

Probus Club of Hamilton, Kirikiriroa
Established 1999. Renamed March 2019
Fun, Friendship and Fellowship

Newsletter - NOVEMBER 2026

Life Members

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Club Meeting

We meet every second Tuesday of the month at St John's Church on the corner of Grey and Wellington Streets, Hamilton East. There is parking on the street or behind the church. The church management request you make sure to park correctly, trying not to have large gaps between cars.

Our next Meeting is on **Tuesday 10th November 2026** at 10.00am

We are introducing a new meeting format where general business notices will now be presented following morning tea to allow the kitchen helpers time to rejoin the meeting to hear the main speaker. These notices include general member information, reports from our activity groups and notices of upcoming activities.

There will be one induction of a new members to our club this month: **Verity Colgrave**

In our **Mini Speaker** slot this month Audrey Finer and Bill Wiles will present **Part 2 of their Overseas Trip**

This will be followed by morning tea (10.30 - 10.55)

We will be seated by 11.00 for a fun **Christmas Quiz** curated and presented by Tony Frankland.

We aim to be finished by 11.45 - 11.50am.

*** After the meeting join us across the road at Patrick's Cafe for Lunch and a Natter.**

From the President's Pen



Hello everyone

I hope you have enjoyed the variety of events, trips and lunches organised for you as much as I have. We are fortunate to have members who are willing to experience new things. We have had a steady influx of new members who all comment on the friendliness of our club and that they have been made to feel very welcome. Keep on promoting your club.
Seats are filling up fast for our Christmas lunch on 26 November with 25 members already signed up. You could email me if you want your name added to the list. The numbers have to be finalised at the November general meeting. Last day for payment is Tuesday 17 November and payment confirms your attendance.
While November is our last meeting, a social lunch has been organised on 8 December at Foundation at the Base. A sign up sheet will be available at the November meeting so we can confirm numbers. You pay at the venue.
There will be a Garden Party event in January 2027. Details in this newsletter.
The year has gone by very quickly and once again Christmas is creeping up on us. Enjoy the festive time with family and friends and look after yourselves. Thanks for 2026 and looking forward to 2027.

Regards and Best Wishes to you all.
Tony.



Thursday
26th November
Christmas Lunch
Forest Lake Gardens Cafe
12 pm - $45.00 pp

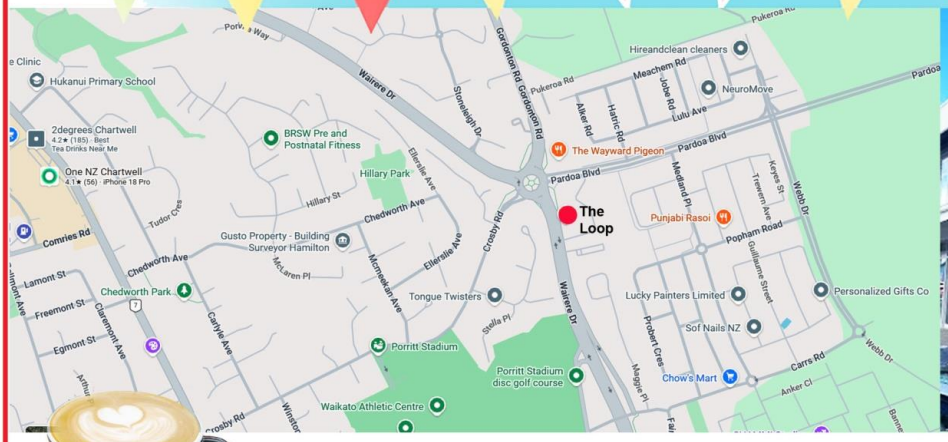
Cash (only) bar available



*** Please make payments online to the club account - Westpac Acc No: 03 1559 0065061 00**
Please use Name and Christmas Lunch as reference when making payment

You could email Tony Frankland if you want your name added to the list. The numbers have to be finalised at the November general meeting. ***Last day for payment is Friday 13th November*** and payment confirms your attendance. ***** the first drink from the bar will be paid for by the Club*** to thank members for their continued membership. Parking is available nearby. If you drive from the roundabout, down Ken Browne Drive, take the first gate on the left and you can drive right up on the grass to the village bowling green where there is a gate and a short walk up the path to the cafe.

