Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



Newsletter of the Combined Probus Club of Coonara-Cherrybrook

Club Number 592480 Founded 24th April 2007 District 9685 ABN Number: 37897363271 Meeting held 3rd Tuesday of each month **10.00am for 10.30 am** Postal address: The Combined Probus Club of Coonara-Cherrybrook Inc. Suite 110/159 Ridgecrop Drive, Castle Hill 2154 Banking Details for direct transfers: BSB: ACC.NO: Club web site: www.coonaraprobus.org.au

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Though the Easter Bunny's had his fun, he's well & truly on the run, Coles & Woolies <u>still</u> sell the ever-faithful Hot Cross Bun! An Autumn nip is in the air, and Anzac Day will soon be here, Clocks fall back and nights get shorter, how I love this time of year!

President's Letter Hello Everyone,

Well, another year has passed and it is my turn to be up the front for the 2024/2025 Probus year. First I would like to thank Phil Myers who retires as Treasurer, Phil guided us through difficult and changing times in Probus and welcome Paul Cashman who is now our new Treasurer. We also welcome Andre Maas who has been appointed Vice President Elect, whilst Steve Kyneur joins the committee as Past President.

I would like to congratulate Sue Badcock on attaining Life Membership of our club, a well-deserved recognition. I look forward to a productive and enjoyable year ahead working with our wonderful volunteers who keep Coonara Cherrybrook Probus moving forward. I invite our members to step up and start an interest group or offer assistance to existing ones.

Regards Sue Waesch President



It's that nice feeling you get when you receive a tax refund until you realize it was your own money in the first place.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Bank details as at 1/4/202	.4
Total Cash at Bank	Amount
Westpac Working Account	\$
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Members prepayments	\$
Net Cash Position	\$
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Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting.

ALL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE PAYABLE BY THE END OF APRIL

\$50 PP - **Cash** payments will be collected at the **April meeting**, please complete payment forms on page7 of the Chatter and present with payment. Thereafter by bank transfer only. Receipts will only be issued for cash payments; cheque & EFT payments are recorded in the members' bank statements.

Thanks for your cooperation.Phil MyersPast TreasurerPaul CashmanTreasurer

LUNCHES & DINNERS

Date: Wed 24th April Venue: Oakhill Oriental, 83 David Rd, Castle Hill Time: 7.00 pm Cost: \$35.00 per head (inc. corkage) Menu: Chinese Banquet. We have a full house for this dinner, if you wish to be on a wait list please contact me. Carolyn Powell Email



💹 ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

Date: Sunday 28th April Venue: George's Pizzeria 1, Circuit Boulevarde Bella Vista Time : 12.00 pm Cost: Pay on the day Ann Colless



July Lunch Fabulous French Food

Date: Wednesday 24th July Venue: The Little Snail, 3/50 Murray St. Pyrmont Time: 12.00 noon Cost: Three course lunch menu \$45 Choice of 6 entrees, 8 mains and 5 desserts Check out the menu at:

https://thelittlesnail.com.au/menus/lunch-menu

Bookings: Taken at the May meeting, limited numbers. Sandie Frank If you have changed your email address, please remember to update Sue Badcock (membership) and Elaine Finch (newsletter) so that you keep your contact details up to date and that you will still keep receiving your Chatter !



🔤 KIAMA TRIP APRIL 2024

There are no spaces available for this trip, all final payments have been made. Closer to the date members will be notified by email of the pick-up time from Castle Hill on the morning of Sunday April 7 and the estimated return time on Wednesday April 10. Any questions please call Carolyn Powell Mob:

or email:



DAY TRIP

THE RIVERBOAT POSTMAN

Date: May 31st 2024

Where: Brooklyn Wharf Hawkesbury River **Time**: Boat leaves Wharf 10 am returns approx. 1 pm

Total Cost: \$55.00 senior concession

Bookings & payments: April meeting. If you are paying **cash**, please bring the correct money. If paying online please email me as well as our treasurer.

