



THAMES PROBUS CLUB NO 1140

REGULAR MEETINGS: SECOND TUESDAY EACH MONTH

VENUE: RICHMOND VILLAS LOUNGE

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, 11th FEBRUARY, 2025. At ...10am...

But First : TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY, the film ... 'MARIA' ... 10.30 start :

\$ 15 for the film \$3 for plunger coffee or tea

Please bring the right money to help arrival time run smoothly.

Margaret & Barbara have their clip board to note your cuppa choice as you pay the \$18 or \$15

(Eftpos payment is also available) Confirm booking with Margaret 868 7106 if you haven't already



Next :

MINI SPEAKER for 11th February: *is Barbara on a family trip to Tiri Tiri Matangi*

Main Speaker : *will be Graeme Brighthouse with Norm Bates*

Monthly luncheon venue : *The Taste Bud Café at Totara !*

Next :

Put your thinking caps on ... the 2025 -2026 Probus year is almost here ... Come forward to help generate the fun, friendship and entertainment that make our Probus Club tops.

The AGM will be on 11th of March 2025, at 10 am and we are excited about a good team stepping forward once again...

This year we are sorry to let you know that both Gordon and Norm are stepping down from committee work ... Someone needs to step up to fill their shoes.

The good news we can pass on is that Norm said he will go on making us scones and Gordon will help who ever steps forward to learn the ropes of being a good treasurer.

Barbara is looking forward to her immediate Past President Roll so we now need to appoint a President and Treasurer, hopefully a Vice President, maybe a Secretary.

Pat, Chris, Colin, Margaret & Barbara are happily remaining on the committee and will assist in every way possible.



Membership : A card was sent to Anne Harris wishing her well and it is pleasing to hear she is back out of hospital for now.

Two applications for membership were approved this month and interest from quite a number, whom we hope to hear from soon, is encouraging.

Peter Jenkin now residing in Richmond Village will be inducted at our February meeting, introduced by Alex. We will also welcome back Thelma Chantrey, an active member for 13 years before having a 3 year break. Thelma has continued attending lunches whenever possible as she has always retained her interest in Probus and we are indeed pleased she is returning ...



book your place Phone: 07 868 9790 or email: info@achc.org.nz
Thames – Monday 17th March – Thames Union Parish Hall



If you are tempted to join in on any of the up and coming tours or day trips in 2025 please contact Michelle for more information.

Learn more by talking to Glenice, Alex, Judy Vedder-Price & Judy Newmarch or Max and Carole Bosselmann from Rotary who had five nights and six days of fine weather and fun on Michelle's East Cape trip earlier or with Pat and many others who enjoyed an outing on Dec 13th to the Operatunity show in Tauranga.



Probus District Chair Ian Young & his wife Pat attended, as did Hauraki Probus President Joan Rawnsley & Glen Engebretsen, along with Pam & Ross Yeates from Bonanza & our friends Thelma and Joyce plus 30 of our members. We recorded apologies from Paeroa President Jo Schneebeli & 8 of our own members.

Norm Bates spoke briefly of his experience in staying at the Cancer Society Lion's Lodge in Hamilton while undergoing treatment ... He said it was a wonderful experience as in the earlier part of his life, when a member of the Ngatea Lions Club, he had helped get that lodge off the ground, I think he said 50 years ago. He touched on fund raising in many ways ... once growing potatoes and corn on a Ngatea site, which resulted in a fantastic crop to sell, working steadily toward building the lodge ... so long ago... He felt incredibly proud learning first-hand how many people have benefited from an amazing service and he appreciated the kindness of all involved

Ian Young also spoke briefly encouraging all members to consider committee work and to share the workload of our Probus Club



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