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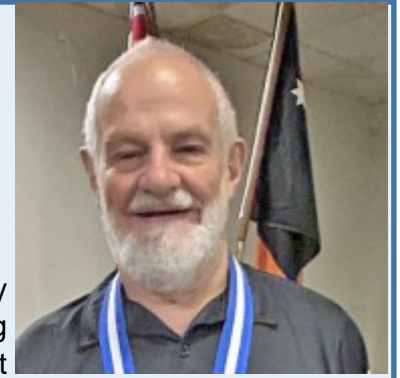
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Meetings begin at
10:30am and are held
on the first
Wednesday of each
month

Next meeting
Tracy Village Social and Sports Club
Wednesday, 4 September, 2024
10:30am - General Meeting

Tony's Titbits



Last month I was commenting on what a wonderful dry season we were having with lots of flowers and tomatoes. Well, the flowers and tomatoes are still here but the dry season has gone. As a Territorian of some sixty years' experience I now predict an early build up. Enough about weather.

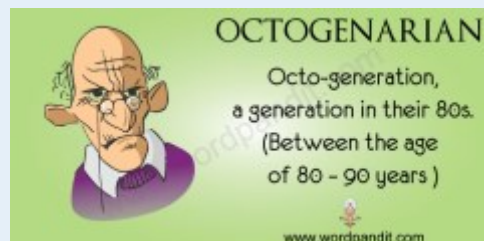
Having reached the mature age of 86 recently, I have been looking at my bucket list and doing some editing. One item I can now cross off was seeing what a winter feels like one last time. A couple of us went to Victoria last month spending a few days at Apollo Bay and then at Halls Gap. The temperatures ranged from twelve to minus one degree Celsius, definitely brisk. I now know why I live in Darwin.

Several Probus events occurred last month. Of particular interest was a visit to the Deck Chair Cinema by the Gardening Club. We were given a talk on the history of the Cinema and how the gardens surrounding the cinema were reestablished after the damage caused by Cyclone Marcus. Many thanks to those who provided refreshments for the event. Dinner at the Jetty was an experience. I remember some years ago when attending my first Probus dinner at the Loong Fong, I arrived at the stated time of 6:30pm. I was lucky to get a seat, and most people were already eating. Lesson learnt, arrived 15 minutes early after that. But, at the Jetty, arrived at six, most people were already there with some eating. If this continues, we will soon be having monthly afternoon teas.

More than half the year gone already, time flies as one gets older. However, lots of things coming up before the end of the year. Some thirty Probarians are off to Timor-Leste in the middle of the month, this should be a fun trip. Then on 4th of October we have Probus Day, held at Pearl Retirement Village, where we will be fed and entertained by groups from the various Probus clubs. After that there is the City of Darwin Annual Pageant in which Probus will have a float. Come along in your Probus shirts and cheer them on. And, finally, in December we have our wonderful Christmas luncheon at Silks Restaurant. A lot to look forward to.

Feeling a bit old lately I felt that Ode to Octogenarians, all my own work, would be appropriate.

We are a wild bunch of Probarians,
Some even being octogenarians,
But we're still around,
Some life is still found,
Often feel like septuagenarians.



Slainte
Tony



Vale

John Scott

14 September 1929—21 July 2024

Farewell our friend John, long term member of Probus Club of Darwin. John brightened many lives with his quirky sense of humour, his cheeky grin and sparkling eyes, his willingness to be involved in most aspects of the club and his very obvious love for his wife June. Sincerest condolences to John's family—he will be missed by many.

There will be a memorial service for John on Thursday, 5 September, 12:30pm at Thorak Chapel, then at Jingili Cemetery.