Our Probus Club did this day trip many years ago and it was a most enjoyable day. The first Riverboat Postman started the "run" in 1910 and the tradition continues today with Hawkesbury Cruises, the current custodian of this great mail run. The Riverboat Postman is a working boat delivering not only the mail but other essential items to outlying communities, many of whom have no road access at all – they can only be reached by boat.

The skippers are locals who have lived in the area their whole lives. Be entertained by their stories while cruising in comfort up this spectacular waterway. Morning tea is served with their famous home-made ANZAC biscuits made daily, followed by a Ploughman's' Lunch. There is a licenced bar on the boat where you can buy one or two glasses of wine, beer or soft drink.

The easiest way to get there is by train from Hornsby station using your \$2.50 Opal Card. The 9.23 train from Hornsby reaches the **HAWKESBURY RIVER STATION** at 9.48am. If you wish to be there earlier and enjoy a cup of coffee – there is a café there, the 8.23am train from Hornsby reaches the station at 8.48am. For those who wish to drive, there is parking available.

There are only 6 spaces left on this trip, if you wish to be on a wait list please contact me. Enquiries and bookings: Carolyn Powell Mob . Email:

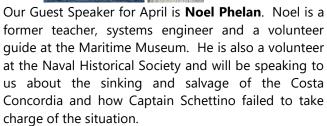


HAWKESBURY RACE CLUB RACE DAY SEPTEMBER 26th 2024

This event was an annual one for our club for many years organised by Sandy Moxham who then moved to the Central Coast. The Hawkesbury Race Club offer a package to community groups for a fun day at the races. The Package has changed slightly, the cold buffet in a separate area has been replaced by a twocourse hot meal in their Brasserie Dining Room. The cost for the day includes Admission to the Course, a Race book, reserved seating in the Brassiere dining room with a main meal and dessert of your choice including a tea and coffee station. After lunch we move to our own room with a panoramic view of the course which has access to reserved grandstand seating. Cost of the package is \$68 per person, please note this is NOT a coach tour, we meet at the racecourse. We need a minimum of 30 guests with a maximum of 50. There will be an Expression of Interest at the April meeting with a deposit of \$25.00 due at the May meeting, full payment closer to the date. NB. Deposit is refundable up to a week before the function. Elaine Finch



GUEST SPEAKER



Geoff Murray

Speaker Convenor Email:



CARD GROUP

When: 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month (except Public Holidays when there will be NO cards.)

Venue: West Pennant Hills Sporting Club

Date: 8th and 22nd April

Time: 10 am - 12pm

Why not come along to cards and enjoy the company and either play a game that you may already know or learn how to play. Then maybe stay for a chat and a light lunch at Sawyers Brasserie.

Contacts: Colleen Sherwood Jenny Davis



INVESTMENT GROUP

First Tuesday of the month **Next Meeting:** Tue 2nd April **Time:** 10.15am.

Venue: Lucy's Bar at Castle Hill RSL Club

If you are an old or a new member and are interested in discussing matters financial in a light hearted way then come along and join us for coffee, company and a chat. All welcome. John Badcock



TENNIS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday evening at Belltree Crescent Castle Hill between 5 pm and 7 pm. The early Autumn evenings are pleasant, so come out and enjoy a cooler evening and join us to have a little light exercise and keep your joints moving!

Ron Powell

Coordinator



I'm writing a love poem called "Put the Dishes in the Dishwasher, But Not Like That."



Third Monday of the month Next Meeting: Mon 20th April Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema Time: 9.45 am (Foyer) What's on : Too early to tell as yet. I will check closer to the day and work out the times. If you would like to be included on the list of movie groupers, please contact: Elaine Finch email:



WELFARE

Hi All,

Nothing reported to me this month, so I presume you are all coping with life's ups and downs. FLU raising its' ugly head again, remember good personal hygiene and no more sneaking a kiss behind the garden shed with "FORBIDDEN FRUIT" that lives down the road.

