



# 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.

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY, 2012.**

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**21st January, 2012.**

**Bulletin # 61**

**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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**BILL'S BLOG**



The Leadership and Succession Meeting on 2nd December was very necessary for the future of our club and I am glad to say that it proved successful with a firm succession path installed. My thanks go to all those who attended and for those who volunteered for various positions in the club.

John's Nightcliff 10 pin bowling proved popular with those who attended and Janet showed hidden talents and was a worthy winner. Don't forget round 2 in February same venue commencing at 10.00hrs.

The Christmas lunch was well attended and everyone enjoyed the food and the company and Eean ably assisted by Max led the choral part of the proceedings.

If you have any suggestions for next year's outings commencing March please contact Eean, Janet or myself. Our thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Joy, who was unfortunate enough to have had a fall and was taken to hospital thereby missing the Christmas lunch.

If any of you need any help or assistance due to poor health please contact myself or Joan and if we are able to help we will gladly do so.

Shirley and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on 1st February at Casuarina Club and we trust that 2012 will be a healthy and happy year for all members and their families.

Regards,  
Bill.

**A GREAT WAY TO DESCRIBE PROBUS**

As a Rotarian and now a Probarian I am often asked "What is Probus".

When starting to explain that it is "an Association of active retirees who join together in clubs to provide regular opportunities to keep their minds active, expand their interests and enjoy the fellowship of new friends" you can see their eyes start to glaze over and turn off. Very little opportunity to speak about the Rotary connection.

Probus in our part of the world is very much part of the family of Rotary and when asked by someone "What IS Probus?", I believe that is important for all Rotarians and Probarians to have a ready response, a "one liner" much as a knee jerk reaction. So try this for size:

***"Probus is a Rotary sponsored association of clubs promoting healthy ageing in our communities"***

Hopefully this will spark some interest, and we can then add something along the lines of ***"Probus clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs as part of their commitment to Community Service. These clubs are open to membership of active retirees or people no longer working full time, to provide opportunities to keep their minds active, expand their interests, build new relationships and enjoy the fellowship of new friends."***

If speaking with someone as a potential member it may be worthwhile describing some of the activities and interest groups that your Probus Club has, such as Dining Out, Tour Group, Golf, Ten Pin Bowling, etc. Without the support of Rotary clubs, there would be no new Probus clubs formed and we need to keep this connection with the family of Rotary alive and well.

An extract from a letter to "Probus the Magazine" by: Merv Richens, President. Probus Club of Springwood, Qld. Past Member, PC-SP Board. Past Governor, Rotary District 9630. Rotary Club of Loganholme, Qld.

**FIRST MEETING 2012  
WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY, 2012**



**GUEST SPEAKER**

**IAN KEW**

**CEO Darwin Airport Corporation**

**Vote of Thanks  
Kevin Cluley**

**Probus Magazine now on the web**

**Active Retirees**  
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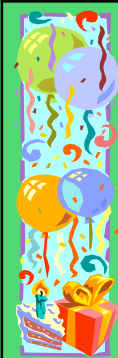
To view the official Probus magazine, Active Retirees (TM) on the PC-SP website (in digital view) to further promote to all of our members, and non-members who may not currently be receiving the magazine. Load the link below in your search engine.

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**Birthdays:** Beres Chandler 8th Jan  
Ray Walton 11th Jan  
Bonny Connor 13th Jan  
Margaret Himmelreich 28th Jan

**Anniversary:**  
John & Tiiu Knight 2nd Jan  
Dr. Hunter & Rosemary McEwen 9th Jan  
Andrew & Mavis Leo 18th Jan  
Peter & Marlene Pusterla 21st Jan  
Jim & Jenny Wright 21st Jan  
Ros Farquhar &  
Frank van der Sommen 23rd Jan  
Ray OAM & Jade Chin 27th Jan



**Birthdays:** Ray Chin OAM 1st Feb  
June Scott 3rd Feb  
Dennis Smallacombe 6th Feb  
Andrew Leo 10th Feb  
Jeanette Anictomatis 10th Feb  
Ron Strachan 12th Feb  
Jean Bouderaux 19th Feb  
Minh Williams 20th Feb  
Dr. Alan Bromwich OBE 23rd Feb  
Diana Brooks 27th Feb  
Margaret McCarthy 28th Feb

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS — 2012

### 1. DINING OUT: FIDDLERS GREEN IRISH RESTAURANT



Waterfront Precinct  
Kitchener Drive  
**Wednesday 15th February, 2012**  
at 7:00pm  
All dining participants can pay as you order. Please pay individually for drinks

### 2. TOUR :

The tour group will be in recess till March 2012 due to the impending "Wet".



Wagait Beach

Your input to tours for next year would be appreciated.

We have

discussed a couple of venues for a possible overnight trip.

