



# WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

NEWSLETTER 269

## Report on Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Membership	68	Attendance	39
Apologies	9	Visitors	1

President Marie chaired the meeting and welcomed members. A special welcome was extended to long time member and Past President Robin Andrews and guest, his speech therapist, Christine Gray.

### Guest Speaker Organizer

After many, many years of organizing our monthly meeting guest speaker, Derek is stepping down. We are grateful that he has filled this role for so many years. The committee is seeking someone to take over this very important task or even better 2 members working together. We receive suggestions for guest speakers from many sources including members and other Probus clubs. The main role of the guest speaker organizer is to liaise with the guest speaker and attend to their needs.

### Club Meetings

This was the final club meeting for the year. The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025. We will see many of our members at the Xmas party at the Pines on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. For those not attending the committee wish you a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Our thanks to Anne for keeping the attendance record during our absence.

### 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](mailto:wellingtoneasternsuburbsm@probusclubs.com.au)

#### PRESIDENT

Marie Pearce

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#### COMMITTEE

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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

Unfortunately, our guest speaker **Brett Newall** telephoned the night before the meeting to say that due to a family health emergency he was unable to present his address. After solving a few technical problems our treasurer **Peter Chik** was able to show photographs (some of the 115,000 he has on his phone) and talk on his recent visit to Auckland.

He explained how he visits SkyCity for cheap coffee, free newspaper and wi-fi to enable him to download the paper. He is impressed with the public transport service in Auckland which he used to visit past club member Brian Mulligan. Brian lives in the Somerset Monterey Retirement Village in Hobsonville. The interior reception area is like a cruise ship. They offer a range of activities and have in-house catering.

Peter also visited the Foundation Retirement Village in Parnell where club members Willie and Loretta Wong have bought a unit.

The complex is still under construction and will eventually be 5 stories high.

Other retirement villages Peter visited included the Northbrook Wynyard

Retirement Centre down by

the waterfront which includes its own private marina. Another, the Somerset St Johns has 225 units near completion. The cost of units in this high-tech Village range up to \$5,000,000 each.

## 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 0274500671 [cattermole.brian@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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.



"The village's oldest inhabitant?"

We did have one, but he died."



### Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month. The next cinema meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The November film was 'Here' at the Lighthouse Cuba St.

Contact: **Anne Morris**

[anneimelda.morris@gmail.com](mailto:anneimelda.morris@gmail.com)

**0272213901**

### Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon at the Chocolate Fish, 100 Shelly Bay Road.



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Bookings essential

**Please contact: Chrissy Gall 388 6786**

[chrissyolgagall@gmail.com](mailto: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 December to:

Kathy Gatfield	15 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Gibbon	16 <sup>th</sup>
Les Maiden	16 <sup>th</sup>	John Christie	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Noeline Moon	30 <sup>th</sup>		



Happy birthday in January to:

Malcolm Woods	14 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Harris	31 <sup>st</sup>
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### Xmas Party

We are please to report that we have had a very good response for our Xmas Party at the Pines on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and the committee looks forward to seeing you all there.

### Almoner

If you are aware of any members who are suffering ill-health, please contact our almoner. **Jean Glen 934 8107 [johnjean4425@gmail.com](mailto:johnjean4425@gmail.com)**

### Editor

My thanks to June for producing the newsletter during my absence. Even though she did a great job I have been unable to convince her to carry on with producing the newsletter.

### Guest Speakers for 2025

We already have a list of potential interesting and diverse guest speakers for 2025.

### Thought for November

Do people who use selfie sticks need to take a good, long look at themselves?

### NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Xmas party at the Pines at 6pm  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

#### Legal Stuff

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