



COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF EPSOM

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Bulletin – November 2025



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We are into November already and the year has just flashed by so quickly. We have our Christmas function on the 20th November at the popular Howick Club. Please get yourself booked in asap as the bus will fill up fast. The quiz challenge in October was again run by **Peter Bass** who had some interesting questions designed to stretch the memory banks. One of the most important parts of the quiz was to get people who may not have known each other so well to start talking with each other. The social aspect of this activity has great value, and everyone had a good time and a chance to chat to others.

We had a very pleasant visit to **Devonport** that included a bus tour to learn more about the sites and history of the area. The **Naval Museum** was a highlight and well worth a visit for those who have not been there before. The New Zealand Navy has always played a key part in our history particularly as we are surrounded by an ocean. Thanks again to Pat and Sheila for their meticulous organisation, as there is quite a lot of effort required to arrange such an outing.

The key findings of the survey filled out by 62 members of the Club will be presented at the meeting in November. The purpose of the exercise was to better understand the profile of the Club. This will help in the planning of Epsom Probussouth Pacific in the coming years.

You will have by now received by email a copy of the **proposed Constitution and Standing Resolutions** for our Club. The Epsom Probussouth Pacific documents were due for an update. Probussouth Pacific (PSPL) has produced modifiable comprehensive documents for this purpose. The aim is to have a standard Constitution for all clubs in New Zealand. The Standing Resolutions document, while in a relatively standard format for all clubs in this country, can be adapted to suit the way a particular club wishes to operate.

Your committee has reviewed the Standing Resolutions and the documents you received reflects their deliberations. These can be modified in the future as necessary to accommodate changes in the club. A vote on the adoption of the two documents will take place on the 3rd November. An approval will mean the Constitution and Standing Resolutions take effect for 1st January 2026.

It is also that time of the year when we ask members to consider seeking nominations for the 2026 Committee in order to ensure the Club remains in a strong ongoing position. Much support is available for those who go onto the Committee who are a very collegial group.

Look forward to seeing you at our **next meeting on Monday the 3rd of November**.

Noel Burchell – President

Speakers

3 Nov: Dr Helena Popovic – ‘Boost Your Brain’

1 Dec: Royal Oak School Music Groups performance

Helena is the author of three award-winning books- In Search of My Father; Adventure Prevents Dementia; Neuro Slimming - Let Your Brain Change Your Body. Her books will be available for purchase after her presentation.

Lyn

For internet banking, our Bank account
Combined Probus Club of Epsom: 12-3025-0276779-00
Please include: Name – Reference: Trip and /or Subs

Richard Warham – Treasurer - nzkiwiclown@gmail.com

Outings

November - Thursday 20th: Christmas Lunch at the Howick Club. (107 Botany Rd Howick)

The bus will leave from Manukau Rd at 11:15am to arrive at the club by 12:00pm with lunch around 12:30. A selection of great Xmas fare including traditional Ham and desserts. You will be able to purchase a drink from the bar.

Cost: \$40 – with the balance subsidised by the club. Please indicate your interest at the November meeting. **Please confirm numbers and make on-line payments by Wed 12th November to bank account 12-3025-0276779-00.**

We look forward to seeing you at this annual event.

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

December - Monday 1st: We will meet at the Club room as usual at 10:00am and then walk over to the Royal Oak School for their Christmas Music performance. After which we will return to our meeting venue for a club-funded Special Christmas Morning tea and general socializing.

Please indicate at the November meeting if you will be coming to the meeting on Monday 1st December– needed for our catering numbers; otherwise, please contact us by 24th November. Thanks. We look forward to seeing you at both these events.

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Plans for Next Year - 2026

February – Thursday 19th: we are looking to have a post-holiday season get-together. Possibly at Alexandra Bar & Eatery. Give us your thoughts at the 3rd November Meeting.

• 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 - **3 November**, 1 December

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

November 2025 Birthdays

Ida D'Silva, Marion Hammond, Beverley Langdon, Valerie Teixeira, Jennifer Atkinson, Gloria Cunningham, Owen Cummins, Ian Thomson, Letitia Olivier, Jan Thompson

Operatunity Concerts

The **Christmas concert** is on Monday 8th December 11:00 am at C3 Church, 20 Cawley St, Ellerslie

I will collect names and numbers at the 3 November meeting and distribute tickets at the 1 December meeting. **Payment by Friday 21 November**

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



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 the remainder of 2025 – we will resume the group again in 2026

Ken Hooper - 626 5757 or 021 611 245

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.



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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**



Trip to Devonport

