

# Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



**Newsletter of the Combined Probud Club of Coonara-Cherrybrook**

Club Number 592480 Founded 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007 District 9685

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Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month **10.00am for 10.30 am**

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## May 2025



Seasons have been weird this year , autumn leaves late to appear. Winter might not be too bad; we won't think we're in Stalingrad! Relax girls it's Mothers' Day , rest your feet, enjoy that gift bouquet. Just don't get too delusional, tomorrow you'll be back to usual!

### President's Letter

*Hello Fellow Members,*

The Month of May is here, and the Weather is now getting cooler. Although things are heating up with the Federal Election on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May , so don't forget to vote .

Let's not forget "Mother's Day" which falls on Sunday May 11. I'm sure we have many Mothers , Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers in our club , so I wish you all a "Happy Mother's Day" and I hope you get spoiled by your families

Twenty-nine members enjoyed a great trip to Bundanoon in April. Lots of walking, eating, and drinking and great conversations were had. The guesthouse was beautiful, and the meals served there were first class. It was the perfect accommodation for our Probud group. It was a wonderful 3 days away and a big "Thank You" to Glenda King and Julie and Steve Dunesky for organising the trip.

**Andre Maas**

**President**

**NEXT CLUB MEETINGS**  
**20<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**17<sup>th</sup> June 2025**





## TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Bank details as at 30.4.2025

Total Cash at Bank	Amount
Westpac Working Account	\$
<b>Less</b>	
Members prepayments	\$
<b>Net Cash Position</b>	<b>\$</b>

Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting.

Paul Cashman Treasurer

## LUNCHES & DINNERS



### ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

May Lunch:

**Venue:** Georges Pizzeria

1 Circuit Boulevard Bella Vista

**Date:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 12pm

**Cost:** Pay on the day

Ann Colless



## RADIO ACTIVE LIVE !

**Date:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 3.00- 5.00 pm

**Venue:** Hills Lodge Hotel, 1 Salisbury Rd Castle Hill

Don't forget – it's on Sunday!!

**Contact:** Lyn Paterson

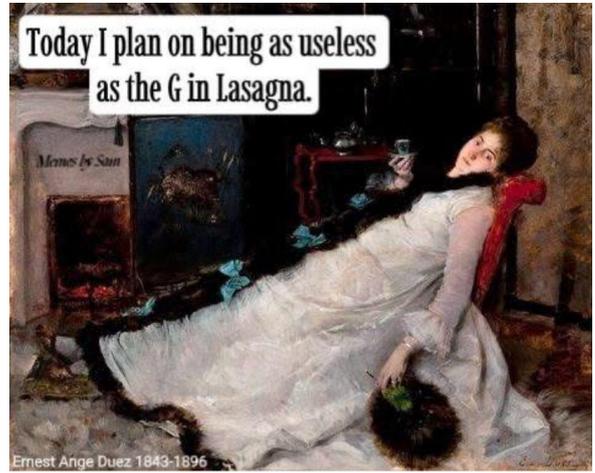


### DAY TRIP TO BARE ISLAND,

### LA PEROUSE AND THE SOUTHERN BEACHES

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May.** On Bare Island which is at the mouth of Botany Bay, is a fort built in 1885 to protect the so called "Back Door" of Sydney from attack by sea. We have a 90- minute guided tour of the island. We then head for lunch through La Perouse, Little Bay, Malabar and Maroubra on the way to the Coogee Legion Club where we have a 2-course lunch with tea and barista coffee. We then tour the coastline through many popular beaches then head home through the Eastern Suburbs. Coach pick-up will leave Castle Hill at 8.30am and arrive back approx. 5.00pm. There is 1 km of walking involved, approx. 25 steps with some slight inclines. \$95.00 per person. **NOW 4 SPACES AVAILABLE FOR THE BARE ISLAND LA PEROUSE, SOUTHERN BEACHES DAY TRIP** PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING ON THIS TRIP.

Carolyn Powell



## GUEST SPEAKER



Our May Speaker is Brigitte. Brigitte is the manager of The Sanctuary, The Hills Women's Shelter and located in Castle Hill. The Sanctuary provides safe, temporary, supported shelter for up to three months for women and their children who are escaping homelessness and/or domestic violence. It provides women and children with a safe haven regardless of their age, sexuality, cultural and linguistic diversity and strives to rebuild their lives with kindness, care and support. This should be a very interesting and informative presentation.

