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*Gelita and Peter at our
Christmas lunch at
Silks*

Happy New Year

**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 January, 2024
10:30am - General Meeting**

Janet's Jottings

Christmas has been such a busy fun time to catch up with friends and enjoy breakup parties!

Now here we are heading into 2024, a new year to explore new adventures and options.

Our Social Committee will be looking for suggestions for activities and outings for the year. So if you have some ideas then let them know. Or why not be part of the team?

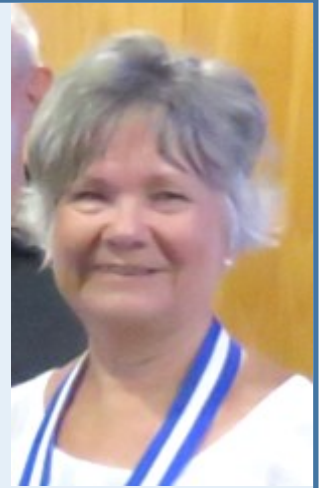
The Travel team's next venture is the P & O cruise to Singapore in early February. I am looking forward to travelling the high seas with pressure wrist bands and sea sickness tablets!

Wishing you all the best in health and friendships for 2024.

See you at our January meeting with our very own member Ron Wright who will be our guest speaker.

Cheers

Janet



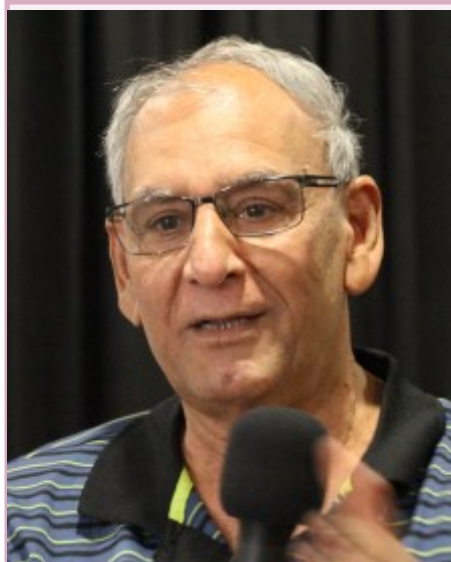
January Guest Speaker

Ron Wright

Ron, one of our members has agreed to be guest speaker for this meeting. He is known to most of you for his interest and expertise in gardening.

Topic for this meeting however is to be

Exploits in New Guinea as Ron regales us with stories of his time in that area.



Vale

Anwar Latif

20 October 1948—26 December 2023

Sadly we say goodbye to Anwar, a quiet man who has been involved in our Probus Club since June 2016. Anwar enjoyed the meetings, going on our club trips and some of the dining out activities and he often offered suggestions for social activities.

Sincere and heartfelt condolences are extended to Anwar's family on his passing.

Rest in peace

Management and Members of Probus Club of Darwin

Interest Groups

January at a glance

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Wednesday Jan 3 - 10:30 am	General Meeting at Tracy Village
Friday Jan 5 - 10:15 am	Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes
Wednesday Jan 10- 10:30 am	Garden club at Mike Foley's home, coordinator Bev Aitken
Tuesday Jan 16 - 11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club coordinator Ron Ninnis
Wednesday Jan 17—6:30pm	Dining out at Parap Tavern
	10 pin bowling. In recess
	Golf in recess
	Board Games at Pearl in recess
	Morning Tea in recess

GARDEN CLUB

27 garden lovers enjoyed a great day at Allora gardens nursery.

Many thanks to Estelle and Gayon for the Question and Answer session plus the talk on all bugs and insects that attack our gardens. Thanks also for the very generous giveaways with everyone getting at least one prize.

Then it was off to a fun lunch at Midway.

Next get together 10 January,, 10:30am at Mike and Kay Foley's garden at 46 Witherden Street, Nakara.

Merry Christmas and see you all next year.

Bev Aitken—Coordinator



Probus Club of Darwin

January Dining Out



17 January, 2024, 6:30pm

Contact person is

Rowena PH 0413 289 555



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Social and Sports Club

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Thank God its Friday

In recess till
2024





Morning Tea

Last Friday in the month.

In recess till 2024




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Seniors Snippets

- **Good Citizen** - Vicki O'Halloran AO (former Administrator) asked a 7-year old what makes a good citizen. His reply "*it is about always telling the truth, being kind to everyone and helping your friends*" What a great influence. Hopefully the 7 year old will always remember.
- **Cruise Ships** - 103 booked to come to Darwin in 2024 Passenger capacity 60,000 worth over \$65 million to the local economy, we should make them welcome. Encourage them to explore Darwin and spend dollars.
- **Books** - Karama Library - has some free book give aways
- **Booster Covid 19** - we get ours at Hibiscus Chemist. Protection against the new strain of Covid will be available at the end of January.
- **Advance Personal Plan & Wills** - Connie and I have just completed our Advance Personal Plans. They require a JP to sign. We used Margaret Schoenfisch situated at Palmerston Library on Friday .
- **Senior Christmas Lunch** - Our new MLA for Fannie Bay Brent Potter put on a great lunch for over 100 Seniors. Good meal, soft drinks, Lucky Door Prizes, Photobooth. There were a few of our fellow Probians.
- **New Year** - I hope you had a great Christmas with family and friends also I look forward to working with you in 2024



