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Meetings begin at
10:30am and are
held on the first
Wednesday of
each month

Next meeting
Tracy Village Social and Sports Club
Wednesday, 3 April, 2024
10:30am - General Meeting

Tony's Titbits



It has been an honour to be elected President of Probus Darwin for the coming year. I look forward with pleasure to a year filled with fun, friendship and fellowship, and getting to know lots more of you.

Janet Elliott and Lyn Barlow both move off the Executive this year, many thanks for their leadership and service over the past years. Fortunately, we do not lose their expertise as Janet remains on the Committee as Past President and Lyn has been elected to the new Committee.

We have several committees and interest groups, and you will be introduced to the leaders of these at the next General Meeting. Many of you may wish to join these groups, or better still, start one of your own.

A real highlight for me last year was the Probus dinner dance with entertainment by the Andrews Sisters. Lots of people dressed up in forties gear, although it is unlikely that many of our members were attending dances in the forties. As for myself I have decided that red hair does not suit me. The travel Committee really did us proud last year with a trip to Norfolk Island in December and a cruise to Singapore in February. From personal experience both trips were very successful, many thanks to Bronwyn Russell and her team.

In recent months I have noticed some people adding a fourth F to Fun, Friendship and Fellowship; the word being Frivolity. There are a few meanings for this word, the one I like best is, silly or not serious. An example: on a recent Probus cruise to Singapore some of us went down the Water Slide. This consisted of hopping into a green plastic tube and being absolutely terrified for 20-30 seconds before being spit out into a trough at the bottom. This definitely qualifies as being frivolous with a smidgen of stupidity sneaking in. If any of you have experienced a similar episode recently, why not tell your friends at the next meeting.

I will finish with a few words from Dylan Thomas:

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
Keeping moving

Slainte
Tony

April Guest Speaker - Janine Mitchell

Janine is the Outreach Officer for Northern Territory Consumer Affairs (NTCA), an independent office within the Department of Attorney-General and Justice in the Northern Territory.

She provides information and education to Territorians through face-to-face presentations, training sessions, community events and visitation in relation to the role of NT Consumer Affairs and the legislation administered with a particular focus on the Australian Consumer Law, Renting in the NT and Scams.

In the past three years NT Consumer Affairs have reportedly saved losses "nationally" of nearly four million dollars as a result of warnings about fake websites on our social media pages. Some of these warnings have come from members of the public reporting scams to us and investigations undertaken by our Compliance team.

We aim to promote and regulate responsible business conduct through administration of a regulatory system that protects consumer interests with considerable attention paid to vulnerable Territorians.

Janine Mitchell

Consumer Affairs Consumer Affairs Advice



Interest Groups

April at a glance

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Monday Apr 1 - 11:00 am	Book Club at Cas Club coordinator Bev Barnes
Wednesday Apr 3 - 10:30 am	General Meeting at Tracy Village
Friday Apr 5 - 10:15 am	Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes
Wednesday Apr 10- 10:30 am	Garden club at Antz Plants, coordinator Bev Aitken
Friday Apr 12—5:00 pm	Friday Drinks at Greenhouse Cafe
Tuesday Apr 16 - 11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club coordinator Ron Ninnis
Wednesday Apr 17—10:00am	Meet for coffee at 10:00am then 10 pin bowling - coordinator Chris Kuhn
Wednesday Apr 17—6:30pm	Dining out at Fiddlers Green
Friday Apr 26—9:00 am	Morning Tea—Rays Patisserie
Tuesday Apr 30—1:00 pm	Board Games at Pearl - coordinator Maxine Dienelt

GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club at the Trailer Boat Club was great with excellent weather. Twenty seven garden lovers thoroughly enjoyed the talk on all types of bees, thanks to Ed (always a great speaker).



Lunch at the club followed—always a good choice.

Next meeting on 10 April at 10:30. at Antz Plants, Caldwell Road, McMinns Lagoon.

