



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

16th May 2024

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Report on Meeting held on 8th May 2024

Membership	68	Attendance	44
Apologies	10	Visitors	2

President Marie chaired the meeting and welcomed members and visitors. She acknowledged long time members Willie and Loretta Wong who have resigned and will be moving to Auckland.

Elaine spoke to members of the song and dance show 'Opportunities', held regularly in Lower Hutt. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Elaine 388 9135.

New Member

A warm welcome to new member Janet Cockburn.

Profile Speaker

In the absence of a profile speaker Elaine gave a talk on an eternity ring presented to her by her husband on her birthday inside a blown-up balloon.

Anne Jenkin gave a talk on her Scottish nursing badge with the symbol of a pelican and her NZ nursing badge.

Outings

An outing has been booked to Government House on Wednesday July 31st at 10am – 12 noon. Security requires us to confirm name and contact details of each visitor the day before the visit. We also have to provide details of how each member will arrive – by car or foot. Entrance is from the hospital end only and we all must wait until confirmation is given to enter. Wheelchairs are available. If you wish to attend and did not add your name to the list at the meeting please contact:

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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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Morning Tea

June Inkpen

Deryk McNamara

Guest Speakers

Val Norrish

Simon Reynolds

Almoner

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

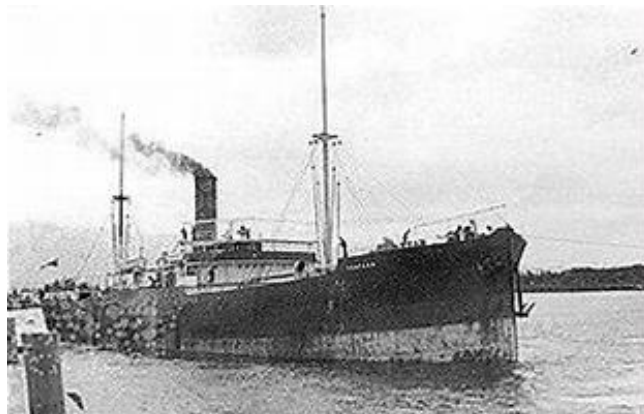
Cinema Group

Apple & iPad Group

Coffee Group

GUEST SPEAKER

Mike White is a NZ Post journalist with over 30 years of experience including working for various overseas newspapers. His talk on the SS Ventnor was entitled 'Hungry Ghosts'. In 1902 the SS Ventnor loaded coal from the West Coast to ship to Hong Kong. Also on board were the bodies of 499 Chinese miners disinterred to be returned to their villages of birth. After hitting a reef off the coast of New Plymouth the ship continued to try to sail around the top of NZ to Auckland for repairs. Steadily taking on water it sank off the Hokianga Harbour. Of the 40 crew, 13 died and some of the bodies of the Chinese miners washed off the ship onto shore to be buried by the local Maori.



In 2012 a local from Hokianga, John Albert had a premonition and decided that the remains of the Chinese miners should be located and returned to their homeland. Despite the great depth, professional divers located the wreck and brought up a few artifacts to verify that it was the SS Ventnor. This has caused great controversy and much debate, and bitter arguments ever since, with one side believing the wreck should remain undisturbed and the other believing that the remains of the miners should be returned to China. The debate has involved Heritage NZ, Chinese Associations, and many others. There is much false information and accusations in the arguments. The question remains where to from here? If the bodies were recovered, could they be identified, do their home villages still exist? The wreck is breaking up. If nothing is done will the bodies start washing ashore?

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 May film was 'Mad About The Boy' at the Lighthouse Cuba St. The next cinema outing will be Tuesday 4th June

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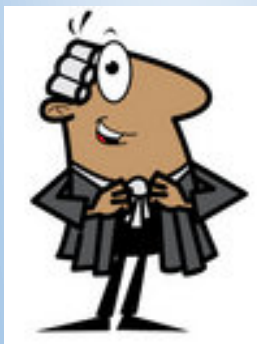


NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Visit to Government House Wednesday July 31st at 10am.

Legal Stuff

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Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at Polo Café, Cnr Rotheram Terrace and Para St., Miramar.



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Bookings essential

Please contact: Chrissy Gall 388 6786

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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 June to:

June Inkpen	3 rd	Karl Bale	6 th
Loretta Wong	11 th	Moyra Brennan	17 th
Janis McGuinness	19 th	Anne Morris	19 th



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 12th June at 10am.

Guest Speaker for June

Ann Schumacher the CEO of Dementia Wellington will talk on what is and what is not dementia and ideas for living well with it.

Thought for June

Most people get what they deserve but only those who are successful will admit it.

