



Probud Club of Pauanui

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Next Meeting – 18th July 2016 at 10am

Ten Minute Speaker : To be advised
Guest Speaker: Rod Calver
Attendance - Ngaire Carr,
Recorder - Mary Tyler-Culpan
Greeter - Barbara Swindles

Hall Set-up - Gerry Gaston,
Sam Peoples,
Bob Meyer,
John Shaw,
Ron Jefferies,
Bert Cullen

Set up time for chairs 9.15am

Morning Tea - Lyn Gaston,
Norma Troughton,
Barbara Pope,
Marion Terry

Set up time for morning tea 9.30am

Up-coming Trips and Events.

Movies

The next cinema outing to Thames is on 26th July (Tuesday) at 1-30 pm. Details at the July meeting.

Andre Reiu

The Andre Reiu concert will be held in the Vector arena on the 1st November. Tickets are currently on sale at prices ranging from \$89 to \$299 per seat. It would appear to be too late to do a group booking, so if any members wish to go, the best advice we can give is to purchase your own tickets. If there are sufficient numbers we can organise transport to Auckland and back. We will call for numbers at the next meeting.

Waiheke Island

As indicated earlier, we are keen to run a day trip to Waiheke Island, if possible using gold cards for trains and boats. As this will be a fairly long day, we believe the best time would be in daylight saving hours, so perhaps October or November this year. One complication is that Auckland transport has changed the rules in regard to the use of Gold card for travel on the trains and ferries.

To take advantage of the Gold card concessions, it is necessary to first purchase an Auckland Transport "Hop" card for the princely sum of \$10. Then you must download a credit for the card. The minimum credit value is \$5.

Gold card concessions apply after 9am on weekdays and all day weekends, but no "hop" card, no concession! The transaction to purchase the card can only be done in person, as long as you have your birth certificate, drivers licence, inside collar size, Grandmothers maiden name and blood type. (Just kidding) you do need a photo as on your driver's licence or passport.

We also plan to investigate the possibility of hiring a bus from Pauanui that would take the group direct to Waiheke on the vehicle ferry. This will cost more, so watch this space!

(Trips cont. next page)

Alpacas Farm Visit

Keep Thursday 4th August Free

The plan is Morning Tea at Katikati. Farm Visit, (\$5) Demonstrations of weaving and carding fibre and the process of dyeing and cleaning, handicraft for purchase will be available. Lunch at Waihi Beach (Old pub)

Times and the cost/details of morning Tea and Lunch to be confirmed at the July Probus meeting, along with the numbers and Registration for attending.

10 Minute Speaker – John Loader

John Loader presented an excellent session on the history and activities of the Pauanui Community Menz Shed. The concept of Menzshed evolved from a discussion between doctors in Australia, who were concerned that many retirees had little to do and lacked social interaction when they retired. From humble beginnings the movement has blossomed, both here and Australia with shed activities in most centres.

The aim is to provide companionship, learn skills and be active in the community. The shed is not intended to compete with local businesses. The Pauanui Menz Shed has been very active building seats for the cycle trail, stoat traps for predator control, seats in various locations around town, maintenance work on the club buildings, and a host of kitchen utensils. Johns showed a number of photos highlighting the shed activities, the most important being the morning tea ritual.

Guest Speaker – Deborah Wilkinson-Gray

If you died tomorrow, how easy would it be for the significant people in your life to tidy up your affairs? Sadly, far too many of us compound the grief of our loved ones by involving them in lengthy and sometimes expensive proceedings because we haven't left our financial and other arrangements in good written order.

You may have made a Will, but does your spouse/partner/family/ executor know where it is kept? And do they know your wishes about your funeral? or, for that matter, the details of your bank accounts and investments? or the usernames and passwords for your email and other online accounts?

These are just some of the practical – and vital – matters Deborah spoke about at the June meeting. Deborah knows from first-hand experience how hard it is to focus on important matters when you are grieving, but as she points out, even in the midst of your deepest sorrow, funeral and associated costs need to be paid, mortgage payments and bills keep coming in and the world does not stop turning.

Deborah said we assume that our partners know everything but they generally do not. We need to write down all the information that we have covering details of your health providers and insurers, to your banking and financial details, property, vehicles and other assets, information that your lawyer and accountant will need, and much more. Even small day-to-day matters that few people think about like passport and driver's licence numbers and club and travel rewards memberships are included.

Deborah says we need to write it down. She can be contacted on deb_wilkinson@xtra.co.nz. Deborah has advised today that her website has hit a temporary glitch that is currently being worked on so if you need to contact her please do so on the email address above or 021997462.

Diane Holmes – A belated thanks: Many thanks to Diane for taking over the speaker reporting duties in the last bulletin. Lots of compliments received for a job very well done.