Geoff Murray

Speaker Convenor

Phone: Email:



## Wine Appreciation Group

Usually 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> May 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**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:

In dog wines I only had one





## 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

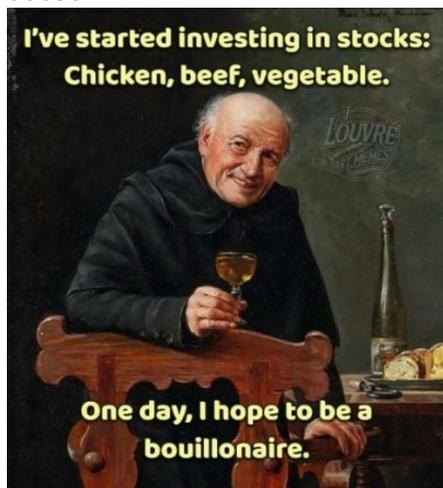
**Next Meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**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



## CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

**Next meetings:** 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June

**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



## MAH JONG GROUP

**When:** 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

**Venue:** West Pennant Hills Sports Club

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 10 am ~ 12 noon

Beginners and experienced players welcome, for more information please contact:

Marie Eyles



## WELFARE

Roger Martel is presently in Westmead Private hospital following his left knee replacement. All has gone well. He will be transferred to Lakeview for rehab sometime next week.

Geoff Roney is now home and slowly coming along putting on weight and doing his exercises. He tends to sleep a lot during the day. It will be some time before he is back saying his jokes.

I hope by now you have had your flu vacs and continue to be up to date with Covid vac it is still around. Keep well

Jan Duffy

Welfare Officer



## CARD GROUP

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

**Venue:** West Pennant Hills Sporting Club

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May,

**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



## SOLO TRAVELLERS COFFEE

Coffee Morning

Held 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

**Date:** Tue 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 10.15 am

**Venue:** Lounge Area Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless

Sue Dawes



## MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

**Next Meeting:** Mon 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Venue:** Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

**Time:** 9.45 am

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:** 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Time:** 12.30 till 3.30 pm

**Where:** Roughley House, Old Northern Rd. Dural

**How Much:** \$20.00 concession

**Who's On:** Bathtub Gin Orchestra

It's a great afternoon out! This is the last chance this season to come along before they go into Winter break till next spring. So, if you would like to join us please contact - Lynn Paterson **0414 798 881**



## THEATRE GROUP

**Please collect tickets for:**

"CATS" Theatre Royal pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Expressions of Interest for:**

"MJ THE MUSICAL" Lyric Theatre 1pm Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> July  
Tickets \$99 pay at May meeting.

"BACK TO THE FUTURE" Lyric Theatre 1pm Wed 8th  
Oct Tickets \$70 pay at July meeting.

"HERE YOU COME AGAIN" Theatre Royal 2pm Wed.  
17th Dec. Tickets \$70 pay at July meeting.

If interested, but unable to attend meetings please call:

Howard & Sue Patterson

Pat Bisby



## GOLF GROUP



**April Player of the Month:** Our champion player for April 2025 is Mal Anderson (pictured). Mal, a regular monthly winner, scored a massive 68 points in only two games. Well done Mal.

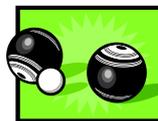
**Invitation:** If you would like to have fun and play social golf you are most welcome to join this very friendly group. The 2025 season is in full swing and any golfer considering joining our group would be welcomed. We encourage players of all standards and ability to come and have a go. Games are 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 7am 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 - \$25 per game approx.

**Upcoming Games:** May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
Geoff Murray



## LAWN BOWLS

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month**

**Dates:** 9<sup>th</sup> May, 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Time:** 9:15am latest

**Venue:** Castle Hill Bowling Club

Our lawn bowls activity group normally 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.

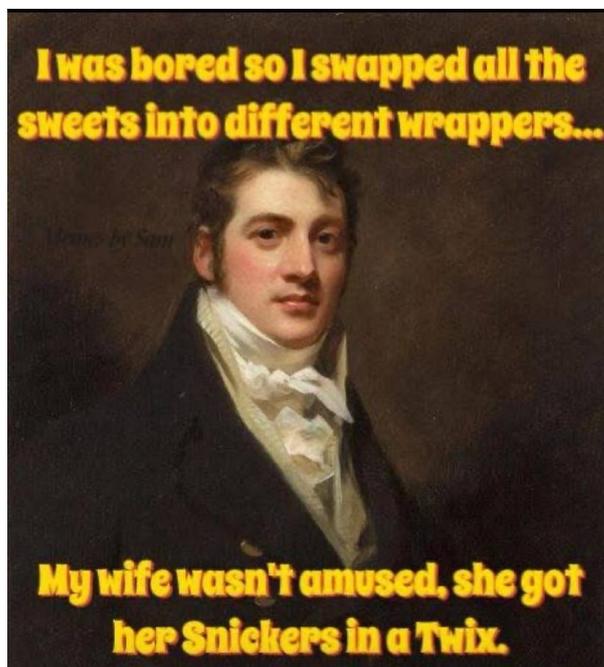
Please be there by 9:15am latest.

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:



## 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

**NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**Please send to Elaine Finch**



## **BICYCLE GROUP**

Third Friday in the month.

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 10:00am.

**Place:** Nurragingy Reserve

Our bike ride for May (Friday 16<sup>th</sup>) will be along the Western Sydney Parklands trail starting at Nurragingy Reserve. As usual we will meet at the Colby Centre in Nurragingy Reserve, the entrance to which comes off Knox Road opposite Cross Street, Doonside, at the traffic lights. Turn right at the lights and follow the road through the brick entrance way just slightly right after the small roundabout. We will stop for a coffee break/toilet stop at the Eastern Creek shopping centre before returning to Nurragingy Reserve where we can have a picnic lunch after the ride.

