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

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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

Well, this is my third attempt at sending out some wise, amusing items for you to think about.

We are in the midst of National Volunteer Week. I recognise that many of us are either current or past volunteers. Most of us are unrecognised. As my lovely friend Delma Swan used to say "I don't do it for the applause, I do it for the cause". Many of us recognise that by the giving of our time to people who need it, it ultimately comes back to us. So please, if you can, give of your time and effort where it is needed the most.

I joined many of our group at Saffron Restaurant at Parap last Wednesday night. My meal was delicious. Thank you to our Social Committee who make such an effort to get us out and make our lives so enjoyable.

The Kununurra trip seems to be going ahead in leaps and bounds. I hope you are all getting your deposits in. The Travel Committee are really outdoing themselves on this one. I have never been to the Kimberley before so this is definitely a tick on my Bucket List.

My Family invited me to go camping on the weekend. I had a lovely time in an unpowered site sleeping in a tent at Mt Bundy Station. Us Seniors are made of pretty stern stuff. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there with my Grandchildren and the many animals that live there. When I got home on Sunday and unpacked, both the car and myself needed a good hose down. Us Probarians are everywhere. As I was following my Grandies on the dirt road to meet the donkeys who should I meet but the lovely Janet from the Travel Committee.

We are everywhere!

Regards. Mary Verus

## Guest Speaker

**Barbara Quick**  
Australian Bureau of Statistics

**New census forms and options across all the strategies used by ABS to ensure coverage of diverse groups and participation options for the census.**



## June Dining Out Crustaceans -

**Stokes Hill Wharf**

**17 June, 2026 - 5:30 pm**

Contact Julianne Quinn ph0418 209 782

# June at a Glance

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Mon June 1– 11:00 am	Book Club at Cas Club      coordinator Bev Barnes
Wed June 3 - 10:30 am	General Meeting at Tracy Village
Fri June 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:15 am	Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes
Tues June 9—11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club - coordinator Ron Ninnis
Wed June 10—10:30am	Garden Club— at Paradise Nursery coordinator Wendy Darwin
Wed June 17—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 June 17—5:30pm	Crustaceans Restaurant, Contact is Julianne Quinn ph0418 209 782
Fri June 26—9:30am	Laneway Cafe, Parap: Contact— Robyn Wright ph 0408 811 620
Tues June 30—1:00pm	Board Games at Pearl Recreation Centre, Coordinator— Maxine Dienelt 0424 283 537

Vale

Wendy James

23/09/1935—16/05/2026

Members of Probus Club of Darwin  
extend sincere condolences to Earl and family on the passing of Wendy.  
Whilst not a club member, Wendy attended many functions and was often guest  
speaker.

Rest in Peace Wendy



## Writing Group

### May meeting

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

We all met up at the Cas Club, to read out what we had written previously. We found that reading a story out aloud is a lot different to just reading it: there is a lot more that is expressed by the spoken voice. In a group, it allows for questions and explanations and clarifications, and instant feedback.

We also wrote on our usual 7 minute topic. That is, writing on a topic someone had chosen for 7 minutes. Sounds hard, but everyone suprised themselves, some writing for a page.

We then chose our next writing topic, which is:

“A story from my photo”

Old photos always bring to the surface thoughts and feelings that we thought that we have forgotten. New photos bring up connected ideas and other images. All photos have a story.

Give it a go.

Ron Ninnis, Coordinator

## GARDEN CLUB



A big thank you to Kaye and Mike Foley for hosting our last Garden Club meeting.

ABC Gardening Australia will be coming to Darwin at the end of May and will be filming Kaye and Mike’s magnificent garden. Their garden will also appear in the Gardening Australia magazine. Congratulations on both of these achievements.

Guest speaker Eleanore explained how to repot Bev’s Mother’s Day orchid. Another very helpful and informative morning and we all went home with a lovely hand made chicken.

Next get together will be on 10 June at Paradise Nursery, 100 Thorak Road, Knuckey Lagoon. BYO chair, no morning tea facilities, sorry. Lunch at Bill’s Hibiscus.

Advance Notice - 8<sup>th</sup> July meeting we will be going to Berry Springs to visit the Territory Mealworm Farm.

Coordinator—Wendy Darwin ph 0437 910 388



### Coffee Lovers!

## LANEWAY COFFEE

4/1 Vickers Street, Parap

9:30am 26 June



Contact  
Robyn Wright

Ph 0408 811 620

## Welfare Support

### Karin Promchinwong



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

## June Birthdays

**Ian Dawson**  
**Marian Trobbiani**  
**Rosemary McEwen**  
**Susan Bandias**  
**Diane Milosavljevic\*\***  
**Mara Dobrini\***  
**Ivy Pearse**  
**Fred Barlow**  
**Peter Russell\***  
**Maxine Dienelt\*\*\***



## June Anniversaries

**Barry and Jenny Darben**  
**Bill and Shirley Porte**  
**Betty Lam and Charlie**

Hope you enjoy your special day

### Seniors' Snippets

#### Ken Cohalan OAM

\* **50 Seniors 50 Stories**—A very interesting book by COTANT. Sued Shearer CEO says they will bring out a Version 2 in 2028 to recognise COTANT 60th anniversary.



