

Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter

Newsletter of the Combined Probus 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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December 2025



Another Xmas season's here; let's all give a hearty cheer! As you gather round the festive table-to eat as much as you are able. Try not to think about the cash- give the old bankcard a bash!! How can we pay for all that gear? By instalments all next year!

President's Letter

Hello Everyone,



A Probus Coonara-Cherrybrook Christmas 2025

Merry Christmas to our members as the festive season starts,
May joy surround your families and fill your grateful hearts.
To children, grandchildren, great-grandkids and all our dear friends near,
We send warm wishes, love, and cheer to last throughout the year.
Safe travels to the wanderers who journey far and wide,
My calm seas, clear skies, and gentle roads be always on your side.
For being part of Probus means you never walk alone,
Friendship, fun and fellowship means your never on your own.
With laughter shared and memories made in everything we do,
Participation builds the bonds that help us welcome someone new.

So, here's to golfers swinging strong upon the morning green,
And card players whose strategies are sharper than they seem.

To bowlers on the grassy rinks who roll with steady aim,
And Mah-Jongg minds who play with calm but secretly love the game.

To tennis players serving fast and bike riders speeding free,

To walkers out for pleasure and for gentle company.
To Sunday lunch adventurers and crafters making art,
And readers lost in books that stir the soul and warm the heart.

To theatre lovers, moviegoers, investors checking signs,
And jazz fans tapping happy toes and those appreciating wines.

Remember jokes with Ken are fine—he'll laugh and play along,

But keep it short with Parkinson—one paragraph, maybe two, not long!

So, here's to Christmas 2025, to peace, goodwill, delight;

May friends and fun and Probus cheer make every day feel bright.

Andre Maas

President

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

16th December 2025

20th January 2026



TREASURER'S REPORT

On 30th Nov. 2025, the financial position is as follows :

Total Cash at Bank	Amount
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Westpac Working Account	\$
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Less	
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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.

Paul Cashman Treasurer

LUNCHES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

January Lunch

Venue: The Duke of Dural, Kenthurst Rd Dural

Date: Sunday 25th January 2026

Time: 12.00 pm

Cost: Pay on the day

Ann Colless



Christmas Celebration

Date: Wednesday 3rd December

Venue: Entrata Restaurant Glenhaven Road

Time: 12.00 noon

(doors do not open until 12.00 on the dot!)

Menu: Main Course, roll & butter and dessert (alternate serves and 2 glasses of wine or soft drink. **Additional beverages or coffee may be purchased separately.**

Elaine Finch

Sue Badcock



GUEST SPEAKER



There will be no organised Guest Speaker in December. Instead, we will be enjoying the challenge of playing 'Musical Bingo' and looking forward to some exciting speakers we have booked for 2026.

Geoff Murray Speaker Convenor

Phone:

Email:



THE GREAT ZIGZAG RAILWAY

Friday, March 6th, 2026

Booked out, waiting list in operation.

We will have morning tea at the Clarence Station pavilion followed by a 1 1/2 -hour train ride. We will then enjoy a 2- course lunch at Leura with a little free time prior to our return journey. Cost per person is \$132 based on a minimum of 30 members. If I have interest from more than 40 members, I can check the availability of their larger coach

Carolyn Powell

SAVE THE DATE

Friday January 30th Berowra Waters Picnic early dinner – Details in January Chatter.

Carolyn Powell



TENNIS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday evening at Belltree Crescent Castle Hill between 5 pm and 7 pm. Summer heat has hit us with a whack, so come and whack it around the court!

Ron Powell Coordinator



INVESTMENT GROUP

First Tuesday of the month

Next Meeting: 2nd December

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.

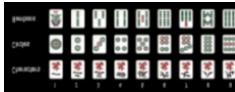
John Badcock



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



MAH JONG GROUP

When: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

Venue: West Pennant Hills Sports Club

Date: 4th December 18th December

Time: 10 am - 12 noon

No meeting on 1st January! Beginners and experienced players welcome, for more information please contact:

Marie Eyles



SOLO TRAVELLERS COFFEE

Coffee Morning

Held 4th Tuesday of the month

Date: No meeting in December.

Time: 10.15 am

Venue: Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless Sue Dawes



Wine Appreciation Group

Usually 1st Monday of the month

Date: 1st December

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:

*Three phrases that sum up Christmas are:
Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men, and
Batteries not Included.*



WELFARE

What is the golden rule about climbing on ladders? NEVER Unfortunately Megan Cleary forgot the rule and ended up in hospital with # vertebrae (back) with pain and breathing issues to deal with, she says she will be out of action at least until the New Year. Wish Megan all the best. Please take care during this bout of very warm weather and keep well hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, preferably water.

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: 8th December

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: 3rd December

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



BICYCLE GROUP

Third Friday in the month.

Date: Fri 16th January

Time: 10:00am.

