



PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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Next Meeting: 9.45am, Friday 27th February 2026

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Guest Speaker: 'Nick Swan - A Year in the Life of Wellington Free Ambulance

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 027 264 8342. 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.

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

Our membership now stands at 81. 56 members were in attendance at the last meeting, 12 apologies, 13 silent (members who neither attended the meeting or offered an apology).

Notes from the President

Hello all Raumati Probus Members,

Our next meeting is the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. I am looking forward to seeing many members there. Unfortunately, however, an AGM tends to be not as well attended as regular meetings. But the AGM is an important meeting. It is the closing of one year, bringing the opportunity to look back on the events, activities and successes of the year just gone, and to participate in the construction of the next year. New committee members need to be elected and interest group convenors to be found. The convenor's position does not have to be filled by a single person. The position can be shared. Members of the group can**

take it in turns to organise an outing or an activity. The club has gained several new members during the past year. Who knows what exciting ideas they may bring.

Being a committee member is not an onerous task and can be very rewarding. Speaking for myself, I have been a committee member for several years and have enjoyed the spirit of friendship and working together for a common goal.

One goal this coming year is NOT to have to increase the membership fee. After much discussion, the Committee suggests introducing a koha for morning tea. Checking the Treasurer's Report for the year you will see that the cost of tea, milk, sugar, coffee, biscuits, wine/donation for the guest speakers and a donation to a worthy cause on behalf of our next year's tea lady will come to not much less than \$1,000. A koha would go some way to off-setting that. This idea will be floated at the meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – BE THERE. This is **YOUR** Club. Give it and the new committee the support they deserve. You could be a committee member. **Why don't you give it a go?**

Regards, Mary-Anne'
President.

EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS

<u>GROUP AND CONVENOR</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETING DAYS</u>	<u>DATE and VENUE for NEXT MEETING</u>
<u>ARTS GROUP:</u> Merlene Beard 902 4225	Last Tuesday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24 th of February 2026.
<u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u> Dorothy Woods 021 296 3626. Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	Second Wednesday of the month.	<u>Convenor needed.</u> Kay and Dorothy are meeting on Tuesday to set up the programme for the year.
<u>LITERARY GROUP:</u> Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 021 108 9513.	Second Friday of the month.	The next meeting is on Friday 13 th February at Kay and Jim's home. Please phone Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 021 108 9513 for details.
<u>GAMES GROUP:</u> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824 or 021 252 6492.	Third Friday of the month.	Friday 20 th of February 2026, 10am at the Gregory's, 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu Beach.
<u>GARDEN GROUP:</u> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089	First Thursday of the month.	<u>Convenor needed.</u> Next meeting on 5 th of March will be a lunch/morning tea meeting to set out the program for next year. Venue to be notified.

<u>JIGSAW GROUP:</u> Delza Raynor 04 299 5388	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting of the Puzzle Group will be on Monday 9 th of March, 10am, at Delza's house.
<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.	There will be no meeting of this group in February. Next meeting will be on Monday 30 th of March.
<u>MUSIC GROUP:</u> Lucy Faulknor 027 417 6972	Second Monday of the month.	<u>Convenor needed.</u> You do not have to be a classical music buff to be in this club. You just have to have a love of music that you want to share with others. As the coordinator you only need to organise a person to provide the music and a venue each month and inform the group. Not hard.
<u>TRIPS:</u> Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.	First Thursday of the month.	<u>Convenor needed.</u> No trips planned so far. It has been decided that, instead of a mileage charge, passengers should give a koha.
<u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u> Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	After each Probus Meeting.	Lunch will be at the Sunday Cantina, Raumati South. Don't forget to let Kay know by the Wednesday if you plan to attend.
<u>WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:</u> Kevin Morris 905 0019.	Third Sunday of the month.	Kevin will be in touch about the next meeting.
<u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u> Margaret Willard 027 363 2967	Third Monday of the month.	Next activity to be notified.

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 know is 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 – Members and their responsibilities.

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President	Mary-Anne Kindell	021 251 5375
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Marketing	Mike Whooley	027 687 2010
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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 and Kay McIntosh 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

AGM

9.45am, Friday 27th of February 2026