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

Next meeting
Tracy Village Social and Sports Club
Wednesday, 2 April, 2025
10:30am - General Meeting

Many thanks to the office of Koda Patel MLA, member for Casuarina, for the printing of our bulletin this month.



President's Perspective

I have recently read Fred's last President's comments (Right said Fred) written seven years ago. He told of a holiday we had just had on the Sunshine Coast which was "a bit on the wet side". We have just returned from a holiday on the Sunshine Coast, with family, friends and some of Fred's university colleagues. As luck would have it, Cyclone Albert waited till we left before it came with such devastation to southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales so I can say we had a very fine holiday. No wind, no rain.

I am seeing a challenging year ahead as President of our club, a busy year, as always, but with at least two new items, namely the celebration of 40 years since the beginning of the Probus Club of Darwin Inc and a new constitution being introduced by Probus South Pacific Ltd for all our Australian Probus Clubs. However, the statistics are great. By my calculations, at least 33% of our members help organise all the many activities you are able to enjoy. Never would say "No" to any one else wanting to join the ranks or making suggestions for trips, dining out, books to read, speakers, etc. On the whole there is 100% participation by members in meetings, contacts or events.

Two words that caught my fancy this month were "spuddle" and "zugwanged"

Sometimes I feel like the first and at other times like the second.

Cheers
Lyn Barlow



Guest Speaker

Jacqueline Johnson

Orientation and Mobility Specialist

Jacqueline has assisted students to navigate campuses, aided adults in safely crossing uncontrolled roads and reintroduced the joy of reading to older generations through technological advancements.

Vision is essential for daily life.

April Anniversaries

April Birthdays



Jenny Parish **

Chris Kuhn **

Doug Steven

Karin Promchinwong

Anne Howard

Elaine Mackrow

Lynette Ponter ***

Hope you enjoy your special day

April at at Glance

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Wed Apr 2– 10:30	General Meeting, Tracy Village
Fri Apr 4, 11, 18, 25 10:15 am	Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes
Mon Apr 7 - 11:00 am	Book Club at Cas Club coordinator Bev Barnes
Wed Apr 9—10:30am	Garden club at Mike and Kay Foley's home Bev Aitken coordinator
Tues Apr 15—11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club - coordinator Ron Ninnis
Wed Apr 16—10:00am	Meet for coffee at 10:00am at Caramello Café then 10 pin bowling at 11:00am coordinator Shirley Porte
Wed Apr 16—6:30pm	Dining Out, Fannie Bay Super Pizza contact Bev Whitby Phone: 0407 053 903
Tues Apr 22—1:00pm	Games at Pearl Retirement Village, Coordinator—Maxine
Fri Apr ?—9:30am	TBA

GARDEN CLUB

26 Garden Lovers enjoyed the morning at Bunnings. Thanks to hosts Tony and Trent who gave us information on all types of potting mixtures and fertilisers for our gardens.

The highlight was Jack, the solar powered Owl. He has big green eyes and chirps incessantly, frightening away predators and intruders.

Then it was off to FreshPoint, Nightcliff for an enjoyable lunch.

Next meeting 10:30am on 9 April at Mike and Kay Foley's home, 46 Witherden Street, Nakara. Please bring along a cup and a chair.

Bev Aitken—Coordinator ph 0412 196 032



April Dining Out

**16 April, 2025
6:30pm**

Fannie Bay Super Pizza

Contact: Bev Whitby
Phone: 0407 053 903

Out and about in March



General meeting



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We encourage our members to use this account for transactions with the club. The old account with Commonwealth Bank will stay open for a couple of months.

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.

Heart Foundation Walking



The regular walking group is on Mondays, leaving from Casuarina Square, near the K Mart car centre at 7:30am

For further details,
contact Janet 0432 154 306



Tracy Village Social and Sports Club

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Golf

Contact
Jeff Mosel ph 0422 187 263
For dates and times



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Literature, Lunch and Laughter

Another great Monday spent with like minded ladies. Hope you continue enjoying you stay in Cambodia, Brian



Read February discussed March

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time by Mark Haddon

Excellent read with good understanding of aspergers. Delightful read. Good read and recommend. No negative reviews of this book.

