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## Next meeting

Meetings begin  
at 10:30am and  
are held on the  
first

Wednesday of  
each month

**Tracy Village Social and Sports Club**  
**Wednesday, 5 July, 2023**  
**10:30am - General Meeting**

## Janet's Jottings

**W**elcome to another month of the Darwin Bulletin.

Half the year of activities has been enjoyed and another half to come. We keep our Social Committee busy!

There was such a generous giving of items for the Seafarer's Mission at our last meeting that we will continue on each month. Everything is greatly appreciated.

A thank you to the NT Government for granting us the minor community grant, this allows us a significant deduction to our Sunset Dinner Cruise costs.

I look forward to celebrating Territory Day with our annual Territory Day Breakfast at the Trilior Boat Club, Trivia included thanks to Rowena.

A new monthly activity was trialed, Thank God It's Friday drinks at Greenhouse Café organised by Patti. Patti will keep us updated. Lovely weather for evening socializing.

See you at our activities this month.

Stay safe and connected.

Cheers  
Janet



## Welcome New Member



Jenny Darben was inducted at  
the meeting on 7 June 2023

## July

### GUEST SPEAKER—Janet Weir

Janet is a teacher who moved from schools to volunteering as a community educator for the Stroke Foundation. She is passionate about health and education in rural and regional areas which is why she is coming to Darwin from Adelaide for a fortnight.

Janet is passionate about stroke prevention and spreading greater awareness in the community. Janet is a volunteer StrokeSafe Speaker who joined the program in 2013 when it first began in South Australia. Since then, she has delivered almost 100 presentations and has made a fantastic name for herself in Adelaide doing talks, with many groups requesting her specifically.



# Interest Groups

## July at a glance

| Event Date                  | Meeting/Event  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Saturday July 1 - 9:00am    | Territory Day Breakfast, Trailer Boat Club, coordinator Maureen Reiter   |
| Monday July 3 - 11:00 am    | Book Club at Cas Club, coordinator Bev Barnes  |
| Wednesday July 5 - 10:30am  | Meeting at Tracy Village   |
| Friday July 7—10:15 am      | Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes  |
| Wednesday July 12- 10:30 am | Next garden club at Trailer Boat Club, coordinator Bev Aitken  |
| Tuesday July 18 - 11:00am   | Writing group at Cas Club coordinator Ron Ninnis   |
| Wednesday July 19- 10:00 am | 10 pin bowling. Start at the Caramello Café at 10:00 then move on to Kingpin at 11:00am. Coordinator Shirley Porte |
| Wednesday July 19- 6:30 pm  | Dining Out at Klimataria Greek Restaurant, Stuart Park   |
| Tuesday July 25—1:00pm      | Board Games at Pearl. Coordinator Maxine Dienelt   |
| Friday July 28—9:30am       | Morning Tea at De La Plage, Darwin Surf Club, Casuarina. Coordinator Patti Jacobson                                |

### Morning Tea

### De La Plage,

(Darwin Surf Club, Casuarina)

(it's a good idea to take your own chair)

Friday, 28 July at 9:30am

Please let Patti Jacobson know if you are attending Ph 0430 457 552

### KLIMATARIA



GREEK CUISINE

### July

### Dining Out

Klimataria Greek Restaurant

Wednesday, 19 July. 6:30pm

Contact Patti Jacobson for any changes  
Ph 0430 457 552

## GARDEN CLUB

A great morning at Ants Plants. We were surrounded in the outdoor garden of tropical plants and many beautiful orchids. This was topped off with a superb morning tea of hot scones, thanks to Ray and Jenny's cup cakes. Anthony spoke about propagating lime and lemon trees and shrubs grown from cuttings. We finished the morning with lunch at Coolalinga Tavern.

