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Ellerslie Combined Probuss Club

BULLETIN November 2025 (exclusively for members)

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Birthdays in November & December:

Happy Birthday to:

Sandy Stott, Margaret Chambers,
Carol Brown, Suzanne Turner,
Yvonne Salesa, Hazel McLoughlin,
Lyn Luxton, Diane Wilson,
Rosemary Cribbens, Trish Hiroa

President's Preamble

Kia ora and welcome to our last formal meeting of 2025. We are without a couple of committee members this month – both our Irenes are unavailable, so any help you can offer in the kitchen will be appreciated.

It has been a busy year and hopefully you have found our meetings and outings interesting, along with fun and friendship. We are fortunate to have a thriving club providing social and informative opportunities.

It seems early to extend good wishes for the festive season but in case you can't attend our Christmas lunch on 5 December, I do wish you all the best for the Christmas holiday and a very happy and safe New Year.

Bev Williams, President

This Month's Meeting:

Date: Friday, 21 November at 10.00am

Venue: Ellerslie War Memorial Community Centre

No Speaker this month, but our Singing Group will give us a chance to exercise our vocal chords as we join them in a singalong.

Raffle tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. **Please bring along a contribution for the prize of a special Christmas hamper, since we're not having a Secret Santa this year.**

Share and swap table: bring along your surplus items – your trash may be someone else's treasure.

Don't forget your **keep-cup** for your cuppa.

To make our final meeting of the year extra special, please bring along a small plate of cold finger-food to share.



Interest Groups

Singing group: Meets fortnightly. More singers needed. You don't have to be an opera diva 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

21 November: Probus meeting:
Sing along with our Singing Group

5 December: Christmas lunch

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23 January: Picnic in Jellicoe Park

4 February: Committee meeting

20 February: Probus Meeting

27 February: Shore Birds Centre

Trips resume in February

Venue: Shore Birds Centre,
Pukorokoro (Miranda)

Date: February 27

Bring your binoculars (if you have them) and observe the fascinating shore birds that frequent this stretch of coastline. Learn about their habitat and way of life from local experts. Details in February's Bulletin.

Christmas Lunch



Venue: Onehunga 2020 Club

Date: Friday 5 December

Time: From 12.30pm

Cost: \$40, payable in cash at this month's meeting or online (latest next Sunday, 23rd November). Sorry, no late bookings)

Join us at the Onehunga 2020 Club for our final fling of 2025. The Club will offer us a seasonal buffet with choices to suit all dietary requirements. Get into the Christmas spirit and enjoy the company of your fellow Probus members, before we all go our separate ways until after the New Year.

January Meeting

Picnic in Jellicoe Park

Date: Friday 23rd

Time: 12.00 noon

Bring your own picnic lunch and a suitable chair, for our first get-together of the new year – a chance to reconnect with Probus friends and exchange stories of our Christmas and New Year festivities.



Last year's picnic was great fun!

Probus Association Auckland:

Seniors & Travel Expo

The PAA will have a stall at this Expo, which will be held at the Albany Stadium on the North Shore from 28 February to 1 March **next year**.

Volunteers will be needed to staff the stall on those days. Please advise a member of your Ellerslie Committee if you would like to be involved.

Probus members will enjoy free entry to the Expo with their membership card.