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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 July, 2025
10:30am - General Meeting

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



President's Perspective

Yet another glorious month has come and almost gone but still a few gatherings to attend!

Coffee, this Friday morning, is at Aquascene at Doctor's Gully.

I hope to see you at the Seniors' Expo on this Saturday, to share a conversation, perhaps a cup of tea and a scone, maybe a sausage!

On July 1, Territory Day, there is a gathering at the Trailer Boat Club for breakfast, a quiz and conversations!

One of the wonders of our world must be the connections and conversations of Probarians. Where we gather the talk rarely includes the horrors and wonders of the world at large, but rather the many memories we have of our lives. So my thought is we should have a name for such a gathering....a special collective name.....Perhaps a Conversation of Probarians.

Until the next conversation

Cheers
Lyn Barlow



Guest Speaker

Shea Banner

Zookeeper in the Nocturnal House
at the Territory Wildlife Park

Shea will be bringing along
"Winston" a Black-Footed Tree Rat



**Tracy Village
Social and Sports Club**
The home of
Probus Club of Darwin Inc.



Previous guest speakers from Aunty's Free Feeds are 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.

July at at Glance

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Sat June 28—10:00am	Seniors Expo at Marrara
Tues July 1 - 9:00am	Territory Day Breakfast
Wed July 2 - 10:30 am	General Meeting, Tracy Village
Fri July 4, 11, 18, 25 10:15 am	Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes
Wed July 7— 11"00 am	Book Club at Cas Club coordinator Bev Barnes
Wed July 9—10:30am	At Colin and Dorothy Brown's home.. Bev Aitken coordinator
Tues July 15—11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club - coordinator Ron Ninnis
Wed July 16—10:00am	Meet for coffee at 10:00am at Caramello Café then 10 pin bowling at 11:00am coordinator Shirley Porte
Wed July 16—6:30pm	Dining Out—Seafood on Cullen
Wed July 23—10:00am	Combined Games Day at Tracy Village
Fri July 25—9:30am	Coffee Lovers near Nightcliff Jetty
Tues July 29—1:00pm	Games at Pearl Retirement Village, Coordinator—Maxine

GARDEN CLUB

34 Garden lovers enjoyed the glorious sunny day at the Trailer Boat Club.

Guest Speaker, Barry Conde, a Meliponis (Keeper of Stingless Bees) spoke about 5 species of bees known in the Darwin area.

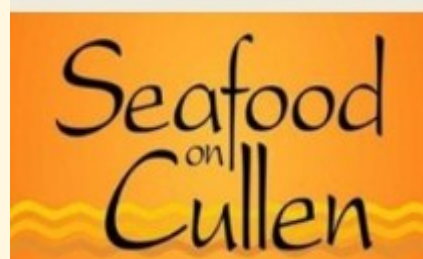
* To help eliminate Bush Chooks from your yard, use Cypress Pine chips.

Thanks to Lynette for running the raffle and attendance sheet as Bob is , unwell.

Next meeting at 10:30am on 9 July Colin and Dorothy Brown's home, 20 Cornish Road, Humpty Doo—veggie gardens, fruit trees, Asian cooking. Bev Aitken—Coordinator ph 0412 196 032



July Dining Out



At Cullen Bay

18 July, 2025 6:30pm

Contact: Judith Medley

Out and about in June



Presentation of our Community Club Award known as Pauls Milk Award to Judy Beard for her wonderful effort in taking photos at the meetings and many other events for inclusion in the bulletin and for our club records.



June General Meeting



Renzo, Jack and Fred discussing "men's business"

Out and about in June



Jenny receiving her 15 year membership certificate



Garden Club at Trailer Boat Club



Dining at Crustaceans

Out and about in June



*Enjoying the
sunset at the
wharf*



Seniors' Snippets

Ken Cohalan OAM



•**Aged Care**—after Connie's fall we now have an Aged Care Assessor to put services in place. Details on the following services were given:

Darwin Service Providers; Therapy Services; Respite; Domestic Assistance; Flexible Respite; Goods, Equipment; Home Maintenance; Home modifications; Meals.

