Monday of  the month.</p>	<p>The next meeting will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of June,  1.30pm.</p>
<p><b><u>TRIPS:</u></b>  Mike Whooley 027  687 2010.</p>	<p>First  Thursday  of the  month.</p>	<p>Trip to the <u>Mushroom Factory in Plimmerton</u>. We are  combining with the Garden Group for this trip. <u>All  details are listed above in the Garden Group slot  above.</u>  A trip is in the planning stage to the Woolshed Café  and Heritage Walk for July.</p>
<p><b><u>LUNCHEON  GROUP:</u></b>  Kay Bell 027 603  5769.</p>	<p>After each  Probus  Meeting.</p>	<p>Lunch will be at The Lock-up, Paraparaumu Beach.  Don't forget to let Kay know by the Wednesday if you  plan to attend.</p>
<p><b><u>WINE  APPRECIATION  GROUP:</u></b>  Kevin Morris 905  0019.</p>	<p>Third  Sunday of  the month.</p>	<p>The next meeting will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of May. Kevin  will make contact re next meeting.</p>
<p><b><u>NATURAL HERITAGE  GROUP:</u></b> Margaret  Willard  027 363 2967</p>	<p>Third  Monday of  the month.</p>	<p>On Monday 19 May, weather permitting, we'll go to  Matiu Somes Island by ferry from Queens Wharf. We'll  travel to Wellington by train. The ferry service warns  that people using it need good mobility, and I advise  very warm clothing for on the island.</p> <p>Cost is \$6 each to go onto the island. Please contact  me via phone or email. If the weather is unsuitable,  we'll meet at my place to see and discuss a  fascinating video on wildlife.  Phone me on 027 363 2967.</p>

## **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 – 3 Tenors & a Soprano, Tuesday 10th June; Tickets \$39.**

*Doors open 10am for complimentary morning tea. Show starts 11am*

## **KAPITI PLAYHOUSE**

**The Full Monty: 24 July – 2nd August, 7.30-9.30pm. Tickets on sale soon.**

Desperate for money, Gaz and his friend Dave decide to create their own male strip-tease act that promises to go all the way!

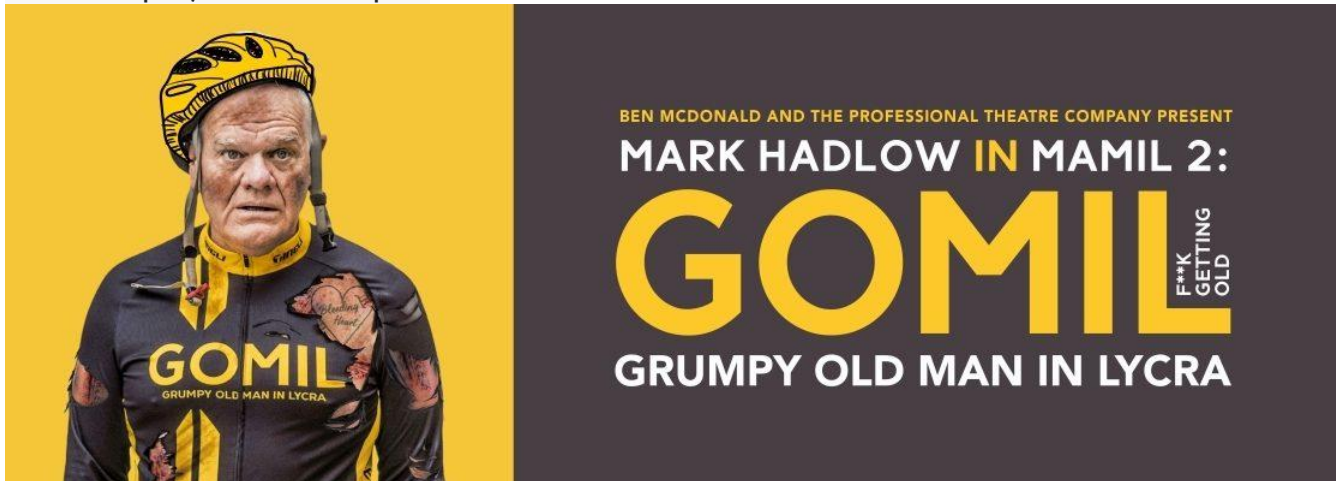
## **COASTERS MUSICAL THEATRE**

**Legally Blonde, the Musical, October 2025.** Auditions to be held shortly.

*Legally Blonde follows the story of sorority president Elle Woods as she crosses the country on a mission to find love at Harvard Law School. After discovering how the law can be used to help others, she uses her new-found skills to defend a work-out queen in a murder trial, defying the odds and proving that pink can save the day!*

## **TE RAUKURA**

**GOMIL (Grumpy Old Man in Lycra) ; 7:30 pm Wednesday 24th September. Tickets: A Reserve \$85, B Reserve \$79.**



The Lycra is back: GOMIL – the hilarious new sequel to MAMIL hits the road across New Zealand!

