



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

14th November 2023

NEWSLETTER 257

Report on Meeting held on 8th November

Membership	70	Attendance	35
Apologies	13		

President Marie chaired the meeting, welcomed members and reported on the committee meeting held before the main meeting.

Committee

November meeting was the last for the year and your committee is already looking towards 2024. We are looking for 'new blood' on the committee. Please give consideration joining the committee in 2024.

Profile Speaker

In the absence of a profile speaker Annette presented an 'item of interest' – a special piece of artwork made by her Hawaiian/Japanese son-in-law and Marie showed her cap full of rugby badges collected from the 'golden oldies rugby' tournament in Adelaide.

Xmas Party

In the absence of Margaret, June reported on the numbers of members who had signed up and paid for the Xmas party at The Pines on Wednesday 13th December at 6pm. We still require further numbers to make up the minimum requirement. If you have not added your name to the list and wish to attend, please contact **Margaret Davis 021655011** davisnz@globe.net.nz The cost is \$50 plus \$5 for those wishing to use the shuttle buses provided. Members are welcome to bring a friend to help make up the numbers.

Bank Account

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

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



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Morning Tea

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Guest Speakers

Simon Reynolds

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 SPEAKERS

Laurence Reece and **Leonard Sakofsky** (known as 'Larry and Lenny') are percussion players in the NZ Symphony Orchestra. Both Larry and Lenny are NZ naturalised Americans. They explained that percussion is basically the noise created by hitting one object against another – such as clapping hands. The range of instruments in the percussion section of the orchestra can be extensive. Originally the drum was used in war to direct troops in battle before it was introduced into music. Since then, gongs, bells, triangles, cymbals, tambourines, and many other instruments from cultures around the World have been included in orchestral music. The instruments and playing technics continue to evolve. One example given, was that the orchestra currently has about 20 different triangles. They related an amusing story of a 2008 visit to a very basic Chinese forge to have a gong produced to a certain pitch. The master craftsman produced their exact requirement at a very cheap price.



The percussion section of the orchestra has far more discretion than the rest of the orchestra. They are requested to produce a particular sound and often it is over to them to choose the best instrument and method of playing to produce the desired effect. At times this requires innovative thinking. Some of the more unusual percussion instruments they have used are a plastic bag of walnut shells, donkey jaw bone (to rattle the teeth), blocks of sandpaper rubbed together.

Whilst most members of the orchestra own their own instruments, the range of percussion instruments is so vast that they are owned by the orchestra, hired or borrowed. A hazard of being in the percussion section is the loss of hearing from the noise. They have special earplugs which muffles the worst of the sound but allows them to hear the music. The percussion section members have yearly hearing checks, but despite the precautions, inevitably there is some hearing loss.

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.

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.



NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Xmas Party at The pines Wednesday 13th December at 6pm.

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Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1st Tuesday in the month. The next cinema outing will be Tuesday 5th December



Contact: **Jennifer Jenner**

jenniferjenner@xtra.co.nz 473 2857

Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 22nd November at 12 noon at Acimboldi, 24 Dundas St, Seatoun.



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Bookings essential

Please contact: **Chrissy Gall 388 6786**

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 December to:

Kathy Gatfield	15 th	Elizabeth Gillon	16 th
Les Maiden	16 th	John Christie	22 nd
Noeline Moon	30 th		



Happy birthday in January to:

Malcolm Woods	14 th	Ann Harris	31 st
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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 14th February 2024

Guest Speakers

Deryk and his team have a diverse and interesting array of speakers lined up for the 2024 Probus year.

Thought for November

No matter what goes wrong – there is always someone who knew it would.

