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Honourable David Connolly
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Next General Meeting Wednesday, 4 November

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

Hello to all my PROBUS Darwin Friends. Well, I cannot believe that we are about to have our last meeting before our Christmas Lunch. Where has 2026 gone?

While on the subject of Christmas please don't forget that Rotary will be selling their Christmas Cakes and Puddings at our next meeting.

Also, if you can, please bring along some non-perishable items to donate to the Salvation Army Christmas drive.

Jill, Di and I are racking our brains, trying to come up with skit ideas to keep you all amused at the Christmas Lunch. If anyone has any suggestions, please pass them along. Please remember that this is not for a choir. It is usually a funny, musical act with most participants acting out different amusing activities and a couple of people at the microphone singing.

It has been a great year of doing so much with our PROBUS Friends and in my opinion the Kununurra trip was definitely the highlight. Who knows what 2027 will bring along but hopefully our stellar Travel Committee will come up with a few brilliant ideas.

Once again Dining Out at Seafood on Cullen was fun and I am so looking forward to our next dinner at Loong Fong Restaurant. Please remember that when you sign the form saying that you will attend a function the Co-ordinator for that activity is always listed with their mobile number. If you cannot attend, please make sure that you let that person know as it can be quite embarrassing if quite a few people do not attend. Similarly, if you haven't put your name on the list but decide to attend at the last moment please let someone on the Social Committee know so that you don't end up sitting by yourself or putting someone else out of their seat.

It has been a fairly quiet month for me so I really don't have a lot to say. I look forward to seeing you all on 4th November

Have a great month!

Regards. Mary Verus



Guest Speaker

Jarod Archibald OAM

My Career in the Northern Territory Museum Sector

Jared Archibald has worked in the museum sector for over 30 years. He spent 16 years as the taxidermist at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) and has been employed there as the Curator of Territory History for over a decade. He has a keen interest in Northern Territory history, with special emphasis on its rich military history. He was part of the team that developed the *Defence of Darwin Experience* at East Point, was lead curator for both the *Unruly Days: Life in the Territory 1911-1921* exhibition and the newly refreshed *Cyclone Tracy* exhibition at MAGNT.

LOONG FONG 龍鳳酒家 SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

November Dining Out

Loong Fong Restaurant

87 Woods Street, Darwin

18 November, 6:00pm for 6:30pm

Contact Julianne Quinn ph 0418 209 782

What's on in November

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Mon Nov 2 11:00 am	Book Club at Cas Club coordinator Mary Greenup
Wed Nov 4 10:30am	General Meeting at Tracy Village
Fri Nov 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:15 am	Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes
Tues Nov 10—11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club - coordinator Ron Ninnis
Wed Nov 11—10:30am	Garden Club at Pearl Recreation Centre. coordinator Wendy Darwin
Sat Nov 14 - 5.30pm	Sunset drinks at Zen Rooftop Contact Rowena McHugh 0413 289 555
Wed Nov 18—10:00am	Morning Tea at 10:00 at Café Mount 8848 then proceed to 10 pin Bowling at KingPin at 11:00am coord Shirley Porte
Wed Nov 18—6:00 for 6:30pm	Dining out Loong Fong Restaurant Contact - Julianne Quinn 0418 209 782
Tues Nov 24—1:00pm	Board Games at Pearl Recreation Centre, Coordinator— Maxine Dienelt 0424 283 537
Fri Nov 27—9:30am	Boardwalk, Cullen Bay Contact - Rowena McHugh 0413 289 555
Wed Dec 2 - 11:00am	Christmas lunch at Silks

ZEN ROOFTOP LOUNGE

Sunset Drinks

Zen Rooftop Bar
6 Carey Street, Darwin
(Note - take right hand lift - takes you to top)

Saturday 14/11/2026 5.30pm
Contact Rowena McHugh 0413 289 555



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Literature, Lunch and Laughter
October 2026

7 of us met for Book Club today, a few people away on holidays. Great discussions. Lovely lunch and more banter. A very enjoyable time

Read Sept discuss October
Broken Horses. By: Brandi Carlyle
Brian loves the book has just returned from seeing her live in concert. He has also listened to the audio book and was surprised that she sung the lyrics the expected them to be spoken. A nice surprise. Would recommend the audio book. Cheryl, great story teller, takes reader into her life. Elton John has read the memoir and stated he loved it.

