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

Next meeting
Tracy Village Social and Sports Club
Wednesday, 7 May, 2025
10:30am - General Meeting

Many thanks to the office of Khoda Patel MLA, member for Casuarina, for the printing of our bulletin this month.



President's Perspective

It is hard to miss the change in the weather this past week. I've heard the dragonflies are filling the cooler air with their dancing... not that I have seen them. What we notice most about the coming of the Dry Season is the south-easterly breeze blowing through our kitchen window in the morning.

I am wondering why are there only 3 "f" words for our band of members. I think there should be another, and that is "Flight".

I have spoken to many of our Probarians who have been packing their suitcases and flying to places overseas or to friends or families in other parts of Australia. As the Dry ramps up there will be a just as steady a flow from south, or from overseas, of guests heading our way.

Word for the month, therefore, is "scurryfungue". Is this your procedure when guests come? At least someone else could be doing it for you when you are the visitor.

Cheers
Lyn Barlow



Guest Speaker

ALLAN MITCHELL

Exploring Ambon

Coffee Lovers!

Foreshore Café, Nightcliff

9:30am May 30

Contact: Rowena ph 0413 28 5559

Board Games

Come and join us playing your favourite Board Games at Pearl Recreation Centre. Lots of challenges and fun.

27 May 1:00pm

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator

May at at Glance

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Fri May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:15 am	Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes
Mon May 5 - 11:00 am	Book Club at Cas Club coordinator Bev Barnes
Wed May 7– 10:30	General Meeting, Tracy Village
Wed May 14—10:30am	Colin and Dorothy Brown's home, Humpty Doo. Bev Aitken coordinator
Tues May 20—11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club - coordinator Ron Ninnis
Wed May 21—10:00am	Meet for coffee at 10:00am at Caramello Café then 10 pin bowling at 11:00am coordinator Shirley Porte
Wed May 21—6:30pm	Dining Out—Silks Restaurant at Darwin Turf Club, Fannie Bay. Contact, Maxine Ph 0424 283 537
Tues May 27—1:00pm	Games at Pearl Retirement Village, Coordinator—Maxine
Fri May 30—9:30am	Coffee Lovers at Foreshore, Nightcliff. Contact Rowena ph 0413 289 555

GARDEN CLUB

22 garden lovers came along to spend the morning at Mike and Kay Foleys beautiful tropical garden.

Many thanks to Cheryl for helping Bob with the attendance sheet and handing out raffle tickets. Raffle was won by Judy Beard.

As we were closing up Mike serenaded us with a few songs on the ukulele. Then off to CAS CLUB for lunch.

Next meeting 14th May 10 am at Colin and Dorothy Brown's home, 20 Cornish Road Humpty Doo.

Bev Aitken—Coordinator ph 0412 196 032



May Dining Out



21 May, 2025 6:30pm

Contact: Maxine Dienelt
Phone: 0424 283 537

Out and about in April



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Garden Club
at Kay and
Mike Foley's
home.



Out and about in April



Dining out at Supa Pizza



**Tracy Village
Social and Sports Club**
The home of
Probus Club of Darwin Inc.

Golf

Contact
Jeff Mosel ph 0422 187 263
For dates and times



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.

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Better for life

Literature, Lunch and Laughter

Another interesting morning discussing books we either enjoyed or otherwise.

Read March discussed April

The Sea Detective By : Mark Douglas-Home

Review: Thoroughly enjoyed this book about the slave trade between India and United Kingdom. Recommend this book.

Prima Facie By : Suzie Miller

Review: Reviews ranged from, Couldn't get into the story line. Very, very slow to set the scene but took off towards the end of the book. Enjoyed and recommend.

The Bookshop Ladies By: Faith Hogan

Review: Light, easy to read and predictable.

