

WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

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Report on meeting held on 14th October 2026

Club Membership	54	Attendance	27
Apologies	13		

President Marie welcomed members to the meeting.

Annette gave a talk on tramping trips that she has been on, including a night climb of Mt Taranaki to view the sunrise.

Obituaries

We sadly report the death of member Anne Jenkin and past members Dennis O'Brien and Eleni Geris. Our condolences to the families. Members of our club attended the funerals.

Xmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be held at the Brentwood Hotel, 16 Kemp St, Kilbirnie on Wednesday 9th December at 12 noon. The cost is \$60 with a bar available. Payment to be made by 20th November to the club bank account below or by cash at November meeting. To attend contact June at jinkpen@gmail.com

CLUB BANK ACCOUNT:

Wellington Eastern Suburbs: 02-0520-0153465-00

CLUB MICRO WEBSITE:

[HTTP://PROBUSSOUTHPACIFIC.ORG/MICROSITES/WELLINGTONEASTERNSUBURBS](http://PROBUSSOUTHPACIFIC.ORG/MICROSITES/WELLINGTONEASTERNSUBURBS)

Just click on the above link to access the website.

CLUB EMAIL ADDRESS:

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Guest Speaker

Guest speaker **Julie Anne Gentner** was born in Rochester, Minnesota, and grew up in Los Angeles, California. She spoke about her grandparents, who met in a sanatorium during the Second World War while her grandmother was being treated for tuberculosis. Although both sides of her family had experienced poverty, government policies enabled her parents to gain an education and enter the middle class. This family history strongly influenced her political views. She also described the stark divide between rich and poor that she witnessed in Los Angeles, where some people lived in cardboard boxes. Julie Anne attended the University of California, Berkeley, graduating with a degree in philosophy in 2003. While there, she lived in a housing co-operative established in the 1930s that accommodates more than 1,000 students. The students manage the houses themselves, including their maintenance. She observed that medium-sized houses functioned better than either small houses of about 17 residents or large houses of around 150. In 2005, at the age of 22, she moved to France, learned French, and completed a postgraduate certificate in International Political Studies at the Institut d'études politiques de Paris. She later moved to Auckland and gained a Master of Planning Practice from the University of Auckland in 2008. In 2006, Julie Anne began working as a transport planner, advising councils in both New Zealand and Australia. Her longstanding interest in the environment and affinity with Green Party policies led her to join the party, and in 2011 she entered Parliament as a list MP. In 2018, she gave birth to a son and attracted international attention after cycling to hospital for the birth. Like Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, she later addressed the United Nations with her baby present. As an MP, she has championed causes including equal pay and public transport. She is also proud that Wellington is the only city in the world where biodiversity is increasing.

In response to a question, she gave a detailed explanation of the South Coast sewage spill, its continuing consequences, and the current legal proceedings.

Guest Speaker Co-ordinator

We are seeking one club member—or, ideally, two members working together—to organise next year's guest speakers. This is an important role, as the guest speaker is a central part of each meeting. Responsibilities include inviting and liaising with speakers, confirming their attendance, and ensuring they have everything they need on the day.

Happy Birthday in November to:

Adrienne Sissons	6 th	Ana Knap	9 th
Jill Wilson	12 th	Jennifer Jenner	14 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.co.nz

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 next film will be on Tuesday 3rd November. The October movie was 'Verity' at Cuba Lighthouse.

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

Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch is on Wednesday 28th October at 12 noon at Strathmore Local, 3 Strathmore Ave, Strathmore Park.

Bookings essential. **Contact: Chrissy Gall 388 6786**



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 last meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 11th November at Seatoun Bowling club, Dundas St, Seatoun at 10am.

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker for November is **Vito Lo Lacono** Chief Executive of the Dorothy Spotswood Charity Hospital.

Thought for October

Do bankers get out of the industry because they lost interest?