

Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



Newsletter of the Combined Probus Club of Coonara-Cherrybrook

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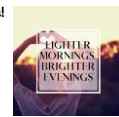
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November 2025



Once again the Melbourne Cup brings us shouting to the rails, Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving Day & then Black Friday sales. Hope you have been good and started your Christmas list, because as we all know, Santa really does exist! Only 55 days to go!!

President's Letter

Hello Everyone,

The end of the year is fast approaching. As I write this note it is only 55 days until Christmas. So, if you are like me and have not started shopping, you better get moving. I love that it is daylight saving now and the days are longer and getting warmer., although I do worry about the curtains fading more with the extra hour of Sunlight.



October was a busy month with lots of activities and events for our members to participate in. A large contingent of members went on our annual trip to the "Red Centre" and enjoyed Ayers Rock, the Olgas and the field of lights. As always, the group enjoyed the week away with good friends and had lots of fun.

Other members also attended the annual Golf trip travelling to Newcastle this year. Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to Carolyn who puts in many hours of organisation and also to John Maker who

manages the golfing side of the weekend. This club has many activities for our members to be involved in. Being involved in activities is a great way to meet other members. So please get involved and take part in many Events that Probus has to offer. Have a great month.

Andre Maas

President

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

18th November 2025

16th December 2025

Just flipped our microwave on
it's side, and he absolutely loves it





TREASURER'S REPORT

On 31st Oct. 2025, the financial position is as follows :

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

LUNCHES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

November Lunch (Christmas Lunch)

Venue: Georges Pizzeria, 1 Circa Boulevard Bella Vista

Date: Sunday 23rd November

Time: 12.00 pm

Cost: Pay on the day

Ann Colless

NOVEMBER FUNCTION



Annual Wine and Cheese Night

Date: Saturday November 15th

Time: 6.30 pm to 9.00pm

Venue: 16, Crego Road Glenhaven

Cost: \$ 30.00 pp

Carolyn Powell



Christmas Celebration

Date: Wednesday 3rd December

Venue: Entrata Restaurant Glenhaven Road

Time: 12.00 noon

Cost: \$ 66.00

Menu: 2 courses (alternate serves), roll and butter, **Pollo Saltimbocca (gf)** chicken fillet with a white wine and butter sauce, or

Porchetta (roast pork) served with carrots & broccoli & bowls of roast potatoes on table.

Tiramisu or **Cannoli** and 2 glasses of wine or soft drink. Additional beverages or coffee may be purchased separately.

Bookings and payment: Only 15 places left!

By or at November meeting.

Elaine Finch

Sue Badcock



THE GREAT ZIG ZAG RAILWAY

Friday, March 6th, 2026

I know this is a long way off but this activity only takes place on specific days during the year and with our busy regular schedule I have tentatively booked it.

We need 30 members to make it viable.

Construction of the Zig Zag railway began in 1866 and is recognised as a major engineering feat of its time and one of the engineering wonders of the Victorian age.

The railway was closed in 1912 due to rising costs and complex regulations, then damaged by 2 bushfires and flooding. The community has worked hard to return the railway to its former glory.

We will have morning tea at the Clarence Station pavilion followed by a 1.5-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. I will have an expression of interest sheet at the November meeting to make sure our numbers are viable. If you wish to register your name prior to the November meeting please email me.

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

countess high profile cases in which he was

involved as an officer, an investigator and as

police chaplain. This is a presentation not to be

missed, as many of these cases you will

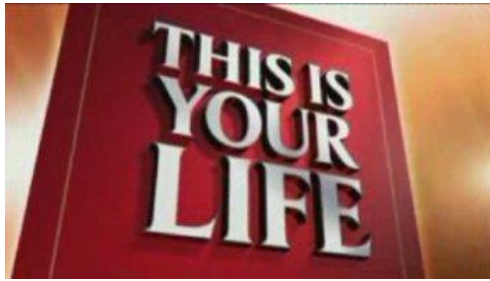
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Geoff Murray

Speaker Convenor

Phone:

Email:



THIS IS YOUR LIFE

I am looking for members to be "interviewed" on **THIS IS YOUR LIFE** at our meetings. I am sure many members have had very rewarding careers or have interesting hobbies or interests that they would love to share with members. It's also a great way for members to get to know you. If you would like to take part, either phone ,email or see me at the meeting. Your own "Parky" alias - John Maker



TENNIS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday evening at Belltree Crescent Castle Hill between 5 pm and 7 pm. Spring is slowly creeping into summer and it's just perfect for a bit of light exercise, come out and enjoy it and keep your joints moving!

Ron Powell Coordinator



INVESTMENT GROUP

First Tuesday of the month

Next Meeting: Not Melbourne Cup Day ,so next date is 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.

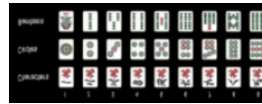
John Badcock



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 : 6th November, 25th November

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: 25th November, 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

NB No November Meeting due to unavailability of venue.

