



COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF EPSOM

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Bulletin – August 2025



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I hope everyone is enjoying the run of good weather after so much rain in the last few months. Now starting to hear about planning for this Christmas and seems the year is just flashing by, and time seems to be going faster.

We had a very good turnout for the **mid-year lunch at Waipuna**. It is great to have a venue that has good parking and a buffet with a range of choices at a reasonable cost. The social interaction among members was high and also meant not having to plan for an evening meal. Many thanks to Pat for her organising as there is quite a lot of coordination required to make it seem seamless on the day.

Our guest speaker in July was our own **Eileen Petrie** covering aspects of her most recent trip to China. Rather than cover the usual tourist hot spots she covered impressions of every day life in the areas she visited, and highlighting aspects that are interesting but not always considered.

As mentioned in the last Bulletin the Committee is going to review the **Constitution** to align with the standard Probuss South Pacific Limited (PSPL) version. This is a quick process as the document requires only the name of the club to be stated and signed by the President and Secretary. The Constitution will be circulated to Members and a vote taken at a General meeting for its adoption. The main benefit of the Constitution is in providing clarity as to how the Club operates. Our current Constitution needed updating and the PSPL version achieves this purpose.

Going hand in hand with the new Constitution is the adoption of a set of **Standing Resolutions** that regulate the internal affairs of the Club in accordance of the wishes of it's members. The Standing Resolutions complement the Constitution. While the Constitution is standardized, the Standing Resolutions are designed to fit around how a club chooses to operate. A sub Committee of four including a club representative will review the four-page document to insert specific details relevant to our club. The format of the Standing Resolutions document is essentially the same for all Probuss clubs in New Zealand. If you wish to join this group, please advise the President or Secretary. If we receive more than one nomination, the Club committee will decide on the individual. This is not an onerous task and if you wish to know more, please speak with a committee member. Again the draft Standing Resolutions document will be brought to a general meeting for voting for its adoption.

Accompanying the Bulletin is a **one page survey form that we please ask members to complete and put in the box at the entrance point for the meeting on the 4th August**. For those who do not have email, copies of the survey will be available at the front desk. The purpose of the survey is to find out more about our members and their interests in order to better help with future planning. The survey is anonymous and key points from the survey will be shared with members.

Look forward to seeing you at the **General Meeting on the 4th August**.

Noel Burchell – President

Speakers

4 Aug: Jacqui Knight – *'Saving the World, One Butterfly at a Time'*

1 Sept: TBC

Lyn

Subs for 2025

Please pay by online banking if you can - our bank account is **12-3025-0276779-00**

Account name is **Combined Probus Club of Epsom**.

Please include your **Name** so I know who is paying with **Sub** as the reference.

The Sub is **\$40 for existing members** and for **new members \$60** (\$20 Joining fee and \$40 for Sub).

Thanks in advance

Richard Warham – Treasurer - nzkiwiclown@gmail.com

Outings

Thursday - August 21st: Tour of Crown Lynn and Clay works Museum and Kiln. 8 Ambrico Place, New Lynn. Arrive **between 10:15 and 10:30** when we start the hour-long tour of the museum, covering Crown Lynn, West Auckland clay history, and the Gardner and Parker Brothers Down Draft Kiln. There is a small shop with artworks, books, homewares and jewellery. The museum can be accessed via both steps or a ramp. **Then we move to Bricklane Restaurant & Bar, Clark St, by New World supermarket, for lunch.**

To assist with prompt meal service please pre-select from the following menu options:

A) Fish & Chips with beer battered fish, tartare sauce, fries & slaw; **B) Pan Fried Fish** served with aioli, fries & slaw; **C) Sweetcorn Fritters** served with avocado salsa, sour cream & salad; **D) Southern Fried Chicken** with creamy potato mash, chipotle aioli, slaw & gravy; **E) Chicken Burger** southern fried chicken, grilled cheese, lettuce, gherkins tomato, aioli with fries; **F) Beef Burger** with grilled cheese, lettuce gherkins tomato, aioli with fries.

Transport: Car sharing is advised as there is *limited parking directly outside the museum*, however more space is available in little Melview Place, behind the New Lynn Kindergarten. There is a train which stops at New Lynn Station about a 5-min walk to the museum and is very close to Bricklane Restaurant. Let us know if you need assistance with arranging transport.

Cost \$30 – Includes: museum tour and lunch at Bricklane Restaurant. ***Please indicate your interest in coming on this outing at the August meeting including your menu choice.***

Please **confirm and make on-line payment to bank account 12-3025-0276779-00 by Wednesday 13th August.**

We look forward to seeing you at this outing looking back at history

Pat Butcher 629 3945 / 021 537 763 and Sheila Bennett 625 8468 / 027 274 5414

Thursday -September 18th: Social Lunch at Cafe Du Marche Greenlane Rd. 11:30am. There is interesting counter food and a Board Menu. *Lunch at own expense.* The Cafe is at the entrance of 'Fresh Choice' supermarket on Greenlane Rd opposite Greenlane Clinicsv Hospital. Transport - Self-drive and there is both outside and underground parking. There are good bus services on Manukau and Greenlane Rds.