Update from the Darwin Probus Travel Committee

The committee has discussed a number of suggestions put forward by club members for travel in 2024 and 2025. At this stage they are being investigated for feasibility. Some suggestions include:

- ◆ Several of our members are off cruising to Singapore early in February.
- ◆ Dili October 2024 experience (Timor Leste), looking at 4-5 days, possibly in March.
- ◆ Mudgee—too expensive and now off the list.
- ◆ Sri Lanka tour/cruise and Cambodia and Vietnam cruise/tour. These two activities are currently being investigated.
- ◆ Kununurra Full Moon Experience.

Out and about in December

Our General Meeting for December became our club's annual Christmas celebration. Held at Silks again, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch, were entertained by some of our members singing carols and also by a small group of ladies presenting many comments and situations very fitting to all of us and set to the tune of Memories. Lots of great photos thanks to Judy Beard.

Our guests for the luncheon included our Patron His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM Administrator of the NT and his partner Ruth Jones as well as Kezia Purich MLA and Tricia O'Hehir together with Prath Sabaratnam, Rotary District Governor and his wife Inthu.

Plenty of laughs, a slide show of the photos throughout the year, a great Christmas quiz, and door prizes made for another memorable Christmas lunch for 85 of our members. Well done to the organisers.



Out and about in December



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His Honour Hugh Heggie PSM and Ms Jones



Literature, Lunch and Laughter

A lively discussion amongst the group.

A Certain Justice by P.D. James (Phyllis Dorothy) – Inspector Adam Dalgliesh Mystery Book 10, but utterly readable by itself. The three people who read this one, were very impressed with the writing style and structure; the scene was beautifully set for the murder motive and the character descriptions were interesting. A good tip if reading this on your kindle is to write down the names of the characters, as backtracking is not as easy as with a paper version.

We gave it a 3, a 4 and another 4 out of 5 as an indication for those still wanting to read it

Crows Nest by Nikki Mottram – Dana Gibson Mysteries Book 1 (with a second book out soon, if not already: Killarney).

This one rated a 4 by the two people who have read it while the two still reading it considered it good so far but preferred no spoilers. Suffice to say it is interesting, set in Toowoomba and Sydney and not available at Darwin Library but they ordered it in from elsewhere.

Wild Swans - three daughters of China by Jung Chang The three people who read it gave this one a 5 out of 5. A true history, very informative, starting with the eldest daughter during Mao Tse Tung's period and ending with the youngest of the three daughters during the Cultural Revolution. The three who haven't are determined to read it over the festive season, particularly since the next book club meeting is not until the first Monday in February '24.

Read December / Discuss February

The Crossing Places By: Ellie Griffith

The Running Grave By: J. K. Rowling, and published under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith.

The Kill Artist OR The Cellist (Kill Artist not available on Kindle when I searched for it and Cellist very gripping ...) By: Daniel Silva

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
By: Rachel Joyce

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

Stay well.

Stay safe, Happy Reading and a Happy Start to 2024

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.

January Birthdays

Gwenda Worrell
Maureen Reiter***
Gaynor Maggs
Jack Burr
Margaret Arbon
Pat Sisson ***
Beverley Baker
Sheila McAloon
Mary Martin

January Anniversaries

Bronwyn and Peter Russell
Hunter and Rosemary McEwen
Sue and Ron Wright
Hendrika and John Carlow
Andrew and Mavis Leo
Robert and Valmai Scott
Fred and Lyn Barlow



Hope you enjoy your special day

Board Games

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

In recess

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator



Heart

Foundation Walking



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

Will resume on 8 January 2024

For further details, contact Janet 0432 154 306

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Prof Tom Calma AO—After the referendum
Dr Jose Ramos Horta—President Timor Leste

Connecting with Community

**Home Grown
Connecting with Rotary
Northern Connections**

Register by 31 December for early bird registration of \$200 for the weekend including attendance at the welcome reception at Parliament House and the Gala Dinner.

Non rotarians are very welcome.

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Thank you for the ongoing and generous support of the members of Darwin Probus members.

This year has seen an increase in shipping traffic to the Port of Darwin and a corresponding rise in the number of seafarers who find refuge in the Seafarers Centre away from sea and a place to relax and catch up with their relatives and friends .

The contributions of the Darwin Probus Club members have added to the comforts we have been able to offer the visiting seafarers. All the clothing is very popular, both summer and winter.

Seafarers who use the centre come from a variety of countries but more than 80% have their home in the Philippines.

Please accept our sincere thanks and our best wishes for you, the Darwin Probus Executive and members and their families for a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and successful 2024.



Happy New Year from the Garden 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.

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