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*Bob and Kay  
celebrating their  
54th wedding  
anniversary*

## Next meeting

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

**Tracy Village Social and Sports Club**  
**Wednesday, 7 June, 2023**  
**10:30am - General Meeting**

## Janet's Jottings

**H**ow wonderful are these cool mornings and evenings with the magnificent sunsets! Well worth waiting for.

1985, Darwin probus Club was born with their meetings held at the Darwin Bowling Club, as some remembered, as we dined out in the open air under the stars at our May dining night.

Some experienced Nepalese cuisine while others chose familiar dishes, entertained by a group of bare foot bowlers. Looks like fun, I think we need to try this again one day.

Earlier this month I was honoured to be invited to Government House by our Patron, to join in with others in the final celebrations of the Coronation of King Charles 3<sup>rd</sup>. Always a beautiful setting to mingle with other groups and enjoy the atmosphere and their company.

The Travel Team and Social committee have been busy organising events and trips for us. More information in this Bulletin.

Another Territory Day Breakfast and Trivia to be held at the Traylor Boat Club, of course on 1<sup>st</sup> July, don't miss out.

Also remember that Jenny Parish has been collecting items and toiletries for the Seafarers Mission at East Arm. Please bring along items to the next meeting. Bronwyn is no longer collecting plastic bottle tops as her teacher son in law has transferred else where in NT.

Thinking of those who haven't been well. Get well soon.

See you at our activities this month.

Stay safe and connected.

Cheers

Janet



## Welcome New Member



Trish Greenfield was inducted at the meeting on 1 May 2023

## June

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Terry Lawler**

**Carbon Offset/ East Timor/ Volunteer**



# Interest Groups

## June at a glance

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Monday June 5 - 11:00 am	Book Club at Cas Club, coordinator Bev Barnes
Wednesday June 7 - 10:30am	Meeting at Tracy Village
Friday June 9—10:15 am	Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes
Wednesday June 14- 10:30 am	Next garden club at Antz Plants, coordinator Bev Aitken
Tuesday June 20 - 11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club coordinator Ron Ninnis
Wednesday June 21- 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 June 21- 6:30 pm	Dining Out at Breezes, Lee Point Road
Tuesday June 26—9:30am	Board Games at Pearl. Coordinator Maxine Dienelt
Friday June 30—1:00pm	Morning Tea at Saltwater@Bundilla—museum. Coordinator Patti Jacobson
Saturday July 1—9:00am	Territory Day Breakfast - Coordinator Maureen Reiter

### Morning Tea

Saltwater@Bundilla, (museum)

Friday, 30 June at 9:30am

Please let Bev Whitby know if you are attending ph 0407 053 903



June

Dining Out

Breezes

Lee Point Road

Wednesday, 17 May. 6:30pm

Contact

Bev Whitby for any changes Ph 0407 053 903

### GARDEN CLUB

28 garden lovers enjoyed a great morning at Bunnings, Palmerston. Thanks to the two Trishes who made us so welcome with gifts of a spade or fork and game, as well as being our guest speakers, along with Ron Wright. Our great meeting finished with lunch at Flynns, Palmerston.



Next meeting Wednesday 14 June 10.30 am at Antz Plants Nursery, 8 Caldwell Road, McMinns Lagoon.

.Bev Aitken—Coordinator

### Board Games

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

Tuesday, June 26, 1:00 - 3:00pm

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator



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## Ken Cohalan OAM

### Seniors Snippets

- **Commonwealth Senior Health Card** - some 15,000 self funded retirees gain access to cheaper medicines, bulk billing, GP appointments and other free or low cost health services.
- **Aged Care**—Pay boost for workers—Federal Gov announces \$11.3 billion over 4 years with a 15% pay increase for aged care workers.
- **Flu Vaccines**—annual flu vaccinations available from you GP at no charge.
- **Budgets**—Federal main points (Seniors) \$2.2 billion cut to nursing homes over 3 years. Greater focus on in home care support. Electricity quarterly bills subsidised by between \$184 and \$350. Water and sewerage bills are also expected to be about \$170 cheaper. Some savings in medical costs.
- **Optus**—great service and assistance from Optus at Gateway.
- **Indigenous Language**—There are over 250 different Indigenous languages in Australia.
- **Laugh**—we laugh less as we grow older and men laugh less than women by 27%



## Craft Group



Stay well. Be happy just Crafting along.