Small Things. By: Claire Keegan
Story about Bill Furlong a Coal and Timber merchant in a small Irish town in 1985. He finds a terrified mistreated young women at a convent when doing deliveries. She had been locked in the coal shed as punishment by the nuns. Times are very hard in Ireland at this time and the church still has a big say in things. The story is set around Christmas. He is deeply disturbed by the activities at the convent but townsfolk warn him the nuns have their fingers in many pies which could impact on him. He however takes the young women to live with him and his family. Very sad, cruelty to children. Well written Book won the 2022 Orwell Prize for Political Fiction, and short listed for Booker Prize.

Mademoiselle Eiffel. By: Aimie K. Runyan
Book was enjoyed by those who read it. Father was the architect who built the Eiffel.
Her taught her how to run the business against her grandmothers wishes, who thought girls should do "lady things"

Yesteryear. By: Caro Claire Burke.
Odd book, most would not recommend.

Read October discuss November

The best kind of beautiful. By: Francis Whiting
Force of Nature By: Jane Harper
Bye Bye Baby or The Chocolate Tin By; Fiona Mc Intosh

Read November discuss December
Hollow Bones. By: Jodi Picoult
The Flight of the Stolen Children By: Jina Bacant

Next meeting on 2nd November at 11am at the Cas Club. New readers welcome. Happy reading everyone. Mary Greenup Coordinator

Writing Group



October meeting
We will now be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month

We met at the Cas Club as usual. Our 7 minute practice writing was to write about a photo of a mountain climber. This proved a challenge for some, perhaps because no one had been ice climbing (especially in Darwin). Anyway, we all had fun trying.
The next writing topic is based on a photo cut out of a magazine by Sheila. The photo is of a front garden, complete with gnomes. You too can have a go at writing on this topic. All contributions gratefully received, as the saying goes.

Give it a go and have fun.
Ron Ninnis, coordinator

Salvation Army Collection

Our Probus Club contributes to a collection of non perishable food and other items to help with the compilation of parcels for Christmas delivery to those members of the community in need.

This is a voluntary donation and all items are welcomed. Items will be collected at the November meeting only.



November Birthdays

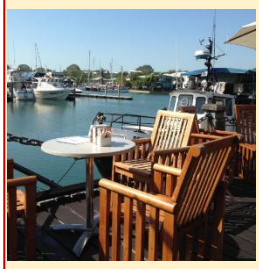
Molly West
Mavis Leo**
Jenny Darben*
Jackie Knight
Colin Beard
Barry Darben*
Sue Wright
Bronwyn Russell
Annabelle Lawford**
Mick White

November Anniversaries



Mick and Diane White
Alan and Pam Utting

Coffee Lovers



Boardwalk Cafe
Cullen Bay

Friday.
27 November
9:30am

Contact
Rowena McHugh ph 0413 289 555

MAMMA MIA!

This smash-hit global phenomenon blends explosive dance numbers, non-stop laughs, and breathtaking performances into an unforgettable party of a lifetime. Set against the vibrant backdrop of a sun-soaked Greek island paradise, the musical tells a hilarious and heartwarming story of love, family secrets, and the enduring power of friendship.

Tickets on sale now:
tickets.yourcentre.com.au/Shows/Mamma-Mia-

Fri, 12 Feb 2027	Sat, 13 Feb 2027
Fri, 19 Feb 2027	Sat, 20 Feb 2027

Darwin South Rotary — Supporting Our Community

FOR SALE

Rum and Brandy Fruit Cakes, Steamed and Baked Puddings

Rum & Brandy Fruit Cakes — $22.00





Traditional Rich — $20.00



1 Kg traditional Steamed Pudding — $22.00



Traditional Baked Puddings (pack of 4)



$10.00 (4 pack)

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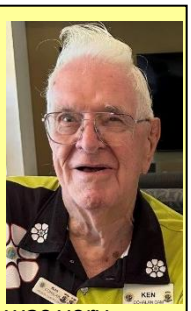
Seniors' Snippets
Ken Cohalan OAM



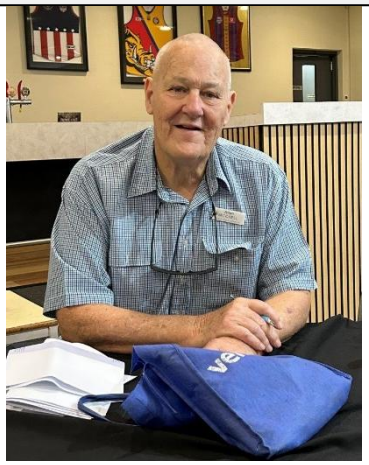
National Probus Day – We had a good role up at Pearl Retirement Centre on 2nd October. Hon Marie-Clare Boothby gave a welcome speech and the birthday cake was very much appreciated. Bill Roy played our Probus Song for us. Several lucky door prizes were on offer.

