

Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



Newsletter of the Combined Probud Club of Coonara-Cherrybrook

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

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March 2024



At last, it's Autumn, Easter buns and eggs and all of that, Mothers' Day (in the old UK), Palm Sunday and Saint Pat. We are turning 17 this month, in Probud years that is. So, gather up your teenage thoughts and forget about a zzzzz!

President's Letter

Hello Everybody,

It is hard for me to believe that my year as President is ending, and this will be my last meeting to preside over.

I have enjoyed immensely my time as Vice President and President and wish to express my thanks to all the members of the Executive, Associated Committees and Activity and Events coordinators for their support throughout this time. They are an unbelievably dedicated group, and it is entirely due to them that we have such a successful club.

Now starts my new ex-officio role as Past President and I look forward to working with Sue Waesch as she undertakes her second term as President. With all the knowledge and experience that she has from her first term I know that our Club is in very safe and steady hands, and we can look forward to another exciting year in Probud.

Let us continue this coming year in Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

Steve Kyneur

President

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

March 19th 2024- AGM

April 16th 2024



Gas too expensive? Use this to keep your tank filled. Follow me for more money saving tips...



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Bank details as at 1/3/2024

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

Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are now payable - \$50 PP & will be collected at the March & April meetings. EFT bank payments are preferred. Receipts will only be issued for cash payments, cheque & EFT payments are recorded in the members' bank statements

Could members complete the payment form (both sections) for cash payments & bring to the meeting Also, remember that for all EFT payments, a two-step process is required – Bank final advice should be - transfer approved or successful or confirmed.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Philip Myers Treasurer

LUNCHES & DINNERS



MARCH LUNCH

Where: Castle Hill Bowling Club

When: 19th March 2024

Time: After Annual General Meeting 12.30 pm

Cost: \$32.50 pp.

Menu: Mains- Alternate serves of Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding, baked veg and gravy, chicken schnitzel, garlic mash, steamed veg and gravy, bread roll & butter. Dessert-Homemade Bread and Butter pudding, hot custard and Chantilly cream, Homemade Sticky Date pudding with Butterscotch sauce and Chantilly cream. Tea & Coffee.

Bookings & payment: Fully Booked

Elaine Finch Sue Badcock



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

Date: Sunday 24th March

Venue: Hills Bowling Club

6-18 Jenner St, Baulkham Hills

Time : 12.00 pm

Cost: Pay on the day

Ann Colless

Email



APRIL DINNER

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

Payment due: March meeting

Carolyn Powell

Email

This is what happens when crows age—



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 or email



CAMDEN DAY TRIP

& NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Second trip on Wednesday March 27th.

PLEASE NOTE -there was an error in the February Chatter re the pickup time from Castle Hill.

The departure time is **8.30am** and the return time is **4.30pm**. Please note this tour is in reverse to the first tour in February, the Airport Experience Centre was booked for the morning time slot so after morning tea you will have the guided tour of Camden, followed by lunch at the Barenz Restaurant, Camden, then head on to the Airport Tour before heading back to Castle Hill. This trip is fully booked, I will be taking names for a wait list at the March meeting.

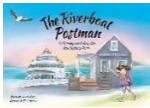
Carolyn Powell

or email

March 17th - St Patricks Day Fact



A shamrock is a type of clover, used as a symbol of Ireland. Saint Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, is said to have used it as a metaphor for the Christian Holy Trinity. The name shamrock comes from Irish seamróg, which is the diminutive of the Irish word seamair and simply means "young clover".



DAY TRIP

THE RIVERBOAT POSTMAN

Date: May 17th 2024

Where: Brooklyn Wharf Hawkesbury River

Time: Boat leaves Wharf 10 am returns approx. 1 pm

Total Cost: \$55.00 senior concession

Bookings & payments: March & April meetings. 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.

Enquiries and bookings: Carolyn Powell
mob. email:



GUEST SPEAKER

There will be no organised guest speaker in March. Instead, we will be having our AGM, enjoying lunch and making welcome our 2024/2025 committee.

