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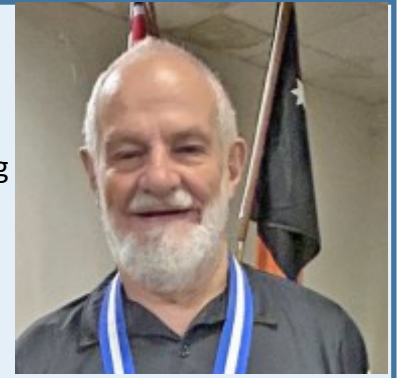


*Beautiful night for dining  
out at Darwin's Sailing  
Club*

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

**Next meeting**  
**Tracy Village Social and Sports Club**  
**Wednesday, 2 October, 2024**  
**10:30am - General Meeting**

## Tony's Titbits



I sit here writing this column having just returned from a trip to Timor Leste. Organised by Probus. I am looking forward to enjoying dinner this evening at the Sailing club. Also organised by Probus. Ain't Probus grand.

Some twenty nine of us went to Timor and you will no doubt hear lots of stories about the exciting and not so exciting things that occurred. The first day was spent travelling to Baucau, in minibuses, along a very bendy ocean road with often spectacular ocean views. Not unlike our own Great Ocean Road. Fortunately, I was seated between two gorgeous ladies, Elaine and Gwenda, and we soon learned to sway in unison. A couple of days later we travelled to Maubisse in Toyota Troup Carriers and if we thought the road to Baucau was bendy, this one was like a corkscrew with cracks in it. These were set up with low bench seats in the back, four a side with no where to put your legs, nothing to hold onto, and entry through the back door. They looked as if they had been designed for short people with no legs, definitely not for geriatrics. There was some competition for particular seats in the back of the vehicles, but I promised a couple of ladies not to mention it, so I won't.

All in all, it was a very interesting trip, a highlight being a visit by the President Jose Ramos-Horta. He spoke to us, not about major projects, but about the many small things he does on a daily basis to help his people. It was a very sociable trip providing an opportunity to speak to people I don't often get a chance to speak with at other functions. On one occasion I was even joined by a lady, for a very short period, in a toilet at the hotel. You cannot get more sociable than that.

We are now moving towards that part of the year when major events occur. On the 4th of October we have Probus Day. Don't forget to bring a plate to share, some savoury dishes would be nice. Also, I hope all you would be thespians are practicing your lines. Going on past performances this should be a great day for all.

Having heard the limerick about the young man from Kent, I knew there had to be a female version and here it is.

*There was an old lady from Kent,  
Who kept eying a handsome old gent,  
Though she was quite spry and ready to try,  
The poor chap was already spent*

Slainte  
Tony



**October Guest Speaker**

**Craig Humphris**

**Top End Gem and Mineral Club**

**Aspects of the Lapidary world**

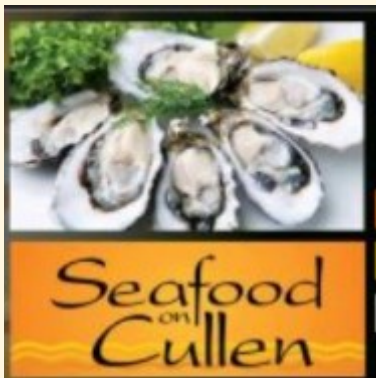
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# Interest Groups

## October at a glance

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Wednesday Oct 2 - 10:30 am	General Meeting at Tracy Village
Friday Oct 4 10:am—noon	Probus Day at Pearl
Friday Oct 4 - 10:15 am	Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes
Monday Oct 7 - 11:00 am	Book Club at Cas Club coordinator Bev Barnes
Wednesday Oct 9- 10:30 am	Garden club at Trailer Boat Club. Coordinator Bev Aitken
Friday Oct 11—5:00 pm	Friday Drinks at Greenhouse Cafe
Tuesday Oct 15- 11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club coordinator Ron Ninnis
Wednesday Oct 16—10:00am	Meet for coffee at 10:00am at Caramello Café then 10 pin bowling at 11:00am acting coordinator Maxine
Wednesday Oct 16—6:30pm	Dining out at Seafood on Cullen. Contact Maxine.
Friday Oct 25—9:00am	Morning Coffee-Café 21, Smith Street.co-ordinator Rowena
Tuesday Oct 29—1:00 pm	Board Games at Pearl - coordinator Maxine Dienelt

