



Ellerslie Combined Probus Club

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Your Committee would welcome some new members. If you would like to be more involved with the decision-making for your Probus Club, please contact President, Bev Williams.

Happy Birthday to:

Jean Dickens

Fran Duncan

Mary Jones

Val Jackson

Be sure to receive your birthday
flower-spray at the meeting on
July 18th

New Members

New members are always welcome.

Joining fee \$10 + subscription \$15 from 1st
July to the end of the year.

President's Preamble

It was so disappointing that bad weather forced the cancellation of our June trip to Warbirds Museum and lunch at Ardmore last month. Let's hope the sun shines for the same visit re-booked for Friday 25 July, and more spring-like weather to follow - a drier July?

This month we are without Deb, our Treasurer, and Irene Howard to manage the Morning Tea, so any offers of assistance will be welcome.

Check out our [Ellerslie Probus Website](http://probussouthpacific.org/ellerslie)! A big thank you to Mike McLoughlin who has spent many hours revamping our microsite. It is now a professional and much more interesting overview of our Club and promotes our activities in a very positive way. In this age of Social Media, we are grateful for his skills and expertise.

Bev Williams

This Month's Meeting:

Date: Friday, 18 July at 10.00am

Venue: Ellerslie War Memorial Community Centre.

Speaker: Our Guest Speaker, Wendy Hampton, will talk to us on the topic of: 'Don't leave a mess - leave a legacy.'

Mini-speaker: Tina Cole will tell us about her recent trip to Japan

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

We were delighted to welcome two ladies from the *Ngati Whatua Kaipara hapu*, who gave a very interesting presentation on the significance of the Matariki stars and their influence in providing direction for a healthy and productive life.

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 5252212

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 520 7403

Dates for your Diary

18th July: Probus Meeting

25th July: Trip to the Warbirds museum at Ardmore

6th August: Committee meeting*

15th August: Probus meeting

22nd August: Cinema visit

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

Next Month's Trip:

We're off to the Cinema

As winter draws on and the days inevitably become colder, a cosy cinema seems like a good place to be.

Details of venue and programme to come in next month's Bulletin

This Month's Trip: NZ Warbirds



Photo courtesy of the NZ Warbirds Association

Venue: NZ Warbirds @ Ardmore

Date: Friday, 25th July

Departure: Meet at 9.15am outside the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall. Bus departs at 9.30am

Cost: \$30 to cover the bus and entry to the Warbirds, payable at this month's meeting or online. If you paid for the trip last month and still want to go, please sign up again at July's meeting. If you can't make it this time, please supply your account number for a refund.

Lunch: 12.30pm at the Ardmore Café. Cost to be paid individually on the day

We're hoping the weather gods will smile more kindly on us this month for our rescheduled visit to "New Zealand's most diverse range of historic and airworthy aircraft in one location." Experienced volunteers from the NZ Warbirds Association will take us on a tour through the history of aviation, as they guide us around their aircraft exhibits. We will see planes from as early as WWI, through The Golden Age of aviation, to WWII and on to the beginnings of the Jet Age in 1946 - and beyond.

For a sneak preview, check out their website:

[Ardmore Collection - New Zealand Warbirds Association Inc](http://www.ardmorecollection.co.nz)

Contingency Plan:

If the weather gods are against us again, those who sign up for the Warbirds trip will receive a text advising of the cancellation. In this case we'll suggest meeting at the Auckland War Memorial Museum to view their current exhibition of "Fabulous Gowns of Divas."

Can you please give your mobile number when you sign up for the trip, to be sure of receiving a text if necessary.