



PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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Next Meeting: Friday 27th March 2026

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Guest Speaker: Clare Hynd – Predator-free Raumati

Cameo Speaker: Margaret Willard

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.

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

Attendance at last meeting (AGM): Present 43; Apologies 17; Silent 16; Guest 1. Our membership now stands at 81.

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. You can pay by cash to Geoff Gregory at our March meeting. Put your subs in an envelope with your name clearly on it. 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. Don't forget to add your name.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all Raumati Probus Members,

I reiterate my opening paragraphs from my Annual Report – what a privilege to lead such an active, intelligent group of seniors onward from their 30th anniversary into a future of friendship and participation in enjoyable activities together.

I must acknowledge here members who died in 2025. We lost Peter Sander, Russell Bain, Eileen McDonald, Russell Hodder and Jill Montgomerie. Wonderful service to our Club from each. We acknowledge their duty.

As expected, attendance was down for the AGM. However, two generous people offered to fill in some of the committee vacancies. Hazel Ollerenshaw has stepped up as Vice President, and Margie van Essyen as a committee member. Hazel is our very dedicated almoner and will retain this position for 2026.

Despite the lack of a summer, all our activity groups are up and running. However, the Music Group is in recess and looking for someone to take over the lead. If you have any ideas about a trip, please talk to one of our committee members. They would be happy to help make it happen.

Rather than imposing on one person the responsibility of organising multiple trips in one year, the Committee, after much discussion, decided that it would take suggestions from club members. If you have an idea/suggestion for a trip, please approach a member of the Committee. The Committee would be more than pleased to help you make this happen.

I am honoured to represent you all as President and promise to do my best to make our Club the Club of Choice on the Coast. I know Trish has a great line-up of guest speakers, so bring your friends to listen to these people.

Subs are due retained at last year's level (see details above). Also, voted in at the AGM was an optional koha to go towards covering morning tea costs.

God bless, Mary-Anne Kindell, President 2025-2027

SPEAKERS

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Nick Swan who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the work of the Wellington Free Ambulance. Unfortunately, the projector for the wall screen kept overheating so Nick constructed an ingenious makeshift screen.



10-minute speaker was Helen Bannon. Sorry, Helen, no photo. But a big thankyou.

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 31 st of March 2026.
<u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u> Dorothy Woods 021 296 3626. Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	Second Wednesday of the month.	Meet at the Paraparaumu Railway Station on Wednesday 11 th of March to catch the 10.40am train from Waikanae to Wellington, then the bus to Churton Park.
<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 March 2026 at Isobel'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 March 2026, at the Gregory's, 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu Beach.
<u>GARDEN GROUP:</u> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089 Helen Bannon 021 022 302209 Anne Lillie 022 140 2639	First Thursday of the month.	We had an excellent meeting on Thursday at Helen's house to determine events for the coming year. We begin the year with our April outing to Bennicks Eggs in Ohau. We will have lunch there and visit their garden centre and shop. Meet at Scots Hall at 10.15am for carpool arrangements and leave at 10.30am. Driving time 36 minutes. I will book lunch for 12.30pm,
<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.	The next meeting will be at Heather's on Monday 30 th of March 2026.

<p><u>MUSIC GROUP:</u></p>		<p><i>This group is in recess.</i></p>
<p><u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u> Kay Bell 027 603 5769.</p>	<p><i>After each Probus Meeting.</i></p>	<p><i>Lunch will be at the The Jolly, Paraparaumu Beach. Don't forget to let Kay know by the Wednesday if you plan to attend.</i></p>
<p><u>WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:</u> Kevin Morris 905 0019.</p>	<p><i>Third Sunday of the month.</i></p>	<p><i>Kevin will be in touch about the next meeting.</i></p>
<p><u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u> Margaret Willard 027 363 2967</p>	<p><i>Third Monday of the month.</i></p>	<p><i>On our February outing, the group walked round the Waikanae Lagoons. A black swan with a fish hook in its mouth was spotted and reported. The hook was swiftly and efficiently removed. A highlight was the sight of a number of royal spoonbills perched on top of tall fir trees, one of which came down to give us a close-up view. The next outing is to Zealandia on Monday 9th of March. Meet at Scots Hall, Weka Park at 9.30am, to carpool and join the planned trip to Zealandia in Wellington. The cost is \$22.50 plus a koha for the driver. They also plan to have lunch at the café. Everyone welcome.</i></p>  <p><i>You can just see the spoonbills on top of the tree to the right of Bev's head.</i></p>

ALMONER: Hazel Ollerenshaw 021 108 9513 or 04 904 7243.

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 2026-2027 – Members and their responsibilities.

Office	Incumbent	Contact
President	Mary-Anne Kindell	021 251 5375
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Secretary	Joy Heenan	027 327 9775
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Cameo Speakers	Mary-Anne Kindell	021 251 5375
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Committee member	Margie Van Essyan	022 533 1886

The committee acknowledges the support of the following members:

- **Keith Williams, Webmaster, for keeping our website up to date;'**
- **Isobel Whooley for organising the requisites for our morning tea and coffee and wine for the speakers;**
- **Diane Smith who assists Sonna-Ra with membership duties on meeting mornings;**
- **Joan Truman for the lovely photographs that go in our newsletters.**



Back row: Margie Van Essyan, Jim McIntosh, Joy Heenan, Geoff Gregory, Mike Whooley.

Front row: Trish Tennant, Hazel Ollerenshaw, Mare-Anne Kindell, Sonna-Ra Kavanagh.

DATE OF NEXT PROBUS MEETING
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