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**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER, 2011.**

**CLUB VISIT TO**  
**Commercial Cooking and Bakery School**  
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**Christina Court, Palmerston.**

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28th September, 2011.

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**MEETINGS HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF**  
**EACH MONTH (EXCEPT JANUARY ),10:30AM AT**  
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## BILL'S BLOG



Both Shirley and I had a very enjoyable holiday in the U.K. and it was good to meet up with friends and relatives. The civil unrest in England looks to have been contained but it was certainly a worry and caused Shirley's shopping trip to London's West End to be curtailed. On a brighter note the London Olympic preparations seem to be well on track and the stadium at Stratford looks very

impressive.

The September meeting with Greg Cavanagh was well attended and his talk on the history and duties of the Coroner was interesting but low key. It was gratifying to note that he took his work very seriously and was very forthright in his dealings with authorities, certainly not a 'Yes person'.

The new sound system still appears to have teething problems and there was some annoying background noise which hopefully can be rectified.

Our September outing to the Wildlife Park on 28th September and the Dining Out at Sari Rasa a week before are our next functions. And of course our thanks to Eean for his organisation of these events.

It was good to see our Secretary in better health and trust that his treatment continues to be successful. In addition our good wishes go to Barbara and Frank, who are both undergoing treatment.

Kind Regards

Bill

### **NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY** **5th OCTOBER, 2011**

**CLUB VISIT TO**  
**Commercial Cooking and Bakery School**  
**Charles Darwin University,**  
**Christina Court, Palmerston. 10:15am**  
**Our host,**  
**Robert Schwerdt, Retail Baking Facilitator.**  
**Vote of Thanks—Eean Thorne**



#### **Birthdays:**

<b>Meg Angus</b>	<b>3rd October</b>
<b>Ken Cohalan</b>	<b>17th October</b>
<b>Gwenda Smallcombe</b>	<b>20th October</b>
<b>Phyllis Plew</b>	<b>24th October</b>



## PROFILE—JIM SHEEHAN



I was born in Boston, a farming district in Lincolnshire, late 1942. Our family were not locals, my father coming from Cork and my mother from London. After primary school I went away to Quaker schools in Oxfordshire and Essex.

My best subjects were maths and physics and I had been keen on electronics for a while. I was thinking of trying for an Electrical Engineering degree but was not sure. I had also taken a practical interest in archaeology, but realised what I really liked about it was not the history but just digging things up. Any things. I was always digging holes in the garden and at the beach, so my mother hit on the idea of my doing Mining Engineering. So I went to Camborne School of Mines in Cornwall and qualified after three years. I met my future wife, Anne, there; she was doing A levels at Camborne Grammar School.

I came to Australia in March 1966 as a ten pound Pom to work for BHP in the Whyalla area. They also paid the ten pounds and never asked for it back. As you can imagine life at Iron Knob was rather different from England. After two years it was time for a change and I got a job in an iron mine at Savage River in Tasmania. Anne came out from England and we got married. A girl and a boy ensued and life was good if you could ignore the climate. After 7 years we needed some sunshine.

In 1975 I got a job as Mine Engineer with Queensland Nickel at Greenvale near Townsville. Due to staff turnover in the next 10 years I got promotions and ended up as Mine Manager, with the added duties of town mayor. This was the good old days of mining towns, before fly-in/fly-out became popular. It was mostly a very enjoyable job with some difficult times, such as when the staff ran the mine for 6 weeks during a strike.

Anne worked at the town library and became a JP at Bob Katter's request. She studied Librarianship by correspondence so that she could get work after I had dug out all the good stuff and didn't have a job anymore. Greenvale was a very sociable town with a good primary school and generous Company assistance for boarding schools in Townsville. The mine closed in 1994 when the resource was depleted. Then I had a brief spell in New Caledonia on a nickel project but did not like it much.

Anne had come to Pine Creek to be with our daughter, who was having twins, so after a few months I joined Anne here in Darwin. She got a job at the NT Library and worked in the reference group until she got cancer in 2006. I also worked as a casual library assistant and continue to do some volunteer work, inputting data for Territory Stories. Both my two children and two grandsons are in Queensland, but I like it up here and I have made some good friends within Probus and with neighbours and library people.

I like doing odd jobs for people and I have some electronics projects on the go. I am not much into travelling having done quite a lot in the past.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS — 2011

### 1. DINING OUT:



#### **MANOLI'S GREEK TAVERNA**

64 Smith Street, Darwin.

"Ooooooopa!!!!"

**WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER**

**7:00pm**

All dining participants can pay individually. Please bring change.

