

Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



Newsletter of the Combined Probud 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**

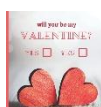
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February 2025



"Will you be my Valentine? I'll bring you flowers, chocs & wine. I will take you out to dinner, No, you don't need to be thinner! I might be your Mr. Right, life's a breeze, we'll never fight." Things are not always as they seem - Wake up girls it's just a dream!

President's Letter

Hello Fellow Members,

Here we are in February already where we are already into the 2025 swing of things. This will be a great year with lots of live shows again and holidays planned. By now the groups should be up and running and special events in place so no excuse for being bored. I want to thank Andre Maas for stepping up for me in my absence last month while I was enjoying a trip to the Australian Open. Enjoy your Probud this year, everyone works very hard to provide lots to do.

As we enter our 18th year as a club, may I wish you all a very Happy Birthday and thank you all for the support which makes us such a successful club. The March meeting will be our Annual General Meeting, and may I encourage you to think about nominating as a committee member or group leader. Fresh energy is always welcome!

Sue Waesch

President

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

February 18th 2025

18th March 2025 Annual General Meeting





THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF COONARA-CHERRYBROOK INC.

2025– 2026 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOMINATION

Please submit all nominations to the Club
Secretary by close of the General Meeting
on Tuesday 18th February 2025

Position Nominated:.....

Name of Nominee:.....

Signature of Nominee:.....

Proposed by:.....

Signature of Proposer:.....

Seconded by:.....

Signature of Seconder:.....

Received by Secretary on:.....



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Bank details as at 31.1.2025

Total Cash at Bank	Amount
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Westpac Working Account	\$
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Less

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 0417 366 663

LUNCHES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

February Lunch:

Venue: The Hills Bowling Club
6-18 Jenner St, Baulkham Hills

Date: Sunday 23rd February

Time: 12PM

Cost: Pay on the day

March Lunch

Date: Sunday 23rd March

Venue: : TBA

Time : 12.00 pm

Ann Colless

Probud Changeover and Birthday Lunch



Date: 18th March

Time: 1.00 pm (after conclusion of AGM)

Venue: Castle Hill Bowling Club

Cost: \$40.00 pp.

Menu: Bread Roll & butter

Mains: Alternate serves of Chicken Chasseur
(chicken braised in tomato sauce with onions and
mushrooms) with buttered chat potatoes. Slow
roasted lamb rump with a redcurrant and port wine
jus, sweet potato mash, buttered broccolini and
honey baked carrots.`

Desserts: Lemon meringue tart with crème Chantilly
and strawberry. Warm chocolate pudding with
orange custard and chocolate ganache, crème
Chantilly and strawberry. Tea & Coffee station.

Bookings and payments at February meeting.

Only 18 places left!!

Contacts: Elaine Finch

Sue Badcock

ANNUAL BEROWRA WATERS PICNIC



Disappointing that we had to postpone our January
31st picnic. The only available Fridays in any month
are the 1st and 5th due to ongoing club activities of
lawn bowls and bike riding. March 7th is the day of
the Naval Historical Cruise so the next available
Friday is April 4th. Given that daylight saving will
have ended by then we will revert back to a picnic ,
it will be **LUNCH** not **DINNER**. Arrival time will be
12.30pm for nibbles first then lunch. I will have a
new expression of interest sheet at the February
and March meetings. Those details will be in the
March Chatter.

Carolyn Powell



TENNIS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday evening at
Belltree Crescent Castle Hill between 5 pm
and 7 pm. The warmer and lighter evenings are
inviting you for an active and relaxing way to
conclude a lovely summers' day. Come out and
enjoy a bit of light exercise and keep your joints
moving!

Ron Powell

Coordinator

NAVAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY HARBOUR CRUISE

FRIDAY MARCH 7th 2025

FULLY BOOKED + wait list!



The cruise leaves from King Street Wharf 3, Darling Harbour.

Check in time is 9.30am. Boarding at 9.45am.

