



# PROBUS CLUB OF DARWIN INC.

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It's objectives are to stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time of life when it is easy to become complacent and self centred.

**PRESIDENT**  
Janet Elliott  
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**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH, 2011.**

**SECRETARY**  
Eean Thorne  
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**PATRON**  
His Honour The Administrator, Mr Tom Pauling AO QC  
**SISTER CLUB**  
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**MEETINGS HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**EXCEPT JANUARY )**  
**10:30AM AT CASUARINA CLUB, 269 TROWER ROAD, CASUARINA, NT.**  
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**JANET'S JOTTINGS**

Happy New Year to all, 2011 is well and truly here! I hope you all enjoyed the incoming year celebrations and have some plans for this year. Don't overcrowd though, some room is needed for the unknown surprises, friends and family.

I spent some wonderful days with my two Darwin granddaughters, so full of life, energy and questions. It is exhilarating to see the young folk grasp life with both hands and enjoy and learn from each precious moment.


For me, my term as President is coming to a close. In March we will have the AGM and election of Office bearers for the next term.

2010 has been a very full and rewarding year as President, but I look forward to moving onto other areas of interest with you.

Have you heard this saying?

"Yesterday is in the Past  
Tomorrow is in the Future  
But today is a Gift  
That's why it is called the Present."

Cheers,  
Janet



**VALE**  
**PAST PRESIDENT**  
**ERIC SIMMONS**  
**1993—1994**

**Eric passed away**  
**29th January, 2011,**  
**after a long illness.**  
**RIP.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday 2nd March, 2011.**

**General Meeting, Morning Tea and Fellowship, followed by the Annual General Meeting and election of Office Bearers.**



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| Birthdays: | Peter Pusterla | 1st March             |            |
|            | Bill Porte     | 3rd March             |            |
|            | Kevin Cluley   | 3rd March             |            |
|            | Les Penhall    | 7th March             |            |
|            | Nev Connor     | 13th March            |            |
|            | Connie Cohalan | 17th March            |            |
|            | Jim Wright     | 26th March            |            |
|            | Anniversary:   | Ian & Heather Dawson  | 4th March  |
|            |                | Keith & Wilma Josling | 16th March |
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**PROFILE—KEVIN FLETCHER**

I grew up in Temora, NSW. After leaving school I headed to Sydney to experience the "Big Smoke".

I worked with several Companies before I joined the PNG Public Service. I spent 15 years with the Department of Native Affairs. Several of those years were spent in the Chimbu District where one could obtain a wife for three pigs. On returning to Australia I decided that the NT was the best place to re-settle. After 30 years I'm still here.

I obtained employment with the Department Of Correctional Services and after 25 years I retired to live in Nightcliff.

The lifestyle is what I enjoy about the Territory and I feel sure I will remain here until they move me out in a box.

I belong to a number of Organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch, Retired Officers Group, Lions, Probus and Crime Stoppers.

I have been presented with the National Medal and the NT Corrections Medal for services rendered as a Prison Officer.



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS — 2011

**1. DINING OUT** Past President Ken has declared that the next Dining Out destination will be:-



**PICKELS MEXICAN RESTAURANT**  
9 Parap Street, Parap.  
**WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH, 2011 at 7pm.**

## **2. TOUR — 23rd MARCH 2011**



**TOUR— DARWIN PORT**  
Morning tea, discussion, tour and lunch  
**\$50.00 per person.**  
**ABSOLUTE LIMIT 20 MEMBERS**

Full details, including time and place for pick up also booking sheet at next meeting. Photo ID required

## **3. MOVIES**

We will consider a once a month outing to the Deckchair Cinema in 2011. At least we will be able to plan and pick each movie. More next meeting

## **4. GOLF**



Co-ordinator, Johnno Scott advises that the next "Golf Outing" will be on Wednesday 9th March at the **GARDENS GOLF COURSE** **AT 9:00am**

This will be a six (6) hole event covering a mind blowing distance of 1.2 klms.  
\$10.00 per person, refreshments after,

## **4. DARWIN TRIPE CLUB— APRIL MEETING**



**DARWIN RSL SERVICES CLUB**  
**Wednesday 13th APRIL, 2011**  
27 Cavenagh Street

Darwin City 12:00 noon for 12:30pm.

**Price \$25.00 per person.**

If you wish to join the tres chic crowd and enjoy a fabulous lunch of tripe cooked three ways, along with scintillating company then you must phone Peter Pusterla or Eean Thorne.

## **5. LUNCHEON — POST MEETING**



"The Table of Knowledge" has resumed post meeting luncheon. Simply join the other members in the dining area of the Casuarina Club, solve the problems of the world, have a relaxed lunch, and enjoy.

## **RIB TICKLERS**

Police in London have found a bomb outside a mosque.. They've told the public not to panic as they've managed to push it inside.

Two Asian heroin addicts have injected themselves with curry powder by mistake - both are in intensive care... One has a dodgy tikka and the other one is in a korma..

During last night's high winds an African family were killed by a falling tree.

