



# WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

15<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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## Report on Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August

Membership	69	Attendance	33
Apologies	9	Visitors	1

President Marie chaired the meeting and welcomed members, visitors and new members.

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

### PRESIDENT

Marie Pearce

### VICE PRESIDENT

Vacant

### COMMITTEE

Annette Barnes

Secretary

Brian Cattermole

Newsletter Editor

Peter Chik

Finance

Chrissy Gall

Morning Tea

June Inkpen

Margaret  
Macpherson

Deryk McNamara

Guest Speakers

Simon Reynolds

Almoner

Jean Glen

## Membership

A warm welcome to new members Jim and Jan McGuiness.

## Outings

It is still not too late to add your name to the visit to the School of Ballet on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

June requested that members attending the high tea at the Cordon Bleu, 52 Cuba St, Wellington on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 2:30pm arrive by 2:15pm.

## Xmas Party

Once again, our end of year party will be held at The Pines on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Put it in your diary – Margaret will be providing more information soon.

## 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:

[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

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

**Dr Philip Stevens** is Productivity Commission's Director, Economics and Research and has previously worked at the Ministry of Education and MBIE. He gave a very humorous account of his career. The son of a baker, after leaving school he worked in a toy warehouse stacking shelves. His interest in economics began when he found a second-hand book 'Nature and Causes of Wealth of Nations' by Adam Smith written in the 1700's. A series of 'being in the right place at the right time' resulted in him attending Leeds University and later attaining a doctorate at Oxford. While at university he played in a heavy metal rock band named 'Dearly Beheaded', made several records and toured Europe. During their tour of Europe Philip studied in the morning in their tour bus for his doctorate at Oxford.

After attaining his doctorate, he worked at the Intervention Board which was responsible for implementing the policies of the common agricultural policies designed to maintain farm prices but which led to huge farm surpluses. These surpluses were given away to schools and charity organizations. An example of intervention in the economy gone wrong.

He finished his talk by relating the story of Thomas Thwaites, who in 2008, attempted to build a toaster. There are about 400 parts in a toaster and can be bought for under \$100.

Thwaites took 2 years to obtain all the necessary parts and build his toaster. On his first attempt

to use his toaster, it started melting within 5 seconds, but he called the experiment a partial success. The lesson is that it takes a nation to build a toaster.



## 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 from the corner of Hornsey Road and Houghton Bay Road down the hill and around the coast to Island Bay for coffee.

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.



## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

### Legal Stuff

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## Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month. The next cinema outing will be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Contact: **Jennifer Jenner**

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



## Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch will be held on

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at Arcimboldi, 24 Dundas St, Seatoun at 12 noon.

Bookings essential

Please contact: **Chrissy Gall 388 6786**

[chrissyolgagall@gmail.com](mailto:chrissyolgagall@gmail.com)



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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 September to:

John Jenner	9 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Mc Namara	16 <sup>th</sup>
Robin Lindsay	19 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Raven	21 <sup>st</sup>
Tony Sutcliffe	21 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Reynolds	22 <sup>nd</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 13<sup>th</sup> September

## Guest Speaker for September

**Dan Henry** who will speak about a predator-free Miramar Peninsular. He also produces the long-running TV programme 'Country Calendar'.

## Thought for August

It is easier to find a fault than to lose one.