Read April discuss May

Slow Horses By : Mick Herron

Any Title by Daniel Silva

Love and Virtue by Diana Reid



Read May discuss June

The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies

By: Alison Goodman

The Angry Women's Choir By: Meg Bignell

Every Last Suspect By Nicola Moriarty

Read June discuss July

Blackbird By: David Crookes

The Rain Herron OR Dusk By: Robbie Arnott

The Trauma Cleaner By: Sarah Krasnostein

Mercy (Department Q Series Book 1) By: Jussi Adler-Olsen

We meet at the Casuarina Sports Club every first Monday of the month at 11am. If you enjoy reading, this is the golden opportunity to join us and share your reading experiences

Stay well and stay safe and happy reading.

Bev Barnes, Coordinator



TEN PIN BOWLING

We met for morning tea at Caramella Patisserie Rapid Creek enjoying lovely coffee, yummy Greek cakes and pastries.

Then off to King Pin to test our bowling skills with heaps of fun, laughter and frivolity.

Janet Elliott started well and rolled a great game, top scoring with 107 including 1 strike and 3 spares. Anne Howard came 2nd with her best score of 100 with 3 spares. It was a close contest between Ed and Ron for third spot. Ron came home with a flourish having a strike and a spare in the tenth frame but Ed held on with a score of 97 from Ron on 95.

A great time was had by all, and we look forward to seeing everyone next month on Wednesday 21st May at 10am for coffee at Caramella's then 11am for bowling at King Pin.

If you have not bowled before, please come along, it's easy to play and lots of fun.

Enjoy your month with the dry season and dragon flies on our doorstep.

Group challenge for next month – 13 spares and 3 strikes.

Next month we meet up again on Wednesday 21 May

Maxine Dienelt, Acting Coordinator.



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Previous guest speakers from Aunty's Free Feeds are looking for some help. If you can please bring in paper grocery bags to the meeting, this will help with food distribution and be very much appreciated.

The bags will be collected from our meetings.



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.

Writing Group

April meeting



Our 7- minute write-up exercise was on the topic of “ Don’t think too much...”. In spite of the title, we wrote some very interesting pieces, so perhaps this means that you really don’t have to think much to write for 7 minutes.

The topic for the next month is : “Would you like to be a cat?” (You can pretend to be your cat, if you want to.) This topic invites you to explore your imagination. Anyone can write, and you don’t even have to come to a meeting in order to write.

Have fun writing

The next meeting is Tuesday 20 th May at 11 am at the Cas Club, but if you can’t make it, just email in your contribution.

Ron Ninnis, Coordinator

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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

We have a new bank account!

Our new account is with Bendigo Bank, Nightcliff.

Account : Probus Club of
Darwin Incorporated

BSB: 633000

Account Number: 226771376

We encourage our members to use this account for transactions with the club. The old account with Commonwealth Bank will stay open for a couple of months.

Seniors' Snippets

Ken Cohalan OAM



•**Silver Tsunami**—Australian population is aging. In 2024, 18% of the population were aged over 65. It is estimated that by 2044, 22% of the population will be over 65.

•**Phonak**— a remote hearing aid volume adjustment—very good for increasing volume for meetings or reducing the level of the TV.

•**Probus Annual General Meetings**—All of the NT clubs have had their meetings with some new members elected to executive positions. All the best to the 4 clubs.

•**Senior Month Grants**—up to \$2,000 available to help deliver events/activities for senior Territorians during August.

•**Financial changes for NT Seniors**—it is confusing and you need to check your situation.

◇Ages pension—2% increase per fortnight

◇Power—Federal Gov offered \$150 to reduce costs.

◇Health Funds—increase of 3.73%

May Anniversaries

Ken and Connie Cohalan **
Ann and Robert O'Connor
Bob and Kay Schulze
Lynette and John Ponter **



Hope you enjoy your special day

May Birthdays

Sheena Short
Richard Dempster
Barb Pollock
Julian Jong
Allan Mitchell
Anne O'Connor
Julie Doherty
Robert O'Connor
Robert Scott
Janet Elliott
Renzo Guiliani
Shirley Porte
Margaret Egglestone **
Ron Ninnis
Trish Greenfield

Barry The Bogan reports

A BOGAN'S REDEMPTION by Brian Kuhl

Ever been accused of being a Bogan? "Oh, my goodness" I said, diving for the Macquarie dictionary:-
"an uncouth or unsophisticated person regarded as being of low social status" I read. And this from my dear sister; all because of my total lack of interest in classical music, opera, art and what she sees as the finer things in life.
"But I love football, meat pies, kangaroos and Holden cars" was my reply to that. "I also like Kylie, cricket, Jimmy Barnes and other great stuff" I added as, with a last disdainful look, she turned towards the door!!!!

