

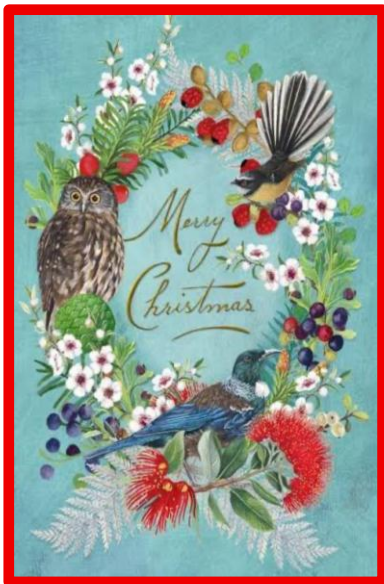


PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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Next Meeting: Friday 28th November 2025

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Christmas Morning Tea

*Morning tea courtesy of your Committee
Christmas carols and a surprise singer*

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 Probust website by entering "Raumati probust" in your search engine. Lots of information there.

Our membership now stands at 81.

Notes from the President

Hello all Raumati Probus Members,

Well, weren't we blessed to hear such an entertaining, professional, enthusiastic speaker in Cynric Temple-Camp, Pathologist Extraordinaire. Also, my apologies, I was busy with introductions and guests, quickly turned off my phone, or so I thought, only to have it ring again. Moral of the story? Leave it in the car or get someone else to test it.



Eileen (MAC) McDonald

It is with great sadness that I must confirm what some Probus members already know – the death of Eileen (MAC) McDonald. Eileen has been a Probarian since 2007. A very knowledgeable member of the Wine Appreciation Group, also the Knitting, Music and Garden Groups. Eileen will be sadly missed by all her Probarian and nursing circle friends. I sat with her at Wine Appreciation Group and her knowledge was very extensive and she happily shared it with me, a novice, and others.

It is also with great sadness that we have been informed of the death of Chrissy Davis's only son, Paul. Your support of Chrissy in the coming months will be much appreciated.

I do feel blessed to have had such wonderful support from the Field Day stallholders. They all went to a great deal of trouble to demonstrate what is involved in running their groups. So, don't forget as we grow as a club, don't be shy, approach them as they are listed in each newsletter and give it a go.

My thanks also to Liz Smith (District Chair of PSPL), accompanied by her husband, David, and Grace Moulten, Ambassador for our area, for taking the time to come to our meeting. Liz contacted me afterwards and was so pleased to say hello to so many old friends.

Meeting Health and Safety Requirements: it might seem a little inconvenient to stop at the desk and register your presence on arrival, but it is a legal requirement of our Probus Club's ability to use the venue (Scots Hall). In case of an emergency and a need to evacuate the building, we can account for everyone present. My second apology – I am supposed to indicate all the exits and facilities at every meeting. I promised to do so and forgot. Sorry, Jim and Mike, you wouldn't think it would take me all this time to get it right.

More requests under Health and Safety: you are encouraged to write the names of your NOK (next of kin) and GP on the back of your badge. New badges are available on written request, with an accurate representation of your name, to Mary-Anne (makindy50@gmail.com).

Finally, we are experiencing a few more consecutive fine days and some sunny days. We also look forward to our Christmas celebrations

of morning tea (hosted by the Committee) on Friday 28th November.

Once again, before we move into the new Probus year after our February elections, I remind you that we are still looking for a Vice President. The job is not onerous even though you would eventually become president the following year. If you are interested in the position, come and have a chat.

Regards and Happy Christmas to you all.
Thanks again for your support.

Mary-Anne
President.

Dr Cynric Temple-Camp
delivered a most interesting and
informative on murder cases in
which he has been involved.



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 25 th November.
<u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u> Dorothy Woods 021 296 3626. Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	Second Wednesday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10 th of December.

<u>LITERARY GROUP:</u> Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 021 108 9513.	Second Friday of the month.	Next meeting will be on Friday 12 th of December.
<u>GAMES GROUP:</u> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824 or 021 252 6492.	Third Friday of the month.	Friday 21 st of November 2025, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu.
<u>GARDEN GROUP:</u> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089	First Thursday of the month.	The next meeting is our Christmas Lunch. We will have a pot luck lunch at my house, 38 Forest Road, Raumati South. 12 noon on Thursday 4 th of December. Bring a plate and please let me know if you are coming. 021 187 4089.
<u>JIGSAW GROUP:</u> Delza Raynor 04 299 5388	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting of this group will be in the new year. Monday 9 th of February 2026.
<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 knitting group will have lunch at the Fisherman's Table on the 24 th of November (our usual knitting day). We will meet at Scots Hall at 11.30am to combine transport. Please let Heather know if you are coming by Thursday 20 th .
<u>MUSIC GROUP:</u> Lucy Faulknor 027 417 6972	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Monday 8 th of December.
<u>TRIPS:</u> Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.	Appropriate day.	A group of us went to explore the Heritage Walk in Sanson on Wednesday. It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip. There are presently seven relocated houses, each from a different era, beginning in 1860 and ending in 1960. More houses will be added as they become available for relocation. The houses have been restored to their original form, and furnished to reflect the fashions and decor of the time. The houses were beautifully presented; the audio guide was well-written with information about the individual cottages plus conditions and events in New Zealand at the time. Topped off with a great lunch at the Woodshed Café. Well done, Mike. Great outing. Thankyou.
<u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u> Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	After each Probus Meeting.	No lunch meeting scheduled.

<u>WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:</u> Kevin Morris 905 0019.	Third Sunday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Sunday 21 st of December.
<u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u> Margaret Willard 027 363 2967	Third Monday of the month.	On Monday 17 th of November, we met at the entrance of the walkway between Awanui Labs and the big car park on Rimu Road. From there we walked to watch, feed and learn about some large eels. Afterwards, we headed to a local café to celebrate a successful year of wildlife encounters.

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 someone who is missing out, ring me or email me on anniejohnston51@gmail.com

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

COMMITTEE 2025-2026 – Members and their responsibilities.

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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 28th of November 2025