



# WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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## Report on Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September

Membership	71	Attendance	50
Apologies	6	Visitors	1

President Marie chaired the meeting and welcomed members.

### Outings



June reported on the visit to high tea at Cordon Bleu. 17 members attended and was enjoyed by all but it was felt that there was too much sweet food and too few savouries.

It was also disappointing that they had run out of English Breakfast tea leaving only coffee and herbal teas available.

Annette reminded members of the visit to the ballet school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 1:30pm. A koha of \$5 to be paid.

### Xmas Party

Margaret spoke of our end of year party which will be held at The Pines on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. The cost is \$50 plus \$5 for those wishing to use the shuttle buses provided. We need a minimum of 50 people to cover the cost of the evening.

### 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.

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Marie Pearce

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Vacant

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Guest Speakers

Simon Reynolds

Almoner

Jean Glen

## THE CLUB MEETS

2nd WEDNESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH  
10:00AM

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CLUB

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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

**Dan Henry** was a founding member of Predator Free Miramar started in 2017 to rid the peninsular of rats and mice. He is also the voice and producer of the long running TV programme 'Country Calendar'.

He began his talk with the history and work of Predator Free Miramar. In 2017 the goal was to have 1500 traps on private properties on the peninsular to trap rats and mice. The trapping programme proved very successful until Covid arrived and with traps not being checked regularly, rat numbers began to climb again. After Covid, Predator Free Miramar and Predator Free NZ joined forces resulting in the laying of 4500 bait stations, and 3000 traps. As a result, over 6000 rats have been caught. New technology has been introduced, rat dogs are being used, and cameras installed around the peninsular to monitor and locate rats in isolated areas. This has resulted in a better understanding of rat movements and habits such as the ship rat spending much of their time in trees. It was also discovered that rats travel much further than was commonly thought.

Today there is just isolated pockets totalling 47 hectares left to clear of rats. The results can be seen with the return of native bird life such as the kakariki, tui, wax eye, fantail, and even a kaka has been sighted on the peninsular. The peninsular will need constant vigilance to ensure it remains predator free.

Dan also spoke of his work and the success of 'Country Calendar'. He has been a free-lance TV producer for 24 years, directly produces about 2 or 3 of the programmes per year plus narrating all of them. It takes 5 – 6 days to film one half hour programme. He explained how and what they look for in producing an episode. He believes that the success of the programme is because it is authentic, non-celebrity, nostalgic, aspirational, is connected to the land and has positivity.

## 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 recent walks included from Paramata to Plimmerton.

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

Xmas Party at The pines Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October

The September movie was 'The Miracle Club' at the Penthouse Brooklyn.

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 27<sup>th</sup> September at Blend, Tauhinu Road, Miramar, at 12 noon.



Lunch Time

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Bookings essential

Please contact: **Chrissy Gall 388 6786**

[chrissyolgagall@gmail.com](mailto:chrissyolgagall@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 October to:

Elaine Craig	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robin Andrews	7 <sup>th</sup>
Chrissy Gapp	14 <sup>th</sup>	Denis O'Brien	17 <sup>th</sup>
Margaret Davis	19 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Timmins	20 <sup>th</sup>
Anna Williams	23 <sup>rd</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 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. **NB.** Because of the guest speaker the format for the meeting will be different from the norm.

Morning tea will commence immediately after notices at about 10:05am. The guest speaker/demonstration will commence at 10:30am and be 1 ½ hours long.

## Guest Speaker for October

'Operational Heartbeat' which is a demonstration and presentation by the Wellington Free Ambulance about how to cope in the event of a heart attack on yourself or someone close to you.

## Thought for September

The difference between gossip and news depends on whether you hear it or tell it.

