



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

20TH February 2024

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Report on Meeting held on 14th February

Membership	68	Attendance	45
Apologies	10	Visitors	3

President Marie chaired the meeting, welcomed members and visitors, Shirley Blackie, Petra Spearman, and Ngaire Norton.

Jean called for a minute's silence in memory of the passing of Members Meg Powell, and Margaret McPherson.

Profile Speaker

Deryk and Jan McNamara have reached the remarkable milestone of 65 years of marriage. Along with photos they gave a talk on their early years including the time they spent in England and Europe. To mark the occasion, they paid for the morning tea, as usual provided by Chrissy and of course coffee and tea server, Bob. I was informed by a little bird from the golf course of another remarkable achievement. After many, many rounds of golf and countless number of strokes, Deryk recently achieved a hole in one.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held in conjunction with our normal monthly meeting on 13th March at 10am. We currently have a vacancy for Vice President and committee member.

Annual Subs

Annual subs \$40 are now due. Pay by cash or by internet banking direct into the club account below. Please ensure your name is included with direct payments.

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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PRESIDENT

Marie Pearce

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Vacant

COMMITTEE

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Morning Tea

June Inkpen

Deryk McNamara

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 SPEAKER

Richard Stubbs, retired surgeon spent years researching cancer cures in his own laboratory. He is now partner and Managing Director of P3 Research, a leading and respected clinical trials company. Richard explained that there are about 20 or so major pharmaceutical companies but thousands of biotech companies with medical treatment ideas which they are hoping to take to market. The successful ones are taken over by the big pharmaceutical companies while many others fail. Successful drugs and treatments that come to the market are subject to rigorous and extremely costly international regulations, introduced in the 1990's. Prior to this there were many mishaps such as thalidomide. The cost of bringing a new drug to market can be as high as US\$1.5 billion.

There are 3 stages of testing drugs before approval and P3 Research is involved in the 3rd stage – clinical trials on humans. Richard explained the clinical trial process and the benefits and safeguards. NZ and Australia clinical trials are highly regarded around the World as quick and efficient. Australia has a distinct advantage over NZ through Government handouts and NZ companies continue to lobby NZ Government for a similar scheme.

Examples of clinical trials currently being carried out include combined flu/covid 19 vaccine.

Probus South Pacific History

2024 is the 50th Anniversary of the 1st Probus Club in Australasia. In 1974 the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast was formed, 2 years before the 1st club in Australia – Hunter's Hill, which was formed in 1976. The NZ management of PSP intend to produce a book, podcast, slideshow, video, articles and promotional items. Fortunately, John Christie along with the late Bill Roche produced a club history for our 30th anniversary in 2017 and we will submit an updated version for the book.



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.



Cinema Group

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

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 28th February at 12 noon at the Chocolate Fish,

Shelley Bay

Bookings essential

Please contact: **Chrissy Gall 388 6786**

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 March to:

Annette Barnes

5th

Gordon Powell

7th

Betty McArthur

20th

Marie Pearce

29th



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 13th March at 10am.

Guest Speakers

The guest speaker at our March meeting will be Tim Brown who is the Eastern Ward councillor on the Wellington City Council. He is also on the Wellington Water Committee.

Thought for February

Middle age is when a broad mind and narrow waist start changing place.

Sadie our cleaning lady



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