



# WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

12<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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## Report on Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April

Membership	70	Attendance	45
Apologies	11	Visitors	2

President Marie chaired the meeting and welcomed members and visitors, Helen Grant-Taylor and Gillian Chitty.

Marie reported on the committee meeting held prior to the main meeting. Two outings have been planned – a visit to a boutique beer and wine tasting venue and the dress rehearsal of the NZ School of Dance has been booked for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. More information to follow.

### Profile Speakers

There was no profile speaker for the meeting. Marie encouraged members to volunteer to give a 10 minute profile talk. We all have a story to tell and our ‘technical whizz’ Peter has offered to convert photos or other supporting information to a USB stick to be shown on the clubroom’s TV screen to help make the talk easier.

### Annual Subs

A big thank you to all members who have paid their sub. For those who have yet to pay may we ask that you pay as soon as possible. We are due to pay the capitation fee to Probus South Pacific and provide an updated membership list. We must pay the capitation fee for all members on the list and therefore need subs from all to cover the cost.

### Bank Account

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

### Club Micro Website:

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



Click the above to access the website.

### Club Email Address:

#### PRESIDENT

Marie Pearce

#### VICE PRESIDENT

Simon Reynolds

#### COMMITTEE

Annette Barnes

Secretary

Brian Cattermole

Newsletter Editor

Peter Chik

Finance

Chrissy Gall

Morning Tea

June Inkpen

Margaret  
Macpherson

Deryk McNamara

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**

Scheduled guest speaker **Rob Wilson** from Ghost Diving was taken ill with the flu at the '11<sup>th</sup> hour' but our thanks to Derek for finding a 'last minute' replacement.

**Andrew Stewart** is also a member of Ghost Divers as well as Assistant Curator of Fisheries at Te Papa. Consequently, we were entertained with a talk on the work of Ghost Divers and shown images of some of the fascinating creatures that live in our harbour. Ghost Divers was started in the Netherlands with the aim of removing discarded and lost fishing gear in the oceans. Wellington currently has the only team in NZ. They are all volunteers and must complete extensive training before becoming part of the team. It is all funded by donations and grants. The group consists of scuba divers, free divers, kayakers, shore searchers, and a shore team who search through all the rubbish collected out of the harbour and save any of the creatures found living within it.

Some of the statistics that Andrew provided are staggering and gave an indication just how polluted our harbour is. The record is 8 tonnes of rubbish recovered in one clean up, and rubbish recovered includes, phones, computers, microwave ovens, bottles, cans, glassware, car and truck tyres, 6 toilets, motor scooters, illegal long line fishing nets, crayfish pots, shopping trolleys (28 found in one clean up), and since 2019, 113 'e-scooters'. The team is not looking forward to the introduction of public 'e-bikes'. They did a clean-up in Milford Sound and recovered 1 tonne of batteries from the sound – one of NZ's top tourist attractions. They also recovered 2 live WW2 cannon shells from Shelly Bay. Apart from their work recovering rubbish from the oceans they are trying to educate mainly the young on the consequences of discarding rubbish in the sea.

**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 a visit to Eastbourne and whilst the ferry crossing was a little choppy the bus ride back to Wellington was much rougher.

Contact Brian Cattermole 386 2055 [cattermole.brian@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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.

At the April meeting the group discussed digital cookies and how they are used to establish a profile of the user. It is both helpful and maybe disturbing to know how much data about you is known by companies, advertisers, booking agencies, news

media etc. For example: Netflix knows what your tastes are in movies, and comes up with suggestions for further viewing.



### Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month. The next cinema outing will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Contact: **Jennifer Jenner**

[jenniferjenner@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jenniferjenner@xtra.co.nz) 473 2857

April movie was 'Living' at Light House Cuba on Wigan St.

### Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon at Muthus Malaysian Restaurant 504 Broadway Strathmore Park.

Bookings essential

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### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next meeting  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
at Seatoun Bowling  
Club

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### 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.

### Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday in May to:

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>		



### Almoner

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

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

### Guest Speaker for May

**Dawn Saunders** from the Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ who will speak about the Globe Theatre in London and the influence of Shakespeare and his use of the English language in our daily lives.

### Thought for April

If you give some people an inch, they think they are a ruler.

