

# Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



**Newsletter of the Combined Probus 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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## May 2026



On the very 1<sup>st</sup> of May we celebrate the 8- hr working day. And if Star Wars is your special do, then May the Forth **be** with you! Then the 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day, so book your table early! Don't forget to treat your Mum, 'cos she's your favourite girly!

### President's Letter

*Hi all,*

What beautiful weather we have had this month and especially over the Easter period and the Anzac long weekend, I hope everyone enjoyed the breaks with friends and family. This month has flown by with so much going on. I believe a great time was had by all the participants of the barefoot bowls unfortunately I was not able to attend, but I heard a lot of wonderful reports.

Along with many others I went with the theatre group to see Anastasia and it was an absolutely brilliant production the costumes and the stage sets were fantastic, a very enjoyable day. Looking at the photos posted on our web site it seems the Sunday lunch group had a fun day too.

The committee is still looking for some enthusiastic person to become our Historian. It would be good to have the history of our club on our wonderful new website for all to enjoy.

I will not be at our next general meeting as I will be away with the walking club on their annual few days away, organised by Glenda King and it's always a very enjoyable break away. Geoff Murray our Vice President will be standing in for me and Andre Maas our Past President will be standing in for Geoff. See you in June.

**Leonie Lawson**

**President**



**Artemis II Splashdown  
10.4.2026**

#### NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

**19<sup>th</sup> May**

**16<sup>th</sup> June**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

At close of business on 30.4.26, the financial position is as follows :

<b>Total Cash at Bank</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Westpac Working Account	\$
<b>Less</b>	
Members prepayments	\$
<b>Net Cash Position</b>	<b>\$</b>

Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Paul Cashman Acting Treasurer  
Bob Walker Treasurer

## LUNCHEES & DINNERS



### ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

#### May Lunch

**Venue:** Klamm Thai Restaurant

6-7 Showground Village 2 Mandala Pd, Castle Hill

**Date:** Sunday 24th May 2026

**Time:** 12.00 pm

**Cost:** Pay on the day

Ann Colless

#### MAY DINNER

**Venue:** La Caretta

Shop 7/35 Coonara Ave, West Pennant Hills. Italian Pizza and Pasta

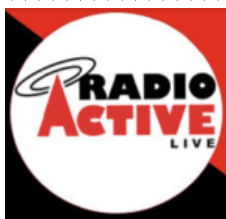
**Date:** Wednesday May 13th

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Cost:** \$40 per head including corkage.

Please contact me if you wish to attend this dinner, payment would need to be made online.

Carolyn Powell



We are going to arrange another visit to this popular show.

**Venue:** The Hills Lodge Boutique Hotel & Spa  
1 Salisbury Rd, Castle Hill

**Date:** Sunday Afternoon 26th July.

**Time:** 3.00pm- 5pm

**Cost:** \$35. Includes afternoon tea, and there is a cash bar.

Expressions of interest ASAP with payments at June or July meeting.

Lyn Paterson

## WINTER YULEFEST LUNCH ON THE NEPEAN BELLE BELLE PADDLEWHEELER FRIDAY JULY 31<sup>st</sup>.



*Have a wait list for this function. I will not be at the May meeting, as I will be on the Walking Trip to Newcastle. Payment is due by the June meeting. If you wish your name to be added to the wait list please contact me."*

*Our Yulefest day begins with morning tea at the Nurragingy Reserve at Doonside. We then head to Jamison town to board the Nepean Belle travelling through the Picturesque Nepean Gorge. The cruise includes shared plates lunch followed by dessert, tea & coffee. The afternoon continues with a visit to Penrith's Regional Gallery & the home of Margo and Gerald Lewers; prominent Australian artists.*

*Participation limit is 48 members. Cost is \$128.00 per person. On Course coach pickup from Castle Hill Bowling Club at 9.45am, returning approx. 4.45pm.*

*Enquiries Carolyn Powell*



## GUEST SPEAKER



The speaker for May is Noel Phelan. Noel's first career was as a science and mathematics teacher. He then moved into IT with IBM as a systems engineer and spent 25 years in various technical and management positions. He has been a volunteer guide at the Maritime Museum for over 15 years. Noel was the team leader of the speakers for many years.

