



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

14th February 2023

NEWSLETTER 249

Report on Meeting held on 8th February

Membership	68	Attendance	44
Apologies	10	Visitors	2
New Members	1		

Marie was in the chair and welcomed members, visitors and new member to the first meeting of the year.

New Member

A warm welcome to new member Kathy Gatfield.

Committee

The committee has booked Wednesday 13th December for an evening Xmas dinner at The Pines. It has been decided that there will be no band and music will be provided via internet and speakers.

Like all clubs throughout NZ and indeed the World, membership is falling and it is difficult to get willing committee members. The club has several recruiting initiatives including a recent advert in the local Eastern Suburbs community newsletter 'Panui – Te Motu Kairangi'.

Chrissy has kindly agreed to take on the task of providing morning tea.

Annual Subs

Due to increase operating costs and capitation fee for Probuss Head Office the 2023 annual subs will increase to \$40. Subs are due by the March annual meeting and can be paid by internet banking to the club bank account below or by cash at the meetings.

Bank Account

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

Club Micro Website:

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



Click the above to access the website.

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Guest Speakers

Almoner

Jean Glen

THE CLUB MEETS

2nd WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH
10:00AM

SEATOUN BOWLING
CLUB

DUNDAS ST
SEATOUN

Guests Welcome

Annual fees \$40

Monthly morning
tea fee \$5

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Walking Group

Lunch Group

Cinema Group

Apple & iPad Group

Coffee Group

GUEST SPEAKER

Associate Professor Alistair Maxwell from Victoria University specializing in Russian history gave a lively and fascinating account of the justification Vladimir Putin used in his speech of 23rd February 2022 to invade Ukraine.

Putin has chosen to revert to 19th century history to try to prove that Ukraine is a part of Russia, completely ignoring 20th century history. Alistair covered the 20th century history of Ukraine and USSR including the revolution and WW2 to show that Ukraine has a historical right to independence with the exception of Crimea which was gifted to them as a birthday present from Khrushchev. The referendum held in Ukraine was 92.5% in favour of independence.

He was unwilling to predict the outcome of the war in Ukraine but finished by saying that revolutions tend to be unexpected.

Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1st Tuesday in the month. The next cinema outing will be Tuesday 7th March

Contact: **Jennifer Jenner**

jenniferjenner@xtra.co.nz 473 2857

February movie was The Fabelmans at the Penthouse Brooklyn.

Walking Group



The walking group meet each Monday at 10:30am weather permitting. The walk is approximately 1 hour followed by coffee and a chat at a convenient café. Starting venue advised by email on Saturday evening prior to the Monday walk. Recent walks included walking from Courtenay Place across the wharves, and from Island Bay an out and back to Owhiro Bay.

Contact Brian Cattermole 386 2055 cattermole.brian@xtra.co.nz

Apple Computer & iPad Group

Meet after monthly Probus meetings second Wednesday of each month at Deryk's place. Contact **Deryk McNamara 388 8805**

The group started as an iPad group but has evolved into an iPhone/Apple Macintosh/General technology group.

This month the group discussed passwords and phishing, QR codes (quick response), facial recognition on iPhones and making payments using payWave.

Android Group

We have had one or two enquiries from members wishing to learn more about their android phones. To start a group, we require a venue and leader. Any ideas?





NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Meeting 8th March.

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Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every 4th Wednesday of the month. The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 22nd February at The Park Kitchen, Park Road, Miramar.



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Bookings essential

Please contact: **Chrissy Gall 388 6786**

chrissyvolgagall@gmail.com

Coffee Group

The coffee group meet every Friday and Sunday at 2:30pm at The Park Kitchen, Park Road, Miramar. All members are welcome – just turn up.

Outings

Once again Combined Probus have asked whether our members are interested in joining them in a bus trip to make up the numbers. They propose organizing a bus trip to Southward Car Museum with lunch – venue to be advised – on **Wednesday 29th March**. Cost expected to be \$60 - \$65 which includes entry to the car museum, lunch and bus. Confirmation and payment will be required 1st week of March.

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday in March to:

Annette Barnes	5 th	Gordon Powell	7 th
Betty McArthur	20 th	Marie Pearce	29 th



Almoner

If you are aware of any members who are suffering ill-health, please contact our almoner. **Jean Glen 934 8107** johnjean4425@gmail.com

Next Meeting

The next meeting which will include the annual meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th March at Seatoun Bowling Club Dundas St, Seatoun at 10:00am.

Annual Meeting

Wednesday 8th March. We would welcome new committee members. We are currently 2 committee members short of our allowable 10 members. New committee members and new ideas are essential for the continuation of an active and vibrant club.

Guest Speaker for March

The guest speaker for March is Antony Gomez from the Royal Astronomical Society of NZ who will speak about 'Our Place in the Universe'.

Thought for February

Some people who have more money than sense do not have much money.

