



# PROBUS CLUB OF DARWIN INC

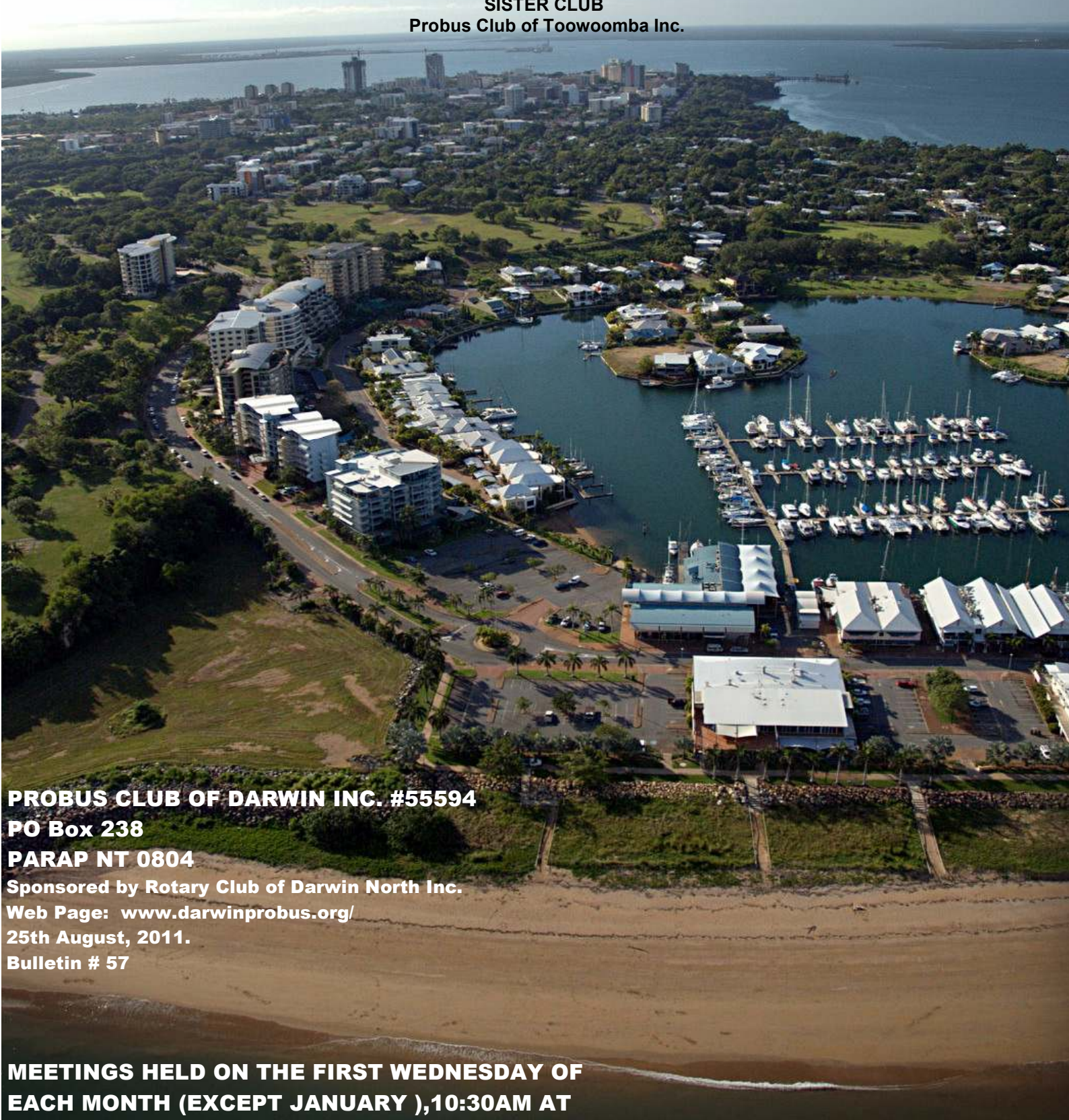
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easy to become complacent and self centred.

**PRESIDENT**  
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**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER, 2011.**

**SECRETARY**  
Ean Thorne  
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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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**VP JOHNNO'S JOURNAL**

Hello fellow Darwin members of Probus. Aren't we a busy lot! Firstly a flashback to our dinner at Tim's Surf & Turf. Eean was incapacitated and unable to attend so I am pleased to report it was an excellent night with good attendance, great meal and top company. Later in the evening, our host,

Tim came down and entertained the late leavers with some good stories. Tim's is worth a rerun some time in the future.

**CRAB CLAW ISLAND:** Very good attendance with a full bus plus two smaller vehicles. The "planned" front tyre blowout created a diversion, fortunately for us two strong Motor Transport Inspectors pulled up and took control of the necessary wheel change. More welcomed company when two Police Officers from Humpty Doo Station arrived on the scene. Club members queried them about their firearms and capsicum spray. A really enjoyable day.