Always happy for you to let me know if you need a listening ear. Keep smiling. Nell McSeveny Welfare Officer



"Where do you want me to wait?"



SOLO TRAVELLERS COFFEE

Coffee Morning Held 4th Tuesday of the month Date: Tue 23rd April Time: 10.15 am Venue: Lounge Area Castle Hill RSL Club Ann Colless Sue Dawes



Book Lending

A selection of books to be borrowed from our extensive collection, along with the catalogue will be available at each of our monthly meetings, books can be reserved from this list and made available at the next meeting. This is just the delightful weather to have your morning coffee curled up in the sun with a good read!

Jan Motte & the Librarians- Jenny, Denise & Liz



BOOK CLUB

I invite you all to join our Book Club (Kellyville and Hills Book Club), which meets on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Where: Lucy's Bar, Castle Hill RSL

When: Thu 25th April

Time: 10:30 am

Please contact me if you would like additional information re: book selections etc.

Regards to you all Mobile:

Alan Vesperman



GOLF GROUP



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March Player of the Month. Our champion player in March was the very consistent Mal Anderson (pictured). Mal is fast becoming a regular winner of this event. He scored 124 points over 4 games and was a clear winner defeating runner-up Dave Waterson with 119 points, Geoff Murray (116 points) and Geoff Clark (116 points).

Invitation: If you would like to play social golf you are most welcome to join our very friendly group. We encourage players of all standards and ability to join in. Games are usually followed by light refreshments and the occasional BBQ.

When: Every Monday morning. We usually hit off at 7am for those wishing to play either 9 or 18 holes.
Venue: Various local courses including Rosnay, Fox Hills, Carnarvon, Woodville, Windsor and others.
Cost: \$20 - \$25 per game approx.

Upcoming Games: April 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th Geoff Murray





LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Dates: 12th and 26th April **Time**: 9:15am latest **Venue:** Castle Hill Bowling Club

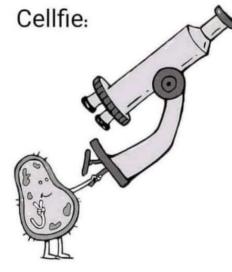
The social bowls group meets on the second & fourth Fridays of each month at the Castle Hill Bowling Club. Please be at the club by 9:15am latest. We look forward to welcoming new members to the bowls group, experienced or otherwise, or the return of players that have not played for a while. Since our popular barefoot bowls day recently we hope to gain a few new prospective bowlers to join our social bowls group, so come along and have a go. We can supply new bowlers with bowls on the day.

Contact for Bowls attendance: Russell Bush, mobile email:



First Wednesday of the month Next meetings: 3rd April Venue: West Pennant Hills Sporting Club Time: 10 am – 12.00 noon We're all getting craftier by the minute, so come and share your skills and ideas with some old and new friends. Join us for a morning of busy hands, friends, chatter and a nice cuppa tea. Judith Gauci 9899 5561

FOR ALL THE SCIENTISTS AMONGST US!



NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE Tuesday 30th April Please send to Elaine Finch

THEATRE GROUP

Collect tickets for:

Town Hall Concert- Marina Prior Mon 6th May 11 am Jekyll & Hyde C. Hill Pioneer Theatre Fri 3rd May 8pm **Expressions of Interest for:**

"Chicago " Capitol Theatre 1pm 26th June tickets \$70, 3 tickets left, please pay at April meeting.

"The Odd Couple " Theatre Royal 2pm Wed 10th July \$70 please pay at April meeting.

"Sister Act" Capitol Theatre wed 14th Aug 2024 1.00pm \$70 pay by June meeting, tickets \$36.50 .

Town Hall Concert Classical Gala starring Daniel Belle Mon 16th Sept 11am tickets \$50 pay at July meeting. Town Hall Concert Piano Passion Mon 28th Oct 11 am tickets \$50 pay at August meeting.