Next meeting at Trailer boat club 13th July 10:30am

.Bev Aitken—Coordinator



## Board Games

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

Tuesday, July 25, 1:00 - 3:00pm

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator



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## Ken Cohalan OAM

### Seniors Snippets

- **Elder Abuse** is a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person” An increasing number of activities and events are held across the globe on Elder Abuse Day, 15 June, to raise awareness of elder abuse and highlight ways to challenge such abuse.
- **Seniors Garden Comp & Luncheon** We were successful with the Senior’s Gardening grant application, so it looks like a Senior’s Gardening Awards presentation luncheon (free) at Pearl Retirement Village Leisure Centre (Monday 28th Aug). A great event last year so hopefully will be again this year. Looking for more nominations.
- **Palmerston Seniors Fortnight Program** - from Sunday 13th August to Sunday 27th August. Registration forms needed, <https://plsa.com.au/upcoming-events> as there are some restriction on numbers and buses provided.
- **Darwin Festival** - 4-21 August the 2023 program is now available. Something for everyone. I got my copy from Electoral Office of the local NT MP
- **Commissioner for Oaths (JP)** - Anwar a Probus Club of Darwin member is ready to help Seniors. His desk is just is at Northlakes Shopping Centre, near the electoral office.
- **Medicare** - Increase in Medicare bulk billing incentive and there has been a cut in the cost of medicines.
- **Population** - 30 per cent of Australian population was born overseas—USA is 16%, UK 15% , Germany 14%, Australian population increased by 497,756 to 26.27 million in 2022



### Craft Group

An amazing group of ladies and all with a love of life and laughter. Had an amazing morning with eleven very talented ladies, creating various interesting items. We welcomed a visitor, Pauline, who is from Yea, Victoria and enjoying our beautiful weather and hospitality. Thank you Pauline for the many parcels of wool you mail to Elaine for our group.

Come and join us, even if it is just a good laugh you are needing. Promise, we can help with that while making you welcome.

Thank you Jan for holding the fort for me whilst I was away. Thank you Margaret for taking photos.

Happy Crafting Bev Barnes—Coordinator Ph 0434 866 226

# Probus Darwin—Travellers on the move

## Darwin to Europe and back

This article reflects a trip Di and I took to Europe in May. Given there is little unique about what we did I decided to produce a travelog with a difference. It includes observations of people, behaviours and places, my view of the good, the bad and the ugly.

Paris in 2023 wasn't much different to my memories from the late 1990s – crowded tourist places, awful traffic, and “interesting” parking practices. It is still a mystery how Parisians manage to park their cars into such small parking spaces and at such challenging angles. We did the usual things, Hop on Hop Off bus, Eiffel Tower, Arch du Triomphe, and the Louvre. A notable difference for me from when I was in Paris the 90's is the way Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece in the Louvre is viewed today. The visitor queues are still very long but visitors don't gaze in wonder of the art but rather view the Mona Lisa from a backwards perspective - a selfie pose. Another phenomenon is visitors standing in the Paris traffic for a selfie with the Arch du Triomphe.

We both greatly enjoyed Moulin Rouge complete with its incredible costumes and acts. We learned later we were one of the last audiences to see the snake lady's water act as, because of animal welfare concerns, it has now been banned.

We had a cold, wet day for a visit to the Palace of Versailles. Along with the 17<sup>th</sup> century opulence of its garden and buildings, no wonder the peasants revolted, came a signature lunch at the Ore Restaurant. Apparently owned by a renowned chef, Alain Ducasse. A three-course meal with accompanying wines. The soup, initially presented as a smattering of bits in the bottom of a dish, was then submerged in green liquid expertly poured by wait staff. But we were all up for dessert which, despite its strange name, tasted very good. The sophistication of the meal was a little lost on most of us, although the wines accompanying each dish were good and well appreciated.

Towards the end of our 5 days Paris stay our hotel presented us with a new experience, a European Israel Economic Cooperation Conference which came complete with protesters and hyped-up security. We had a bird's eye view of the plain clothed secret service officers on the street below who clandestinely communicated with the colleagues and the hotel through their sleeves.