Bev Barnes—Coordinator  
 Ph 0434 866 226



# Probus Darwin—Travellers on the move

Last year my grandson turned 18 and received a trip to Singapore as a gift from his parents. As my visa was due to expire it became a wonderful opportunity in August, to accompany them. Arriving in Singapore we were astonished to see such a modern city with so much technology and the marvelous parks, the zoo and the highlights of the Botanical gardens, everything in perfect harmony.

My daughter and I then flew on to Munich to visit my son, in Kitzbuhel, Austria. The city is a Ski Resort amidst the Alps. He has been living there for 35 years and is a famous Architect and Builder, responsible for many of the most beautiful houses in the city.



He had the idea to invite my two best friends from Brazil, Lotti and Helena, you can imagine our meeting after 3 years, it was very emotional and we cried a lot. We enjoyed 3 wonderful weeks together in this amazing nature of mountains and green valleys.



I received also the visit of many friends and relatives coming from

Germany, Vienna, Innsbruck and even my eldest granddaughter with her husband and my two great-grandchildren came from Holland. Another granddaughter who lives in Innsbruck came with her husband and Kalea my great granddaughter. The two daughters of my son, Herbert, Melanie and Emely are studying at the university of Vienna and we spent a precious time together during the holidays. I have 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. I am really very blessed..

I stayed in Austria for 3 month and all 4 of my children came to visit me, Robert from Brazil, Liz from Australia and Renate from New Zealand, they haven't seen each other for many years. I have one in each continent isn't this crazy .

Early in November I left with my daughter to go to New Zealand. She lives there as a dentist with her Italian husband who is a chef-and her son and daughter This year it was very rainy. so we couldn't go as often to the pretty beaches but we travelled to Roto Rua and had a lot of walks through Whangarei , the city she lives in.



We visited the 100 Wasser Museum and I was astonished by the variety of flowers and the pungent nature of this Island.

The three months passed very quickly and in January my granddaughter joined us from Darwin and my cousin and his wife from Austria, who have been travelling on the south-island, We met in Auckland to go on a cruise on the Spirit (NCL) It was raining cats and dogs the whole day and in the evening Auckland had the worst flood of all times. It caused a lot of damage in the city and the roads.

Our ship left the harbour as programmed but the sea was so rough that we couldn't enter the next haven because of the big waves and the harsh wind. Most of us got seasick. I was travelling with Martina and Giorgia and the latter whined and wanted to be rescued by a Helicopter to get home. Afterwards we had lots of laughs about this. In spite of the bad weather the whole 12 days we had quite a nice time on the cruise enjoying the very good entertainment at night .

We visited Napier, Wellington, Dunedin, Akaroa, Doubtful Sound and then we crossed to Melbourne and then Burnie in Tasmania where we met Martina's Uncle Peter who lives in Launceston. The last harbour was Eden where a very friendly group of volunteers showed us around the City and the famous garden of rhododendron.

Our disembark was in Sydney . We really enjoyed everything and have much to tell about.

Liesel Gunther

# Out and about in May



Garden Club at Bunnings

# Out and about in May



Dining at Darwin Bowls Club



## Probus Club of Darwin—member contributions

### As Time Goes By written by Bev Baker, Darwin Probus Writing Group

Physicists tell us that time is an illusion; that time moves relative to an observer and is relevant due to a form of reference.

Theologians may opine that time, like God is eternal and has no beginning and no ending.

Poets and song writers muse about the significance of time as it impacts human relationships, our emotions and the natural environment.

I think that most people in western society are preoccupied with a routine that adheres rigidly to a 24 hour day, a 7 day week and a year of 365 days.

We are rostered to work from and till particular hours.

Dinner cooked and ready to be eaten either with family, or alone in the distressing company of the 1900 TV news bulletin.

Particular days are allocated for chores or recreation.

Accounts need to be paid by a specified date.

Birthdays and significant life events are either celebrated or lamented.



The years  
march inexorably on.

The older we are, the quicker a new year seems to appear—along with aches, wrinkles and hopefully some wisdom.

We shrink into old age as younger generations grow and flourish.

Predictably, time goes by.

Some people appear to live impatiently and can hardly wait for a new life adventure. Their busy attitude seems to ignore the present and seeks only the future. Time goes—Bye!

Others ponder monetary success and study stock market predictions. They seriously scrutinise their portfolios and if lucky, they will decide when the right conditions prevail. As time goes—Buy!

The wisdom writer of Ecclesiastes about 3,000 years ago, wrote that there is a time for everything: a time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, a time to uproot...

Also, we are informed in this writing that there is nothing new under the sun.