Please indicate your interest in coming to this lunch at the August / September meetings and confirm by 10th September so we can ensure we arrange adequate seating.

We look forward to seeing you at this get together.

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• **A reminder:** *As it is necessary to confirm numbers for our outings, when members agree to attend and either do not turn up or cancel late, there is still an obligation to pay.*

Next Club Days - **4 August**, 1 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December

Probus Association of Auckland (PAA) – next General meeting – Friday 29 August 10:00am

Venue: Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club, 6/10 Alfriston Road, Manurewa. All members are welcome to attend. Please contact Mary Thomson if you wish to attend. d.thomson1@xtra.co.nz 021 537 846

Probus Auckland Association (PAA) is having a **40th Anniversary Buffet Lunch at Waipuna Conference Centre** on the **31st October at midday**. Cost **-\$50**. Please let Noel Burchell know by **4 August** if you are interested in attending.

Welfare Officer

If you know of anyone who is not well or undergoing medical treatment, please **send a text to Ida D'Silva** or contact any committee member so that Ida can send a card or give them a call.

Ida D'Silva - 021 0225 1139

August 2025 Birthdays

Sandra Bass, Jenny Callis, John Johnson, Tony Hull, Delle Maskery, Derek Neutze, John Shutt, Angela Vokes, Ana-Maria De Vos Sanchez, Jack Fitzpatrick, Alan Foulkes, Gary Swift

New Members

We always welcome visitors/prospective members to our monthly meeting. However, we do have a waiting list for those who may wish to join.

Cards 500 Group

NO cards group for August

Ken Hooper - 626 5757 or 021 611 245

Operatunity Concerts

The next 2 concert dates clash with our Probus meetings on the first Monday of the month so I will not be doing group bookings. I will do a group booking for the Christmas concert at Ellerslie on Monday 8th December.

If you wish to go independently phone **Operatunity** for bookings **0508 266 237**.

Cost will be **\$39** collect at the desk.

- **Last night at the Proms**; Botany -Tuesday 23 September; or North Shore – Wednesday 27th August
- **Fabulous 50s** – Botany - Tuesday 28 October, or North Shore - Wednesday 8 October

I will do a group booking for the **Christmas concert** at Ellerslie - Monday 8th December.

Eileen Petrie – 027 277 8041 or 622 3290 repeet@xtra.co.nz.



Mid-Year Lunch at Waipuna



The **World Press Photo** exhibition will be showing from **26 July to 24 August** at **131 Queen St** and will feature the best and most important photojournalism and documentary photography of the last year. A reduced ticket price is available for group bookings of 10 or more on weekdays.

If interested, click the link here for more **information**: <https://mailchi.mp/3334f489c675/world-press-photo-exhibition-an-invitation-8335361?e=b480043b22>

Badge Wearing Protocol - If you are not wearing your Probus name badge to our monthly meetings or outings, you are expected to donate a gold coin in the money box. The proceeds will be donated in December to the Mercy Hospice.

The Zoo is currently phasing out the Stamp Collection project.

Please do not bring any more stamps.

A big thank you to all who have contributed stamps in the past.



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Lyn Burchell is a collection point for **‘Give A Kid a Blanket’** – please contact her if you have donations to drop off or to be collected. You can also bring items to the meeting. **021 620 333**



‘Give a Kid a Blanket’ is a community action of kindness.
We gather donations of warmth and comfort from across the wider Auckland area and gift these to those in need through health and social agencies including:
Police, Public Health Nurses, Community and Social workers.
We want recipients to feel both warmed and valued by the community, so only excellent quality pre-loved and new item donations thanks.

What to donate

New and Excellent condition pre-loved blankets, sleeping bags, duvets, baby sleep sacks, winter bedding, duvet inner and covers, pyjamas, beanies, socks, jumpers, winter coats, rain coats, Moses baskets. We are only able to accept New Pillows and New Hot-water bottles
*All donations must be bagged or boxed, no loose donations please.
*All **Pre-loved** donations must be washed by the donor before donating.

Make a Financial Donation

Donations \$5 and over can be claimed on your tax.
Visit our website to donate giveakidablanket.co.nz

Or donate directly to the charities account

Donate to ‘Give a Kid a Blanket Charitable Trust’ 01-0495-0385108-00
Email badwakk@xtra.co.nz stating amount, your name and address to get receipt for donations directly to our account

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