### 3. HEART FOUNDATION— PROBUS WALK



Every Tuesday 5:50am  
Anula Play Ground BBQ Area.  
Walk 40 minutes duration  
Organiser- John Lear (8927 0664)

### 4. GOLF

Coordinator Johnno Scott advises next venue:



**NIGHTCLIFF 10 PIN BOWLING**  
**Wednesday 22nd February, 2012**  
Arrive at 9:45am  
\$11.00 pp  
(includes shoe and ball hire)  
Morning Tea after at "ELATTE CAFÉ"  
Notify John if you want to join the group for a fun morning followed by coffee and a giggle

### 5. DARWIN TRIPE CLUB February 2012 Meeting



**SCHOONERS BAR & GRILL**  
5/51 Marina Blvd, Cullen Bay.  
**Wednesday 8th February, 2012.**  
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, plus scintillating company then you must phone Peter Pusterla or Eean Thorne.

### 6. INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Jim Sheehan advised that 7 attended last meeting. Another meeting scheduled 3rd February, 2012. Areas of interest identified and discussed (futures, super, property, shares). All in all a productive exercise.

### 7. 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 (thanks PP Bill Kerr)

This is part of my recent and future travel diary. I just bet some of you have been to the same places.

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I have not yet been in Continent. It's apparently an age thing.

I pulled into the crowded car park at the local supermarket and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Lab Retriever Pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.

I walked to the kerb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, 'Stay! Do you hear me? Stay ... STAY!!!'

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady, Gave me a strange look and said,

'Why don't you just put the handbrake on?'

## NEED HEARING HELP?

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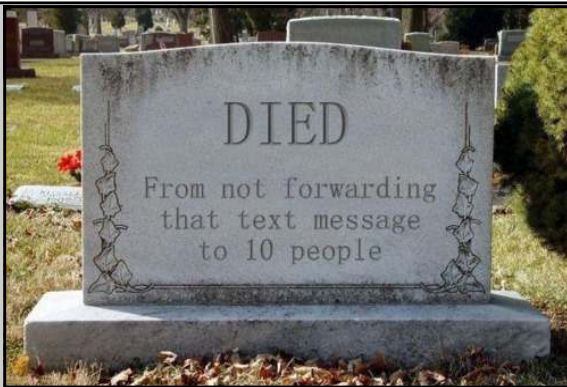
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"My lawyer is helping me lose weight.  
My stomach is suing my mouth."



Okay, Ralph .... let me 'splain it you again.  
You're big, I'm little; BUT!!! you're dog, I'm  
cat ..... that makes me the boss. Got it ??





### **Cranberry Pistachio Biscotti**

**Bright and perfect for the holiday season.**

The name 'Biscotti' is used to describe a long, dry, hard, twice-baked biscuit with a curved top and flat bottom designed for dunking into wine or coffee. It is derived from 'bis' meaning twice in Italian and 'cotto' meaning baked or cooked. Some biscotti do contain butter, but for these Cranberry Pistachio Biscotti beaten eggs are used to bind all the dry ingredients together. This sticky dough is first rolled (dust counter with lots of flour) into a log shape and baked until firm. After a short cooling period, the log is then cut into diagonal slices and baked again to draw out the moisture which produces a crisp, dry textured cookie that has a long shelf life. Perfect for holiday gift giving.

#### **Cranberry Pistachio Biscotti Recipe:**

- 2/3 cup (135 grams) granulated white sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 3/4 cups (230 grams) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup (60 grams) shelled, unsalted pistachios, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup (75 grams) dried cranberries or cherries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (177 degrees C) and place the oven rack in the centre of the oven. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In the bowl of your electric mixer (or with a hand mixer), beat the sugar and eggs on high speed until thick, pale, and fluffy (about 3-5 minutes). At this point beat in the vanilla extract. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add to the egg mixture and beat until combined. Fold in the chopped pistachios and cranberries.

Transfer the dough to a well floured counter and roll into a log shape, about 12 inches (30 cm) long and 3 1/2 inches (9 cm) wide. You may have to flour your hands to form the log as the dough is quite sticky. Place the log on the baking sheet and bake for about 25 minutes or until firm to the touch. Remove from oven and let cool on a wire rack for about 10 minutes.

Reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Transfer the log to a cutting board and cut into about 1/2 inch (1.25 cm) slices, on the diagonal. Place the biscotti, cut side down, on the baking sheet. Bake for about 8-10 minutes, turn slices over, and bake for another 8-10 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool. Can be stored in an airtight container for several weeks.