### Probus Club of Darwin



October Dining Out

16 October, 2024  
6:30pm

51 Marina Blvd  
Cullen Bay

Contact person is  
Maxine ph 0403 464 669

### Thank God it's Friday

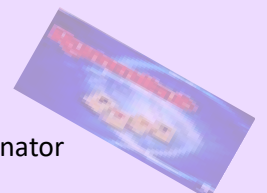


11 October 2024, 5:30pm  
Greenhouse Café, Nightcliff  
Just turn up

### Board Games

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

29 October 1:00pm  
Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator



### Morning Coffee

Friday, 25 October 9:30am  
Café 21 Smith Street  
(next to Uncle Sams)

Contact Rowena McHugh Ph 0413 289 555



Tracy Village  
Social and Sports Club  
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## Ken Cohalan OAM

### Seniors Snippets

- **Aged Care** – Is looking for comments regarding improving Aged Care. They are looking at Aged Care Homes, Star Ratings for Aged Care Homes, programmes to support Aged Care Volunteers' Visitor Scheme. Are you registered with My Aged Care? Free Call 1800 200 422. Website: [agedcarequality.gov.au](http://agedcarequality.gov.au). Palmerston library has a table set up to encourage Seniors to pass comment.
- **Road Rules** – under Australian road rules, in all states, you must signal when leaving a roundabout even if going straight through as this informs road users that you are leaving.
- **Seniors' Information – Palmerston and surrounds.** Palmerston Seniors have access to a free bus service for an appointment with a Doctor, Dentist or Optometrist. It would be great to have a similar service for Darwin Seniors.
- **Wearing Probus name badge** – promotes Probus.
- **Election** – Our new minister for Seniors is the Hon Jinson Charls, member for Sanderson.



## TEN PIN BOWLING

For the first time ever, I was the only member from Darwin Probus at ten pin bowling until three members from Charles Darwin arrived to save the day.

Roz, Colleen and Cathy a new member made up the numbers with Cathy winning on 108, Roz on 82 and Colleen on 65.

The next bowling day is Wednesday 16 October meeting at Caramello for coffee cake and a chat at 10am and then to The King Pin Centre for bowls starting at 11am.

Hopefully members who have been away on holidays will be there to have another great social outing



Maxine Dienelt, Coordinator

## Golf

Contact

Jeff Mosel ph 0422 187 263



## 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.



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# Out and about in September





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Probus Garden Club meeting at Humpty Doo Community Garden.



# LAKSA FEST

1-31  
October



Check out the web page for venues <https://darwinlaksafestival.com.au>



# Bits and Pieces

## Literature, Lunch and Laughter

It was a small group of five today, but thank you all for a lovely discussion and lunch. I will always be happy to chair on your behalf Bev, but by golly we missed you! Hope you are back on deck in October. And I'm sorry I missed Sheena. It appears you came early but had left, Sheena, by the time I got there. Still, Sheila who arrived after me, saw you get in a taxi. Not sure what happened there, but thank you for the books you left for us and hopefully we will see you sooner than in 2025!

### Read September and Discuss October

Hear the Owl Call my Name By Margaret Craven

The Magician By Colm Toibin

At the foot of the Cherry Tree By Alli Parker

### Read October and discuss November

The Light Horseman's Daughter

OR

Someday Soon

By David Crookes

Runaway By Peter May

The Stone Yard Devotional By Charlotte Wood

Lastly, as a special recommendation from one book clubber: "The ethnic cleansing of Palestine" by Ilan Pappé. This "renowned Israeli historian's groundbreaking book revisits the formation of the State of Israel" between 1947 and 1949. It is described as "an indispensable book for anyone interested in the current crisis in the Middle East." We mention it now, for discussion perhaps in the new year, as it is not an easy work to read.

New members are very welcome. Join our little group of avid readers. Enjoy a good laugh and lunch, while sharing our individual appreciation or not of various books titles and authors. Stay well. Stay safe and happy reading.

