



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

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Report on the meeting held 13th November 2019

Membership 79 Attendance 53
Apologies 9

President Aldwyn opened the meeting by welcoming members.

Xmas Party

There is still time to book for our annual Xmas dinner. As usual the dinner will be held at The Pines on Wednesday 11th December at 6pm. The cost is \$35 plus \$5 for anyone using the shuttle buses. Cost includes 1 free drink of beer, wine or soft drink.

Contact: June 388 9168 jinkpen@gmail.com

Club Bank Account Details

Wellington Eastern Suburbs Probuss Club - BNZ 02-0520-0153465-00



Outings



Club members on the visit to The City Gallery 16th October

Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1st Tuesday in the month. Contact: **John Jenner**
jjenner@xtra.co.nz 473 2857



The next movie is on Tuesday 3rd December

Club Micro Website:

<http://probussouthpacific.org/microsites/wellingtoneasternsuburbs>



Much easier to find by 'Google' search - Wellington Eastern Suburbs Probuss - the site will appear in the 1st - 2 or 3 listed.

Club Email Address: wellingtoneasternsuburbsm@probussclubs.com.au

Profile Speaker

Profile Speaker **Jean Henry** recalled her early days at school in Timaru during WW2 and the measures taken to prepare for a possible Japanese invasion. After her parents opened a drapery store in Lower Hutt, she attended Hutt Valley High. After leaving school she trained as a Bacteriologist for 5 years in Wellington Hospital. She spoke of testing on toads, rabbits and guinea pigs. She later studied pathology and went on to pass the exams. She married and has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. She is involved with the Strathmore Players group, likes music particularly jazz, gardening, and works as a volunteer in the day cancer ward at Wellington Hospital.

THE CLUB MEETS

2nd WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH
10:00AM

SEATOUN BOWLING
CLUB

DUNDAS ST
SEATOUN

Annual fees \$30

Monthly morning
tea fee \$5



NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Xmas Dinner at The Pines
11th December



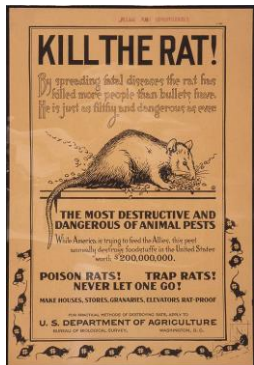
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GUEST SPEAKER

Guest Speaker **Michael Jackson** of Victoria University began his talk by explaining that we have a large number of species unique to NZ, including 80% of our plants, 90% fresh water fish, 70% birds. Currently we have 2500 endangered species. The 2 major causes are habitat loss and predators.

He then went on to explain the experiments a team of scientists have been carrying out to find the most cost-effective method to control or rid NZ of pests, particularly rats. The current problem with pest control is the need to continually rebait traps in inaccessible areas of forest. Although 10/80 poison drops are the most effective method it is becoming less acceptable to the public. Their experiments over the last 7 years have concentrated on identifying the foods that are most attractive to rats. Top of the list was walnuts. The scientists then identified the compounds in the top 24 foods most attracted to rats. They then synergised the 5 top compounds and were surprised how successful they were as a lure for rats. Surprisingly they found that a small amount of bait worked considerably better than larger amounts of bait. Recently they have been working on producing compounds that can give off a continuous smell of the compounds for up to 1 year. They have successfully produced a prototype to last 6 months. They have negotiated with an American manufacture to produce the lure at cost for the NZ market.



Walking Group



We meet each Monday at 10:30am weather permitting. Contact **Brian Cattermole** 386 2055 cattermole.brian@xtra.co.nz

Lunch Group

Meet every 4th Wednesday in the month at 12 noon. The November lunch will be on 27th November at **Rimutaka Prison**. The bus will leave the Railway Station at 10:45am and return at 2:00pm. The cost is \$40. Numbers are limited. If wish to attend please contact **Aldwyn** 971 8200 aldwyncockburn@gmail.com



Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday in December to:

Elizabeth Gillon	16 th	Les Maiden	16 th
Carol Colgate	20 th	John Christie	22 nd
Noeline Moon	30 th		

Happy birthday in January 2020 to:

Ann Harris	31 st
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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th February 2020 at Seatoun Bowling Club Dundas St, Seatoun at 10:00am.

Guest Speaker for February 2020

David Watt Area Co-ordinator at NZ Heritage

Xmas Thought for November

Is a kid who does not believe in Xmas a rebel without a Claus?