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Meetings begin at 10:30am and are held on the first

Next meeting

Tracy Village Social and Sports Club

Wednesday, 2 March, 2022

10:30am - General Meeting

11:30am - Annual General Meeting

Bronwyn's Blurb

Here I am at the end of my two-year time as your President. The start was not an indication of what was ahead of us with pandemics, lockdowns, vaccinations but still with plenty of activities. How thankful are we that we have had Probus friends and events to keep us part of the world? We have been blessed in the Northern Territory to have had so much more freedom compared to our friends and family in other states however it would seem our time has come to have a lot of infection. We still must be vigilant and keep safe as we go forward in life.



I have been enjoying watching the Winter Olympic Games. I have been a snow skier and I just cringe at some of the events and the risks that the competitors take. I think it is safe to say that all Winter Olympic events are just plain dangerous!!! It has been delightful to see some of our Aussie competitors winning medals. So much effort and sacrifice from the families as well as the athletes has gone into bringing them to this level of competency. I sometimes have my heart in my mouth watching it all unfold on TV in my airconditioned comfort. After I ripped ligaments in my knee, I decided it was time to hang the boots and stocks up and then I hear that some of these competitors have no ACL left at all! Crazy or brave, I am not sure which category they fit into.

I have enjoyed my time as your President. I have met many new friends and I have a wonderful crowd of people who support me all the time. A massive thank you to everyone. I look forward to many more activities in the future.

Bronwyn Russell

Heart Foundation Walking



Mondays, leaving from Casuarina Square, near the K Mart car centre at 7:30am.

For further details, contact Janelle 0438691163

March
Guest Speaker

Mary Verus

Coeliac Disease



Vale

Ros Henry

(1949—2022)

Probus Club of Darwin extend our sincere sympathy and condolences on the sad passing of Ros.

Ros was a member of the Probus family for only a short time but became involved in many activities.

Rest in Peace



Interest Groups

Literature, Lunch and Laughter

February get together was well attended and all seemed to have plenty to discuss. Most books read for the January discussion received favourable reviews.

Read February and discuss March:

- A Colossal Failure of Common Sense by Lawrence G McDonald and Patrick Robinson
- The Orphan Sisters by Shirley Dickson
- Den of Thieves by James B Stewart
- The Spare Room by Helen Garner



Read March and discuss April:

- The Maid by Nita Prose
- When You are Mine by Michael Robotham
- The Mother Fault by Kate Mildenhall

New members are welcome.

Next meeting—7 March , 11:00am at Casuarina Sports Club

Stay well, stay safe and happy reading

Bev Barnes

March at a glance

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Feb 25 - 9:30am	Morning tea at Boardwalk
Mar 2 - 10:30am	Meeting at Tracy Village
Mar 7 - 11:00am	Book Club at Cas Club
Mar 9 - 10:30am	Garden Club at AntzPants
Mar 15 - 11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club
Mar 16 - 10:00 am	Coffee followed by 10 pin bowling at King Pin
Mar 16 - 6:30pm	Dining out at Tims Surf & Turf
March 25 - 9:30am	Morning tea at Café Mt 8848 Jape Shopping Village
Mar 29 - 1:00pm	Board Games at Pearl

GARDEN CLUB



Many garden club members were welcomed to our first meeting at Allora Gardens Nursery. Many thanks to Estelle for the give away prizes donated for the raffle. Gayan was very informative about plants and problems with insects. A great day followed by lunch at Santa Fe.

Next meeting Wednesday, 9 March 2022

**Antzplantz Nursery NT
8 Caldwell Road, McMinns Lagoon**

Bev Aitken—Coordinator

March Dining Out

Tim's Surf & Turf

10 Litchfield Street
DARWIN



Wednesday, 16 March. 6:30pm

Contact Pat Sisson for any changes

Ph 0427 918 603

Golf

Probus Golf at Marrara.

Contact Jeff Mosel
ph 0422 187 263



Board Games

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

March 29

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator

Morning Tea

**Café Mt 8848
Jape Shopping Centre
Millner**

Friday, 25 March at 9:30am

**Please let Patti know if you are going.
Phone 0430 457 552**



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March Birthdays

Ron Wright
Bill Porte
Kevin Cluley
Rosemary Burkitt
Neil Prosser

Elaine Ellard
Charli Haynes
Jim Wright
Judith Medley

March Anniversaries

Christina and Paul Boothby
Ian and Heather Dawson



Hope you enjoy your special day



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Member Profile—Mary Fathers

About Me

I have been thinking about how I would talk about my life and realize that I have spent quite a large part of it as my sister once described me as “Mary is a Wanderer” and my sister didn’t tell lies so it must be true. 😊

I was born in Oberon in NSW on a sheep farm my father managed and yes ‘Mary did have a little lamb’ and yes ‘it’s fleece was as white as snow’.

