

Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



Newsletter of the Combined Probus Club of Coonara-Cherrybrook

Club Number 592480 Founded 24th April 2007 District 9685

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

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January 2024



Christmas is over and New Year's nearly done, so pop down the shops to get that early Hot Cross Bun! Try hard to save your cash, beware the New Year sales, go out for a pleasant drive and discover New South Wales!

President's Letter

Hello Everybody,

Happy New Year to you all! I do hope that everyone has enjoyed time with their family and friends over this Christmas and New Year time. 2023 has really flown and we have enjoyed many wonderful Probus activities together and made many new friendships along the way.

Our Christmas lunch at the Castle Hill Golf Club was again another wonderful experience and thank you to Sue Waesch and Elaine Finch for the marvellous job they did in organising this function.

Our Christmas morning tea was a new experience for us this year with the catering being supplied by Shane, the Bowling Club chef. He did an excellent job, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the food he supplied.

We can now look forward to 2024 being another vibrant year with all our Probus activities once again in full swing and I wish you and your nearest and dearest a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024.

Steve Kyneur

President

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

January 16th 2024

February 20th 2024



Pro Tip:
If you mix a gallon of bleach and a gallon of dish soap in the washing machine, you can disinfect your entire house in under ten minutes.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Bank details as at 1/1/2024

Amount

Total Cash at Bank

Westpac Working Account \$

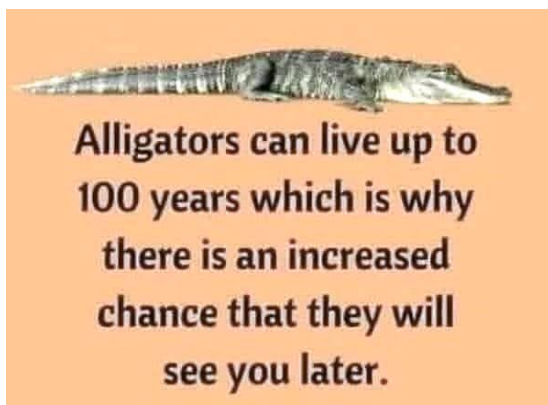
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Members prepayments \$

Net Cash Position \$

Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting.

Philip Myers Treasurer



LUNCHES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

Date: Sunday 28th January

Venue: : Duke of Dural
3 Kenthurst Road, Dural

Time : 12.00 pm

Cost: Pay on the day

Bookings: On or before Tuesday 23rd January 2024

Ann Colless



ANNUAL BEROWRA WATERS PICNIC

When: Friday January 19th

Time: 3.30 pm

Where: Berowra Waters Park

Cost: Buy Your Own

Friday January 19. We will have an early picnic dinner at Berowra Waters, it's a very casual event, BYO nibbles, you can purchase Fish & Chips from the take-away there or you can bring your own picnic dinner. BYO beverages, picnic chairs (there is limited seating) and a small picnic table if you have one to share. Given that it is a Friday night in January holiday time we are meeting from 3.30-4.00pm to give us time to mingle, enjoy some nibbles then order before the dinner rush time. In the event of wet weather, we will email notification on the day to re-convene to the Galston Club – those of you who are interested - which is virtually 'on the way'. We like to know numbers so we can notify the café that there is a group coming. There will be an expression of Interest sheet at the January meeting. Enquiries Carolyn Powell



KIAMA TRIP APRIL 2024

This is a 4-day/3 night- trip to the South Coast, leaving Castle Hill on Sun. April 7th returning Wed. April 10th. Accommodation is at the 4-star Sebel Harbourside Kiama. A feature of this trip is our picturesque coastline from Stanwell Park to Jervis Bay. The unique Sir Lawrence Hargraves Drive is spectacular. Highlights of the trip include a seafood picnic lunch at Kiama, a boardwalk through the rainforest at the Minnamurra National Park, a dolphin watch cruise in Jervis Bay, Hyams Beach near Vincentia which features some of the whitest sand on the Australian Coastline, a visit to the delightful town of Berry. We visit the amazing 1,000-hectare property of the famous artist Arthur Boyd and see the clever underground museum purpose built to protect the \$50M worth of his collection from bushfires. We visit the Coolangatta Estate, returning through Gerringong and Gerroa. We head home through Kangaroo Valley, Morton National Park, Fitzroy Falls, Bowral and Mt Gibraltar. The cost per person is \$1,350 twin share, single supplement is \$285. Deposit \$150.00 per room, due by the January meetings with full payment due by the February meeting. Enquiries Email



CAMDEN DAY TRIP

& NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Due to unprecedented demand, we now have 2 dates organised, the first trip the original date Wed. February 7 with the second date Wed. March 27. Thank you to those members who offered to wait and go on the second trip. Those on the first trip have been notified that their payment is due by the January meeting, for those on the second trip payment will be accepted at the January meeting and will be due by the February meeting. There are still vacancies on the March trip.

