



# THE LADIES PROBUS CLUB OF TE ATATU NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2025



### Membership Subscriptions 2025/26

**\$50 per annum**

**These are now due.**

Please renew your membership by the **11 April Meeting** at the latest.

We draw your attention to this as our Capitation fees to Probud South Pacific Limited are due by the end of April.

Pay online ASB Bank account:  
(Include name & payment detail.)  
or cash to Viv in a separate named, detailed envelope.

### INTEREST GROUPS

**PLOTL** Mitre 10 Lincoln Rd  
(Probud Ladies Out to Lunch)

**20 March.**

(3rd Thursday of month) at Meet there about 11:30 Do join us. All are welcome.



**Craft Club** - At Viv's, 4th Thursday of the month, **27 March**, at 10:00 a.m to noon, followed by going out to lunch locally.

Bring your own work.  
Contact Jeannine:



### 28 MARCH BUS TRIP - Cost \$10

#### MATAKOHE KAURI MUSEUM

**As this is funded by The Trusts Community Foundation for a Probud Club day trip then only Probud members will be eligible.**

**Bus leaves McLeod Road carpark at 9:00 am.**

**Be aware:**

**Return trip may arrive back after 4 p.m.  
Lunch will be at your own cost at the nearby  
GUM DIGGER'S CAFE**

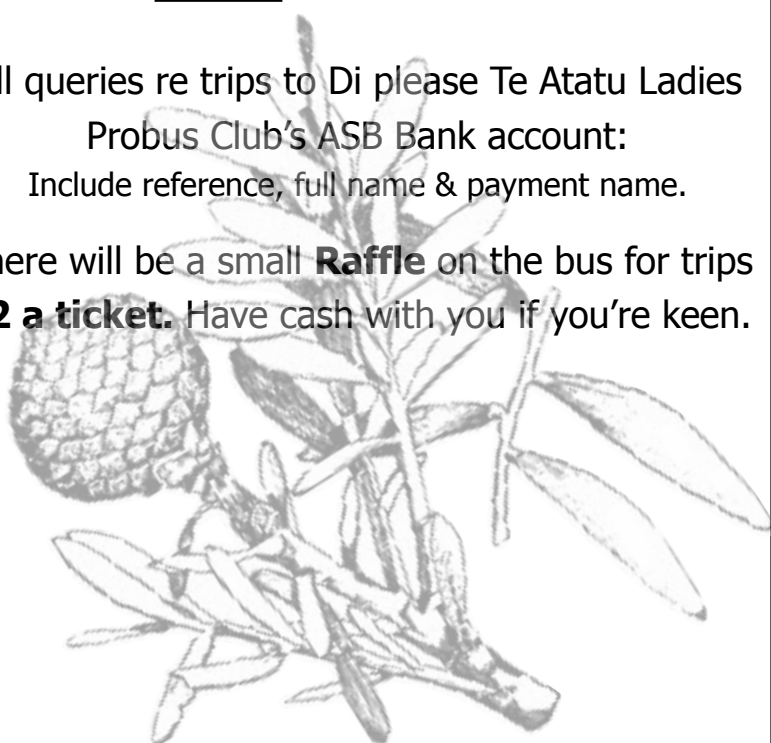
**Register at our March meeting.  
Pay online or money in a named envelope  
with amount and trip details.  
Those participating register by the Sunday  
before the trip day - 23 March.**

**NOTE: NO LATE REGISTRATIONS FOR TRIPS  
WILL BE TAKEN.**

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADD YOUR NAME TO THE  
TRIP LIST AT THE CLUB MEETING OR CONTACT  
DI BEFORE THE CUT-OFF DATE.**

All queries re trips to Di please Te Atatu Ladies Probud Club's ASB Bank account:  
Include reference, full name & payment name.

There will be a small **Raffle** on the bus for trips  
**\$2 a ticket.** Have cash with you if you're keen.



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What **ARE** your reasons for not 'giving back' to our Club, being more involved or taking a role on Committee?



