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Ellerslie Combined Probus Club

BULLETIN August 2025 (exclusively for members)

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Happy Birthday to:

Tina Cole
Be sure to receive your birthday
flower-spray at the meeting on
August 15th

New Members

New members are always welcome.
Joining fee \$10 + subscription \$15 from 1st
July to the end of the year.

President's Preamble

I hope you are all pushing through these tough times of rising costs and wintry temperatures. Roll on Spring!

Sad news came this month of the death of Joan Roberts. Those of you who knew Joan will mourn her passing and the handmade cards and kind messages she sent in her role as Almoner. She had been unwell for some years, but still wished to be useful and involved. She will be missed.

Auckland Probus celebrates 50 years in October with a lunch at Waipuna Conference Centre on Friday 31 October. Eight names from Ellerslie Probus have been forwarded. The cost is \$50.00 pp, payable into our online account or at this month's meeting, so that a bulk payment can be made before 30 September. A wait list is in place should a seat become available.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our monthly raffle. We appreciate any contribution you can make to the basket, as well as snapping up tickets!

Bev Williams, President

This Month's Meeting:

Date: Friday, 15 August at 10.00am

Venue: Ellerslie War Memorial Community Centre.

Speaker: Our Guest Speaker, Maria Meredith, will talk about her experience representing the community on the Tamaki Maungakiekie local Board.

Mini-speaker: To be confirmed

Raffle tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Contributions for the prize gratefully accepted on the day.

Bring along your surplus items for the **share and swap table**. Don't forget your **keep-cup** for your cuppa.

Last Month's Meeting:

Our speaker, Wendy Hampton, gave a very informative talk about the steps we can take to make it easier to administer our estate after our passing. If you missed it and would like some information, Wendy can be contacted on wendy@wendyhampton.com

Interest Groups

Singing group: Meets fortnightly. More singers needed. You don't have to be an opera singer to sing with us! Contact **Hilary Wills** on 021 0545323

Writers' Group: Meets monthly on the second Friday. Itching to put your thoughts on paper? Come and join us. Contact **Claire Doyle:** 021 163 5346.

Table Games – Meets every Thursday at 9.45am at Christ Church Parish Hall, Ladies Mile, Ellerslie. Morning Tea is provided and a voluntary donation of \$4.00 is appreciated. Choice of Rummikub, Mah Jong, Scrabble, Upwords etc. We would love more players! Contact:
Val Jackson on 027 5256330 or
Maureen Reed on 027 2840597

Dates for your Diary

15th August: Probus Meeting

22nd August: Cinema visit

3rd September: Committee meeting*

19th September: Probus meeting

26th September: Trip to Matakana township and Country Park

*Committee meetings are open to all members of Ellerslie Combined Probus Club. Come along to have your say.

Next Month's Trip

With the arrival of Spring (hopefully), we're getting out of town for a trip to Matakana. There will be time for a potter around the township's exclusive shops, before lunch at the Bramble Café in the Matakana Country Park.

Full details in next month's Bulletin

Last Month's Trip: NZ Warbirds



Members enjoying the Warbirds exhibits

Photo by Kevin Stanley

The weather gods finally smiled on our rescheduled visit to the Warbirds collection of historic aircraft. Experienced volunteers from the NZ Warbirds Association took us on a most informative tour through the history of aviation, as they guided us around the exhibits. They shared some fascinating information about the aircraft on display, all of which have been meticulously restored.

After the visit, we were warmly welcomed by the proprietors of Ardmore Café, who served us a most enjoyable lunch, as we looked out over the Ardmore airfield.

This Month's Trip:

We're off to the Cinema

Venue: Lido cinema, 427 Manukau Rd, Epsom

Date: Friday, 22nd August

Make your own way and meet at the cinema

(Street parking available)

As winter draws on and the days inevitably become colder, a movie at Epsom's cosy Lido cinema seems like a good option, followed by lunch at Eve's Pantry.

Details of the film and meeting time will be circulated beforehand once the cinema schedule is available.