If interested, but unable to attend meetings please call numbers below.

Howard & Sue Patterson Pat Bisby





Third Friday in the month.

Date: 19th April Time: 10:00am.

Place: Kyeemagh to San Souci

Our April ride is the very pleasant ride along the edge of Botany Bay from Kyeemagh to Sans Souci and return. The ride is very easy being flat all the way along the foreshore on bicycle paths, but which are shared with pedestrians. The total distance is 21.5 km, including a 3 km loop at the end, past the C-Side function centre. Anyone not wishing to do this last little part, could wait for the group at our starting point and picnic area.

The start and finish point for this ride is Cook's Park located at 110 General Holmes Drive, Kyeemagh, 500 metres past the Cooks River. Note that the entry to this car park is left turn only off General Holmes Drive, heading south (towards Wollongong) and not easy to spot. Look for the white pointed pyramid roof of the function centre on the left and the big green sign that indicates Bestic Street ahead, but **turn left immediately** here. I will send out more detailed information to the group closer to the ride date.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ or Rhonda Bush, ph. email



JAZZ AT THE PINES

or

When: Sunday 21st April 2024 Time: 12.30 till 4.00pm Where: Roughley House, Old Northern Rd. Dural How Much: \$20.00 concession Who's On: Zenith Jazz Sextet Contact to book: Lynn Paterson



Tea Roster

Please arrive by 9.30 am to help Colleen and Janet set out cups and check urns etc. If you are unable to attend the Probus meeting when you are on the roster, please contact Andre Maas on to arrange a replacement.

April Molly Wingate May Benita Woods

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WALKING FOR PLEASURE

APRIL WALK GORE CREEK RESERVE

A very interesting walk, through bushland in the vicinity of Gore Creek. The area was once a source of timber for milling as the city grew and provided employment during the Great Depression. We walk through shaded bushland and connecting streets of Greenwich, completing our loop at Bob Campbell Oval.

Date: Tuesday 9th April 2024.

TIme:10.00am.

Meet: Bob Campbell Oval carpark – the access road to the carpark is off Gore Street, Greenwich (directly opposite St Vincents Road).

Grade: Greenwich is hilly. The overall grade is gradual with some steeper sections.

Length/Duration: about 6km taking about 3.5hours. **Toilets:** about half way and at Bob Campbell Oval.

What to bring: Hat, sunscreen, water, good walking shoes and pole, camera. Coffee/tea stop along the way.

Following the walk: You may wish to bring a picnic lunch and chair to relax in, as onsite picnic tables are limited.

MAY WALK

NARRABEEN LAGOON

A walk that is absolutely enjoyable and worth every effort to join us. We circumnavigate the lagoon along the adjoining pathway. The views and vistas over the lagoon are memorable as we wind our way along the water's edge, through riparian vegetation. Come and join in the activity. See you at the starting point.

Date: Tuesday 14th May 2024.

Time: 10.00am.

Meet: Deep Creek Reserve Carpark. The entrance to the carpark and reserve is off the Wakehurst Parkway and immediately adjacent to the bridge over Deep Creek (UBD map 157 ref N3). A further suggestion is to travel along Mona Vale Road, and down Powder Works Road to the end, a couple of right turns leads to the Wakehurst Parkway.

Grade: Easy - almost flat - a good reason to join us.

Length/Duration: About 8.5km taking about 3.5 hours.

Toilets: Deep Creek Reserve and a couple of locations around the lagoon.

What To Bring: Hat, sunscreen, water, good walking shoes. There will be a coffee/tea stop along the way.

Following The Walk: Bring a picnic lunch/cool drink/thermos and a chair as onsite picnic tables are limited.

Contacts : Julie Dunesky Steve Dunesky

Let's Get Down to Business Column

<u> Justices of the Peace</u>

Leon Creed	
John Hughes	
Geoff Murray	
Susanne Waesch	



CLUB WEBSITE

Catch up with all the latest news on the club website. Leon continues to do a great job keeping it topical and Colin keeps him supplied with all the latest photo shots. May I encourage you all to access the site to keep up-to-date with the planned events and activities. The site is no longer password protected, so you can go directly to the site.

