



## PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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**Next Meeting: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of June 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 Probud website by entering "raumatiprobud" in your search engine. Lots of information there.

**Guest Speaker: Hugh O'Donnell – Fire and Emergency Services NZ**  
**Cameo Speaker: Keith Williams**

### **Notes from the President**

Well, thanks Raumatid Probud members for accepting the challenge for May: "Actions speak louder than words" - specifically in conjunction with Robin Gunston's presentation **Homes for Good**.

Firstly, I must record two deaths. Former member Russell Bain (died on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May) as did long-term member Peter Sander. The KSS sang at Russell's funeral service on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and there was an excellent turnout at Peter's funeral on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. Both men were well respected in the community and what very interesting lives they led.

Russell had a parliamentary career as a secretary to many Ministers, and who could forget his love of horses.

Peter was one of the first male nurses, and also a leader in our Music Interest Group. Peter joined Raumatid Probud in 2002 only seven years after our formation. Their contributions to society and Raumatid Probud will be sorely missed. RIP Peter and Russell. Not recorded in a previous newsletter, the passing of two former presidents - Dick Steere and John Sarjeant.

*I must also record two new additions to our membership, Lindsay and Glen Madden, who have now gone to warmer climates for a couple of months.*

*And, who could forget Lucy Faulknor's delight and surprise when we made her a Life Member of Raumati Probus. Lucy joined us in 1999, has taken her turn as President, and many other duties for our club leadership. Currently the co-ordinator of the Music Group.*

*As a President another oversight. PSPL now acknowledge the Webmaster. In case you can't name ours, it is Past President Keith Williams, quietly working away in the background keeping our webpage bang up to date. Have a look sometime, you'll learn a lot more about our vibrant club. Thank you, Keith, for your pains you are nominated as 5-10 minute speaker for June. Topic to be advised.*

**Bruce Greenfield – speaker for May.** *I'm summarising his excellent presentation, with a request to Bruce to come back and entertain us some more, and lead the National Anthem. We were all surprised when Bruce advised the committee he would not need the projector and would not be using MP4s or overheads. What? A presentation without pictures. Wow, he was right, all the pictures created were in his words, music scores and famous life story. Fancy being paid 800 pounds before the age of 14 by the church as Organist from the age of nine. Bruce used it to buy himself a piano, releasing his parents' grand piano, which he had played on from the age of three.*

*We had a child prodigy talking to us. Bruce lived his early life in Eastbourne and with his talent of "perfect pitch" went to Hutt Valley High School, played piano, organ, joined bands and went on to an illustrious career at Victoria School of Music. Scandal, married his professor (Jenny McLeod) who wasn't a lot older and went on to be repetiteur and trainer for Dame Malvina Major and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa. Worked for the National Orchestra, the Royal New Zealand Ballet. Travelled widely overseas and toured for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. An abridged version of Bruce's career.*

*Bruce made his Met Debut with the Royal Opera Company. A desire fulfilled. As he explained, he was renovating houses at 21 as a "career" in music was not deemed to be sustainable.*

*Bruce enthralled us all. We have invited him back again as he lives locally in Raumati, and is only too keen to oblige. A wonderful career, made all the more memorable by his teaching students with little means for free. Some well-known ones doing really well – Michaela Cadwgan and Pene Pati (from O Sole Mio).*

Recommendations from Bruce:

Book suggestions: Dame Malvina Major by Joy Tonks.

Jenny McLeod - a Life in Music by Norman Meehan.

Go on to u tube for: Jacob Collier (singer songwriter) "World o World, Moon River, In the Bleak Midwinter.

Michaela Cadwgan Live Final at the Sydney Opera House  
(Opera Singer Winner 2023 Australian Competition)

Peni Pati Live Studio Recording 20 Dec 2024 Opera.

And other highlights. All above references and links supplied by Bruce. Ask me if you need a nudge to look up.

June challenge: "Chase your Dreams" – speak to a random stranger at Probus next meeting. And in July - party time – we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Club.

See you all then,

**Mary-Anne - President.**

**Bruce Greenfield and Mary-Anne.**



## **LIFE MEMBER**



**Lucy Faulknor is our latest Life Member.**

## NEW MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB



Lindsay and Glen Madden  
are the newest members of  
our club.

## EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS

<u>GROUP AND CONVENOR</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETING DAYS</u>	<u>DATE and VENUE for NEXT MEETING</u>
<b><u>ARTS GROUP:</u></b> Merlene Beard 902 4225	Last Tuesday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> of June.
<b><u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u></b> Ian and Allison Basire 904 9121.	Second Wednesday of the month.	This will be the last Away Café led by Ian and Alison Basire. The group will meet on Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> of June at the Paraparaumu railway station by 10am, catch the No. 29 bus to Brooklyn. Lunch will be at the Brooklyn Penthouse Café.
<b><u>LITERARY GROUP:</u></b> Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 904 7243.	Second Friday of the month.	The next Literary Group Meeting will be held on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June at 10am, Venue is Trish's place – 2 Lorna Irene Drive, Raumati.
<b><u>GAMES GROUP:</u></b> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824, 021 252 6492.	Third Friday of the month.	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> of June 2025, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu.
<b><u>GARDEN GROUP:</u></b> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089	First Thursday of the month.	Although only a small number of us eventually went on this trip due to the weather, it was most interesting and our small group really enjoyed it. We had lunch afterwards at Palmers Café.  Our next meeting will be on Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of July.