Departure time is 10.00am - **for a 3 - hour cruise** (watch out, you know what happened to Gilligan!!)

Returning at 1.00pm.

Carolyn Powell

Red Centre Trip



17th – 23rd September 2025 7- day tour

Ayres Rock/Uluru, Field of Light, Simpson's Gap, Kings Canyon, Sounds of Silence Dinner, Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) are only a few of the highlights.

Accommodation for this tour is:-

Double Tree By Hilton, Alice Springs - 3 nights

Kings Canyon Resort - 1 night

Desert Gardens Uluru - 2 nights

Cost is dependent on the numbers travelling:

Minimum 30 passengers twin share pp is \$4,980.00

Minimum 25 passengers twin share pp is \$5,195.00

Single Supplement is \$1,135.00

This includes group pick up, all admissions, airfares, 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners, transfers and luxury coach travel.

A deposit of \$600.00 pp is needed by 18th March, with the balance due by 4th August 2025.

Sue Waesch

\$45 billion found in a Nigerian man's flat. He'd spent ten years trying to get rid of it but no one answered his emails.



Wine Appreciation Group

Usually 1st Monday of the month

Date: 3rd February, 3rd March

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Venue: Living Choice Leisure Centre

Living Choice , 15 Old Glenhaven Rd, Glenhaven

Hosts : Sue Waesch and Steve Kyneur

Cost: \$5 per head per meeting (pay on the day) which will cover the cost 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:



INVESTMENT GROUP

First Tuesday of the month

Next Meeting: 4th February, 4th March

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



WELFARE

It's been said no news is good news. Well, that is what I am reporting. Trust this is sounding like 2025 might be a healthy one for us all? So how about we start each day counting our blessings instead of how many stayin' alive pills we take.

Lots of laughs

Nell McSeveny

Welfare Officer

NB.

At the March meeting will see the end of Nells' sterling service as our welfare Officer after many years and call backs she is finally going to have a rest and enjoy just being an active member. Many thanks Nell on all your years of great caring and wonderful humour. If anyone would like to consider volunteering to fill her shoes , we will all be most appreciative. The Nomination form is on page 2 of this months Chatter, so please give it some thought, in the words of Lord Kitchener....



" WE NEED YOU!"



MAH JONG GROUP

When: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

Venue: West Pennant Hills Sports Club

Date: 6th & 20th February 6th & 20th March

Time: 10 am ~ 12 noon

Beginners and experienced players welcome, for more information please contact:

Marie Eyles



CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

Next meetings: 5th February 5th March

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



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: 10th & 24th February 2025

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



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 17th February

Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

Time: 9.45 am

There looks as if the new Bridget Jones will be out by then, but that might be a bit too Chick Flick for our male participants, alternatively there is Widow Clicquot which is based on the true story behind the Veuve Clicquot champagne family and business that began in the late 18th century. I have actually seen this on a foreign streaming service and it was quite good and interesting! I will keep an eye out 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:



GUEST SPEAKER



Dr Richard Harris is best known as one of Australia's top Vascular Surgeons and for spearheading the rebuild of a major metropolitan hospital. He has Fellowships in General Surgery and Vascular Surgery through the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and he is also Chairman of the Medical Staff Council at Hornsby Hospital. He will be talking about some of his many medical adventures.

Richard is also an Author. His first book **Imagine**, was inspired by John Lennons song Imagine. Richard will talk about his book and will have copies available for purchase after our meeting.

Geoff Murray

Speaker Convenor

Phone:

Email:



