



PROBUS CLUB OF DARWIN INC #355594

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Darwin North Inc

The Probuss Club of Darwin Inc. is not for profit and non fundraising. It is non sectarian.
Its objects are to stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time of life
when it is easy to become complacent and self-centred.

September Bulletin

Volume

18

Issue

6

PATRON

His Honour Professor the
Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM
Administrator of the NT

PO Box 40452

CASUARINA NT 0811

Web Page: www.darwinprobuss.org

Email: secretaryprobussdarwin@hotmail.com



Next meeting

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

Tracy Village Social and Sports Club
Wednesday, 6 September, 2023
10:30am - General Meeting

Janet's Jottings

I am so appreciative of our club members for their positive and cohesive input into activities , to keep our club alive and thriving!

To watch those activities come to fruition and be enjoyed is what Probus is all about.

August has been such a busy month in Darwin with Festivals, Seniors month and Probus activities.

Planning ahead for your diary is 6th October International Probus Day , combined Probus clubs morning tea, and always a fun morning with plenty of interaction amongst members.

Planning for a Combined Probus clubs Dinner Dance on 21st October is underway. More on this next month.

The Interest groups are always fun and well organised with our dedicated Coordinators.

For those in hospital or unwell, you are in our thoughts. So get well soon!

Our second Vice President Mary Verus will be Chairing Septembers meeting, so show your support as you did for Tony Errity at our last meeting.

Continue to be there for each other.

Cheers
Janet



Welcome New Member



Susan Bandias was
inducted at the meeting on
2 August 2023



September

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

Peter McMillan

Chief Executive
NT Shelter housing advocacy group

Homelessness

Peter will be providing an overview of the housing and homelessness situation in Darwin. He will outline a range of housing issues and challenges that we currently experience in the Northern Territory and what is needed to address them.

Interest Groups

September at a glance

| Event Date | Meeting/Event |
|------------------------------|---|
| Friday Sept 1—10:15 am | Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes |
| Monday Sept 4 - 11:00 am | Book Club at Cas Club, coordinator Bev Barnes |
| Wednesday Sept 6 - 10:30am | Meeting at Tracy Village |
| Friday Sept 8 - 6:00pm | Thank God its Friday drinks. Contact Patti Jacobson |
| Monday Sept 11 - 8:30am | Golf |
| Wednesday Sept 13- 10:30 am | Next garden club at Casa DI Biisk , coordinator Bev Aitken |
| Tuesday Sept 19 - 11:00am | Writing group at Cas Club coordinator Ron Ninnis |
| Wednesday Sept 20- 10:-00 am | 10 pin bowling. Start at the Caramello Café at 10:00 then move on to Kingpin at 11:00am. Coordinator Chris Kuhn |
| Wednesday Sept 20- 6:30 pm | Dining Out at Tim's Surf and Turf, Contact Bev Whitby |
| Tuesday Sept 26—1:00pm | Board Games at Pearl. Coordinator Maxine Dienelt |
| Friday Sept 29—9:30am | Morning Tea at Aquascene, Doctor's Gully, Darwin Coordinator Janet Elliott |

Morning Tea

Friday, 29 September at 9:30am
 Aquascene, Doctor's Gully, Darwin
 Please let Janet know if you are attending Ph 0432 154 306



September Dining Out

Tim's Surf and Turf

Wednesday, 20 September. 6:30pm
 Contact Bev Whitby for any changes
 Ph 0407 053 903

GARDEN CLUB

Garden club meeting at Paradise Nursery was a bit down on numbers this month. we all bought a few plants and helped ourselves to Desert roses giveaways. Then off to Midway for lunch



Next Meeting, Wednesday 13th September 10:30am.

A great new nursery—Casa DI Biisk at 405 Whitewood Road, Howard Springs

Bev Aitken—Coordinator

Board Games

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

Tuesday, September 26 , 1:00 - 3:00pm

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator

Thank God its Friday

September 8, 6:00pm
 Greenhouse Café, Nightcliff
 Just turn up

It's the little things that make a big difference.

