



# Titirangi Ladies Probus

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## NEWSLETTER

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**T**O start with we welcome two new members: Dora Smith and Joyce Pollock and we hope they will be happy here. We also had two visitors: Kay and Marie and we hope to see them again. Since we voted to leave Probus of Australia and South Pacific, it seems we can no longer use the title Probus and after the end of October, we have to find a new name. As a temporary measure we will call ourselves *Titirangi Ladies Club*. There seem to be two groups in New Zealand – we heard one man speak some months ago and the Committee are to hear the other one at our next Committee meeting.

**O**UR main Speaker today is actor Jennifer Ward-Lealand who was active from 1978 (when she was only 16). Her contribution to New Zealand theatre – as an actress, singer and director, was recognised in 2007 New Year's Honours with her investiture as Officer to the *New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM)*. Fay Packham gave me a lot of information about her but I'll leave it to our Speaker. I think she will be very interesting.

**O**UR prayers for a nice day for the outing to Puketutu Island were certainly answered. It was fine all the time we were there. The Homestead was built for Sir Henry and Lady Keleher and although once an island, it is now reached by a causeway. We were able to tour the house and gardens. The furnishings are beautiful as were the tea, coffee and homemade lemonade and the jam and cream scones were delicious and plentiful. The gardens were well stocked with lots of trees and the rose garden will look wonderful in a few weeks time. There is a pond with goldfish and a turtle, and something which I told someone else was a 'gazebo' was described in our booklets as a Fale!

The estate is normally used for weddings or similar events and an amusing gentleman invited us to tour the house and gardens without



*The Keleher Homestead*

supervision and bridal couples invited to stay the night after their wedding. We were told that royalty would be staying there shortly, but they weren't telling us who! They also show groups around like ours, but they only entertain visitors when they are part of a group. I thought the trip was very worthwhile – and we should all thank Sharan for arranging it all.

**O**UR Christmas lunch (at the Laughing Peacock) is on Tuesday 6 December but every time I am given a price it is different! The latest was \$27 so I would reckon around \$30. The raffles will reduce the cost of the bus.

**O**UR next meeting will be on Monday 21 November.

Kind regards,

*Christine*