



# Franklin Combined Probus Club

*Fellowship, Friendship, Fun*

## **Newsletter**

*February 2025*

Hi Members,

Summer rolling on ..... hope you are all enjoying the warmer temperatures!

### **Members Birthdays in February :**

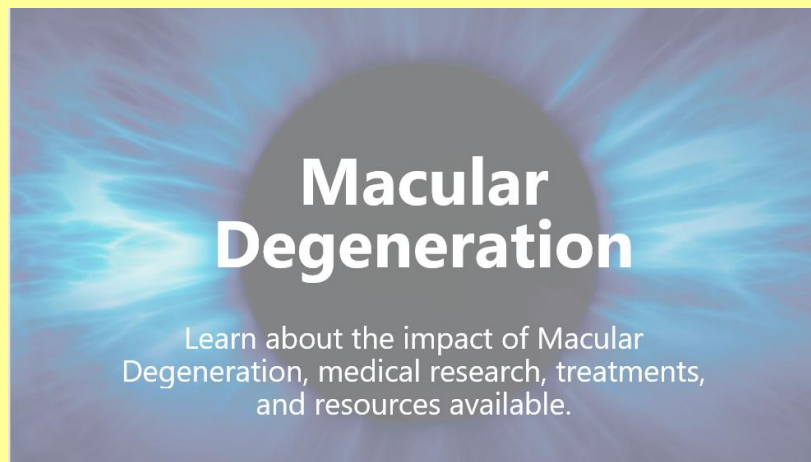
Rosemary Smith 9<sup>th</sup>, Pauline Ashley 9<sup>th</sup>, Chris Moxon 17<sup>th</sup>

***Hope everyone had a great day!***

**Monthly Meeting : Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Cosmopolitan Club Pukekohe**

**Mini Speaker** – no mini speaker this month

**Speaker** – Gaye Stratton – Macular Degeneration ( see attached flyer )



**Lunch Venue** – Paasha Turkish Café, King St, Pukekohe

**Coffee Morning : 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Caterpillar Café, Pukekohe**

## Members going the extra mile!

Some of our club members Adair Currie, Joan Ashton and Colleen Taylor, in the photo, belong to the “Knitting Grannies” group - see article below which appeared on Facebook ...



A lovely group of women are hidden away in Pukekohe diligently knitting for Middlemore Hospital. Recently they received \$1500.00 from The Harcourts Foundation to help them to purchase more wool to warm our little ones. Spotlight really came to the party giving them a considerable discount so that the money went further. Many of these ladies have been contributing for years.

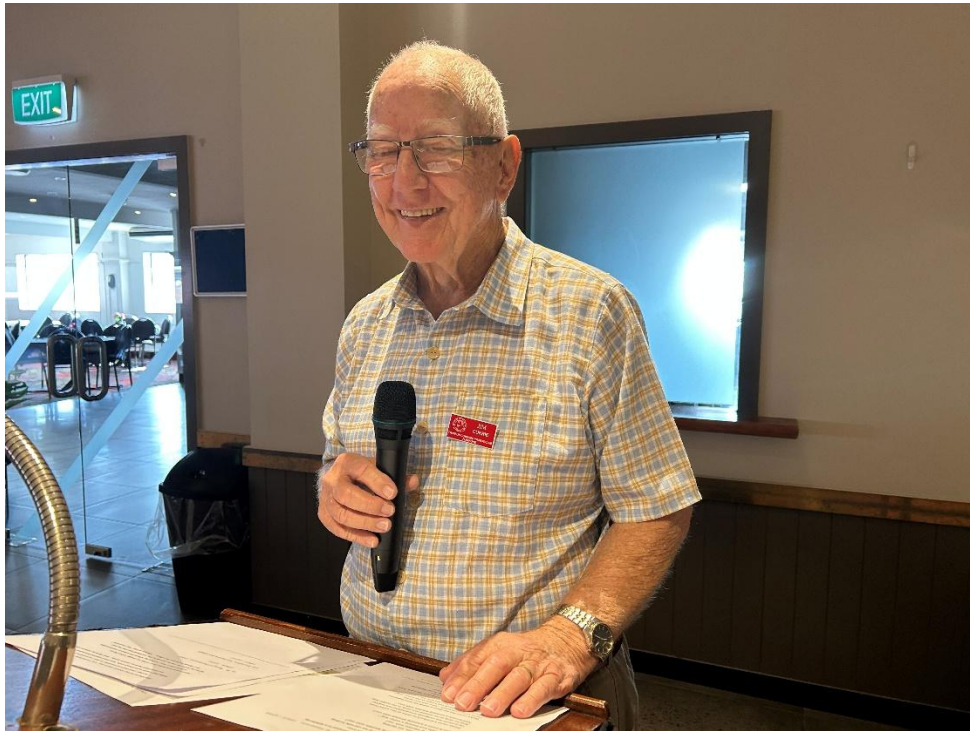
The group meet twice a month and share their projects with each other. They regularly take trips into Middlemore hospital to deliver much needed woollen garments and blankets to newborns.