Then, during the bus trip from Paris to Amsterdam to join the river cruise, the next leg of our holiday, “The Paris Bogans” was created, 21 fellow Aussies and two Kiwis. Our arrival in Amsterdam was quite eventful, with our bus blocked by striking taxi drivers protesting over a proposal to make the central city accessible to electric vehicles only. Much to our disgust we were forced to walk the last kilometre or so to the ship.

The river cruise took us to Rudesheim, Miltenberg, Wurzburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Melk, Bratislava, Vienna and Budapest. We visited cathedrals, churches, palaces, museums, monasteries and viewed numerous world heritage sites. While all we did and saw were new experiences, some were outstanding.

Tour options in Rudesheim included Siegfried's Musical Instrument Museum, not attractive on paper but a great surprise. This is a collection of automated musical instruments which have been restored to working order and which provided entertainment to our forebears. From automated musical contraptions complete with self-playing violins and the paper roll pianolas to the organ grinders organ, the only thing missing was the monkey.

The cruise took us though a multitude of locks along the Rhine and the Danube. This was a new and interesting experience. Even more interesting was the prospect of our cruise ship not being able to pass under one of the bridges. Heavy, unseasonal rain and thawing snow had resulted in very high-water levels. At one point the captain increased ballast to sink the ship as low as possible, water was lapping the bottom of the windows on the lower deck, everything on the top deck were taken down even the bridge, that was on hydraulic rams, was lowered. Fortunately, our ship sailed



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under a low bridge with five centimetres to spare which meant we were far more fortunate than others whose ships were stranded.

The best of Vienna were a cocktail party and private recital, by a full orchestra performing Mozart and the Strausses, at the Liechtenstein City Palace. A very memorable experience in an amazing venue which exuded opulence of chandeliers, sweeping staircases, marble statues and lots of gold.

During the 14-day cruise the Paris Bogans were privileged with two Captain's Table dinners with seven course degustation menus served in a private dining room. The dishes were prepared by an awesome Philippine chef and expertly presented by the maître d' from Myanmar.



## My observations

This cruise holiday was great and understandably it was heavily focused on history, both ancient and modern. Many of the "historic" structures we saw are modern versions of the original, rebuilt after the second World War with modern building materials. While the opulence of past European royalty and the Nazi war history were profiled, the guides paid little attention to the costs to the communities across the centuries. The guide in Nuremberg focused on the role that city played in the pre-war Nazi gatherings and the post war trials of key Nazi leaders with scant mention of what happened to the people. In the Castle District, the medieval heart and part of the Budapest UNESCO World Heritage site, our tour guide highlighted how the hill today is several metres higher than it was because the area housed the pre-war Jewish community and all the buildings had been reduced to rubble during the Nazi era. Many of the buildings, including the royal fortress of Buda Castle and Matthias Church, have been rebuilt and there are many under construction. I must ask, isn't there an incongruity to use history as a drawcard for tourists but gloss over the human impact?



Our ship experience was fantastic with the best of food, drink, and service. Our staff included several different nationalities, but many were from Myanmar. One incident during breakfast left those who witnessed it wondering. One of the Myanmar staff being "tutored" by a "Pommie" passenger for getting the jam labels mixed up. If you're one of the many who take cruise holidays, whether ocean or river cruises, please keep in mind those who make these holiday experiences so great often have English as a second language, spend long periods away from family and community and face difficulties both on the ships and at home.

During the cruise we discovered European wines, beyond those produced in France, and learned about grape growing and wine production in Germany and Austria. But, how the grapes are harvested from the vines growing on precariously steep, eastern facing mountain slopes, remains a mystery.