I take this to mean that people in all ages have pondered the meaning of life and time—and probably wondered when—if ever—is the 'right' time for their personal, significant life decisions.

And so, As Time Goes By, we may come to a realisation that we are but a minuscule element in the circle of an expanding, infinite universe where time and space are unmeasurable and limitless.





## Probus Club of Darwin—member contributions

A poem to which we can relate, least  
some of us can = sent in by Bev Aitken

I remember the corned beef of my Childhood,  
And the bread that we cut with a knife,  
When the Children helped with the housework,  
And the men went to work not the wife.  
The cheese never needed a fridge,  
And the bread was so crusty and hot,  
The Children were seldom unhappy,  
And the Wife was content with her lot.  
I remember the milk from the bottle,  
With the yummy cream on the top,  
Our dinner came hot from the oven,  
And not from a freezer; or shop.  
The kids were a lot more contented,  
They didn't need money for kicks,  
Just a game with their friends in the road,  
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.  
I remember the shop on the corner,  
Where biscuits for pennies were sold  
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?  
Or is it....I'm just getting Old?  
Bathing was done in a wash tub,  
With plenty of rich foamy suds  
But the ironing seemed never ending  
As Mum pressed everyone's 'duds'.  
remember the slap on my backside,  
And the taste of soap if I swore  
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of  
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.  
Do you think that bruised our ego?  
Or our initiative was destroyed?  
We ate what was put on the table  
And I think life was better enjoyed.  
*Author, Unknown..*

If you can remember those days...  
Continue to enjoy your Retirement.

### Liesel's Cherry Cake

100g butter  
3 eggs separated  
2 cups sugar  
3 cups plain flour  
1 dessertspoon baking powder  
1/2 cup milk  
2 cups cherries with liquid  
cornflour

Stir the butter, egg yolks and sugar until well mixed. Add the sifted flour and baking powder and the milk. Fold in the whipped egg whites gently. Put into greased pan.

For the topping—bring the cherries and liquid to the boil. Stir in the cornflour and thicken. Cool before adding to the top of the cake. Mix crumbs of flour, butter and sugar and sprinkle over the cherries.

Bake at 180<sup>0</sup> for 40 minutes.

Makes a large cake.

*My effort at Liesel's cake—tastes ok but not as good as Liesel's  
I think I need practice.*



*Is Arch hiding or taking his gardening seriously?*



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### Literature, Lunch and Laughter

It was lovely to have our bookclub on the Mayday public holiday. The NT and Qld are the only two jurisdictions that still celebrate Labour Day on 1 May. It was quieter in the Casuarina Club than usual but we had a lovely discussion and a most enjoyable lunch after.

#### Books read April and discussed May

- **Trespassers** by Louise Kennedy—Margaret and Helmy read it and enjoyed it very much. Jim read it but didn't enjoy it. The book is set in Northern Ireland and described beautifully and painfully how difficult life becomes when the Catholics and Protestants don't stick to their own. Very different from other books by Irish authors in our club eg Colm Toibin
- **Nothing ever happens here** by William Brusky—Bev read the book but considered it poorly written.
- **The Fortunes of War** by Jackie French—No one managed to get hold of the book.
- **Wolf Hall** by Hilary Mantel—Jim read this 650 page book that deals with the English history of the 16th century when Thomas Cromwell does the bidding for Henry VIII. Brian reminded us that it was made into a brilliant TV series some time ago.



#### Books to read May and discuss June

- **Bring up the Bodies** by Hilary Mantel
- **The Housemaid's Secret** by Freida McFadden
- **Year of Wonders** by Geraldine Brooks

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

### June Birthdays

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Ian Dawson       | Fred Barlow*** |
| Lyn Martin       | Arch Haynes    |
| Marian Trobbiani | Patti Jacobson |
| Rosemary McEwen  | Maxine Dienelt |
| Mara Dobrini     | Valmai Scott   |
| Liz Macleod      | Dot Chapman*** |

### June Anniversaries

- Barry and Jenny Darben  
 Bill and Shirley Porte  
 Betty Lam and Charles  
 Tony and Beverley Errity



Hope you enjoy your special day

### TEN PIN BOWLING

On Wednesday 17th May, eleven intrepid bowlers vied for the top score at Kingpin. The winner and star bowler on the day was our President Janet with 132, followed by Nancy with 103 and Richard 101. Tony surprised himself coming first in the team he was part of. Was it beginner's luck for a first time tenpin bowling player or simply "luck of the Irish". A good time with lots of fun was had by all.