Regis Home Care Darwin, 11 Creswell Street Tiwi
 Visit regis.com.au or call 1300 188 740

regis home care

Ken Cohalan OAM

Seniors Snippets

- **Seniors Garden Comp and Luncheon Grant** - Judging has been completed and our seniors have done a great job. Look forward to presentation to winners at the Senior's Gardening Awards presentation luncheon at Pearl Retirement Village leisure centre Monday 28th August. A great event last year. Looking for over 70 senior interested in gardening to attend.
- **Senior Excellence Award** - Congratulations to Janet Elliott President Darwin Probus who received a Senior Excellence Award on August 27th
- **New Law** - that streamlines healthcare decision for people incapable of having their say. NT Gov passed legislation that gives authority to family to make best choices for someone with impaired decision making abilities.
- **NT Grandparents Day** - Competition 2023 Story Telling Enter your story in one of three categories
 Primary school students - 250 word limit.; Secondary school students -500 word limit, Open age 1000 word limit
 No entry fee; Entries close 1 October 2023 Winning entries \$100 for each category
 Provide your name and contact details plus school attended; email your entry to communications@cotant.org.au
- **Father's Day** - Sunday 3rd September; great to get involved with the family and friends
- New email address = k.cohalan1940@gmail.com
- **Referendum booklet:** stating both Yes and No cases now available.



Craft Group

Another great morning knitting, crocheting, wiring, stitching and laughing with very talented ladies. How blessed are we to have the opportunity to meet amazing ladies. Margaret finished her piece of art and how beautiful it is.

We meet every Friday at the Casuarina Sports Club at 10.15am. Don't be alone, come and join us. You are always welcome.

Stay happy. Happy Crafting Bev Barnes—
 Coordinator Ph 0434 866 226

Probus Darwin—Travellers on the move

Travel, is never wasted time - sent in by Bronwyn Russell

Recently I had a very special occasion to attend my Granddaughter's wedding in Sydney. She has been living in London for 11 years so we were delighted to have her back in Australia for the occasion. In addition, she is planning to live back in Australia so many relatives and friends came for the occasion, including some surprise guests from the Arctic Circle in Sweden! Why is this the introduction to my story you may well ask? Well, our dear friends had always said that they wanted to see the Great Ocean Road so we planned a trip post wedding to achieve this. They then discovered that we were planning a trip to New Zealand so they asked could they come with us there too. Our trip turned into 6 people plus luggage driving the length of New Zealand for 3 weeks, all in one car!



Our trip to New Zealand revolved around meeting with some families who were affected by the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. As many of you will know the Australian task force at the time was threatened by the North Vietnamese army who were in the rubber plantation around Long Tan. There were 3 New Zealanders from their Field Battery who were the artillery forward observation party. My brother Selwyn, who was an Australian National Serviceman, remains convinced that these 3 men and D Company saved all of their lives with the aid of the artillery. We had two cities to visit to meet some of these people so we started in

Auckland, drove to Wellington, ferried to Blenheim and finished our trip driving to Queenstown. It was a special experience to meet two families with their precious memories.

We were also enthusiastic tourists driving around this amazing country. We enjoyed the beautiful



Auckland harbour before visiting the hot spots of Rotorua. Our Swedish guests are indigenous Sami people from the Arctic Circle and are elders of their community so when the Māori hosts wanted a stand in chief for their ceremony it was perfect that Nils would become chief for the day.



Probus Darwin—Travellers on the move

Our ages didn't discourage us at all so we signed up to go ziplining with canopy tours in Rotorua, helicoptered onto the glacier at Mount Cook (fixed wing back!), got stranded briefly by black ice on the South Island, visited the glowworm caves at Te Anau, cruised on Milford Sound and jet boated in Queenstown!



All of these and much more. So much to see and would we do it again? Yes, in a heartbeat!



Update from the Travel Committee

Darwin to Singapore Cruise!

Package 1

Darwin to Singapore departing 6th February 2024 You will board the Pacific Adventurer to start your cruise to Singapore in Darwin around lunchtime, get yourself settled in to enjoy the next couple of days at sea before visiting Komodo Island and Bali where you can leave the ship and explore either on your own or join one of the ship tours. We will arrive in Singapore on 13th February, where you will make your own way to The Clan Hotel for your 2 nights stay before returning to Darwin the morning of 15th February on your Singapore Airlines flight.