We were rudely awoken from luxury cruise by our flight home transiting through Frankfurt. Never a fan of Lufthansa and German airports, in particular the Frankfurt airport, our experience this time has firmly cemented my opinion. A delay in our flight from Budapest to Frankfurt meant that many on the plane were rushing to catch their connections. We then suffered a three hour wait for our luggage and, as a result, an additional waiting fee for our transfer to the hotel. Why the wait? Oh, in the haste to ensure other passengers made their connections, Lufthansa ground staff forgot to unload the luggage for Frankfurt. Just try to find Lufthansa customer service personnel in the Frankfurt terminal when you need one. Note to me – in future avoid Frankfurt airport.

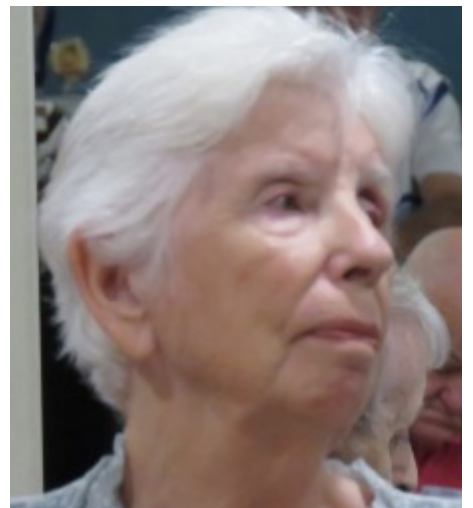
Our overnight at a Frankfurt hotel was made very enjoyable by a wonderful Indonesian born German citizen, Stefan, who served us a lovely dinner and entertained us with stories of his migration to Germany.

Now we are back home with the memories of a great holiday with the "back to normal" challenges of deciding what's for breakfast without the help of a menu and then having to cook it.

# Out and about in June



Earl and Sheena receiving their 10 year membership certificates.



# Out and about in June



Garden Club at Antz Plants



Dining out at Breezes





# Probus Club of Darwin—member contributions

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.

How do you make holy water? You take some regular water & boil the hell out of it.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu - you get what you deserve.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday but couldn't find any.

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe.

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.

I used to be indecisive; now I'm not so sure.

Sleeping comes so naturally to me, I could do it with my eyes closed.

*Sent in by Bob Schulze*

## Date, Oat and Almond Biscuits – Bev Aitken

125ml extra virgin oil      ½ cup brown sugar  
1 cup dates, thinly sliced    1 egg  
½ cup rolled oats            ¼ cup flaked almonds  
¼ cup pepitas                1 cup plain flour  
1 tablespoon chia seeds      2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 teaspoon carb soda  
Extra ¼ cup each of oats, pepitas and almonds for rolling biscuits.

### Method

- Whisk together oil, sugar and egg. Stir in dates, oats, pepitas, almonds and seeds. Sift in flour, bicarb and cinnamon. Mix until combined.
- Cover bowl and refrigerate 30 minutes.
- Preheat oven 180° fan forced
- Line oven trays with baking paper. Combine extra oats, extra pepitas and extra almonds in shallow bowl.
- Divide mixture into balls. Roll balls in oat mixture gently pressing to coat, slightly flatten balls.
- Arrange on tray, about 4 cm apart.
- Cook 16 minutes till golden brown. Cool on trays.



*Notes from Bev—can substitute almonds with macadamia nuts, don't need to roll the balls in extra mixture.*

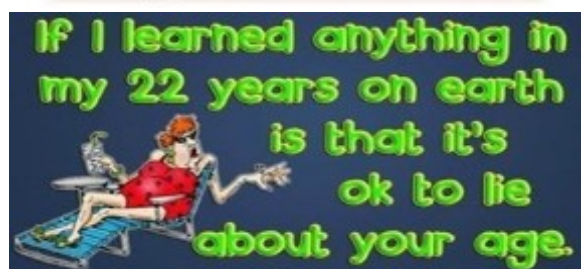
## 7 Rules of Life

- 1. Make peace with your past**  
so it won't disturb your present.
- 2. What other people think of you**  
is none of your business.
- 3. Time heals almost everything.**  
Give it time.
- 4. No one is in charge**  
of your happiness, except you.
- 5. Don't compare your life to others**  
and don't judge them, you have no idea what their journey is all about.
- 6. Stop thinking too much.**  
It's alright not to know the answers.
- 7. Smile.**  
You don't own all the problems in the world.

