WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

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Report on Meeting held on 13th March

Membership	70	Attendance	39
Apologies	10		

President Marie sent her apologies and Brian chaired the meeting welcoming members.

New Members

A very warm welcome to new members Shirley Blackie and Ngaire Norton.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held in conjunction with the main meeting. Brian emphasised the need to elect new members to the committee and find a Vice President. We are very pleased that Elaine Chang agreed to fill one of the vacant committee positions. However, we have one committee member still not filled as well as the vacant Vice President position. The role of the Vice President is to fill in when the President is not available and move into the President role the following year. We need to elect a Vice President this year.

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.

Club Email Address:

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

Gabor Toth is the local history specialist at the Wellington City libraries. He began his talk explaining how his Hungarian parents had escaped the 1956 uprising by walking across a mined cabbage patch into Austria. As they missed out on a visa to USA, they decided to get as far away as possible from the cold war of Europe and come to NZ. On arriving in NZ, they were sent down to Invercargill and onto Riverton – a far cry from their native Budapest. Gabor was born in NZ and studied journalism at Victoria University. He worked at Radio Active, Radio NZ and WCC archives.

Gabor's talk was on food traditions over the years and the influence of different cultures as migrants from many parts of the World settled in NZ. It was a walk back in time to look at some of the iconic Wellington restaurants. He began with the English influence in the early part of the 20th century with tea rooms and boarding houses, moving onto commercial cafes serving standard fare such as sausages, steak, eggs and chips – The Green Parrot being an example.

In the 1960's the immigration of Europeans from Austria, Italy, Greece, Netherlands lead to a change of dining outlets. Mary Seddon, granddaughter of PM 'King Dick' Seddon was one of the first to open a restaurant offering French provincial fare along with live folk music, but closed in 1970 unable to get a liquor license to serve wine. Other restaurants such as the Settlement, Mt Cook Café soon followed. Then came the advent of 'fine dining' with restaurants such as The Tulip, Pierres, Orsinis, La Normandie, Upstairs Downstairs, The Couchman, Bacchus etc, but the 1987 financial crises brough an end to these restaurants. The big change in dining came with the introduction of reformed liquor laws in 1989 allowing the serving of liquor in restaurants. In recent years we have seen the rise of Asian restaurants, following immigration from those countries.

Walking Group

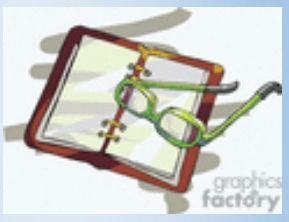
The walking group meet each Monday at 10:30am weather permitting. The walk is approximately 1 hour followed by coffee and a chat at a convenient café. Starting venue advised by email on Saturday evening prior to the Monday walk.

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.



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Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1st Tuesday in the month. The March film was 'May December' at the Lighthouse. The next cinema outing will be Tuesday 2nd April.

Contact: **Anne Morris**

anneimelda.morris@gmail.com 0272213901

Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 27th March at **Muthus**, 504 Broadway, Strathmore Park. **NB** This is a change from the restaurant advised at the meeting.

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 April to:

Ted Sheehan	4th	Ron McKenzie	27th
Aldwyn Cockburn	30th		

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 10th April at 10am.

Guest Speaker

April guest speaker, **Stuart Niven** will speak about Urban Design and what it has to offer Wellington in the current urban environment.

Thought for March

When a person is wrapped up in themselves, they make a very small parcel.