Noel is a Past President of the Northbridge Rotary club. He spent many years as sailing captain of his sailing club. He also spent several years with Marine Rescue and the Rural Fire Service.

Noel is also a volunteer at the Naval Historical Society where he has developed three Navy Harbour cruises. He has also organised a speaker's program for the Navy Historical Society where the presentations are delivered by ZOOM to the 500 members around Australia. He fulfilled a boyhood dream to fly a WW II fighter by flying a SPITFIRE at The Imperial War Museum at Duxford in the UK recently.

Irene Fisher Speaker Convenor

Ph: Email



## TENNIS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday evening at Belltree Crescent Castle Hill between 5pm and 7pm. In this cooler Autumn weather, what could be nicer than to keep fit AND enjoy yourself under the floodlights! If you are a new member, don't be shy and do come and join us for a whack around the court!

Ron Powell      Coordinator



## INVESTMENT GROUP

First Tuesday of the month

**Next Meeting:** 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 10.15am.

**Venue:** Foyer 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:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Time:** 10 am - 12 noon

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:** Tue 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 10.15 am

**Venue:** Marble Bar level 1 Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless      Sue Dawes



## 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. **The Librarians-** Jan, Jenny & Liz



## WELFARE

A very quiet time at the moment. But remember it's time once again for flu booster shots! I am always happy to have a confidential chat with you about any health issues, or difficulties you may be experiencing.

Jan Duffy

Welfare Officer



## Wine Appreciation Group

Usually 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 4pm to 6pm

**Venue:** Living Choice Leisure Centre

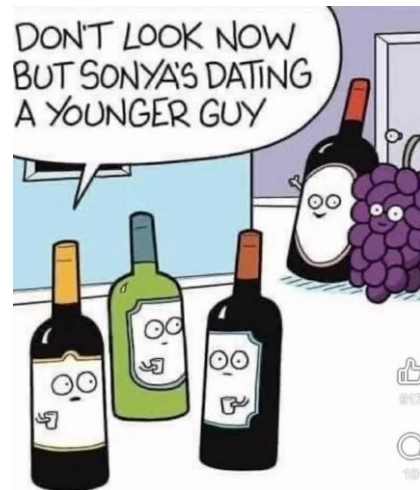
Living Choice, 15 Old Glenhaven Rd, Glenhaven

**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:



## 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:** 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May

**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:** 6<sup>th</sup> May

**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 especially crafty new members!

Judith Gauci



## MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May

Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

Time: 9.45 am

At this stage, I would recommend that we see



In this witty, new breed of mystery, George (Hugh Jackman) is a shepherd who reads detective novels to his beloved sheep every night, assuming they can't possibly understand. But when a mysterious incident disrupts life on the farm, the sheep realise they must become the detectives. As they follow the clues and investigate human suspects, they prove that even sheep can be brilliant crime-solvers. Cast includes Bryan Cranston, Hugh Jackman, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Chris O'Dowd, Patrick Stewart, Emma Thompson.

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:

Elaine Finch Email:



## BICYCLE GROUP

Third Friday in the month.

Date: Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 10:00 am - ready to start the ride

Place: Prospect Reservoir to Abbotsbury

The ride for May, Prospect Reservoir to Abbotsbury, through and past Lizard Log Park, The Dairy, Calmsley Hill City Farm and Moonrise Lookout. While the ride is only about 22km it includes many ups and down and would definitely be a challenge without the assistance of battery power.

We will meet at the same spot as we have met before at the reservoir, at the bottom of William Lawson Drive, 2 km from the turn off from Reservoir Road, Prospect. There is a large car park there, toilets and plenty of picnic areas alongside the reservoir. We can have a picnic there after the ride, but bring your own food and drink. We will stop for a comfort stop and coffee at the Abbotsbury shops at Parx Café. See you at Prospect Reservoir ready to ride at 10:00am. We are still looking for suggestions for new rides and ride leaders.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ & Rhonda Email:



## JAZZ AT THE PINES

When: 17<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 12.30 till 3.30 pm

Where: Roughley House,  
Old Northern Rd. Dural

How Much: \$25.00 concession

Who's On: Mulgoa Road Jazz band

If you would like to join us then, please contact :-

Lyn Paterson



## THEATRE GROUP

Please collect tickets for:

"HAIR" Theatre Royal 17<sup>th</sup> June 1.00pm

"THE LION KING" Capitol theatre 1pm Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July

Expressions of Interest for:

"WAITRESS" Lyric Theatre 1 pm Wed 19<sup>th</sup> August  
Tickets \$70, pay at June meeting.

