



COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF EPSOM

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Bulletin – September 2025



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The year is racing by and almost into Spring. Hopefully warmer weather is on its way after this cold period at the end of August.

Over 30 people attended the visit to the **Crown Lynn Museum** in New Lynn followed by a lunch at the Bricklane Restaurant and Bar. The museum has recently re-opened after four months of refit and had a number of exhibits covering the history of brick making and ceramics in the New Lynn area and beyond. The bricks and pipes made by the various firms that eventually became Ceramco had a major input into the development of Auckland. Unfortunately, the firm became the victim of the 1980's corporate world and closed down so the land could be sold off for housing etc. Once again Pat and Sheila did a grand job in organizing the event that was enjoyed by all.

Our guest speaker in August was **Jacqui Knight** whose talk was on 'Saving the World, One Butterfly at a Time'. She outlined the scope of the charity's operations focused on preserving the many species of butterflies and moths in New Zealand, some of which are becoming more endangered due to human intervention and changes in the environment. She gave out copies of the Society's magazine that highlights the work and a request for people to become involved in their preservation work.



As mentioned, the Committee will be reviewing the Constitution and Standing Resolutions to align the Club with the national PSPL versions. The proposed Constitution and Standing Resolutions will be circulated to Members and a vote taken at a General meeting for its adoption. Our current Constitution and Standing Resolutions need updating and this will provide greater clarity in the Club's operation.

Last month a **Survey** was sent out alongside the Bulletin for Members to complete and many thanks to those who returned the Survey. Unfortunately, the numbers returned were insufficient to give a representative viewpoint of the Club and its members. For those who have not yet completed the survey could you please print at home and place the completed form that in the box at the entrance point for the meeting on the 1st September. 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 **Monday 1st September**.

Noel Burchell – President

Speakers

1 Sept: **Jude Dobson** - 'The Last Secret Agent'

6 Oct: *Trivial Pursuit*

'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 - cash with order please. Delivery to be at our October meeting.

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

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

Outings

Thursday - 18th September: 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 Clinical 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 September meeting and confirm by 10th September so we can ensure we arrange adequate seating.

We look forward to seeing you at this get together.

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

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.**

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 September/October meetings 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.

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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 - 1 September, 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

Marjorie Buckley, Dave Cave, Stephen Sullivan, Barbara Towers, Joan Ronson, Glenys Fitzpatrick, Lindsay Smith

New Members

A warm welcome to Fiona Alexander, Jenny Mairs and Colleen Whitehouse who have joined our club. 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

Cards 500 Group to meet at Unit 139/ 539 Mt Albert Rd, Ranfurly Village on **Thursday 25 September at 12:30pm**. Please **contact Ken to let him know if you are coming on that day** and for further directions re parking and access to the unit.

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.

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.



Trip to
Crown Lynn Museum



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 inners 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 badvakk@xtra.co.nz stating amount, your name and address to get receipt for donations directly to our account



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