

Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



Newsletter of the Combined Probus Club of Coonara-Cherrybrook

Club Number 592480 Founded 24th April 2007 District 9685

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Meeting held 3rd Tuesday of each month **10.00am for 10.30 am**

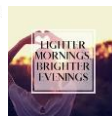
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Marketing Officer	Paul Sweatman
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Welfare Officer	Jan Duffy

October 2025



It's warm and sunny shout hooray! In NSW, it's Labour Day. Clocks go forward next weekend, longer days with time to spend. Get your pumpkins ready now, bowls of lollies, show 'em how. Bats & witches will be seen, don't be scared, it's Hallow'een!

President's Letter

Hello Everyone,

As discussed in our September meeting Leon Creed has advised that he will be resigning as Web Master in February 2026. We have been working with Probus South Pacific Ltd, and they have agreed to set up a new website for us and all we need to do is have a point person to be our liaison with PSPL who will then update the website for us each month. We are looking for someone to take on this liaison role, so no technical skills in website management are required, just someone with good communication skills. So, if you think this is something you could do, or want more information, please get in contact with me.

Additionally, we have requested for "Assistants" to help backfill committee members when they were away on leave or out of action due to illness. It would require a very small amount of time. The assistants would attend Committee meetings and work with current committee members to understand roles and processes etc. If you think you can help support the club or would like to know more, please contact me.

Andre Maas

President

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

21st October 2025

18th November 2025

"You are holding all of your tension here in your neck. Just let it go. Nobody really cares how much wood you would chuck even if you would chuck wood..."





TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Bank details as at 30.9.2025

Total Cash at Bank	Amount
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Westpac Working Account	\$
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Less

Members prepayments	\$
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Net Cash Position	\$
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Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting.

Paul Cashman Treasurer

LUNCHES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

October Lunch:

Venue: The Local Shed, 16 Bellcast Rd, Rouse Hill

Date: Sunday 26th October

Time: 12pm

Cost: Pay on the day

November Lunch (Christmas Lunch)

Venue: Georges Pizzeria, 1 Circa Boulevard

Bella Vista

Date: Sunday 23rd November

Time: 12.00 pm

Cost: Pay on the day

Ann Colless

NOVEMBER FUNCTION



Annual Wine and Cheese Night

Date: Saturday November 15th

Time: 6.30 pm to 9.00pm

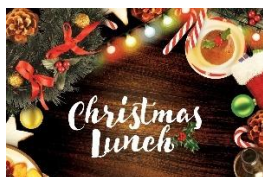
Venue: 16, Crego Road Glenhaven

Cost: \$ 30.00 pp

Leonie has very kindly offered her lovely home once more for our annual get together. Nibbles, hot and cold finger food & a sweet treat with tea & coffee.

Payments must be made by the October meeting.

Carolyn Powell



Club Christmas Celebration

Date: Wednesday 3rd December

Venue: Entrata Restaurant Glenhaven Road

Time: 12.00 noon

Cost: \$ 66.00

Menu: 2 courses (alternate serves : details to follow) , roll and butter, plus 2 glasses of wine,

Bookings and payment:

October and November meetings.

Elaine Finch

Sue Badcock



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the ongoing building work on the greens and canopies, the back staircase to the bowling club has been dismantled, and all access to the club for the September and October meetings will be through the **front door only**. Members can still park in the Bowling Club car park and walk around the back and up to the front door or park in the RSL car park and walk up.



GUEST SPEAKER



Chris and Rufus

Our Guest Speaker for October is Chris D'Arcy, President at Search Dogs Sydney Inc. Search Dogs Sydney Inc. is a specialist search and recovery team with specially trained canines and state of the art drone technology, used to locate "live" and "deceased" humans. They are a dedicated and highly skilled specialist group that offer Certified and Accredited teams of Canines and Handlers in all disciplines of Canine Search, Rescue and Recovery operations. This should be a very interesting 'Pat and Chat' presentation.

Geoff Murray

Speaker Convenor

Phone:

Email:



TENNIS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday evening at Belltree Crescent Castle Hill between 5 pm and 7 pm. Spring is slowly springing and evenings are just perfect for 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: 7th Oct.

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



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. A cup of coffee, a good book and a nice sunlit patio, what could be better?

The Librarians- Jan, Jenny & Liz



Wine Appreciation Group

Usually 1st Monday of the month

Date: 6th Oct.