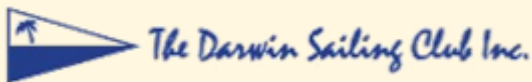
Rest in Peace with June - Management and members of Probus Club of Darwin

Interest Groups

September at a glance

Event Date	Meeting/Event
Monday Sept 2 - 11:00 am	Book Club at Cas Club coordinator Bev Barnes
Wednesday Sept 4 - 10:30 am	General Meeting at Tracy Village
Friday Sept 6 - 10:15 am	Craft Group at Cas Club. (Occurs each Friday), coordinator Bev Barnes
Wednesday Sept 11- 10:30 am	Garden club at Deck Chair Cinema. Coordinator Bev Aitken
Friday Sept 13—5:00 pm	Friday Drinks at Greenhouse Cafe
Tuesday Sept 17- 11:00am	Writing group at Cas Club coordinator Ron Ninnis
Wednesday Sept 18—10:00am	Meet for coffee at 10:00am at Caramello Café then 10 pin bowling at 11:00am coordinator Chris Kuhn
Wednesday Sept 18—6:30pm	Dining out at Sailing Club Contact is Judy Medley
Tuesday Sept 24—1:00 pm	Board Games at Pearl - coordinator Maxine Dienelt
Friday Sept 27—9:00am	Morning Tea—The Boatshed Cullen Bay

Probus Club of Darwin



Sept Dining Out

21 Sept, 2024 6:30pm

Contact person is

Judy Medley ph 0403 464 669

Morning Tea

Friday, 30 Sept, 9:30am

The Boat Shed at Cullen Bay

Contact Rowena McHugh Ph 0413 289 555

September Guest Speaker

Colleen Subir

“Adventures of Mother Superior and Thug!”

Motorcycle riding around the World. The thrills and the spills of riding a motorcycle (Thug) from the deserts to the mountains and surviving!

Mary Verus’s friend Colleen has an unusual sense of humour. She refers to herself as Mother Superior as when young she wanted to become a Nun and her bike as Thug.



Ken Cohalan OAM



Seniors Snippets

- **NT Seniors' Month Calendar— August 2024.** Hope you have a copy and have participated in some of the many interesting events.
- **Blak Business NT Indigenous Business Network.**
- Copy available from a number of outlets.
- **Charles Darwin Probus Club** held a great Christmas in July.

\$550.00 Visa Card NT Senior Recognition Scheme now being distributed.

Pauls NT—Commenced operations in Bishop Street in 1961. I was GM from 1995 to 2005.

Minister's Council for Senior Territorians = Matters discussed included Older Person Abuse and Community Safety; Housing and Concessions.



Thank God it's Friday

16 Sept 2024, 5:30pm
Greenhouse Café, Nightcliff
Just turn up

TEN PIN BOWLING

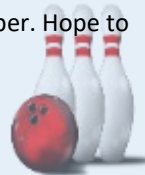
A large group enjoyed a coffee at Caramella before moving to Kingpin. 15 players split into 3 teams of 5 spurred on by an enthusiastic group of 6 supporters including visitors from interstate.

Selwyn was off to a good start with 18 and remained in the lead until round 4(R4). Ron then took over the lead and remained there until the end of the game. In R5 Ron scored 71 followed by Selwyn, Janet and Fred all on 55. In R6 Ron increased his lead to 89 with the same 3 in pursuit. In R7 Robyn joined the group of high scorers. In the next 2 rounds Fred and Janet with 1 point between them vied for second place with Robyn close behind. Heading then for an exciting finish Richard came from nowhere, scored a double strike and moved effortlessly into second place tying with Fred.

Final scores Ron 125 (1 strike) even more impressive as his guard rails were down; Fred 103; Richard 103 (double strike); were Janet 102 (2 strikes); Robyn 99; and Selwyn 93. The other 9 players did well with scores in the seventies and eighties. A very exciting and high scoring game.

We meet up again next month on 18 September. Hope to see you there.

