

# Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



*Newsletter of the Combined Probud Club of Coonara-Cherrybrook*

Club Number 592480 Founded 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007 District 9685  
 ABN Number: 37897363271  
 Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Probud 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 Probud 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 Probud cheer make every day feel bright.

*Andre Maas*

*President*

## NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

16<sup>th</sup> December 2025

20<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## TREASURER'S REPORT

On 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2025, the financial position is as follows :

| <b>Total Cash at Bank</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------|
|---------------------------|---------------|

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Westpac Working Account | \$ |
|-------------------------|----|

**Less**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Members prepayments | \$ |
|---------------------|----|

|                          |           |
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| <b>Net Cash Position</b> | <b>\$</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------|

Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting.

Paul Cashman Treasurer

## LUNCHES & DINNERS



### ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

January Lunch

**Venue:** The Duke of Dural, Kenthurst Rd Dural

**Date:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Time:** 12.00 pm

**Cost:** Pay on the day

Ann Colless



### Christmas Celebration

**Date:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 ZIG ZAG RAILWAY

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Booked out, waiting list in operation.**

We will have morning tea at the Clarence Station pavilion followed by a 1½ -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 30<sup>th</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 JONGG GROUP

**When:** 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

**Venue:** West Pennant Hills Sports Club

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> December 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 10 am - 12 noon

**No meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> January!** Beginners and experienced players welcome, for more information please contact:

Marie Eyles



## SOLO TRAVELLERS COFFEE

Coffee Morning

Held 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month (except Public Holidays when there will be NO cards.)

**Venue:** West Pennant Hills Sporting Club

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** 15<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> April Lyric Theatre  
Tickets \$70.00 pay at February meeting.

"MY FAIR LADY" Opera House – Joan Sutherland  
Theatre 1 pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026.  
Stall tickets \$178.00. Pay at July meeting.

"STEEL MAGNOLIAS " Theatre Royal, Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Tickets \$90, pay at March Meeting.

"THE LION KING" Capitol theatre 1pm Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Tickets \$105 pay at April Meeting.

"WAITRESS" Lyric Theatre 1 pm Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of the month.**

**Where:** Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club

**When:** Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Rydge's 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

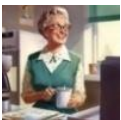
Our lawn bowls activity group meets on the second & fourth Fridays of each month at the Castle Hill Bowling Club and we join up with some members from adjacent Probus clubs.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.coonaraprobust.org.au](http://www.coonaraprobust.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.

### Probust Coonara-Cherrybrook Facebook Page

Probust 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 Probust Members Benefit Site: -**

[http://probustsouthpacific.org/pages/members\\_offers\\_member\\_benefits\\_scheme](http://probustsouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme)

## November Nuances



2022

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 | <b>Christmas Day</b> |   |             | <b>Happy<br/>Christmas<br/>&amp;</b>     |  |
| Fri 26 | <b>Boxing Day</b>    |  |             |  |  |
| Wed 31 | <b>New Years Eve</b> |  |             | <b>A<br/>Prosperous<br/>New<br/>Year</b> |  |

### 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     |  |