Helmy Bakerman on behalf of Beverley Barnes



## Travel Group Upcoming travel events

The NT is always busy at this time of the year and the travel group has a few things happening.

**Twenty nine people made the trip to Dili** with all returning safely. A great time was had by all, with lots of laughs, plenty of beautiful scenery, great sunsets, visits to food and craft markets and an invite to the palace of President Jose Ramos Hortes.

March 2025 will bring some options. Tony has a group looking to visit **Vietnam** leaving on the 9<sup>th</sup> March. If you were on the original list, you will have been contacted by now to confirm your interest.

There will an option for a small group to go to **Sri Lanka** mid-March and Bronwyn is working this trip out.

**Cambodia tour**—also in March. Brian Kuhl of the Marrara Club is looking at this one.

**Japan Cruise March/April 2025**—Japan's Cherry Blossom tour still has some spaces available. Bev to follow up.

**Dundee Beach**—a day trip to on about 10 February. An opportunity to celebrate the wet season (we hope!). Nancy is organising this trip.

Day tripping is returning to the social committee so start thinking about some ideas.

Fun times ahead

Watch this space!

Bronwyn

## 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.



## 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



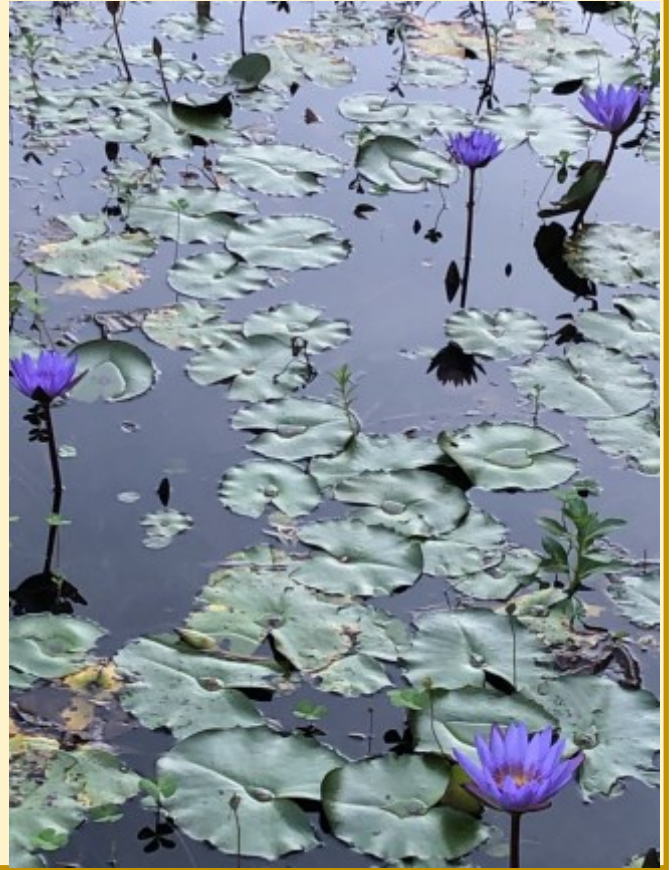


## Writing Group

Three enthusiastic writers met at the Cas Club to brush up our writing skills. Our 7 minute fast write-up was on the topic: "Walking in someone's shoes." This brought various results as usual, all very positive. It always amazes me just the ideas that people come up with when they are limited by time, and when given a deadline.

Our topic for the next month is based on the picture of waterlilies shown. The title is "A pond of Waterlilies." If you look very very carefully, there is a tiny frog in the picture. (In my imagination, there is, anyway.) Anyone is invited to write on the topic- you don't have to be a member of the group to write. And you don't even have to come along to the meeting- just email your story.

Ron Ninnis, Coordinator



## GARDEN CLUB

About 25 garden enthusiasts managed to go beyond the Berrimah line for the September meeting at the Humpty Doo Community Garden, numbers stabilised by a number of members of other clubs who came as support troops after hearing how good our gatherings are.



Yvonne Pickering acted as hostess and gave an informative and somewhat humorous talk about the founding, declining and reinvigorating of the garden and membership which now numbers 42

As reinvigorating only commenced about 3 years ago the project is a credit to her dedication and the helpers she has gathered around her, particularly in the establishment of the orchard with a number of fruiting trees for us to admire.

