



## TITIRANGI LADIES' FRIENDSHIP CLUB

### Newsletter

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Happy Birthday! Today we are celebrating the 30th birthday of our club.



Originally we were known as Titirangi Ladies Probus Club which was affiliated to Probus South Pacific (which was run from Australia) but when a Probus NZ was established we voted to join them. Unfortunately, two years later, Probus NZ was prohibited by the Australian organisation from using the name Probus, so they became Friendship NZ Incorporated (FNZI) and we became Titirangi Ladies Friendship Club.

Bruce and Billie Blows were instrumental in forming our club which was established July 1988. Probus Australia were not supportive of the formation of the new club and made things difficult. Then Mt. Albert Rotary club agreed to sponsor the club,

which gave validity to our application. At the first committee meeting Mr. Frank Dunne, the Rotary District Governor congratulated the new committee.

They were: President: Billie Blows, Vice President: Lorraine Bayley, Secretary: Ailsa Feigler, Treasurer: Margaret England, committee: Pam Arnold, Marj. Turpin, and Patricia Davies. Mr Warel Austin represented the Mt. Albert Rotary Club.

The first club meeting was held on the 18th July 1988 with 28 ladies in attendance, together with Mr. Frank Dunne, and Mr Warel Austin, both from Rotary. Initially, there was a \$10.00 joining fee and a \$10.00 annual subscription - not very different from today's fees of \$10.00 joining fee and \$20.00 annual subscription.

Before I wrote this article, I spoke to Billie Blows on the telephone. Unfortunately Billie is unable to be with us today, but she asked me to pass on her best wishes and congratulations to everyone on this special occasion.

ALMONER: Betty Costard has had a fall and has broken her hip. She is in North Shore hospital following surgery. We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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#### JULY SPEAKERS:

##### GLENDAL: MINI SPEAKER

Glenda gave us a very interesting account of her recent trip down the Mississippi in America. One of the places they stopped was Memphis where they visited Elvis Presley's home 'Graceland'. The house was built to accommodate his parents as well as his family. His parents had their own office and it was here that all the fan letters were answered. They could view all Elvis Presley's stage costumes which are now quite iconic. Another highlight was seeing all his cars which are kept in pristine condition. They viewed a Plantation home and the slave quarters which held some very sad stories about the slaves. They then flew to New York and were able to view an exhibition of a staged set up of Downton Abbey. Also on view were all the beautiful costumes worn by the actors. Glenda then went to the musical production 'Phantom of the Opera' which she really enjoyed even though she had seen it before. President Lyn thanked Glenda for her talk.

##### FAY PACKHAM.

Fay stepped up and spoke about Angel Flight because she had heard John Pringle's talk previously, and John Pringle was unfortunately not able to speak to us today. This charity first started in Australia and as it was so successful they expanded the service to New Zealand. Clients must qualify and be referred to benefit from this service. To qualify, they are people who don't meet the requirements for the air ambulance service. They are usually people who can't afford to pay for transport and have financial hardship. Often they have special needs and find travel difficult. President Lyn thanked Fay for her talk.

NEXT MEETING: Annette Mann, artist, will be speaking about her work.

FORTHCOMING OUTING: The next outing will be on Tuesday 30th October to Mechanics Bay. We will be visiting the rescue helicopter base and the coastguard nearby. The costs will be \$20.00 per person and this includes a donation to each of these organisations. We will go out to lunch which will be at your own cost. Mark this important date on your calendar.

#### REMINDER:

Please bring items for the October raffle, and give them to Glenda. Items that you think would be useful to someone else are welcome.

#### MANNERS PLEASE:

A timely reminder to all our club members. Please give our speakers your attention and refrain from chatting. If you wish to catch up with friends arrive early, and that will give you more time to socialise.

THOUGHT FOR OUR BIRTHDAY: (With apologies to William Shakespeare)

All the world's a stage,  
And all women merely players,  
They have their exits and their entrances,  
And one woman in her time plays many parts.

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