

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**

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July 2025



My toes is froze and so's my nose, my fingers have dropped off! I wheeze and sneeze, struggle to breathe and then I cough & cough! In search of vitamin C, my lemon tree, has all its fruit stripped bare. Give me Kleenex, rest and Panadol & mothers tender care!

President's Letter

Hello Fellow Members,

As discussed at the June meeting, the club is doing very well in terms of memberships, attendances at meetings and group activities and outings. Our members are very energetic and enjoy being part of the club. Our committee is very active in terms of serving the club and our members. Most of our Group activities have a backup person who does lead the groups when the "Group leader" is away on leave or out of action due to illness. Likewise at various times we have committee members on leave or off with illness for a period of time. As such we are looking for "Assistants" to backfill rolls when people are ill or on leave. It would require a very small amount of time to learn to backfill for most roles. The assistants would attend the 8 weekly Committee meetings to understand roles and processes etc. If you think you can help support the club or would like to know more, please send me an email or give me a call.

Andre Maas

President

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

15th July 2025

19th August 2025





TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Bank details as at 30.6.2025

Total Cash at Bank	Amount
Westpac Working Account	\$
Less	
Members prepayments	\$
Net Cash Position	\$

Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting.

Paul Cashman Treasurer

LUNCHES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

July Lunch:

Venue: The Hills Club, 6-18 Jenner St, Baulkham Hills

Date: Sunday 27th July

Time: 12pm

Cost: Pay on the day

Ann Colless

AUGUST LUNCH



THE LITTLE SNAIL

Venue: 50 Murray Street Pyrmont Darling Harbour

Date: Friday August 29th

Time: 12.30pm.

Cost: \$48.00 per head

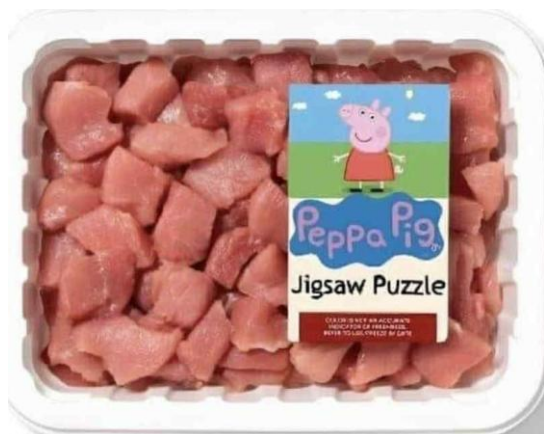
This is the 5th Friday of the month.

Menu: 3 courses - check their website for 6 entrees, 8 mains and 5 desserts for \$48 per head. Drinks purchased from the bar.

Travel: The restaurant is accessed by bus to the QVB then a walk to Pyrmont or by train or metro to the city then light rail to Darling Harbour. I will have all public transport options at the July and August meetings which I can email to you.

Expression of interest at the July meeting, payment taken at the July and August meetings. If paying by cash please bring the **correct money**.

Carolyn Powell



GUEST SPEAKER



Garry Smith is a retired school principal with forty years' experience in the NSW Department of Education. Since retiring, Garry developed a keen

interest in both Family and Australian History and presents to Family and Australian History groups and to community clubs. His presentations are often inspired by characters from his own family history. Garry will be speaking about **The Thompsons of Thompsons Corner**, a story about convicts who settled in the (West) Pennant Hills District.

Geoff Murray

Speaker Convenor

Phone:

Email:



Wine Appreciation Group

Usually 1st Monday of the month

Date: 7th July, 4th August

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Venue: Living Choice Leisure Centre

Living Choice, 15 Old Glenhaven Rd, Glenhaven

Hosts: Sue Waesch and Steve Kyneur

Cost: \$10 per head per meeting (pay on the day) which will cover the cost of a wide range of pre-selected wines to be sampled. Please bring your own drinking wine if you wish to have a wine and a chat after the tastings and also bring your own nibbles.

Rob Templeton ph.

email:



Yulefest trip update

Please meet at the bus zone near the Bowling club at **8.15 am** for an **8.45 am** departure, also we shall be having a 'Secret Santa', so please bring a gender neutral present suitable, wrapped between \$5-\$10 per person.