After a very pleasant morning we were able to proffer our money at the Humpty Doo tavern for more than adequate servings of good quality food. A trip down the track well worthwhile.

Next month's meeting will be at Trailer Boat Club, Wednesday Oct. 9th 10:30. Bring a plant for the raffle. See you there.

.Bev Aitken—Coordinator ph 0412 196 032

Probus Club of Darwin

## Christmas Lunch

Silks Restaurant

Wednesday, 4 December, 11:30am

**Cost: \$55 members, \$68 non members**

**Bookings and payment need to be finalised by 27th November**



## October Anniversaries

Richard and Henrietta Dempster  
 Sandy and Phil DaCosta  
 Jill and Chris Kuhn  
 Bev and Colin Whitby



Hope you enjoy your special day

## October Birthdays

Earl James	Jill Kuhn
Valerie Whinney	Ken Cohalan
Ed Howard	Gail Snell
Judy Beard	Gwenda Smallacombe**
Christina Boothby	Beverley Luke
Kathy Smith	Peter Toll
Liesel Gunther	Betty Lam**

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# Timor-Leste

A huge vote of thanks from all the Timor-Leste travellers for the hard work and effort Janet put into the organisation of a great trip. All elements of the Probus motto were covered. Fun in enjoying the country and friendly people, laughs with fellow travellers, Friendship in getting to know club members in a different setting, Fellowship in mixing with the Rotary Club members we met along the way and finally, our extra motto, Frivolity in light heartedly becoming involved in all the activities available for us. Thank you Janet for making the trip so enjoyable.



We had 4 organised excursions—travelling along the coastline and into the hills surrounding Dili in mini buses and on one day troopies (needed for 4 wheel drive energy). Beautiful scenery, hair pin bends, small villages, friendly, smiling people, goats wandering freely along the road. We saw vast differences in the housing and living areas and people trying to earn a living. Local restaurants were a revelation, many with quite steep stairs which at times proved a challenge, but which generally provided interesting food and good coffee. We ate delicious red skinned bananas purchased from the roadside, experienced produce markets with beautiful looking vegetables and interesting spices. Our guides took us to churches, traditional housing, a cemetery and a guest house being renovated. We drove along a dry riverbed (the road was badly damaged due to landslide resulting from a huge rain event in 2021) and visited the area where the Pope recently delivered his address. Meeting President Jose Ramos Hortes was a lesson in how a person of huge importance can mingle. We were invited to the Palace, saw the school that has been up on the grounds and lunched in the same area as the students.



The four Top End Probus Clubs will be celebrating Probus Day on  
Friday, 4 October 10:00 am—12:00 at  
Pearl Retirement Centre.  
Lots of fun planned.  
Bring along a small plate to share for morning tea.  
Come along and celebrate

**FROM THE ARCHIVES**

**Extracts from the Minutes 4 October 2000**

**Held at the Darwin Bowls Club**

**Present:** Messrs Dally, Scott, Dimery, Plew,  
Washington, Steven, Kerr, Johnstone, Blackmore,  
Roberts, Fisher, Taylor, Chin, Dr Short, Bromich,  
Upton

**Apologies:** Thompson, Simmons, .

**Visitors:-** Harris,

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

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards—**Postcard from A Thompson (Germany),  
Probus News N0 70

**Outwards—**Nil

**Treasurer:** No report as Treasurer absent

**General Business:** Meeting resolved that  
Christmas lunch be held at Darwin Sailing Club on  
6 December. Mr Dally and Mr Plew to arrange

**Guest Speaker:** Terry Wrangle of NT Carers  
Assoc.

She served in the Army as a Major; She is in  
charge of the Carer Resource Centre; Carers  
Assoc endeavours to assist people, providing  
accommodation, transport, and Aged Care. There  
are 406.000 cases nationally, 4,700 in NT. Many  
workers are volunteers; finance is need to  
purchase equipment. They are dependent on  
Govt policy, grants from Federal, State and Local  
Govt. The NT budget about \$1million annually.

Kits, pamphlets and cards distributed. Centres  
based in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs.

Mr Plew thanked Ms Wrangle and presented a  
Probus mug.

Meeting closed at 10:55am.

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