



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

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Report on meeting held on 14th May 2025

Membership	58	Attendance	34
Apologies	5	Visitors	2

President Annette welcomed members and visitors Lorna Nielson and Jeff Stedman to the meeting.

Annette welcomed the addition of Carol Couchman to the committee in the vacant position of Vice President. We are now pleased to advise that we have a full committee and all roles fulfilled.

Jean reported on the sad passing of member Karl Bale.

June read some of the entertaining poems of Dorothy Maiden.

Profile Speaker

Following the recent Myanmar earthquakes Brian gave a talk on a 10 day visit to the country in 1999 complete with photographs.



Bank Account

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

Club Micro Website:

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



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Morning Tea

June Inkpen

Deryk McNamara

Guest Speakers

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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 **Jane Keller**, singer, entertainer and music teacher told of her life and sung a few songs. She was born in Colombus, Ohio, has two younger sisters, and both of her parents were primary school teachers. Brought up in a musical family, she attended piano and viola lessons but hated it. It was in Junior High school that she found her love for singing. It was then that she had a great desire to become a Junior High School music teacher.

After graduating high school, she went to the very prestigious Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music near Cleveland but was homesick and transferred back to Ohio State University after one year. After beginning her teaching career, she quickly realized that teaching at Junior High School was not for her. She gave up after 2 years and started waiting tables at restaurants for a few years before returning to Graduate School. Around this time, she began performing in light opera such as Gilbert and Sullivan and met her future husband Dick at a singles party. Dick was a firm believer in the NZ non-nuclear policy and moved here on his own. Jane then explained their on – off relationship until she also moved to NZ to marry Dick in 1988, followed by the unexpected birth of their son.

In NZ she met with the well-known singing teacher Emily Mair, who helped her establish her own singing teacher studio in Courtenay Place, from where she continues to teach music.

She began performing one- woman shows and has appeared in a total of 6 shows but does not intend to perform in any more. The shows included relevant songs she sourced from the internet. The big surprise was the number of people who thought that the shows were a truthful presentation of her life.

Jane will continue to appear in shows and teach at her Courtenay Place studio.

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 3rd June. The May film was “The Penguin Lessons” at the Lighthouse Cuba st.

Contact: **Anne Morris**

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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

2025 Subs are now due \$40

Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch is on Wednesday 28th

May at Café Polo, 84 Rotherham St, Miramar at 12 noon.

Bookings essential

Please contact: Chrissy Gall 388 6786

chrissyolgall@gmail.com



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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	Moyra Breenan	17 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 11th June at 10am Seatoun Bowling Club, Dundas St, Seatoun.

Annual Subs

The subs for 2025 remain the same at \$40. Subs are now overdue and can be paid by cash at our meeting or by internet banking to the club bank account above.

Guest Speaker for June

Graeme Jupp has a wide knowledge of many of the World’s great sea-faring exploits. One of the most adventurous explorers was Ernest Shackleton. We will get an illustrated chronical of Shackleton’s transantarctic expedition 1914-17.

Thought for May

Experience is a comb that nature gives to men when they are bald.

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