

WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

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Report on meeting held on 10th June 2026

Club Membership	55	Attendance	36
Apologies	8		

President Marie welcomed members to the meeting.

A minute's silence was observed for Ted Sheehan who recently passed at the age of 102. Several of our club members attended the funeral held in Seatoun. Ted was a member of the club for many years.

Peter showed videos of the walking group on their recent walk from Karori to the Cabletop Eatery for coffee and other general videos.

Financial A reminder to members who have not paid their subs of \$40 that they are now due. Please pay by cash or internet banking. Morning tea \$5 – paid at the door.

CLUB BANK ACCOUNT:

Wellington Eastern Suburbs: 02-0520-0153465-00

CLUB MICRO WEBSITE:

[HTTP://PROBUSOUTHPACIFIC.ORG/MICROSITES/WELLINGTONEASTERNSUBURBS](http://probusouthpacific.org/microsites/wellingtoneasternsuburbs)

Just click on the above link to access the website.

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Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker **Dr Finnigan Illsey-Kemp** Senior Research Fellow at School of Geography, Environment & Earth Science is a researcher of the impacts of natural hazards such as volcanoes and earthquakes, and also geothermal energy production in support of NZ's transition to low-carbon economy. On this occasion he spoke of the impact of earthquakes and tsunamis in the Wellington area, but took questions on any of his specialist subjects. He began by explaining that NZ lies on the boundary of the Australian and Pacific tectonic plates with the Australian plate pushing over the Pacific plate. There are 3 main fault lines running the length of NZ, and many sub-faults. The main ones are, the Wairarapa fault line which is probably the most active and destructive and caused the 8.2 quake in 1855. This quake caused the biggest movement by a quake ever experienced in the World. He showed a photograph of a range of hills that moved 20cm north during the quake. The Ohuria fault line which is less active and last moved about 300 years ago and the Wellington fault line which ruptures about every 1000 years. The Wellington fault line runs from Cook Strait along the base of the Johnsonville and Western Hutt hills. When an earthquake occurs the rubbing of the rocks causes structural alteration in the rocks and this can be seen in several locations in the Wellington region such as Makara and in Zealandia where the lake was lowered.

Dr Finnigan then showed maps of Wellington with the areas where earthquakes would cause the most shaking. These areas were mainly on reclaimed land, the sites of old streams and wetland areas. He then spoke of tsunamis caused by earthquakes, explaining the destructive forces of tsunami waves compared to waves caused by storms. Where tsunamis are caused by overseas earthquakes NZ has time to issue warnings, but if it is caused by a NZ earthquake there is no time to issue general alerts. He showed a map of the areas of Wellington which would be worst affected by a tsunami. The areas affected were similar to the areas affected by an earthquake. In a worst case scenario some areas such as Kilbirnie, Rongotai could be completely enveloped in water from a tsunami coming in from Cook Strait over land to Evans Bay. He is concerned that NZ is complacent and not fully prepared for a major tsunami caused by a large earthquake particularly subterranean. He asked the questions – where do we go? - who tells us? - how do we get there? No alert would be issued by Government or local bodies. His advice is to head for higher ground if there is a large earthquake or if it lasts a long time. Go by foot or bike, roads could be damaged or gridlocked with traffic.

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday in July to:

Sita Bandaranayake 4th

Jean Henry 11th

Dorothy Bingham 15th

Bridget Page 9th

Shirley Blackie 13th

Tereska Knap 18th

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

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Cinema Group



The cinema group meet every 1st Tuesday in the month. The June film was 'The Sheep Detectives' at the Lighthouse Cuba. The next film will be on Tuesday 7th July.

Contact: Anne Morris

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anneimelda.morris@gmail.com

Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch is on Wednesday 24th June at 12 noon at Café Polo, 84 Rotherham Tce, 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 July at Seatoun Bowling club, Dundas St, Seatoun at 10am.

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker for July is **Amro Garnel**, from Kuwait and Egypt lecturer at Open Polytech of NZ will talk on cultural difference.

Thought for June

I can keep a secret – it's the people I tell it to who cannot.