



# PROBUS CLUB OF DARWIN INC.

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**PRESIDENT**  
Janet Elliott  
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**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 5th MAY, 2010.**

**SECRETARY**  
Eean Thorne  
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His Honour The Administrator, Mr Tom Pauling AO QC  
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**MEETINGS HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
( EXCEPT JANUARY )  
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**JANET'S JOTTINGS**

What a whirl of a month!! It seems that it is no time at all before Eean is calling me for another Presidents column. I have had lovely week long visit from my sister and brother-in-law, long time Alice folk.

We spent many hours watching the magnificent sunsets at the Nightcliff foreshore, the spectacular electrical storms, and walks along the jetty. A great place to show visitors.

My time has gone quickly this month, with work, selling raffle tickets, meetings and best of all, spending time with my eldest granddaughter in her first school holidays. Emily is 5 years old, and is wanting to know what are school holidays? Precious time together at Leanyer Water Park, Jingili Gardens and 3D Movies, these moments are treasures that Grandmas keep locked in their hearts forever.

And it is always a pleasure to call into Joy Meeder's who has a constant supply of cuppas on the go.

The end of this month is an interesting time for the Rendezvous committee. There will be a:

**VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION EVENING  
To Be Held at  
THE CASUARINA LIBRARY MEETING ROOM,  
FRIDAY, 28TH MAY, 6:00-8:00pm**

So if you know of anyone who would like to be involved as a Volunteer, even for a few hours at the Rendezvous, please invite them to the evening.

I am also needing some helpers to organise supper for the Volunteer night. Please let me know if you can help or if you are inviting someone.

Many thanks.  
Janet

**GUEST SPEAKER—5th MAY, 2010.**

**Mr. Ken Middlebrook**

**Executive Director, NT Correctional Services.**

Ken is a former Rotary Group Study Tour Member, and visited Virginia, USA.

VOTE OF THANKS— Eean Thorne



Birthdays: Janet Elliott 16th May.  
Erina Ellis 16th May.  
Shirley Porte 19th May.

Anniversary: Ken & Connie Cohalan 9th May.  
Peter & Erina Ellis 18th May.

**PROFILE – ASHLEY JAMES DALLY OAM.**



Being born in Adelaide in 1927 before the Great Depression, the second son to a third generation Irish catholic family, I was used to hand me downs from an early age! The best ever being my older brothers Scout uniform, when he left to join the seminary to become a Christian Brother. As a child ill health kept me away from school more than I was there, but my thirst for knowledge kept my head in books, then as it does today. One of my favourite places to

be is still the local library.

Leaving school at 14, I began work at Goode Durrant and Murray, a national soft goods wholesaler. Both my parents had held positions in the industry.

After experience in the various departments in their Adelaide house, I spent some years in the rural areas of South Australia as a menswear rep. In 1955 I was transferred to Broken Hill and enjoyed getting to know the local community and being involved the many challenges faced working in an isolated single industry city. As Branch Manager, I was an active member of many and varied community organisations, such as the Chamber of Commerce.

I met my wife Elizabeth (Betty) Chigwidden, a born and bred Broken Hill girl, via her Mother who owned a local dress shop. We were married in 1956 and blessed with our two children Sharon and Brendon. During this time I was also still very involved in the Scout Movement as District Commissioner, became a foundation member of the Broken Hill Historical Society and enjoyed being part of an investment share club with mates who scored on Posidon!

In 1968 I left Goode, Durrant and Murray to manage another wholesaler, G & R Wills, who in 1974 transferred the family to Darwin. On my departure from Broken Hill I was awarded a Life Membership of the Chamber of Commerce and still have a soft spot for the Silver City.

In Darwin the many clients were the various aboriginal missions along with The Northern Territory and Federal Government (including the Defence Department) and the Mining Industry. Probably not a lot of difference to the major players in the community today, Public Servants, Mining and the Pastoral Industry and their associated industries. The arrival of Cyclone Tracey only six months after our arrival saw many challenges to be overcome for us as a family but business boomed. I am a Life Member of the Commercial Travellers Association of Australia. I enjoyed becoming an active part of the Darwin community as the city rebuilt. Again via the local Chamber and the Scouting movement and my sons interest in The Darwin Sailing Club. In 1991 I was awarded an Order of Australia for Services to the Scouting Movement.

In 1983 G & R Wills changed its NT operations and I started my own business working from home as an agents representative alongside my wife Betty. This we continued to do together until retirement. Sadly, Betty passed away in early 2008.

I remain busy today as an active member of Probus, U3A and the Fannie Bay Historical and Heritage Association, The Northern Territory Historical Society and keep fit with daily walks, thermal pool exercise swimming and attending the gym. I enjoy spending time with my many friends and neighbours and especially with my children, who with their families call the Northern Territory home. It's a great place to live, to work and to retire.

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS — 2010

### 1. DINING OUT



Past President Ken has declared that the next Dining Out destination will be:-

#### RAGING BULL RESTAURANT

**15 Parap Road,  
Parap.**

**WEDNESDAY 19th MAY, 2010 at 7pm.**

**Parking at rear.**

### 2. TOUR — 23rd JUNE, 2010.



Dundee Beach trip with morning tea at Mick's Whips, lunch at Dundee Beach Lodge and afternoon at the Territory Wildlife Park was wonderful.

Now get ready for the next exciting outing. More about that later but for now please add to your diary:

**WEDNESDAY 23rd JUNE, 2010.**

When we will whisk you (on our magic carpet) to exotic places, feed you food fit for the gods and thrill you with stories that you can tell your grand children for years to come.

Sounds soooooo good I'm going to book.

