



PAPAKURA MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

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Newsletter August 2025. Although I do have grass to mow, the hot summers and wet winters have taken their toll and decimated the once verdant lawn.

Please see below the dates for upcoming events on our calendar.

Friday the 26th of September is our next club meeting at the Papakura club. Greeter will be Morris Jones and the Raffle sold by Fred Gommer. Our speaker is John Hartley, a retired policeman with numerous stories of his service in the UK and NZ.

Wednesday the 8th at Conifer Grove Café is our next Romeo lunch. A great venue with extensive cabinet food on offer plus hot meals for everyone else. For those new members, this is from 11:30 am onwards and is a great time to chat with others.

No movie has as yet been planned but we will as usual advise you of any upcoming event by email.

PAA reminds us of their **40th Anniversary buffet luncheon** at the Waipuna Lodge . Please reply directly to them as per the details in their **attached Newslink** magazine.

Our last Romeo lunch at the Columbus Café was pleasant and jovial as always; as was the movie and lunch at the Red Earth. We encourage more members to join us for fellowship and banter.

There are many as yet undiscovered connections that we share.



Some of our members volunteer to mentor students at Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate school in reading and chess. If anyone would like to join us they need only mention this to a committee member. The children are a delight, and please note that you often get back more than you expect.

Some of the outings sub committee made an excursion by train, ferry and bus to the Devonport Naval museum and Café. This was by way of exploration for a membership outing next year.

Great fun it was! We were the noisiest group traveling, talking and proffering our gold AT hop card as we went. For me it was a trip down memory lane visiting torpedo bay where as a sea cadet we sailed from and usually beat the NZ navy sailing in 27 foot whalers gaff rigged with foresail and mizzen.



Bev, our friendly driver who helped Cliff out in the kitchen.



Above: The kitchen serving up a generous roast meal smorgasbord.

On the right: Was the choice of ice creams if you remembered to bring your \$5.00. Its difficult nowadays as this requires real money which is often not to hand now that we all use eftpos, credit cards and all other forms of electronic money transfers.

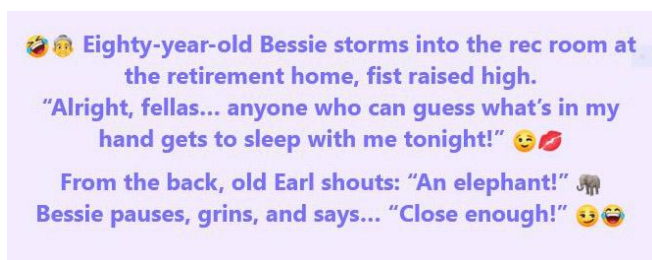
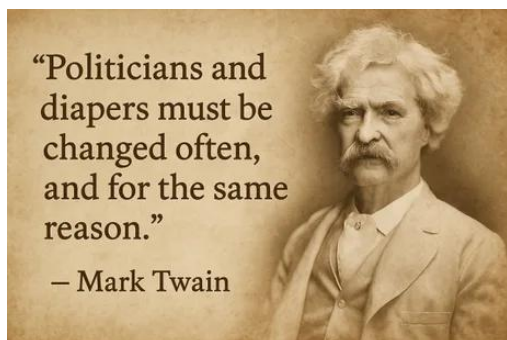
I went out for a Chinese meal last night and chatted with the old waiter. He told me he lived in Japan during the war and had been a kamikaze pilot. His code name "Chow Mein".

I said

"Wait Didn't kamikaze pilots sacrifice their lives?"

He smiled and said

"Yes, but I was Chicken Chow Mein".



A chemist walks into his shop to find a man leaning against the wall.

"Whats wrong with him?" he asks his assistant.

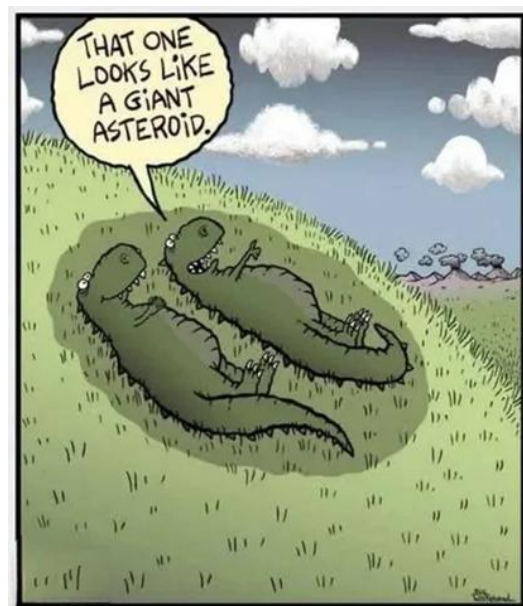
"He came in for some cough syrup" the assistant explains.

"But I couldn't find any so I sold him laxatives

instead".

"What!" said the chemist horrified, "You can't treat a cough with laxatives!"

"Of course you can", declares the assistant, "Look at him - he's far too scared to cough"



I went to the doctor with hearing problems.

He said "can you describe the symptoms?"

I said "Homers a fat dude and Marge has blue hair"



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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"