•**Connie** is slowly improving after her fall. She is now walking short distances and is in Palmerston Hospital, Gem Ward.

•**Aged Pension**—Centrelink requires aged pensioners to revalidate their details to ensure continuation of benefits.

•**Centrelink Age Pensioners**—Age is the first requirement—you must be 67 to be eligible.

Residency—you must be either an Australian citizen or a permanent resident for more than 10 years.

Income test—assessable income less than \$65,260 for singles, \$99,746 for a couple.

Asset test—Home owners can have up to \$697,000 and couples \$1,047,500. Non home owners can have \$949,000 or \$1,299,500.

•**Thank you** to our Probarian family for assistance received. Living alone at present I do appreciate visits and contact.

Golf

Contact
Jeff Mosel ph 0422 187 263
For dates and times



Table Tennis Interest Group



Every Thursday 9.00 am—11.00 am
\$5— 2 hours including bat and ball hire.

Organised by Charles Darwin Club.
Contact Chris 0429171326.

Coffee Lovers!

Near Nightcliff Jetty

9:30am July 25

BYO plate of food to share, BYO chair. Coffee available from nearby van.

Board Games

Come and join us playing your favourite Board Games at Pearl Recreation Centre. Lots of challenges and fun.

29 July 1:00pm

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator



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

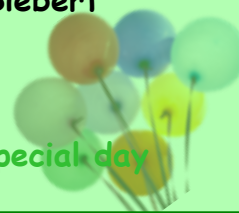
July Birthdays

Robyn Moo
Lynne Holland
Teresa Jong
Judith Hutchings
Michelle Nobbs-Darko
Peter Shapcott

July Anniversaries

Rowena and Dave McHugh
Peter and Libby Siebert

Hope you enjoy your special day



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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Such a fun morning was had by all.

Join us and you will be able to forget your troubles and have a good laugh. Does the soul good.

Meet every Friday, 10:15 am at Casuarina Club.

Coordinator—Bev Barnes

Literature, Lunch and Laughter

We had a lovely morning talking books – missed Margaret who was unable to join us, speedy recovery, hope you will be back next month.

Read May discussed June

The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies

By: Alison Goodman

4 people ready or part read but no one enjoyed it.

The Angry Women's Choir By: Meg Bignell

Robyn loved the book. Bev found the bad language off putting. Thought it was rubbish. He has not finished but will continue. Helmy and Trish enjoyed the book, did not find the language offensive. Mary enjoyed the book, a bit shocked when the bad language first appeared but did not take offence.

Every Last Suspect By Nicola Moriarty

Trish enjoyed the book but Robyn and Geraldine did not.

Twist by Colum McCann

Helmi found it interesting. Story about cutting of the underwater cables on the sea bed. Not a fun book but a good yarn.

Read June discuss July

Blackbird By: David Crookes

The Rain Herron OR Dusk By: Robbie Arnott

The Trauma Cleaner By: Sarah Krasnostein

Mercy (Department Q Series Book 1) By: Jussi Adler-Olsen

Read July discuss August

Time of the Child By: Niall Williams

The Mystery Guest By: Nita Prose

The Secret River By: Kate Grenville

The Nowhere Child By: Christian White

Read August discuss September

The Unique Grave—by Dervia McTiernan

The Great Escape from Woodlands Nursing Home by Joanna Neil

Tai-Pan by James Clavell

When the Lion Feeds by Wilbur Smith

We meet at the Casuarina Sports Club every first Monday of the month at 11am. If you enjoy reading, this is the golden opportunity to join us and share your reading experiences. Stay well and stay safe and happy reading.

Mary Greenup for Bev Barnes, Coordinator



TEN PIN BOWLING

After a pleasant coffee break at Caramella Patisserie we proceeded to Kingpin, where 11 players divided into 3 teams.

Fred started really well going into the lead in round 1 and stayed in first place for the whole game. Ron (who did not have the barriers up) and Janet were in hot pursuit but were unable to catch him. Final scores Fred with an impressive 140 (2 strikes and 5 spares) the biggest score recorded in the most recent bowling book. It was his birthday and he was cheered on not only by 5 spectators from Probus but by a large group of students from Darwin Middle School who were amazed at his expertise. Ron in second place with 117 (2 strikes and 2 spares) and Janet on 90 (2 spares)

The group total for this month was 5 strikes and 13 spares which was considerably boosted by Fred's efforts but overall not as good as last month - but well done everyone.

We meet up next month on 16 July. Always looking for more participants to test their skills. Come and join us.

Hope to see you there.

Shirley Porte, Coordinator.

Happy birthday Fred



Writing Group

June meeting



We all met at the Cas Club at 11 for our monthly meeting. For our usual 7 minute write-up, we wrote on the topic "I'll be happy when..." Nearly everyone complained that they could not possibly write on this topic, but everyone surprised themselves and wrote very good stories in the allotted 7 minutes.

This time the new topic of the month should be very easy, and is "The weather". Many people, when they meet up start talking about the weather, if there is nothing else to discuss. And everyone has some story about the weather. It is always too hot, or too cold, too wet or too dry.

Anyone can send us a story, short or long, poem or prose. As long as the word "weather" is in the story!

Everyone is invited to send in their contributions by email. You don't even have to come along to a meeting, but it will give you ideas to write. Next meeting Tuesday, 15 July.

Ron Ninnis, Coordinator

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Upcoming events / activities

COMBINED F-F-FUN GAMES 2025

At Tracy Village (rear verandah)

On Wednesday, 23 July, 10:00 am—noon

- * Free entry but please bring a plate of morning tea to share
- * Cold water, tea and coffee provided.
- * Lunch and other drinks are available at your own expense at the venue after the games.



The ten games are simple and more a challenge of participating in some fun activities rather than any test of athletic ability, sporting skill or physical prowess.

If you've been before—Welcome back
If you haven't been you will miss a fun morning.

Further information contact Jim Wright Email:
jim.107emu.wright@gmail.com



Territory Day Breakfast

Trailer Boat Club

Tuesday, 1 July 9:00am
Buffet Breakfast served at 9:15am

Judith Medley and Renzo are organising a Quiz for your entertainment.

Rowena McHugh is the contact—
ph 0413 289 555



DARWIN SENIORS EXPO

10 YEAR Anniversary

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Saturday 28 June 2025, 10am – 2pm

CDU Stadium, Sitzler Netball Centre, 235 Abala Road, Marrara

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Welcome

Two new members to be inducted
into
Probus Club of Darwin on
Wednesday, 2 July



Jane Gunner



Colene Lunn

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Extracts from the Minutes 4 July 2001

Held at the Darwin Bowls Club

Present: Messrs Steven, Dally, Upton, Roberts, Plew, Dimery, Taylor, Simmons, Washington, Chin, Johnstone, Kerr, Bill Raby, Workman, Blackmore, Bromich, Short

Apologies: Thompson, Scott

Visitor: Harry Young from Bendigo

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

Correspondence: Inwards Mr Austin Asche, Probus News, Tambling Report, Territory News, Flyer Tim Barra

Outwards—Nil

Treasurer's: Report Opening balance \$601.04, Income \$20, Expenses \$28.55, Closing balance \$592.49

Visit—Members proceeded to visit Parap Hangar in Fannie Bar. Mr Leo Izod, of the Museum welcomed the visiting party of 17 members and friends and gave a briefing on the history and activities of his organisation of volunteers.

It was a most interesting visit. Members inspected the vintage models of various vehicles and old time machinery and equipment etc.

The party were treated with enjoyable refreshments. Acting President Steven on behalf of members thanked Mr Izod for his kind attention and hospitality and presented him with a memento.

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