



# PAPAKURA MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

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Newsletter July 2025. It's the weather report. Its still 14 °C with clear blue skies this Sunday afternoon and thank goodness the rain has stopped. But I hesitate to mow the wet lawns.

**Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July** is our next club meeting at the Papakura club. Greeter will be Brian Leonard and the Raffle sold by Vic Hareb.

**Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of August** is our next Romeo at the Coffee Club in Takanini off Arion street. Again for those new members, this is from 11:30 am onwards and is a great time to chat with others.

**Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September** is our outing to JC Ryders (Movie and lunch). More information is to follow at this upcoming club meeting.

By way of explanation, here follows briefly a précis of our last committee meeting. We met with an agenda relevant to the smooth running of club events and then produced a comprehensive set of minutes. The following items are covered including; welfare, correspondence, treasurer's report, outings and visits, Romeo lunches, birthdays, club meetings, ten minute speakers, guest speakers, membership, club services, publicity and general business. Our president rang all members absent from our meetings and confirmed their good health and planned club attendance. Most notably we discussed the level of subsidy for the JC Ryders trip; a probus business card; the next Romeo lunch; optimizing the sound system; signatories for operating our bank finances; upcoming guest speakers and their remuneration; the Xmas dinner and raffle in November and the proposed outings for the rest of 2025 and early 2026.

It was suggested we should again hold a Romeo and Juliet luncheon at Maxwell's restaurant in January. Also a preliminary journey will be made in preparation for an outing to Devonport in February by train and ferry. A current hop card is required for transportation with the only cost being that of the restaurant or cafe meal. (Members are advised to confirm that their AT hop cards are still valid. The registration does lapse if not used after a number of years). Other trips considered are Gordonton in April; Motat; the Zoo and the Maritime Museum.

Bill our long time club services officer had to mention that the handle on the hot water urn was coming loose. Bill is in good spirits as his move to Karaka Summerset is assured with the sale of his house confirmed. Also just a reminder to please pay your \$2.00 for smoko.

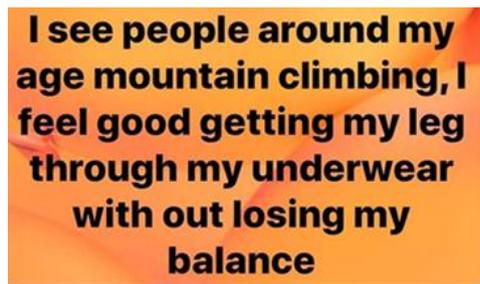
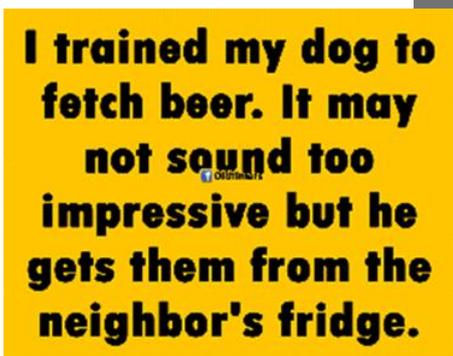
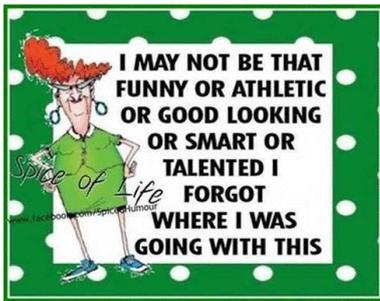
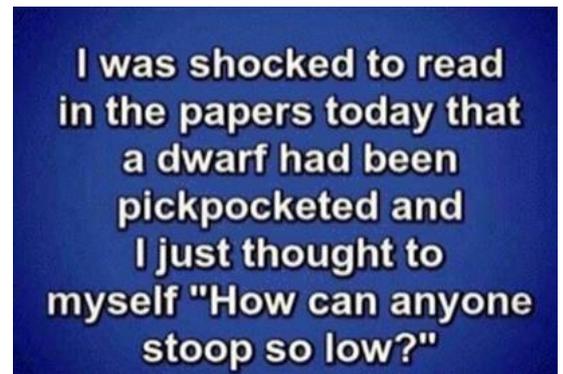
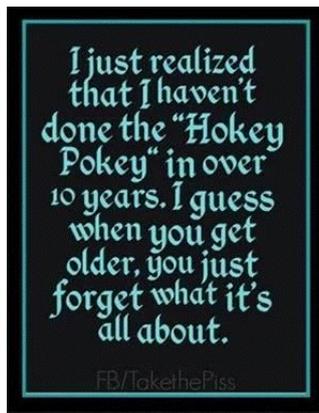
(Dave our treasurer, is always bemused to find this money does not tally with the numbers in attendance..... Some of us are in arrears.)



Another candid photo taken at the last Romeo lunch at "Beans and Leaves". We all waited with amusement for Ron's pie to be served. Despite his protestations, his was the very last meal to arrive due to the need for the busy staff to make the gravy. This had in no uncertain terms been specified to be plentiful. He pronounced the meal to be very good. Note the gravy jug in the foreground.

Members (and committee) should please wear their name badges as it helps us all as we struggle to place a name to the face. Our ten minute speaker this month is Chris Johnston who will introduce

himself while our guest speaker is Selwyn Parker a Reuter's journalist.



A doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the doctor was looking through these his eyes grew wide as he realized Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills. "Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are birth control pills?"

"Yes, they help me sleep at night."

"Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep!"

She reached out and patted the young doctor's knee and said,

"Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16-year-old Granddaughter drinks. And believe me it definitely helps me sleep at night."

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*"For those members with welfare issues and being unwell, we wish you a speedy recovery. To members who have recently lost someone near and dear to them, we send our sincere condolences."*