\* **Sanderson Senior Information Guide**—Minister for Seniors, Jinson Charls MLA and his office staff have developed a Senior Information Guide for seniors' benefit and to pass on to the Territorians looking for retirement.

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### Aunty's Free Feeds

If you can please bring in paper grocery 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.



#### Signs a message might be a scam

- Asks you to take immediate action, make a payment, or transfer money.
- Asks you to click on a link or call a number provided in the message.
- Asks you to log on to an online account with your username and password or to provide other personal information.
- Is from a family member or friend saying their contact details have changed.
- Threatens to stop a service or charge you if you don't act.
- Suggests you or your accounts have been hacked or involved in fraud.
- Suggests that there is a problem with your payment or your package delivery.

#### Steps to protect yourself from messaging scams

1. If someone you know sends a message to say they have a new phone number
  - a. try to call them on the existing number you have for them, or
  - b. message them on the new number with a question only they would know the answer to, to check they are who they say they are.
2. Never click on links in messages.
3. If a message links to a website, don't click the link. Instead, search for the website yourself online, or use the official app.
4. Don't respond to a text message using the phone number provided.
5. Call the organisation or person back on a phone number you have found yourself, such as from the organisation's website.

# Out and About in May



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Meeting



Garden Club



10 pin bowling

Sunset at Zen Rooftop





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# Member Travels

Mary Martin and Di Lunn have provided the final instalment of their trip taken earlier in the year.

## Destination Istanbul.

In our previous travelog I recounted the cruise Di and I were on from Venice to Athens. This is an account of the second leg of our Mediterranean cruise.

Our sail away from Athens was not as spectacular as the one from Venice, but nevertheless, it was another memorable departure, made so much better by a second Gala Welcome Dinner hosted by the captain. After all this was a second cruise, not a continuation.



And then we were in **Mykonos and Delos**, the archaeological sacred site, where the Greek Gods, Apollo and Artemis are said to have been born. Another stroll? Through ruins, so well preserved you can almost imagine yourself in ancient Greece. Our visit was topped off with a visit to the Museum of Delos where the lions, uncovered from the famous Terrace of Lions, are housed along with myriads of other archaeological treasures. And there are acres and acres of undug ground holding treasures not yet

uncovered.

Our exploration of Greece's past was followed by a walking tour of **Chora, the main town of Mykonos**.

**Patmos**, our next port of call, is not only a UNESCO World Heritage site but also has biblical significance.



Along with the Greek Orthodox Monastery of St John nestles the Holy Grotto of Revelation, where John the Apostle received the Book of Revelations from God. The grotto has become a chapel. The monastery's fortifications evidence its history. The threat of invasion was constant. The scenery is nothing short of spectacular but

to get there, you guessed it, many, many, more steps.

**Ephesus**, in Turkey, was the next stop on our cruise adventure. An ancient cityscape is so well preserved you can almost envisage a battle to the death in the arena. Except, of course, for the modern-day crane putting the finishing touches for the next performance. I believe it was to be something blood thirsty, a ballet. Interestingly,



## Destination Istanbul cont

today around 30 kilometres separates the port where our ship docked and the ruins of what was an Ancient Greek port city.

This is where Mary is believed to have been taken by St John, following the crucifixion of Jesus, and where she lived out the remainder of her earthly life.

We then moved on to a demonstration of Turkey's traditional carpet weaving and a wide variety of carpets which were presented to us with a theatrical flourish, accompanied by Turkish tea and followed by a traditional Turkish lunch. Oh, incidentally, Diane succumbed to the wonders of Turkish carpet weaving and made a purchase and, despite my scepticism, her carped did arrive shortly after we returned. A purchase with which she is well pleased.



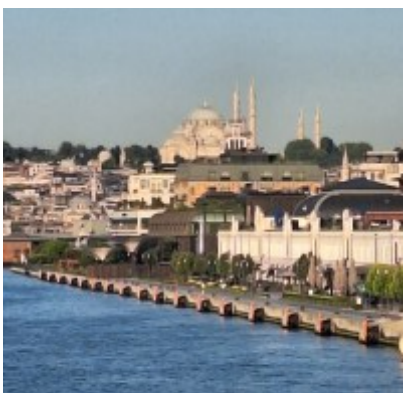
Given its significance in Australian history, we were both happy that the next stop on our cruise was the Gallipoli Peninsula. However, neither of us were prepared for what was in store. After the Caledonian Sky ship docked at the port of Canakkale, we were bussed to Gallipoli and Anzac Cove. The local tour guide who accompanied us not only recounted the nightmares faced by our Australian diggers but also gave us the Turkish perspective of the World War I battles. The road we travelled passed between trenches that saw, in places, opposing the Australian and Turkish soldiers separated by just a few feet.

A wreath was laid at Anzac Cove, the site of the original ANZAC landing and, at Lone Pine, we had time to wander through the Cemetery and reflect on ages of the fallen and the hardships they endured.