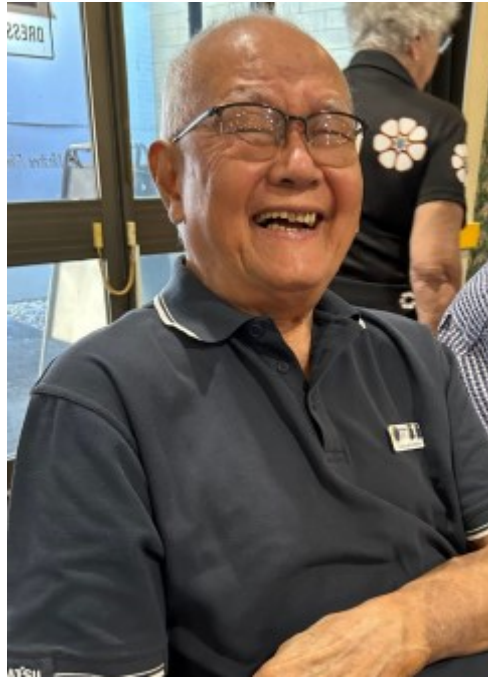
Package 2

Sydney to Darwin departing 30th January 2024

Departing Darwin on 29th January you will head to Sydney, arriving in Sydney you will find your own way to your hotel Rydge's Sydney Harbour located in the Rocks area you are surrounded by cafes, restaurants, and bars to soak up the Sydney vibes! . This hotel has amazing roof top views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the harbour. Joining your cruise is easy, once you check out you cross the road with your luggage and head down the hill towards the Sydney Passenger Terminal (5-minute walk). Once boarding ye cruise settle in for a few sea days enjoying all the Pacific Adventurer has to offer before arriving at the first port in Airlie Beach where you can explore some of the amazing beaches or even get out to the Great Barrier Reef! Back on board for another couple of sea days before arriving back at Darwin where you will disembark

Bookings through ITravel at Jape Homemaker Centre.

Out and about in August



Out and about in August



Dining at the Ski Club

Happy birthday Bob



Probus Club of Darwin



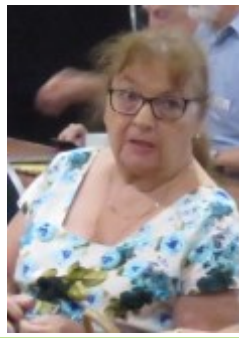
2023 Seniors Gardening Competition encourages engagement and participation by Top End Seniors in the wonderful world of gardening. In particular the judges were looking for those very 'special' and 'unique' gardens'.

Probus Club of Darwin had several category winners:

- Beverley Aitken—Happy Garden
- Elaine Ellard—Potty Garden
- Charlie and Arch Haynes—New Garden
- Patti Jacobson—Community Fairy Garden

The award ceremony at Pearl Recreation Centre was followed by a luncheon.

Heimo Schober CEO —Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT



Seniors of Excellence NT Inc

Established in 2014, the mission is to recognise, acknowledge and celebrate Senior Territorians who have given and in many instances still give a significant amount of personal time voluntarily to charities, and community service organisations. In 2023, 16 Senior Territorians were awarded a Seniors of Excellence NT Award including three members of Probus Club of Darwin Inc.

Janet Elliott

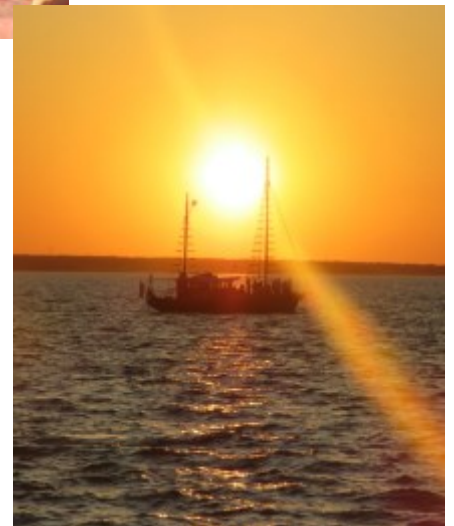
Beverley Aitken

Gwenda Smallacombe

Guest of Honour on the day was His Honour Professor The Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory, who presented the awards.



