

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**

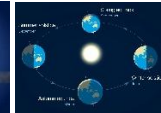
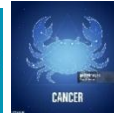
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Membership Secretary	Sue Badcock		
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Past President	Andre Maas		
Speakers Convener	Irene Fisher		
Web Master	Paul Sweatman		
Welfare Officer	Jan Duffy		

June 2026



Happy Birthday to the King! We get the day to do our thing! If you're Gemini or Cancer, Mystic Meg may have the answer!
The Winter Solstice comes to say the 20th is our longest day! Now the days start getting shorter, lets enjoy them as we oughta!

President's Letter

Hello Everyone,

This month has given a bit of everything – sunshine, rain, wind and at least three days or more where nobody knew what to wear. We started with beautiful autumn weather and now we know we are well and truly heading into winter.

One of the highlights of the month was the dinner arranged by Carolyn Powell to the La Caretta Italian Restaurant, these dinners are always enjoyable and fun for everyone to get together. We have certainly had a busy month with a good number of people enjoying a trip away to Newcastle with the walking group and for some of the group their walking shoes barely had time to cool down! A very enjoyable three nights and four days, plenty of walking, lots of laughs and enough cups of coffee to keep the cafes in business for another year. The group enjoyed good company, great scenery and only few complaints about sore knees or legs the next morning. Another highlight was a wonderful cruise on the Hunter river. We motored up the river to the lovely historic town of Morpeth where we took in the sights and had lunch. On the return cruise we enjoyed wine tasting with nibbles and then returned to the hotel to get ready for another Happy Hour and a lovely dinner

Unfortunately, I missed out on Steel Magnolias at the theatre this month, but I was told it was excellent. I also believe the Jazz at the Pines and the Sunday Lunch was well attended. We are so fortunate as a club to have so many varied activities for all of us to enjoy, I have only mentioned a few.

While some of us were away "keeping fit", things continued smoothly at home thanks to our Vice President, Geoff Murray and our Past President Andre Maas, who stepped in and ran the last meeting beautifully. A big thank you for keeping everything organised and under control – and

for proving the place doesn't completely fall apart when the President disappears for a few days.

Next month we look forward to more activities, more laughter, and hopefully, weather that can make up its mind and send us some sunshine. Until then, keep smiling, keep chatting and keep those walking shoes handy. Bye for now.

Leonie Lawson

President



Architect Designed!

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

16th June

21st July



TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Total Cash at Bank **Amount**

Westpac Working Account \$

Less

Members prepayments \$

Net Cash Position \$

Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting on the 2nd June.

Bob Walker Treasurer

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have been contacted by management of the C.H. RSL Club to emphasise that it is permissible for the few committee members that need to set up to arrive at 9.30 am, and there will be a staff member attending, **BUT** as the club is not officially open until 10 am, Members definitely cannot be admitted into the clubhouse. The doors will be locked and admittance will be enforced, beginning in early June, in order to comply with the licensing of clubs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

LUNCHEES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

JUNE LUNCH

Date: Sunday 28th June 2026

Time: 12pm

Venue: Georges Pizzeria
1 Circa Boulevard Norwest

Cost: Pay on the day

Ann Colless 0412 004 733

WINTER YULEFEST LUNCH ON THE NEPEAN BELLE BELLE PADDLEWHEELER FRIDAY JULY 31st



Payment is due for this function on or before the June meeting on the 16th. Cost is \$128 per person. The coach will pick-up from Castle Hill at 9.45am and return at approximately 4.45pm. I have a wait list for this trip, please contact me if you would like to be added to it. Enquiries Carolyn Powell



LUCAS HEIGHTS DISCOVERY CENTRE DAY TRIP

Date: Friday September 4

The Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO) is home to some of our most critical scientific infrastructure including the nation's only research reactor. Education officers will explain how our scientists are helping to solve the serious issues facing our world today. The tour is customised to our group using non-technical explanations. There is minimal walking. This is one of On Course's most popular day trips.

1 week prior to the trip, for security reasons we have to provide to ANSTO the full name, address, date of birth and an ID number for each person, (either drivers licence, passport or pension number). That ID must be taken with you to the site on the day.

Following the tour we will head through the Royal National Park to the Bundeena RSL club for a 2-course lunch, then board the Bundeena Ferry for a short trip across the Port Hacking River to Gunnamatta where we will connect with our coach to head home.

Price per person including the lunch is \$105.00 based on a minimum number of 30 people.