Well, that was about 25 years ago. Time moves on and people can change; even a so called bogan. A significant catalyst for change can be the opportunity to travel to regions where people have a far longer and more varied history. (The history of our own indigenous people is of course a notable exception). Exposure to different histories, customs, beliefs, and cultures that have evolved over time can greatly impact and broaden one's perspectives.

And so, REDEMPTION. Dear sister now believes there is hope for her bro. yet. It's been a very enjoyable time over those 25 years working on my "kulture". Late in life sure; but a new age of enlightenment for an old codger. For example the discovery of :-

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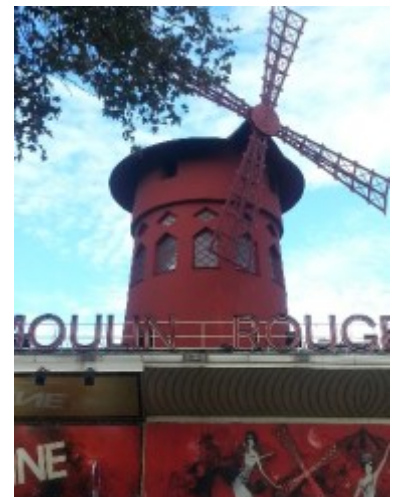


Most of the above



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**Blue Whale Skeleton
Natural History Museum London**



A Bogan's Favourite



Van Gogh Sunflowers-

Well goodness, that's enough. Developing all this "kulture" has been good fun – but exhausting. The upside is that I have now been elevated to non Bogan in the eyes of my dear sister. But I haven't told her that these days, even though I'm prone to listening to a bit of Mozart now and then, I still like Jimmy. And, despite warnings from my GP, a meat pie on the odd occasion is pretty good.



Old Wolfgang



Old Jimmy – now Mellow Musician & Family Guy

**CHEERS
BARRY THE BOGAN**

Combined Probus Clubs Dinner Dance



Venue: The Greyhound Clubhouse
Date: Friday, 30 May 2025
Time: 6:00pm
Cost: \$45.00 pp

Either pay into our Bendigo bank account or
pay Anne at the meeting.

Welcome

Two new members to be inducted
into
Probus Club of Darwin on
Wednesday, 7 May



Judith Hutchings



Diane Milosavljevic

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Extracts from the Minutes 2 May 2001

Held at the Darwin Bowls Club

Present: Messrs Thompson, Dally, Penhall. Plew, Scott, Washington, Taylor, Roberts, Chin, Fisher, Kerr, Steven, Dimery, Simmons, Bromich, Short

Apologies: Blackmore, Johnstone, Workman

Visitor: Bill Raby

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

Correspondence: Inwards Drugs Defence pamphlets, Heritage Tours Avoca Bay, Probus Centre Handbook, Tambling Report

Outwards—Badge Order

Treasurer's: Report Opening balance \$675.96, Income \$20, Expenses \$17.65, Closing balance \$678.31

Guest Speakers—Ms Genevieve Johns of NT Office of Youth Affairs. Points noted NT youth about 1/4 of NT population; Offices at Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs; papers available in various languages; centres have a variety of programs; assistance on education, employment
Mr Ste ens thanked Ms Johns on behalf of the club and presented a Probus coffee mug..

Next meeting—Wednesday, 6 June 2001 at 10:00am, then proceed at 10:20 to Vintage Cars Section of Old Hangar at Parap.

Upcoming events / activities

Combined dinner dance May 30

Seniors Expo—June 28

Territory Day—July 1

Trip to Dundee and orchid farm

40th anniversary dinner dance

National Probus Day

Christmas Lunch

Some dates and costs are still to be finalised and information will be sent out as it becomes available.



Happy Mother's Day to
all of our lovely
mothers and
grandmothers.

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