Before leaving, we spent time at Chunuk Bair at the memorials to both the New Zealand and Turkish soldiers.



A memorable and meaningful day's connection with Australia's past



Then it was time to say farewell to the friends we had made on our cruise. After a lovely departure dinner, and fabulous sail into Istanbul, it was time for us to disembark. But Istanbul had another surprise for us on our arrival, an underground cruise ship terminal and a maze of corridors before we could find our hotel transfer. A cruise terminal haven for shopaholics, as it is topped by a shopping mall.

Then it was on to our next adventure – exploring Istanbul.

## Literature, Lunch and Laughter

May 2026



9 of us met for Book Club today, great discussion. Most of us stayed for a lovely lunch.

Happy Birthday Book Club. Bev informed the meeting that we are 10yrs old and 2 members who attended the first meeting are still attending and another member who joined on the second meeting, is also still attending.

### Read April discuss May

**Foreign Correspondence.** By Geraldine Brooks  
2 people read the book. Would highly recommend, very good read. Could only get it on audio book but enjoyed.

### **The Pearl Thief** by Fiona McIntosh

4 people read, all enjoyed but 2 people found it slow at times. Enjoyed highly recommend. Enjoyed but parts very slow. Also enjoyed but found it slow in places.

### **Mad Mabel** by Sally Hepworth

3 people read and all enjoyed it. Liked it. Easy reading few twists. Will look at reading more of her books. Enjoyed, teary at the end. Confused about Daphne. Enjoyed had a different opinion about Daphne.

### Read May discuss June

**The Funeral Crashers.** By Joanne Neil

**Mischance Creek or Sactuary** by Garry Disher

**The Wattle Island Book Club** by Sandra Docker

**My Sisters Keeper** by Jodi Picouli

### 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

We meet at the Casuarina Sports Club every first Monday of the month at 11am. Next get together on 1 June at 11:00am.

New readers welcome. Happy reading everyone.

Mary Greenup for Bev Barnes, Coordinator

## Board Games

Come and join us playing your favourite Board Games



at Pearl Recreation Centre.

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**30 June 1:00pm**

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator



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## TEN PIN BOWLING

What a fiasco! A small group arrived at Caramella to find it all closed up: we then proceeded to Cafe Mount 8848 in the Jape centre for our coffee break. Googled it later to find Caramella had closed for good the day before, the owners having relocated to Adelaide to open a new shop!

Later at Kingpin 12 players were cheered on by the two Lyns, Maxine and Bill. Janet (E) went into the lead in R1 until Richard took over in R4. Tony was ahead by 2 points in R8 with Janet (E), Janet (F) and Mara in hot pursuit. In R9 Mara and Tony tied on 92 with Richard close behind with 91. Racing to a close and exciting finish Mara snuck into the winning spot with 103, Tony 101 and Janet (F) 100. This month's totals 3 strikes and 17 spares.

Next month we meet on Wednesday 17 June.  
**From now on we will gather at CAFE MOUNT 8848 at 10.00 and proceed to Kingpin at 11.00.**

Shirley Porte, Coordinator.



## 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](mailto: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.

Cost \$1250pp for shared room ; \$1650pp for single room  
Cost includes bus travel, accommodation and river cruise.



### Mary River Wetlands Wildlife Cruise with Lunch

Mary River Lunch and Boat Cruise- organised through the Darwin Probus Club.

24 June pick up at 8:15am in the carpark of Tracy Village Sports and Social Club

Payment is by card directly to the tour people, (asap), the phone number to call for payment is 8985 5855, the cost \$235 per person.

Janet Fries is our organiser and if you have any questions, please call her on 0407 577 213





# TERRITORY DAY

**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**  
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## 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 5 June 2002

Held at the Darwin Bowls Club

**Present:** Messrs Steven, Simmons, Penhall, Scott, Roberts, Washington, Raby, Blackmore, Chin, Kerr, Dimery, Upton, Bromwich, Plew,

**Apologies:** Taylor, Fisher, Johnstone,

**Minutes:** Minutes of previous meeting were circulated and confirmed.

**Correspondence: Inwards** Letter to Probus Centre; Letter from Probus Centre

**Outwards—Nil.**

**Treasurer's:** Report Opening balance \$573.41, Receipts \$60, Expenses \$18.65, Closing balance \$614.76

**General Business -**

**Guest Speaker:** Mr Penhall introduced Ms Lee Oliver to the meeting. Ms Oliver is an officer of the Commonwealth Carelink Centre addressed the meeting. She spoke about the Health Services which may be available in the Territory and some mentions were noted as follows:

Aged care in Darwin, Nursing Homes, Flexible arrangements; Overnight stay not necessary; Chan Park at Palmerston; Tracy Lodge; Nursing Home at Alice Springs; New Salvation Army Home at Waratah Oval, 90 beds may be ready at the end of the year. Housing/transport services; Advisory services. Ms Oliver addressed a number of questions.

President Steven thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11:20.

## 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.



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