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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

New Members

A warm welcome to: Fran Minifie

Birthdays in October

Happy Birthday to:

Irene Howard, Rose Boyle, Mabel
Kaiser, Judith Stanley, Howard Wills



President's Preamble

October is Probus Month, and we shall be celebrating with a fun-filled morning of bingo at our meeting on October 16. We'll have a couple of rounds, with a small prize for the winner of each round. If you would like to dress in Probus blue and yellow, we will have a bright and cheerful meeting. We have invited members of Panmure Probus Club to join our celebration.

In November we shall have a **Special General Meeting** to take a formal vote on incorporating our Probus Club. This will limit our liability, meaning that members will not be personally liable for the Club's debts or obligations.

Members who joined our trip to Highwic last month, enjoyed a very informative tour of the house, and an interesting glimpse into the life of a wealthy family in the 19th Century. This month we will be taking a bus trip to Whitford Bird Garden. Please support the trip if you can, to make the bus cost affordable.

Hazel McLoughlin

This Month's Meeting:

Date: Friday, 16 October at 10.00am

Venue: Ellerslie War Memorial Community Centre

Please remember to sign in on arrival

No speakers this month as we will be having a fun bingo session to celebrate Probus Month. We will be joined by members of Panmure Probus Club. Dress in Probus blue and yellow for the occasion, if you wish. A small plate of finger-food will be much appreciated if you can bring one.

Raffle tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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.



Photo courtesy of the Whitford Bird Garden's website

This Month's trip

Venue: Whitford Bird garden

Date: Friday, 23 October

Time: 10.00am: The bus leaves from outside the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall

Cost: \$45, including entry fee and bus

Lunch: At your own expense at the Forest café, Whitford

We're hanging out with the birds this month, at Whitford's award-winning home of exotic wildlife, birds and plants. We will be shown around the gardens by a guide who will tell us all about the interesting native trees, exotic plants and birds we will see.

Its Auckland-born founder, internationally acclaimed artist and conservationist, Blake Twigden, conceived the aviary and garden as a restful and informative venue for both local and international visitors, with the aim of educating them to appreciate and care for Aotearoa's wildlife.

Dates for your Diary

16 October: Probus Month Meeting

23 October: Bus trip to Whitford Bird Garden

4 November: Committee meeting

20 November: Special General Meeting followed by singalong with our singing group

Bus Trips

Bus trips are becoming more expensive now due to the rising global cost of oil, so we have made the decision to have just four next year, alternating with visits to more-local attractions. Please understand that, if you sign up for a bus trip then find you can't go, we may not be able to refund any money you have paid. We will consider each case individually, but bus trips can only go ahead if sufficient people sign up to cover the cost.