Maxine Dienelt is filling in as Coordinator for the short term



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Table Tennis Interest Group

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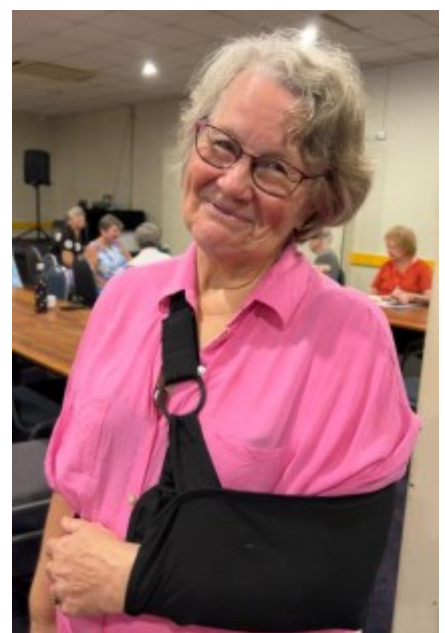
Out and about in August



Inducting Mary into the clu. Presenting guest speaker with gift



August general meeting



Out and about in August



Dining out at
The Jetty
Restaurant



Out and about in August

Gardening in a swimsuit? Who needs a scarecrow when you can be the main attraction



Shared by Janet from a facebook feed

GARDEN CLUB

32 garden lovers attended on August 14 th.

The deck chair cinema gave us a warm welcome, hosted by John Schier their wonderful volunteer gardener.



My thanks to Beth (Marrara) and Ed & Anne for organisation in my absence. Thanks to Anne and Deck Chair for the morning tea. Congrats to Jenny Parish for winning the lucky door prize.

John gave an interesting talk on his involvement with grounds and gardens of the Deck Chair Cinema spanning 20 + years along with the interesting history. of the cinema.

Next month's meeting will be at Humpty Doo Community Garden Wednesday Sept. 11th 10:30, 85 Challoner Cct, Humpty Doo . See you there.

.Bev Aitken—Coordinator ph 0412 196 032



Garden Club at Deckchair Cinema

Bits and Pieces

Literature, Lunch and Laughter

It was my pleasure to welcome a new member, Mary Greenup, whom I must say, brought a lot of interesting comments and thoughts to the table on a number of book titles and authors. We appreciated your contributions.

Read July and discussed August

Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty.

Enjoyed and would recommend.; An insight into retirement.; Very competitive sport loving family

Table for Two by Amor Towles

Short stories and had a good way with words

Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty

Enjoyed; Good Read.

Dancers on the Sea



Read August and discuss September

Mrs Winterbottom takes a Gap Year by Joanna Nell

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

The Woman in Cabin Ten OR One by One by Ruth Ware

Read September and discuss October

Heard the Owl Call my Name by Margaret Craven

The Magician by Collins Tobin

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

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.

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.

Thirty people are booked to go to Dili

on 13 September with some trips planned to explore a bit of Timor Leste as well as have some free time. If your name was on the original list, you will have been contacted and know that you are part of this journey.

Everyone in the group is excited to be going and we are having an information get-together on Friday 30th August at the Ski Club. Janet is the contact for this trip.

March will bring some options. Tony has a group looking to visit **Cambodia and Vietnam** leaving on the 9th 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.

If you are not interested in overseas travel we are planning a day trip to **Dundee Beach** on about 10 February. An opportunity to celebrate the wet season (we hope!)

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

For further details,
contact Janet 0432 154 306

Writing Group



Our next topic to write on is: "The long road home". We would encourage anyone and everyone to send in their contributions. Suggestions could be to write about old memories of home, or perhaps visiting different places on the way home.

We also had our usual seven-minute flash writing, where you must write for seven minutes. The topic this time was "The wedding". It always amazes me how much you can write in only seven minutes, especially when you started writing, you had no ideas at all.

The next meeting is on the third Tuesday of the month as usual. The last meeting went for half an hour, which is not much time to give up in a month, so come along to the Cas Club at 11 am on the 17th September.

Have fun writing!