We left Oberon for The Entrance on the Central Coast of NSW when I was about 5 or so, I sought of remember the trip in our jeep. Mum, Dad and 6 kids so I guess not much room but a good trip. As kids we swam in the lake at the bottom of our street and then the ocean at the top. I learnt to swim by jumping off the jetty and following my sister in dogpaddling and then swimming.

Dad opened a business doing concrete works of all kinds. When I left school I went to see the president of the local government council and said I needed a job and got one in the Council office learning the switch board and general office work. I went to night classes at TAFE and learnt shorthand and typing, bookkeeping and general office work.

When I was ready, I went to work for Dad and helped run the office and all the accounting areas. When my Dad sadly died I took over the running of the concrete plant which was now mainly a ready mixed concrete plant supplying the concrete for all the building contractors in the area. I had a great bunch of men who had been working for Dad who stayed with me. I even learned how to design batches of concrete for very specific jobs including the local traffic bridge over the entrance to the Tuggerah Lakes from the ocean. It was all tested etc., so don’t worry it is still standing and many, many inspections were carried out. We supplied the concrete from one end and the concrete company from the other end supplied their side.

Later we sold the company to set Mum up and for me time to go wandering.

After a while I left with my partner to travel, we bought a 4wd and a caravan and wandered around Australia for about 1 or 2 years, forgotten how long. He was a pastry cook and I was whatever I have a go at and even did waitressing and learned a bit about serving wine etc. We spent a fair bit of time in Darwin (before Tracy) and I worked at the NT News which was interesting.

Finally, we returned to The Entrance NSW and I worked in various office jobs in Newcastle and Sydney one being a Motor Vehicle Retail place and I was the accountant and had a great time training other office staff. I was in the building at Hornsby when the building began to shake and we thought someone in the service department below had run into some of the concrete posts – but no it was the earthquake in Newcastle but no damage to our building.

I eventually left Sydney to travel to Darwin to go to Northern Territory University and got my degree for a Bachelor of Business completed in 1995. I then got a job at Ernst & Young to work and study for my Chartered Accountants Certificate. While working there I volunteered to do the remote work, I worked and travelled all over Arnhem Land, the Kimberley etc. One job I used to fly to Uluru and the people would drive in 230km from Kaltkatjara (Docker River) to pick me up. We would work together for a week or two then they would drive me back and I would return to Darwin to the office of Ernst & Young until I went to the next Community. Loved it.

During all this time and later I did lots of overseas travel including Nepal, India, England, Europe, South America, USA, Canada, PNG, many Pacific Islands etc some just travelling and some on working volunteering assignments etc. One special holiday walk was in Nepal we walked for I think about 25 days and ended at the top of Kala Patthar looking straight across at Everest peek and down to Everest Base Camp. This was with Sherpas and camping and they really looked after us. Loved every minute of it.

Still love to wander, but also love living in Darwin.



TRIPE CLUB

Enquiries / Bookings

Jenny Parish 0424 341 616

Peter Pusterla 0408 947890

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.

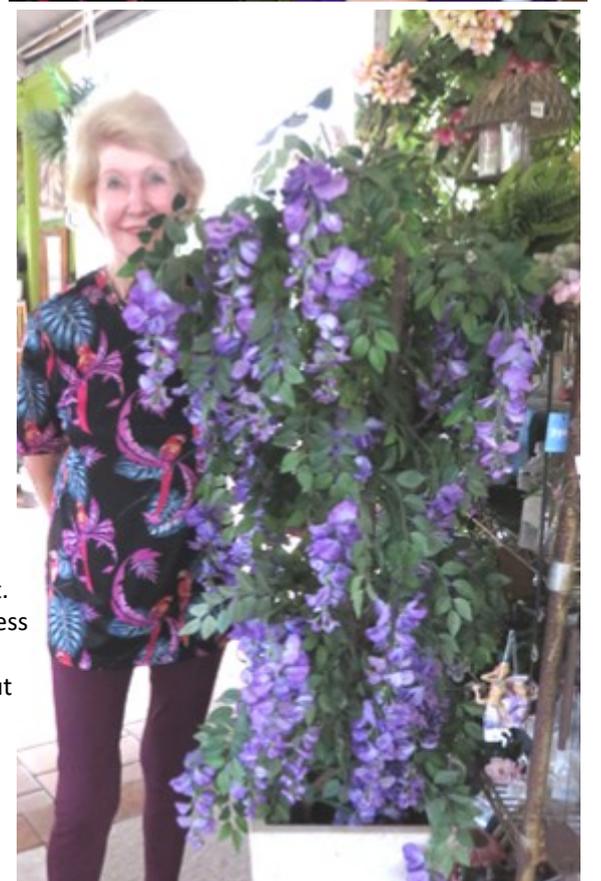
Contact Chris 0429171326.