### 2. TOUR : DAY TRIP TO LURE INN (B & B)



#### **WAGIT BEACH**

**Wednesday 26th November**

**Gather at ferry terminal,**

**Cullen Bay 8:30am**

**You MUST provide your NT**

**concession card and you pay on ferry. Pick**

**up by bus at Mandorah jetty, Morning tea**

**and lunch at Lure Inn. Afternoon tea at**

**Hotel before ferry home by 4:00. \$32:00 pp.**

### 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:

#### **PALMERSTON GOLF CLUB**

**Wednesday 26th October**

**Hit off 9:00am**

**5 holes for \$6.00 plus**

**2 buggies for the price of 1,**

**so for 4 ladies, \$10.00 per person.**



**Morning Tea after at Palmerston Tavern.**

### 5. DARWIN TRIPE CLUB—October Meeting

#### **MOORISH CAFÉ**

**37 Kunckey Street, Darwin City.**

**Wednesday 12th October, 2011.**

**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, plus scintillating company then you must phone Peter Pusterla or Eean Thorne.



### 6. INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

At the last meeting of the Investment Discussion Group it was decided to continue the Group on an informal basis. That is to say we would not be having minutes and/or an agenda, but we would be sharing our ideas on investments. All present at the last meeting were particularly interested in what Mike Boudreaux is doing.

### 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.

"Quote me as saying I was mis-quoted." — Groucho Marx.

"Operator ! Give me the number for 911 !" — Homer Simpson.

"The mime's opinion was a mute point."

"What is a 'free' gift ? Aren't all gifts free ?"

"I know you believe that you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I really meant to say."

"Incontinence hot line, could you please hold..."

"The hailstones leaped from the pavement, just like maggots when you fry them in hot grease."

"If you don't like the news, go out and make some." — Bumper sticker.

"Don't you wish there were a knob on the TV to turn up the intelligence? There's one marked 'Brightness', but it doesn't work." — Gallagher.

"Of all the awards I've received, this is by far the most recent." — Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else"

"Aibohphobia /n./ Fear of Palindromes."

"If olive oil comes from olives, where does baby oil come from ?"

Q: Is the world sauna champion Finnish ?

A: No, let him cook for another 20 minutes and check again.

"There's three way to do it, the right way, the wrong way... And my way, which is the wrong way, but faster."

"When I consider how sweaters tend to make me sweat, I'm a lot less inclined to wear my windbreaker." — Brad Hamer.

"How was I supposed to know gasoline didn't put out fires... ?"

"Give a man a fire, and he'll be warm for a day. Set a man on fire, and he'll be warm for the rest of his life." — John A. Hrastar.

"Foot /n./ A device for finding furniture in the dark."

"Always remember that irritation is what allows oysters to create pearls. Thank goodness for oysters because ulcers make crappy necklaces." — Scott Adams.

"My Child Is an Average Student at a So-So School You Never Heard Of." — Bumper sticker.

"My Other Car Also Has This Bumper Sticker."

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"Whenever my kids are having trouble at school, I like to tell them about myself when I was a kid. I wasn't very big, I wasn't the smartest, I wasn't the best in sports and, yes, I did get beat-up a lot. Unfortunately, that's where the story ends, so it doesn't usually cheer them up much."  
— Alf Whit.

"I've been on helicopters, and I like them because they can land just about anywhere. Which is where I want to land the moment they take off." — Mike Royko.

"When I was little, I stepped on a nail to see if I could bend it with my bare foot. One tetanus shot later, I came to the conclusion that I was not Superman, but a slightly younger, dumber, fatter Batman." — Zach Patterson.

"Why is there so much month left at the end of the money?"

"I didn't really say all the things I said." — Yogi Berra.

Heaven is where :

- the police are British,
- the cooks are French,
- the mechanics are German,
- the lovers are Italian,
- and all is organized by the Swiss.

Hell is where :

- the police are German,
- the cooks are British,
- the mechanics are French,
- the lovers are Swiss,
- and all is organized by the Italians !

"I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman: 'Where's the self-help section?' She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose."

"Always remember to pillage BEFORE you burn." — Attila the Hun.

"Never buy a pitbull from a one armed man."



"NO, YOU CAN'T BE CHARLIE SHEEN FOR HALLOWEEN!"



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I've got some good news and some bad news.  
The good news is... there's only ten of them.  
The bad news is... we can't change the name to "the ten suggestions"!



London's Times

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## RECIPE CORNER—CRÈME FRAICHE



Crème fraîche is pronounced 'crem fresh'. It is a thick and smooth soured cream with a rich and velvety texture. This matured cream has a nutty, slightly sour taste produced by culturing pasteurized cream with a special bacteria. (In France, where it originated, the cream is unpasteurized so it naturally contains the bacteria necessary to make crème fraîche.) You will find every brand of crème fraîche tastes a little differently and that is because there is no set standard for making this cream and the butterfat content does vary (although it is usually around 30%).

