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His Honour Professor the
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Some of our members ready to set sail

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

Next meeting

Tracy Village Social and Sports Club
Wednesday, 6 March, 2024
10:30am - General Meeting

Janet's Jottings

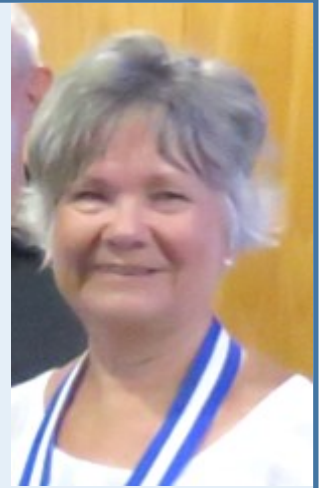
I am back home after a fabulous cruise to Singapore with friends (no sea sickness!!) I am always amazed at how clean and organised Singapore is. I went for an adventurous and enjoyable train trip to parts of Singapore. It was so easy, thank you Nancy and Trish.

Thank you Mary Verus for running the February meeting, it is good to know that I could get away and Probus life goes on.

This is the last of Janet's Jottings, I know it's sad! My Presidency of two years is coming to an end.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with such Professional members on all the Teams. We have shared laughter, tears and frivolity together. President's Report on our activities over the past year is on page 5 in the bulletin.

Keep Smiling
Cheers
Janet



March Guest Speaker - Teresa Hu

In²Hearing
Audiology Clinic

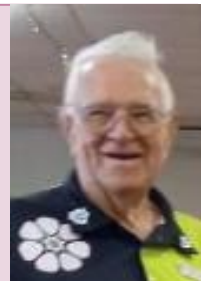
Audiology—How can it help you?

The importance of hearing health and how audiology service can assist people to take care of their ears and hearing and to manage their hearing loss and/or tinnitus when it occurs.

Ken Cohalan OAM

Seniors Snippets

- **AGMs** happening for all Probus Clubs in March. Are you able to assist in any aspect of the Club to which you belong.
- **Cruise Ships**—NT News mentioned that there will be 103 cruise ships visiting us in the next six months..
- **2024 Senior Territorian Art Award**—25 year anniversary—they are looking for suggestions.
- **Territory Q, Territory Business Stories—Jan-March 2024**—There are some good stories of NT Business successes from Sitzer, Master Builders, Santos, McArthur River Mine etc, available from libraries, social clubs and MP offices.
- **Probus Leaflets**—it is great to see our 4 Top End Clubs advertised in our libraries.
- **Senior 7 Pensioner kit—2023 edition** available from our new Member for Seniors, Ngaree Ah Kit at her office and Luke Gosling MP for Solomon office at Parap. Very helpful kit.
- **Health Checks**—Seniors over 75 are eligible for annual Medicare funded health check by their GP



Interest Groups

March at a glance

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Friday Mar 1 - 10:15 am	Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes
Monday Mar 4 - 11:00 am	Book Club at Cas Club coordinator Bev Barnes
Wednesday Mar 6 - 10:30 am	General Meeting at Tracy Village
Friday Mar 8—5:00 pm	Friday Drinks at Greenhouse Cafe
Wednesday Mar 13- 10:30 am	Garden club at Trailer Boat Club, coordinator Bev Aitken
Tuesday Mar 19 - 11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club coordinator Ron Ninnis
Wednesday Mar 20—10:00pm	Meet for coffee at 10:00am then 10 pin bowling - coordinator Chris Kuhn
Wednesday Mar 20—6:30pm	Dining out at Memories of India
Friday Mar 29—9:00 am	Morning Tea—cancelled because of Good Friday
Tuesday Mar 26—1:00 pm	Board Games at Pearl - coordinator Maxine Dienelt

GARDEN CLUB

With some members electing to go cruising rather than gardening, threat of more inclement weather and the distance to drive to Humpty Doo in the rain a greatly reduced number of only seven ventured to the Humpty Doo community garden.

Our hostess, Yvonne Peckover, gave a good talk outlining the formation, decimation and reinvigoration of the project as a result of her becoming involved 2 years ago. The weather did the right thing and this resulted in a very pleasant morning for those who went.

Then off to the Humpty Doo Tavern for good but very large meals testing the fortitude of all.

