

PROBUS NEWSLETTER



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Howick East Combined Probus Club

Lynda's Outlook



From somewhere or other I was informed that it's the 50th year since the death of P.G. Wodehouse, aged 93, on 14 February 1975. Being in need of some liberation of spirit from "views", self-importance, "influencers" (whatever they are) and all things that make the world not only boring but dangerous, I began to re-read many of his books. When I say read, my eyes tend to go a bit fuzzy from the impending, though reassuringly slow-growing cataracts.

As Wodehouse puts it: 'I'm not absolutely certain of the facts, but I rather fancy it's Shakespeare who says that it's always just when a fellow is feeling particularly braced with things in general that Fate sneaks up behind him with a bit of lead piping.' (Jeeves and the Unbidden Guest, 1916).

I could have tried a dose of Mulliner's Buck-U-Uppo from the Mulliner stories. But, instead, I've discovered audiobooks read by wonderful actors while you're doing boring tasks around the house. The libraries audiobook service is also pretty quick off the mark with new releases. It's fab!

Outlook: Feeling the need for enlivening entertainment and information? Be aware of not only audiobooks but also a cornucopia of podcasts now available to enjoy.

Footnote: Rob and I will be on holiday for the next 2 months so I shall be sending my Outlook rant from the perspective of touring the great USA!

Lynda



**NEXT PROBUS MEETING
Tuesday, 16 SEPTEMBER**

DOOR GREETERS
Rosemary Bleakley
Brenda Blenkinsop
Please report
by 9.30 am

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• A warm welcome to . . .
• Julia Forsyth, Yvonne Coory
• and Don Howarth who were
• inducted at the August meeting.



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Our trip to Ryders Cinema in Avondale was a real treat. To be driven through the Auckland traffic in a luxury bus and be able to enjoy a high-up view of the city was amazing.

We had coffee and biscuits on arrival and then settled in to the comfortable cinema for the movie "Waking Ned Devine" a hilarious comedy set in Ireland about a lucky/unlucky Lotto winner who died of shock on realising he had the winning ticket of £6.8 million! The subterfuge that followed as the township of 50 residents decided to hoodwink the Lotto Board and claim the money, to be divided equally between all the residents.

The plans all came together, save for one elderly lady who decided to blackmail them unless paid £1 million to herself. The Guinness flowed, as did the Whisky and the hilarious ending saw everyone get their fair share of the winnings.

We then enjoyed a beautiful roast dinner, a walk in the sunshine and a smooth trip home.

Thank you again to Jan and Shirley for their organising skills and another fun day out.

..... Maureen Saunders

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Many of our activity groups are looking for new members. A list of all the groups is available with contact information for each one. Have a chat with the group leader and find about their particular group.

If none of the existing groups appeal, maybe you could suggest a new one ?? We are open to suggestions. Tom Owen happy to hear from you - metsol@msn.com

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Please make sure you complete and return this form if you have not already done so. Medical Cards also available.



Brian Stocking is available for JP duties on Club days from 9.30 a.m.

So I just got my electricity bill, and I believe I got charged for the sunlight, the moonlight, the street light, the light of my life, the speed of light, and the light at the end of the tunnel!

AUGUST SPEAKER

Wendy Hampton



Our speaker in August was a retired lawyer with a wonderful sense of humour.

In a very practical and amusing way, she talked us through all the things we should write down to make Probate of our wills as speedy and easy as possible for those we leave behind.

Everything in detail, from overseas investments and bank accounts to all our present day accounts, shares, insurances, savings, passport details, drivers licence and health care. The more detail, the easier it is to finalise Probate quickly. Now is the time!!

Write down all your requests for dividing up your personal possessions, with a list of the people to contact re your passing. Your doctor, dentist, hairdresser, church, clubs, overseas friends etc etc. Do you have term deposits, forgotten investments, shares, a boat, caravan, bach or business interests??

It is better to keep a written copy than on your computer for easy access and so many things and people can be forgotten if not written down. So much to think of that maybe a rough notebook or three might be a good idea before the final version.

Remember too, that before Probate is granted, the only payment made is for your funeral! Happy writing!

..... Maureen Saunders

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AYRLIES GARDENS

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WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Carpool from Nixon Hall

Meet at 9.15 am to sort out cars

Leaving at 9.30 am

*Arrive Ayrlies at 10am for morning tea
under the Gazebo*

Entry to garden \$15 pp (subsidised by the Club)

*Wander around the beautiful garden
(Plants for sale at 11.30 am)*

**12 noon leave for Lime Tree Cafe, Whitford
for lunch at own expense**

*Numbers will be finalised at next Club day
on 16 September*

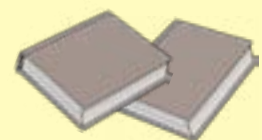
SPEAKER SEPTEMBER

Margaret McHugh

Margaret McHugh

was brought up on a Winton dairy farm and took herself off to London and the world in the 1970s. Now a renowned chef and caterer.

Margaret tells of her adventures in Greece, Korea, Russia and more. Her book 'The Real McHugh' is an account of her travels and her passion for creating wonderful food.



Probus Association of Auckland
40 th Anniversary Buffet Luncheon & Entertainment
at Waipuna Conference Centre
noon to 2 p.m. Friday 31 October 2025
COST \$50 pp

There are still a few places available as there have been a couple of cancelations.
Thank you to those Clubs that have sent lists of their members who are interested in attending. A reminder that this will definitely be a
“first come, first served scenario” confirmed by payment from your Club.
Thank you also to those Clubs that have already deposited payments with PAA for their attendees. That is very much appreciated.
Clubs are asked to confirm their attending numbers, with names, with a a bulk payment from your Club by 30 September or earlier! (PAA Treasurer, Val, has pushed the payment date out by a few days.)
As this is a catered event there will be no refunds for any non-attendees.
Pay through on-line banking.

Probus Association of Auckland ASB Royal Oak

Account number 12-3086-0080606-01

Reference payments with club name, men, ladies or combined - Code: PAA 40th

WELFARE

Welfare/Sickness Issues : Please inform
Maureen Saunders - Phone: 021 2598308

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once a saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.
The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed- and gazed - but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought.
For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.*

....William Wordsworth



Karl and Milly were lying in bed one night. Karl was falling asleep but Milly was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said, "You used to hold my hand when we were courting." Wearily Karl reached across, held her hand for a second, and rolled over to try and fall asleep. A few minutes later she said, "Then you used to kiss me." Mildly irritated, he leaned across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled back down to sleep. Thirty seconds later she said, "Then you used to bite my neck." Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed. "Where are you going?" she asked. "To the bathroom to get my teeth," he replied.



"The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there!"

**FUN
FRIENDSHIP
AND FELLOWSHIP
IN RETIREMENT**
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Staying connected