TENNIS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday evening at Belltree Crescent Castle Hill between 5 pm and 7 pm. The lights will be on now we are back into AEST, and the cooler evenings are perfect to enjoy a bit of light exercise. Come out and enjoy it and keep your joints moving!

Ron Powell Coordinator



INVESTMENT GROUP

First Tuesday of the month

Next Meeting: 1st July, 5th August

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



MAH JONG GROUP

When: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

Venue: West Pennant Hills Sports Club

Date: 3rd July, 7th and 21st August

Time: 10 am - 12 noon

Because a significant number of people in the Mah Jong group will be going on the Bathurst Yulefest trip there will not be Mah Jong on July 17th. The Mah Jong group will still meet as usual on the other dates. Beginners and experienced players welcome, for more information please contact:

Marie Eyles



SOLO TRAVELLERS COFFEE

Coffee Morning

Held 4th Tuesday of the month

Date: 22nd July

Time: 10.15 am

Venue: Lily's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless

Sue Dawes

My Electricity bill came today and I believe I got charged for the sunlight, moonlight, streetlight, the light of the holy spirit and the light of the end of the tunnel.



WELFARE

It was sad news to hear the passing of a foundation member Geoff Roney. He was much loved and we will all miss his cheeky grin and censored jokes. His funeral was well attended by our members, and our thoughts are with his wife Jan.

All the viruses are very active now, so I advise you to keep up to date with all your vaccinations. There is one for RSV but at the present time it will cost \$300.

Keep warm and keep well.

Jan Duffy

Welfare Officer



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: 14th & 28th July, 11th & 25th August

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. Hand and Foot Bolivia is addictive! Maybe stay for a chat and a light lunch at Sawyers Brasserie.

Contacts: Colleen Sherwood

Jenny Davis



CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

Next meetings: 2nd July, 6th August

Venue: West Pennant Hills Sporting Club

Time: 10 am - 12.00 noon

Bring your own craft project and come along for a chat, cuppa and compare notes. All very welcome!

Judith Gauci



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.

The Librarians- Jan, Jenny & Liz



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 21st July

Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

Time: 9.45 am

Well who knows what will have transpired in another 2 ½ weeks? Maybe the renovations will have finished and more cinemas will be open, we can only wait and see but I will keep an eye out for any new releases closer to the date and get in touch with all the movie goers! If you would like to be added to this group, please drop me an email or ring me!

Contact: Elaine Finch

email:



JAZZ AT THE PINES

When: Not till the Spring! 21st September

Time: 12.30 till 3.30 pm

Where: Roughley House, Old Northern Rd. Dural

How Much: \$25.00 concession

Who's On: Carolyn Packer's Stompin' Rhythm Aces

If you would like to join us then, please contact me at the beginning of September.

Lynn Paterson



THEATRE GROUP

Please collect tickets for:

"MJ THE MUSICAL" Lyric Theatre 30th July

"HERE YOU COME AGAIN" Theatre Royal 2pm Wed. 16th September \$70 pay at July meeting.

Expressions of Interest for:

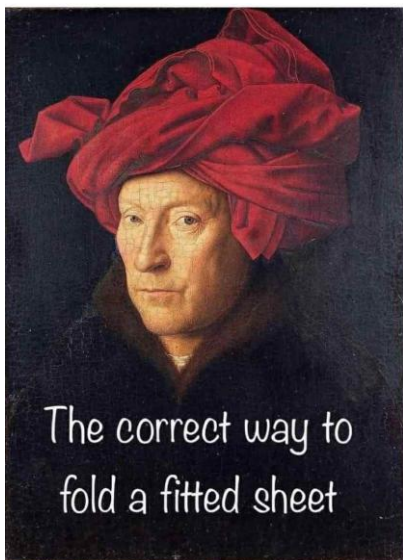
"SHIRLEY VALENTINE " 2pm Wed 22nd Oct Tickets \$90 pay at August meeting.

"THE LOVERS" 1pm Wed 19th November Theatre Royal Tickets \$100 pay at September meeting.

If interested, but unable to attend meetings please call:

Howard & Sue Patterson or

Pat Bisby or



BICYCLE GROUP

Third Friday in the month.

