Next Meeting 1 April 2015 9.30am
Whitby Bowling Club

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March Meeting

Bev Marsden and Jill Merrick wore the welcoming smiles

President Diana welcomed us all with her usual good humour. Especially for golfers...

My boss phoned me today.

He said "Is everything O.K. at the office?"
I said, "It's all under control. It's been a very busy day.
I haven't stopped to take a break all day."
"Can you do me a favour?" he asked.
I said, "Of course, what is it?"
"Pick up the pace a little. I'm in the group behind you!"

AGM The 2015-16 office holders and committee members listed above were unanimously voted into position. President Diana gave her report. We all smiled and listened to her summing up yet another happy and successful year in our club's history.
We welcomed Don Quirk to his role as our President for 2015 - 2016. Outgoing President Diana Paris fitted Don with his chain of office.

After the brief but important business of the AGM was completed, it was on with our normal club meeting agenda.

**Club Meeting**

**New members**
We warmly welcomed Dale Williamson introduced by Graham Craig, Dorothy Crook introduced by Don Quirk, Cyril and Pauline Butler and Jim Dearsly, introduced by Julie McLagan.

**Birthday Draw**
A cheerful, good looking line-up indeed of bonny March babes.
Graham Craig was the winner. Congratulations! Enjoy the extra country mile ...

**Guest Speaker**
Kim Workman QSO spoke to us. "Rethinking Crime and Punishment". Kim has worked tirelessly over many years towards reform of the punishment and prison system. He sought more innovative means of punishment than locking up.

His career spanned roles in the Police, the Office of the Ombudsman, State Services Commission, Department of Maori Affairs and Ministry of Health. He was Head of the Prison Service from 1989 – 1993.

Kim was appointed to the position of National Director, Prison Fellowship in 2000, and retired from that position in 2008. Prison Fellowship New Zealand established the first faith-based prison unit in the British Commonwealth, a mentoring programme for released prisoners, and was the principal provider of in-prison restorative justice services.

In 2006 Kim joined with Major Campbell Roberts of the Salvation Army to launch the "Rethinking Crime and Punishment" Strategy. That project now comes under the Robson Hanan Trust, of which Kim is the Strategic Adviser and Spokesperson.

Kim was made a Companion of the Queen’s Service Order in 2007. and a semi-finalist for the 2013 Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year.

**April Guest Speaker**
At our next meeting we shall catch up with our Mayor, Nick Leggett.

**Profile Speaker**
We had no club profile speaker at our March meeting because of the AGM.

April will bring us Anne Miller.

**Bring and Take Table**
Bring along a surplus vege, bag of lemons or such like, a bunch of seedlings, good books, quality recent magazines, useful items which are no longer of use to you and swap them. The more items the merrier. Good will aplenty ...

**Membership Subscriptions are now due:**
Annual subscriptions for the period 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016 are now due. $22.50 per person *(same as last year)*.

Payment first preference is to use ‘Electronic Funds Transfer’ (from your bank account to the Probus bank account and please state: **your Name** *(in the Details column)* & **2015 Sub** *(in the Particulars column)*, then cheque *(made out to: Probus Club of Whitby)* or cash *(place in an envelope with your name and address)*.

Please give to Gaye McGill, our Treasurer, at the April Meeting.

*ASB Bank Account details  12 3254 0089053 00*
Always use a Spellcheck??
"Sum thyme ago, aye red about Spellcheck, a grate weigh too make shore everything is write. It said yew must never right a peace with out using a spell cheque two make shore you’re spelling is correct. Sew I did ewes won, and now eye no that I don’t have too weight four sum clever person two cheque my spelling fore me. Spellcheck says everything is correct!”
Thank you Alan Barkus!

