



## PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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**Next Meeting: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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**Guest Speaker:** *Hannah Fleetwood will tell us of her work and experiences in South Korea as part of her Earth Sciences Degree.*

**Cameo Speaker:** *Helen Bannon*

**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 Probus website by entering "Raumati probus" in your search engine. Lots of information there.*

**Our membership now stands at 81.**

### **Notes from the President**

**Hello all Raumati Probus Members,**

**Welcome to a short newsletter for the celebration of our morning tea and happy holidays till we see you again on January 30<sup>th</sup> (last Friday in January). Remember to build on our successes of 2025 and invite a friend to join you at our exciting Probus Meetings. I repeat the Health and Safety Requirements as some may not have had the opportunity to read them in the last newsletter.**

**We are also looking for volunteers to join the Committee. A Vice President is still to be found. Most important as we can't function without one. And two new committee members. Would you rather offer or be shoulder-tapped. Just when our club is flourishing, it would be a pity to fold through lack of leadership. Membership has now risen to 81. The Garden Group will need people to step up and lead. So hopefully with Annie's backing someone who is already in the group or a team of you will lead next year – Team Work.**

**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.

More requests under Health and Safety, you are encouraged to write the names of 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](mailto:makindy50@gmail.com)).

Thank you all (especially the Committee) for your support. Thank you, Rochelle, for a very successfully catered morning tea. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year.

Mary-Anne  
President.

## **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 24 <sup>th</sup> of February 2026 at Merlene's home.
<b><u>AWAY CAFÉ:</u></b> Dorothy Woods 021 296 3626. Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	Second Wednesday of the month.	Meet at the Paraparaumu Railway Station on Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> of December to catch the 10am train from Waikanae. Then we will get the bus to Johnsonville. No outing in January. Start again in February.
<b><u>LITERARY GROUP:</u></b> Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 021 108 9513.	Second Friday of the month.	Next meeting on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> of February 2026 at 10am at Isobel's home – 7 Harry Shaw Way, Raumati. Another shout-out to Sunday Cantina for their support for our Literary initiative. One of their lovely young staff has made a very attractive notice to go with our 'booklets'. Do go along and browse through the writings of the group. Please be assured, if you're thinking of joining us, you are not required or expected to write. Your own enjoyment of words and anything literary is all we ask.
<b><u>GAMES GROUP:</u></b> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824 or 021 252 6492.	Third Friday of the month.	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> of December 2025, at 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu. As it is our last meeting before Christmas, please bring a plate and we will share lunch at Ann's after the games.

<b><u>GARDEN GROUP:</u></b> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089	First Thursday of the month.	December's meeting was a pleasant lunch at Annie's home. No January meeting.
<b><u>JIGSAW GROUP:</u></b> Delza Raynor 04 299 5388	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> of February 2026 at Delza's home – 15 Telford Way, Raumati at 10am.
<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 26 <sup>th</sup> of January 2026.
<b><u>MUSIC GROUP:</u></b> Lucy Faulknor 027 417 6972	Second Monday of the month.	There are no details yet for the next meeting of this group.
<b><u>TRIPS:</u></b> Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.	First Thursday of the month.	No trips planned presently. Looking forward to seeing what the new year brings.
<b><u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u></b> Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	After each Probus Meeting.	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> of January 2026. Details closer to the time.
<b><u>WINE APPRECIATION GROUP:</u></b> Kevin Morris 905 0019.	Third Sunday of the month.	Kevin will get in touch re the next meeting.
<b><u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u></b> Margaret Willard 027 363 2967	Third Monday of the month.	No meeting in January. Details of February outing later.

**ALMONER:** Hazel Ollerenshaw 021 108 9513 or 04 904 7243. Hazel is a very dedicated Almoner who liked to hear from you. 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](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>
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<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>
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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 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2026**