

# NEWSLETTER

## May 2025



## Probuss Club Of Nelson City

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April brought with it two public holiday weekends in quick succession this year which TO ME, felt a little strange. For some being retired may mean that any one day or week is much the same as another. But, I feel that the holidays punctuate the year so that like the seasons of the year, weeks and months do vary.

Likewise our Probuss Club marks its own milestones and celebrations.

Two events on the programme are the **Mid-Year Luncheon on Thursday 26th June** (See Pg 3 for details) and the **Club's Birthday Meeting on Thursday 10 July**.

*Glenys Della Bosca*

### Meeting Speaker—8 May

#### Mini Speaker 8 May – Rose Biss

Member Rose Biss outlined a cycling holiday planned by Rose, Jack and Phil, in Switzerland, which went badly awry. Their cycling and camping route was to take them past Lake Geneva and down to the Mediterranean. Initially they took a train to the start of their route changing at Brig. At Furke Pass they took another train to the top of the Rhône Glacier, the source of the Rhône River. The Rhône Glacier has a famous ice tunnel, that is a popular tourist attraction. The tunnel displays the layers of the glacier that have been formed over many years. Next stop was Ernen, a charming mountain village which hosts an annual musical.

However, a pleasant ride was soon shattered when Rose miscalculated a road marking, crashing and badly damaging her jaw in particular. They were appreciative of the help given by two Americans. (Rose noted ruefully that the town visited before the accident was called Bitsch!) The police duly attended the accident and checked several times that she had not been drinking. After admission to hospital, x-rays and facial stitches she was discharged. The hospital asked for 200 euros for hospital administration and 5,000 euros for medical treatment. (As if she hadn't had enough pain already!)

On her daughter's advice Rose went on to get her jaw repaired in Singapore which placed her nearer to home and she spent the next 4 weeks there while she healed. Rose strongly recommended that international travellers follow her guidelines for a straightforward insurance settlement in the case of an accident or other emergency: -

Insurance policy

A reliable and up-to-date phone

Itinerary

Receipts and bank statements

The NZ Embassy may be able to help with advice

Know how to transfer funds while you are overseas

*And finally try to look on the Brightside!*

## **Guest Speaker—10 April 2025**

### **Mike Johnston, Consultant Geologist**

Mike showed us why Nelson area is susceptible to a variety of geohazards, including earthquakes, river flooding, coastal inundation, slope instability, and liquefaction. These hazards can cause significant damage to property and infrastructure and even pose a threat to life.

New Zealand was once part of the supercontinent Gondwana, breaking away around 85 million years ago.

Today the Nelson region contains a number of faults, eight of which are identified as active or potentially active including the Flaxmore, Waimea, Eighty-Eight, , Whangamoa, Bishopdale, and Hira faults. Hence, there is always the potential for us to be affected by earthquakes.

It was noted that there are power lines placed along a faultline which places the line in direct danger should a significant earthquake hit. Placement of such services takes note of these dangers now.

There is a range of forces at play in earthquakes in particular uplift and horizontal movement.

The Richter Scale measures the amount of energy released, while the Modified Mercalli Scale measures the energy felt in an earthquake. We are unable as yet to predict future earthquakes, and this is complicated by the number of cross faults in the district.

As we learned after the Christchurch earthquakes liquefaction occurs where there is lots of sand incorporated. The earthquake shaking causes water-saturated soil to temporarily lose

strength and behave like a liquid. This can lead to ground settlement, cracking, and damage to buildings and infrastructure.

Fortunately for Nelson, we have natural barriers such as the Boulder Bank and Rabbit Island. limiting the likely danger from Tsunamis to inundation.

This was a presentation with a lot of facts to understand and absorb and the audience appreciated the relevance and depth of the information presented.

## Mid Winter Lunch



Take a ticket in the raffle

62 Vickerman St, Port Nelson

12.30pm, Thursday 29 June.

**Be sure to book on the clipboard.**

Members will have already received the revised constitution so the motion being put to the June meeting agreed on by the Club Committee is:

**That the Probus Club of Nelson City adopt the revised 2025 Constitution of Probus South Pacific Ltd., and that this replace the Constitution adopted by Probus Club of Nelson City in 2016.**

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

### Leisure walking Group

Stephen Wynne-Jones has put his hand up to restart the Leisure walking group.

The May walk will be from the Café at the Tahunanui Holiday Park. The whole walk will be on flat, paved, hard surfaces. Walks are limited to no more than one hour and will go on the 4th Thursday of each month starting 22 May.

### Book Challenge Group

This group meets at the Honest Lawyer 10am on the first Thursday of the month. Queries to convenor Jane Evans email: [jane.evatech@gmail.com](mailto:jane.evatech@gmail.com)

### Scrabble Group

The Scrabble Group meets at 10am, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8 Chamberlain Street, Tahunanui. Convenor Rose Biss can be reached on Ph 021 0797 868.