Activity Reports

Outings
"The March Outing was to the NZ Drama School in the old Winter Show Building in Newtown. Our group had a fascinating insight into what the School is doing for its students both in drama and dance. From humble beginnings about 35 years ago when 7 students attended the first course to today, when there are over 120 chosen from a much larger number of applicants, the School provides training in a wide range of artistic activities. In fact it is not just a place where an aspiring actor goes to learn that trade, for every student must learn every facet of stage presentation from creation of props, sets, costumes, design, lighting, administration, financing in addition to creative productions. The course can be for two or three years and towards the end students will have created contacts in the areas in which they wish to specialise to enable them to obtain some form of employment.
We were taken on a tour of the most impressive facilities, which were built in 1997 within the barn like Show Building, by Craig Atkins who has a communications and marketing portfolio as part of his responsibilities. He was a most enthusiastic young fellow and the hour or so we spent with him passed by very quickly. Following a letter we sent to thank him for the tour he responded to say that he would keep in touch with us and advise us of when the School was going to mount its bi-annual productions as some of our members had indicated they would like to see the results of the student’s efforts. We shall let you know.
After our visit we all had lunch in the School Cafeteria which gave us a chance to talk about what we had seen. Altogether, a very worthwhile outing.

The next Outing will be a visit to the Nursing School Training Centre which also trains para medics for ambulance services at Whitireia Polytech. This has come about through one of our members suggesting the Unit as a possible tour and we have been able to organise it for 10.30 am on Thursday 23rd April. We think it will be something special as they have approached training in a much more modern and up to date manner than we have been accustomed to in the past and we are sure you will be fascinated with what shall be presented to us on the day. We urge you to consult your diaries now so that when the list comes round at our next meeting you will already know whether you wish to go.” Bruce and Margaret Carson

Mah Jong
"We have enjoyed our two games this month with about 12 people at each session. Please note changes to dates and venue for April. There will be no Mah Jong on 6th April (Easter Monday) but we will have it on 13th April at 7 Portage Place as the Croquet Club is unavailable that day. Please advise me on Ph 234 8415 or email nichols@xtra.co.nz if you intend to attend so I can organise tables etc. Three members on our Probus club waiting-list play Mah Jong and may join us soon. We look forward to their visit and to seeing many of you.” Barb Nichols nichols@xtra.co.nz

Genealogy
The next meeting of the Genealogy Group will be held at the Porirua Public Library at 2.00pm on Tuesday 7th April. All members are welcome to attend these Group meetings. The meetings are very much a sharing of information and of learning of ways to utilise the many resources available to trace ancestors in creating a family tree, and in the process to discover interesting facts on one’s ancestors.
If you have not put your name down as a member of the group, just turn up on the day or contact Lenora Jones to discuss the activities of the Group – telephone 235 5252; e-mail: lenkenjones@xtra.co.nz
Dine –Out

"Wow what a fabulous warm sunny day on which a near record number of Probus members met at the Sandbar Pub in Mana for another monthly wine, dine and chat occasion.
We have come to expect a handful of cancellations between the monthly meeting and the dine out for a variety of reasons, but for the first time all who had indicated they would attend did so. The pub had only 36 chairs and there were 38 of us but the manager found a couple more so thanks to all of you who shifted seats and squeezed up when asked so that eventually we were all seated for an enjoyable lunch. Being a bigger group the service was a bit slower than usual but the food was very good and enjoyed by all (well we heard no complaints so trust that is correct).
We do need to say that unfortunately John Antliff had to leave as he was not feeling the best and we trust you are okay now John - we missed you. And we celebrated with Pat and Ross who had birthdays on the day. Congrats to you both.
Next month we are going golfing……..just kidding. But keep 8 April free for a buffet meal at Judgeford Golf Club. Details at meeting on 1 April.” colin@cebus.co.nz or bev@cebus.co.nz

Cinema

"A record turnout of 38 members went to the Lighthouse cinema to see ‘The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel’ and from the laughter in the cinema, I think most people enjoyed it. The colour of costumes and India was very striking and the music and dance was exciting.
About 25 people stayed for lunch at The Lighthouse. We were trialling this and it was a shame that the Manager was sick and perhaps we didn’t get some of the food we were hoping for. However most people seemed happy with what they got and from the noise level everyone certainly enjoyed the company and the time to have more fellowship.
I would appreciate any feedback as to whether anyone is interested in doing this again as I should let the Lighthouse staff (who I must say did a great job catering and serving far more of than I had told them to expect) know for next month. **Movie date for April will be 20**th (not 27th as this is Anzac Day holiday) and by consensus from the members who attended, I will book ‘Woman in Gold’ starring Helen Mirren. We saw the trailer of this prior to the March movie.”