Dear Mrs Bird by A J Pearce World Ware II and a good read though would appeal to a limited audience. Gentle read.

The Granddaughter by Bernhard Schlink Enjoyed. Set in East Germany. Interesting and self analysing.

Read March discuss April

The Sea Detective By : Mark Douglas-Home

Prima Facie By : Suzie Miller

The Bookshop Ladies By: Faith Hogan

Read April discuss May

Slow Horses By : Mick Herron

Any Title by Daniel Silva

Love and Virtue by Diana Reid

There is no need to feel alone. Feel free to join us on the first Monday of each month at 11am at the Casuarina Sports Club. You will be very welcome. Stay well. Stay safe and happy reading, Beverley Barnes



TEN PIN BOWLING

A small group met up for coffee at Caramella Patisserie prior to the game. 11 keen players divided into 3 teams. Cheryl and Anne started well . Cheryl got a strike in Round (R) 2 which put her ahead by 4 points. In R5 Anne went into the lead. From then onwards it was a race between Cheryl, Anne, Lynette and Robyn. In R 6 Lynette raced ahead and remained there until in an exciting finish she was pipped at the post in R10 by Cheryl.

Final scores Cheryl 105 (1 strike), Lynette 102 (1 strike), Anne 97 and Robyn 95. Betty and Fred also had a strike each. Lane 3 had numerous scoring and bumper problems but despite this everyone seemed to enjoy the game

Next month we meet up again on Wednesday 16 April

Shirley Porte, Coordinator.

Shirley will be away next month so we will need a stand in coordinator to look after the group for the April get together.

Coffee Lovers!

Date and venue to be advised at the meeting

Travel Group

An up to date report will be given at the General Meeting on 2 April.

Facebook post showing the group leaving for Ambon



Out and about in March



Writing Group

March meeting



The Darwin Probus Writing Group met at the Cas Club as usual. We practiced our writing skills on a 7 minute write-up exercise "My first day of school". This brought out some surprising and interesting stories.

The next topic is "A bunch of flowers." This promises to be an interesting topic. Flowers are given as presents, or for an Important or significant occasion. Roses are given on Valentines Day. Wreathes of flowers are for funerals. They are symbolic of many things. There is room for lots of writing possibilities here.

The next meeting is Tuesday 15 th April at 11 am at the Cas Club, but if you can't make it, just email in your contribution.

Ron Ninnis, Coordinator

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Board Games

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

22 April 1:00pm

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator



Seniors' Snippets

Ken Cohalan OAM



NT tops the nation for stroke risk—
25% NT residents have high blood pressure, while 11% are smokers. Both are major contributors to strokes..

Dot Chapman—our dear first lady member of Probus Darwin has retired to Maleny Qld. We hear on the grapevine that Dot is very happy in her new home and is trying hard to form a Probus Club there.

Amplifon Hearing Care Professional —located in Casuarina. Free hearing tests.

Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians—I attended a meeting on Wednesday, 26 February. It was agreed to work on three major items—

- NT Concession Scheme
- Suitable housing for Seniors
- Voluntary Assisted Dying



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.

Many thanks

To our wonderful members who take on various roles in welcoming everyone to each meeting and coordinate the interest groups on a monthly basis to enable the Club to function efficiently. My sincere apologies if I have inadvertently omitted anyone.

Many thanks also to the Social and Travel Committee members who regularly organise activities.

