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Diary of Events

	December 2025	February 2026	March 2026
TRAVEL Brenda Magee 478 3300	No travel meeting	Wednesday 4 February 1.00pm	Wednesday 4 March 1.00pm
MEETINGS	Wednesday 10 Dec 10.00am Christmas morning tea	Wednesday 11 February 10.00am	Wednesday 11 March 10.00am
SPEAKERS Grant Christianson 021 756 350	Wednesday 10 Dec No guest speaker	Wednesday 11 February Professor Julian Paton Drive4Hearts	Wednesday 11 March Norman Lodge Japan gift giving culture
OUTINGS Randal Lockie 021 581 321	No December outing	Thursday 26 February Goat Island Marine Cntr Warkworth Museum	TBA
THEATRE Gael Bosworth 021 0455008 Rita Ahlers 027 5509837	No theatre outing	TBA	TBA
WALKING Dick and Carol Mogridge 021 802705 or 027 698 5981	No December walk	Wednesday 25 February 9.30am	Wednesday 25 March 9.30am
COFFEE MORNINGS Val Wadsworth 021 609 900	No coffee morning	Monday 16 February 10.15am Supa Nova Café, Milford	TBA

Club Bank details for making payments online: ASB Browns Bay, Account 12-3042-0377723-00

Reminder

Please remember the December meeting is at the Mairangi Bay Bowling Club.

Nominations for AGM

Members please note:

In accordance with our Constitution, the President will call for Officer Nominations at the February meeting on Wednesday 11th.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 11 March 2026.

Please submit nominations to the secretary, Janine Hummel, by 10 February 2026.

David Leitch

Morning Tea Duties



The committee will be providing a Christmas morning tea at the December meeting.

Thanks to all the members you have helped with morning tea throughout the year.

Eric & Ngaire Wahlstrom 479 2703

Coleen Carmichael 479 5543

Gayle Lockie 0211778894

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

A special thank you from St Vincent de Paul Society East Bays Conference for your very generous contributions to our Christmas Hampers for the needy. **If some of you had forgotten and still wish to contribute at the December meeting, we will be happy to collect again in December** as the parcels are not going out until after our meeting. Thank you again.

Vivienne and David Woodward



Membership

There will be no further inductions until May 2026.

At our meetings, morning tea is a perfect time to talk to new members with a blue dot sticker on their name tags. To maintain our club records could you please let me know if your address or phone number changes. Please email me on hullgina92@gmail.com with the changes. It is important to send apologies if you are unable to make it to the meeting. Please email hullgina92@gmail.com or if you do not have

access to email, send a text message to 021 2049266.

Please ensure you are on time for the meetings. Latecomers disrupt the speaker at the time.

A number of members have had their name tags for a number of years and they could do with a refresh. If you would like me to print you a new membership card, please email me and I will then send it to you. Unfortunately the Club is not in a position to replace the plastic pockets the name tags are held in.

Birthdays for December 2025

Arthur Beale	Janne Beale
Jill Crockett	Suzanne Gordon
Faith Grausch	Tony Hooks
Janet Moen	Brenda Magee
Jim Marshall	Pamela McKeow
Margaret Modricker	Joyce Ross

Birthdays for December 2025

Janet Poole	Andy Watmore
Les Brayne	Maryann Buelow
Joan Constantine	Jill Hooks
Janine Hummel	Lyn Koppenhagen
Marie Lamb	Tom Lamb
Arlene Lovesy	Evelyn McDonald
Chris Murphy	Eileen O'Connell
Stephen Smythe	Pat Wrigglesworth

Happy Birthday to you all, and apologies if we have missed anyone.

Gina Hull



Travel Group

The next meeting of the Travel Interest Group is our Christmas lunch at Montrose on 3 December and all those who have put their names down to attend have been emailed the relevant information. If anyone else in the group would like to attend, please let me know on 02102454744 or igmagee@xtra.co.nz.

The 2026 Probus year kicks off on 4 February with the Travel Group meeting. Our speakers are Davina Bennetto from World Journeys and Peter and Jane Garrett talking about their visit to Iceland and Greenland. More information in the February newsletter.

I would like to step down as convener of the group. Now would be a good time for a new convener to take over as speakers have been arranged for almost all of 2026.

Brenda Magee, Convener

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Speaker's Corner



There is no December club speaker
Jeanette McNeil, Convener

Guest Speaker's Corner



There is no December guest speaker
Grant Christianson

Walkers and Talkers



There is no walk in December. Walks resume on
Wednesday 25 February
Dick and Carol Mogridge
021 802705 or 027 6985981.

Outings



Many thanks to all those club members who supported our visit to Crown Lynn and Clay Works Museum and the Corbans Estate in late October. It was a rather blustery day but there was lot of interesting heritage information to enjoy along with laughs and great club camaradie. Carol Mogridge did a superb report so if you missed anything on the day you can now read all about it.....there will be a knowledge test on Carol's report at the end of this report! (only joking!)

When you read this 2025 will almost be "done and dusted", which leads me onto **our first outing on Thursday 26 February for 2026.**

We are going North this time to the Goat Island Marine Discovery Centre in Leigh. We will start our visit in a very civilised manner, with morning tea or coffee after our arrival at the centre. After this interlude we will have a conducted tour of this exciting and important facility, on the internet the Marine centre is described as follows: "Get up close with New Zealand's marine life, through our range of displays and interactive activities for all ages..... that includes us "oldies"! Our microscopes will allow you to get up close with live animals and walk through the sound corridor to hear an acoustic symphony of shrimp snapping, kina munching and whales singing in our big blue backyard. Then head out back to explore our living aquaria where you can hold a live Kina or Seastar, observe Okura and much more"

I don't know about you but it all sounds very fascinating to me. The Marine Discovery Centre have asked us to allow one and a half hours for the morning tea and conducted tour, so that will no doubt fire up our lunch appetites

Lunch will be what I call a "free-range" affair. The coach will take us to the Warkworth township where there is a good number of cafes, restaurants and even a stunning hotel and it will just be a question of walking around and finding something to eat that takes your fancy - please remember lunch is at your own cost! We will have an hour 15 mins for lunch.