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Venue: Living Choice Leisure Centre

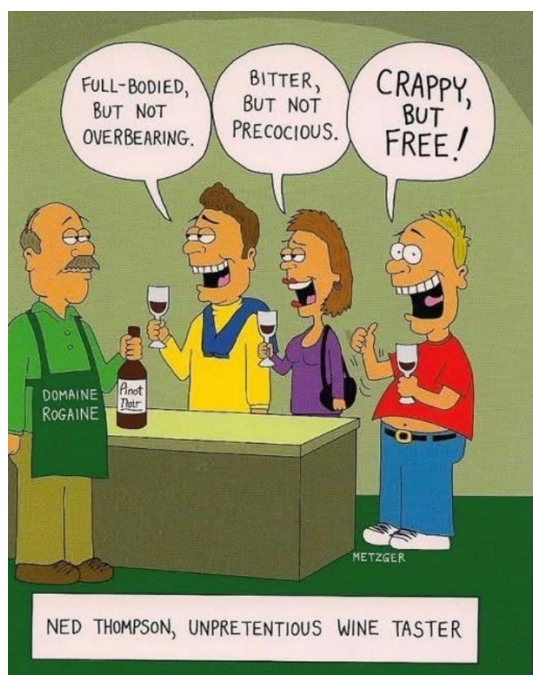
Living Choice , 15 Old Glenhaven Rd, Glenhaven

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:



MAH JONG GROUP

When: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

Venue: West Pennant Hills Sports Club

Date: 2nd October, 16th October

Time: 10 am - 12 noon

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

Marie Eyles



SOLO TRAVELLERS COFFEE

Coffee Morning

Held 4th Tuesday of the month

Date: 28th October: 25th November, No meeting in December.

Time: 10.15 am

Venue: Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless

Sue Dawes



WELFARE

Gerda Ekkelenkemp has had a few health problems and has lied low for several weeks. At last, after lots of scans etc, she will have bowel surgery early October, we wish you all the best Gerda.

Trish Thompson is making slow but steady progress following # arm and shoulder. It has been a very painful experience.

Hay fever season is upon us, hope you all keep the sneezes under control.

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: 13th and 27th October

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: 1st October, 5th November

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. Come and show us your amazing skills, All very welcome!

Judith Gauci



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 21st October

Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

Time: 9.45 am

Well, we all enjoyed the choice of two movies last month, The Roses and the last instalment of Downton Abbey, with a great turnout of 12 movie goers! Despite (for a second month running no loo paper in the ladies), then we all enjoyed a good discussion afterwards at lunch. There looks like a new Bryan Brown movie may be out in time for this month, but I will keep a look 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:

Scientists have created a dolphin with legs. Animal rights groups want the legs removed. 🐬 Scientists argue that would defeat the porpoise.



THEATRE GROUP

Please collect tickets for:

“SHIRLEY VALENTINE “ 2pm Wed 22nd Oct Tickets

Expressions of Interest for:

“PRETTY WOMAN” 1pm Wednesday 17th December Theatre Royal Tickets \$95 pay October meeting

“ANASTASIA” 1pm Wed 29th April Lyric Theatre Tickets \$70.00 pay at February meeting.

‘ MY FAIR LADY” Opera House – Joan Sutherland Theatre 1 pm Wednesday 23rd September 2026. Stall tickets \$178.00. Pay at July meeting.

If interested, but unable to attend meetings please call:

Howard & Sue Patterson or Pat Bisby



BICYCLE GROUP

Third Friday in the month.

Date: 17th October

Time: 10:00am.

Place: Parramatta River and Park

We will ride alongside the Parramatta River, starting from Silverwater Park, Silverwater, and take in the colours of the Wisteria Gardens in Parramatta Park, which are spectacular at this time of the year. We will stop for a coffee break in Parramatta Park and for those wishing to stay on we can have a picnic lunch in Silverwater Park. There are toilets in the park but no kiosk, so bring your own lunch (and maybe a chair as well). For those who have not been to Silverwater Park before, turn left as soon as you cross Silverwater Bridge (heading south), where the sign says “Buses Only”, and then immediately turn hard left again to head towards the river and the car park for the new cricket centre (this used to be called Wilson Park). Go under the bridge and park on the western side of the bridge where there are marked parking spaces. The November ride will be the last for the year and will be the favourite Bulli to Wollongong ride.