Place: Bella Vista Farm

Our bike rides for this year have now finished and will restart in January 2026 on Friday the 16th. Our January bike ride will start at Bella Vista Farm (entry off Elizabeth MacArthur Drive), and make our way up to Stanhope Gardens, The Ponds and Rouse Hill. We can have a picnic lunch at Bella Vista Farm after the ride, but bring your own food and drinks (and a chair as well). There are good toilets at Bella Vista Farm.

See you there ready to start the ride at 10:00am at Bella Vista Farm on **Friday 16th January**.

Due likelihood of rain for our Wollongong ride in November we changed the venue to a local ride instead. We will do the Wollongong ride in February.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ & Rhonda

Email:



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 15th December

Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

Time: 9.45 am

This will be our last movie for 2025, and at the moment the only advertised films are Dead of Winter with Emma Thompson and Nuremberg with Russell Crowe. I will keep an eye out for any updates and contact Movie Groupers closer to the date !If you would like to be added to this group , please drop me an email or ring me!

Contact: Elaine Finch

email:



SANTA'S ELVES ARE GETTING READY!



JAZZ AT THE PINES

When: 15th February

Time: 12.30 till 3.30 pm

Where: Roughley House, Old Northern Rd. Dural

How Much: \$25.00 concession

Who's On: Bathtub Gin Orchestra

If you would like to join us then, please contact me, meanwhile have a very happy Christmas and New Year!



Lynn Paterson

THEATRE GROUP

Expressions of Interest for:

“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.

“STEEL MAGNOLIAS “ Theatre Royal, Wed. 20th May
Tickets \$90, pay at March Meeting.

“THE LION KING” Capitol theatre 1pm Wed 8th July
Tickets \$105 pay at April Meeting.

“WAITRESS” Lyric Theatre 1 pm Wed 19th August
Tickets \$70, pay at June meeting.

If interested, but unable to attend meetings please
call: Howard & Sue Patterson

Email:

Pat Bisby email:



BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month.

Where: Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club

When: Thu 22nd January 2026

Time: 10:30 am

The book discussed was There are rivers in the sky by Elif Shafak. It was generally thought to be a fascinating read, covering several themes, including water, ancient Mesopotamia, cuneiform tablets and the Yazidi people etc. It was a bit intense for some readers!

At the next book club meeting , the book to be discussed is An Inside Job by Daniel Silva.

Contact: Lesley Maker

Email:



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

There is no December Walk, so watch this space for the New Year programme!

Contacts: Julie Dunesky Steve Dunesky

Walking for Pleasure Getaway to Newcastle

4-day/3-night 18th - 21st May 2026

Accommodation: Rydges Newcastle

Includes 3 nights' accommodation, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, cruise and parking for 3 nights.

Estimated cost: per couple \$1,550, per single \$1,178

Highlights of our trip include Historic Morpeth cruise, Heritage Walk

Expressions of interest: There are a few spaces left, see Glenda at the December meeting for further details.

Glenda King Ph.

email



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Dates: 12th December, 9th & 23rd January 2026

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:



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.

December Monique Connelly

January 2026 Di Creed



*From all of us!
Your committee 2025-2026*



GOLF GROUP



November Player of the Month: Ladies champion and regular winner, **Sheena Brown** (pictured) has taken out the Player of the Month Award. Contested over just two games, **Sheena** scored **67 points** with **Wayne Steward (61 points)** and **Ivan Milicevic (60 points)** making up the top three. Well done to all three players.

Invitation: If you would like to have fun and play social golf you are most welcome to join the golf group. With the 2025 season coming to a close, now is the perfect time to join our friendly group, meet the players and prepare for next year's competition. 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 7.00am 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: December 1st, 8th and 15th.
Geoff Murray

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Wednesday 31st December

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:

Mobile:

Direct Link to Probus Members Benefit Site: -
http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme

November Nuances



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2025

Some things never change, Eh Leslie?



It's golf - it's exercise - it is! - IT IS!



We are used to being behind bars!(Both kinds)



On our way to hit the shops! Bags at the ready!



Sunday Lunchers - Still practising our technique!

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

December

Mon 1	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 2	Investment Group	Lucy's Bar CC Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Wed 3	Christmas Function	Entrata Restaurant Glenhaven	12.00 pm	Elaine Finch	
Thu 4	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Mon 8	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Fri 12	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	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	
Thu 18	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Thu 25	Christmas Day			Happy Christmas &	
Fri 26	Boxing Day				
Wed 31	New Years Eve			A Prosperous New Year	

January 2026

Tue 6	Investment Group	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Wed 7	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Thu 8	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
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	
Fri 16	Bicycle Group	Bella Vista Farm	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
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	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Thu 22	Book Club	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 23	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
Sun 25	Sunday Lunch	The Duke of Dural	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Mon 26	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 27	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Fri 30	Berowra Waters Picnic	Berowra Waters	TBA	Carolyn Powell	