

PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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Next Meeting: 9.45am, Friday 30th October 2026

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Cameo Speaker: Margaret Willard



As you know, it is the Celebrating Probus Month this month which coincides with the Age Concern Field Day. As last year, there will be no guest speaker at this meeting. The first part of the meeting up to morning tea will go as normal. After this we hope to be inundated with visitors anxious to see what we are all about. Activity Group Coordinators have already been advised of the arrangements for the morning. Tables will be set up around the outside of the room and each group will have half a table on which to display material pertaining to their group's activities. Please do get behind your coordinator with the preparation of the group's display.

***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.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership now stands at 76. 52 members attended the meeting. There were19 apologies and 5 silents. We also had 2 guests.
NOTE: "Silent Members" are past members who can't regularly attend meetings but can still come to meetings.
Sonna-Ra Kavanagh–Membership Secretary

***PLEASE** - turn your mobile phone off or put it on silent during the meeting.*

In the absence of the President, the meeting was chaired by Vice-President Hazel.

THE PRESIDENT

I suggested to our glorious leader that I put out a Bulletin about her health as they do for members of the Royal Family. This is what I got back.

The Palace (royal residence in Eatwell Avenue) does not usually comment but under the circumstances I can pass on this message.

"My sister and I are delighted to report that, despite a few setbacks and repeat visits to our regional hospital, I am now comfortably resting at my estate and genuinely hope to be on board for our wonderful Probus Month celebrations".

God bless, Mary-Anne.

NEW MEMBER

We welcomed Kathleen Johnson to our Club.



SPEAKER

Ian McKinnon gave us a wonderful picture of his life in education, including his time at Eton College.

Ian is pictured with his wife, Jenny.



CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA



IMPORTANT: *At the October meeting, lists will be circulated for your signature indicating your intention to attend the Christmas Morning Tea.*

The reason for this is to ascertain definite numbers for catering purposes. This ensures less waste through over-catering and a better quality of food.

BREAST CANCER WEEK

In the last newsletter, it was announced that we would be supporting Breast Cancer Week by way of a gold coin entry. On checking the Probus constitution, it has become apparent that it is not within the scope of our activities to support any outside charities. So this activity will not now take place.

Check out the letter from Marilyn, our contact for our twin club in Pickering, Canada. Also attached.

EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS

GROUP AND CONVENOR	REGULAR MEETING DAYS	DATE and VENUE for NEXT MEETING
ARTS GROUP: Merlene Beard 902 4225	Last Tuesday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th of October 2026.

AWAY CAFÉ: *Dorothy Woods* *021 296 3626.* *Kay Bell* *027 603 5769.*	*Second Wednesday of the month.*	*Meet at Paraparaumu Railway Station on Wednesday 14th of October to catch the 9.40am train to Wellington.*   **Wellington turned one of its beautiful sunny days for our outing to Houghton Bay. The views from the top deck were stunning and our lunch at the Wellington Zoo was made even nicer by the friendly attentive staff. Beryl's hearing dog, Teddy, made a little girl's day very special.**
LITERARY GROUP: *Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 021 108 9513.*	*Second Friday of the month.*	*Next meeting will be on Friday 9th of October at the Sunday Cantina in Raumati South.* *Please phone Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 021 108 9513 for details.*
GAMES GROUP: *Irene Bayly* *04 299 2824 or* *021 252 6492.*	*Third Friday of the month.*	*Friday 16th of October 2026, at the Gregory's, 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu Beach.*
GARDEN GROUP: *Annie Johnston* *021 187 4089* *Helen Bannon* *021 022 302209* *Anne Lillie* *022 140 2639*	*First Thursday of the month.*	*The group had a very pleasant morning coffee meeting at Annie's house. Everyone went home clutching a growbag of potting mix plus three seed potatoes and instructions on how to grow. However, from this point they are on their own to use their own magic touch to nurture their potatoes in any way they see fit.* *Looking forward to updates and, eventually, results.*
JIGSAW GROUP: *Bev McElhinney* *04 299 3135*	*Second Monday of the month.*	*There will be NO October meeting of this group. Next meeting will be on 9th of November.*
SUNDAY WALKING GROUP: *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.*
KNITTING4CHARITY: *Heather Wakeling* *04 902 2285 or* *027 271 2290.*	*Last Monday of the month.*	*The next meeting will be at Heather's on Monday 26th of October 2026.*
LUNCHEON GROUP: *Kay Bell* *027 603 5769.*	*After each Probus Meeting.*	*Lunch will be at the Olive Grove in Waikanae. 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 be in touch about the next meeting.*
NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP: *Margaret Willard* *027 363 2967*	*Third Monday of the month.*	*Details to come later.*
MEN's COFFEE GROUP: *Jim McIntosh* *021 08103652*	*First Thursday of the month*	*Next meeting is at 10.30am on Thursday 5th of November at the Sunday Cantina in Raumati South.*



MAD HATTER'S MARKET DAY EXPRESS

STEAM TRAIN TRIP TO WOODVILLE

Sunday November 1st 2026

Departs Paekakariki 7.05am : Returns 5.50pm

Fare: $139 per adult

Group of 10 or more: $125.10 (Friends welcome)

Shuttle from Railway Station

Over 70 stalls at Woodville

Family activities and a Crazy Hat Competition

If interested contact Kay Bell 027 603 5769

We just need 5 more to join us to make 10

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 someone who 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*
Immediate Past President	*Gary McElhinney (ex officio)*	*04 299 3135*
Vice-President	*Hazel Ollerenshaw*	*021 108 9513 or 04 904 7243*
Secretary	*Joy Heenan*	*027 327 9775*
Treasurer	*Geoff Gregory*	*027 384 4126*
Membership	*Sonna-Ra Kavanagh*	*021 032 8360*
Newsletter	*Annie Johnston*	*021 187 4089*
Guest Speakers	*Trish Tennant*	*027 241 7910*
Cameo Speakers	*Mary-Anne Kindell*	*021 251 5375*
Facilities, Seating	*Jim McIntosh*	*021 081 03652*
and Data Coordinator	*Mike Whooley*	*027 687 2010*
Committee Member	*Margie Van Essyen*	*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 gift card 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.***

DATE OF NEXT PROBUS MEETING

Friday 30th of October 2026