*Sent in by Elaine Prosser*



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my 22 years on earth  
is that it's  
ok to lie  
about your age.**



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### Literature, Lunch and Laughter

Bev, we have sorely missed you and are glad you are back in Darwin and ready to return after a great break..

#### Books read May and discussed June

- **Bring up the Bodies** by Hilary Mantel. Review—Jim enjoyed it very much as well as the first book, Wolf Hall. He gave a bit of an overview last month so Colleen, Margaret and Helmy gave it a go but gave up.....:
- **The Housemaid's Secret**, by Freida McFadden - Review:  
Colleen enjoyed the book very much. It may be a follow up from the Housemaid we read a few months ago and all of us enjoyed that one very much.
- **Year of Wonders** by Geraldine Brooks. Review—Sheena enjoyed the history of this book but found the characters overblown. The book is about the plague in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the hardship of quarantining in the village where it all started. Helmy, Margaret and Colleen enjoyed it and we discussed the incredible cruelty of the people. The book presents a stark contrast between the 'believers' and the 'witches' in how brutal people behaved towards each other.

#### Books to read June and discuss July

- Battavia by Peter FitzSimons
- Nancy Wake by Peter FitzSimons
- Beartown by Fredrick Backman
- Siddhartha by Herman Hesse
- Any book by Lucinda Riley



We meet on the first Monday of the month and new members are welcome to join us at the Casuarina Club where we meet at 11 to discuss books and we eat, drink and are merry afterwards.

**Next meeting—5 June , 11:00am at Cas Sports Club**

Stay well, stay safe and happy reading, Helmy

### July Birthdays

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Lynne Holland | John Buchanan    |
| Teresa Jong   | Peter Shapcott** |
| Molly Steven  |                  |

### July Anniversaries

- Rowena and Dave McHugh  
John and Pat Buchanan  
Peter and Libby Siebert



Hope you enjoy your special day

### TEN PIN BOWLING

After a very pleasant time at Caramellos we moved on to the bowling at 11.00 am. There was some very high scoring this week. Maxine Dienelt starred with her super score of 144. Anne O'Connor was next, scoring 112 with Henrietta Dempster close behind with 107. Ron Wright just beat the 100 mark scoring 101, while the rest of the gang came home in the following order: Janet Elliott, Nancy Lay, Anne Howard, Ed Howard, Richard Dempster with Tony Errity valiantly bringing up the rear. Sue Wright and Chris Kuhn made up the cheer squad. Again it was a fun morning, and as always, we welcome new players.

Cheers,  
Chris Kuhn

**Next get together is on Wednesday  
20 July 2023**



# Senior's Beautiful Gardens Competition

2023 Seniors Gardening Competition will be judged differently this year, to encourage engagement and participation by Top End Seniors in the wonderful world of gardening.

This year in 2023 we're looking for those very 'special' and 'unique' gardens and we're looking for some more entries.

If your garden is special or unique, if you're extremely proud of your garden, if your grand children simply love your garden, then please register and let the judges know what's special about your garden, so it can be judged and assessed under this new awards criteria.

Heimo Schober CEO  
 Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT  
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 Email: ceo@kabcnt.org.au

## A Family Affair Mary and her family

Three generations of Superstar Productions For some, Superstar Productions are becoming a family tradition. When Kate performed in Les Miserables in 2001, her mum Mary decided to try her hand in a backstage role, manning the props table. Now that Charlotte and Mary are performing in the 2023 production of Evita, Kate has decided to try running props as well. All 3 are very excited to be involved in Evita which is shaping into a wonderful show. July 14th-15th at Darwin Entertainment Centre




## EVITA


Superstar Productions present one of the world's most recognised, celebrated and applauded musicals of all time, featuring some of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's best-loved songs including 'Don't Cry For Me Argentina', 'On This Night of a Thousand Stars' and 'You Must Love Me'.