Date: 15th August

Time: 10:00am.

Place: TBA

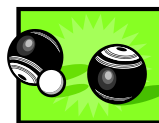
Please note that the upcoming Probus Bathurst Yuletide outing clashes with our normal bike group date, the third Friday in the month, for the month of July. Several of our bike riding group will be on that outing and also Russ & Rhonda will be away overseas. **Consequently, we have decided to cancel the bicycle group event for July.** However, if any of our bike group wish to organise their own (non-Probus) ride then please do so separately.

We will resume our monthly bike ride in August, at a venue yet to be decided, but will be shown in the August edition of the Chatter.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ & Rhonda Ph:

Email:



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Dates: 11th July, 25th July

Time: 9:15am latest

Venue: Castle Hill Bowling Club

Our lawn bowls activity group meets on the second & fourth Fridays of each month at the Castle Hill Bowling Club and we join up with some members from adjacent Probus clubs.

Please be there 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. For those who would like to try bowls we can help you learn the fundamentals and can provide bowls for you to use. Come along and give it a go.

Contact for Bowls attendance:

Russell Bush,

email:

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Thursday 31st July

Please send to Elaine Finch



GOLF GROUP



June Player of the Month: Our star player for June 2025 is Ivan Milicevic (pictured). Ivan scored a massive 132 points over 4 games defeating Sheena Brown with 121 points. Well done to both players.

Invitation: If you would like to have fun and play social golf you are most welcome to join this very friendly group. The 2025 season is in full swing and any golfer considering joining our group would be welcomed. We encourage players of all standards and ability to come and have a go. Games are usually followed by light refreshments and the occasional BBQ. For more information, please contact myself or any of the golfers.

When: Every Monday morning. We usually hit off at 7.30am for those wishing to play either 9 or 18 holes.

Venue: Various local courses including Rosnay, Fox Hills, Carnarvon, Woodville, Nth Turramurra, Windsor and others.

Cost: \$20 - \$30 per game approx.

Upcoming Games: July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

Geoff Murray



BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month.

Where: Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club

When: 24th July

Time: 10:30 am

The book for May, was The Long Game by Simon Rowell, the group enjoyed the book and found it to be an easy read.

The book for June is The Things that matter most by Gabbie Stroud.

Contacts:

Coonara Cherrybrook: Lesley Maker

Email:

Kellyville Club: Chris Mylonas

Email:



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.

July Erika Cameron **August** Lyn Clark



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

JULY WALK

A walk with a difference awaits you in July. It includes a light rail trip and a walk along the Parramatta River. Therefore, bring your Opal Card and sense of adventure as we set off on this walk.

Date : Tuesday 8th July

Time : 10.00am

Meet: Carlingford Light Rail Station (Lloyds Ave, Carlingford).

Parking: Parking is available along Coleman Ave and surrounding streets, a short walk to the station.

Grade: Easy.

Duration/Length: About 3.5 hours.

Toilets : Parramatta Park, coffee stop and along the route.

What to bring: Opal Card, enroute nibbles, hat, Probus 3F's.

Following Walk : arrive back at station to finish walk (no lunch planned).

Contacts: Julie Dunesky

Steve Dunesky

AUGUST WALK

A walk along the shores of Pittwater from Bayview to Church Point and return. Lapping water, boats and memorable water views satisfies the senses as we navigate this walk. Time to fish, swim or consider upgrading the yacht or waterfront home following the walk!! There will be a coffee/tea stop along the way. Come along and join in the fun.

Date: Tuesday 12th August 2025.

Time: 10.00am

Meet: In the park at the corner of Mona Street and Eric Green Drive, Mona Vale. Street parking to avoid carpark charges.

Grade: Easy.

Length/Duration: About 7km taking about 3 hours.

Toilets: Café at the park, nearby boat ramp, coffee break.

What to bring: Hat, water, enroute nibbles, camera etc.

Following: For those who can stay bring lunch and a chair to picnic near the water's edge. The Flying Fox Café is nearby in the park.