Carolyn Powell



We have arranged 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



GUEST SPEAKER



Meaghan Boyd is an experienced Occupational Therapist and occupational therapy supervisor with Aspect Therapy (Autism Spectrum Australia). Having practiced as an occupational therapist for the past 17 years, Meaghan brings a wealth of experience to helping others understand how autism presents for children and across the lifespan and how individuals and families can be supported.

Irene Fisher

Ph:

Speaker Convenor

Email:



TENNIS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday evening at Belltree Crescent Castle Hill between 5 pm and 7 pm. Winter draws on and what could keep you warmer 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: 7th July

No meeting in June, as fearless leader is in hospital, having been "fused"! Get well soon John.

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: 4th and 18th June

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: Tue 23rd June

Time: 10.15 am

Venue: Marble Lounge, 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



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 & 22nd June

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



Wine Appreciation Group

Usually 1st Monday of the month

Date: 1st June

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Venue: Living Choice Leisure Centre

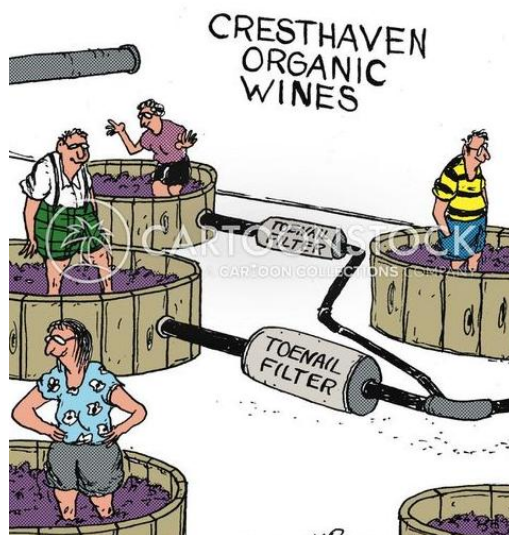
Living Choice, 15 Old Glenhaven Rd, Glenhaven

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:



CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

Next meetings: 3rd June

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



WELFARE

Joan Creed, our most senior member at 99, had a fall a few weeks ago and broke her hip. At her age, they could only perform a reconstruction. Joan is back in her care home recovering slowly. She gets frustrated at times due to her decreased mobility but as her pain improves so does her walking. We wish her all the best in her rehabilitation.

Jan Duffy

Welfare Officer



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 15th June

Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

Time: 9.45 am

At this time there is nothing advertised for screening in our timeslot, but 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 19th June

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

Place: Woy Woy to West Gosford

Our June ride is a 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 hot drink and a 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.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ or Rhonda Bush, mobile or email



JAZZ AT THE PINES

When: In winter recess until September.

Time: TBA

Where: Roughley House,
Old Northern Rd. Dural

How Much: \$25.00 concession

Who's On: TBA

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

Lyn Paterson



THEATRE GROUP

Please collect tickets for:

"HAIR" Theatre Royal 17th June 1.00pm

"THE LION KING" Capitol theatre 1pm Wed 8th July

Expressions of Interest for:

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

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" Theatre Royal Wednesday 2nd September 1pm tickets \$84 pay by July meeting

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

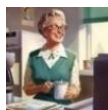
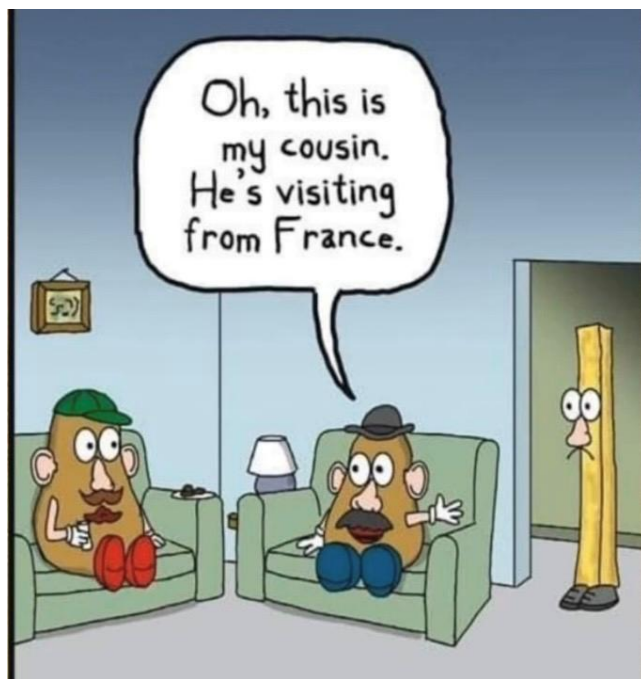
"MOULIN ROUGE" Lyric Theatre 1pm 7th April 2027 tickets \$90 please pay January meeting.

