



# Franklin Combined Probus Club

*Fellowship, Friendship, Fun*

## Newsletter

August 2023

### **Committee Members:-**

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Hello everyone.

You may notice that the banner of our club has changed to Franklin Combined Probus Club. The committee have been discussing that we should alter our name as to the same as that on our name badges via a Special General Meeting. The name Combined Probus Club of Franklin has always caused confusion. However, PSPL have on their records and have always known us as Franklin Combined. They have advised us that there is no need for a Special meeting. So from now on we will be known as Franklin Combined Probus Club.

**Next monthly meeting:** Monday 28th August at 10am at Cosmopolitan Club.

**Main speaker:** Andrew Bayly on his Mongolian Trip. This is not a meeting to be missed. We will be joined by members of the other Pukekohe clubs to see Andrews presentation. Following is a bio:-



**Living with the Dukha of Mongolia** – a presentation by Andrew Bayly, MP for Port Waikato. In December 2022/January 2023, Andrew Bayly and his youngest son George spent over two weeks living and travelling with the Dukha people of northern Mongolia, one of the last groups of nomadic reindeer herders in the world.

They experienced the brutal conditions of mid-winter and the harsh realities of the Dukha's every-

day lives, but also shared their joy, kind-heartedness and generosity.

Outside of his Parliamentary role, Andrew is an adventurer and mountain climber who has walked and dragged sledges to both Antarctic and Arctic poles. The trip to Mongolia is the third intrepid journey he has shared with each of his three sons as they have come of age.

**Lunch venue:-** Mitre 10. Columbus Coffee Café.

**Coffee Morning:** Monday 11th September at Caterpillar Café, Franklin Library at 10am. This morning is proving very popular with great turn outs. Some come along and join us.

**August Birthdays:-** Audley Wylie, 2nd, Lynn Sinclair, 2nd, Raewyn Jacobson 3rd, Lynda Ellice, 4th, Warwick Deighton, 5th, Barbara Amos, 7th, Ian Stembridge, 11th, Maureen Evans, 14th, Lyndsay James, 21st, & Margaret Swift 29th. We wish you all a fantastic birthday and an enjoyable day.

**New Members:-** Stan & Lynda Ellice and Pam Bunning. We welcome you to our club and trust you will enjoy our meetings and friendship.

### **Trip to Hamilton Gardens & Woodlands House.—1st November**

A bus trip is arranged to visit the wonderful Hamilton Gardens, which should be well in bloom with spring flowers, followed by a visit to Woodlands House.

You will be able to purchase lunch at the café at Woodlands.

Cost for the trip \$30 per person which includes entry fees and the bus.

The bus will leave the Cosmopolitan Club car park at 9.00am.

### **Maritime Museum and Highwic Trip – 10th August**

There eventually were 16 of us on the trip. Which was actually a good number for



Chris to keep us corralled. The trip into the city wasn't too long just over an hour. Wally, our driver was excellent, even though he got a tad lost down near the Viaduct. Still, we arrived on time.

Chris had arranged for Museum Guides to meet us and show us around. We were duly split into two groups with a guide and a host to accompany us around. They were both very informative and interesting. Would recommend this Museum to visitors

to Auckland, but going with a guide is really the best way to go.

Lunch was at the Museum's Café and by 1.15p.m. we all rounded up and back on the bus and heading towards Newmarket and Highwic Estate. This house was built in the late 1800's, with lots of additions over the years to accommodate the original



Happy gang of travellers at Highwic.  
Fortunately the rain had stopped.  
Previous photo of us waiting to  
enter the Maritime Museum.

owner's 11 children. After being briefed on the history of the Buckland's, we were left to wander around this grandiose lovely old home.

By 3.00 p.m. we were back on the bus, with Chris making sure we were all on board and then Wally negotiated Auckland's heavy traffic congestion and the motorway back to Pukekohe, arriving back by 4.00 p.m.

Was an excellent trip and many thanks to the Trip Committee and Chris Moxon for all their hard work in organising our first ever bus trip.

*by Susan Martin*

### Swap it book, puzzle & jigsaw exchange

A book, puzzle & jigsaw exchange has been proposed, so we would like to trial it beginning this coming meeting. A great way to enjoy these items with no cost. It will work on the basis of bring one, take one. However, what we don't want is to be left with a lot of items that someone has to clear up and take home at the end of the meeting.

### Genealogy Section

After a break of several months it is hoped to renew this section of the club. If you are interested please contact Aileen Moxon. 2392993 or aileen-moxon@outlook.com

### Diary Dates:-

**11th September.** Coffee morning at the Caterpillar Café 10am.

**25th September.** Monthly meeting. Blind Low Vision NZ.—Helena Easton hopes to bring a dog with her.

**29th September.** Franklin Positive Ageing at the Pukekohe Indian Hall

**23rd October.** Monthly meeting. As this is Labour Day we will be having a Trivial Pursuit quiz.

### Invitation from Men's Probus Club.

We have received a short notice invitation from the Men's Probus Club to join them on a "1940 fun filled trip" on the Manukau harbour. The boat will leave Waiuku boat ramp at 9.45am on 31st August. Cost \$50.00 per person. If anyone wishes to go on this trip please inform Susan Martin by the end of our meeting next Monday.

## **PSPL Travel Insurance**

Probus South Pacific Limited (Probus) is pleased to announce its partnership with Allianz Partners New Zealand for the provision of travel insurance to Probus members.

Together, Probus and Allianz Partners will be offering travel insurance to over 10,000 Probus Club members across New Zealand. Unfortunately, the changing landscape of the travel insurance industry following COVID-19 has certainly impacted on our ability to find the right partner and we sincerely appreciate your patience in this regard.

Allianz Partners New Zealand will be managing all aspects of travel insurance for Probus members who will be able to access a range of options for their domestic and international travel.

Members who wish to apply for travel insurance with Allianz Partners New Zealand can visit our website at [https://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/travel\\_insurance\\_landing\\_nz\\_new](https://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/travel_insurance_landing_nz_new) or call the Allianz team directly on 0800 800 048. Please note that PSPL does not provide any advice or recommendation on this insurance based on any consideration of a member's objectives, financial situation or needs as this is a matter for each individual member.

*If you've been married for some time, you know how it is fellas. She comes up to you with things to be done around the house and says "honey this needs doing and that needs doing". Can you imagine walking up to your wife with a list and saying here get these things done. Let me know how that works out for you. Not in a million years.*