Bev Aitken—Coordinator ph 0412 196 032

Probus Club of Darwin



17 April, 2024 6:30pm

Contact person is

Rowena McHugh

Ph 0413 289 555

Thank God its Friday

12 April 2024, 5:30pm
Greenhouse Café, Nightcliff
Just turn up



Heart Foundation Walking



Mondays, leaving from Casuarina Square, near the K Mart car centre at 7:30am

For further details, contact Janet 0432 154 306

Morning Tea

Friday, 26 April, 9:00am

At Rays Patisserie and Café
66 Smith Street, Darwin



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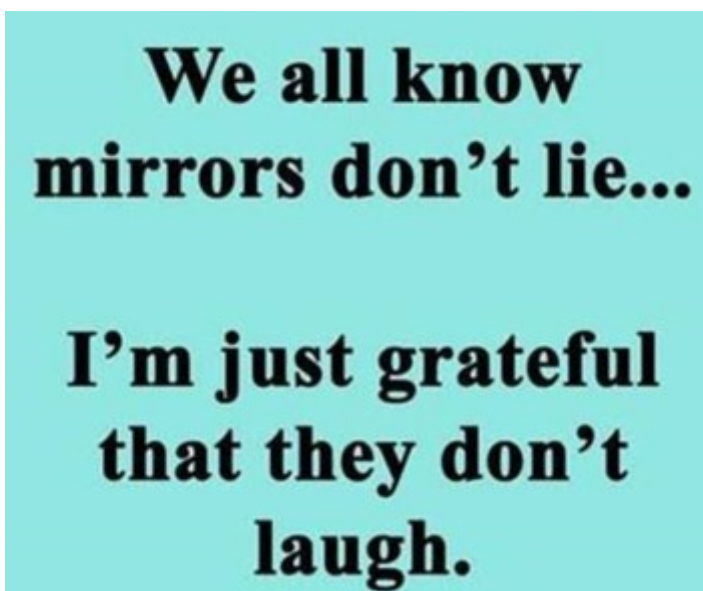
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Sent in by Lyn Barlow



Out and about in March



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Introducing the new 2024 committee



New President Tony Errity



Allan and Christina receiving their 10 year membership certificates and Ian for 15 years.

Literature, Lunch and Laughter

We were a happy, enthusiastic group of six avid readers..

Titles discussed were:

Read February / Discuss March

***The Narrow Road to the Deep North* by Richard Flannigan.**

Another perspective on the history of the Death Railway. Describes the barbaric, brutal conditions captured soldiers endured while building the Burma railway. Interesting.

Mr Einstein's Secretary By Matthew Reilly.

Excellent, well written book which I found hard to put down. Recommend.

Any title by Harlen Coben: *I will find you*

Good light enjoyable read.

Missing You

A good read.



Read March / Discuss April

***Home coming bh* Kate Morton**

Mystery thriller, a story depicting the power of motherhood, truth and love. Christmas in the Adelaide Hills 1959.

Lola in the Mirror by Trent Dalton

Big hearted, gritty, magical and moving, set in Brisbane.

Through the Glass Ceiling to the Starts by Eileen Collins

Memoir of a trail blazing aviation pioneer.

We meet on the **First Monday of the month** at **Casuarina Sports Club at 11.am** and if you enjoy reading we are always happy to welcome new members!

Next meeting—1 April 2024

Stay well. Stay safe, and read with gusto.
Beverley Barnes

TEN PIN BOWLING

After the usual pleasant time at Caramellos members moved to King Pin Bowling.

Richard starred again with a score of 107, closely followed by Nancy with 106 who has taken time out from Spotlight. Ron Wright was next with 104. Bronwyn and Fred tied with 99 with Chris and Molly tying on 94. Elaine managed to stay in the nineties with 91. Robyn, Cheryl and Anne scored 88, with Anne O'Connor on 87. Ed Howard fought valiantly to score 86, and Henrietta came close behind with 85 and Lyn scoring 72. Bev Alford scored 65. The support group consisted of Shirley Porte, Bill Porte, Maxine Dienelt and Sue Wright.



Chris Kuhn
Coordinatokr

Table Tennis Interest Group

Every Thursday 9.00 am—11.00 am

\$5— 3 hours including bat and ball hire.

Organised by Charles Darwin Club.

Contact Chris 0429171326.