JAZZ AT THE PINES

When: 16th February 2025

Time: 12.30 till 4.00pm

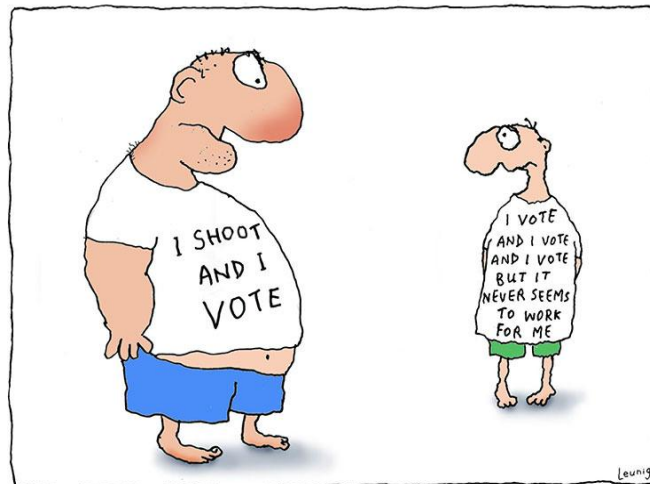
Where: Roughley House, Old Northern Rd. Dural

How Much: \$20.00 concession

Who's On: Zenith Jazz Sextet

Back again for the Summer/Autumn Season, if you would like to join us please contact -

Lynn Paterson



SOLO TRAVELLERS COFFEE

Coffee Morning

Held 4th Tuesday of the month

Date: Tue 25th February 2025

Time: 10.15 am

Venue: Lounge Area Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless

Sue Dawes



GOLF GROUP



January Player of the Month: Our superstar player for **January 2025** was *Geoff Clark* (pictured). Geoff, a prolific winner, scored *100 points* in just three games to beat *Sheena Brown* with *92 points*. Not far behind were *Wayne Steward* and *Mal Anderson*, each with *90 points*. Well done to all four.

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 just starting, so now is the perfect time for new players to come and join our 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 myself or any of the golfers.

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: February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
Geoff Murray



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Dates: 14th & 28th February

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.

Contact for Bowls attendance:

Russell Bush Ph.

email: bush@bigpond.net.au



THEATRE GROUP

Expressions of Interest for:

TOWN HALL CONCERT featuring David Hobson 11am Mon. 18th March tickets \$50 please pay at February meeting.

"ANNIE" Capitol Theatre Wed. 1pm 16th April tickets \$75, there is a waitlist for this show, please pay at February meeting

"& THEN THERE WERE NONE" Theatre Royal 1pm Wed. 14th May tickets \$70 pay at March meeting.

"MJ The Musical" Lyric Theatre 1pm Wed. 30th July Tickets \$99 pay at May meeting.

"CATS" Theatre Royal pm Wednesday 25th June tickets \$70, pay at April meeting.

FUTURE TOWN HALL CONCERTS :

The good old times concerts at the Town Hall will cease for the first half of the year, they will have a new name crescendo entertainment & may be structured differently. Marina Prior Tues. 6th May, Classical Gala Tues 16th Sept, Piano Passion Tues 28th Oct

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

Howard & Sue Patterson

Pat Bisby

"I was thinking about how people seem to read the bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me—they're cramming for their final exam."

George Carlin



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. And remember:-



The Librarians- Jan, Jenny & Liz

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Friday 28th February
Please send to Elaine Finch



BICYCLE GROUP

Third Friday in the month.

Date: 21st February

Time: 10:00am.

Place: Woy Woy to West Gosford

Our February ride is the very pleasant one 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 easy 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 drink and 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). Allow plenty of time to get there, it's approximately 70km from the centre of Castle Hill.

Cheers

Russ & Rhonda

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Russ & Rhonda

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ Rhonda email

Well played IKEA 🏆



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

FEBRUARY WALK

Sydney Harbour, Mosman and Cremorne

A ferry trip across Sydney harbour and a walk around the leafy pathways of Mosman and Cremorne Point are awaiting us. Come and join in the day as we walk through bushland, once the domain of artists and early environmentalists. We pass many old mansions from the Federation Arts and Crafts period and landscape gardens. The city and water views are worth the effort and the day out.

Date: Tuesday 11th February

Time: 10.00am.

Meet: Circular Quay Ferry Wharf to catch the F2 ferry to Taronga Zoo.

Grade: Easy/ Medium (steps in sections).

Duration: about 3 hours (excluding ferry from/to Circular Quay).