Harcourts Port Realty was thrilled to be able to help with their work, warming up the homes of little ones in Auckland.

***“ Well done Knitting Grannies”***

## Last Month

At the January Meeting we had Jim Currie reading poetry by Banjo Patterson and we welcomed new members Jeff & Irene Milnes. Chris Moxon also became our unscheduled quizmaster for Trivial Pursuit!





## Botanic Gardens Trip 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

At the Botanic Gardens we enjoyed a lunch at the Café Miko before taking the Wiri Rambler Train trip around the gardens.







## Upcoming Events

### **Sculptureum, Matakana – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



This event is now confirmed and all systems are go!

This trip will be leaving Pukekohe Cossie Club at 8.45 a.m. arriving at the Sculptureum around 11.00 a.m. Will arrive back at the Cossie Club around 4.30 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$45 per person (members) \$55 (non-members) which covers cost of the bus and entry into the Sculptureum. Lunch will be at your own expense either at a café in Matakana.

Please add you name(s) to the board at the February meeting if you want to join the trip ( see invitation attached for full details ).

We need to confirm numbers for the bus by end-Feb, so please pay by then.

### **Club AGM in March :**

We will be calling for new committee members to be voted onto the Committee in March.

We have a small dedicated group currently on the Committee and we are concerned to add new blood to ensure the continued success of the club. **We particularly need men to come onto the committee to ensure we maintain balance.**

Please give it some thought as to whether you can spare a few hours every month to support the organisation of the club. We will ensure that new committee members are supported as they take on new tasks.

You will find a Nomination Form on the back page of the newsletter – all you have to do is get 2 other members to propose and second your nomination.

### **Swapit**

The Swapit books & jigsaws table has resumed, for those who want to exchange with other members.

### **Genealogy Group:**

The genealogy group is taking a break over the summer months. Any questions, please contact Joan Ashton 09-238 7766

### **Members with any difficulties**

Please let the committee know if you are aware of any members having any personal difficulties (health, isolation, grief) ..... as a club we have a Welfare objective, and if we are able to, we want to support our members.

### **Wearing Badges at Probus Events**

We have had a request that we all wear our badges when attending Probus meetings, especially for our new members to get to know us.

### **Not Coming back to the Club?**

We would appreciate if you decide not to come back to the club, that you confirm it in writing so that we can avoid unnecessary charges from PSPL.

We will be putting together a Resignation Form so that you just need to date & sign the form – if you want a form, just ask any member of the Committee.

### **Any former Accountants?**

We will need to appoint an Examiner of Accounts for the upcoming financial year – if anyone has experience as an accountant we would welcome your support on a voluntary basis for this once a year task. Please contact Pam Bunning on 021 371313 if you can help.

### **Invitation to Probus Auckland Association AGM**

This event clashes with our own club committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March – anyone interested in attending please contact Susan Martin on 021 386 390

**Our banking details are:-**

**ASB Bank Franklin Combined Probus Club Account number:-**

**12-3023-0541946-00**

**In the particulars box please enter your name. In reference box enter what deposit is for i.e. subs, trip, luncheon etc.**

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### **Combined Probus Club of Franklin – Nomination Form**

**I nominate .....**

**For the position of .....**

**Proposer..... Signature.....**

**Seconder..... Signature.....**

**I, .....accept nomination. Signature.....**

## **Committee :**

Get to know your Committee and feel free to call us :

### **Committee Members Contact Details:-**

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