



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

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Report on meeting held on 12th March 2025

Membership	61	Attendance	34
Apologies	8	Visitors	2

In the absence of President Marie, Annette presided over the meeting. Annette welcomed members and visitors Suzy Penny and Jim Boller to the meeting which included the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held in conjunction with the monthly meeting. Annette Barnes was elected President. The 2024 committee members agreed to stand for the 2025 year with Shirley Blackie being welcomed as an additional committee member. We now have a full committee but have a vacancy for Vice President. Treasurer Peter presented the annual financial report.

Annual Subs

The subs for 2025 remain the same at \$40. Subs are now due and can be paid by cash at our meeting or by internet banking to the club bank account below. We are due to pay our capitation fee to Probus South Pacific and require members to pay their sub to enable us to meet this obligation.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th April at 10am Seatoun Bowling Club, Dundas St, Seatoun.

Bank Account

Wellington Eastern Suburbs Probus Club – BNZ 02-0520-0153465-0

Club Micro Website:

<http://probussouthpacific.org/microsites/wellingtoneasternsuburbs>



Click the above to access the website.

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PRESIDENT

Annette Barnes

VICE PRESIDENT

Vacant

COMMITTEE

Shirley Blackie

Brian Cattermole

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Elaine Chang

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Finance

Chrissy Gall

Morning Tea

June Inkpen

Deryk McNamara

Guest Speakers

Val Norrish

Secretary

Marie Pearce

Immediate Past
President

Simon Reynolds

Almoner

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

Guest speaker **Gerald Dawson** is the Regional Chairman of the Wellington area for the Retirement Village Association. He moved to Malvina Major Retirement Village some years ago and has been very happy living there. Soon after moving in there were some issues with the village that the residents felt needed remedying and they formed a committee to put the issues to management. The end result was the formation of the Retirement Village Association which is now an incorporated organization funded by subscriptions with 13,000 members throughout NZ. The aim is to right the imbalance between retirement village residence and the Retirement Village Association which represents the owners.

The retirement village industry is \$110 billion industry with between 50,000 and 55,000 residents in NZ. This is expected to rise to 200,000 residents over the next few years. Retirement village owners sell 'the right to occupy'. The legislation covering retirement villages was enacted in 2003, is past its use by date and needs changes. RVA took a petition to parliament and have successfully lobbied governments to have the act reviewed. However, the current government have indicated that legislation will not be introduced during the current government term.

A review of the industry highlighted 3 areas of concern: complaints and disputes, chattels and fixtures and capital. There is no system in place to resolve disputes, some operators charge residence for repair and replacement of chattels, and the release of capital after the unit is no longer occupied can take many months. The RVA wish to have these problems rectified through legislation.

Gerald also discussed the viability of the current system. Village occupiers sell their house to fund their move to the retirement village. The cost of occupation in retirement villages has increased over the years while the value of houses has decreased making it more difficult to cover the cost of occupation. To date retirement village owners have not reduced prices. There has also been a decrease in the ownership of houses. There is currently 12% vacancy among the retirement villages.

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.

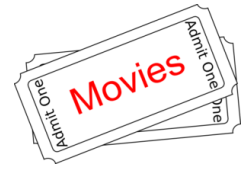
Contact Simon Reynolds 0278136950 simonofporirua@yahoo.co.nz

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 and technology group.



Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1st Tuesday in the month. The next film is Tuesday 1st April. The March film was 'Tina' at the Lighthouse Cuba.

Contact: **Anne Morris**

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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

2025 Subs are now due \$40

Legal Stuff

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Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch is on Wednesday 26th March at La Bella, 10 Nevis St, Petone



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Bookings essential

Please contact: **Chrissy Gall 388 6786**

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Lunch group at Fisherman's Table in February

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

Jenny Young

11th

Ron McKenzie

27th



Almoner

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

Guest Speaker for April

Vicki Thurkill is a vestibular physiotherapist and her subject is "Head over heels" – navigating the complexities of balance as we age.

Thought for March

If you can tell the difference between good advice and bad advice – you don't need advice.