How falls can be prevented - *Clear the gutter; *Secure or remove loose rugs; *Improve lighting; *Install grab bars and handrails; *Wear supporting well fitted foot wear; *Rearrange furniture for clear pathways; *Build balance and strength; *Use mobility aids if needed; *Review medication with Doctor; *Get annual vision and hearing tests.

Mobile Phone – Battery life reduced if left on charge overnight.

Tourists – significant increase in interstate and oversea visitors to Darwin. Tis will improve the economy.

Out and About in October










GARDEN CLUB

Next garden club meeting will be at Pearl Recreation Centre – in the cool air conditioning!
11 November, 10:30am

Guest speaker will be a surprise.

Wendy Darwin, Coordinator

TEN PIN BOWLING

It was the Nepalese Festival of 'Dashain' so cafe Mount 8848 was closed for staff to celebrate. We turned up as usual so Shirley stayed outside to redirect Probus coffee lovers to the alternative venue of Vietnamese cafe Pho nearby. Those looking forward to delicious cakes and egg and bacon rolls were disappointed as Asian fare/spring rolls were on the menu. Janet (F) and Betty who had arrived early made their own arrangements at Nightcliff and having found The Greenhouse cafe closed eventually had a coffee at Woolworths. A bit of a fiasco all round.

At Kingpin we had an excellent turnout of 16 players split into 4 teams cheered on by Sue, Maxine, the 2 Lyns, Bill and Shirley. In frame 1 Diane went into the lead closely followed by Janet (F). In frame 3 Molly took over with Janet (F), Diane, Alan and Janet (E) in hot pursuit with only a few points between them. Richard shot into first place in frame 6 with Molly, Roslyn and Alan close behind. Diane and Janet (E) reappeared in the front runners in frame 8 for a close and exciting finish but Richard remained in the lead until the end. Final scores Richard 120(5 spares boosting his score), Molly 99, Diane 98, Ron 97 (no bumpers), Janet (E) 96, Alan 91.

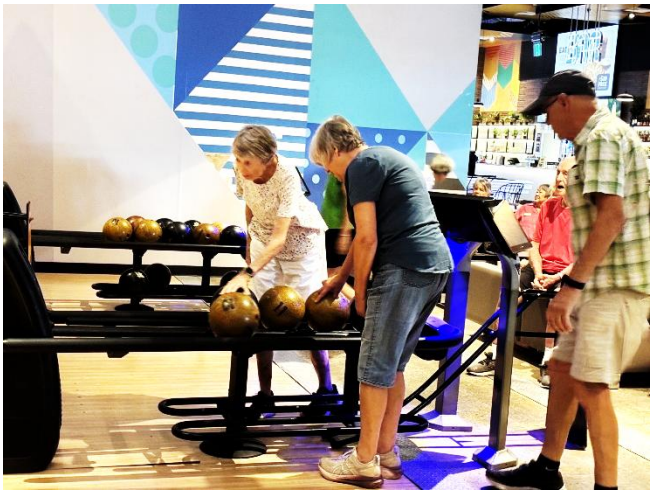
This month totals 1 strike (Ron) 18 spares

Next month things should be back to normal. It will be the last ten pin bowling session for the year so we will meet up at 10.00am on

18 November at Cafe Mount 8848 and proceed to Kingpin at 11.00. Hope to see you then.

Shirley (Porte) co-ordinator







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 the collection boxes are still available for needed items.
Toiletries – soap, razors, toothbrushes and paste
Clothing – smaller size underwear, t shirts, socks and beanies.

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.

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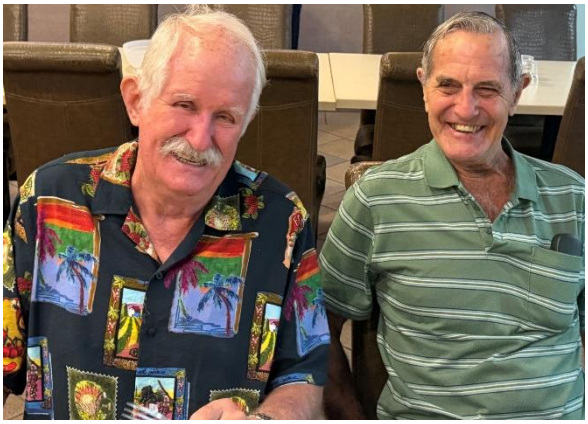