Big congratulations to Joy Meeder who celebrated her 90th Birthday on 2nd August.....still looking great.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Ken Middlebrook did not pull any punches in his address. An eloquent speaker he has vast experience in his profession and as CEO, NT Correctional Services, he has to look far into the future to plan the necessary requirements for NT wide Correctional facilities.

We had some fun with our new sound system. It was necessary to put celebrations on hold until next meeting when President Bill returns from the UK.

Best wishes for a quick recovery to Frank van der Sommen. We all wish you well so you can rejoin the fun.

Cheers, Scottie.



**PROFILE—JUDY & MAX WAGLAND**

Both Judy and Max were born at an early age. Judy in Victoria and Max in South Australia.

Judy trained as a Primary school teacher at the Toorak Teachers Collage and went on to teach successfully at numerous schools in Victoria, NSW, PNG and Darwin. Max initially gained Instrument Maker qualifications with the National Instrument Company in Adelaide. He later went on to obtain a Degree in Electrical Engineering (Electronics) from the RMIT.

He worked in diverse areas Ansett Airways (NIC), other private enterprise, Weapons Research Est. Salisbury, Electricity Trust of S.A. , Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Scheme and finally the Northern Territory Electricity Commission later to become PowerWater Corporation. He also served as a reservist in the R.A.A.F in 24 City of Adelaide Squadron for approx. 7 years (active and reserve reservist) when he was a lot younger.

We arrived in Darwin in June 1979 not knowing what to expect, to help sort out Stokes Hill Power stations problems.

Between us we have 7 children, 18 grandchildren and 3.95 great grandchildren which makes a rather large family at Christmas and other functions. We even remember all their names.

We gave it a 5 year term and except for a 6 year sojourn to Victoria, when Max retired, have been here ever since. Max's interests were and are Music. He played Trumpet with the Great North Australian Jazz Band for about 20 years until everybody either moved away or dropped off the perch, Sailing, offshore and Lake sailing before and after we retired, Computers (programming) in which he is still active and Probus.

Judy's interests were and are Family, Camping, Caravaning, reading, Probus and making sure that Max looked after himself.

Since retirement Judy has been active in the voluntary work of listening to Children read in one of our Daughters (who is also a teacher) classes at Nakara School.

Our main interest now is our Caravan and we are planning an extended trip down South to attend our Son's Graduation from University in Maroochydore, then onto South Australia to attend the Wedding of a niece in Coonawarra and then onto a reunion of cousins in Victor Harbor S.A. around to York Peninsula and then back to Darwin.

We have enjoyed living in Darwin and would not want to live anywhere else.



**NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY**  
**7th SEPTEMBER, 2011**

**Guest Speaker**  
**GREG CAVANAGH**  
**NT CHIEF CORONER**

I'm sure this will be a very interesting talk so long as he doesn't bring along something he had prepared earlier.

**VOTE OF THANKS—PETER PUSTERLA**



**Birthdays:** John Scott 14th Sept  
Gayle Carroll 17th Sept  
Bev Barnes 19th Sept  
John Pomeroy 26th Sept  
**Anniversary:** Bernie & Phyllis Plew 2nd Sept  
Alan & Frances Robson 12th Sept

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS — 2011

### 1. DINING OUT:

The next venue will be:

### SARI RASA

**BYO Indonesian Restaurant**  
**WEDNESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 7pm**  
**Shop 6/24 Cavenagh Street (opp RSL)**  
All the different dishes will be delivered to the table so all guests will share, therefore this bill will be split



### 2. TOUR : TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARK,



**WEDNESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER, 2011.**  
**All drive to the park to arrive for morning tea at 9:30am.**

**Guided tour, lunch, more tours and getting to know the animals.....afternoon tea.**  
**Total cost \$50.00 per person**

**3. MOVIES:** We will re-evaluate the movie special interest group. Seems to be little interest in this activity so come up with another good idea, What about a walking Group?

### 4. GOLF Coordinator Johnno Scott advises that:



**PUTT PUTT GOLF**  
**Gardens Park Golf Links**  
**Wednesday 24th August**  
**\$5.00 pp. Hit off—9am sharp.**

Notify John if you want to join the group for a fun morning followed by coffee and a giggle

### 5. DARWIN TRIPE CLUB—October Meeting



**MOORISH CAFÉ**  
**37 Kunckey 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, plus scintillating company then you must phone Peter Pusterla or Eean Thorne.

### 6. INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Inaugural meeting was held on Monday 27th June at 10:00am. 8 members attended with 3 apologies. Further information has been sort from Graham Lee, Probus Club of Burnside Inc. SA. Next meeting to be advised.

