



WELLINGTON EASTERN SUBURBS PROBUS CLUB

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Report on meeting held on 8th October 2025

Membership	57	Attendance	38
Apologies	4	Visitors	4

In the absence of President Annette, Vice President Carol chaired the meeting, and welcomed members and visitors Jill Wilson, and Lorna Nicholson.

Profile Speaker

Vice President Carol gave a talk complete with photographs of a recent trip she took to a Roman Amphitheatre built in 1BC and seating 7000. The amphitheatre which was discovered in 1988 and opened to the public in 2003 is remarkably complete.

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party will again be held at the Pines on Wednesday evening 10th December at 6pm. Great food and entertainment.

Shuttles provided with pick-ups at Seatoun Bowling Club, Miramar Library, Rita Angus Retirement Village. If you did not add your name to the list at the meeting please contact June.

jinkpen@gmail.com 388 9168

The cost is \$50 plus \$5 for members using the shuttles, to be paid into the club bank account below.

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.

Club Email Address: wellingtoneasternsuburbsm@probusclubs.com.au



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 **Alfred Memelink** is a renown watercolour artist and owner of the Alfred Memelink Artspace Gallery in Petone. He began with explaining that he was one of 7 children with creative parents. His father was an architect and amateur artist, and his mother was always busy with needlework. School holidays were often spent on art when the weather prevented outdoor activities. He told the story of 8 pupils at school being asked to draw their ideal playground. Some months later his drawing was used to create school playgrounds throughout NZ. Living in Petone he was always loved the sea and would often walk along the Wellington wharves before they were sealed off from the public. He researched occupations in a library book and decided to train as a marine engineer. After leaving school he obtained an apprenticeship at the old marine engineering workshop William Cable. Four years later he qualified and became an engineer on the P & O container ship 'Aotea' which sailed mainly between NZ and Japan. It entailed 3 months on 24/7 and 3 months off. During spare time on the ship, he began learning watercolour painting. He rose through the ranks to become Chief Engineer. He spent 2 years working in Singapore, worked in Europe, and crossed the Cook Strait more than 1000 times working on the ferries. After 8 years at sea, he began exhibiting his artwork in Wellington cafes and having success.

By 2000 he was selling enough artwork to concentrate on his art and work part-time. He combined working 2 days per month on the old Wellington tugs and painting. By now he was receiving commission work. He jumped at the opportunity to spend 3 months on the NIWA research ship Tangaroa in the Antarctica and showed photos of the journey. The air is so dry that he had to dampen the paper to enable him to paint with watercolours.

He was given the opportunity to purchase an old derelict building on the Petone foreshore which became his gallery, opened in 2014. His paintings, and his signature always include a seagull. During school holidays he takes art classes for school children. For many years he has raised funds for the Te Omanga Hospice through his artwork.

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

Xmas party Wednesday evening 10th December at 6pm at the Pines

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Cinema Group

The cinema group meet every 1st Tuesday in the month. The October movie was 'A Big Bold Beautiful Journey at the Lighthouse Cuba St. The next film is Tuesday 4th November.

Contact: **Anne Morris**

anneimelda.morris@gmail.com

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Lunch Group

The lunch group meet every month. The next lunch is on Wednesday 22nd October at Strathmore Local 3/5 Strathmore Ave, at 12 noon.



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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 October to:

Adrienne Sissons

6th

Ana Knap

9th

Jennifer Jenner

14th



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 12th November Seatoun Bowling Club, Dundas St, Seatoun.

Guest Speaker for November

Charles Finney, who was a lead negotiator for NZ Trade Agreements, and now works with a leading lobbyist and Government relations firm.

Thought for October

There are lots of things that money can't buy including what it used to.