Tony Frankland email: tfrankland882@gmail.com







Our **NOVEMBER MORNING TEA** is on **Tuesday the 24th NOVEMBER at 10.00am**
at THE LOOP, Rototuna Roundabout, 699A Wairere Drive, CHARTWELL
Arrive 9.45am for a 10.00 start .....(Contact Bill Wiles Ph 027 322 6942)

CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

Contact Bill Wiles
Ph: 07 8565819

This is held on the first Thursday of every month. The next group meeting is on

Thursday 5th November at Robert Harris Cafe,
in the Resene building Te Rapa Road, starting at 10.00am.

A room has been booked for our group at the cafe and there is plenty of parking down the ROW by the cafe or on the road.

Come for a coffee and join the discussion. Bring along a subject of interest that you would like to hear others' views on.



BRING & BUY

The Bring and Buy resulted in $137.80. The bric a brac left over was donated to Waikato Hospice and the books are with John Hoyle who will donate them. Thank you to everyone for your contributions!



December 8th

A SOCIAL LUNCH has been organised for midday at **FOUNDATION the Base**

A sign up sheet will be available at the November meeting so we can confirm numbers. You pay at the venue. (Contact: Bill Wiles 027 3226942)

Theatre Group

Neil Diamond Tribute **SWEET CAROLINE.**
Thursday 12 November. Clarence Street Theatre

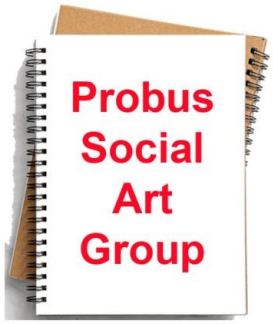


We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month **November 4th at 10.00am** outside the Veranda Cafe and walk one circuit of the lake then back to the cafe for a coffee, lunch or just a chat. There is no need to book - just turn up.

***This group will run throughout the summer when there will be no other regular Probus meetings.**



Kathy continues to provide a weekly update on up and coming Senior morning tea movie sessions. If anyone who is not on her emailing list is interested in going to the movies please let her know and she'll add you to the list.
Kathy Flaherty - Ph: 021 1652205



Probus Social Art Group

The group is currently meeting twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 10.00 until 12.00 at my house in Rototuna.There is still room for more budding artists to join us in this untutored self help group. If you just want to have a go to see if it is something you would be interested in, initially I can help with the materials. No formal art skills are required other than the ability to chat.
Just ring Stella on 0212 500395 for more details.

Stella Hoyle







Train Trip To Taumarunui

Nineteen members plus some family boarded the steam train at Frankton bound for Taumarunui. There were eleven carriages and most were fairly full. The countryside was looking so green and beautiful. Staff on the journey were very cheerful and amusing which added to the occasion. Along the way large numbers of people waved to us which was quite surprising and lovely. Short stops were made at Te Awamutu, Otorohonga and Te Kuiti.
There was plenty of time for lunch and a stroll before heading back. It was a fun day out which seemed to be enjoyed by all.



'Welcome Back' GARDEN PARTY

This will be held on **Thursday 28th January 2027** at the **Hamilton Gardens Rose Garden**
beginning at **11.30 am.**

Enter the Hamilton Gardens at Gate 2 (closest to the Cobham Drive Bridge) There is good parking on level ground close to the Rose Gardens. Please bring a plate of food to share, your own drink, a plate, knife and fork, cup or glass, a chair or picnic blanket, brolly and ***a decorated hat as there will be a prize for the best hat.***



Rose Garden entrance to the right of the Toilets



Above: Rose Garden Entrance











Moss Bros Museum

On the 26th September on a beautiful sunny day 10 members visited this museum.
An amazing range of beautifully polished cars plus lots of items from the 1950's was on show.
A delightful man gave us a running commentary on the foundation and collection of the vehicles.
We then inspected the industrial side .
Huge machinery used to quarry metals plus an array of tractors. Several members climbed up ladders to feel what it must be like operating these huge machines.
Later, we all went to The Bikery at the Velodrome for lunch.
Cambridge was looking stunning and at it's spring best.











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Committee Meeting Third Tuesday of the month
Next Committee Meeting **Tuesday 17th November 2026**
Time and Place 10am Methodist Church, cnr Wellington & Grey Streets

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Lakeside Strollers Movies	5 Current Affairs	6	7
8	9 Art Group	10 Probus Meeting	11 Movie time to be advised	12 Sweet Caroline Neil Diamond tribute	13	14
15	16	17 Committee Meeting	18 Movie time to be advised	19	20	21
22	23 Art Group	24 Coffee Morning	25 Movie time to be advised	26 Christmas Lunch	27	28
29	30					