Next meeting on 13 March at 10:30. at Trailer Boat Club. Bring a plant for the raffle.
Bev Aitken—Coordinator ph 0412 196 032



Probus Club of Darwin

March Dining Out

Memories of India

Sabine Road, Milner

BYO

20 March, 2024 6:30pm

Contact person is

Judith Medley

ph 0403 464 669



Punjabi Chicken
delicacy which is
a staple of the
curries. It uses
tomato and heat
the dish is a bit
Punjabi.

Thank God its Friday

8 March 2024, 5:30pm
Greenhouse Café, Nightcliff
Just turn up



Morning Tea

Cancelled for 29 March
Good Friday



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Heart Foundation Walking

Please come and join Heart Foundation Walking and celebrate Parks Week 2024.

Each year Parks & Leisure Australia encourage celebrating the vital roles parks play in creating liveable cities and thriving communities.

Parks Week focuses on the how spending time in our parks and open spaces positively influences our wellbeing.

Heart Foundation are taking this opportunity to thank the walkers and our generous volunteer walk organisers by hosting a fun and special orienteering event at the Botanic Gardens.

Commencing at 8 am we will explore the walking paths of the beautiful Botanic Gardens and share a lovely morning tea at the Fountain area.

There will be giveaways and prizes and lots of goodies to enjoy. Bring your friends, family, prams, hats and walking shoes to enjoy a social morning.

Please RSVP to julie-anne.overell@heartfoundation.org.au or 8982 2709 by 2 March, to confirm catering requirements.

A school teacher from a country town in England asked her class to write down on a piece of paper the type of work their daddies did.

The children, very excitedly, scribbled their answers.

One by one, the teacher asked each child to stand and describe the job.

There was much laughter and clapping, that is apart from little Tommy.

Tommy, why do you look so sad?" asked the teacher.

Tommy slowly rose to his feet, and replied: "My Dad's a stripper in a gay bar."

The other children remained silent, as Tommy continued.

Sometimes, he doesn't come home, and my Mummy sits crying.

There were gasps around the classroom.

The teacher acted quickly and dismissed the children, telling them to go out and play.

She then walked up to little Tommy, put her arm around his shoulders, and asked: "Is all that true, Tommy?"

No, not at all Miss. He really plays cricket for England, but I was too embarrassed to say that"

sent in by Lyn Barlow



Out and about in February



President's Report 2024

FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, did we achieve this???

Over the past 12 months, we have inducted 9 new members, bringing our total membership to 125. Five members sadly passed away over that year and we miss them.

Our new Administrator accepted our invitation to be Patron, inviting myself, Tony Errity (Vice President) and Lyn Barlow (Secretary), to morning tea at Government House. I believe our Administrator had done his home work on the history of Probus and keeps updated via our Bulletin. A pleasant morning.

I was invited to have breakfast with Mates 4 Mates at Palmerston. Tony and I ventured through the pouring rain but enjoyed a chat with some of the members. My next meeting is with The Honourable Ngaree Ah Kit Minister for Seniors. I look forward to having a chat and informing our Minister about the positive input Probus has in our community.

Probus Head Office has again increased their membership fees this year but we have decided that our club can absorb the extra cost and not pass that increase on to you.

Our new Travel Team have been busy with an enjoyable bus trip to Adelaide River earlier this year. A Sunset dinner cruise on our magnificent harbour, supported by a Community Grant to lower our costs. A trip to Norfolk Island and a cruise to Singapore stopping at Komodo Island and Bali for a day, two days in Singapore. Where next????

National Probus Day was celebrated at Pearl Recreation centre in October, this was a combined Probus clubs event with each club presenting an item. Hilarious!! Music by Bill Roy and the Pearlers. Kate Worden MLA talked on her Father's involvement with the Probus club of Marrara and why he joined.

We danced the night away with the Andrew Sisters at the Kalymnos club also in October. Another wonderful combined Probus club event. Many attended the Probus stall at the Seniors Expo, an event well attended by Seniors.

Our monthly dining out nights and coffee mornings continue to support local businesses. It's not always easy to accommodate 50 members in a restaurant but the Social Committee do their best and a good job at that. It thrills my heart to see you all chatting and supporting each other. Noisy Lot!!! End of year was celebrated with a great luncheon at Silks Restaurant, attended by a large group of members and the Administrator and his partner and being hilariously entertained by 5 members with a rendition of Memories.

Our club had three members receive the "Seniors Excellence Awards" and several won places in the Seniors Garden Competition. The Club has continued to support the Seafarer's Mission and Salvation Army with member donations of goods.

