

WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

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Newsletter 283

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Jean Glen

Almoner

Report on meeting held on 11th March

Club Membership	56	Attendance	23
Apologies	15		

President Annette welcomed members to the meeting. The annual meeting was held in conjunction with the meeting.

Annual Meeting

Marie Pearce kindly offered to take on the role of President for the 2026 year. The Vice President role remains vacant, and we urgently require a member to take this position. Annette has taken over the position of guest speakers. Deryk, Carol and Elaine resigned from the committee. Gillian Chitty, Ann Morris, and Hilda Steadman were elected as replacements.

Treasurer Peter reported a slight increase in funds for the year. Annette thanked various committee members and others who helped run the club during the 2025 year.

Financial

Annual subs \$40 are now due. Please pay by cash or internet banking. Morning tea \$5 – paid at the door

CLUB BANK ACCOUNT:

Wellington Eastern Suburbs: 02-0520-0153465-

CLUB MICRO WEBSITE:

<HTTP://PROBUSSOUTHPACIFIC.ORG/MICROSITES/WELLINGTONEASTERNSUBURBS>

Just click on the above link to access the website.

CLUB EMAIL ADDRESS:

wellingtoneasternsuburbsm@probusclubs.com.au

Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker **Lindsay Chitty** followed in his grandfather's footsteps and began collecting stamps at a young age. He has won awards for his collections in NZ and overseas and for many years, was President of the Royal Philatelic Society of NZ, and is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London. He considers himself custodian of his collections which should be displayed and shown.

His parents were farming in Waikaretu which is between Raglan and Port Waikato. There was a large Maori population in the area and when he began school there were only 3 European pupils. Having grown up among the Maori population he has a great interest in their history and culture.

He revived his interest in stamps after he left university. Over the years he has collected and researched various stamps on a variety of topics such as Japanese prisoner of war correspondence, Coat of Arms collection and its uses, and then sold the collections on. The display he brought for the meeting was on Maori culture and had received awards at exhibitions in Australia and NZ. It is in the 'open class' which includes many non-stamp items. It is set out historically beginning with such things as mythology, and includes such things as food, clothing, transport, etc.

Apart from various stamps relating anything to Maori, the display included Maori Council Franks which were postage free items for use by the Maori Councils, early postcards such as Treaty of Waitangi, folding postcards, pa sites, a framed huia feather, a small Maori adze used to strip flax, banknotes and coins, Mrs Purdon covers (envelops artistically adorned by the sender). The club is privileged to have had Lindsay take the time to set up this extensive and interesting display for our personal viewing.



He has a web site of his collections at: <https://lindsaychittyphilatelist.nz>

Almoner Report

Many members will be aware that Deryk has spent some time in hospital. We are pleased to report that he is now at home slowly recovering. Deryk has been a stalwart of the club, filling the guest speaker role for many years. We wish him well with his recovery and look forward to seeing him back at Probus in the not too distant future.

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday in April to:

Jenny Young	11 th	Jenny Barns	19 th
Ron Mackenzie	27 th		

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Walking Group



The walking group meet each Monday at 10:30am weather permitting. The walk is approximately 1 hour (about 4km) 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.com

Apple Computer & iPad Group

Meet after the monthly Probus meeting, second Wednesday of each month. The group started as an iPad group but has evolved into an iPhone and technology group.



Contact: **Peter Chik 0211870672** peter.chik@gmail.com

Cinema Group



The cinema group meet every 1st Tuesday in the month. The March film was 'Frackham Hall' at the Lighthouse Cuba.

Contact: **Anne Morris 0272213901**
anneimelda.morris@gmail.com

Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch is on 25th March at Park Kitchen, Park Road, Miramar
Bookings essential. Contact: **Chrissy Gall 388 6786**
chrissyolgagall@gmail.com



Coffee Group

Meet at Park Kitchen, Park Road Miramar at 2:30pm every Friday. All members welcome – just come along.

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 8th April at Seatoun Bowling club, Dundas St, Seatoun at 10am.

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker for April is **Lala Simpson** – singing without fear, singing for connection.

Thought for March

Winter is the season when we keep the house as hot as it was in summer when we complained about the heat.