Greeters
Garden Club
10 pin bowling
Golf
Writing Group
Book Club
Craft Group
Guest Speakers
Photographer
Sound Equipment
Morning Tea
Web Master

Fred Barlow and Lynne Holland
Bev Aitken
Shirley Porte (thanks to Chris Kuhn for helping last year)
Jim Wright and Jeff Mosel
Ron Ninnis
Beverley Barnes
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Mary Verus
Judy Beard
Bob Schulze, Peter Pusterla, Rob O'Connor
Elaine Ellard, Ed Howard
Fred Barlow

Memories from a long time ago

By Carmen Tester, Darwin Probus Writing Club

Before the Wet Season set in, I would empty the tall bedroom cupboards, downsizing and cleaning some mildew and mould.

I was on a ladder, checking the higher shelves. I saw a four litre ice cream container. Removing the lid I saw a collection of different bullets. – some were old, some looked newish.

I thought "Oh my, where did these come from?"

We had a young fellow living with us, who had moved out to live elsewhere. I had no idea if the bullets were used or alive, so I decided to take them to a Police Station.

As I was walking across the large Police car park, very carefully holding the container of bullets, I was wondering what the police would think when I showed them what I had.

Hmm..then the "spirit of mischief" came upon me..heh..heh.

When I walked into the station, one young policeman was behind the counter.

He said "Hello, can I help you?" I kept a very serious face, and carefully and very slowly placed the four litre ice cream container on the counter.

I said " I am not sure what to do with this and felt I ought to bring it to you guys to decide." I stepped back. He looked a bit wary, so I said, "You can open it."

He replied "Madam, take the lid off.....I said take the lid off Madam."

I stepped forward to slowly lift the lid..then whisked it off fast. The young policeman jerked back a bit.

Maybe he thought a snake might jump out and get his jugular.??

He regained his composure.

I waited until I was halfway across the car park before my giggles engulfed me.

Ooroo, Carmen



Our last month's guest speakers from Aunty's Free Feeds is looking for some help.

If you can please bring in paper grocery bags to the meeting, this will help with food distribution and be very much appreciated. The bags will be collected from our meetings.



Introducing the 2025 Executive /Management Committee.

Michael Martin
Management Committee
Gwenda Smallacombe
Bulletin/ Membership
Jill Kuhn—Secretary
Tony Errity—Past President
Lyn Barlow = President
Mary Verus—Guest Speakers
Anne Howard—Treasurer
Peter Toll– Management Committee
Di Lunn—Minute Secretary
Absent
Vice Presidents Wendy Darwin and Susan Bandias
Bronwyn Russell,
Hugh Roberts

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Extracts from the Minutes 4 April 2001

Held at the Darwin Bowls Club

Present: Messrs Thompson, Dally, Simmons, Scott, Dimery, Plew, Blackmore, Steven, Kerr, Johnstone, Upton, Roberts, Chin, Taylor, Short, Bromich

Apologies: J Penhall

Visitor:

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

Correspondence: Inwards The Administrator accepted the position as Patron, COTA News, Probus News

Outwards—HH Administrator, Probus Centre

Treasurer's: Report Opening balance \$463.16, Income \$320, Expenses \$107.20, Closing balance \$675.96

General Business—Mr President referred to our membership position. We did have 42 members at one time but our current number is down to 20. He invited members to make every endeavour to improve our numbers.. He proposed to distribute a suitable flyer. He also invited member contribution to record a brief history of personal particulars for inclusion in the Club history.

Guest Speakers—Wayne Harlock of the Australian Electoral Commission and Greg Davis of NT Electoral Commission. Mr Harlock informed that all elections are conducted in accordance with existing laws, Federal and Territory elections are due soon, there are 2 Senate seats and Two House of Reps seats for the NT. There are about 107,000 voters on the NT roll. Preferential vote counting and donkey voting were discussed.

Greg Davis addressed the meeting relating to elections in the NT as well as Local Govt elections. Both Mr Harlock and Mr Davis answered many questions.

Next meeting—Wednesday, 2 May 2001

From the Treasurer

Membership fees now due

Membership fees cover the Probus year beginning 1 April through to 31 March.

\$60.00

Please pay at next meeting or into the bank account.

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