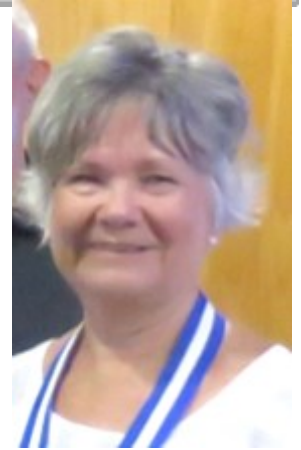
I would like to thank my ever dedicated Executive and Management team for making my job a fun and fulfilling one. There are so many to thank, the Social Committee, all the Coordinators of our interest groups who keep their activities interesting and alive. Morning tea Coordinator and all of you who generously contribute to our banquet. The Welcome members on the door and all those who come early to set up for our meetings and pack up. Our monthly Guest Speaker organiser, Mary Verus, and of course a big thank you to our Bulletin Editor who diligently keeps us on track.

A thank you to Tracy Village Sports club who facilitate our meetings.

Again I humbly thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your President. Stay safe and see you at the next event.

Cheers

Janet Elliott 2024



Literature, Lunch and Laughter

Thank you for a lovely get together at our first book club of the year. Great to see everyone back from holidays and hear the stories of travel, health and other issues. Particularly great to see you back, looking great and healthy again Beverley.



Read January / Discuss February

The Crossing Places By: Ellie Griffith This is the first book in a series of mysteries about Dr Ruth Gallaway, forensic archaeologist, who is called upon by DCI Harry Nelson, to help establish whether a child's bones, discovered near the site of a pre-historic henge on the north Norfolk salt marshes, are the remains of a local girl who disappeared ten years earlier—or whether they are much older? Three members read the book and considered it well written with interesting details giving it 4 out of 5.

The Running Grave By: J. K. Rowling, No one had read this book yet.

The Kill Artist OR The Cellist By: Daniel Silva. One member read the Cellist which explores the corrupting influence of dirty money wielded by a revanchist and reckless Russia. It is a novel of hope and a stark warning about the fragile state of democracy. Score of 3.5 / 5.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry By: Rachel Joyce Harold Fry walks the length of England in search of someone special. He meets lots of people along the way and spins great yarns about his life. One member read this and gave 5/5

Read February / Discuss March

The Narrow Road to the deep North by Richard Flannagan

Mr Einstein's Secretary by Matthew Riley

Any Book by Harlen Corben

We meet on the **First Monday of the month at Casuarina Sports Club at 11.am** and are always happy to welcome new members!

Next meeting—4 March 2024

Stay well. Stay safe, and read with gusto.
Helmy on behalf of Beverley Barnes



Heart Foundation Walking

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

For further details, contact Janet 0432 154 306

TEN PIN BOWLING

On 21st February 2024, 10 intrepid members of our club went to Kingpin Darwin, and bowled their hearts after an enjoyable visit to Caramello's beforehand.

Richard Dempster was well in front with a score of 110. Ron not too far behind with 100 while Ed (99), playing his best game for some time and Molly (97) close behind with Nancy (94) and Anne (91).

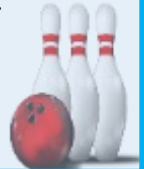
Janet and Maxine supported the players from the sideline.

Special thanks to Sue for sending the details through to Chris who was unable to attend.

New fee looks to be \$16 but still being negotiated.

Chris gives his apologies that due to his unpredictable health issues he will not be able to continue as this interest group's brave reporter.

Chris Kuhn



Bowling back in action!



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.

Probus Darwin—Travellers on the move

Sent in by Elaine Ellard

After the obligatory group photo wearing our Probus shirts we settled down for a lengthy wait to board the Pacific Adventurer.



Betty and I found our cabin with no trouble. Wow-Huge hanging space. Unfortunately no tea making and horror - no shower caps.

Our very large group of Probarians soon managed to disburse and it was rarely that we all came together. Except for one particularly memorial evening. Mary Father's



The towel animals were no just on beds

birthday. Think I can remember it, but there was a fair bit of wine consumed.



Out and about in February

Two adventurers, myself and our incoming president Tony, braved the giant waterslide. Parts of the tube hanging over the ocean. Of course we did our bums and backs and injury, but we did it.

No one battled karaoke but a few of us had fun at Trivia and the Casino. Gatsby night had a few of us dressed appropriately but we missed out on “Back to School” and “Beach Party “ as we didn’t know in advance of these theme nights. Probably just as well.