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 to arrange a replacement.

June Di Drury

July Julie Dunesky



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

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 Catterson 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: 9th June 2026.

Time: 10.00am.

Meet: Fred Catterson Reserve (Field No1) located at the end of Catterson 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 Catterson Reserve and Knightsbridge shops.

What to bring: Please join us for Picnic lunch at Fred Catterson 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- 0414 642 454

JULY WALK

COCKATOO ISLAND

Cockatoo Island is a UNESCO site in Sydney Harbour. It has convict buildings, shipbuilding equipment and beautiful buildings from the 1800's. The day includes a ferry ride, and guided tour by Andre and Paul of the 18-hectare island to see its treasures. If non-walkers would like to join us, the ferry ride is wonderful to fill your lungs with Harbour air and you can chat at the 2 cafes on the Island while the walkers do our thing. There is a lot to see.

Date: 14 July 2026

TIME: 9.30am for the 9.58am Ferry from Rydalmere wharf, John Street, Rydalmere. We arrive at Cockatoo Island at 10.42am and leave on the 1.28pm Ferry back to Rydalmere wharf where we arrive at 2.12pm. Note: Ferries only go hourly.

Parking: Available at Rydalmere Ferry car park

Grade: Easy - there are inclines and steps

Duration: 5 Hours from Rydalmere to return.

Toilets: At Rydalmere wharf, on the ferry and numerous around Cockatoo Island.

What to bring: Opal card, water, lunch, snacks, hat, camera etc. Food and Drinks are available at the 2 cafes on the Island.

Contact: Andre Maas:

Paul Sweatman-

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Please send to Elaine Finch

before Tuesday 30th June



BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month.

Where: Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL Club

When: Thu 25th June

Time: 10:30 am

The Book discussed at the May meeting was Atonement by Ian McEwan. This was quite a gritty saga, it follows a child, Briony, who wrongfully accuses an innocent man of a crime, but as she reaches adulthood she understands her mistake, and tries to put it right.

It covers the period of the Second World War when Britain withdrew from France, and soldiers made the journey on foot to Dunkirk. It was made into a major movie.

The book for June is Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy. A beautifully written novel. The descriptions of the landscape, the vegetation, the wildlife and weather events were brilliant. A great read.

Contact: Lesley Maker

Email:



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Dates: 12th and 26th June

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 ph:

email:



IRRITABLE BOWLS SYNDROME



GOLF GROUP



May Player of the Month. We are pleased to announce that Ivan Milicevic (pictured) has been named Player of the Month for May 2026, despite challenging rainy conditions. Ivan scored an impressive 56 points across two games, with Geoff Murray following closely behind at 52 points. Congratulations to both players!

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.

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: 1st 15th and 22nd of June 2026
Mal Anderson:



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.

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 or 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

Makin' Music In May 🎵 🎵 🎵



"Just a-walking in the rain, getting soaking wet"



"Swing low sweet chariot"



"La Vie en Rose"



"Three Little Girls From School Are We"



" Splish !Splash! I Was Takin' A Bath!"



"I Think we're Alone Now"



"Somewhere Over The Rainbow"



"Love Letters In The Sand"



Singing In The Rain, Just Singing In The Rain"



"The More We Are Together, Together, Together - The Happier We Shall Be"

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

June 2026

Mon 1	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 2	Investment Group - Cancelled	Foyer Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Wed 3	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Thu 4	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Mon 8	Public Holiday No cards	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	
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	
Fri 19	Bicycle Group	Woy Woy to West Gosford	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Mon 22	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 23	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Thu 25	Book Club	Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 26	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
Sun 28	Sunday Lunch	Georges Pizza	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	

July 2026

Wed 1	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Thu 2	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Tue 7	Investment Group	Foyer Castle Hill RSL Club	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Fri 10	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
Mon 13	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 14	Walking Group	Cockatoo island	10.00 am	Andre Maas & Paul Sweatman	
Thu 16	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Fri 17	Bicycle Group	TBA	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 19	Sunday Lunch	Hills Bowling Club	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Mon 20	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Tue 21	Members Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am.	Sue Badcock	
Thu 23	Book Club	Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 24	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	9.15 latest	Russ Bush	
Mon 27	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 28	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Marble Bar Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	