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" Theatre Royal Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September 1pm tickets \$84 pay by July 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.

"MOULIN ROUGE" Lyric Theatre 1pm 7th April 2027  
tickets \$90 please pay January meeting.

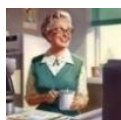
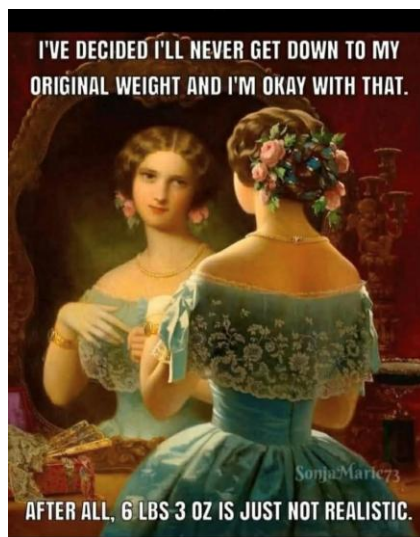
Howard & Sue will be away until 14<sup>th</sup> May so all  
inquiries to Pat till then.

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

Email:

Pat Bisby

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 Leonie Lawson on [redacted] to arrange a replacement.

May Ann Dowdell

June Di Drury



## WALKING FOR PLEASURE

### MAY WALK

Reminder 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May is the Newcastle Get-a-way. Further details will be forwarded to participants closer to the date.

Contact Glenda King Mob:

### JUNE WALK

### FRED CATERSON RESERVE WALK

Come along for a walk through the bushland in the heart of Castle Hill, the walk commences from Fred Caterson Reserve Field No 1, we will meander through the bushland along the fire trails and walking paths. Keep an eye out for the local birdlife, with Cockatoos, lorikeets, Tawny Frogmouths and Powerful Owls sighted in the reserve. Echidnas have also been spotted in the mornings.

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**Time:** 10.00am.

**Meet:** Fred Caterson Reserve (Field No1) located at the end of Caterson Drive.

**Parking:** Parking is available at Field No 1.

**Grade:** Easy - medium. The walk is mainly along fire trails and walking paths, however there are some uneven surfaces around the creek area.

**Length/ Duration:** 8km return taking about 3.5hrs including stops.

**Toilets:** Fred Caterson Reserve and Knightsbridge shops.

**What to bring:** Please join us for Picnic lunch at Fred Caterson Field 1 after the walk, bring nibbles, water, hat, Sunscreen, good walking shoes etc.

**Café stop:** Stop at the Knightsbridge shops for coffee/tea.

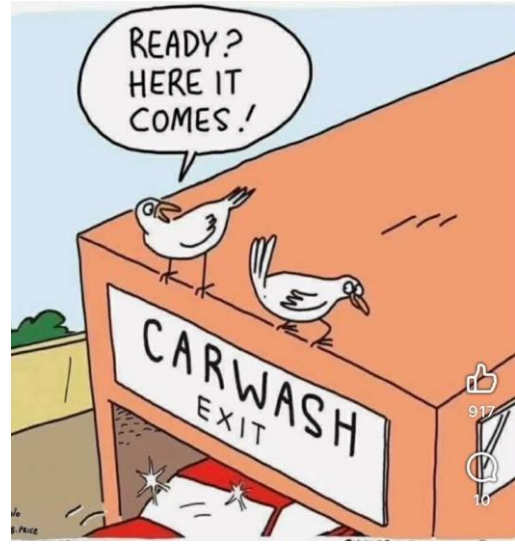
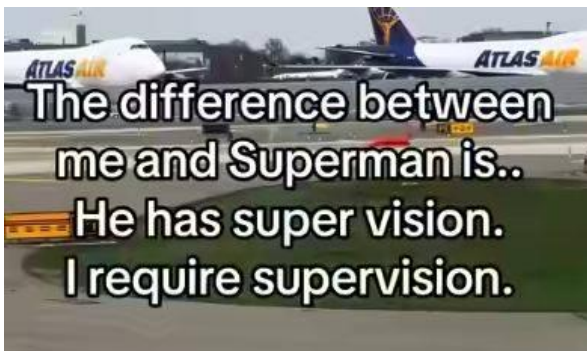
**Contacts:** Andre Maas