### 3. MOVIES



Coordinator Diana Brooks will indicate her movie of choice, cinema and time at the 5th May meeting. Please try to support this new concept.

### 4. DARWIN TRIPE CLUB— JUNE MEETING



49 tripe lovers (a new record) enjoyed a selection of Asian inspired tripe at our last luncheon.

**NEXT MEETING**

#### SCHOONERS BAR & GRILL

51 Marina Bvd (upstairs), Cullen Bay on Wednesday 9th June, 2010. 12:00 noon for 12:30pm.

**Price \$25.00 per person.**

If you wish to join the tres chic crowd and enjoy a fabulous lunch of tripe cooked two ways, plus **corned ox tongue in burgundy sauce** along with scintillating company then you must phone Peter Pusterla or Eean Thorne.

### 5. LUNCHEON — POST MEETING



"The Table of Knowledge" has resumed post meeting luncheon. Simply join the other members in the dining area of the Casuarina Club, solve the problems of the world, have a relaxed lunch, and enjoy.

### RIB TICKLERS

1. Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.
2. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
3. If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage payments.
4. Before you criticise someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticise them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
5. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
6. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
7. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably well worth it.
8. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember any thing.
9. Some days you are the dog, some days you are the tree.
10. Don't worry; it only seems kinky the first time.
11. Good judgment comes from bad experience ... And most of that comes from bad judgment.
12. A closed mouth gathers no foot.
13. There are two excellent theories for arguing with women. Neither one works.
14. Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
15. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
16. We are born naked, wet and hungry, and get slapped on our backside - then things just keep getting worse.
17. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.



*"If you really are the same clean, charming man I married only a few years ago, then you won't mind taking a DNA test."*

It's important to have a *twinkle* in your wrinkle





**Greetings from Sydney**

The Darwin Rendezvous registrations are coming in and to date we have received 251. The Litchfield and Kakadu tours are proving to be very popular.

Probus Centre will hold its Annual General Meeting in

May when we farewell John Thorne OAM, Merv Richens and Immediate Past Chairman Bob Bensley. New members coming onto the Board for 2010 – 2013 will be Don Wylie (NZ), Margaret Robinson (VIC) and David Allen (QLD). Also in May Probus Centre will host the Rotary District Probus Chairman (RDPC) Briefing Weekend to be held in Parramatta. Invitations have been accepted by 16 RDPC's in Australia, 4 RDPC's in New Zealand and 2 RDPC's from Philippines. The weekend provides the RDPC with information and tools to develop and build Probus in our region.

Probus – the magazine will launch the national photographic competition 2010 – 2011, so get those photos in for a chance to win a trip for 2 to New Zealand courtesy of Grand Pacific Tours. Full details of the prizes and sponsors will be included in the next issue of Probus - the magazine valued at more than \$11,000.

PCSP board members and staff recently visited Fiji as a delegation to progress Probus in Fiji and inspect the Rota home project for displaced families. Trade Travel, Probus Centre core sponsor have announced a Probus retreat to Fiji on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 2010. Expressions of interest are invited for up to four members of each club by calling toll free number 1800 645 103.

In closing, we wish members of the Darwin Probus Club success in their upcoming months for the Darwin Rendezvous. Kind Regards,  
Pat Atkinson,  
General Manager, Probus Centre – South Pacific Inc

**FROM THE ARCHIVES– Extracts from the Minutes of the meeting 3rd JULY 1985:**

Presentation of Regalia: Dr. Guan Yeo, President of the Rotary Club of Darwin North and Mr. G. Fyson, Vocational Director also attended the meeting representing their Club as sponsors of the Probus Club of Darwin. Dr. Yeo, after some discussion on how the sponsorship of the Probus Club came about, presented the President, Harry Giese with the Collar of Office and provided the members with Probus pins and stickers. He wished the Club well in its venture. The President thanked Dr. Yeo and Mr. Fyson for their efforts on behalf of the Probus Club of Darwin and indicated that our letterheads would include "Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Darwin North"

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer, Noel Field indicated that there was now 22 financial members. \$30.00 had been given to the Secretary for Petty Cash and that \$40.27 had been paid for a Post Office box. (PO Box 306).

Future Programmes: Discussion was held on how the Club was to function in the future and it was agreed that top speakers should be asked to address the meeting from time to time, and that visits should be made to places of interest. The President indicated that he may be able to arrange for Miss Australia to be present at the next meeting. The President also indicated that members would be asked to give "Me" talks at future meetings.

**RENDEZVOUS REPORT**



Volunteering is a positive and rewarding role for those who participate. It is a way of making good use of the many skills and experiences we gather throughout our lives, it can also expand our horizons.

Volunteering can give someone new in town an opportunity to get to know people and make friends, or volunteering might offer someone the opportunity to have a go at something completely new.

Every year retired people travel around Australia in large numbers, now called the Grey Nomads. There is a growing awareness in communities around the country that these travellers are willing to volunteer as part of their trip.

You may know of someone planning to travel to Darwin for the Dry Season this year. Volunteering is a great way to do something for the community, others and yourself. Volunteers are also Ambassadors for an Organisation and town.

As we prepare for our Rendezvous in August/September this year, we are asking for Volunteers/Ambassadors, to represent Probus and Darwin.

If you know of someone who can help in that week, please invite them to our Volunteers Information Evening. To be held at Casuarina Library Meeting Room on Friday, 28th May from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

A light supper will be provided. Come along yourself and support your Club.

**Contact Janet on: 0432154306**

**Come and have some fun, We would be glad to see you!!**



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**THANKS**

Thanks, Ray Walton (our Webmaster and resident computer expert) for your friendship and valuable assistance in the setup and production of this new Bulletin format to celebrate our 25th Anniversary.  
Editor.

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