



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

16th July 2024

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Report on Meeting held on 10th July 2024

Membership	68	Attendance	37
Apologies	10	New Members	1

President Marie chaired the meeting and welcomed members.

New Member

A warm welcome to new member Florence Snowden.

Profile Speaker

Brian gave a profile talk with photos including tramping on Stewart Island in his youth, and travel with Nancy in the 1980s/early 1990's to China, including climbing sacred mountains and visiting Tibet.

He advised members that with modern printers it is relatively easy to convert paper photographs to digital. If members have a story to tell with photographs we can assist with the technology and would love to hear your story.

Outings

Annette reminded members who are attending the visit to Government House on Wednesday 31st July to meet at the hospital end entrance by 10am. Security at Government House requires us to provide a list of names and details of those attending the day before the visit. It is important to inform Annette if your plans change.

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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

Sir Ron Young was appointed chairperson of the NZ Parole Board in August 2018. He has spent more than 27 years in the judiciary, 14 of those as a high court judge before he stepped down in 2015. He was Chief District Court Judge from 1993 until 2001, responsible for overseeing 112 judges, nationwide. His talk was on crime, punishment and parole.

He pointed out that it was the responsibility of the Parole Board to represent the community. A board consists of 5 or 6 people and includes psychologists/psychiatrists and 2 lay people. They will see about 7 or 8 prisoners per week day. The granting of parole is an inquisitorial process into risk assessment with the aim of keeping the community safe. What caused the offending, what were they doing in the weeks, days, hours leading up to the offending, what are the chances of reoffending? With the exception of one case, he has been involved in, board members have always made a unanimous decision.

He spoke of the problems of the prison system with a shortage of prison staff since Covid, leading to lack of rehabilitation programmes and prisoner lockdowns. The current prison population is 9500 and 39% of those are in gangs. 45% of the prisoners have not been convicted and are awaiting trial. 20% of those in prison on remand will be found not guilty. Remand prisoners can wait up to 600 to 700 days before trial.

NZ started the first youth court in the World and it has been a big success. In 1980 29% of the prison population were under 20 years old. Today that number has dropped to 1% and other countries are following our example and setting up youth courts.

Other statistics he quoted - 95% of the prison population are men, 5% women, the murder rate in the 1990's was almost twice what it is today, the average age of prisoners has increased due to longer sentences. Mental health is a major problem in our prisons.

He also spoke on the political influence on crime and punishment, and the lack of family and friends support for many offenders.

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 meeting will be 6th August

Contact: **Anne Morris**

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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 24th August at 12 noon at Chocolate Fish, 100 Shelley Bay Road, Shelley Bay.

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 August to:

Carol Couchman

9th

Deryk McNamara

12th

Marie Woods

19th

Roger Bullock

26th

Anne Jenkin

26th



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 August at 10am.

Guest Speaker for August

Leigh Catley who will speak about the climate change dilemma and where do we go from here in NZ.

Thought for July

It does not matter what you do, there is always someone who new you would.