Probus Club of Darwin



Thank you

Probus Club of Darwin very much appreciated the provision of a grant from NT Government Minor Community Grants, used to subsidise a Sunset Dinner Cruise for club members.

This grant assisted 45 Probarians to thoroughly enjoy a beautiful sunset whilst cruising around the Darwin Harbour, listening to the commentary, and enjoying the meal provided. Overall a wonderful excursion helped by the reduction in cost making it possible for so many members to enjoy the night.

Management Committee Probus Club of Darwin Inc.



"Retirement living has never been more flexible"

We are so confident that you will fall in love with the lifestyle and community at our **Tiwi Gardens** and **Durack Gardens** retirement villages, that we have introduced a new purchase option...

Call us to arrange a private inspection or to talk to our friendly Village Manager.

What are you waiting for? Experience the Greenfields Living difference today!

1300 669 755



Try before you buy!



Amy Trezise



Find us on Facebook

www.greenfieldsliving.com.au

Literature, Lunch and Laughter

Yet another enjoyable morning discussing books read, along with selected titles to read in the coming months. I was very happy to introduce Sheila to the group and hope you enjoyed the group's book reviews/discussions.

Books read July and discussed August

- **The Broken Shore** by Peter Temple. Review: Partly read though not recommended. Too much swearing..
- **The Tin Drum** by Gunter Grass. Review: Interesting and well written. Beautiful book. The CD version was tabled by Jim who has generously allowed members of the group to borrow. Thank you Jim.
- **Roads and Kingdoms** by Richard Fidler. Review: Not read.

Books to read August and discuss September

- **Any title by P G Wodehouse/** Reeves in the Offing.
- **Police at the station and they don't look friendly** by Adrian McKinty
- **The Children left Behind** by Lizzie Page
- **An Unwanted Inheritance** by Imogen Clark



Feeling like a lively discussion followed by lunch and plenty of laughter.

We meet on the first Monday of the month and new members are welcome to join us at the Casuarina Club where we meet at 11 to discuss books and we eat, drink and are merry afterwards.

Next meeting—Sept 4, 11:00am at Cas Sports Club

Stay well, stay safe and happy reading, Bev

September Birthdays

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Kay Schulze | Beverley Barnes *** |
| Bev Whitby | Rowena McHugh *** |
| Diane Lunn *** | Peter Siebert |
| Grant Rowe | Sandy Da Costa *** |

September Anniversaries

- Anne and Ed Howard
Molly and Ray West



Hope you enjoy your special day 🎈

Tracy Village Social and Sports Club



The home of
Probud Club of Darwin Inc.



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.



Better for life, in Darwin

At Southern Cross Care we provide a range of quality services available in Darwin.

-  Home Care
-  Health & Wellness
-  Retirement Living
-  Residential Care

Learn more today, call 1800 852 772

SouthernCrossCare.com.au

Southern Cross Care (SA, NT & VIC) Inc. ARBN 129 895 905 South Australia, liability limited



Golf



Probus Golf at Gardens.
 Second Monday of the month.
 Contact
 Jeff Mosel ph 0422 187 263

Suppliers to



Badges
 Trophies
 Shirts



PH: 8948 2770
 E info@curbysnt.com.au

100% Local For over 40 years



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

The Probus Writing Group met for another get together. We read out what we had written on the last topic and decided to continue doing this. This way we can get immediate feedback and ideas from others present.

Wendy explained her technique of writing summed up in the words "show, don't tell". This way, she paints a picture in words.

Our seven minute write ups were on the topic "Grasshoppers" which proved a lot of fun for everyone.

The next meeting (always the third Tuesday of the month) is :

Tuesday 19th September at the Cas Club at 11 am for some more enjoyable FFF and afterwards a good cheap meal for those who wish to stay on.

Everyone is welcome, but it is best to see me at the next Probus meeting.