Contacts: Julie Dunesky

Steve Dunesky

Let's Get Down to Business Column



Justices of the Peace

Paul Cashman	
Leon Creed	
John Hughes	
Geoff Murray	
Susanne Waesch	



CLUB WEBSITE

Catch up with all the latest news on the club website. 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: www.coonara probus.org.au

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND a function that you have **booked** would you 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 even if on the day. 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 required attendance.

SUGGESTION BOX

The suggestion box is always on the front of the stage at every meeting and is 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.

Probus Coonara-Cherrybrook Facebook Page

Probus Coonara-Cherrybrook has an active and private Facebook group with almost 100 members. This is a place for members to post and view posts from members across all activity groups. If you are not yet a member, but would like to join, please contact Fred King by email; phone; text; messenger or Facebook and he'll be pleased to send you an invitation.

Email:

Mobile:

Direct Link to Probus Members Benefit Site: -

http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme

JUNE JAUNTS



Western Trail Riders and their trusty steeds!



"Quick Nell, hide the money!"



Some of the Sunday Munchers!



Fullerton Hotel Fans paying attention!



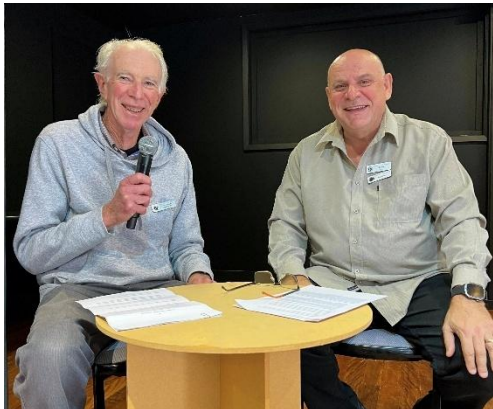
Quick foot break for a few!



Vicki our Guide and Us!



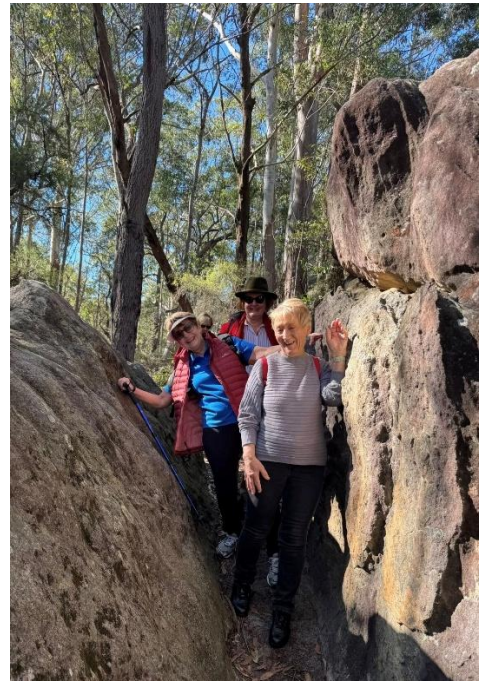
Brave Inductees – Welcome!



Our Michael Parkinson and some famous bloke??



Packed House, things are looking up!



Single file only please everybody!!



Wildlife Crossing!



Is this the toilet stop Steve?

All Mon	Golf	Various courses	TBA	Geoff Murray	
All Wed	Tennis	Belltree Crescent C. Hill	5-7.00 pm	Ron Powell	

July

Tue 1	Investment Group	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Wed 2	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Wed 2	Italian Dinner	La Carretta	7.00 pm	Carolyn Powell	
Thu 3	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Mon 7	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 8	Walking Group	Parramatta River	10.00 am	Julie & Steve Dunesky	
Fri 11	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
Mon 14	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 15	Members Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am.	Sue Badcock	
Wed 16-18	Yulefest 	Outside Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.15 am	Dave Motte	
Thu 17	Mah Jong	Cancelled due to Yulefest	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Fri 18	Bicycle Group	Cancelled due to Yulefest	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Tue 22	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Mon 21	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Thu 24	Book Club	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 25	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
Sun 27	Sunday Lunch	The Hills Club	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Mon 28	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	

August

Mon 4	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 5	Investment Group	Lucy's Bar CC Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
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Tue 26	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Thu 28	Book Club	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 29	The Little Snail	Pymont	12.30pm	Carolyn Powell	