Ron Ninnis, Coordinator

As Time Goes By

A story for the Probus writing group by Wendy Darwin

The young tree stood tall and proud. Feeling the life giving sap surge through its slender trunk, filling the branches and leaves with life and colour. It was a young sapling in the ancient forest surrounded by his many ancestors. His great great grandfather stood in the distant tall and proud, over five hundred years old. His massive trunk was gnarled and pot marked with holes and crevices creating homes for many creatures. His branches reached the top of the forest creating a canopy over his family protecting them as they grew and flourished in the rich soil. The ancient tree was beginning to show the first signs of ageing. Many leaves gently falling to the forest floor each day. As time goes by those leaves decay to become nourishment for the young sapling. The once supple branches were starting to become brittle, losing their strength and flexibility. Some had broken off, falling to the ground breaking more branches as they fell. As time goes by these dead branches will provide homes and protection for the creature who dwell on the forest floor.

The young saplings vast family stood strong, slowly growing providing life and shelter for the forest inhabitants. Each tree knew its future, quietly waiting for time to pass and their turn to reign over the forest. It will be many years before the old tree finally gives up his position. The family of trees send messages underground to the ancient one "it is all right great father we are here." The trees gently relay comfort, support and strength during his last few years. "It is time ancient one. Time for your next life. You have protected us well old one."

As time goes by the trees grow and flourish knowing one day it will be their turn to stand tall and provide the massive canopy for the forest. .



September Birthdays

Kay Schulze
Bev Whitby
Diane Lunn

Grant Rowe
Rowena McHugh
Peter Siebert**
Sandy Da Costa

September Anniversaries

Anne & Ed Howard
Molly & Raymond West



Hope you enjoy your special day

Board Games

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

24 September 1:00pm

Maxine Dienelt—Coordinator



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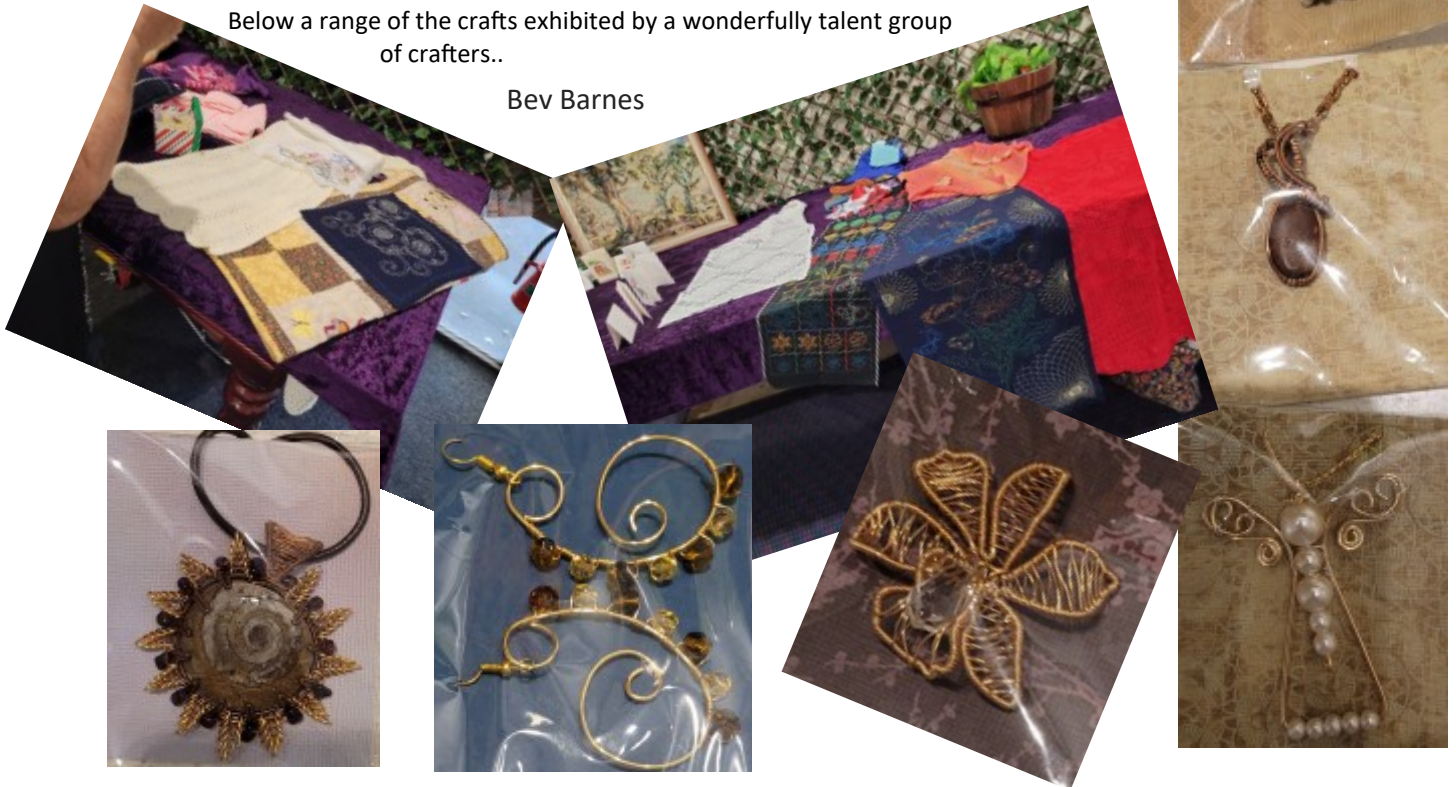
Craft Group

