

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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August 2025



The winter cold is quite relentless, the BOM is just relentless. So, we soldier bravely on until winter woes have all but gone. Spring flowers will soon poke through; trees & plants will be brand new. Enjoy it all & lap it up, 'fore summer heat starts ramping up!

President's Letter

Hello Fellow Members,

I thought I would give an update up regarding next years' annual trip. We have had tremendous support for both trips. As of the end of July, we have had expressions of interest of 27 people for Tasmania and 26 people for Norfolk Island. As such, and not wanting to disappoint anyone, we have worked with "On Course" and we are going to run **both** trips. The confirmed dates are as follows:

Tasmania dates run from 30/10/26 to 9/11/26.

Norfolk Island runs from 29/11/26 to 6/12/26.

At the August General meeting we will again be seeking an **"Expression of Interest"** for both trips. Given that the trips are more than 12 months away the pricing shown in the attached flyers are indicative but not confirmed; whilst not shown on the Flyers the current pricing for Single Supplements are Norfolk Island- \$595 and Tasmania \$940.

We expect, by the August General meeting to have finalised the costs for both trips, we will then be in a position to advise regarding deposits etc. Hopefully we will get a few more people along to each trip and I am looking forward to doing both trips with many of you.

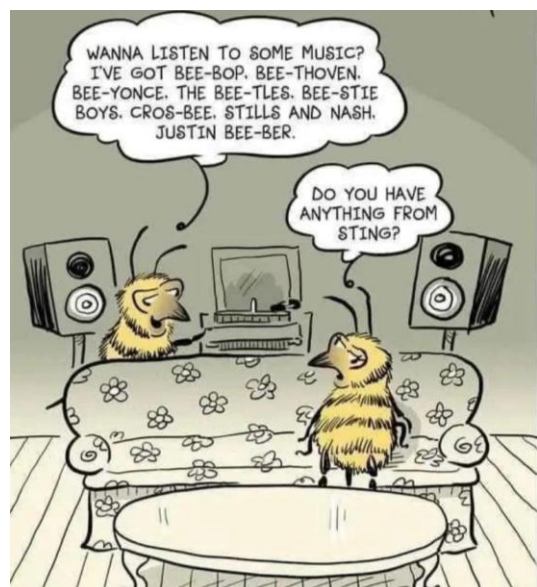
Andre Maas

President

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

19th August 2025

16th September 2025





TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Bank details as at 31.7.2025

| Total Cash at Bank | Amount |
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| Westpac Working Account | \$ |
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| Members prepayments | \$ |
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| Net Cash Position | \$ |
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Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting on 5th August.

Paul Cashman Treasurer

LUNCHES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

August Lunch:

Venue: Baulkham Hills Sports Club.

11 Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills

Date: Sunday 24th August

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.

This luncheon is **full**. I am happy to start a wait list. Payment is due by the August meeting - \$48 per head. If paying by cash please bring the correct money.

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 August meeting which I can email to you.

Carolyn Powell



HILLS GARDEN CHINESE

Venue: Shop 3 & 4 21, Hezlett Road North Kellyville

Date: Wed. 1st October

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Cost: \$35.00

The restaurant is part of a row of shops underneath a home unit complex. I will have an Expression of Interest at the August meeting, payment by the September meeting. There is no parking in Hezlett Rd but parking is available on the street behind the restaurant complex in Wanderers Way. There is a walkway from that street at the side of the complex through to the restaurant.

Carolyn Powell



Rotary Club Trivia Night

When: Saturday 16th August

Cost: \$25.00 Proceeds go to **Escabags** Ltd, an Australian registered charity who distribute 'Escape Bags' for victims fleeing domestic and family abuse.

Where: Cherrybrook Community Centre

Bring: BYO grog and nibbles

We have reserved 2 tables of 8, and currently have only 10 participants and are urgently needing 6 more contestants. You don't have to be brilliant, only willing!! You only have to be able to answer **one** question or puzzle to justify your place on the team. So come along and have a laugh and help support both your fellow club members and also Rotary who are supporting a very worthwhile charity.

Volunteers please contact : Elaine Finch



ANNUAL GOLF TRIP

We are off to the Newcastle area on October 12 this year. Payment is due by the August meeting. There are many differing combinations of money involved so I will email everyone early in August with the amounts due.

Carolyn Powell



GUEST SPEAKER



Chief Inspector Gary Raymond APM, OAM (Ret) will be speaking about his career in the NSW Police Force. Gary's presentation is entitled '**Danger is My Game**' and covers countless high profile cases in which he was involved as an officer, an investigator and as a chaplain. This is a presentation not to be missed, as many of these cases you will remember. 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. 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



Wine Appreciation Group

Usually 1st Monday of the month

Date: 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:

Brad is getting notes of oak,
smoked wood, and a hint of
crisp autumn leaves.
Steve is getting hammered.



