



## PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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**Next Meeting: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2025**

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**Guest Speaker: Jim McIntosh – Trip to Mongolia**

**Cameo Speaker: Heather Wakeling**

**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.**

**Website:** you can access our Probud website by entering "Raumati probud" in your search engine. Lots of information there.

**Our membership now stands at 78 with 5 new members to be inducted, with three Life Members and two non-members.**

### **Notes from the President**

**Hello all Raumati Probud members**

**I was pleased to welcome those of you who attended the Mid-winter Luncheon on Friday, which also marked the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Club. And congratulations on your 30's looks. I was also pleased to welcome Paul Adams, the new President of Kapiti Rotary, and his partner, Cazna Thompson.**

**We received apologies from Grace Moulten and Liz Smith, Ambassadors for Probud South Pacific Limited in Kapiti, and from several of our Raumati Probud Club members.**

**I am sharing here a synopsis of the congratulations we have received from Margaret Drake, NZ Representative/Director of PSPL.**

Dear Mary-Anne,

I am delighted to acknowledge the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Probus Club of Raumati. It is a great milestone and I thank all Past Presidents and Management Committees who have worked over the years to make your Club the social club of choice for many seniors in your community. Research has shown that seniors who have the opportunity to enjoy social contact with like-minded people, hear interesting speakers, participate in various activities and have the opportunity to visit different places in their community and through holidays together, then they will enjoy a healthier, happier life.

Kind regards,

Margaret Drake

New Zealand Representative/Director Probus South Pacific Ltd.

*Congratulations have also been received from other clubs with which we maintain contact: Jenny Tulloch of Mana; Glynis Denz of Porirua; Bill Joyce of Kapiti Central and Paul Heath of Waikanae Central.*

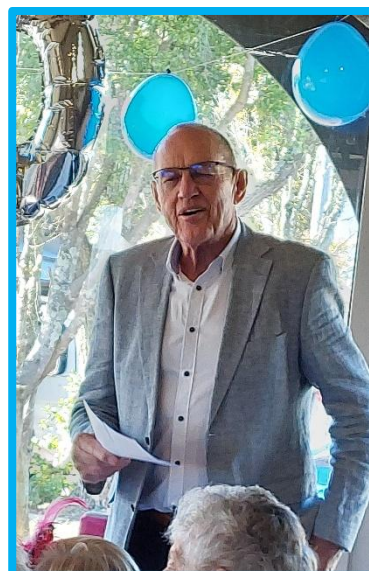
*Well done, everyone, for participating in our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. But there are some among us who go back more than 30 years and I have the pleasure of letting you know that, on Tuesday, Geoff and Ann Gregory celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> (Sapphire) Wedding Anniversary. As you know, Geoff and Ann have both served faithfully on our committee and both have held the office of President. Geoff is currently our treasurer. I'm not sure if Geoff managed to find a sapphire ring for Ann, but they are both role models to us all. The committee members acknowledged this significant milestone with a token of their esteem – a very interesting-looking goodie basket. Everyone stood to wish the happy couple many more wonderful years together.*

*Once again, we enjoyed a very pleasant time and a delicious lunch at Anzil.*

Regards,

Mary-Anne – President.

Paul Adams, the new President of  
Kapiti Rotary, our guest at the  
Luncheon.





One of the many duties of a President. Bet you didn't know about this when you signed up, Mary-Anne.

*I took lots of photos at the luncheon. It is impossible to include them in the newsletter so I will ask Keith if he can put them on the website. I will let you know when this done.*

*We are sorry to announce that we have lost two of our committee members - Terry White and Cam Gerrard - both due to ill-health.*

*I am sure you are all anxious for news on Terry who collapsed at our June meeting. Terry is now in care in Elderslea awaiting permanent accommodation in the Hutt Valley closer to family. His daughter, Leanne, says he would appreciate a phone call or text. His mobile number is 027 611 9116.*

*Terry, your friends in Raumati Probus send their best wishes and hopes that you are settled soon. We all fully appreciate the enormous contribution you have made to the running and organisation of our Club over many years. Thank you.*

*Cam, although you were a part of our committee for only a short time, we do appreciate your input. Many thanks.*

## **EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS**

<b><u>GROUP AND CONVENOR</u></b>	<b><u>REGULAR MEETING DAYS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE and VENUE for NEXT MEETING</u></b>
<b><u>ARTS GROUP:</u></b> Merlene Beard 902 4225	Last Tuesday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> of August.