- **I have done my bit**

You clearly have the abilities – why not have another opportunity?

- **I am too old**

We are all retirees – you are no older than many others

- **I don't like standing and talking in front of people**

Not all leadership team members have to stand or talk in front of the club – enjoy a role that doesn't require you to do this.

- **I haven't been a member long enough**

This is a great way to meet other members and contribute to the club's activities

- **I don't have the time**

Not all roles are onerous and require more than a couple of hours a month

- **I wouldn't know what to do**

Learning on the job is a fun aspect as your new ideas will be a valuable contribution.

Everyone one of us has managed an event, a project – maybe a child's birthday party or a Christmas Dinner.

Remember the quote: "Don't let what you can't do prevent you from doing what you can – or could – do"

### HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Rita, Moira

Rosalie

Jennifer

Alison & Pat

Special congratulations this month to:

Kay

Barbara and Heather

### This month we have our Club's AGM!

The Officers' Reports are printed in this Newsletter and will not be read out at the meeting. A financial report will be presented at the meeting.

**ALL** Committee positions are open!

We welcome those who are keen to expand their activities and friendships and join the Management Team.

Easter is around the corner.

The Committee is planning to have Easter themed raffles next month. Members who wish to donate an 'Easter' item - non-perishable - to assist our compilers, please bring them to this March meeting.



St Patrick's Day is on the horizon.  
***"May the roof above us never fall in. And may the friends gathered below it never fall out."*** If the mood takes you, feel free to **wear Green** to this month's Meeting.

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The Te Atatu Ladies Probus Club advises members that the Club's **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Friday 14 March 2025** at the St John Hall, Edmonton Road, Te Atatu South commencing at **9:45 a.m.**

This is a vital gathering where we reflect on our past year, plan for the future, and, most importantly, ensure the continued success of our Club.

**All** Committee positions become vacant and nominations for the management team position are now called for.

Members of the out-going Committee are eligible for re-election.

Members who have attended the majority of our Club meetings for a year, or more, are eligible to hold Office, although any interested Club member may join our Committee as a General Member.

A nomination form is included on this page.

The Committee meets on the 1st Friday of the month (February - December) from 9:30 a.m. to about noon at a venue decided by the group.

### Your Club Needs You!

Probus is built on friendship, fun, and shared experiences. For our club to continue to thrive, we do need you—our valued members—to step up and get involved.

Whether it's joining the committee, organising events, or simply sharing your skills, every contribution makes a difference.

Many hands make light work, and together, we can ensure the club remains active, engaging, and enjoyable for all.

If you have ever considered helping out, now is the time!

Your talents, ideas, and enthusiasm are what keep our Probus community strong.

### PROBUS TE ATATU LADIES NOMINATION FORM for COMMITTEE 2025/26

I \_\_\_\_\_ nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

for the position of \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to accept this nomination.

Nominee Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please be aware: **Committee meetings 9.30a.m. - 12.30 p.m. - 1st Friday of the month.**  
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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025

Another busy and successful year has gone by for the Te Atatu Ladies Probus Club.

Activities have been well attended and much enjoyed, sharing the friendship, fellowship and fun and the many great food experiences that have taken place. We are fortunate to have generous caterers supporting our Club. Unfortunately in August we farewelled our last Foundation Member, Jan Fulton, who contribute so much to the Club over more than 28 years.

It is with sincere thanks that I acknowledge the work of the Secretary who has been unfailing in her numerous tasks attended to over the year.

To the Convenors and all Committee Members, who have supported our organisation in so many ways, please accept the credit that is due to you for your planning, arranging, organising, and presenting as required of all your positions.

To the volunteers, who have also generously supported the Club monthly and have assisted in allowing the Club to run smoothly - you are very much appreciated!

The generous donations by members towards our fund raising efforts has been accepted with much grateful thanks. With all this support we have been able to continue to subsidise and assist all members.

Good wishes to all members for 2025.

Jeannine - President 2024/25

### VISITING SPEAKERS - REPORT 2025

In April our first speaker for the 2024/25 year was Betty Adams. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, she spoke of her recent experience traveling through the United States.

