



PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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Next Meeting: Friday 26th September 2025

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Guest Speaker: Gary Lawrence - Rotary Volunteer to the Dental Aid Project, Tavenui Island, Fiji, providing first world dental and prevention care to children.

Cameo Speaker: Trish Tennant

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 79.

Notes from the President

Hello all Raumati Probud Members,

Welcome to the first fleeting days of spring. Spring daffodils, pretty spring gardens, lambs running around, even if the weather reverts to winter as well.

We are so blessed with great 10-minute and main speakers. Trish, who is a wizard with the way she tracks down new and interesting speakers, can conjure up our own local people when last-minute circumstances dictate. I too, am lucky, being able to invite members of the calibre of Heather Wakeling to speak.

Heather gave us a wonderful insight into the West Coast and their special brand of fellowship and friendship. Then Jim McIntosh enthralled us with his visit to Mongolia. Jim and Kay were lucky enough to be Ambassadors for the Friendship Force, chosen to foster friendship beyond cultural and international borders. They travelled by air, train and local

transport, drank horse milk, goats milk and witnessed the life of a nomadic herd among the low middle and highlands of Mongolia. They travelled 1500 miles in a van with broken suspension. Jim elicited a laugh when showing us the "ladies' restroom" – a picture of a field with ladies squatting everywhere.

The monasteries were a thing of the past Russian era as the monks had been slaughtered. The animals were yaks, cows, goats, camels and horses - all with very strong breeding lines to withstand either -40 degrees or plus 40 degrees in the summer.

The Mongolians were all wearing western clothes, except when they wore their elaborate traditional garb for ceremonies. Everyone had a TV run by solar power. The Mongolians exist on 6L of water per person per day. Average Kapiti usage 235L.

Mongolia was the largest and longest-lasting empire in the world. It is a very poor country - now living in the legacy of Russian times - no power, no running water, no sewage systems. Noticeable in the accompanying photos is that the older generation don't smile, probably because of living under the Russian system. The population have some of the healthiest teeth due to lack of sugar in their diet. That, sadly, is changing with the introduction of fast-food chains.

Although the trip was a few years ago now, it was a fascinating insight into a nation still clinging onto the older traditions. Farming as we know it would not be viable as it would require infrastructure that is just not available. To me the Mongolians lead a simple but rich cultural life.

We welcomed Ann and Tony Williams into our Club in August and look forward to inducting three more members in September.

In the future, October (Probus Month) promises to be a beauty with our Indoor Field Day and a mystery speaker. Don't forget to invite your friends.

Regards Mary-Anne
President.

NEW MEMBERS



Ann and Tony Williams join our Club.

**Jim McIntosh talks about his trip
to Mongolia.**



**Heather Wakeling gave us an
insight to life on the West Coast.**

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS/REQUESTS/INFORMATION

This is where members can share information with other members, put forward a request or raise a question.

First up is a request from Isobel Whooley. Isobel is looking for wine bottle bags (to put the wine for speakers in). We use two every month. Ring Isobel on 027 632 1664.