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**Mainly Ukuleles** usually meets at Shone and Shirley 7-8.30pm each Tuesday. However the group is taking a 10 week break while Convenor Jan Gillanders is in Europe. This is a relaxed and fun group and is not limited to ukeleles. If you have a musical instrument gathering dust, bring it along! No costs apply. For further details please contact Secretary Chris or Editor Glenys while Jan is away.

## Chess Group

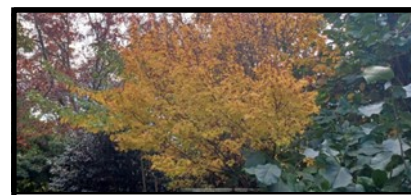
The next Meeting is on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.**

Michael will be away in Oz at the time and Ken Holmes has generously agreed to host this Meeting at **8A Titoki Street**. Ken's email address is [kennethkathleen8a@gmail.com](mailto:kennethkathleen8a@gmail.com) and it would be very helpful if you would let Ken know your plans for this Meeting. If you have a Chess Board it would be a good idea to bring it along.

## Cycling—Bob Gidlow, Convenor

**May 7** provided a sunny and near-windless morning for a ride. Perfect! Six of us - Tom, Steve, Bruce, Stephen, Jack and myself - assembled in Brightwater. Alas Bruce had battery problems and had to return to Nelson for repairs.

The rest of us undertook what was roughly a 24 km 'figure of eight' between Brightwater and Wakefield, as a top-dressing plane circled overhead for much of the time, (For those Probus City members with long memories, this was reminiscent of scenes in Alfred Hitchcock's 1959 movie, "North By Northwest" where the Cary Grant hero was pursued by a crop-duster plane, equipped with a machine gun.) The autumn colours (see photos), together with good company and an excellent refreshment stop, made this an enjoyable ride. *(To Page 5)*



### Earlier Tasman Ride took place on—April 24

Tom Veitch led the group on a 20 km ride in good weather (finally!) from Ruby Bay to Tasman and Kina Beach, with a coffee stop at the Garden House Cafe in Kina.

As there have been rumours, based on previous photos of our rides, that we don't actually ride at all but just drive to refreshment stops, carrying our biking gear, we took the precaution this time of taking an 'independent' photographer - Rose Biss - along. Thank you, Rose, for the excellent photos!



### Upcoming Club Outings :

- Friday 23 May 10.30am. Meet at Tahunanui Bowling Club for a fun introduction to the game of Bowls. No experience necessary, but flat shoes required. Cost \$10 covers use of bowls and instruction.  
Lunch to follow at the Nelson Golf Club
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. A real adventure. Travel by free bus from Nelson / Richmond to Mapua, lunch and return. To travel free you will need a Bee card. Now is the time to use your initiative and get this under way.

### Member Profile—John Crocker

A product of Dunedin, on leaving School John moved to Palmerston North, where he met his wife, Christine. Married in 1970, they moved to New Plymouth and then to Auckland, climbing the corporate ladder in the world of insurance



In 1976 he left the Corporate lifestyle and, together with Christine, started a Property Management business. This proved to be a successful venture. Over time the business developed into a full-service Real Estate and Property Management company, with a leaning towards Commercial property. Throughout this time John was heavily involved in Community activities, interest which continue to this day.

On selling their business interests, John and Christine moved to their beach house in Pohara “for a year.” 21 years later, in 2023, they moved to Richmond. During that time John became a business consultant, developing clients in NZ and Australia.

Aside from cricket, John enjoys his community involvement. Highlights have included five years as Chair of the Village Theatre in Takaka, and involvement in the development of the Integrated Health Facility in Golden Bay. Two families and five grandchildren based in

Auckland and Wellington are a great source of pride and pleasure.

John has travelled extensively and is fortunate to have visited many of the world's great galleries. His interests in art, architecture and food are a great combination for travel adventures.

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### **Did You Know???**

- You can leave and borrow books at the Golf Club's Book Exchange in the café?
  - You can purchase frozen meals prepared in the Golf Club's restaurant for the day when you simply do not want to cook?
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## **UPCOMING CLUB VISITS**

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

10.30am, Tahunanui Bowling Club, Tahunanui Drive.

Cost \$10 covers hire of bowls and tuition

Ever thought about trying Bowls? Absolutely no experience required. Just bring a positive attitude and flat shoes. Sneakers and similar are fine.

Lunch: Nelson Golf Club

### **Date to be Set**

Bus trip to Mapua, lunch and return. Route 5. Make use of your Gold Card. Get a Bee card and take the bus free. Leaves Nelson 11.28am, Richmond Interchange 11.50am. Returns from Mapua 1.34pm. A good test of initiative for some of us!

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Learn about Land Search and Rescue, Nelson. See the equipment they use and how it is applied in a practical way. Time: 10am (max 1 1/2hrs)

Location: Navy sea cadets -Talisman building. Address: 24 Harley Street, Nelson Parking: is limited and parking costs may apply so suggest you share a ride.

### **12 June Speaking Programme**

Guest Speakers— Chris Tuffnell and Bess Osborne

Topic: Mayan Magic & Spanish Splendour Plants & People



**NEXT Members' Meeting—10am, Thursday 12 June.**