Another morning of friendship and laughter.

We meet every Friday at the Casuarina Sports Club at 10.15am. New people, new ideas, are always welcome. The craft group became the guest speakers for the August.

Below a range of the crafts exhibited by a wonderfully talented group of crafters..

Bev Barnes



Hallelujah Concert—Saturday 21st September

Tickets are now available for the Darwin Chorale's next production, "Hallelujah". There is only one performance on Saturday 21st September so get in quick! [Darwin Chorale Book Tickets](#)

Hallelujah/Alleluia literally means "Praise Yah", short for the Hebrew name of Israel's God and the God of Christian belief. It is a word that dominates the biblical Psalms and also Christian liturgy. But for believers and non-believers alike, the response of praise has been expressed musically for thousands of years. Leonard Cohen wrote about his famous Hallelujah, which shot to prominence through the movie Shrek: "When one looks at the world, there's only one thing to say, and it's hallelujah".

Darwin Chorale has brought together songs that use this ancient/modern word from a variety of musical styles. From one of the most famous Baroque composer's most famous works, Handel's Messiah, we have the most famous Hallelujah Chorus. We have Ed Sheeran's 2017 sad and soulful tribute to his grandmother, Supermarket Flowers. In between is a whole range of **classical, pop, world music, gospel and more**. Join in the joy, exultation and celebration as **the Chorale** brings to you "Hallelujah".





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Member Induction

Welcome Mary, inducted as a new member of Probus Club of Darwin at the August meeting.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Extracts from the Minutes 6 September 2000

Held at the Darwin Bowls Club

Present: Messrs Plew, Simmons, Scott, Johnstone, Kerr, Blackmore, Dimery., Roberts, Taylor, Steven, Upton, Washington, Chin, Bromich, Dr Short

Apologies: Dally, Thompson, Penhall, Fisher.

Visitors:- Sayers, Harris, Mann, from Tailem Bend.

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

Correspondence:

Inwards—Directory of Probus Clubs, Travel Challenge Probus News' Invoice, Tracks Presents, NT Safe,

Outwards—Nil

Treasurer: Opening balance \$341.36., Receipts \$20.00. Expenses \$9.76. Closing balance \$351.61

General Business: Visit to CUB has been postponed. Mr Plew addressed the meeting about his meeting with Probus South Pacific. Meeting closed at 11:07am.

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