After lunch we will board the coach again and head to Warkworth Museum and Parry Kauri Park (the same location for both). The kauri boardwalk takes about 20 mins to complete and there are some steps.

The Warkworth Museum is steeped in history and offers something for everyone through wonderful collections and exhibits. You can discover scenes from "yesteryear" including an old classroom, a general store, a blacksmiths and even a "murderhouse" (what horrors await us all!) Outside displays include an old jail and two US Army huts from WWII. There is a museum store offering ice creams and cold drinks.

So having told you all that, **the subsidised cost is \$55 per person. We will travel in a Leabourn 36 seater coach and currently I have 32 club members booked on this outing, so if you**

haven't booked I would suggest you will need to get in touch with me sooner rather than later.

Timings for this outing are as follows:

Arrive at Windsor Park Carpark at 9am.

The Coach departs at 9.15am sharp and will not wait for anyone!

Arrival back at Windsor Park carpark is scheduled for around 4.45pm.

Please ensure you wear your name lanyards and ensure that for all bookings I am contacted personally via Text, Email or phone.

Please make payment into the Club bank account prior to 31 January, putting your name and outing details. Please note the outing date on your calendar or in your diary.

All that is now left is for me to wish everyone of you a safe and joyous festive season and New Year.

Randal Lockie
021 581 321

Getting to Know You Coffee Mornings



Firstly, I would like to thank all of you who support our monthly coffee mornings. They have been a great success since we began in July, and we've consistently had ten or more members come along each time. I hope that those who attend are enjoying the chance to "get to know" your fellow club members just that little bit more.

Our most recent gathering was held on 17 November at Paulo, a new café for us, located just across the road from Crop. It was a change from our usual venue as Crop was closed for the day, and it was great to see members enjoying the new spot. While Paulo Café had really delicious cabinet food, it did become progressively louder as the morning went on, which made it a bit difficult for those who already struggle to hear in busy environments — myself included. So after we finished, I took a walk along Milford Road and found a quieter option: Supernova, at 116 Kitchener Road. The cabinet food selection isn't quite as extensive as Paulo's, but perhaps we should give it a try? The owner mentioned that he has other customers who particularly appreciate the quieter atmosphere. For reference, Dear Friends Café (opposite Crop) is at 132 Kitchener Road, so Supernova isn't far from our usual area. To our regulars — let me know your thoughts when I next see you.

To that end, our next Coffee Group meeting will be on Monday 16 February at Super Nova. I'm choosing Mondays because Operatunity shows on the North Shore are always on Wednesdays, and they are truly worth attending. To those who went to the Christmas Show this past Wednesday — wasn't it wonderful? A bit of everything, full of joy and laughter and fun and music. A real treat!

Val Wadsworth
021609900

Christmas



A reminder that our Christmas Morning Tea will be held at the Mairangi Bay Bowling Club this year. The Committee members have organised the food and entertainment, so we hope to make it special for you. Remember to collect your ticket on the way in for a lucky draw for bottles of wine. We would love for you to wear something Christmassy, sparkly, and bright. See you there!

Val Wadsworth
021609900

Theatre



Our last event for the year was the Company Theatre's play, The Cemetery Club at which we had a record (for us) number of attendees - 37 in all! It turned out to be a well acted, whimsical look at some of the problems presented by the death of friends and partners and how to cope with living life to its fullest despite loss. Looking back over an eventful year, it has been a time of discovery for Rita and me and we have grown in experience and hopefully in competence! Over the year we have organised 5 plays and one film - Out of Order, The Golden Ass, The 39 Steps, The Grand Finale Downton Abbey, and The Cemetery Club. Rita and I wish to thank all of you who have supported our choices by attending. Numbers have steadily increased and we intend to continue to offer you a variety of performances throughout the next year.

Gael Bosworth
021 0455008
Rita Ahlers
027 5509837



For our Bookworms

The library is in recess. Fingers crossed that the library will be working in February.

David Leitch

This is our last Newsletter for 2024

The next newsletter will arrive to your inboxes late January 2026. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.



Jane Garrett

Humour



Milford Combined Probus Club website: Remember that you can also view the Club's newsletter on our website, along with details of what's coming up each month:

[www. probusmilfordcombined.org.nz](http://www.probusmilfordcombined.org.nz)

During the Covid lockdown, if you had family round on Christmas Day, police could force entry to your home and make them go home.

Does anyone know if this is service is still available, and if you have to book?

The first million people to send me \$1 will get a copy of my guide on how to become a Millionaire using Facebook



Defibrillator

All members please note a Defibrillator is kept on the premises in the kitchen should it be required.

Internet Banking

IMPORTANT: Club Bank details for making payments online: **Milford Combined Probus Club, Account 12-3042-0377723-00.** Enter your **SURNAME** in the **Particulars** field and what the payment is for in the **Code** field, ie Subs, or Trip name, or Play name.

The preferred method of payment for Outings, Theatre Group etc. is via internet banking to the Milford Combined Probus Club's bank account.

Jim Marshall

Treasurer