



# WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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## Report on the Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Membership 68 Attendance 37  
Apologies 9

President Chrissy welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance. Members were presented with an Easter egg and feijoas were available for free to take home.

### Annual Fees

Annual fees are now over-due. Payment can be made in cash at the May meeting or by internet banking to the bank account below.

### Bank Account Details

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



### Profile Speaker

President Chrissy told the meeting that she was born in Hastings but came to Wellington as a 1 year old, attended Kilbirnie School, and Queen Margaret College. She trained as a nurse for 2 years at Wellington Hospital but left to marry. Later jobs included working in a hairdresser, a florist, as a cleaner, a cook in rest homes, in a hospice, and 11 years as a volunteer in Ronald McDonald house family room in charge of 50 volunteers.

### Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month. The next cinema outing will be Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

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### PRESIDENT

Chrissy Gall

### VICE PRESIDENT

Vacant

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### Club Micro Website:

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



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

Club Email Address: [wellingtoneasternsuburbsm@probusclubs.com.au](mailto:wellingtoneasternsuburbsm@probusclubs.com.au)

## 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

Annual Subs now due



### **Legal Stuff**

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Probus Club members  
only and is not to be used  
for any other purpose*

### **Guest Speaker**

Guest speaker Abbas Nazari gave a fascinating account of his journey from Afghanistan to NZ. He started by giving a brief history of the central highlands of Afghanistan and the village in the Bamiyan area at 2500 metres above sea level where he lived as a child. It is a very scenic area of harsh climate. After the departure of The Russians in 1989 and the civil war that followed, the Taliban took control and persecuted minorities. By 2001 half the village had left and Abbas's parents decided it was time to leave with their 5 children. They spent 5 days hidden in trucks to reach Pakistan and move into a refugee camp. The family then used forged passports to fly to Jakarta. After paying people smugglers they ended up on a dilapidated, rotting fishing boat called the 'Palapa' that was to take them to Easter Island. After the first day the engine broke down and they survived an overnight storm before the Norwegian freighter 'Tampa' rescued the 438 refugees and eventually took them to the Australian 'processing camp' in Nauru. From there the family was accepted as refugees in NZ and were settled in Christchurch. Abbas had his book 'After the Tampa', which details his journey from Afghanistan and life in NZ, for sale at the meeting.

### **Walking Group**

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

### **Birthday Wishes**

Happy birthday in May to:

Bruce Gall	1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Chik	13 <sup>th</sup>
Jill Stanley	16 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanene Barnard	17 <sup>th</sup>
Hilda Steadman	19 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Cattermole	28 <sup>th</sup>



### **Lunch Group**

The lunch group meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The next lunch will be at **Archiboldi** 24 Dundas St, Seatoun on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon.



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Bookings essential

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at Seatoun Bowling Club Dundas St, Seatoun at 10:00am.

### **Guest Speaker**

Guest speaker for May is Luke Malpass – Political Editor for the Dominion Post.

### **Thought for April**

A wise man once said – nothing - he just listened.