You can check out the stories on <https://tinyurl.com/y8839h8b>

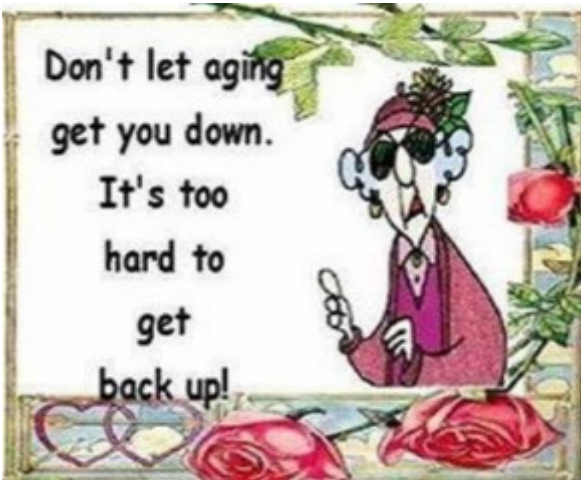


Ron Ninnis, Coordinator



Grandma

A little bit Parent
 A little bit Teacher
 A little bit Best Friend
 and, of course, a little bit
 Partner in Crime



DARWIN CHORALE AND
 CDU ACADEMY OF THE ARTS PRESENTS

DISNEY IN CONCERT

7.30PM 6 & 7 OCTOBER 2023
 CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY THEATRE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
www.darwinchorale.org.au

Including songs from;
 Beauty And The Beast
 The Lion King, Coco
 The Little Mermaid
 The Jungle Book
 Encanto, Moana
 Frozen, Tangled

CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA | McGEES | Uni

there is also a Matinee on Saturday 7th which will particularly be directed at children. Just in case any members wish to bring Grandchildren.

TEN PIN BOWLING

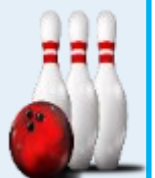
Morning tea , at Caramello must have been extra special as members turned in some very high scores this time!

Five members scored over the 100 led by Chris Kuhn with an awesome score of 121. Janet was close behind with 115, followed by Anne at 114, Ron W 113 and Elaine 108. Nancy, Lyn and Betty all scored in the 90s with Maxine, Molly and Lynette in the 80s. Fred decided to rest on his laurels this month and joined the ladies in the 80s.

We always enjoy the morning and would love to see more members there.

See you next time,
 Wednesday 20 September 2023

Chris Kuhn



NORTHERN CONNECTIONS

DISTRICT CONFERENCE
 DARWIN NT
 3-5 MAY 2024

DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade
 Darwin City

Welcome Reception
 @ Parliament House
 Engaging speakers
 DG Gala Dinner
 and much more!

Rotary District 9560 | CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

Northern Territory Consumer Affairs

The Northern Territory Consumer Affairs website; [Northern Territory Consumer Affairs](#) has some great resources. Please find as follows information links that may be of interest;

- [Senior territorians; Northern Territory Consumer Affairs](#)
- ◆ [Scams; Northern Territory Consumer Affairs](#)
- ◆ [National disability insurance scheme \(NDIS\); Northern Territory Consumer Affairs](#)
- ◆ [Complaints and disputes; Northern Territory Consumer Affairs](#)
- ◆ [Travelling con men; Northern Territory Consumer Affairs](#)
- ◆ [Unsolicited trading \(door-to-door and telemarketing\); Northern Territory Consumer Affairs](#)

What you need to know about your consumer rights



In Australia, almost all consumers have protections when they buy goods or services in trade or commerce. These are called consumer guarantees. Consumer guarantees are an automatic right given to consumers that businesses must meet when they sell a product or service. These guarantees apply regardless of any additional warranties the business may provide. If a business does not meet a consumer guarantee, it must offer a consumer a remedy.

In order for a consumer to enforce their rights effectively, they must have an understanding of them and how they apply in different situations. Northern Territory Consumer Affairs' aim is to help Territorians understand their rights and how to use them.