This multi-award-winning musical charts the story of Eva Perón, wife of former Argentine dictator Juan Perón, from her humble beginnings through to her extraordinary journey of wealth, power and status.


|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>DATE/TIME</b> | Friday 14 Jul 7:30pm<br>Saturday 15 Jul 7:30pm |
| <b>VENUE</b>     | The Playhouse                                  |
| <b>PRICE</b>     | Full Price: \$75.00                            |



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## Heart Foundation Walking

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

For further details, contact Janelle 0438691163



## Seniors Month

City of Darwin will be hosting a variety of exciting FREE activities during August as part of Seniors Month.

The calendar of events will be out mid-July and bookings are essential.

All community members with a NT Seniors Card are invited to attend.

Bookings essential

[www.darwin.nt.gov.au/community/programs/for-seniors](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/community/programs/for-seniors)



## 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.

## Golf

Probus Golf at Gardens.  
Second Monday of the month.  
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## Writing Group

Five eager writers met up to discuss how to write better, as well as many other topics, as usually happens in these meetings. We are going to try out reviewing our stories by AI, since we all want constructive criticism, but we all want a pat on the shoulder as well. Hopefully, New Bing will be able to do both, and won't offend anyone.

We also had our seven minute write-up on the topic "Blowing the budget", with each of us writing something completely different ( as is usual!).

The new topic for the next month is "The Traveller...", which leaves plenty of scope for the imagination. Anyone is invited to write on this topic.

We will also have a second topic, which is more of a challenge. It is to write about a photo of a figure (distributed to the group) from three different angles: from my view, from the figure's view, and from an outsider's view. Then, at next meeting, we will read out our efforts and discuss the results, and probably have a laugh also.

The next meeting (always the third Tuesday of the month) is :

**Tuesday 20th June at the Cas Club at 11 am.**

Everyone is welcome, but it is best to see me at the next Probus meeting.

You can check out the stories on <https://tinyurl.com/y8839h8b>



Ron Ninnis, Coordinator

## Update from the Travel Committee

### **Sunset dinner cruise on Spirit of Darwin. Friday, 18 August Cost reduced to \$75 per Probus Club of Darwin member and \$90 for non members.**

The boat boards at Dock 2, Stokes Hill wharf at 5:00pm. Included in the price is a 2 1/2 hour sunset cruise and a buffet dinner consisting of roast meats, fresh salads, Australian prawns and dessert of an assortment of cakes and slices and fresh fruit salad.

Each cruise enjoys a live commentary, access to the well shaded upper deck with a view of the harbour.

Bookings to Lyn Barlow, email:  
secretaryprobusdarwin@hotmail.com

**Payments can be made into the club account—BSB 065903, Account 10136723, with Cruise as the reference or in cash at the next meeting.**



### **Mudgee Experience—**

**October 22—29 2023** A six night experience to Blue Mountains, Mudgee and Western Plains Zoo NSW, including an overnight stay at Taronga Western Plains Zoo. .

#### **Itinerary**

Day 1—travel from Sydney to Blue Mountains, enjoying the Norman Lindsay Art Gallery and some of the beauty of the area.

Day 2—Explore the Blue Mountains

Day 3— Travel from Blue Mountains to Mudgee. Enjoy the charming rural towns and wineries of the area.

Day 4—Enjoy the delights of the region including wine, cheese and honey.

Day 5—Travel from Mudgee to Western Plains Zoo, visiting the towns of Gulgong and Dubbo. Stay overnight at the Zoo

Day 6— Early morning rise for a guided tour of the zoo. Then travel on to Orange.

