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Ellerslie Combined Probus Club

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**Half-year Subscription for new
members: \$15.00** until the end of January

Probus Month

October is Probus month and we invite
Panmure Probus Club to join us.

We are thinking of having a morning of
table games.

If you can, please bring a small plate of
nibbles for morning tea that day.

President's Preamble

At last month's meeting, there was clear support for the proposal that our Probus Club become an incorporated society. This will make it a separate legal entity, with limited liability, meaning that members will not be personally liable for the club's debts or obligations. Next month's meeting will take the form of a **Special General Meeting**, to ratify members' agreement to this proposal. Please make a special effort to attend, to add your vote to the general consensus.

Our meetings and trips continue to be well supported. Our visit to Crystal Mountain last month was most enjoyable. This month we're staying closer to home, with a visit to Highwic House in Newmarket. (Read on for details)

It's good to be back after my extended trip to the UK. The memorial service we held for Mike was attended by most of the family and several friends who had known him 'back in the day.' Catching up with them all brought joy to the otherwise sad occasion.

This Month's Meeting:

Date: Friday, 18 September at 10.00am

Venue: Ellerslie War Memorial Community Centre

Please remember to sign in on arrival

Speaker: To be confirmed

Mini speaker: Lyn Luxton will tell us a cautionary tale from her travel experience.

Raffle tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. **Please bring a contribution of non-perishable goods for the prize basket**, making sure everything is within its use-by date.

Share and swap table: bring along your surplus items – your trash may be someone else's treasure. Don't forget your **keep-cup** for your cuppa.

Interest Groups

Singing group: Meets fortnightly.
Contact **Hilary Wills** on 021 0545323

Writers' Group: Meets monthly on the second Friday.
Itching to put your thoughts on paper?
Come and join us.
Contact **Claire Doyle:** 021 163 5346.

Table Games – Meets every Thursday at 9.45am at Christ Church Parish Hall, Ladies Mile, Ellerslie. Morning Tea is provided and a voluntary donation of \$4.00 is appreciated. Choice of Rummikub, Mah Jong, Scrabble, Upwords etc. We would love more players! Contact:
Val Jackson on 027 5256330 or
Maureen Reed on 027 2840597

If you have an interest you would like to introduce to your fellow members, let one of our Committee know. We're always open to new ideas.

Dates for your Diary

18 September: Probus Meeting

25 September: Trip to Highwic House

7 October: Committee meeting

16 October: Special General Meeting

23 October: Bus trip to Whitford Bird Garden



This Month's trip

Venue: Highwic House, 40 Gillies Avenue, Newmarket
Limited parking onsite

Date: Friday, 25 September

Cost: \$10 entry fee

Lunch: At your own expense at John Barleycorn's Taphouse, rooftop dining at the Westfield Centre, accessible by pedestrian bridge from Highwic House.

Highwic House, built in 1862, is said to be one of New Zealand's finest 'Carpenter Gothic' mansions, set in a green oasis in the heart of Newmarket. It was the home of businessman Alfred Buckland and his family, including 21 children whose collection of toys from the Victorian era are a feature of the house, along with furniture and paintings of that time. The art trail reveals much about Auckland's history and landscape, while a wander through the heritage grounds brings a sense of peace to an otherwise busy area of town.



Photos courtesy of Heritage New Zealand website