



COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF EPSOM

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Bulletin – October 2025



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Almost seems hard to believe that we are now into the last quarter of the year and I am sure things go faster as we get older.

We were fortunate to get our September guest speaker **Jude Dobson**. She gave a great talk on Pippa Latour and her amazing life. The 'Last Secret Agent' was the title of the book that highlighted the incredible and varied life of a brave World War II spy who helped provide information to the Allies about German troop positions in occupied France. Jude also arranged to sign copies of the Book that a number of members had ordered. After meeting with Pippa Latour Jude also emphasised the importance of getting the life stories of older family members while they are able to pass on the knowledge. Genealogical groups such as the NZ Society of Genealogists can assist with this process.



Many members completed a survey with the aim of better understanding the profile of the Club. A short summary of the results will be presented at the meeting on the 6th October. There were a number of interesting but possibly not unexpected answers.

The Committee is working on an updated Constitution and Standing Resolutions that will be presented to the General meeting for approval in the near future. Planning for 2026 is also underway and a budget will be drafted including a review of the Subs payable from 1st January 2026 with a close off date of the 31st March 2026. The Subs year will always be the Calendar year. The AGM will be held on the 2nd March 2026 and the new Committee will be sworn in then. We will be seeking nominations for the 2026 Committee in order to ensure the Club remains in a strong ongoing position.

For our meeting on the 6th October, Peter Bass will again present a Trivia quiz session, which is a chance to mingle with others and test out our memory banks. As an additional challenge why not sit with others who you may not know so well and get to know them and their interests. While it is always good to win, the main aim is to socialise and extend your circle of friends.

Daylight Saving has now begun and we hopefully will get a warmer Spring. Look forward to seeing you at our **next meeting on Monday the 6th of October.**

Noel Burchell – President

Speakers

6 Oct: *Trivial Pursuit*

3 Nov: Helen Popovic – *Topic TBC*

'The Last Secret Agent' - The extraordinary true story of one of the last female special operation agents in France to get out alive after its liberation in WWII. Orders can be taken for books at the meeting – **online payments please.**

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 - nzkiwiclownd@gmail.com

Outings

Thursday- 16th October: Tour of Devonport and National Museum of the Royal NZ Navy

Catch the **10:00am Devonport Ferry** from downtown Auckland. Use the **AT HOP card** and please be aware that the **ferry does leave punctually**.

The coach will meet us at approx. **10:20 to start the tour** with an introduction and commentary from the Wharf to the Museum at Torpedo Bay

Depending on the numbers we will split into 2 groups. **One group** will have **morning tea at the cafe** while the **other group visits the museum** then swap over. The coach/s will leave the **museum at approx. 12:15pm to continue the tour** of volcanic features with local history, to arrive at Victoria Road. **Lunch can be bought** in cafes around the Devonport shopping area; see the shops on the short downhill walk to catch the ferry **or stay on the bus to be dropped off back at the wharf to catch the ferry** back to the city. There are eating venues at the wharf.

Cost: \$45 - Includes: Devonport Coach tour and morning tea. The museum is by donation. A Koha (donation) of \$50 will be given by the Epsom Probus Club. Members may also wish to contribute to the donation box.

Please indicate your interest in coming on the Devonport outing at the October meeting and confirm and make on-line payment to bank account 12-3025-0276779-00 by Wednesday 8th October.

We look forward to seeing you on this trip across the harbour.

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

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 **12:00** with lunch around **12:30pm**. 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 outing subsidised by the club. **Please indicate your interest at the October/ November meetings. 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.

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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 - **6 October**, 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

October 2025 Birthdays

Jessie Edmonds, Brian Hall, Shevaun Hand, Glen Mune, Ngaire Mune, Sheila Hull, Pam Facer, Sue Allen, Stephanie Mayes

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

Operatunity Concerts

The next concert dates clash with our Probus meetings on the first Monday of the month so I will not be doing group bookings.

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

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

- **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 repet@xtra.co.nz.

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**