<b><u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u></b> Kay Bell 027 603 5769. Dorothy Woods 021 296 3626	Second Wednesday of the month.	Meet at the Paraparaumu Railway Station on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> of August at 9.30am (note earlier start time due to buses taking over after 9.30am) to catch the bus to Wellington. Then on to Wainuiomata. Lunch at Columbus Café.
<b><u>LITERARY GROUP:</u></b> Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 904 7243.	Second Friday of the month.	The next Literary Group Meeting will be held on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> of September at 10am. Venue is Trish's place – 2 Lorna Irene Drive, Raumati.
<b><u>GAMES GROUP:</u></b> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824 or 021 252 6492.	Third Friday of the month.	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> of August 2025, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu.
<b><u>GARDEN GROUP:</u></b> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089	First Thursday of the month.	A small group had a delicious and most convivial lunch at Harrison's Gardenworld.
<b><u>JIGSAW GROUP:</u></b> Delza Raynor 04 299 5388	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting of this group will be on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> of August, 10am, at 15 Telford Way, Raumati.
<b><u>SUNDAY WALKING GROUP:</u></b> 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.
<b><u>KNITTING4CHARITY:</u></b> Heather Wakeling 04 902 2285 or 027 271 2290.	Last Monday of the month.	The next meeting will be at Heather's on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> of August. <b>NOTE the address: 30 SevenOaks Court, Paraparaumu Beach.</b>
<b><u>MUSIC GROUP:</u></b> Lucy Faulknor 049051277	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> of August, 1.30pm.
<b><u>TRIPS:</u></b> Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.		<b><u>Julia Lynch: A Dedicated Life</u></b> Meet at the Paraparaumu Railway Station on Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> of August to catch the 9.46am train to Wellington. Walk, taxi, or as you wish, to the National Portrait Gallery, Shed 11, Wellington Waterfront, to view the <u>Julia Lynch (Sister Lawrence) Portrait Exhibition</u> . Rumour has it that there is a youthful portrait of our President among the exhibits. Suggested lunch venue – Black Doris Café in the PWC building – a four-minute walk from the Portrait Gallery. <b>You don't need to inform anyone you are going – just turn up.</b> Don't forget your Gold Card. Details at end of newsletter.

<b><u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u></b> Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	After each Probus Meeting.	Lunch will be at the Mediterranean in Coastlands. Don't forget to let Kay know by the Wednesday if you plan to attend.
<b><u>WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:</u></b> Kevin Morris 905 0019.	Third Sunday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> of "August.
<b><u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u></b> Margaret Willard 027 363 2967	Third Monday of the month.	On Monday 18 August Dr Aroha Spinks will meet us in Otaki to korero on Maori-led restoration projects on the Otaki River. Meet at Villa 85, Summerset, 65 Guildford Drive, Paraparaumu at 9.30am, and we will car pool to Otaki. Later, you are welcome to enjoy kai with Aroha at a local cafe. Margaret.  Phone Margaret Willard on 027 363 2967.

**ALMONER:** Hazel Ollerenshaw 021 108 9513 or 04 904 7243. Whilst Hazel is no longer a member of the committee, she is still our Almoner. 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 is missing out, ring me or email me on [anniejohnston51@gmail.com](mailto:anniejohnston51@gmail.com)

Please send any contributions you wish to make to the newsletter to [raumatiprobust@gmail.com](mailto:raumatiprobust@gmail.com)