Toilets: Circular Quay, Little Sirius Cove, Mosman wharf, Cremorne Point.

What to bring : Opal Card, hat, sunscreen, water, sandwich for lunch.

Coffee stop: Mosman Wharf.

MARCH WALK

Time for a local walk around our neighbourhood. Come and join us for a walk around the Crestwood area. Always things to see and learn and importantly sharing the company of each other adds greatly to the walk. So, mark the calendar and join us on the day. A coffee break along the way.

Date: Tuesday 11th March 2025.

Time: 10.00 am.

Meet: Crestwood Reserve, Peel Road, Crestwood. In the carpark adjacent to the tennis courts.

Grade: Easy - A few slight hills.

Length/Duration: About 6km taking approximately 3.5hours.

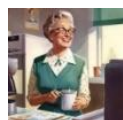
Toilets: Crestwood Reserve.

What to bring: Hat, water, enroute nibbles.

Following walk: Bring a picnic lunch, chairs, thermos etc. for those who can stay.

Contacts: Julie Dunesky

Steve Dunesky



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.

February Jackie Buckley **March** Sue Burnham

Let's Get Down to Business Column



Justices of the Peace

Paul Cashman	
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.coonaraclub.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.

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_offers_member_benefits_scheme



BOOK CLUB UPDATE!

Meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month.

Where: Castle Hill Bowling Club

When: Thu 27th February 2025

Time: 10:30 am

This is to introduce Chris Mylonas who is the book club convenor of The Hills and District Probus Club, who have been kind enough to allow our small group to combine with their Book Club. Alan Vesperman and Lesley Maker from our club are participants so you will know someone and if you choose to go and make some new friends you will be very welcome. For more details please

Contact: Chris Mylonas 0430 306 838

Email: c.mylonas8@gmail.com



Which particular skit and TV show does this bring to mind?? (FourKandles?)



Coonaras' entry to the Knobbly- Knees competition!



The Good Ol' Boys - on the pull!
(they told you girls they were going to golf!)

COONARA-CHERRYBROOK CALENDAR 2024

All Mon	Golf	Various Courses	TBA	Geoff Murray	
All Wed	Tennis	Belltree Crescent C. Hill	5-7pm	Ron Powell	

February

Mon 3	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 4	Investment Group	Lucy's bar CC Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Wed 5	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Thu 6	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Mon 10	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 11	Walking Group	Sydney Harbour	10.00 am	Julie & Steve Dunesky	
Fri 14	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
Sun 16	Jazz at the Pines	Roughley House	12.30 pm	Lyn Paterson	
Mon 17	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Tue 18	Members Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am	Sue Badcock	
Thu 20	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Fri 21	Bicycle Group	Woy Woy to West Gosford	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 23	Sunday Lunch	Hills Club	12.00 pm	Ann Colless	
Mon 24	Cards Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 25	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Wed 26	Group Leaders Picnic	Rowallen Hall	12.00 pm	Andre Maas	
Thu 27	Book Club	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.30 am	Alan Vesperman	
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IT'S ON AGAIN

Rotary 
Club of West Pennant Hills
& Cherrybrook

2025 ANNUAL GIANT BOOK SALE

Cherrybrook Uniting Church
134 New Line Road, Cherrybrook

Friday 7th March
9am to 5pm

Saturday 8th March
9am to 5pm

Sunday 9th March
11am to 2pm

CLEARANCE SALE

We are looking for donations of books
(preferably less than 10 years old), in good
condition, original CD's, DVD's, records &
sheet music.

Simply call our hotline (0468 330 667)
for a convenient drop off point.

Donations accepted until 12 noon Saturday 1st March.

Please note: we are unable to accept text books,
encyclopaedias, dictionaries, damaged or
dirty/mouldy books, magazines, coffee table books,
Readers Digest & condensed books.

Proceeds go to National Centre
for Childhood Grief, and other
Rotary Charities.

Through your donation and purchase of Books,
you can help save lives.



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🌐 www.wphcrotary.org/2025-book-sale

