



# PAPAKURA MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Est: April 1989

Newsletter August 2026 on a cool and very windy Sunday.

**Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August** is our next regular club meeting. There will be no ten minute talk but our guest speaker is the highly commended James Duncan from MOTAT. Our greeter will be Kevin Bromwich and the raffle will be sold by David Miller and assisted by John Neale.

**Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September** is our Romeo lunch at Melba Café in Karaka at the usual assembly time of 11:30 am.

**Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September** will be a Wiri Rambler special for **members and partners** held at the Auckland Regional Botanic Gardens. Plenty of parking available. We anticipate thirty or so attending; there will be two rides; the first at 11:00 am and second at 11:30 am. After circuiting on the Rambler, folk will then go up to the Café for their lunch. *(The Rambler trip costs will be fully subsidized by the club. Members and partners will pay for their own meals.)*

*Please make a note of these dates on digital devices and calendars on the wall.*

Birthdays this month include John Anderson, Neil Andrews, Peter Foster, Noel Kreegher, Brian Leonard, Robin Parsons, and Richard Power.

The JC Ryders outing with the Central Ladies Probus was a good day out but health issues kept some from attending. The Ladies were very grateful for our participation while these combined trips will no doubt become necessary to cope with the increased costs of travel. Thanks to Krystine for the following photos.



*My mind is like an internet browser. At least 18 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.*

*Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling."*

*I'm responsible for what I say, not for what you understand.*

*Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.*

*Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?*

*And from January's Newsletter 2021 below.*

*Did you hear about the mathematician who is afraid of negative numbers? **He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.***

*Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar.*

*"Get out of here!" shouts the bartender. **"We don't serve your type!"***

*Why did the chicken go to the séance? **To get to the other side.***

*Did you hear about the dyslexic agnostic who had insomnia? **He lay awake at night wondering if there really is a Dog.***

*A priest buys a lawn mower at a yard sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start!" "That's because you have to curse to get it started," says the man. "I'm a man of the cloth. I don't even remember how to curse."*

*"You keep pulling on that rope, and it'll come back to you." —*



*To the left our August Romeo in the pleasant setting of Park Green Café and Bar.*

Your recent suggestions were collated by Peter Foster for the committee. As the advertisement says "It won't happen overnight but it will happen". We have an active committee and past committee members who continue to contribute in your best interests.)

For all events on our Probus calendar, repeat notices are sent out to remind one and all. Please watch for emails and check your spam folders occasionally.

Did you know that our New Zealand umbrella organisation is Probus Auckland Association (PAA). Our regional umbrella Probus group is Probus South Pacific Ltd (PSPL) based in Sydney Australia. We pay annual fees to both organisations.

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*'For those members with welfare issues and being unwell, we wish you a speedy recovery. To members who have recently lost someone near and dear to them, we send our sincere condolences" (In memory of Cliff Frew)*