When: Wed. Feb. 7th 2024 & Wed. Mar. 27th

Cost: \$85.00 pp. **If paying by cash please try to have the correct amount.**

Itinerary: Depart Castle Hill at 9.00am, first stop is morning tea at the Nurragingy Reserve at Doonside then on to the new airport experience centre where we are taken through a series of 'interactive stop overs' and learn about Australia's first "SMART AIRPORT". You will be immersed in the experience from the airport control room. We then head to Barenz Restaurant in Camden for a 2- course lunch, with a choice of main meals, followed by a cake platter, tea and coffee. After lunch we are joined by a member of the Camden Historical Society who will showcase many of the heritage buildings around both Camden and Cobbitty, including Belgenny farm, Macarthur Park, Camelot, Sydney University Farms with the last stop being the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute. Cost will include coach transport, morning tea, the Experience Centre, 2 course lunch and the Camden tour. Arrival back at Castle Hill approx. 5.00pm.

Payment at January (trip 1) and February (trip 2) meetings.

Enquiries

Email



Cook Islands Trip

November 1st - 8th 2024.

Bookings at the January meeting.

Join us for a tour of the stunningly beautiful blue water wonderland that is the Cook Islands. Our accommodation is at the 4- star Muri Beach Club Hotel set on Rarotonga's Muri Lagoon.

Highlights include: Rarotonga Orientation Tour with tropical lunch, Ukulele Workshop, Rarotonga Brewery, Punanga Nui Saturday Markets, Maire Nui Tropical Gardens, Te Vara Nui Polynesian Village Dinner & Show, Muri Night Markets, Raro Mountain Safari Tour, Island Homes Progressive Dinner, Lagoon Cruise & BBQ Lunch, Sunday Community Church Service including Morning Tea, Tour of a local school, Farwell dinner at Tamarind House Restaurant.

Cost: There are 17 rooms available in the following configuration and cost per person is approx. This allows for a maximum of 34 members on this tour.

- 9 Garden studio units - \$4690 twin share with single supplement of \$1940
(5 twin bed rooms and 4 double bed rooms available).
- 3 Pool view studio units - \$5315 twin share with single supplement of \$2190.
(3 double bedding rooms available).
- 5 Deluxe Beachfront units - \$5595 twin share with single supplement of \$2470.
(5 double bedding rooms available).

These prices include return direct airfares (including taxes), a group pick up, 7 nights resort style accommodation at Muri Beach Club Hotel, 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners.

Enquiries:



PAMPER PACK DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

A massive "Thank You" for your very generous donations to this appeal at the November meeting. When the West Pennant Hills Rotary Club came to collect everything, they were totally blown away by your amazing generosity. The number of gifts you donated would have made a massive difference to many people in need both on a practical and emotional level. Thank you so much.



GUEST SPEAKER



Our first Guest Speaker for 2024 is **Dale Rees-Bevan**. Dale is an Author, a Speaker and a Trainer. She is President of Speakersbank Australia, Author of 'The Speaking Formula' and a certified world class speaking coach. Dale's presentation is titled **Magic of the Mind – Memory Mastery** and she will, in a fun-filled, interactive session, share some of her success secrets with brain training, mastering the art of memory and exploring the powers of the mind.

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: 8th and 22nd January

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: Tues. 2nd January 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 warmer weather is pleasant, so come out and enjoy a balmy evening and join us to stay young and beautiful, and keep those old joints supple!

Ron Powell

Coordinator



WELFARE

This month I have no news that can be "Chattered". I am pleased to report everyone seems to be behaving themselves. Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy 2024 from Castle Hills answer to Sophia Loren,
Nell McSeveny Welfare Officer



SOLO TRAVELLERS COFFEE

Coffee Morning
Held 4th Tuesday of the month
Date: Tue 23rd January
Time: 10.15 am
Venue: Lounge Area Castle Hill RSL Club
Ann Colless
Sue Dawes 0408 974 624



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month
Next Meeting: Mon 15th January
Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema
Time: 9.45 am (Foyer)
What's on : Goodness knows, as it's school holidays, I will keep an eye out and report back! If you would like to be included on the list of movie groupers, please contact:
Elaine Finch
email:



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 January

Time: 10:30 am

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

Regards to you all

Alan Vesperman

Mobile:



My new car has a button for pretty much everything. There is even one that says "Rear Wiper".....Still too afraid to try that one!



GOLF GROUP



2023 Champion & winner of the Bob Smith Trophy is Ross Brown (pictured with the treasured heirloom).

Invitation: Our new season of golf commences in early January 2024. If you would like to have fun and play social golf you are most welcome to join our friendly group. 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. Golf carts are available at most courses and can be booked in advance.