A spokesman for the Birmingham City council said "We didn't even know they were living up there".

Jamaican minorities in the UK have complained that there are not enough television shows with minorities in mind, so Crimewatch is being shown 5 times a week now.

I just saw my first Harry Potter film. A bit unrealistic if you ask me. I mean, a ginger haired kid, with two friends?

I had a mate who was suicidal. He was really depressed, so I pushed him in front of a steam train. He was chuffed to bits.

I was reading in the paper today about this dwarf that got pick pocketed.  
How could anyone stoop so low.

I was walking down the road when I saw an Afghan bloke standing on a fifth floor balcony shaking a carpet.  
I shouted up to him, "what's up Abdul, won't it start?"

**Doctor:** A person who kills your ills by pills.

**Classic:** Books, which people praise, but do not read.

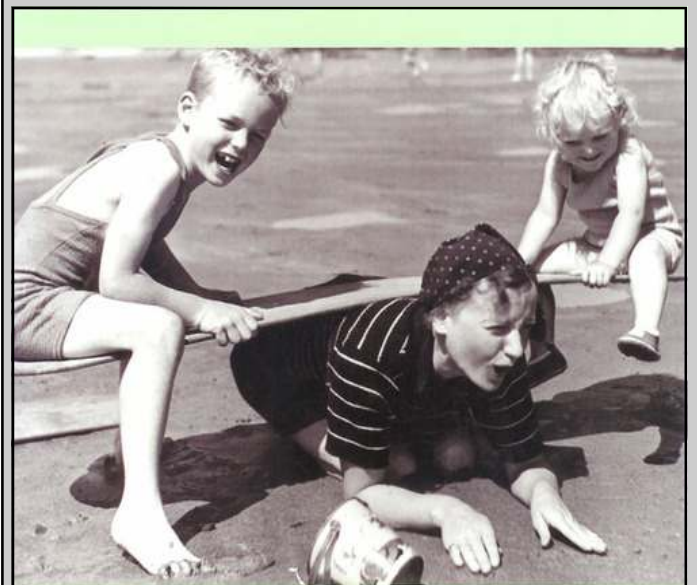
**Smile:** A curve that can set a lot of things straight.

**Office:** A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

**Yawn:** The only time some married men ever get to open their mouth.

**Etc:** A sign to make others believe that you know more than you actually do.

**Committee:** Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.



The one thing children wear out faster than shoes is **parents**



Left to right: PDG Tjetje (Sam) Sjamsu, Mrs. Nani Sjamsu, PDG Sukar Samsudi, Eean Thorne and PP Joenil Kahar

**PROBUS IN INDONESIA**


I flew from Denpasar (Bali) to Bandung (Java) on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2011. I was met at the airport by PDG Tjetje (Sam) Sjamsu and driven to the Hotel Panhegar and virtually straight into the meeting of the Rotary Club of Bandung (a mixed club). Their meeting is conducted in Indonesian. I was asked to address the Rotarians and explain what Probus is, what Probus does and how Probus has been a benefit to Rotary. Many question ensued. I was received very warmly and also learnt that Rotary in Indonesia is on a mission at this moment. The entire nation is one Rotary District and consists of three time zones. Their goal is to have three districts. Currently there are 87 Rotary Clubs with 1546 member in the entire country with a population of around 220 million. At a meeting Tuesday morning 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 at 10:00am I had the opportunity to delve into finer details as we discussed the formation of Probus in Indonesia. I was left to understand that they would indeed start the process.



**PRIVACY STATEMENT**  
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**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 considerations )

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**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR 2010**  
And the winner is  
**The PROBUS CLUB OF DARWIN INC**  
PP and Rendezvous Chairman Ken Cohalan OAM receives the certificate from the Acting Lord Mayor of Darwin, Ms. Heather Sjoberg.

**FROM THE ARCHIVES- Extracts from the Minutes of the meeting 5th February, 1986:**  
Correspondence: Request from J. Wright for 8 months leave of absence.  
General Business: Rex Eddy displayed a name badge he devised which could be used by members. All members agreed this pin would be acceptable. Rex agreed to provide such pins at a cost of 50c per pin which would be paid for by the club.  
Program Chairman—Phil Purick volunteered to accept the position of Program Chairman for 1986. Accepted. Some discussion was held on what activities might take place during 1986 and it was decided that the Program Chairman could consider the following:-  
(a) Mr. Hans Voss on Foreshore development for March meeting. Cedric Patterson to assist.  
(b) Ted Campbell, Director of Mines on the new Power Station for April meeting.  
© His Honour the Administrator for the may meeting.  
Other suggestions for activities mentioned by members are as follows:- Visit to the brewery, Bob Collins, Paul Everingham, Visit to Menzies School of Health Research, Jamie Robertson on Union feelings toward Statehood, Boat trip to include ladies, Barry Coulter MP on Correctional Services and Visit to Museum.  
A Quiz Competition was conducted by Jim Gallacher and Noel Field where 100 questions were asked. The winning team was Jack Larcombe, Ted Evans, Harry Giese, Cedric Patterson and Mike Taylor.