<b><u>JIGSAW GROUP:</u></b> Delza Raynor 04 299 5388	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting of this group will be on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> of June, 10am, at 15 Telford Way, Raumati.
<b><u>SUNDAY WALKING GROUP:</u></b> 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.
<b><u>KNITTING4CHARITY:</u></b> Heather Wakeling 04 902 2285 or 027 271 2290.	Last Monday of the month.	The next meeting will be at Heather's on Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> of June at Heather's new home- 30 SevenOaks Court, Paraparaumu Beach.
<b><u>MUSIC GROUP:</u></b> Lucy Faulknor 049051277	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> of June, 1.30pm at Judith Gallocher's home -2 Rosetta Road, Raumati South.
<b><u>TRIPS:</u></b> Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.	First Thursday of the month.	We combined with the Garden Group on a most enjoyable and interesting visit to Mushroom House.  The trip to the Woolshed and Heritage Walk is postponed till the warmer weather.
<b><u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u></b> Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	After each Probus Meeting.	Lunch will be at 2 Fat Chefs, Paraparaumu Beach. Don't forget to let Kay know by the Wednesday if you plan to attend.
<b><u>WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:</u></b> Kevin Morris 905 0019.	Third Sunday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> of June at Rod Hiddleston's home - 46 Cheltenham Drive, Paraparaumu.
<b><u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u></b> Margaret Willard 027 363 2967	Third Monday of the month.	The trip to Matiu Somes Island was cancelled due to the bad weather. It will be rescheduled for next year.  On Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> of June, we'll meet at 9.30am at Villa 85, 65 Guildford Drive, Paraparaumu, for a cuppa, then carpool to Parklands Retirement Village to see the original swamp forest. If we have time we could continue to Otaki to visit the natural burial ground. Phone me on 027 363 2967.

**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:** Gary McElhinney 04 299 3135; **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 Tennant 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 029 4459 128; **Sound System Technician and Assistant Seating Organisation:** Jim McIntosh 299 9003; **Marketing:** Jim McIntosh 299 9003 and Cam Gerrard 029 4459 128.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 10am, at 4 Harry Shaw Way, Raumati.

The committee acknowledges the support of the following members:

*Barrie Woods for organising the projector for our speakers;*

*Keith Williams, Webmaster, for keeping our website up to date'*

*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 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2025**

## **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.

You can check for more details of the shows by going to the websites:

Te Raukura [teraukura.nz/whats-on](http://teraukura.nz/whats-on)

Southwards [https://www .eventfinda.co.nz/whatson/events/southward-theatre-kapiti-coast](https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/whatson/events/southward-theatre-kapiti-coast)

Kapiti Playhouse [kapitiplayhouse.org.nz](http://kapitiplayhouse.org.nz)

Coasters Musical Theatre [coastersmusicaltheatre.com](http://coastersmusicaltheatre.com)

### **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**



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

**Wednesday 23rd July – Saturday 26th July 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

**Sunday 27th July 3pm – 5pm**

**Wednesday 30th July to Saturday 2nd August 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

**Bookings are now open.**

**Tickets: Adults: \$35,  
Seniors/Students: \$32**

### **COASTERS MUSICAL THEATRE**

**Legally Blonde, the Musical,**

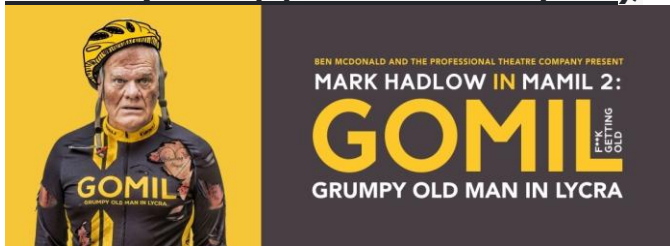
**October 2025.**

***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);



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

7:30 pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.  
Tickets: A Reserve \$85, B Reserve \$79.

### Kitchen Chaos



11:00 am, 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2025.

Tickets: Adult \$18  
Child \$16  
Wheelchair space \$16  
Under 2s free on parent's lap

Sensible Spray and excitable Wipe are messy magicians, and they've been invited to a surprise party. But after a terrible cake squishing accident, magic is let loose in the kitchen, everything is turned topsy turvy, and they have to figure **out** how baking works before the party starts... Circus, slapstick and magic combine in this very special adventure that is ideal for children aged 3 to 8.

### Mr & Mrs Alexander present: Sideshowes & Psychics



7:30 pm, 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2025.  
Tickets \$38. \$34 for group of 6.

**THE MOST NOTORIOUS COUPLE IN NEW ZEALAND ENTERTAINMENT HISTORY!  
1888 - NEW ZEALAND.**

Mr Alexander makes objects disappear! Mrs Alexander reads minds! Audiences gasp at their heart-stopping finale, THE POSSUM TRAP!

Meet the most notorious couple in colonial showbiz!

**R16.**

## THE BALLAD OF MARIA MARTEN



10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm  
Sir Jon Trimmer Theatre.  
Tickets \$38. \$35 for group of 6.

Maven Theatre Company, in partnership with Te Raukura ki Kāpiti, proudly presents the New Zealand premiere of *The Ballad of Maria Marten*, an innovative reimagining of the infamous 'Red Barn Murder' of 1827.

**Content Advisory:** This play contains adult themes and some content that may disturb. **Recommended for audiences 16+**

## The Home Inside



Thursday 10 July 2025, 1:00pm-1:45pm.  
Tickets \$15.

Underscored by music, puppetry, and striking visual design, **The Home Inside** is a heartwarming tale of emotional growth, self-discovery, and the power of nature to heal. An exquisite new work for children from the team that brought you *Wonderkind*.

Ideal for ages 4-8 years.