



# 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**  
Bill Porte  
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**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 4th MAY, 2011.**

**SECRETARY**  
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**PATRON**  
His Honour The Administrator, Mr Tom Pauling AO QC  
**SISTER CLUB**  
Probus Club of Toowoomba Inc.

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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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**BILL'S BLOG**

It was a pleasure to see our Past President Janet back with us after her recent indisposition. My thanks to her for a very successful past year at the helm and I will try to carry on her good work. I look forward to working with the new Management Committee and hope we can make the club even more successful and enjoyable.

Whilst we have approximately 70 club members our aim is to increase this to 90 in due course. If you have any friends or relatives who are interested in joining Probus please bring them along to a meeting to try us out! Finally, it would be good if this year we could have a *Real Dry season* as Eean has planned an excellent programme of outings for the coming months. N.B. Please also note that a day at the races at Fannie Bay on Saturday 11th June to include lunch is also on the agenda. Regards,



**PROFILE—FRANK van der SOMMEN**

My story starts as a post war migrant who, with my parents and three sisters came from the Netherlands to Mt. Gambier in South Australia in 1951(my young brother was born here ). I resumed Schooling at Marist Brothers Agricultural College, became a forestry cadet with the SA government and attended Adelaide University, the Australian Forestry School Canberra and graduated with a BSc from ANU in 1964.

Worked as a pine plantation forest manager around the Lower South east of SA, where I married and then transferred to start the next phase of my life in Berri as OIC of the Riverland and Mallee Region. Here I became more of an environmental than production Forester. I did research on and managed government owned and declining River Murray floodplain forest, and did some of the earliest environmental Impact Studies (before they were formalized). I also did work on over cleared and salt affected male dune country. I established a native plant government nursery, bringing many local species into cultivation, and established a tree planting advisory service for irrigation and Mallee farmers (before "Landcare"). Joined Apex, and as president, got members involved in tree planting projects.

I took leave to do the inaugural Master of Environmental Studies course at Adelaide Uni in 1976 doing my thesis on pine invasion into native vegetation. Became District Forester in the Mt Lofty Ranges, where I managed plantations, native bush, water catchments and urban recreationers (trail bikes and happy mushroom gatherers). Changed careers again to become an Academic at what was Roseworthy CAE now a campus of the University of Adelaide. Over 13 years developed courses and coordinated, administered and lectured undergraduate and post graduate students, in various aspects of natural resources and vegetation management. Did research and consulting on bio energy, River Murray salinity and other environmental issues and was a member of the SA Government Native Vegetation Advisory Committee. Following my divorce I entered another phase of my life. I took leave and a three years contract with the NT Government Conservation Commission as Principle Vegetation Management Officer developing various vegetation management strategies across NT (e.g. Land clearing, weeds, fire, rabbits mining rehabilitation). Met my wife Ros at the movies, returned briefly to Roseworthy, took a package and came back and married. Having retired from secure employment, I learnt the clarinet, volunteered as Chair of Greening Australia NT, member of GA National Board and NT the Landcare Council. Did some contract lecturing in soils and environmental management at CDU, consulted in agroforestry and climate change matters and investigated the role and impact of trees in cyclones. I am also doing a final edit on my 10 yr part time PhD on this topic looking particularly at Tracy. Between Ros and I we have four daughters two sons five granddaughters and one grandson who, together with gardening, entertaining and generally making the most of all Darwin has to offer make our life here enjoyable.



**Mystery Car Tour – No1 – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2011**

Five hour mystery car tour of Darwin, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Recommending a driver and three (3) passengers per car. Congregate at Nightcliff Shopping Centre 9:00am then visit some of Darwin sites having lunch at Findlay's Garden Centre then back to Nightcliff by 2:00pm.

At the next Probus meeting we will ask for those interested in using their car and be a driver and those interested in being passengers. Also if you need to be picked up from your residence at 8:30am.

Suggest you wear casual clothes, bring a bottle of water and a sun hat. Looking forward to hearing from those interested.



**GUEST SPEAKER  
NEXT MEETING  
4th May, 2011**

**ROSEMARY ARNOLD  
Australia's 1st Woman  
helicopter pilot.**

**The Flying Celebrant "Chapel in the Sky"**  
ceremonies in a helicopter, on the water or on the ground  
**Vote of Thanks.....Alan Robson**



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| Birthdays:   | Erina Ellis               | 16th May |
|              | Janet Elliott             | 16th May |
|              | Shirley Porte             | 19th May |
|              | Caryl Tsangaris           | 25th May |
|              | Margaret Egglestone       | 28th May |
|              | Frank van der Sommen      | 31st May |
| Anniversary: | Ken & Connie Cohalan      | 9th May  |
|              | Peter & Erina Ellis       | 18th May |
|              | Max & Judy Wagland        | 24th May |
|              | Caryl & Michele Tsangaris | 31st May |

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS — 2011

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



### NOVOTEL ATRIUM (in the sunken lounge)

100 The Esplanade, Darwin City

**WEDNESDAY 18th MAY, AT 7:00PM**

## 2. TOUR — 25th MAY 2011



**“Darwin Harbour  
Eco Sailing -  
our sails are not just for  
show - we SAIL”**

**Wednesday 25th May, 2011  
10:00am till 1:00pm.**

**\$50.00 per person.  
Morning tea and lunch  
Included.**

**Please be at ferry wharf,  
Cullen Bay by 9:30am**

## 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** Last golf morning (had been postponed because of rain) was a real hoot. Check the photos elsewhere.