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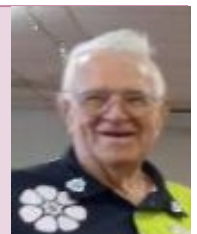
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Seniors Snippets

- April—Congratulations to members renewing their memberships and taking up executive positions
- Aged Care Volunteer Visitor Scheme—ACVVS recipients must be in a Government aged care home or receiving a home care package or be approved. ACVVS is free of charge and referrals can be made by family, friends, health professional and aged care providers.
- Five top snacks for a blissful sleep
 - *Kiwi fruit
 - *Banana and strawberry smoothie
 - *can of tuna or fatty fish
 - *almonds
 - *cherry juice
- Declutter your space—remember donate, recycle, or sell



Out and about in March



Inducting Neriza Goodrem



Out and about in March





Margaret, with a finished rug she just knocked up in a couple of weeks. Such a beautiful piece of



Janet and Pat taking time out to cruise on the River Torrens in Adelaide, before travelling to Tasmania.



Craft Group
Fridays at Casuarina Club

Can you help?

As there is so much need at present for items to help the Mission to Seafarers to assist the mariners coming in to Darwin it has been decided to keep the collection boxes going for a while longer.

If you are able to help out, the following items are most needed :

Toiletries—soap, razors, toothbrush and paste

Clothing—smaller size underwear, t shirts, socks and beanies.

The boxes will be at the next meeting and the items taken into the Mission.

Writing Group

We read out the stories that we had written previously, amidst lots of laughter and comments. Our 7 minute speed write-up was on the topic “Life without a mobile phone”. Everyone had a different way of writing about the subject.

The next topic to write on is : “The little pleasures of life”, which should be a pleasure to write about.

All new members welcome..

Ron Ninnis, Coordinator



Board Games

Come and join us playing your favourite Board Games at Pearl Recreation Centre.

30 April, 1:00pm

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator



April Birthdays

Jenny Parish

Chris Kuhn

Doug Steven

Karin Promchinwong

Anne Howard

Elaine Mackrow**

Lynette Ponter



Hope you enjoy your special day

Golf

Contact

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Member Inductions



Welcome Neriza, inducted as a new member of Probus Club of Darwin at the March meeting.

Neriza Goodrem

Travel Group

The good news is that there are still some state-rooms available to travel on Queen Elizabeth via Bali and Broome to Perth at the end of October from Darwin. These are mostly inside rooms now but for more information please contact iTravel on 8985 2737

The proposed trip to Sri Lanka has been postponed until next year and Japan blossom trip would be March 2025.

Touring the Mekong through Vietnam is being considered for later this year however.

Crab Claw Island cruise and lunch is planned for 15 June this year and we are hopeful to apply for a grant to help cover the cost for members. The cost is \$179 each before a subsidy.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Extracts from the Minutes 5 April 2000

Held at the Darwin Bowls Club

Present: Messrs Dally, Plew, Roberts, Washington, Kerr, Johnstone, Steven, Simmons, Thompson, Dr McLaren, Taylor, Chin, Bromich, Dimery, Thompson, Penhall, McLaren, T

Apologies: Blackmore, Larcombe, Penhall, Fisher,

Visitors: Dr Short, M Scott, F Upton

Handover: Immediate Past President Mr Plew formally hand over President Collar of Office to new President Mr Dally

Tribute: Members observed a minutes silence as a tribute to our late member Mr Frederic Thompson, a former President of this cub.

Minutes: The meeting adopted the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Correspondence:

Inwards—Probus Centre annual returns, Probus Rendezvous 9—15 Oct in Armidale.

Outwards—Nil

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report—Income from subscriptions \$260, .Expenses \$229.96. Closing balance \$184.31

General Business: Names of two members—Waler and Giese put forward for consideration as possible new names for new electorates in the NT.

Guest Speaker: Mr Peter Forest has been in the Territory for some years, acting as a Historian/ Consultant, researching and writing about past happenings. He referred to contributions made by Harry Giese, Keith Thompson and others. He has a project soon concerning the late Sue Wah Chin and another on Edna Tambling in May. He is doing projects on Government House, the Kilgariff family. He was involved in the early oral history projects in the Territory.

Meeting ended 10:52 am.



Ed with his Bat plant in flower

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