EVENTS AND INTEREST GROUPS

<u>GROUP AND CONVENOR</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETING DAYS</u>	<u>DATE and VENUE for NEXT MEETING</u>
<u>ARTS GROUP:</u> Merlene Beard 902 4225	Last Tuesday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30 th of September.
<u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u> Dorothy Woods 021 296 3626. Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	Second Wednesday of the month.	Meet at the Paraparaumu Railway Station on Wednesday 10 th of September to catch the 10.06am train to Porirua, then the bus to Titahi Bay. Back to Porirua for lunch at Pataka. Lunch at Columbus Café.
<u>LITERARY GROUP:</u> Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 021 108 9513.	Second Friday of the month.	Next meeting on <u>Friday 12th September at 10am at Sunday Cantina Cafe, Poplar Avenue, Raumati South</u> . Bring a piece of writing, poetry, reflection or review <u>if you wish</u> to be left on cafe tables for the public to enjoy. Thank you to Sunday Cantina for hosting us. Buy a coffee and join us if you would like to see what we do. Phone 027 241 7910 for more details.
<u>GAMES GROUP:</u> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824 or 021 252 6492.	Third Friday of the month.	Friday 19 th of September 2025, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu.
<u>GARDEN GROUP:</u> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089	First Thursday of the month.	The next meeting will be a demonstration of Ikebana. Details later.
<u>JIGSAW GROUP:</u> Delza Raynor 04 299 5388	Second Monday of the month.	There will be no meeting of the Puzzle Group this month as Delza is still not well.
<u>SUNDAY WALKING GROUP:</u> 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.
<u>KNITTING4CHARITY:</u> Heather Wakeling 04 902 2285 or 027 271 2290.	Last Monday of the month.	The next meeting will be at Heather's on Monday 29 th of September.
<u>MUSIC GROUP:</u> Lucy Faulknor 027 417 6972	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Monday 13 th of October, 1.30pm.

<u>TRIPS:</u> Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.	First Thursday of the month.	
<u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u> Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	After each Probus Meeting.	Lunch will be at the café in Kapiti Village. Don't forget to let Kay know by the Wednesday if you plan to attend.
<u>WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:</u> Kevin Morris 905 0019.	Third Sunday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Sunday 21 st of September.
<u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u> Margaret Willard 027 363 2967	Third Monday of the month.	<p>Last month's meeting was postponed to the 25th of August when we met with Dr Aroha Spinks in Otaki. We learned not only about the environment, but also about how young Maori students are solving problems for the town.</p>  <p>The group will meet at my home at 9.30am on Monday, 8th September, to carpool to the Waikanae River bridge to meet Norman, the ranger, at 10am. We'll learn about the restoration happening at the site and in other areas along the river. He assures me there will be little or no walking, but he'll be a well of interesting information about the river, its history and its restoration. He'll also let us know about opportunities for volunteering our time.</p> <p>If we take two cars, we can make spontaneous decisions about getting lunch in Waikanae.</p> <p>Next month, October, we will travel to Wainuiomata to hear about Dennis Keall's work with rare lizards.</p>

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

Please send any contributions you wish to make to the newsletter to raumatiprobust@gmail.com

COMMITTEE 2025-2026 – Members and their responsibilities.

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	Jim McIntosh	299 9003

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 26th of September 2025

Kapi-Mana Music Recitals – Festival Highlights

Festival Overview

Attend the final Kapi-Mana Music Recitals for free on Saturday, 4th and Sunday, 5th October at Pataka Art + Museum in Porirua. Throughout both festival days, everyone is invited to drop in and enjoy captivating performances by Wellington region young musicians who play at an advanced level. These talented performers are sure to leave a lasting impression with their remarkable artistry by presenting 10 or 20-minute recitals. The timetable can be found on the website www.kapimanamusic.org.nz

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

Southwards <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/whatson/events/southward-theatre-kapiti-coast>

Kapiti Playhouse kapitiplayhouse.org.nz

Coasters Musical Theatre coastersmusicaltheatre.com

SOUTHWARDS THEATRE

Operatunity – Fabulous Fifties

ALL SOLD OUT

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

KAPITI PLAYHOUSE

The Vicar of Dibley

5th-22nd November

Auditions: 31st August

COASTERS MUSICAL THEATRE

Legally Blonde, the Musical,

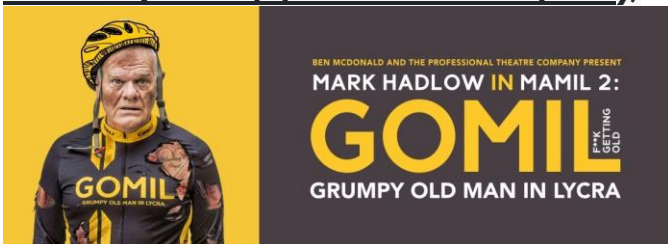
2nd – 11th October 2025 at Southwards Theatre.

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 24th September.

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