Co-ordinator, Johnno Scott advises that he will be asking members at the next meeting, 4th May, to give him feedback on best days for golf etc. Johnno also will mention alternatives, such as lawn bowls, golf driving range, mini golf and archery.

## 4. DARWIN TRIPE CLUB— APRIL MEETING



### SCHOONERS BAR & GRILL

**Wednesday  
8th JUNE, 2011.**

5/15 Marina Bvd, Cullen Bay  
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.

## PARAPROSDOKIAN

A *paraprosdokian* is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re-frame or reinterpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect. Enjoy!

**I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.**

**The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.**

**If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.**

**We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.**

**War does not determine who is right — only who is left.**

**I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.**

**Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.**

**Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.**

**The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.**

**Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.**

**To steal idea from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.**

**A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. My desk is a work station.**

**How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?**

**Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.**

**A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it.**

**I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.**

**Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?**

**Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.**

**A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.**

**You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.**

**The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!**

**I discovered I scream the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot.**

**Some cause happiness wherever they go.. Others, whenever they go.**

**There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.**

**I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.**

**I always take life with a grain of salt... plus a slice of lemon... and a shot of tequila.**

**You're never too old to learn something stupid.**

**To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.**

**Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.**

**A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.**

**Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.**

### HELPFUL HINTS FOR SENIORS

A corporate LAWYER sent the following out to the employees in his company:

1. Next time you order cheques, have only your initials (instead of your First name) and surname put on them. If someone takes your cheque book, they will not know if you sign your cheques with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your cheques.
2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".
3. When you are writing cheques to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your cheque as it passes through. All the cheque processing channels won't have access to it.
4. Place your work phone number on your cheques instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your Centrelink number printed on your cheques. You can add it if it is necessary, but if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
5. Run the contents of your wallet through a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place (not your wallet). I also carry a photocopy of my passport when travelling either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.

Unfortunately I, an attorney, have first-hand knowledge because my wallet Was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieves ordered an expensive monthly mobile phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit Line approved to buy a Dell computer, received a PIN number from DMV to Change my driving record information on-line, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

1. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately, but the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit Cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).
3. But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.) Call the three national credit reporting organisations immediately to place a fraud alert on your Tax File Number your Passport number and driver's license number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone To authorise new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet

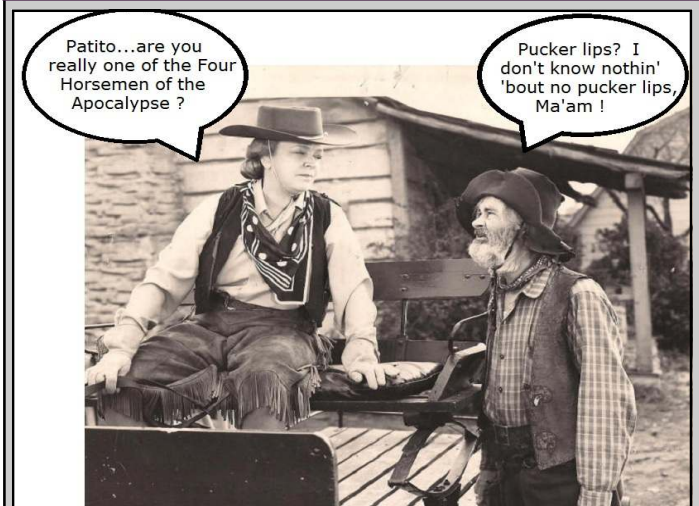
### HELPFUL HINTS FOR SENIORS (continued...)

about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away. This weekend someone handed it in. It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are some numbers which you might need to contact if your wallet etc has been stolen:

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| 1. Visa Card Australia      | 1800 621 199 |
| 2. Visa Card International  | 1800 450 346 |
| 3. Lost Travellers' Cheques | 1800 127 477 |
| 4. MasterCard Australia     | 02 9466 3700 |
| 5. MasterCard International | 1800 120 113 |
| 6. Bankcard Australia       | 02 9281 6633 |
| 7. Medicare                 | 132 011      |
| 8. Centrelink Fraud         | 137 230      |
| 9. Seniors' Card            | 1300 364 758 |
| 10. Passport                | 131 232      |

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| ANZ FREECALL               | 1800 033 844      |
| BankWest                   | 131 718           |
| Citibank                   | 132 484           |
| Tamworth Coles/Myer Source | 2340 1300 306 397 |



**Treasurer Peter Pusterla  
advises that  
ANNUAL FEES  
are now due  
Please pay at next meeting**

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