Morning tea at Caramello's on Sabine Road at 10:00am then on to KingPin for the game at 11:00am.

**Next get together is on Wednesday 21 June 2023**

New members welcome to join us in a fun morning  
 Sue Wright





## ARCHIE 100

### A Century of the Archibald Prize

To be held at the Museum and Art Gallery of NT

15th April to 25th June

Don't miss out on a stunning exhibition! (Cost about \$10)

## 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.

We've removed the previous usual categories of Best Small Medium Large and Rural Gardens, and this year in 2023 we're looking for those very 'special' and 'unique' gardens .

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.

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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

## 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.

Contact  
Jeff Mosel ph 0422 187 263

### Darwin SENIORS EXPO

**2023** Saturday 27 May, 10am to 2pm  
CDU Stadium, Sitzler Netball Centre,  
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## Writing Group

We spent the whole time discussing Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it can be used in writing.

Ron demonstrated one of the latest versions - New Bing Chat. Everyone was amazed of the results, although Ron was the only one excited by the potential of AI. When the New Bing Chat produced a very good poem, Cherie was left wondering if we should all pack up and go home - which we did.

The next topic is "**An Hour to go**".

Anyone can have a go, and everyone and every style is welcome (diary style, creative, poetry, even country and western). After all, the whole idea is just to write!

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

The group have been working very hard to put together a program of travel for our members.

### **Sunset dinner cruise on Spirit of Darwin. Friday, 18 August** Cost \$115 per Senior

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.

We are hoping to be able to reduce the cost.

### **Mudgee Experience—suggested**

**October 2023** A six night experience to Mudgee NSW including an overnight stay at Taronga Western Plains Zoo. This one is still in the planning stage as we are waiting for the travel agency to come back with costs and dates.

**Marrakai Military Museum**—Janet visited this museum recently and thought it might be worth either a club visit or somewhere to take your southern visitors or grandchildren. Located at 36 Stephen Road, Marrakai. Cost \$20 adults, \$15 pensioners.

Darwin's World War 2 Museum military collection contains thousands of objects related to the Second World War, including very rare items. The museum has very easy access, air conditioning and free parking, located one kilometre from Corrobooree Tavern.



## Can you help?

The Mission to Seafarers is looking for some help.

Jenny Parish has offered to provide donation boxes at the **June** meeting for any of the following items if you would like to make a donation.

The Mission to Seafarers is looking for the following items as being the most useful for their needs with the seamen.

- Men's toiletries—razors, toothbrush toothpaste, combs, toiletry bags, soap
- Beanies, Socks, Underpants (clothing items should be in smaller sizes)





# 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 2 June 1999

#### Held at the Darwin Sailing Club

**Present:** Messrs Plew, Simmons, Dally, Thompson, Washington, Giese, Roberts, Blackmore, Kerr, Steven, Penhall, Larcombe, Thompson, McLaren, Chin,

**Apologies:** Dimery, Taylor, Fisher, Fuller

**New Member:** President extended a warm welcome to new member Doug Steven

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

President extended a welcome to visitor Doug Steven

#### Correspondence:

**Inwards**—HHA Queens birthday function, Darwin City Council Library

**Outwards**—Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** Bal \$261.90, Receipts \$20, Expenses \$8.10, Bal \$273.80

**Guest Speaker**—In the absence of the guest speaker, Mr Doug Steven kindly agreed to address the meeting on some of his experiences. In late 1950 he was employed with EMI in the UK on Govt contract work associated in Missiles. He then came to Australia with his wife. 1959 Doug moved to Canada for 2 years work then returned to Australia going to Woomera. In 1961 he travelled to Singapore, Changi, Darwin and Adelaide. He served with Edinburgh Air Transport RAF in an honorary position. He was associated with IKARA anti submarine system. Doug left EMI and joined ABC television. In 1969 he served with PMG Radio Australia, Cobourg Peninsula. A discussion ensued about the kw power of the radio stations, the number of listeners and an earlier PMG working system.

Mr Washington thanked Mr Steven on behalf of the members.

**Close:** Meeting closed 11:16am.

## Invitation

Probus Club of Charles Darwin have Roger Steele OAM as guest speaker at their next meeting on Tuesday, 13 June.

Roger was a member of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly from 1974 to 1987,.

He will be speaking about his life from his droving days to now.

If you wish to attend the meeting to hear Roger speak you will be most welcome.

Probus Club of Charles Darwin meet at the Buff Club at Stuart Park.

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