Paul Sweatman-

## NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Please send to Elaine Finch



## BOOK CLUB

**Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of the month.**

**Where:** Lounge Bar Castle Hill RSL Club

**When:** Thu 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 10:30 am

The book discussed in April was *The Crossing Places* by Ellie Griffiths, the first book in the mega-selling Ruth Galloway series. Dr Ruth Galloway is called in when a child's bones are discovered near the site of a pre-historic henge on the north Norfolk salt marshes. Are they the remains of a local girl who disappeared ten years earlier - or are the bones much older? It was an enjoyable entertaining easy read.

**Contact:** Lesley Maker

Email:



## LAWN BOWLS

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month**

**Dates:** 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Time:** 9:15am latest

**Venue:** Castle Hill Bowling Club

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

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:



## GOLF GROUP



**April Player of the Month:** We are delighted to announce that our star player for April 2026 is Mal Anderson (pictured). Mal achieved an impressive 72 points over two games, closely followed by Geoff Murray with 66 points. Well, done to these players!

**When:** Every Monday morning, with tee-off at 7:00 am for those wishing to play either 9 or 18 holes.

**Venue:** Various local courses, including Rosnay, Fox Hills, Carnarvon, Woodville, Windsor, and others.

**Cost:** Approximately \$20 - \$40 per game.

**Upcoming Games:** 4<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> May, and 18<sup>th</sup> May

**Invitation:** Join our friendly and welcoming group for some social golf fun! The 2026 season is in full swing, and we extend a warm invitation to golfers of all standards and abilities to come and give it a go. Our games are typically followed by light refreshments and occasional BBQs. For more information, please feel free to contact any of our golfers.

Mal Anderson:

## SUGGESTED GOLF GROUP OFFICIAL T- SHIRT MAYBE?



## Let's Get Down to Business Column



### Justices of the Peace

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. You can go directly to the site. Site address: <http://coonaraprobuss.org/>

**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.

#### **Probuss Coonara-Cherrybrook Facebook Page**

Probuss 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 or text messenger or Facebook and he'll be pleased to send you an invitation.

Email:

Mobile:

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#### **Direct Link to Probuss Members Benefit Site: -**

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

# April Antics



What happened to the table? Or is this an AA meeting?



Honestly we had food too, not just vino!



Yes, we all had Roast pork & apple sauce Sunday lunch!



Parky, sorry- Marky and distinguished guest !



Volunteer Tee- shirt packers representing our club!



Cumberland Forest Rangers



Well- earned cuppa having burnt off all those calories!



Dionysius God of Wine!!!



Recovery mode post Club meeting?

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

### May 2026

Tue 5	Investment Group	Foyer Castle Hill RSL Club	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	
Mon 11	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Wed 13	May Dinner	La Caretta	7.00 pm	Carolyn Powell	
Fri 15	Bicycle Group	Prospect to Abbotsbury	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 17	Jazz at the Pines	Roughley House Dural	12.30 pm	Lyn Paterson	
Mon 18	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Mon 18	Walking Group 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Newcastle Walking Trip	10.00 am	Glenda King	
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	Klamm Thai Restaurant	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Mon 25	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 26	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Marble Bar Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Thu 28	Book Club	Marble Bar Castle Hill RSL	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 29	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	

### June 2026

Wed 3	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Mon 1	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 2	Investment Group	Foyer Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
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	
Tu 9	Walking Group	Fred Caterson Reserve	10.00 am	Andre Maas & Paul Sweatman	
Fri 12	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
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