For our June ride (Friday 20<sup>th</sup>) we will do the Prospect Reservoir to West Guildford ride but with a variation on the outward leg that takes us via Yennora. We return via the old pipeline route as we have done previously.

**Contacts for the Bicycle Group:**

Russ ph; Rhonda ph: 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 0455 772 635 to arrange a replacement.

**May** Rhonda Bush **June** Sandra Bygrave



**"Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician." Anonymous**



## **WALKING FOR PLEASURE**

### **MAY WALK**

**Fred Caterson Reserve**

Come along for a walk through the bushland in the heart of Castle Hill. The walk commences from Fred Caterson Reserve Field No 1, we will meander through the bushland along the fire trails and walking paths. Keep an eye out for the local birdlife, with Cockatoos, lorikeets, Tawny Frogmouths and Powerful Owls sighted in the reserve. Echidnas have also been spotted in the mornings.

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**Time:** 10.00am.

**Meet:** Fred Caterson Reserve (Field No1) located at the end of Caterson Drive.

**Parking:** Parking is available at Field No 1.

**Grade:** Easy - medium. The walk is mainly along fire trails and walking paths, however there are some uneven surfaces around the creek area.

**Length/Duration:** 8km return taking about 3.5.hrs including stops.

**Toilets:** Fred Caterson Reserve and Knightsbridge shops.

**What to bring:** Please join us for Picnic lunch at Fred Caterson Field 1 after the walk, bring nibbles, water, hat, Sunscreen, good walking shoes etc.

**Café stop:** Stop at the Knightsbridge shops for coffee/tea.

**Contacts:** Andre Maas

Paul Sweatman-

### **JUNE WALK**

Come and join us on a walk along the Georges Creek and Pyes Creek bushland corridors. The walk takes us over a recently constructed suspension bridge and offers views over the creeks and bushland below. Connecting roads take us to a coffee stop, then we return to the starting point. An interesting walk in our backyard. Put it on your calendar.

**Date :** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**Time :** 10.00 am.

**Meet:** James Henty Reserve, James Henty Drive, Dural.

**Grade:** Easy, mainly bushland trails and footpaths, with steps in short sections.

**Duration/Length:** About 3 hours return. Approx 6km.

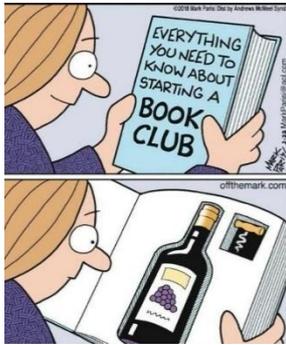
**Toilets :** James Henty Reserve and coffee break.

**What to bring :** Good walking shoes, walking pole, hat, water, enroute nibbles.

**Following Walk :** Bring a picnic lunch, chairs, thermos etc for those who can stay.

**Contacts:** Julie Dunesky ph.

Steve Dunesky -



## BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month.

Where: Castle Hill Bowling Club

When: Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Time: 10:30 am

At the April meeting we discussed "We Solve Murders" by Richard Osman, most people enjoyed this easy-to-read humorous book, that covered money laundering, influencers and older people really being very clever 😊!

Our Book for June is The Long Game by Simon Rowell.

Contacts: Lesley Maker

Chris Mylonas

Email:

## April Activities



Dave showing his feminine side!



Dave being butch!

## 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. 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: [www.coonara probus.org.au](http://www.coonara probus.org.au)

### 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 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 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/ProbusCherrybrookCoonara/?ref=groupheader>

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Direct Link to Probus Members Benefit Site: -

[http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members\\_offers\\_member\\_benefits\\_scheme](http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme)



**"Now that's what I call a prawn!"**



**No, it's not a sausage! It's super prawn!**



**New Buddies**



**All the newbies getting their credentials!**



**The Coonara Card Sharps!**



**Jazzie Jacks and Jills**



**Glenda's big wish???????**



**It's all in the balance!**



**Assembling at Lemmings Leap!**

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

### May

Thu 1	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Sun 4	Radio Active Live	Hills Lodge Hotel	3.00 pm	Lyn Paterson	
Mon 5	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 6	Investment Group	Lucy's Bar CHRSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Wed 7	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Fri 9	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
Mon 12	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 13	Walking Group	Fred Caterson Reserve	10.00 am	Andre Maas	
Thu 15	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Fri 16	Bicycle Group	Prospect to Guildford	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 18	Jazz at the Pines	Roughley House	12.30 pm	Lynn Paterson	
Mon 19	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Tue 20	Members Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am.	Sue Badcock	
Thu 22	Book Club	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 23	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
Sun 25	Sunday Lunch	Georges Pizzeria Norwest	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Mon 26	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 27	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Fri 30	La Perouse Trip	Pick up bowling Club	8.30 am	Carolyn Powell	

### June

Mon 2	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 3	Investment Group	Lucy's bar CC Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
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