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, and others.

Cost: \$20 - \$25 per game approx.

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



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. Start the New Year with a resolution to read at least one book a month!

Jan Motte & the Librarians- Jenny, Denise & Liz



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of the month

Dates: 12th January
9th & 23rd February

Time: 9:15am latest

Venue: Castle Hill Bowling Club

Our social bowls group will resume on Friday 12th January. Please note that group normally meets on the second & fourth Fridays of each month at the Castle Hill Bowling Club. However, the second Friday in January coincides with Australia Day so there won't be any Probus bowls on that day. When we do play, 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.

Contact for Bowls attendance:

Russell Bush, mobile
email:



CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

Next meetings: 3rd January

Venue: West Pennant Hills Sporting Club

Time: 10 am – 12.00 noon

Start your New Year the way you mean to go on and come and join us for a morning of busy hands, friends, chatter and a nice cuppa tea. Show the others how it's done!

Judith Gauci

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NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Wednesday 31st January

Please send to Elaine Finch



BICYCLE GROUP

Third Friday in the month.

Date: 19th January

Time: 10:00am.

Place: Our Probus Bicycle group normally rides on the third Friday of the month, however there will not be a ride in January as Rhonda and Russ will be away interstate. It also coincides with the Probus picnic day at Berowra Waters scheduled for mid- afternoon on that day. Therefore, our first scheduled ride for 2024 will be on Friday 16th February. Details of that ride will be posted in the February Chatter.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ or Rhonda Bush, phone email



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

FEBRUARY WALK

BELLA VISTA /NORWEST

Come along and enjoy a walk around the Norwest precinct commencing at Bella Vista Farm. Our walk will zigzag through the streets and parks of the locality, concluding back at the Farm where we can enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking the historic Bella Vista Farmhouse.

Date: Tuesday 13th February 2024.

Time: 10.00am.

Meet :In the Bella Vista Farm carpark off Elizabeth Macarthur Drive, Bella Vista.

Grade: Easy.

Toilets: Near the carpark and shops en-route.

Duration: About 2.5 hrs.

What to bring: Comfortable walking shoes, hat, water etc.

Following walk: For those that can stay bring a picnic lunch and chair.

Contacts: Julie Dunesky

Steve Dunesky



JAZZ AT THE PINES

When: Closed for the Summer Recess

Next Gig: 18th February 2024

Time: 12.30 till 4.00pm

Where: Roughley House, Old Northern Rd. Dural

How Much: \$20.00 concession

Who's On: Carolyn Packer's Stompin' Rhythm and Blues

Contact to book: Lynn Paterson



THEATRE GROUP

Expressions of Interest for :

Town Hall Concert featuring David Hobson 11 am 18th Mar. tickets \$50 please pay January meeting.

"Grease" Capitol Theatre 17th Apr. 1 pm \$70. Pay at January meeting.

"& Juliet" Lyric Theatre 1pm 15th May tickets \$70 . Pay at February meeting.

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

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

Howard & Sue Patterson
Pat Bisby



Tea Roster

Please arrive by 9.30 am to 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 0407 498 510 to arrange a replacement.

January Tanya Sweatman **February** Liz Wells



Queen Mary of Denmark our first real Aussie Royal!



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.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.

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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

High School Musical!



The High School Principal strolls through the canteen!



Lower fourth handing in their homework!



Eyles Jr. explaining to Mrs. Bush that the dog ate her homework!



Maas Snr. contemplating whether he could hit Mrs. Bush with his pea shooter from there !



Look ,Look, Look, Marilyn's getting the cane!



That's the third detention you've got this week!



The Kindergarten table!



Leon's first day!



Prefects for 2024!



COONARA-CHERRYBROOK CALENDAR 2023

January 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	
Mon 8	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Fri 12	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
Fri 19	Bicycle Group	No Ride	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Fri 19	Fish & Chips Picnic	Berowra Waters	3.30 pm	Carolyn Powell	
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	
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	
Thu 25	Book Club	Lucy's Bar Chill RSL	10.30 am	Alan Vesperman	
Fri 26	No Bowls Aus Day!	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
Sun 28	Sunday Lunch	Duke of Dural	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	

February 2024

All Mon	Golf	Various Courses	TBA	Geoff Murray	
All Wed	Tennis	Belltree Crescent C. Hill	5-7pm	Ron Powell	
Wed 7	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Fri 9	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
Mon 12	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 13	Walking Group	Bella Vista	10.00 am	Julie & Steve Dunesky	
Fri 16	Bicycle Group	TBA	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 18	Jazz at the Pines	Roughley House	12.30 pm	Lyn 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	
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