



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

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Report on meeting held on 11th July 2025

Membership	60	Attendance	32
Apologies	13		

President Annette welcomed members to the meeting.

New Members

A warm welcome to new members Jenny Barns and Suzie Penny.

Profile Speaker

Brian completed his talk on a 1999 visit to Myanmar, with the final destination of



Inle Lake and the annual Moon Festival where 4 Golden Buddhas are taken by Royal Barge around the villages accompanied by the local village boats.

Bank Account

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

Club Micro Website:

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



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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 **Dame Catherine Healy**, gave an interesting talk on her life and the NZ Sex Workers Collective. She was brought up and lived most of her life in Days Bay, attended Muritai Primary School, and Hutt Valley High School where she became a prefect. She then studied at Teachers' College, Victoria University and on graduating taught in schools in the Hutt Valley and Wellington for 9 years. Her interest in travel and the costs involved lead her to seek a second job on the weekends. Starting as receptionist at a massage parlour, where her job was to collect the money and 'knock on the door' after 30 minutes, lead her into the sex industry.

With the emergence of AIDS she became an advocate for sex workers health. In October 1987 the NZ Prostitutes Collective was formed and in 1988 they signed a contract with the Government to fund health care for the members. A new three-year contract has been signed recently. The group also campaigned to decriminalise prostitution with the law finally passing in the house by 1 vote in 2003. Since the law was passed the sex workers have a far better relations with the police.

The organization run by sex workers, now has 4 drop-in centres throughout NZ and focus on the rights, HIV, STI prevention and education. Their work also involved such things as facilitating acceptance of sex workers by neighbours on the street in Manchester St Christchurch. Most sex workers now work in brothels and the organization in the main has a good relationship with the owners. NZ Sex Workers Collective symbol is red umbrellas. The industry is now referred to as sex workers not prostitutes. They are funded by Government and earn additional money through a small import business. Despite all the progress over the years discrimination still exists and many sex workers do not disclose their vocation. Dame Catherine also spoke of the work Carmen and Georgina Beyer did to try to end discrimination against sex workers in NZ, such as some banks refusing to open accounts for them.

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 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

Cinema group meet every 1st Tuesday in the month – contact Anne Morris

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Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1st Tuesday in the month. The next film is Tuesday 5th August.

Contact: **Anne Morris**

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Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch is on Wednesday 23rd

July at Larder Café, 133 Darlington Road, Miramar at 1pm.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME FOR THIS LUNCH.

Bookings essential

Please contact: Chrissy Gall 388 6786

chrissyolgagall@gmail.com



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 August to:

Carol Couchman	9 th	Deryk McNamara	12 th
Marie Woods	19 th	Roger Bullock	26 th
Anne Jenkin	26 th	Esmee Erb	27 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 13th August at 10am Seatoun Bowling Club, Dundas St, Seatoun.

Outings

The committee is investigating an outing for the club. A suggestion is high tea at Te Papa – further information to follow.

Guest Speaker for August

Sir Bruce Fergusson, retired Chief of the NZ Defence Force whose subject will be “the return of the Unknown Warrior”.

Thought for July

Is refusing to go to the gym a form of resistance training?

