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Ellerslie Combined Probuss Club

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President's Preamble

Thank you for your positive feedback and suggestions at our August meeting. As we are half way through our Probuss year already and our AGM in March next year is not far off, please consider joining our Committee. You will be warmly welcomed at our next **Committee Meeting on Wednesday 1 October**

We are looking forward to celebrating **Probuss Month** in October. This started as Probuss Day on 1 October 2020, in line with the International Day of Older Persons, marked across the world each year. Since its introduction in 2020, Probuss Day has been so successful, it is now known as Probuss Month. Look out for city wide signs and publicity, as different Probuss Clubs promote their activities. We will celebrate at our meeting on **Friday 17 October** with a Mad Hatters Tea Party & a Quiz. Let your imagination run wild!

We have been invited to Panmure Probuss Club's meeting on **Tuesday, 7 October**. I will advise them of numbers (up to 10) after our meeting.

Eight of our members will attend the 40th Anniversary of Probuss in Auckland lunch at Waipuna on Friday, 31 October.

Bev Williams, President

This Month's Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to:
Mike McLoughlin

New Members

Welcome to:

Diane Wilson & Sue Redfern

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

This Month's Meeting:

Date: Friday, 19 September at 10.00am

Venue: Ellerslie War Memorial Community Centre

Speaker: Ali'itiasi Aoina, Chaplain of Wesley College, will talk about the college and her career there.

Mini-speaker: from the Dust Palace Circus Theatre Company

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

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.

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

19 September: Probus Meeting

26 September: Trip to Matakana township and Country Park

1 October: Committee meeting*

17 October: Probus meeting

24 October: Auckland Harbour Cruise

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



<https://www.theredboats.co.nz/>

This Month's Trip:



<https://www.matakanacountrypark.co.nz/>

Venue: Matakana Township and Country Park

Date: Friday, 26 September

Cost: \$30 for the bus, payable at this month's meeting

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

Lunch: at Bramble Café; order and pay for your own

As Spring has sprung, we're getting out of town this month, for a potter around the iconic shops in Matakana township. Afterwards, we'll hop back on the bus for a short drive to Matakana Country Park, for lunch at Bramble café and an opportunity to view the animals, and other attractions at the Park.

Next Month's Trip, October 24

We're getting out on the water for an Auckland Harbour cruise on one of the Red Boats.

See the Auckland skyline from the water; get a close-up view of the Harbour Bridge, the Devonport Naval Base and Chelsea Sugar Refinery. Enjoy the sight of Bean Rock and Rangitoto Island.

Cost: \$35, payable on sign up at this month's meeting, or by online transfer to our Probus bank account

The cruise runs from 1.00 to 2.30 pm, and we'll have lunch beforehand at one of the harbourside restaurants, at our own cost.

Full details in next month's Bulletin