There are nine consumer guarantees in total. Some of the main consumer guarantees that apply to goods are listed below;

Acceptable quality

Suppliers and manufacturers guarantee that goods are of acceptable quality. This means the goods supplied are acceptable in appearance and finish, safe, free from defects and durable.

Fit for purpose

Suppliers guarantee that their goods are fit for any purpose the consumer or supplier specified.

Accurately described

Suppliers and manufacturers guarantee that their description of goods (for example, in a catalogue or television commercial) is accurate.

Clear title

Suppliers guarantee they have a right to sell the goods, unless they alerted the consumer before the sale that they had 'limited title'.

The remedy available to a consumer where a supplier or manufacturer has not met their consumer guarantee obligations will depend on the nature of the failure and whether it is major or minor. Where there has been a major failure of a consumer guarantee, the consumer has the choice of a refund, replacement or repair. Where the failure is minor, the business can choose to repair the item or offer a refund or replacement.

You can find further information and examples on how the consumer guarantees work in the guides available on our website; [ACL guides | Northern Territory Consumer Affairs](#).

We can help

If you have any questions about your consumer rights, please call our friendly staff on 1800 019 319 to discuss the issue and receive good advice. You can also email your queries to consumer@nt.gov.au

Have your say on the future of aged care

Thursday, 31 August – Darwin, NT

Register below on eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cota-and-opan-consultation-forum-darwin-tickets-694024354527>

Venue: COTA NT, Spillett House
65 Smith Street, Darwin, NT 0800

Help the Council on the Ageing (COTA) Australia and the Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) inform the Australian Government of your views on two major reforms:

* the new Aged Care Act and the rights and other foundational aspects it contains, and * funding principles for a sustainable aged care system.



Three of our members were part of the "Belting Out" Choir entertaining at the Parliament House Seniors Morning Tea

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Extracts from the Minutes September 1999

Held at the Darwin Sailing Club

Present: Messrs Plew, Simmons, Fisher, Roberts, Giese, Thompson, Dally, Taylor, Kerr, Washington, Dimery, Steven, McLaren, Johnstone, Chin, Dr Bromich

Apologies: Larcombe, Penhall

Visitor: President extended a warm welcome to Mr Gerry Swan of Rotary Club of Sunrise. And Commander Ian Gibson.

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

Correspondence:

Inwards—Letter from Mr Warren Snowden; Life Be In it flyer; Probus Clubs Directory 1999/00.

Outwards—Nil

Treasurer's Report: Bal \$241.55, Receipts \$40, Expenses \$10.85, Bal \$270.70

Guest Speaker—..Commander Ian Gibson of the Australian Coast Watch. The Commander is the Manager of the Aus Coast Watch in Darwin and his department is part of the Australian Quarantine Service. His area covers the northern part of Australia between Broom and Thursday Island. In 1969 the fishing zone limit was put at 12 miles and 1976 post Vietnam conflict the new limit was declared at 200 miles. In 1987 Coast Watch problems were encountered and the present system was set up using more aircraft. Regional offices are based at Broome, Cairns, Thursday Island and Darwin. The current Customs boat measures 100 ft and can carry 20 people with a speed of 20 knots and a range of 2500 miles. 2 more boats are expected this year, 3 more next year and a further 2 soon. Aviation Resources include Bell Long Ranger helicopter, Islander aircraft, Avro Commander, DHC 8 de Havilland.

The Commander answered many more questions put. The President thanked the Commander.

Meeting ended 11:25am.

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.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The information collected in relation to members shall be held in accordance with the information privacy principles contained in the Privacy Act (Privacy Act, Australia 1998). Each Probus Club shall ensure that it complies with such information privacy principles and shall not disclose any such information, except in accordance with the Privacy Act.

INSURANCE

All financial members of the Probus Club of Darwin Inc. are covered by Probus Insurance. Insurance covers members, visitors and guests whilst attending or participating in a recognised Probus activity function or meeting (age restrictions may apply). Prior conditions may be taken into consideration.

DISCLAIMER

This Directory of Members is for the exclusive use of members of the Probus Club of Darwin Inc. and should not be made available to Non-Members. The information contained in this publication is "Private and Confidential" to Members and is not to be used for any other purpose.