Day 7—Travel from Orange back to Sydney.

Tour includes twin share accommodation, meals as advised and admissions and national park fees and tours as advised in the full itinerary that has been sent out. Flights to and from Sydney at your own cost and timing. Lyn has emailed out the full itinerary, copies available at the next meeting..

Probus Club of Darwin contact for this trip is Bronwyn ph 0414 894 547. To book and pay directly please contact Cola Maurirere at ITravel, Jape Centre, Bagot Road ph 0404 306 764



In mid-April I went on a rather unusual eight night coach tour of Tasmania. The coach picked us up in Melbourne, then to Geelong to board the overnight ferry to Tasmania. Next day on the coach again for two nights in Launceston, four nights in Hobart and then back by overnight ferry to Melbourne. Overall the trip was very enjoyable, we visited lots of places and had lots of guides tell us lots of things. The driver and tour guide were really good value making sure everything ran smoothly and always happy to provide advice and solve problems. The coach was a thirty-seven seater and looked new. It had a toilet which none of us got to see as we had more than enough comfort stops. Our tour group was small, only fourteen of us so there was lots of room to spread out. The proposed Mudgee coach tour, suggested for October by the Probus Travel Group, is run by Southern Star Coaches, the same company which ran the above tour to Tasmania. In my opinion it is an excellent company and has my recommendation. Slainte Tony



# Territory Day Breakfast

## Saturday, 1 July 9:00am



### Trailer Boat Club

**\$19.50 per person pay on the day**  
**includes plated bacon, eggs, tomato, beans and toast and coffee**

**If you have any Territory stories you would like to share please bring them along.**

**Will also have trivia questions to test your brains!**

**Maureen Reiter is the contact—ph 0419 716 262**

#### FROM THE ARCHIVES

**Extracts from the Minutes 7 July 1999**

**Held at the Darwin Sailing Club**

**Present:** Messrs Plew, Giese, Dally, Thompson, Larcombe, Blackmore, Kerr, Roberts, Simmons, Thompson, Fisher, McLaren, Taylor, Chin, Dr Bromich

**Apologies:** Dimery, Steven, Johnstone, Penhall, Washington

**Visitor:** President extended a warm welcome to Nick Bertrand visiting from Campbelltown SA

Mr Bertrand addressed the meeting on the activities of Campbelltown Probus Club. It is a mens only club but have a combined meeting with the ladies club every 3 months.

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

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards**—Probus News Winter edition 1999

**Outwards**—Returns Darwin City Council Library

**Treasurer's Report:** Bal \$273.60, Receipts \$40, Expenses \$8.10, Bal \$305.50

**Guest Speaker**—Mr Roger Quillam, Security Manager, MGM Casino Darwin. A former Tasmanian Police officer he worked in Launceston Casino and 10 years in Townsville in surveillance, and now Darwin for 3 years. He spoke about the security at MGM, based on the model used by New Jersey in USA. He also discussed the surveillance, monitors, camera controls and liquor control. They were always on the look out for cheating thieves, the odds are always in favour of the House, a lot of overseas high rollers, all complaints go to the Manager.

Mr Kerr thanked Mr Quillam on behalf of the members for a most interesting address..

**Close:** Meeting closed 11:32am.

### 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.

#### PRIVACY STATEMENT

The information collected in relation to members shall be held in accordance with the information privacy principles contained in the Privacy Act ( Privacy Act, Australia 1998 ). Each Probus Club shall ensure that it complies with such information privacy principles and shall not disclose any such information, except in accordance with the Privacy Act.

#### INSURANCE

All financial members of the Probus Club of Darwin Inc. are covered by Probus Insurance. Insurance covers members, visitors and guests whilst attending or participating in a recognised Probus activity function or meeting (age restrictions may apply). Prior conditions may be taken into consideration.

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