

PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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Next Meeting: Friday 27th November 2026

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CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA



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.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership now stands at 83 (this figure includes 5 non-active members and 4 life members).

54 members attended the meeting. There were17 apologies and 5 silent. We also had 2 guests.

Sonna-Ra Kavanagh
Membership Secretary

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Probarians,

Well, Probus Month was another success. It also tied in nicely with celebrating all that is positive with Age Concern and the Council, supported by many sponsors and organisations we do have in Kapiti

I was very impressed with our own Field Day and the excellent response of the organisers. You've only got to see the photos displayed with the groups. It costs nothing to join a group so, member, go out and try something new.

See you at the Christmas morning tea.

Regards,

Mary-Anne Kindell –
President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2027

As you know, the Club's AGM is usually held in February. However, all other groups in the district hold their AGMs in March. A decision has been made, and endorsed by your Committee, to change the timing of our AGM to March to bring us in line with other clubs.

Looking ahead, our regular Probus meeting on the 26th of March would be the new date for the AGM. However, this is actually Good Friday. So, the AGM will move to the following Friday - Friday 2nd of April.

So, those dates for the beginning of 2027:

Regular Club Meeting for February	***Friday 26th of February***
Regular (March) Club Meeting and AGM	***Friday 2nd of April 2027***
Regular Club meeting for April	***Friday 30th of April 2027***

NEW MEMBER

We welcomed Yvonne Levet to our Club.



MY FAIR LADY

Hazel and Christine told us all about their trip to Australia to see *My Fair Lady.*

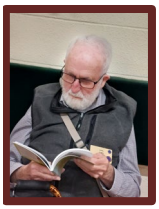


BIRTHDAY DRAW

Barbara Wimms won the birthday draw. This was a $20 voucher for New World. Hope you had a good one, Barbara.

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 24th of November 2026.*** **Merlene (Co-ordinator) with a selection of the beautiful artwork done by her and members of her group.** 

AWAY CAFÉ *Dorothy Woods* *021 296 3626* *Kay Bell* *027 603 5769*	*Second Wednesday of the month.*	*Meet at Paraparaumu Railway Station on Wednesday 11th of November to catch the 9.20am train to Porirua, then a bus to Whitby.* **Dorothy and Kay (Co-ordinators) and friends at the Away Café display.** 
LITERARY GROUP: *Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 021 108 9513*	*Second Friday of the month.*	*Next meeting will be on Friday 13th of December at the Sunday Cantina in Raumati South.* **Grace at the Literary Group display holds a copy of her autobiography.**   **One engrossed gentleman.** **Trish (Co-ordinator) with Judy and Glen at the Literary Group** 
GAMES GROUP: *Irene Bayly* *04 299 2824 or 021 252 6492*	*Third Friday of the month.*	*Friday 20th November at the Gregory's, 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu Beach.* **Irene (Co-ordinator) with Gary, Judy and Jeny. The display shows the variety of board games played.** 

JIGSAW PUZZLE GROUP: ***Bev McElhinney*** ***04 299 3135***	***Second Monday of the month.***	***NO MEETINGS UNTIL FEBRUARY.*** ***The next meeting will be on Monday 8th of February 2027, 10am, at Bev's house – 23 Miro Road, Raumati South.*** **Bev (Co-ordinator) with Dorothy showing some of the many puzzles.** 
SUNDAY WALKING GROUP: ***Kay Bell*** ***027 603 5769***	***Every Sunday.***	***Phone Kay if your 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 180 Café at 11.30am on Monday 30th of November for the last meeting of the year. They will meet again on Monday 25th of January 2027.*** **Heather (Co-ordinator) with Ann and a display of beautifully knitted items ready to be donated to various charities.** **Note Jim the Phantom Photobomber in the background.** 
LUNCHEON GROUP: ***Kay Bell*** ***027 603 5769***	***After each Probus meeting.***	***There will be no Lunch Group this month as everyone will be full up from Christmas Morning Tea.***
WINE APPRECIATION GROUP: ***Kevin Morris*** ***905 0019***	***Third Sunday of the month.***	***Kevin will be in touch about the next meeting.*** **Alex imparting wine knowledge at the Wine Group display.** 

NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP: ***Margaret Willard*** ***027 363 2967***	***Third Monday of the month.***	***From Margaret.*** This month we will be shown the work of volunteers in creating a tiny native forest, and the Japanese principles which underlie their work. Meet at 10am on Monday 23 November at 99 Te Moana Road. Postponement date 30 November. Please bring a contribution towards a donation to help with this work. Contact Margaret on 027 363 2967 or margwill20c@gmail.com for a map. **Jim and Jeny at the National Heritage display.** 
MEN's COFFEE GROUP: ***Jim McIntosh*** ***021 081 03652***	***First Thursday of the month.***	***Next meeting is at 10.30am on Thursday 3rd of December at the Sunday Cantina in Raumati South.***

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*
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Guest Speakers	*Trish Tennant*	*027 241 7910*
Cameo Speakers	*Mary-Anne Kindell*	*021 251 5375*
Facilities, Seating and Data Coordinator	*Jim McIntosh* *Mike Whooley*	*021 081 03652* *027 687 2010*
Committee Member	*Margie Van Essyen*	*022 533 1886*

The committee acknowledges the support of the following members:

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- ***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.***

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