



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

17th June 2025

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Report on meeting held on 11th June 2025

Membership	58	Attendance	33
Apologies	9	Visitors	3

President Annette welcomed members and visitor Jenny Barnes to the meeting. Jean reported that member Ted Shehan had a recent visit to hospital after a fall.

Walking Group

Simon and Elaine gave a report on the activities of the walking group and invited members to join.

Profile Speaker



Brian continued his talk on a 1999 visit to Myanmar including a ferry trip down the Irrawaddy River, the ruined ancient capital of Bagan, Mt Popa and Pindaya Cave.

Bank Account

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

Club Micro Website:

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



Click the above to access the website.

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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 **Graeme Jupp**, has had a long interest in maritime history and is the author of 'Titanic 366 Days'. His subject on this occasion was Shackleton's failed 1914 expedition to Antarctic. His talk along with photos taken by the ship's photographer Frank Hurley was very detailed and well researched.

Ernest Henry Shackleton had first visited Antarctic in 1901 with Scott, but it ended badly when he was sent home early with scurvy and other health problems. In 1913 he raised funds from Royal Geographical Society, Government and three wealthy sponsors Sir James Caird, Frank Docker and Janet Stancomb-Wills to attempt to cross Antarctic, Ross Sea to Weddell Sea, via the South Pole. Two ships the Aurora and the Endurance were used, with the former to go to McMurdo Sound to lay supply depots along the route. The Endurance was to take the crossing party to Vahsel Bay in the Weddell Sea. The Endurance left Plymouth on 8th August 1914, and Buenos Aires on 26th October. By 18th January 1914 the Endurance was beset by ice. After several attempts to break through the ice it became apparent that the crew would have to winter over.

After again attempting to break through the ice in September 1915 the ship became trapped in the ice and the crew salvaged all available stores and the life rafts. On the 21st November the ship sank beneath sea. After drifting on ice, the crew finally made it to Elephant Island more than 500 days since they had stood on solid ground. They set up camp and made one of the lifeboats as seaworthy as possible. On 26th April 1916 Shackleton along with navigator Frank Worlsey, carpenter Harry McNish and 2 others set sail for South Georgia arriving 16 days later. The 7 men still on Elephant Island were rescued by Shackleton in January 1917 just a few days before their meagre food supplies ran out.

Shackleton died of a heart attack on 5th January 1922 aged 48 at South Georgia and is buried on the island. On 5th March 2022 the wreck of the Endurance was located by robot and due to the cold waters of the Antarctic the timbers have not rotted away.

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.



NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Walking group meets every Monday weather permitting. If you are interested contact Simon Reynolds

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Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1st Tuesday in the month. The next film is Tuesday 3rd June. The June film was "The Salt Path" at the Lighthouse Cuba St.

Contact: **Anne Morris**

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Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch is on Wednesday 25th

June at Arcimboldi Café, 24 Dundas St, Seatoun at 12 noon.

Bookings essential

Please contact: Chrissy Gall 388 6786

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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 July to:

Sita Bandaranayake	4 th	Lynn Miles	5 th
Bridget Page	9 th	Jean Henry	11 th
Shirley Blackie	13 th	Dorothy Bingham	15 th
Tereska Knap	18 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 9th July 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 July

Dame Catherine Healy who heads the NZ Prostitutes Collective. She will tell us about her life.

Thought for June

Someone who smiles when things go wrong has probably thought of who they can blame it on.