Out and about in February



Garden Club at Allora Gardens



Bev is admiring the lovely plant. Can anyone guess the questions Bev asked about the plant?

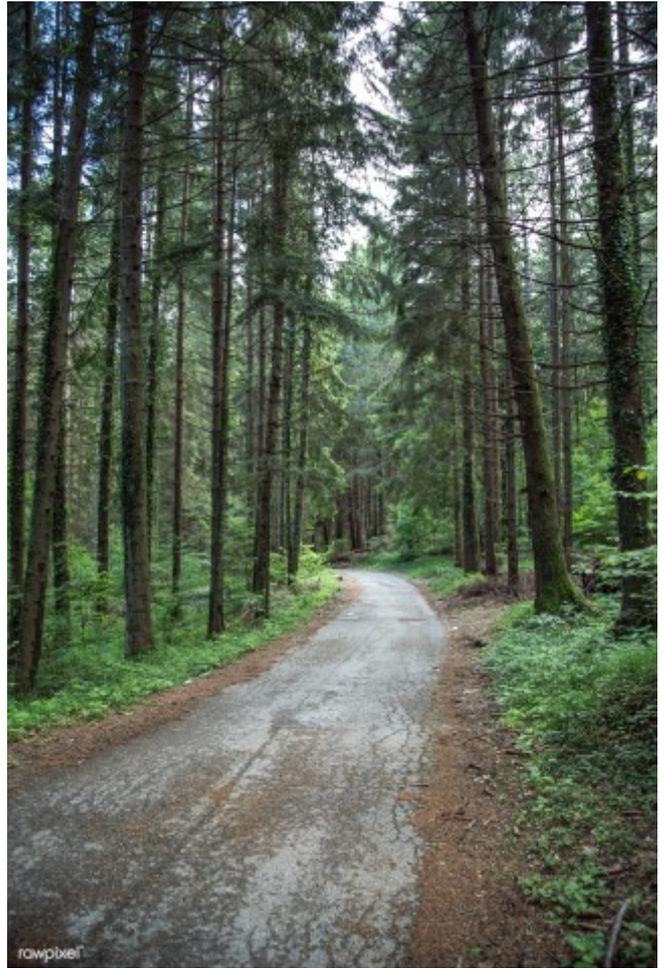
Out and about in February



Dining out at
Loong Fong Restaurant



The young tree stood tall and proud. Feeling the life giving sap surge through it's slender trunk, filling the branches and leaves with life and colour. It was a young sapling in the ancient forest surrounded by his many ancestors. His great great grandfather stood in the distant tall and proud, over five hundred years old. His massive trunk was gnarled and pot marked with holes and crevices creating homes for many creatures. His branches reached the top of the forest creating a canopy over his family protecting them as they grew and flourished in the rich soil. The ancient tree was beginning to show the first signs of ageing. Many leaves gently falling to the forest floor each day. As time goes by those leaves decay to become nourishment for the young sapling. The once supple branches were starting to become brittle, loosing their strength and flexibility. Some had broken off, falling to the ground breaking more branches as they fell. As time goes by these dead branches will provide homes and protection for the creature who dwell on the forest floor.



The young saplings vast family stood strong, slowly growing providing life and shelter for the forest inhabitants. Each tree knew it's future, quietly waiting for time to pass and their turn to reign over the forest. It will be many years before the old tree finally gives up his position. The family of trees send messages underground to the ancient one "it is all right great father we are here." The trees gently relay comfort, support and strength during his last few years. "It is time ancient one. Time for your next life. You have protected us well old one."

As time goes by the trees grow and flourish knowing one day it will be their turn to stand tall and provide the massive canopy for the forest.

Writing Group



Our small group of five eager writers met up to read out what we had written in the last month. We also had our usual 7 minute "flash" write-up on a given topic for 7 minutes, and surprised ourselves just what can be done in that time. Some also stayed for a very cheap meal.