One of New Zealand's biggest theatrical success stories is back in the saddle! Following the phenomenal popularity of MAMIL (Middle Aged Man in Lycra), which played to over 70,000 people across the country, comes its laugh-out-loud sequel: GOMIL – Grumpy Old Man in Lycra. And this time, it's going national.

From the comedic genius of writer and director Gregory Cooper (MAMIL, That Bloody Woman) and starring Kiwi acting royalty Mark Hadlow ONZM (King Kong, The Hobbit, SNAG), GOMIL is primed to bring a fresh wave of laughter, Lycra, and life's mid-life absurdities to 14 cities throughout New Zealand in a major national tour kicking off this September.

After a critically acclaimed, sold-out debut season in Ōtautahi Christchurch, GOMIL is shifting gears and going full speed ahead across Aotearoa. Audiences who laughed (and winced) along with the unforgettable antics in MAMIL will now follow the journey of our favourite cyclist as he faces a new life stage: grumpier, greyer, and still clad in way too much Lycra.

Hadlow, one of the country's most beloved performers, reprises his role with impeccable comic timing and emotional depth, bringing to life a story that's not only hilarious, but also touching, timely, and unashamedly

relatable.

Whether you're a weekend warrior, a reluctant spouse, or just someone who enjoys watching others sweat the small (and stretchy) stuff, GOMIL is a must-see. This show digs deep into the world of ageing men, fragile egos, friendship, family, and the undeniable need to keep moving—no matter how creaky your knees may be. Get ready to laugh, reflect, and maybe even wince in recognition as GOMIL pedals its way across the country this spring. It's more than a show—it's a celebration of growing older (and slightly wider) with humour, heart, and a healthy dose of spandex.

**An Afternoon with Elgar. Kapiti Concert Orchestra. 2.30pm, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of May. \$30.**

Kāpiti Concert Orchestra's first 2025 concert is an afternoon celebrating Elgar with some well-known and lesser-known works, conducted by Andrew Atkins.

The concert opens with Pomp and Circumstance March no. 5 followed by "Nursery Suite" which Elgar dedicated to the young Princess' Elizabeth and Margaret. It was one of his last works.

Then excerpts from "Sea Pictures" with mezzo soprano Anna Gawn and Elgar's glorious Cello Concerto performed by Caitlin Morris.

**The McCardo. Wellington Comic Opera. 2pm, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Concession \$35.**

In Wellington Comic Opera's 2025 production of The McCardo public servants and the British court system are lampooned in a colourful romp in which, ultimately, love triumphs over the obstacles strewn in its way.

Familiar tunes like 'The Sun Whose rays', 'Tit Willow', 'A Wand'ring Minstrel I' and 'Three Little Maids from School Are We', will keep you smiling, and the absurdity of the familiar patter song, 'I've Got a Little List', will have you laughing out loud.

Set in the Scottish Highlands, the main characters must negotiate the decrees of the clan chief McCardo, the machinations of the 'Minister of Everything', Pooh-Bah, and the incompetence of the newly appointed Lord High Executioner, Ko-Ko. Sparkling music and cutting wit from the enduring pens of WS Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan will carry you to a satisfying conclusion in which the 'threatened cloud has passed away' and everyone 'with joyous shout' can enjoy a brighter, happier future.

***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](mailto:anniejohnston51@gmail.com)

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

**COMMITTEE 2025-2026**

***President: Mary-Anne Kindell 021 251 5375; Immediate Past President: Secretary: Joy Heenan 027 327 9775; Treasurer: Geoff Gregory 027 384 4126; Membership: Sonna-Ra Kavanagh 021 0328 360; Newsletter: Annie Johnston 021 187 4089; Guest Speakers: Trish***

**Tenant 027 241 7910; 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 and Cam Gerrard 2977 1245; Sound System Technician and Assistant Seating Organisation: Jim McIntosh 299 9003; Marketing: Jim McIntosh 299 9003 and Cam Gerrard 977 1245.**

**The next meeting of this committee will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 10am, at 7 Harry Shaw Way, 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.**

**Also, thanks to Ashton for performing kitchen duties.**



**DATE OF NEXT PROBUS MEETING:**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2025**