

### **WHY DO WE LOVE CHILDREN**

**1)NUDITY:** I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

**2) OPINIONS:** On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

**3) KETCHUP:** A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

**4) MORE NUDITY:** A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

**5) POLICE # 1:** While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop? Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report. My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

**6) POLICE # 2:** It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do'

**7) BIBLE:** A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear.'

**8) DRESS-UP:** A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.' And why not, darling?' You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

**9) SCHOOL:** A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 1st JULY, 2009.**  
**CLUB VISIT—N.T. MUSEUM.**

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27th June, 2009.

#### **Bulletin # 33**

**MEETINGS HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**( EXCEPT JANUARY )**

**10:30AM AT CASUARINA CLUB, 269 TROWER ROAD, CASUARINA, NT.**

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NEIL'S NOTATIONS

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the June Probus Meeting due to a commitment to visit family and friends in Adelaide who were in poor health. Whilst it was sad occasion in many respects it was great to catch up with them and spend some quality time with them. We also had the opportunity to catch up with other family and friends as well, whom we had not seen for some time. It is our intention to pay a return visit to Adelaide later this year or early in the New Year.

Adelaide has received some rain recently and it was pleasing to see the city gardens and coun-

try looking so green. Whilst further rain will be needed to clearly break the drought, the recent rain has provided some relief and has lifted the spirits and hopes of home gardeners and farmers alike.

As we were visiting family and friends in Victor Harbour and Murray Bridge we took the opportunity to call in at Goolwa to see the River Murray. It really is sad to see the once mighty River Murray in such a poor state. The water level is so low that it is difficult to traverse in places and the water quality is poor and deteriorating rapidly. The sea seems to be encroaching more and more into the River which will only make matters worse. Whilst the Politician's talk about saving the "Murray", little action is being taken and it seems that the river could be lost before any serious action is taken. Having been brought up in a river town and knowing the river and seeing it in flood on many occasions it really is tragic to now see it in such a terrible state.

The instance of "swine flu" is increasing and has now reached the Territory, so Probarians, please look after yourself and take all the necessary precautions to prevent catching the "flu".

**CLUB VISIT TO THE MUSEUM**

Next meeting 1st July, 2009.

This interesting visit is to see how things work behind the scenes. See how conservation and taxidermy become an art form.

**PLEASE MEET AT FRONT ENTRANCE OF MUSEUM AT 10:20am.**  
**PARKING PLENTIFUL**



**BIRTHDAYS : Bernie Plew 6th July.**  
**Wilma Josling 12th July.**  
**Keith Josling 23rd July**  
**ANNIVERSARY: Minh Williams 7th July.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE — YOUR CLUB'S NEW WEB PAGE**  
**[www.darwinprobus.org/](http://www.darwinprobus.org/)**



Past President Ken enjoyed the honour of inducting his wife Connie, into the club.



A very happy Dot Chapman told us about her fabulous train holiday



A great dining out night At Tim's Surf and Turf Restaurant

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**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS — 2009**

**1. DINING OUT**

Past President Ken has declared that the next Dining Out destination will be

**STOKES HILL WHARF**

Select from the many different food areas and enjoy under the stars.

**WEDNESDAY 15th JULY, 2009 at 7pm.**

**2. TOUR — JULY: STOP PRESS**

**“TROPICAL LUNCH AT MANDORAH”**

Wednesday 22nd July. Ferry leaves Cullen Bay at 11am sharp. Only a 12 minute boat ride and step into a tropical paradise. Lunch, games, music and FUN, FUN, FUN.

Phone Ean Thorne to book.

You choose and pay for your own main course and drinks. We provide dessert and the trimmings.

Return ferry at 3:20 or 5:20pm. If you wish to stay the night, phone Mandorah Resort, 8978 5044 to book.

**IF YOU HOLD A PENSION CARD YOU MUST PRESENT IT WHEN YOU PAY ON THE FERRY AT CULLEN BAY ON THE WAY OVER.**

**RETURN WITH PENSION CARD \$18.00**

**RETURN WITHOUT PENSION CARD \$23.00**

**3. MOVIES**

Coordinator Dot Chapman will indicate her movie of choice, cinema and time at the 1st July meeting. Please try to support this new concept.

**4. DARWIN TRIPE CLUB— JULY MEETING**

Tripe lovers of the Top End will gather at :

**SCHOONERS BAR & GRILL**

51 Marina Bvd (upstairs), Cullen Bay on Wednesday 8th July, 2009. 12:00 noon for 12:30pm. PRICE \$22:00 per person

If you wish to join the tres chic crowd and enjoy a fabulous lunch of tripe cooked three different ways with scintillating company then you must phone Peter Pusterla or Ean Thorne.

**5. LUNCHEON — POST MEETING**

“The Table of Knowledge” has resumed post meeting luncheon. Simply join the other members in the dining area of the Casuarina Club, solve the problems of the world, have a relaxed lunch, and enjoy.



**PROFILE – HAZEL HEARDER-FRIEND**

My childhood and education was as conventional as times, in which I grew up, in Sydney N.S.W. I left school at fifteen, pleasing my parents by taking and keeping a very safe and very boring job in the Public Service for 12 years. It was only after I was alone raising my 3 year old son, that I decided to make the most of lives and explore our options. I was attracted to the humanities, enjoying working with people as opposed to pieces of paper. I had no trouble finding work, as a medical secretary in general practice and specialist rooms. In my spare time, Anthony and I enjoyed the life style of the sun and surf northern beaches and I helped the Red Cross with a program working with school children.

Our next move was to the Gold Coast to further my son's career as a chef in the Hospitality Industry. Miraculously, yes I believe in miracles, the Counselling profession opened up to me, firstly with Lifeline doing face to face

counselling and then with the newly formed Sexual Support Service. At the time, it was quite a risky business, as every year we battled for government funding to keep the Service going. I worked with women, who had been sexually abused as adults and/or children for over 10 years. This work, which included face to face counselling, groups, court support and on going training, was the most challenging and rewarding I have ever encountered. I was also a committee member of the V.I.E.W. club, helping to raise money for the Smith Family.

After my son and his wife were married in a romantic sunset ceremony in Katherine George, David, my husband and I made the huge decision to retire to the Northern Territory, leaving behind the Gold Coast and our close friends. Quite a sea change. We are now happily settled in Durack with our elderly Poodle Beau, our Groodle Mardi and K.T. our huge Rag doll cat. Being grandparents is a special pleasure for us, especially now as our eldest grandchild, Hamish likes to holiday with us. He constantly challenges us with his questions, “How do bees make honey” and “How did you get so old, Nonna”? So far we haven't had to resort to the rabbits and the Great Wall of China.



*"I think it's going to be a boy. Because whenever I pick up the remote control, he kicks me."*