



Feilding Makino Probus Club

Newsletter 2023/11

NOVEMBER 2024

Goodness, it's November! Is it just me, or does each month come along a lot quicker than when I was just a kid? This time next month we'll be preparing for Christmas. HINT: Buy those family presents early – have you started yet?

Once again the club was treated to a really interesting "speaker" last month. Len Gray's story, told in an excellent film put together by Val and Geoff Brannan, showed us the amazing work Len has achieved in designing and building some magnificent sets for musical productions. Another super local talent!

The year is "Hotting up" with several activities coming along soon. Take your pick, and be as involved as you can. 2025 will roll along very soon.

Regards

Geoff Lovegrove, Editor

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

(Bruce's Briefs)

Two days after our last meeting we lost one of our foundation members, 96 year old Brian Philps. We pass on our condolences to his family.

Your next meeting will be run by our vice president Anne Schnell, as 21 of us will be on our "Top Of The South Island Tour" organised by Eric Linklater for five days.

Our guest speaker / cameo speaker Len Gray, showed us through film and interviewing what a talented and gifted person he is through his multiple years of voluntary work making sets for shows and different display set-ups.

Our "Treasure Hunt On Wheels" outing has been and gone with a short tiki tour around selected roads with items to be found and collected and checked off at home base (The Irish Bar) for lunch. Thanks to Jo and Carol for adding a bit of fun and laughter to our day, as we all discussed our instructions and where we went wrong in trying to follow them. Marilyn and myself will be at Government House in Wellington on 8 November representing our members (Makino Probus Club Of Feilding) at the Vice Regal reception, hosted by "His Excellency Dr Richard Davies," husband of our Governor-General, to celebrate 50 years of Probos in New Zealand. We take this as an honour and a privilege to represent you all and to recognize all the previous hard work and enthusiasm previous members have put forward to make this club the strong club it is today.

Cheers, President Bruce

November Probos Meeting Tuesday 12 November Feilding Civic Centre

Morning Tea 9.30am Servers: Alayne Bliss, Norma & Vernon Gledstone-Brown

GUEST SPEAKER: *Dave Hayward (see below)*

CAMEO: Kerry and Lindsay Howard

NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS: Darryl Pinny, Kath O'Donnell

APOLOGIES: Please advise **Sally Thomas:** sallythomas0309@gmail.com,

Ph 323 8547 or text 021 641 903, any time up to 8.45am on the day of the meeting.

Our Last Meeting (8 October):

ATTENDING: 152

APOLOGIES: 66

NO SHOWS: 9

NOTE: It is important to SIGN IN at each meeting

THOUGHTS AND CONDOLENCES: We extend our sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones recently, and our best wishes to those who are dealing with health issues.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome our newest Probus Members, inducted at our last meeting:
Lana Aldworth, Andrea Mackenzie, Nigel Ramsden, Louise Mortland

NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER: DAVE HAYWARD



Now in his 80s, Christchurch-born Dave Hayward joined the NZ army at 16, and at age 20, he was serving in the Malayan jungle, and later in Borneo and Vietnam.

He has written several novels, including a trilogy set during the New Zealand Wars. He now lives in Feilding, where he remains an active writer (when not on 4WD treks, cycle trails, wine trails and army reunions).



NOTABLE DATES:

Fri 1 Nov	Final day for Centrepont payments (\$46 each)
11-15 Nov	Probus Group trip to "Top Of The South"
Tues 12 Nov	9.30am PROBUS MEETING at Civic Centre
Thurs 14 Nov	BOOK CLUB at Sally Reed's
Tues 19 Nov	10.00 PROBUS COMMITTEE meeting at Coach House
Wed 20 Nov	1.30pm: Meet for GARDEN VISIT
Mon 18 Nov	CARDS: 1.00pm at the Coach House (last for this year)
Mon 25 Nov	SCRABBLE: 1.30pm at Julia Wishnowsky's
Wed 27 Nov	Dinner & Show at CENTREPOINT THEATRE (see below)

"Like"  **our FACEBOOK page:** We try to keep this up to date with current Makino Probus news. On Facebook, go to <https://www.makinoprobus.org/>

If you "Like" us on the Facebook page, you will receive updates automatically.

Note: If you DO NOT WANT your image to appear, please tell our Secretary Lesley

NOTES FROM YOUR PROBUS COMMITTEE:

REFUNDS: When you register to take part in our Probus events and outings, we make the bookings which are then non-refundable (buses, meals etc). We will try to make refunds to you where possible; please understand that refunds are not always possible.

MORNING TEA ROSTER: Our thanks to Kate Smith, who has offered to take over responsibility for the Morning Tea organisation at our meetings.

MEMBERSHIP CLOSE-OFF: We are close to our maximum membership number (230), and the Committee has decided to not accept any more applications in the meantime. This will be reviewed in March next year.

CUPS AND TIMING OF MORNING TEA: Please arrive at **9.30am** if having a cuppa. The kitchen closes at 9.50 and all cups should be returned by then. Thanks.

COMMITTEE FOR NEXT YEAR: A couple of our committee members intend to retire at the AGM in March, so the Committee is looking for some new people to step up and help out. If you are prepared to "give a little time" to support our club, please contact incoming President Anne Schnell: Ph 355 8575 or 027 465 3309, Email: daschnell@xtra.co.nz

Enter this Probus A/c Number in your PAYEES for Online Banking: **02-0628-0100824-000**

END OF YEAR OUTING: CENTREPOINT CHRISTMAS SHOW: Please note the date for our end-of-year trip to Centrepoint is **Wednesday, November 27**, not November 28 as I wrongly stated in the newsletter. Start time is 6.30pm and the cost is \$46.00pp. Please advise me by email if you are coming. and pay Sally by Friday November 1 at the latest.
- Thank you, Jo Myers jo.myers@icloud.com

NAME BADGES: For members needing a replacement badge, our Secretary Lesley can order a new one for you, at a cost of \$20.00.