The group had some fun in choosing the next topic, which is "**Watch your step.**" This common expression can be written about in many ways because we use these words in different ways - it may mean to be careful where you walk. It may mean to be careful what you say, or how you behave so as not to get into trouble. It could even be written from the point of view of a bug that is about to be trodden on.....or the point of view of a podiatrist..... Anyone is invited to write, and send in what they have written on this topic; all contributions are gratefully received.

The next meeting is scheduled for 11 am at the **Cas Club on Tuesday, March 15th**, but contact us anyway. Some members just prefer to email their stories in, and this is fine – the idea is to write after all.

Anyone interested? Just see me at the next meeting.

Ron Ninnis, Coordinator



The most popular web games and puzzle apps right now

With the online daily word game Wordle growing fast all over Australia and the world, we check out this latest craze and other popular games and puzzles you can share with friends or family.

There are some great reasons to play game and puzzle apps on your smartphone. For one, many are designed to help you stay mentally stimulated throughout the day – no bad thing now that you're no longer preoccupied with work. In some cases the mini-challenges or brain-teasers also come with an element of social interaction. Playing against and sharing results with friends, family or even complete strangers is another healthy way to stay connected to people when you're spending time alone.

WHAT IS WORDLE?

The viral phenomenon of 2022 to date is a fun and simple word game you can play online. Like a traditional newspaper crossword there's only one puzzle to solve each day, so whether you get it right or wrong you'll have to wait patiently (or impatiently, depending on how hooked you become!) for another chance. Every 24 hours there will be a new, randomly selected five-letter word of the day to work out, which you need to do in six attempts. After each attempt, coloured tiles change to reveal how close you were to guessing the right word.

It's not complicated, but it can be rather compelling. Wordle also appeals because everyone in the world, and therefore everyone you know, is playing the exact same puzzle. You can also share your Wordle journey and results with other people (but not the actual answers of course). This adds an extra layer of engagement and enjoyment to the whole game.

MORE PUZZLE APPS TO TRY

If you're into word-finding games, [Spelling Bee](#) and [Letter Boxed](#) – both big names in the New York Times Games along with Wordle – are easy to learn yet difficult to master. Spelling Bee is all about making as many words as you can with seven letters, while Letter Boxed asks you to connect the letters around a square to make words and solve the puzzle.

[Probus - The most popular web games and puzzle apps right now \(probussouthpacific.org\)](https://probussouthpacific.org)



12 things to always remember.

1. The past can't be changed.
2. Opinions don't define your reality.
3. Everyone's journey is different
4. Judgements are not about you
5. Overthinking will lead to sadness.
6. Happiness is found within
7. Your thoughts affect your mood
8. Smiles are contagious
9. Kindness is free
10. It's okay to let go and move on
11. What goes around, comes around
12. Things always get better with time.



Probus Club of Darwin Inc

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 2 March 2021

at Tracy Village Social and Sports Club

Nominations can still be sent in for positions on the executive

Annual membership fees will be due by 1 April



Tracy Village Social and Sports Club

The home of
Probus Club of Darwin Inc.

TEN PIN BOWLING

10 people met up for a coffee at Caramello Café prior to our usual monthly ten pin bowling game at KingPin.

The small group of 9 became 3 teams and the game progressed quickly. In a nail biting finish Ron tied with Maxine, both players finishing on 102, followed by Elaine on 97 and Richard on 91. Shirley scored the only strike for the game.

Next get together at 10.00am at Caramello Patisserie on **WEDNESDAY 16 March** prior to a game at Kingpin



Shirley Porte - Coordinator

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Extracts from the Minutes 4 March 1998

Held at the Darwin Bowls Club

Present: Messrs Dimery, Roberts, Eddy, Fisher, Giese, Penhall, Simmons, Plew, Thompson, Thompson, McLaren, Chin, Dr Bromich

Apologies: , , Dr Darvall, Messrs I MacGregor, Taylor, Leonard, Arthur, Marchant,

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

Correspondence:

Inwards—Nature Territory, Territory Business, Probus Centre

Outwards—Nil

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported in detail, spoke about a proposed budget for next year and recommended that the annual fee remains at \$20 per member.

President's Annual Report: The President's annual report was circulated to members present. The President thanked members and officers for their support through the year.

Election of Officers: .

President—Hugh Roberts
Vice President—Bernie Plew
Program Director—William Fisher
Treasurer—Eric Simmons
Secretary—Ray Chin

Address by Allan Thompson: He addressed the meeting about a plan to attend a 50th year reunion at a school in Germany. They travelled widely, visiting California, Los Angeles, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Ireland and Europe.

Close: President declared the meeting closed at 11:00am.

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