Geoff Murray Speaker Convenor

Phone: 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: 1th and 25th February

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 5th February 2024

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



WELFARE

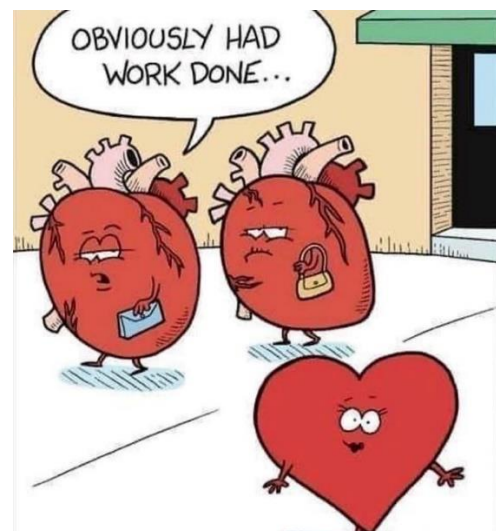
Many of our members remember Sheila McNeill, on her way home travelling on M4, she had a car accident. Not injured but car write off. We're so grateful she is OK.

March already, stay aware of every step you take so you remain fall free. Men, stop getting on the ladder and cleaning out the gutters. You might think you're still 35, but, take time to look in the mirror, you ain't a Chris Hemsworth look alike anymore !!!

Stay well.

Nell McSeveny

Welfare Officer





SOLO TRAVELLERS COFFEE

Coffee Morning

Held 4th Tuesday of the month

Date: Tue 26th March

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 18th March

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 Ph.

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. Spend Valentine's day curled up on the loveseat reading a romantic (or sexy!) book with your significant other!

Jan Motte & the Librarians- Jenny, Denise & Liz

My friend told me he had the body of a Greek god. I had to explain to him that Buddha is not Greek.



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 28th March

Time: 10:30 am

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

Regards to you all Alan Vesperman

Mobile: Email



GOLF GROUP



GOLF GROUP

February Player of the Month. Our star player in February was the very consistent **Ivan Milicevic** (pictured). Ivan scored 87 points over 3 games and was a clear winner defeating last month's champion Wayne Steward (76 points) and Steve Kyneur (75 points). Ivan is again showing that he is the one to beat and is set for another big year.

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: March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

Geoff Murray



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of the month

Dates: 8th & 22nd March

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:



CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

Next meetings: 6th March

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

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Sunday 31st March

Please send to Elaine Finch

Email:



THEATRE GROUP

Collect tickets for:

Town Hall Concert 18th March

Expressions of Interest for:

“Sister Act” Capitol Theatre wed 14th Aug 2024 1.00pm
\$70 pay by June meeting.

“& Juliet “ Lyric Theatre 1pm 15th May \$70, please pay at Feb. meeting. There is a wait list for this show.

“Jekyll & Hyde” Castle Hill Pioneer Theatre Friday 3rd May 8pm tickets \$36.50 .Please pay at March meeting

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

“The Odd Couple “ Theatre Royal 2pm Wed 10th July \$70 please pay at April meeting. Wait list for this show.

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

Howard & Sue Patterson

Pat Bisby



BICYCLE GROUP

Third Friday in the month.

Date: 15th March

Time: 10:00am.

Place: Woy Woy to Gosford

Unfortunately, our bike ride for February had to be cancelled due to bad weather. So, we will plan to do the same ride in March (Friday the 15th). This is a very pleasant ride on the Central Coast, from Woy Woy to West Gosford and back again.

Approximately 20 km in total. It starts at the Sea Scouts Boat ramp in Woy Woy and there are water views a lot of the way. It is mainly flat and a very pleasant ride, all on hard surfaces, with toilets along the way. There is a coffee kiosk at the half way point where we can get a hot drink and a bite to eat. Our meeting point will be in the car park behind the 1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts hall at the end of North Burge Road, which in turn comes off Brick Wharf Road. There is a toilet block there for a comfort stop after the drive up from Sydney. After the ride we can have lunch in the very pleasant Lions Park by the water side and take in the views or mingle with the friendly pelicans. There is a kiosk in the park or you can bring your own food and drink (and perhaps a chair as well). For any non-riding partners there is the opportunity to go for a walk while the rest of us ride.