The Crème fraîche found in specialty food stores and some grocery stores in Australia is pasteurized and the only problem with buying it is its price; it is ridiculously expensive. So much so that you may want to try making your own. It really is quite simple; all you do is gently heat heavy whipping cream (36 - 40% butterfat) and then stir in some buttermilk. This mixture is left to sit, slightly covered, in a warm draught-free place for around 24 hours. It is ready when it is thick, with the consistency of thick cream. If it still looks a little runny after 24 hours, leave it another 8 to 12 hours but move it to a warmer spot. And don't worry about the cream going bad. Regan Daly in her book 'In the Sweet Kitchen' tells us that "the benign live bacteria in the buttermilk will multiply and protect the cream from any harmful bacteria".

Once the crème fraîche has thickened sufficiently, cover and place in the refrigerator. It will continue to thicken and take on a more tangy flavor as it ages. Crème fraîche will keep in the refrigerator for about 7-10 days. It is used in both savory and sweet dishes and makes a wonderful topping for fresh berries, crumbles and puddings. It can also be whipped, along with a little sugar, and used in place of whipped heavy cream.

**Crème Fraîche:** In a medium saucepan over low heat, warm the cream to 105 degrees F (40 degrees C). Remove from heat and stir in the buttermilk. Transfer the cream to a large bowl and allow this mixture to stand in a warm place, loosely covered with plastic wrap, until thickened but still of pouring consistency. Stir and taste every 6 - 8 hours. This process takes anywhere from 24 to 48 hours, depending on your room temperature. The crème fraîche is ready when it is thick with a slightly nutty sour taste. Chill cream, in the refrigerator, for several hours before using. Crème fraîche may be made and stored in the refrigerator for up to 10 days.

### Whipped Crème Fraîche:

In bowl of electric mixer, with whisk attachment, beat the Crème Fraîche with 1-2 tablespoons (14-28 grams) of granulated white sugar until stiff peaks form. Can be used in desserts instead of whipped cream.

Preparation time 20 minutes.

### RECIPE:

- 1 cup (250 ml) heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon buttermilk

Note: If possible, use pasteurized heavy whipping cream, as ultra pasteurized will take longer to thicken.

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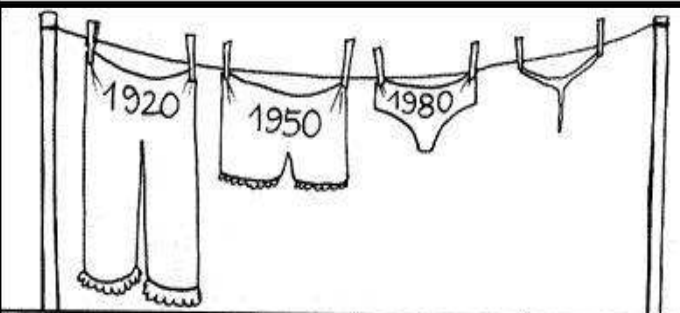
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MEETING— WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER, 2011



DINING OUT—SARI RASA, WEDNESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER, 2011.



**TOUR—TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARK, WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER, 2011.**






**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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**FROM THE ARCHIVES- 25 YEARS AGO**  
**Extracts from the Minutes — 2nd October, 1986:**  
**Present:** H. Giese, W. McLaren, N. Field, L Wade, R. Chin, R Eddy, J. Wright, E. Ferrier, W. Arthur, E. D'Ambrosio, A. Clark, I. MacGregor, P.Purick, E. Evans, T Tharmarajah, Les Penhall, and J. Gallacher.  
**Apologies:** M.Taylor, J. Larcombe, E. Milliken, K Frey, C. Patterson and J. Fisher.  
**Visit:** All members enjoyed a highly interesting and informative visit to the Channel Island Power Station where we were met by Keith Presnell and given a guided tour of the project. John King joined us and was able to provide answers to all the technical questions posed by the members. We learned that the commissioning of the first open-cycle gas turbine to coincide with the completion of the gas pipeline was still on target for December,1986. Keith and John were excellent tour leaders and acclaimed by members present.  
**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is to be held at the Menzies School of Health Research where we will be given a discussion on the aims and functions of the school and then inspect the laboratories. The Menzies School is in the Darwin Hospital grounds and to get there you pass through the main entrance to the hospital, immediately turn hard left and follow the road for 600-700 yards where you will come to a car park adjacent to the Nurses' old quarters. It is here we will congregate with Harry Giese taking us on to the School.