For the past several years in May, our club has been donating to organisations providing warm clothing etc. for under privileged children. This year for the first time we donated all the wonderful items our ladies had bought and made to Give a Kid a Blanket. Bernie Hartfleet from that organisation came to tell us about the work the organisation does.

Willie Iosia from Blue Light Youth Services was our speaker in June and gave a very interesting insight into the work they do for at risk youth.

July saw our biannual tradition of a soup and rolls lunch. It was also an opportunity for Betty to finish off her PowerPoint presentation.

In August Julia Banks, former editor of the NZ Woman's Weekly, gave an interesting insight into the history of advertising in this country.

September saw the first of James Duncan's three presentations about the history of trams in NZ, 'Infant Sparks – The story behind the arrival of electric trams in Auckland'.

In October we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Probus. We also took the opportunity to honour our hard-working Secretary for the past several years, Olwyn Grant.

As November is our last meeting of the year, we arranged for Lynn Brown to give us a demonstration, and some ideas, on floral arrangements for Christmas.

February saw James Duncan back again with part two of his history of trams, this talk entitled 'Always a Tram in Sight.'

Betty

Speaker Convenor

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### **TRIPS - REPORT 2025**

It is my pleasure to once again report on another successful year and our many and varied outings throughout 2024/25.

March was the sponsored trip to the Sculpture Gardens in Matakana. There are some very talented people here in NZ and around the world. I loved the pink snails!

April - and who could forget the visit to the Auckland Art Gallery and those fabulous creations of Guo Pei. The work in the garments was just out of this world. An experience never to be forgotten.

May saw us at the home of rugby, Eden Park, and a Home & Garden exhibition.

There was no trip in June - Matariki - but in July we enjoyed a 'mid-year Xmas at Huapai Golf Restaurant.

August, and once again some amazing imaginations were evident in the creation of turning a child's toy into something so creative at the Lego display at the Auckland Museum.

Thankfully the September rains held off for the trip to the Botanical Gardens. The train ride was a bonus to those of us who prefer wheels as against shanks's pony.

What now seems to be an annual visit to the Swanson RSA was on the list for October. The new shopping complex at Manawa Bay in November was a good time for some Xmas shopping.

Our final destination for the year was Brigham's Creek to celebrate our Club's 29th birthday. A most enjoyable couple of hours with everyone going home with a Secret Santa present and a Xmas card made by some of the members.

In January we started our New Year with what is now almost traditional too with a get together at Bricklane Restaurant, New Lynn.

February saw us riding the trams at MOTAT as a follow up to James Duncan's talks on their history in Auckland.

I sincerely thank Judy Cook who has been my side-kick all year. I couldn't manage without her assistance.

And lastly, to all who come on the trips with me, thank you! It would be lonely going without you.

Di - Trips Convenor

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### **ALMONER'S REPORT 2025**

On your behalf I thank those of the 'card making group' who create all the pretty "Thinking of You" cards that are sent out.

This year there were 17 cards posted to cheer members who were recovering from various ills or falls.

Sadly 2 condolence cards were sent, and I made 14 phone or txt calls and 2 hospital visits.

Linda - Almoner

### **ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Thank you, ladies, for another year of good attendance at Club Meetings, on our various outings and at the interest groups.

At the beginning of the year, we had 61 financial members and welcomed 3 new members during the year. Sadly, we lost some members during the year and Club membership now stands at 62.

On average we had 74% attendance at meetings during the year. If you are unable to attend it is appreciated if you can register your apology in advance. This can be done by phone, text or email. Just a reminder to register your attendance at the table at the back of hall, especially those who enter through the kitchen.

The Club has celebrated several milestone birthdays this year and we congratulate you on your continued membership and contributions to Club activities.

Earlier this year, the Club issued new forms for members to update personal and contact information. If there have been changes to details such as change of address, phone numbers and especially emergency contacts, please inform the Attendance personnel so that we have current information available.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

Bev - Attendance Officer