Singapore soon arrived and various destinations beckoned. For me the Marina Bay Gardens was a highlight.

Early morning taxis to the airport and home. Back to food with NO CHILLI.



Dining out at Tracy Village

An was eventful night with the dragons making an appearance for Chinese New Year. Well done to the energetic young people.



Writing Group

Our small group met up together to discuss writing topics, and many other topics.

We wrote for 7 minutes on the topic of “spiders”, and for the first time, everyone all three of us wrote a similar story.

Our next topic is “**Alien**”, but the topic is flexible, and could also include different forms of alien life, or a landed spacecraft.

Next meeting is on the 19 th March at the Cas Club at 11 am. (always the third Tuesday of the month.)



Ron Ninnis, Coordinator

Can you help?

As there is so much need at present for items to help the Mission to Seafarers to assist the mariners coming in to Darwin it has been decided to keep the collection boxes going for a while longer.

If you are able to help out, the following items are most needed :

Toiletries—soap, razors, toothbrush and paste

Clothing—smaller size underwear, t shirts, socks and beanies.

The boxes will be at the next meeting and the items taken into the Mission.

How are you?

By Sheila Bizley, Marrara Probus

Have you ever met the woman
who sees you from a distance,
waves, and hurries over?

Face full of concern,
she asks ‘How are you?’
Then, without a pause,
proceeds to tell you in great detail,
how she ISN’T!

Her surgery,
the hospital,
the migraines she keeps suffering.
Then has she told you
of her knee and did you know about her ear?
Oh! And the problems with her TOE.

She rattles on
while you shuffle from foot to foot
pretending to listen patiently.

Finally, she takes a breath and says
‘You’re looking better now we’ve talked’
then dashes off –
to find another listener.

I wonder if, when studying,
they told her of Descartes, who said
‘I think, therefore I am’

Did she mishear?
and thought they said
‘I talk, therefore I am’

I wish she’d learn to listen.

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Board Games

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26 March, 1:00pm

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator



Golf

In recess.

Contact

Jeff Mosel ph 0422 187 263



March Birthdays

Ron Wright **

Bill Porte

Kevin Cluley

Rosemary Burkitt

Elaine Ellard

Charli Haynes

Jim Wright **

Judith Medley **

March Anniversaries

Ian and Heather Dawson



Hope you enjoy your special day



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Member Inductions

Welcome Michelle, inducted as a new member of Probus Club of Darwin at the February meeting.



Michelle Nobbs-Darko

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Extracts from the Minutes 1 March 2000

Held at the Darwin Bowls Club

Present: Messrs Plew, Simmons, Thompson, Taylor, Blackmore, Kerr, Steven, Washington, Roberts, Thompson, Fisher, Chin, Dr Bromich, Dimery, Penhall, McLaren, T

Apologies: Larcombe, Johnstone, McLaren, Penhall

Tribute: Meeting informed of the sad passing of Marry Giese AM, MBE on 4 February 2000. He was Foundation President in 1985.

Minutes: The meeting adopted the Minutes of the previous meeting. With amendment of name of Chief Executive Director.

Correspondence:

Inwards—Letter from RYLA Organising Committee, Letter from Mr Warren Snowdon MP, COTA meeting.

Outwards—NT News notice for Late Mr H C Giese

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report adopted.

President's Report: Copies distributed.

Annual General Meeting: Elected officers: President—Mr A Dally, Vice President—Mr A Thompson; Program Director—Mr B Shaw; Treasurer—Mr E Simmons; Secretary—Mr R Chin.

Annual Subscription: Meeting accepted recommendation that annual subscription remain at \$20 pa.

History of this Club: Members were in general agreement with Mr Simmons initiative that we keep some historical records of the activities of the Club. Mr A Thompson accepted the nomination to undertake research into this matter.

Combined Male and Female Probus Club: Mr Thompson raised a question on this matter. Several members spoke about past happenings on this matter. It was agreed that this Club continue to function as we are at present.

Meeting ended 11:20am.



Our AGM will be held at the meeting on **Wednesday, 6 March 2024**

at Tracy Village Social and Sports Club,
Tambling Terrace, Wanguri

To help ensure a continuation of our wonderful club and social activities it is important that all members think about how they can contribute to its running.

Nominations will be accepted for positions up till beginning of AGM

Membership fee \$60 due by 1 April

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