The movie on May 25th, again by consensus, will be “A Royal Night Out”. We saw the trailer of this movie which was supposed to be a night out on the town by The Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret after WW11 ended. Probably Fictitious???
As I shall be away for April and May cinema visits, I am sure someone will organise the usual movements of tables so you can all sit together for chat and coffee.” Barb Nichols nichols@xtra.co.nz
500 Club
"At cards this month we had 8 people and had some really good fun. In fact our table of 4 had some of the best hands we have ever had over a cards session! So an excellent session. All sides finished in a draw. We are always open to any new players.” Allan Nichols nichols@xtra.co.nz

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Walking
“These feet were made for walking, and that’s just what they’ll do. Every Tuesday morning they’ll walk right after you. Tuesday mornings at 9.00am at Whitby Lake. We welcome you, no matter your speed …” Don Quirk phone 234 7700

Duty Roster for April Meeting
If you cannot be present to undertake your duty, then please arrange a substitute.

Room Set Up Anne Miller, Graham Miller, Brian Turner & George Bright. Please meet for an 8.45am start. At Meeters and Greeters At 9.05am, the first two names on this list move to the front door to welcome people, mark the attendance roll check for apologies, take names for the birthday draw.

Morning Tea Doreen Fleming and Lindsay Kelly (to assist the two co-ordinators at morning tea time only).

Club Profile Speaker: Anne Miller
Guest Speaker Nick Leggett
Introduced by Graham Kelly
Thank Speaker Marcia / David Dunnett

Dates for our Diaries
31 March Walking Group Tuesdays Whitby Lake 9.00am
01 April Probus Club Meeting Whitby Bowling Club
07 April Genealogy Group National Library 2.00pm
13 April Mah Jong 7 Portage Place
15 April 500 Club 7 Portage Place 10.00am
20 April Cinema "Woman in Gold" starring Helen Mirren Lighthouse Pauatahanui 10.00am
23 April Outing Nursing School of Training Centre Whitianga 10.30am
06 May Probus meeting 9.30am Whitby Bowling Club Rooms
25 May Cinema “A Royal Night Out” Lighthouse Pauatahanui 10.00am

Conclusion
President Diana wound up the meeting on a very final note!

Divorce
A married couple is driving along the highway doing 100 kph. The husband is behind the wheel. His wife looks over at him and says, “Honey, I know we’ve been married for 25 years, but I want a divorce.”

The husband says nothing but slowly increases speed to 120 kph.

She then says, “I don’t want you to try to talk me out of it, because I’ve been having an affair with your best friend, and he’s a better lover than you.”

Again the husband stays quiet and just speeds up as his anger increases.

She says, "I want the house." Again the husband speeds up, and now is doing 130 kph.

She says, "I want the kids too." The husband just keeps driving faster and faster. Now it’s 140 kph.

She says, "I want the car, the cheque account, and all the credit cards too."
The husband slowly starts to veer toward a concrete bridge abutment, as she says, "Is there anything you want?"

The husband says, "No, I've got everything I need."

She asks, "What's that?"

The husband replies just before they hit the wall at 160 kph, "I've got the airbag!"

Was this the end of the story? The husband survived, married again and, well, this exclusive interview finishes it off ...:

"While out walking along the edge of a creek in Kakadu National Park outside Darwin, with my "soon-to-be ex-husband" discussing property settlement and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 4 metre alligator suddenly emerging from the murky water and charging us with its large jaws wide open. She must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive. If I had not had my little Beretta Jetfire .25 calibre pistol with me, I would not be here today! Just one shot to my estranged husband’s knee cap was all it took. The ‘gator got him easily and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace. It's one of the best pistols in my collection! Plus ... the amount I saved in lawyer’s fees was more than worth the purchase price of the gun."

The end