Allow plenty of time to get there, it's approximately 70km from the centre of Castle Hill.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ or Rhonda Bush, ph.
email



JAZZ AT THE PINES

When: Sunday 17th March 2024

Time: 12.30 till 4.00pm

Where: Roughley House, Old Northern Rd. Dural

How Much: \$20.00 concession

Who's On: Jeff Power jazz Band

Contact to book: Lynn Paterson



Tea Roster

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

March Llewella Wighton

April Molly Wingate



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

MARCH WALK

BARRENJOEY LIGHTHOUSE/PALM BEACH

How long has it been since you walked up to the Barrenjoey Lighthouse and admired the spectacular views over Broken Bay, Lion Island and Pittwater. It is where the Hawkesbury River meets the Tasman Sea. Take the time and join us on this interesting walk. We commence at Newport, catch a bus to Snapperman Beach, then walk to the lighthouse and return to Newport by bus. Bring your OPAL CARD.

Date: Tuesday 12th March 2024.

Time: 10.00am. (about a 50-minute drive from Castle Hill).

Meet: Outside the Newport Surf Life Saving Club. There is unlimited street parking (free) in Myola Road and vicinity. A pathway entrance to the SLSC is at the intersection Myola Rd and Ross St, Newport. (UBD 118 P10)

Grade: A steady uphill climb (steep in parts) along the sealed access road to the lighthouse, naturally, easy coming down and for the remainder of the walk.

Toilets: SLSC Newport, SLSC Palm Beach, Snapperman Beach.

Duration: About 4hrs (excluding travel from/to home).

What To Bring: Opal Card, sunscreen, hat, water, coffee/tea available en-route, camera, bring your own lunch or buy lunch/snack/drink at the Palm Beach Café before we catch the return bus back to Newport.

Following Walk: Make your own way home from Newport safely.

Contacts: Julie Dunesky

Steve Dunesky

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.

Contacts: Julie Dunesky

Steve Dunesky

A THANK YOU FROM SANDY SMITH & FAMILY



As you can see Sheena made these 2 beautiful quilts in memory of Bob and my precious son Matthew, she is so talented and Belinda Kellie and myself are so grateful for the memory she has created for us. Also, Pat and Wayne, Janet and Lyn have been there for me which has been so good. We want to thank all our friends for attending Bob and Matt's funeral they helped us make their farewells so memorable. Also, Sue and John Badcock, Sue Waesch and Janet Paterson for the pot plants in memory of Bob. Lastly, every one of our Probus friends who sent cards to me; it has helped me so much to know how popular in life they both were and I won't forget the support I received. It has been hard and of course to lose Matthew just after Bob was unbelievable but life goes on. Thank you of course to Elaine for our Probus Newsletter. It has all been much appreciated. Sandy Smith

WALKING FOR PLEASURE Getaway 2024



Unfortunately, this has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers. Glenda King.

Email: Ph:



Let's Get Down to Business Column



Justices of the Peace

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.coonaraprobust.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.

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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>

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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February Frolics



I've been watching the biscuits, it's one each!



Well, I managed to sneak two last time!



Oh! Is it time to eat again? Goody!



COONARA-CHERRYBROOK CALENDAR 2023

March 2024

All Mon	Golf	Various Courses	TBA	Geoff Murray	
All Wed	Tennis	Belltree Crescent C. Hill	5-7pm	Ron Powell	
Tue 5	Investment Group	Lucy's bar CC Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Fri 8	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
Mon 11	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Fri 15	Bicycle Group	Woy Woy to Gosford	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Mon 18	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Tue 19	Members Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am.	Sue Badcock	
Tue 19	Birthday Lunch	Castle Hill Bowling Club	12.30 pm	Elaine Finch	
Fri 22	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
Sun 24	Sunday Lunch	Hills Bowling Club	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Mon 25	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 26	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Wed 27	2 nd Airport Trip	Camden	8.30 am	Carolyn Powell	
Thu 28	Book Club	Lucy's Bar Chill RSL	10.30 am	Alan Vesperman	

April 2024

All Mon	Golf	Various Courses	TBA	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	
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	TBA	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 21	Jazz at the Pines	Roughley House	12.30 pm	Lyn Paterson	
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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	
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