We are still looking for suggestions for new rides and ride leaders.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ, Rhonda

email



JAZZ AT THE PINES

When: 19th October

Time: 12.30 till 3.30 pm

Where: Roughley House, Old Northern Rd. Dural

How Much: \$25.00 concession

Who's On: Geoff Power Jazz Band

If you would like to join us then, please contact me :

Lynn Paterson

I want to age like fine wine but, unfortunately, I'm aging more like a banana!



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Dates: 10th & 24th October

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. It has been nice to have a few first-time members come along over the past couple of meetings and there's plenty of room for more.

Contact for Bowls attendance:

Russell Bush

email:



GOLF GROUP



September Player of the Month: Prolific winner Mal Anderson (pictured) has again taken out the Player of the Month Award. Contested over five games, Mal scored 157 points to just edge out Ivan Milicevic with 156 points. Lynn Paterson came in third with 135 Points. Well done to all three 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 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, Windsor and others.

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

Upcoming Games: October 20th and 27th. Note: There will be no game on 6 October due to the long weekend, and no golf on 13 October as most players will be enjoying the Annual Golf Trip away, this year in Newcastle.

Geoff Murray



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

OCTOBER WALK

FRED CATERSON RESERVE WALK

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 : 14th Oct 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 is 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.

Contact: Paul Sweatman-

NOVEMBER WALK

HUNTERS HILL

The Jacarandas should be in full bloom, so it is the perfect time to walk around the established streets of Hunters Hill. The buildings of yesteryear and their mature gardens are worth the peek over the fence. There is endless history in this old suburb. Our route takes us around the drydock built in 1898, then the largest in Australia. We continue walking through parkland and onto the local swimming area. Come and join us in this end of year walk and finish for lunch at the Woolwich Pier hotel if you can stay.

Date: Tuesday 11th November 2025.

Time: 10.00am.

Meet: In Weil Park at the end of Prince George Parade (street parking available in vicinity).

Grade: Easy/medium (some steep steps).

Duration: About 3 hours.

Toilets: Clarke Point Reserve, Woolwich Pier Hotel, Coffee stop, Weil Park (?).

What to bring: Water, hat, nibbles, camera.

Following Walk: It is proposed to purchase lunch at the Woolwich Pier Hotel as our end of year treat. Please let us know in advance so we can make a booking.

Contacts: Julie Dunesky
Steve Dunesky



BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month.

Where: Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club

When: Thu 23rd October

Time: 10:30 am

The book for September was The Sunbaker by P. A.

Thomas; it was an entertaining quick read.

The next book is The Hallmarked Man by Robert

Galbraith (aka J. K. Rowling). Happy Reading

everyone. Cheers, Lesley

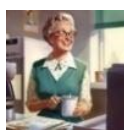
Contacts:

Coonara Cherrybrook: Lesley Maker

Email: lesleyandjohn48@gmail.com

Kellyville Club: Chris Mylonas

Email: c.mylonas8@gmail.com



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 [redacted] to arrange a replacement.

October Terri Cole **November** Ann Colless

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Friday 31st October

Please send to Elaine Finch

Let's Get Down to Business Column



Justices of the Peace

Paul Cashman	
Leon Creed	
Dennis Fitzgibbons	
John Hughes	
Geoff Murray	
Susanne Waesch	
Bob Walker	



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.coonaraprobus.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: freddy.king@gmail.com

Mobile: 0409 600 496

Direct Link to Probus Members Benefit Site: -

http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme

September Snaps



We were Rock'in it



Where ever we go there's WINE!



Top Guns in training!



The dark & mysterious gypsy fortune teller at the Rock!!!



The Rockin' Robbos



The Happ-y Happs



Windblown Women



Feed me before I freeze!!!



Goodnight Sweetheart!

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

October

Wed 1	Dinner	Hills Garden Chinese Kellyville	6.30 for 7pm	Carolyn Powell	
Wed 1	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Thu 2	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Mon 6	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 7	Investment Group	Lucy's Bar CC Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Fri 10	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
Mon 13	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 14	Walking Group	Fred Caterson Reserve	10.00 am	Julie & Steve Dunesky	
Thu 16	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Fri 17	Bicycle Group	Parramatta River & Park	10.30 am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 19	Jazz at The Pines	Roughley House Dural	12.00 pm	Lyn Paterson	
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 Castle Hill RSL	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 24	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
Sun 26	Sunday Lunch	The Local Shed Rouse Hill	12.00 pm	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	

November

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Tue 4	Investment Group	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club	10.15 am	John Badcock	
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Fri 21	Bicycle Group	Chittaway Bay - The Entrance	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 23	Sunday Lunch	Georges Pizzeria	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
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