



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

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NEWSLETTER 253

Report on Meeting held on 12th July

Membership	69	Attendance	41
Apologies	13		

President Marie chaired the meeting and welcomed members.

Marie reported on the committee meeting held prior to the main meeting.

In the absence of a profile speaker Derek read an amusing article on why the size of the boosters on the American rockets sending space craft into orbit are based on the width of a horse's backside.

Membership

A warm welcome to new member Sharyn Gallagher.

Outings

It is still not too late visit add your name to the visit to the School of Ballet on Wednesday 20th September at 1:30pm. The cost is \$5 koha and members will be given a tour of the school and afternoon tea. If you have not added your name to the list, and wish to attend, please contact Annette 381 2955.

The proposed visit to Double Vision has fallen through. In its place June has booked high tea at the Cordon Bleu, 52 Cuba St, Wellington on Friday 25th August at 2:30pm. The cost will be between \$39 - \$45. Spaces are limited to 20 members. If you wish to attend and did not put you name on the list at the meeting, please contact June 388 9168 jinkpen@gmail.com

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THE CLUB MEETS

2nd WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH
10:00AM

SEATOUN BOWLING
CLUB

DUNDAS ST
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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 John Macalister of Victoria University applied linguistics gave a talk on 'public memory' rather than private memory. He used the Wellington cenotaph and Pekeahu park as examples of how the public view these memorials and the memories that they invoke. The cenotaph is a memorial to WW1 which was added to after WW2 and with its 2 lions and Pegasus like horse on the top gives the evocations of the Empire and war is noble. There is an absence of death, or the horrors of war on the monument and it is monolingual and monocultural. A recent addition is a line of pounamu cemented into the pavement indicating the course of the stream below.

The Pekeahu memorial by comparison is a more modern design and has closer ties to Australia with its red sandstone and gum trees. The wording on the memorial is bilingual and bicultural and is designed to be educational, with the site to be visited and used. It is a deliberate expression of national identity. There are signs that the walls and paved area have been used by skateboarders. There are 9 photos on the building nearby, but there is till the absence of death and the horrors of war.

Professor Macalister gave examples of overseas memorials and artwork which have 'prescriptive forgetting' and 'humiliating silence' overlooking some of the events which took place.

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.

Rain continues to interrupt our Mondays but recently we walked the path from Linden station to Takapu Road station.

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.





Cinema Group

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

Contact: **Jennifer Jenner**

jenniferjenner@xtra.co.nz 473 2857

July movie was 'You Hurt my Feelings' at the Lighthouse Cuba.



NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

High Tea at Cordon Bleu, 25 Cuba St, at 2:30pm Friday 25th August

Lunch Group



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Lunch Time

The lunch group meet every 4th Wednesday of the month. The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 26th July at La Bella Italia, 10 Nevis St, Petone at 12 noon.

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.

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday in August to:

Carol Couchman	9 th	Deryk McNamara	12 th
Marie Woods	19 th	Roger Bullock	26 th
Anne Jenkin	26 th	Esmar Erb	27 th



Legal Stuff

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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 will be held on Wednesday 9th August.

Guest Speaker for July

Dr Philip Stevens Productivity Commission's Director, Economic and Research. He has a Doctorate in Economics from the University of Oxford. He will be talking about his life titled 'Guitars, Economics and how to make a toaster.'

Thought for July

A gossip is a person with a good sense of rumour.