CELLPHONES: Please **PUT CELLPHONES ON SILENT MODE** at our meetings.

TRIP COMMITTEE PLANS FOR 2025: The Trip Committee has met and put together a plan for our outings and trips for 2025. **Tentative** plan (*mostly on the 4th Tuesday*):

January BBQ / Picnic
February Foxton Beach Picnic (Fish & Chips)
March Bus Trip: Ruapehu or Waiouru (see September)
April Car Rally
May Southwards Car Museum + Lunch (car pool)
June Movie at Silky Otter
July Mid-Winter Dinner (Manawatu Golf Club booked for 8 July)
August Quiz @ Coach House)+ Afternoon Tea)
September Waiouru or Ruapehu
October Bus Trip to Hamilton + Hobbiton (2-3 nights)
November Centrepoint Show

GOLF CROQUET INVITATION:

An invitation from the Feilding Croquet Club @ Johnston Park to come to our **Have A Go at Golf Croquet** afternoons, 1.00-3.00 pm on Wednesdays in November. You may also consider playing in our Twilight Tournament, starting early February for seven weeks with play usually being 5.00 till 7.00 pm also on Wednesday evenings. You can enter as an individual & be paired with a partner, or better still get a group of four & enter as a team. Please phone Colleen on 021 764 857

POT LUCK DINNER AND LUNCH GROUPS: We have two or three Potluck groups looking for new members. This is an excellent way to meet other members and form friendships. There are 8-11 in most groups. Contact Lesley for further details, Phone 027 2428772 or 324 0673, or Email lengland@xtra.co.nz

CARDS: **Our 500 School** meets at the **Coach House Museum** on the **third Monday** of each month. A gold coin donation and a small plate for afternoon tea would be welcome. Mark it on your calendars. Monday, 18 November at 1.00 pm. See you there. Phone Jo 0274316580 or Caryl 0274337084 for further information.

MAKINO PROBUS BOOK CLUB: Meets on the **2nd Thursday** of the month, **10.00am** at **31 Fiona Cres.** Contact: Sally Reed: 0276 288 002 for more information.

GARDEN APPRECIATION GROUP: Next visit is set for **Wednesday 20th November.** Carpool at Oroua Club at 1.30pm, to depart at 1.45 Please bring \$5.00, mug & chair and wear good walking shoes, and a walking stick if you use one. We'll visit Rob & Kanta Lowry's old house & garden, 21 Faulkner Road, off Te Ngaio Road.

WALKING GROUP: *The group walks varying distances (15 / 30 / 45 minutes – you choose!).* Meet on the BNZ corner **every Wednesday at 9.30am.** **Contact Patsy Barry (Ph 323 6353 or 0276 956 940).** You are very welcome to join in, get to know members and see some points of interest around Feilding. Walk as far as your fitness allows, and enjoy a cuppa at a chosen cafe for chat time, laughter etc. A great way to improve fitness.

SCRABBLE: Contact Sue Lovegrove (Phone 06 2418 113). We meet at 1.30pm on the 4th Monday of each month. The next gathering will be **Monday 25 November** at the home of **Julia Wishnowsky, 18a Pharazyn Road**. Ph 323 9823. E: cloverlands@xtra.co.nz

OPERATUNITY: If you haven't been to one of these concerts, you are missing a real treat. Next concert is "**CHRISTMAS ROYAL VARIETY SHOW**" at 11.00am on **Wednesday 27 November** at Life Church, Featherstone Street, Palmerston North. Phone **0508 266 237** to book, or phone Ans Maljers on 323 9087 for further information.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Please contact Yvonne Hocken, Ph 323 1783, or email Yvonne.hocken@gmail.com if you know of a Probus member who is unwell, or who has suffered a bereavement. Your committee needs to know!

PROVANNERS: (PRObus CaraVANNERS and Motor Homers): Contact **Erina Bell**, Phone 323 5107, or Email: cjbelle@xtra.co.nz

MOVING? LEAVING? Please advise our Secretary, Lesley England (Ph 324 0673 or 027 242 8772 or email lengland@xtra.co.nz. Postal address: 36 Nancy Avenue, Feilding.

COMPUTER HELP? Contact **Sally Reed 027 628 8002** or **Sandy Hardy 323 4040**

HANDYFOLKS: Any little job got you stumped??? Contact one of our handymen to help:

Lindsay Taylor	323 5317	Monty Marsden	323 4038
Geoff Brannan	323 4103	Eric Linklater	323 7700

COMMITTEE DIRECTORY (2024-2025)

President	Bruce Avery	329 9632	021 625 180
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Robyn Wilson	Guest Speakers		
Anne Schnell	Cameo Speakers		

GREETERS: Laurie Dalton, Anne Schnell

OUR SUPPORT CREW: Lindsay Taylor (Sound), Shirley McCulloch (Piano), Sally Thomas (Attendance / Apologies), Julia Wishnowsky (Garden Group), Sue Lovegrove (Scrabble), Erina Bell (ProVanners), Ans Maljers (Operatunity), Heather Rolston (Paper Newsletter Distribution)

- Last night, the Internet stopped working, so I spent a few hours with my family.
 - They seem like good people.
- I wondered how my parents dealt with **boredom** before the internet came along?
 - I asked my 18 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either!
- Before I die, I am going to eat a whole bag of un-popped popcorn
 - That should make the cremation a little more interesting
- What starts with an "O" and ends with "nions" and sometimes make you cry?
 - Opinions