## **COMMITTEE 2025-2026 – Members and their responsibilities.**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Mary-Anne Kindell</b>	<b>021 251 5375</b>
<b>Immediate Past President</b>		
<b>Vice-President</b>		
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Joy Heenan</b>	<b>027 327 9775</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Geoff Gregory</b>	<b>027 384 4126</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Sonna-Ra Kavanagh</b>	<b>021 032 8360</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Annie Johnston</b>	<b>021 187 4089</b>
<b>Guest Speakers</b>	<b>Trish Tennant</b>	<b>027 241 7910</b>
<b>Cameo Speakers</b>	<b>Mary-Anne Kindell</b>	<b>021 251 5375</b>
<b>Trips</b>	<b>Mike Whooley</b>	<b>027 687 2010</b>
<b>Facilities Co-ordinators</b>	<b>Mike Whooley</b>	<b>027 687 2010</b>
	<b>Jim McIntosh</b>	<b>299 9003</b>
<b>Seating Organisation</b>	<b>Mike Whooley</b>	<b>027 687 2010</b>
	<b>Jim McIntosh</b>	<b>299 9003</b>
<b>Sound System Technician</b>	<b>Jim McIntosh</b>	<b>299 9003</b>
<b>Marketing</b>	<b>Mike Whooley</b>	<b>027 687 2010</b>
	<b>Jim McIntosh</b>	<b>299 9003</b>

**The next meeting of this committee will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of September, 10am, at Trish's house – 2 Lorna Irene Drive, Raumati.**

**The committee acknowledges the support of the following members:**

**Barrie Woods for organising the projector for our speakers;**

**Keith Williams, Webmaster, for keeping our website up to date;'**

**Isobel Whooley and Kay McIntosh for organising our morning tea and coffee;**

**Diane Smith who will assist 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 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2025**



## **SHOWS AND CONCERTS**

We will no longer be making bookings on behalf of members, but below is a list of what is on locally for you to enjoy.

You can check for more details of the shows by going to the websites:

Te Raukura                      [teraukura.nz/whats-on](http://teraukura.nz/whats-on)

Southwards                      [https://www .eventfinda.co.nz/whatson/events/southward-theatre-kapiti-coast](https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/whatson/events/southward-theatre-kapiti-coast)

Kapiti Playhouse              [kapitiplayhouse.org.nz](http://kapitiplayhouse.org.nz)

Coasters Musical Theatre              [coastersmusicaltheatre.com](http://coastersmusicaltheatre.com)

### **SOUTHWARDS THEATRE**

**Operatunity – Last Night of the Proms**

**ALL SOLD OUT**

*Doors open 10am for complimentary morning tea. Show starts 11am*

### **KAPITI PLAYHOUSE**

**Nothing advertised.**

### **COASTERS MUSICAL THEATRE**

**Legally Blonde, the Musical,**

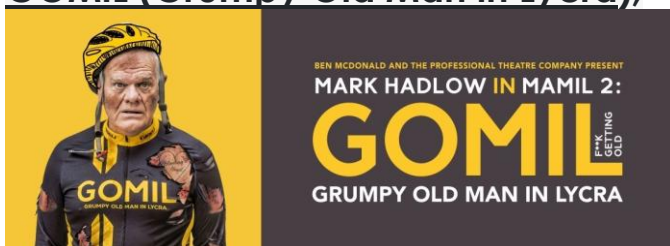
**2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Southwards Theatre.**

**Tickets \$35.**

Legally Blonde follows the story of sorority president Elle Woods as she crosses the country on a mission to find love at Harvard Law School. After discovering how the law can be used to help others, she uses her new-found skills to defend a work-out queen in a murder trial, defying the odds and proving that pink can save the day!

### **TE RAUKURA**

**GOMIL (Grumpy Old Man in Lycra);**



**The Lycra is back: GOMIL – the hilarious new sequel to MAMIL hits the road across New Zealand.**

**7:30 pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Tickets: A Reserve \$85, B Reserve \$79.**

## AUGUST TRIP TO NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY



**Image: Julia Lynch, Self-portrait,  
c.1924, private collection.**

### **Julia B. Lynch: A Dedicated Life**

**This exhibition will focus on three aspects of Lynch's artistic career: portraits painted for competitions (for instance she entered the famous Australian Archibald Portrait Prize four times), controversial portraits (her portrait of Mayor Percy Dowse, Lower Hutt was taken down at the Dowse but in 1984 the director was told to reinstate it against his dislike for it) and portraits of her students, of which there are many.**