



PROBUS CLUB of RAUMATI INC

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Next Meeting: Friday 30th January 2026

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Guest Speaker: Hannah Fleetwood

Hannah 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 79.

Notes from the President

Hello all Raumati Probus Members,

Happy New Year to you all. Motto for 2026 – work with the editor and keep President's Reports shorter. Not always easy when we have such an active club with 12 very vital sub-adjuncts. Already I have seen the Literary Group firing up for another year and I'm certain others are doing the same.

February, of course, being our AGM and, for my sins, at this stage it appears I am having to stand for Presidency again as I was not active enough in getting a Vice-President. However, if, between now and February's AGM, some active, kind soul wishes to be nominated or stand as Vice-President, they will be readily welcomed. Failing this, we cannot go into another year without a Vice-President. So, every one of you, please give this matter some serious thought. You can nominate yourself, and a warm amount of support

from a thoughtful committee awaits to guide you as they have me. As we lost two committee members during 2025, we will also be looking to top up the committee – a social function with not too many duties.

As usual, this year is full of exciting speakers and active sub-adjuncts. Any suggestions to keep our club running through its thirty-first year are welcome.

REMEMBER any suggestions or nominations for the AGM to committee members or myself will be readily accepted.

ACT NOW. NOMINATE. OFFER. JOIN THE COMMITTEE.

Regards, Mary-Anne'
President.

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 27 th of January 2026.
<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 11 th of February to catch the 10.06am train to Wellington, then the bus to the airport and lunch at one of the cafes there.
<u>LITERARY GROUP:</u> Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 021 108 9513.	Second Friday of the month.	The next meeting is on Friday 13 th February at Kay and Jim's home. Please phone Trish 027 241 7910 or Hazel 021 108 9513 for details.
<u>GAMES GROUP:</u> Irene Bayly 04 299 2824 or 021 252 6492.	Third Friday of the month.	Friday 20 th of February 2026, at the Gregory's, 21 San Priamo Place, Paraparaumu Beach.
<u>GARDEN GROUP:</u> Annie Johnston 021 187 4089	First Thursday of the month.	Suggest we take advantage of the Lion's Garden Trail. Looks great.
<u>JIGSAW GROUP:</u> Delza Raynor 04 299 5388	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting of the Puzzle Group will be on Monday 9 th of February, 10am, at Delza's house.

<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 26 th of January 2026.
<u>MUSIC GROUP:</u> Lucy Faulknor 027 417 6972	Second Monday of the month.	The next meeting will be on Monday 9 th of February 2026, 1.30pm.
<u>TRIPS:</u> Mike Whooley 027 687 2010.	First Thursday of the month.	No trips planned so far. It has been decided that, instead of a mileage charge, passengers should give a koha.
<u>LUNCHEON GROUP:</u> Kay Bell 027 603 5769.	After each Probus Meeting.	Lunch will be at the Thai Marina, Paraparaumu Beach. 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.	Kevin will be in touch about the next meeting.
<u>NATURAL HERITAGE GROUP:</u> Margaret Willard 027 363 2967	Third Monday of the month.	On Monday 13 th of February at 10.30am our group will meet local birdwatcher Janine Clement at Waimanu Lagoons, end of Tutere Street, Waikanae. She'll share her knowledge of the many species of birds in the area.

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 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
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