INVESTMENT GROUP

First Tuesday of the month

Next Meeting: 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: 7th and 21st August

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: 26th August

Time: 10.15 am

Venue: Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless

Sue Dawes



WELFARE

We had the sad news of the passing of Toni Pearce on 2nd July, following a very brave fight with cancer. Probus members attended her funeral, and Dave Mott drove Toni's bike behind the hearse. Toni is now out of pain and at peace.

Colin Swindells had a fall at his home a couple of weeks ago. He gave himself a good shiner and he spent a few days in Norwest Hospital nursing a # rib, black eye and lots of bruises. He came home and was able to celebrate his 90th birthday with family. We miss you at the meetings Colin, come back soon.

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: 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



"I see you finally sewed on my button."



CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

Next meetings: 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. During this cold and rainy winter, there is nothing nicer than curling up in the warm with a good book!

The Librarians- Jan, Jenny & Liz



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 18th August

Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

Time: 9.45 am

Well who knows what will have transpired in another 2 ½ weeks? At the moment, a possibility could be “Four Letters of Love”. If nothing else has transpired by then, I suggest we get together for a coffee and a discussion of where we go from here.

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:

“HERE YOU COME AGAIN” Wed. 16th September

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.

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

If interested, but unable to attend meetings please call:

Howard & Sue Patterson or

Pat Bisby or



“I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach?”



BICYCLE GROUP

Third Friday in the month.

Date: 15th August

Time: 10:00am.

Place: Belfield to Tempe

Our bike ride for August will be from Belfield to Tempe following the course of the Cooks River. As previously we will meet at Bark Huts Reserve which is located at the end of Maria Street, South Strathfield. We will stop for a coffee break and can indulge in the fine chocolates at the Adora Homemade Chocolates in Earlwood on the way back. We will have a picnic lunch in the park after the ride but bring your own food and drinks.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ

Rhonda

email



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Dates: 8th and 22nd August

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 by all accounts they will keep coming along. There's plenty of room for more.

Contact for Bowls attendance:

Russell Bush, ,
email:

Filet Minion



An alternative perhaps to Beef Wellington??

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Sunday 31st August

Please send to Elaine Finch



GOLF GROUP



July Player of the Month: Our star player for **July 2025** is **Mal Anderson** (pictured). Mal scored **125 points** over 4 games holding off **Geoff Murray** with 123 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 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: August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.
Geoff Murray



BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month.

Where: Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club

When: 28th August

Time: 10:30 am

The book for discussion at the July meeting was 1788. It was considered a very interesting and informative account of the journey of the first fleet by a young naval marine, Watkin Tench.

The book for August is 'Good Morning Monster' by Catherine Gildiner.

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.

August Lyn Clark **September** Megan Cleary



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

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

SEPTEMBER WALK

The "Great River Walk" awaits you. Come and join us on a walk along the Nepean River at Penrith. The walking track offers views over the river which supports birds, wildlife and recreational activities. An enjoyable walk with a coffee/tea stop along the way.

Date: Tuesday 9th September 2025.

Time: 10.00am.

Meet: Tench Ave, Penrith (near The Orchard).

Grade: Easy.

Duration: About 2.5hours.

Length: 6.5km.

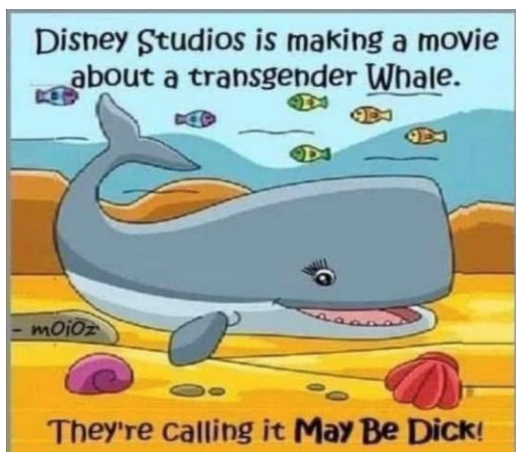
Toilets: Tench Reserve and enroute.

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

Following: For those who can stay bring a picnic lunch, thermos and chair.

Contacts: Julie Dunesky

Steve Dunesky



Let's Get Down to Business Column



Justices of the Peace

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| Paul Cashman | |
| Leon Creed | |
| Dennis Fitzgibbons | |
| 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.coonaraprobos.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.