### 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.

### Send this to your accountant.....

Q. What is the difference between tax avoidance and tax evasion?

A. Jail.

Q. What's the definition of an accountant?

A. Someone who solves a problem you didn't know you had in a way you don't understand.

Q. What's the definition of a good tax accountant?

A. Someone who has a loophole named after him.

Q. When does a person decide to become an accountant?

A. When he realizes he doesn't have the charisma to succeed as an undertaker.

Q. What's an extroverted accountant?

A. One who looks at your shoes while he's talking to you instead of his own.

Q. What's an auditor?

A. Someone who arrives after the battle and bayonets all the wounded.

Q. What's an accountant's idea of trashing his hotel room?

A. Refusing to fill out the guest comment card.

Q. How do you drive an accountant completely insane?

A. Tie him to a chair, stand in front of him and fold up a road map the wrong way.

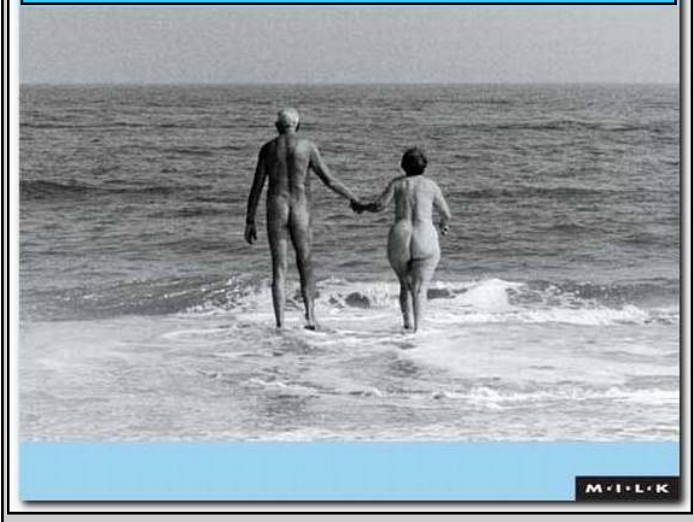
Q. What do accountants suffer from that ordinary people don't?

A. Depreciation.

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Often the difference between a successful marriage and a mediocre one consists of leaving about three or four things a day unsaid. ~ Anonymous

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.  
~ Oscar Wilde

*Nothing is more beautiful than the love  
That has weathered the storms of life*



## The tax system explained in beer.

Suppose that every day, ten men go out for beer and the bill for all ten comes to \$100...

If they paid their bill the way we pay our taxes, it would go something like this...

The first four men (the poorest) would pay nothing.  
The fifth would pay \$1.  
The sixth would pay \$3.  
The seventh would pay \$7..  
The eighth would pay \$12..  
The ninth would pay \$18.  
The tenth man (the richest) would pay \$59.

So, that's what they decided to do..

The ten men drank in the bar every day and seemed quite happy with the arrangement, until one day, the owner threw them a curve ball. "Since you are all such good customers," he said, "I'm going to reduce the cost of your daily beer by \$20". Drinks for the ten men would now cost just \$80.

The group still wanted to pay their bill the way we pay our taxes. So the first four men were unaffected. They would still drink for free. But what about the other six men ? How could they divide the \$20 windfall so that everyone would get his fair share?

They realized that \$20 divided by six is \$3.33. But if they subtracted that from everybody's share, then the fifth man and the sixth man would each end up being paid to drink his beer.

So, the bar owner suggested that it would be fair to reduce each man's bill by a higher percentage the poorer he was, to follow the principle of the tax system they had been using, and he proceeded to work out the amounts he suggested that each should now pay.

And so the fifth man, like the first four, now paid nothing (100% saving).

The sixth now paid \$2 instead of \$3 (33% saving).  
The seventh now paid \$5 instead of \$7 (28% saving).  
The eighth now paid \$9 instead of \$12 (25% saving).  
The ninth now paid \$14 instead of \$18 (22% saving).  
The tenth now paid \$49 instead of \$59 (16% saving).

Each of the six was better off than before. And the first four continued to drink for free. But, once outside the bar, the men began to compare their savings.

"I only got a dollar out of the \$20 saving," declared the sixth man. He pointed to the tenth man, "but he got \$10!"

"Yeah, that's right," exclaimed the fifth man. "I only saved a dollar too. It's unfair that he got ten times more benefit than me!"

"That's true!" shouted the seventh man. "Why should he get \$10 back, when I got only \$2? The wealthy get all the breaks!" "Wait a minute," yelled the first four men in unison, "we didn't get anything at all. This new tax system exploits the poor!"

The nine men surrounded the tenth and beat him up.

The next night the tenth man didn't show up for drinks, so the nine sat down and had their beers without him. But when it came time to pay the bill, they discovered something important. They didn't have enough money between all of them for even half of the bill!

And that, boys and girls, journalists and government ministers, is how our tax system works. The people who already pay the highest taxes will naturally get the most benefit from a tax reduction. Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy, and they just may not show up anymore. In fact, they might start drinking overseas, where the atmosphere is somewhat friendlier.

David R. Kamerschen, Ph.D.  
Professor of Economics.

For those who understand, no explanation is needed.  
For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible

All this needs is an electric motor and Bob's your uncle. I reckon this would be a real hit at the Adelaide River Race Meeting and the ARSS Club.



**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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