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:





WELFARE

Firstly, the sad passing of **Mike Duffy** on 15th October. He was a wonderful north of England lad with a great sense of humour & bright mind. He enjoyed spending time on his iPad to keep up with the latest information and often would get together with Jack Jones for a chat, (you can guess who did most of the talking). Mike reached the grand old age of 94 when he passed away with his loving wife by his side. RIP dear Mike, you will be sadly missed.

Holidays seem to bring some people bad luck, on the recent trip to the centre **John Hughes** came back with swollen legs causing cellulitis, so off to hospital for IV antibiotics. He was in hospital for a couple of weeks.

Jean Tasker had a fall whilst at the centre and received same nasty wounds on her lower leg - healing slowly

Gerda Ekkelenkemp has not been able to attend meetings recently due to ill health. She had major surgery on 10th October and is in the recovery phase. We wish her all the best.

Trish Thompson Is making a slow painful recovery following #’s to her shoulder and upper arm.

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: 10th and 24th November

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: 5th November, 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 21st October

Time: 10:00am.

Place: Bulli to Wollongong

Our November bike ride, which will be the last for this year, will be the popular Bulli to Wollongong ride, starting at Sandon Point. As most of the group now have an e-bike we might extend the ride a bit after we get to Wollongong fishing harbour and travel a bit further south and add an extra 4 or 5 kilometres. We can make this choice when we get to the harbour.

After the ride we can have a picnic in the park at Sandon Point, but bring your own food and drink (and maybe chairs as well). There are good clean toilets at the surf club there.

The starting point is at the end of Point Street, Bulli, from the car park for the Sandon Point surf club.

If travelling down the M7 please note that the majority of this road, from the Richmond Road turn off to the Hume Freeway, is reduced to 80km/hr adding 10 minutes or more to the journey. See you there ready to start the ride at **10:00am on Friday 21st November.**

We will resume our rides in **January 2026.**

We are still looking for suggestions for new rides and ride leaders.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ & Rhonda

Email:





GOLF GROUP



October Player of the Month: One of our regular monthly winners, **Ivan Milicevic** (pictured) has again taken out the Player of the Month Award. Contested over just two games, **Ivan** scored **76 points** with **Sheena Brown** (66 points) and **Geoff Murray** (64 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: November 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.

Geoff Murray

I'm so glad I was taught how to play the recorder at school.



It has come in really handy in adult life, Lost count of the times I've resolved a difficult situation with a quick blast of three blind mice.



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

NOVEMBER WALK

HUNTERS HILL

The Jacarandas should be in full bloom, so it is the perfect time to walk around the established streets of Hunters Hill. The buildings of yesteryear and their mature gardens are worth the peek over the fence. There is endless history in this old suburb. Our route takes us around the drydock built in 1898, then the largest in Australia. We continue walking through parkland and onto the local swimming area. Come and join us in this **end of year walk** and finish for lunch at the Woolwich Pier hotel if you can stay.

Date: Tuesday 11th November 2025.

Time: 10.00am.

Meet: In Weil Park at the end of Prince George Parade (street parking available in vicinity).

Grade: Easy/medium (some steep steps).

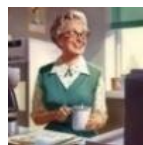
Duration: About 3 hours.

Toilets: Clarke Point Reserve, Woolwich Pier Hotel, Coffee stop, Weil Park (?).

What to bring: Water, hat, nibbles, camera.

Following Walk: It is proposed to purchase lunch at the Woolwich Pier Hotel as our end of year treat. Please let us know in advance so we can make a booking.

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.

November Ann Colless

December Monique Connelly

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Sunday 30th November

Please send to Elaine Finch

Let's Get Down to Business Column



Justices of the Peace

Paul Cashman	0417 366 663
Leon Creed	0400 245 519
Dennis Fitzgibbons	0466 693 323
John Hughes	9680 3161
Geoff Murray	0400 978 790
Susanne Waesch	0407 498 510
Bob Walker	0409 245 173



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.coonara probus.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

October Occurrences



Full House for "Makys" Interview



Gorgeous Golfing Gals



Having Pleasure Walking!



The Committee Committing!



The Sunday Lunchers Waiting for Wine!

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

November

Mon 3	Wine Appreciation Cancelled	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 4	Investment Group Cancelled	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club	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	Hunters Hill	10.00 am	Julie & Steve Dunesky	
Fri 14	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
Sat 15	Wine & Cheese Night	Leonie's Place Glenhaven	6.30pm	Carolyn Powell	
Sun 16	Jazz at the Pines	Roughley House Dural	12.00 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	Bulli to Wollongong	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 23	Sunday Lunch	Georges Pizzeria	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Mon 24	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 25	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Thu 27	Book Club	Lucy's Bar Castle Hill RSL Club	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 28	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	

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				
Fri 26	Boxing Day				
Wed 31	New Years Eve				