Makes about 20 - 24 biscotti

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**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 2011**



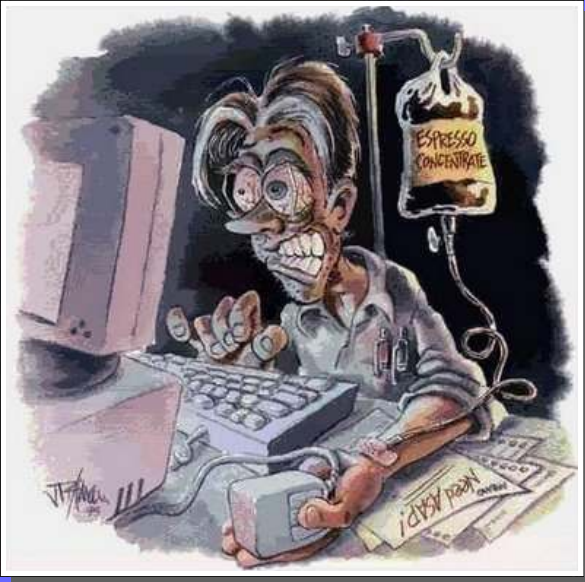
**LAST DINING OUT FOR 2011—NORTHLAKES CHINESE RESTAURANT, 21ST DECEMBER.**



20 Probarians and guests enjoyed a great night out at Northlakes Chinese Restaurant to finish 2011 in style.

**LEADERSHIP & SUCCESSION MEETING, FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER, 2011**





The entire production crew of your Probus bulletin,

Editor: Eean Thorne.

Assistant Editor: Ray Walton & Janet Elliott.

Photographer: Eean Thorne.

Assistant Photographer: Max Wagland, Denis Power and Janet Elliott.

Magazine Stringers: Ros Farquhar & Elaine Hoskins and a entire army of supporters along with Hamish (the dog)

**Wish you very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**FROM THE ARCHIVES- 25 YEARS AGO**

**Extracts from the Minutes — 4th February, 1987:**

**Present:** H Giese, W McLaren, N Field, Ray Chin, W Arthur, R Eddy, R Franklin, K Tharmarajah. K Frey, I MacGregor, Les Penhall, M. Taylor, E Evans, J Gallacher and H Harrison.

**Visitor:** N Conway

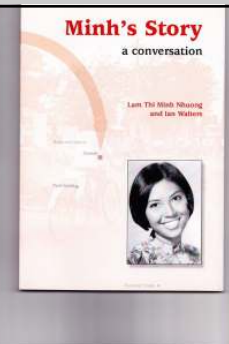
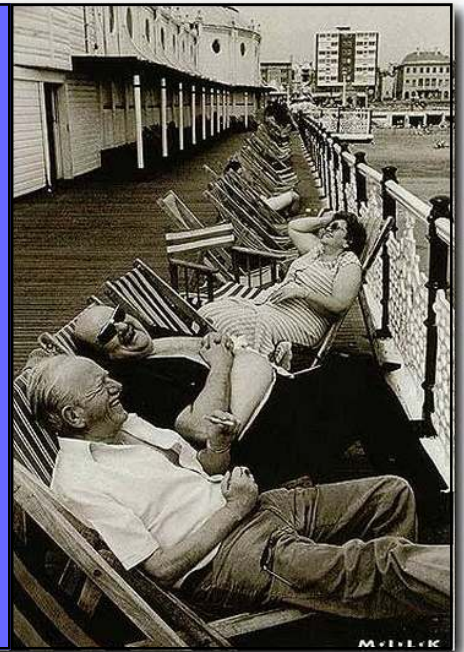
**Apologies:** P.Purick, M Ford, A Clarke, J Larcombe, E Milliken, and C Patterson.

**Meeting:** Annual General Meeting resulted in the following elected: President W McLaren, VP N Field, Secretary J Gallacher, Treasurer Les Penhall. Pres W McLaren took the Chair and thanked PP H Giese. Messers Penhall & Gallacher introduced Neil Conway who was inducted and welcomed into the Club and Presented with his Probus pin.

**Guest Speaker:** 1986 Winston Churchill Fellow, Sgt Max Hill of the NT police, gave an interesting and informative address on "Crimes and Community Involvement" as a consequence of his visit to the USA. His address was well received with many in-depth questions. Vote of thanks—Ted Evans.

**Next Meeting:** After a short meeting at Darwin Bowls Club, members will move to Pauls Ice Cream Factory for a visit to that industry. Manager Graham Watkins will be our host.

The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not  
**LAUGHED**



**"Minh's Story, a Conversation"**

**By our member, Minh Williams. Launched Saturday 11th February at Ruby's Vietnamese Restaurant, Raintree Park, Darwin City. from 10:00am to 12:00noon.**

Book launched by Professor Alan Powell.

Books for sale and signed by the author on the day.

All proceeds to support the Historical Society NT. Phone Minh to book.



**Do you have any camping gear, sleeping bags etc that is taking up space in your spare room or shed? Call Eean Thorne and we will pass on to the Scouts or Girl Guides.**

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