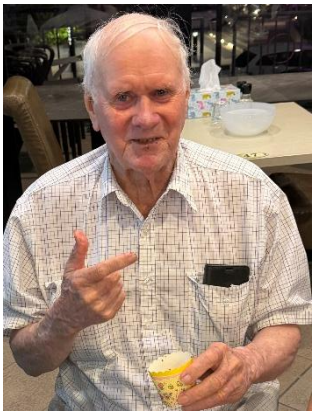







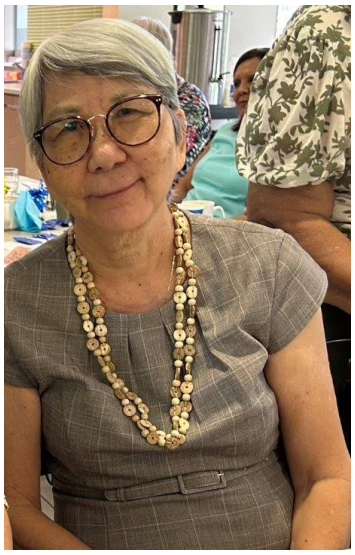





National Probus Day at Pearl Recreation Centre

Laugh
Dance
And
Ceilidh
On
Beginners most welcome

St Andrews Ceilidh

Saturday, 28 November 2026
Masonic Hall, Stokes Street, Parap
7:00pm – 11:30pm



With the Arafura Scottish Country Dancers

Music by St Andrews Ceilidh Band and the Darwin and District Pipes and Drums
Enjoy Robbie Burns traditional Toast to the Haggis

Entry $40.00 – strictly cash only, children free
Please bring a plate to share at supper. Bar available. Tea, coffee and water provided.
For more information contact
Mara Ph 0438 842 138

Welfare Support

Karin Promchinwong



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

Table Tennis Interest Group



Every Thursday 9:00am - 11:00am
$5 – 2 hours including bat and ball hire.
Organised by Charles Darwin Club.
Contact Chris ph 0429 171 326

Probus Club of Darwin Bank Account

Bendigo Bank, Nightcliff

BSB: 633000
Account Number: 226771376

Probus Club of Darwin

Our AGM will be held at the meeting on **Wednesday, 3 March 2027** and will be held 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

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

Heart Foundation

Tracy Village Social and Sports Club

The home of Probus Club of Darwin Inc

Probus Club of Darwin

Christmas Lunch Silks Restaurant

Wednesday, 2 December,
11:30am

Cost: $65 members, $75 non members

Bookings and payment to be finalised by 20 November

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Extracts from the Minutes 6 November 2002

Present: Messrs Steven, Dally, Dimery, Roberts, Simmons, Blackmore, Johnstone, Kerr, Plew, Martin, Chin, Scott, Fisher, Upton, Maidment, Washington, Bromwich, Penhall,

Apologies: Raby, Taylor

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting were circulated and confirmed.

Correspondence: Probus Centre newsletter, Acceptance from HHH for Xmas lunch, Art Award.

Outwards—Sympathy card – Mike Taylor,

Treasurer's: Report Opening balance $591.66. Receipts Nil, Expenses $15.38, Closing balance $576.28

Xmas Luncheon: Mr President informed members that the Xmas lunch will be held at the Waratah Sports Club, Gardens Oval, Darwin $17 each person plus own drinks. He asked members to please register their names with the Treasurer ASAP. A brief meeting to take place at 11:30am and the lunch to commence at 12:00.

Me Talks by Members : At 10:12am Mr Malcolm Scott spoke about his experience riding on motor cycles. In 1941 he had his first ride on a BSA and later on a Bantam class, Ariels and BMW, H also uses a 4 wheel Volkswagen vehicle now.

Barrie Martin spoke about his experience ring motor cycles. Both he and his Dad are bike enthusiasts His father first raced in the Isle of Man n 1926. He tabled some old photographs. He is a keen rider and has ridden throughout Europe, Singapore and Malaysia. It is worth noting that many spare parts are now made in Taiwan.

Mike Maidment spoke about the Harley Davidson motor cycles and other makers. He now owns a AJS bike for which he paid $17,000. Then followed a general discussion about motor cycles.

The meeting closed at 11:35am.

Craft Club

Another beautiful piece of crochet. This one was a joint effort by Margaret and Bev.



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