



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

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Report on Meeting held on 10th April 2024

Membership	70	Attendance	41
Apologies	10		

President Marie chaired the meeting and welcomed members. She pointed out that we still require one of our members to take on the important role of Vice President. We also need a member to become 'apprentice' to Deryk to learn and take over the role of finding guest speakers. These are two very important roles in the club and we cannot operate without filling these 2 positions.

Profile Speaker

In the absence of a profile speaker June gave a brief talk on a sheet signed, along with drawings of kiwis by her friends and family before she left the UK for NZ. Brian displayed a home-made family trophy for the family racing syndicate used as a means to fund an annual Xmas dinner. The trophy is for the couple who win the most money for the year.

Outings

We have a proposed outing to visit Government House in June or July (date to be confirmed). The guided tour takes about 2 hours and there is no charge. Our thanks to Annette and Anne Morris who have taken on the task of organizing the outing. Anyone who is interested and did not add their name to the list at the meeting please email. Annette annettenbarnes@gmail.com

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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Guest Speakers

Val Norrish

Simon Reynolds

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Jean Glen

THE CLUB MEETS

2nd WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH
10:00AM

SEATOUN BOWLING
CLUB

DUNDAS ST
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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

Stuart Niven trained as an architect before heading to the UK where he gained a Masters Degree in urban design. Following time spent working in New York on urban design, he returned to Wellington and went back to architecture, working with Ian Athfield. He described the 1990's as an exciting time for Wellington urban design. He became director of a small group who worked on the re-design of the Wellington waterfront, of which they are very proud. When he left Wellington for Melbourne in the late 1990's there were 70 different projects from the urban design group being worked on. Nearly all of the projects have now been completed.

In the late 1990's he went to Melbourne and worked in the urban design office which had a staff of about 25. Later he became the director of the state of Victoria urban n office. The Victoria State has a 12 principal urban charter as a guide for urban design. He gave design examples of good and bad in Victoria.

He described the public environment as anywhere you can walk and it should be a concern to us all how these areas are designed and used. If a place has no-one using it then it is just a space. Good design will attract people to use public spaces. On returning to NZ, he was involved with the development of the Auckland waterfront. The development till that time had been commercial oriented and the only place for the public to sit down or relax was where it cost money in cafes or bars. They developed public spaces for walking and cycling with kiosks and resting places where people could relax without spending money.

On returning to Wellington, he has been disappointed with the areas such as Civic Square. With the repairs and changes to the library, and other buildings, he describes the square as 'death by a thousand cuts.' He sees a lack of weeding, shoddy repairs and a lack of respect, leading to fewer people using the area. The proposal to demolish the sea bridge would be a disaster for the area.

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.

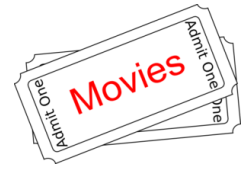
Contact Brian Cattermole 386 2055 cattermole.brian@xtra.co.nz

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 April film was 'The Great Escaper' at the Lighthouse. The next cinema outing will be Tuesday 7th May.

Contact: **Anne Morris**

anneimelda.morris@gmail.com

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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual subs \$40 are now due see bank account on page 1.

Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 24th April at Blend Bar & Bistro, 11 Tauhinu Rd, Miramar.



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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 May to:

Peter Chik	13 th	Jill Stanley	16 th
Jeanene Barnard	17 th	Hilda Steadman	19 th
Brian Cattermole	28 th		



Legal Stuff

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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 8th May at 10am.

Guest Speaker for May

In 1902 the S.S. Ventnor sank off Hokianga Harbour carrying the remains of nearly 500 Chinese miners being returned to their villages, Journalist **Mike White** will tell us the story.

Thought for April

A rose by any other name would still smell as sweet, but a chrysanthemum by any other name would be a lot easier to spell.