Probos Coonara-Cherrybrook Facebook Page

Probos 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 Probuss Members Benefit Site: -

http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme

What we all did in July!



Christmas at Abercrombie House – the banqueting hall



Eagerly awaiting the feeding troughs to be filled!



The Sunday Lunchers



Gamblers Anonymous (even if it's only for points!)



Everyone's a winner baby, that's for sure!



Beautiful gardens at Cowra



Group Mugshot!



The scruffy golfers braving the cold



From one old fossil to another!!



John and his friend at Jurassic park!

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

August

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| 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 | |
| Wed 6 | Craft | W.P. H. Sporting Club | 10.00am | Judith Gauci | |
| Thu 7 | Mah Jong | W.P. H. Sporting Club | 10.00am | Marie Eyles | |
| Fri 8 | Bowls | Castle Hill Bowling Club | 9.15 latest | Russ Bush | |
| Mon 11 | Cards for Fun | W. P.H. Sporting Club | 10.00am | Jenny Davis | |
| Tue 12 | Walking Group | Bayview to Church Point | 10.00 am | Julie & Steve Dunesky | |
| Fri 15 | Bicycle Group | Belfield to Tempe | 10.30 am | Russ & Rhonda Bush | |
| SAT 16 | Rotary Trivia Night | Cherrybrook Community Centre | 6.30 pm | Elaine Finch | |
| 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 | |
| Thu 21 | Mah Jong | W.P. H. Sporting Club | 10.00am | Marie Eyles | |
| Fri 22 | Bowls | Castle Hill Bowling Club | 9.15 latest | Russ Bush | |
| Sun 24 | Sunday Lunch | Baulkham Hills Sports Club | 12.00 pm | 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 | |
| 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 | |

September

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| Mon 1 | Wine Appreciation | Living Choice Glenhaven | 4 – 6 pm | Rob Templeton | |
| Tue 2 | Investment Group | Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club | 10.15 am | John Badcock | |
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A Probus Yulefest Adventure Created by AI from Dave Motte's report!!

Forty-seven members strong, we gathered on a Wednesday morn, Outside the bowling club we stood, though winter winds were sharp and worn.

Our trusty coach arrived on time—well, Probus GMT to be precise, A warming refuge from the cold, our chariot rolled like paradise.

To Mt Tomah first we ventured, through the crisp Blue Mountain air, where morning tea and nature's call awaited us with vistas fair.

The gardens stretched before our eyes, the views were crystal clear and bright, A perfect start to our escape, bathed in that mountain light.

At Bathurst's George Hotel we dined, they served us quick and true, With warming drinks (perhaps just three—or maybe four, between me and you).

Then off to Ben Chifley's home, our sixteenth PM's humble place, where pipe tobacco lingered still, and time had slowed its hurried pace.

Around Mt Panorama's track, at sixty k's we took our tour, while race cars fly in two minutes flat, we savoured ten minutes more.

The Rydges Hotel welcomed us with trackside views so grand, Though Ken's dreams of race day rates left ten thousand from his hand!

The bar grew loud with Probus cheer, tradition held up high, while outside temperatures dropped low—minus five beneath the sky.

In beanies, coats, and gloves we dressed, our hardy spirits bright, Ready for another day, despite the frosty night.

To Cowra's gardens we would go, and POW camp history told, through holograms and walking tours, brave stories did unfold.

Eleanor helped pour our tea, while Mick shared jokes so bad, that rolling eyes and groaning sounds were all the response he had.

But then came Yulefest's crown jewel—Abercrombie House at night, where gluhwein warmed our welcome, and fires blazed their light.

Though high ceilings stole the heat, and cold crept through each room, red wine and port and fellowship dispelled winters gloom.

Secret Santa gifts were shared—back scratchers, gnomes galore, While Christine sang with piano (despite her partner's moon boot wore).

We joined our voices, bold and true, encouraged by the wine, A chorus of adventurers, our harmonies divine.

The final morning came too soon, with ice upon the glass, As Mick scraped windscreens clear again, preparing us to pass

Through Motor Racing's hallowed halls, then Oberon's chill embrace, where morning tea was coldest yet—but smiles warmed every face.

In Leura's rain we took our leave, at Alexandria's door, three days of perfect Yulefest joy, we couldn't ask for more.

For what's a Yulefest without the bite of winter's sting? A warm one simply wouldn't do—the cold's the very thing!

So, here's to Probus GMT, to friendship tried and true, to coaches warm and gluhwein sweet, to all our hardy crew.

The Blue Mountains held us close, through frost and fire and song, A Yulefest to remember well, where we all belonged.