Site address: <u>www.coonaraprobus.org.au</u>

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND

As a matter of courtesy, if anyone **cannot** attend a **function that they have booked** would they please let the organiser know as early as possible so that the venues, ferry operators etc. can be advised. Please consider others and notify the **organiser** of changed intentions <u>even if on the day</u>. Apologies for inability to attend monthly meetings should be sent to Membership officer Sue Badcock. Please remember to **SIGN IN at the membership table AT EVERY MEETING**. This is the only way you can acknowledge your <u>required</u> attendance.

SUGGESTION BOX

The suggestion box is always on the front of the stage at every meeting and is looked at and discussed at the committee meetings. If you have anything you would like to bring up, please place it in the box, signed or anonymous and the committee will acknowledge it ASAP. Alternatively, you can email a committee member with any ideas or suggestions and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person. The email addresses of all committee members are on the front page of the Chatter.

CLUB OUTINGS

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUTINGS etc. Payment by cheque, cash or direct transfer (BSB No: Acc. No : for each outing must be in a separate deposit with your names and outing written in the deposit reference.

REFUND POLICY – The restaurants, cafes and venues require prior notice of final numbers. If a member is unable to attend a function after paying, the policy of the club is that once monies have been paid, refunds are only possible if the venue does not charge for the absentee. Once paid for, theatre tickets become the responsibility of the club member.

To join our Probus Coonara-Cherrybrook Facebook page, click on link and request to join the group. This is a closed page to ensure privacy.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ProbusCherrybrook Coonara/?ref=groupheader

Direct Link to Probus Members Benefit Site: -

http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members of fers member benefits scheme

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MEMBERSHIP FEES FORMS CASH PAYMENTS ONLY

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THE SUM OF \$50/\$100 CASH/CHEQUE BEING ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2024/2025 OF THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB COONARA CHERRYBROOK INC.

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March Movements



On Course for trouble!



I think I'll wait for the second runway in 2065!!!!



What time does Dirty Dancing start Janet?



A woman's work is never done!



Especially when you've got this many kids to feed!



If you don't eat it all up, I'll tell Nell!



Can I have your last piece of chicken?



COONARA-CHERRYBROOK CALENDAR 2023

<u> April 2024</u>

All Mon	Golf	Various Courses	ТВА	Geoff Murray	
All Wed	Tennis	Belltree Crescent C. Hill	5-7pm	Ron Powell	
Tue 2	Investment Group	Lucy's Bar CC Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Wed 3	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Sun 7	Kiama Trip	Castle Hill Bowling Club	ТВА	Carolyn Powell	
Mon 8	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 9	Walking Group	Gore Creek	10.00 am	Julie & Steve Dunesky	
Fri 12	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
Mon 15	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Tue 16	Members Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am	Sue Badcock	
Fri 19	Bicycle Group	Kyeemagh to San Souci	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 21	Jazz at the Pines	Roughley House	12.30 pm	Lyn Paterson	
Mon 22	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 23	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Wed 24	April Dinner	Oakhill Oriental	7.00pm	Carolyn Powell	
Thu 25	Book Club	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL	10.30 am	Alan Vesperman	
Fri 26	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
Sun 28	Sunday Lunch	George's Pizzeria Norwest	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	

May 2024

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Fri 10	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush
Mon 13	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis
Fri 17	Bicycle Group	ТВА	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush
Mon 20	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch
Tue 21	Members Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am.	Sue Badcock
Thu 23	Book Club	Lucy's Bar Chill RSL	10.30 am	Alan Vesperman
Fri 24	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush
Sun 26	Sunday Lunch	Hills Bowling Club	12.00 noon	Ann Colless
Mon 27	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis
Tue 28	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless