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PATRON

His Honour the
Honourable David Connolly
Administrator of the NT

Next General Meeting

Wednesday,
1 July

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



Congratulations Elaine and Tony

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



Mary's Musings

Hi Everyone, I hope your month is going well. Last week I was pondering what I might write about for the July bulletin and then all of a sudden I am hoping I can keep my Musings to a few paragraphs.

Firstly, I would like to offer the Club's congratulations to our Newlyweds – Tony Errity and Elaine Ellard. It was so lovely to hear your news. I am wondering is this a first for PROBUS Darwin? We hope you share many happy years together.

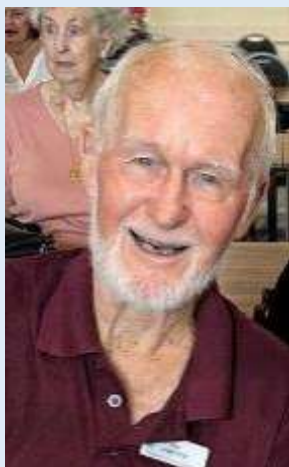
Secondly, I would like to wish Fred Barlow a very happy 93rd Birthday. I believe Fred is a lot fitter than myself. At each meeting he arrives early with Lyn to set up the signage etc. We so value all that you do for us Fred and hope that you enjoyed celebrating with us who attended the Dining Out dinner at Crustaceans last night.

Speaking of Crustaceans, wow, what a great meal we had last night with a beautiful view thrown in.

Just a reminder that Territory Day falls on 1st July, which is coincidentally our next meeting. We are asking people to dress in Territory colours (if possible). There will be prizes for Best Dressed, a Quiz and followed by a scrumptious Morning Tea. It would be appreciated if members could bring a small plate of food to share.

In the Bulletin you will see a details of our PROBUS Fun Games which are being held on Wednesday 29th July at Tracy Village Club. These are always great fun. I was always hopeless at sport, however, really enjoy these games and have even been known to do quite well.

Regards. Mary Verus



Guest Speaker

Ron Lawford

A short discussion on

Pitch Black in Darwin



The Darwin Sailing Club Inc.

July Dining Out

Darwin Sailing Club

East Point Road, Fannie Bay

15 July, 2026 - 6:30 pm

Contact Robyn Wright 0408 811 620

July at a Glance

| Event Date | Meeting/Event |
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| Wed July 1– 10:30 am | General Meeting at Tracy Village Territory Day Celebration |
| Fri July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10:15 am | Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes |
| Mon July 6 11:00 am | Book Club at Cas Club coordinator Bev Barnes |
| Wed July 8—10:30am | Garden Club— at Territory Mealworms coordinator Wendy Darwin |
| Tues July 14—11:00am | Writing group at Cas Club - coordinator Ron Ninnis |
| Wed July 15—10:00am | Morning Tea at 10:00 at Café Mount 8848 then proceed to 10 pin Bowling at KingPin at 11:00am coordinator Shirley Porte |
| Wed July 15—6:30pm | Darwin Sailing Club, Fannie Bay, Contact Robyn Wright ph 0408 811 620 |
| Tues July 28—1:00pm | Board Games at Pearl Recreation Centre, Coordinator— Maxine Dienelt 0424 283 537 |
| Fri July 31—9:30am | Saltwater @ Bundilla, Museum : Contact—Rowena McHugh 0413289555 |

Congratulations

Allan Mitchell OAM

Allan was awarded an OAM in the recent King's Birthday Awards for his contribution in the areas of local government and the community.

A well deserved recipient.





Writing Group

June meeting

We will now be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.

We met at the Cas Club as usual.

Our 7 minute writing exercise was on the topic: "Mist on the Oval" and the 7 minutes seemed more like 1 minute, since we were absorbed in the making of a story.

Our next writing topic is: "Telephone":

For those in my age group, the telephone has changed so much. Our parents were careful about ringing truncated calls, and ringing relatives was only on Sunday night, because the rates were cheaper. A telegram was used for emergencies only, or special occasions. All this sounds so foreign to today's teens.

Anyone can contribute

Give it a go and Have fun

Ron Ninnis, Coordinator



GARDEN CLUB

It was a very pleasant morning sitting in the shade while Baden and his merry helpers at Paradise Nursery answered all our questions and queries.

Paradise nursery are having a big sale on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th so go along and grab a bargain. They also offer senior discounts.

Next garden lovers meeting will be at

Territory Mealworms 1245 Cox Peninsula Road Berry Springs. Lots to see, Bird Avery, cacti, mealworm factory, timber craft and native plants. BYO chair and mug.

Lunch at Berry Springs Tavern.

Coordinator—Wendy Darwin ph 0437 910 388



SENIORS EXPO

SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026

Doors open at 10am - finish 2pm

Territory Netball Stadium, 235 Abala Road, Marrara



Welfare Support Karin Promchinwong



has offered to undertake this role for the club. Ph 0429 474 779

Congratulations

Tony Errity and Elaine Ellard



celebrated their marriage on 10 June.

Wishing every future happiness to our happy couple

July Birthdays

Lynne Holland
Teresa Jong
Peter Shapcott

July Anniversaries

Rowena and Dave McHugh
Peter and Libby Siebert

Hope you enjoy your special day

Coffee Lovers!



9:30am
31 July

Contact
Rowena McHugh
Ph 0413 289 555

Seniors' Snippets

Ken Cohalan OAM

* **Territory Q**— Interesting April—June issue. Has some interesting and positive stories well worth the read.



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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.

Probus Club of Darwin Bank Account
Account : Probus Club of Darwin Inc
BSB: 633000 Account Number: 226771376
We now bank at the Bendigo Bank in Nightcliff

Aunty's Free Feeds

If you can please bring in papergrocery bags to the meeting, this will help with food distribution and be very much appreciated by Aunty's Free Feeds. The bags will be collected from our meetings.



Out and About in June



Lynne receiving our Pauls Milk Community Award



Out and about in June



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Happy 90th birthday to Arch



❁ FRIENDSHIP • FELLOWSHIP • FUN GAMES 2026 ❁

Laugh, Connect & Play – Join the Fun with the 4 Top End Probus Clubs!

Date: Wednesday, 29th July 2026

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm (Noon)

Venue: Tracey Village Sports & Social Club, Tiwi

No running, jumping, twisting or strenuous exercise – just side-splitting, light-hearted games designed for all!

Hilarious group activities, Gentle competitions, Loads of laughter and new friendships

Games include: *Stack of Nuts *Corn Bag Toss *Suck It Up *Key Ring Collection *Thong Throw
*Stacked Dice *Hoop Ball *Tic-tac-toe *Golf Pong *Face Cream

Why You Should Come

Cold water, tea and coffee provided,

Bring along a plate of morning tea to share

Why not stay for lunch and drinks with your friends after the games?

Don't miss out on a fantastic morning of genuine connection and pure enjoyment. Whether you're a long-time member or brand new, everyone's welcome!





The Mission to Seafarers Darwin Inc

Caring for seafarers around the world

Thank you for the ongoing, in-kind support of the Darwin Probus

members for the Mission to Seafarers. The contributions of the Darwin Probus Club members add to the comforts we are able to offer the visiting seafarers. All clothing is very popular particularly with the Filipino seafarers who make up the large majority of seafarers on the ships that berth at the East Arm Wharf. Despite our tropical climate, winter clothing, and the beanies that your members knit and donate, disappear as soon as they go onto the shelving and racks.

In 2025, the number of seafarers who signed into the Mission to Seafarers Centre in Darwin doubled to almost 2000.

Like many not-for-profit organisations, Mission to Seafarers Darwin totally relies on donations and volunteers to maintain the Seafarer Welfare Centre at East Arm. Last year, it is estimated that our volunteers gave over 1900 hours of their time in fund raising, maintaining the Centre and undertaking other tasks associated with the functioning of the Mission to Seafarers Centre in Darwin.



Relaxing in the Seafarer Welfare Centre



Dining out at Crustaceans at the Wharf.

Literature, Lunch and Laughter

June 2026



10 of us met for Book Club today, great discussion Most of us stayed for a lovely lunch and banter. An enjoyable time.

Read May discuss June

The Funeral Crashers. By Joanne Neil 6 people read and everyone enjoyed though a bit predictable at times. Funny and lighthearted. Quirky. Discussed some social issues, homelessness, inability to cope after the passing of a spouse, loneliness, school bullying and scamming.

Mischance Creek or Sanctuary by Garry Disher Mary attempted to read Mischance Creek but could get into it and gave up. Not recommended. Cheryl was motivated to keep reading to find out what happened. 5 read Sanctuary—police procedure, suspense, good story but ending fell flat and was a poor finish.

The Wattle Island Book Club by Sandra Docker 4 people read and enjoyed. A bit predictable at times. Talked about racial prejudice post WW2 towards Japanese.

My Sisters Keeper by Jodi Picouli Difficult to get as an old book, but a brilliant read. Based on real world issues. Family has a daughter who has a severe form of Leukaemia and not expected to live long. The parents decide to have a “Saviour Sibling” to hopefully save their first daughter with blood marrow donations. The older daughter eventually requires a kidney transplant and the mother wants the younger daughter to donate one of hers. A court case gives the second daughter the right to refuse, but fate steps in and her kidneys are used for the eldest daughter who survives.

Next get together on 6 July at 11:00am at Cas Club
New readers welcome. Happy reading everyone.

Read June discuss July

The Girl who told the truth.

By Catherine Hokin

The Fall of Giants.

By Ken Follett

James By Percival Everett

I will find you by Harlen Coben

Read July discuss August.

Flesh By:

David Szalay

Good People

By: Patmena Sabit.

The Long night

By: Christian White

Last one out By: Jane Harper

Read August discuss September

House Rules

By: Jodi Piccolt

Mother Mary come to me

By: Arundhati Roy

Nobodies Girl

By: Virginia Guiffrie

The Uncommon Reader By: Alan Bennett

Mary Greenup for Bev Barnes, Coordinator



TEN PIN BOWLING

A group of 16 coffee lovers met up at Cafe Mount 8848 then proceeded to Kingpin for our monthly ten pin bowling session. 14 keen players split into 4 teams cheered on by Lyn Barlow, Pam, Sue, Bill and Shirley.

Molly and Richard went into the lead tying in Rounds 1 and 2, closely followed by Alan. Richard held on followed by Diane and Ron in hot pursuit. In Round 5 Diane went into a commanding lead, 10 points ahead of Ron and remained 1 point ahead of Ron until Round 8. Nancy then joined the front runners. From then on it was a race between Diane, Ron and Richard making for an exciting finish. Final high scores this month - Diane 136 (who contributed 6 spares to this month's total), Ron 133 (no bumpers) Richard 109, Molly 104, Cheryl (with a strike in both Rounds 9 and 10 appeared from nowhere) 103 and Nancy 100.

Totals for June 2026. 3 strikes 29 spares

Next month we meet up on Wednesday 15 July.

See you then. at CAFE MOUNT 8848 at 10.00 and proceed to Kingpin at 11.00.





Probus Club of Darwin Travel Club

Kununurra Experience

18—22 August.

The Kununurra experience still has room for a few more people, if you are interested, please contact the Secretary email address: secretaryprobusdarwin@hotmail.com



This is your chance to enjoy a coach trip and the delights of Kununurra, a boat trip and fun and laughter with other Probus members.

The itinerary for the trip is:

Day 1 travel day - meet early morning in the carpark of Tracy Village Sports and Social Club and at the Palmerston Bus interchange - arriving in Kununurra early evening - check-in at the hotel and make your own arrangements for dinner.

Day 2 - meet at the coach for transport to the Boat Cruise starting point - group dinner at the Kimberly Grand Hotel.

Day 3 - meet at the coach for a day out visiting - along the way to Wyndham - the Grotto, the Five Rivers lookout on top of the Bastion Range, refreshments at the Port area.

Day 4 - meet at the coach for a tour of the Ivanhoe Crossing, lunch at the famous Hoochery Distillery, Mirima National Park and the mini Bungle Bungles. Group dinner at the Hotel Kununurra.

Day 5 travel day - meet at the coach, drop off at Palmerston Bus Interchange and Tracy Village Sports and Social Club.



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Board Games

Come and join us playing your favourite Board Games



at Pearl Recreation Centre.
Lots of challenges and fun.
28 July 1:00pm

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator



**Wednesday
1 July 2026**



We are celebrating Territory Day as part of our normal meeting on 1 July.

Come along dressed in TERRITORY COLOURS to help celebrate the day. A prize will be awarded for “the best”

Judy Medley is organising A Territory Day Quiz for all of us to participate in.

We will be having a Territory Day morning tea together during our meeting and are asking for some members to bring along a small plate of food to share. If you can assist, please advise Rowena on 0413 289 555.



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



**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

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Extracts from the Minutes 3 July 2002
Held at the Darwin Bowls Club

Present: Messrs Steven, Dally, Fisher, Plew, Roberts, Washington, Raby, Dimery, Martin, Blackmore, Simmons, Scott, Chin, Bromwich, Kerr, Upton,

Apologies: Taylor, Johnstone,

Visitors: Mr Lionel Medlen, Aldgate SA Probus

New Member: Mr B Martin

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting were circulated and confirmed.

Correspondence: Probus News, Glaucoma Aust Inc, Victorian Probus News

Outwards—Nil.

Treasurer's: Report Opening balance \$614.76, Receipts \$20, Expenses \$7.65, Closing balance \$627.11

General Business -

Guest Speaker: 2 officers from Consumer & Business Affairs—Brian Kelleher, Manager Client Services and Janine Stoner—Trade Officer. Spoke about SCAMS. All about easy money to be won and other offers. Best advice—reject these offers. Spoke also about Scam or Scheme and credit cards schemes eg Nigerian case to extract money from people fraudulently. Copies of Scam booklets distributed. General discussion on the topics followed.

President Steven thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11:05.

Save the Dates

27 June—Seniors Expo

**29 July—FRIENDSHIP • FELLOWSHIP • FUN GAMES
2026**

2 October—National Probus Day for the 4 Top End Probus

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