

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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July 2026



Independence, Bastille & Mandela Days to remember round the globe, whilst we endure school holidays to pierce our frontal lobe! It's grandchild-sitting time again with things to find to do. Make sure their jabs are up to date, so you don't catch the flu!!

Vice-President's Letter

Hello Everyone,

As winter reaches its coldest, it provides a test of intestinal fortitude for all our walkers, riders, golfers and other outdoor activity enthusiasts. Whilst the cold has had very little effect on activity attendance so far, I, like many, cannot wait for the spring warmth to arrive.

All our activities appear to be running smoothly and still attracting good numbers. This is credit to our Group Leaders and our organisers and I thank them all for their continued hard work. This certainly makes my job as vice president so much easier. I will take this opportunity to thank our Group Leaders for their assistance with the introduction of the new activity and events 'approval system'. It is a bit more formal but necessary because of our adopted 'Risk Management Policy'.

June was another month packed with activities and events for our members to enjoy. All activities appear to have been well patronised particularly those involving food (seemingly, an embedded part of our club's culture). It is always pleasing to see photos on our website of our members having fun and spending time with Probus friends. Please feel free to capture these moments and post for all to see.

July looks like another month chock full of things to do and places to go, so I encourage all members, particularly those new to our club, to read The Chatter each month, see what is on, and to come along and join in the fun. This is what Probus is all about.

Kind Regards

Geoff Murray

Vice President



NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

21st July

18th August



TREASURER'S REPORT

At close of business on 29.6.26, 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 4th August.

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.

LUNCHES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month (N.B. 3rd Sunday - this month only)

JULY LUNCH

Date: Sunday 19th July

Time: 12pm

Venue: The Hills Club

6-18 Jenner Street Baulkham Hills

Cost: Pay on the day

Ann Colless



AUGUST FISH & CHIPS LUNCH

Venue: King Tide Café Brooklyn Marina

Date: Friday 7th August 2026

Time: 12 Noon

Cost: Approx. \$24-00 Other meal options available, pay on the day. BYO Wine \$2-00 per person corkage, (there is a Liquor store at the Marina.)

Transport: Train from Hornsby is the best option for those not wanting to drive. The train departs Hornsby at 11.26am & arrives at Hawkesbury River Station at 11.49am. Expressions of interest (for numbers) at June and July meetings.

Contact: David Happ

Email:



September Pizza & Pasta Night

Venue: Belmonte's Italian Restaurant

4 Olive St. Baulkham Hills (Opposite Stockland Mall)

Date: Wed 30th September

Time: 6.30pm

Cost: \$35 pp, BYO, NO corkage charge

Menu: Garlic Pizza starter, Garden & Greek Salads, Pizza and Pasta. Plenty of parking in Mall Carpark and Central Pl.

Expression of interest at the July meeting with full payment at AUGUST meeting.

Sue Badcock



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

The coach will pick-up from Castle Hill at 9.45am and return at approximately 4.45pm. Carolyn Powell



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. Last payments at July meeting.

Lynn Paterson



LUCAS HEIGHTS DISCOVERY CENTRE DAY TRIP

Date: Friday September 4

Cost: \$105 p.p. (including lunch) based on a minimum number of 30 people.

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.

Carolyn Powell



GUEST SPEAKER



Our speaker for July is John Cameron who worked in the computer industry for over 40 years following his graduation, experiencing and contributing to remarkable technological change along the way. Now retired, he continues to embrace new developments, particularly in artificial intelligence, and is passionate about helping others do the same. In recent years, he has delivered numerous presentations on AI to a wide range of organisations.

Irene Fisher

Speaker Convenor

Ph: Email:



TENNIS GROUP

Tennis – New Players Welcome!

Join us every Wednesday from **5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** at the tennis courts in **Belltree Crescent, Castle Hill**. Whether you're a regular player or haven't picked up a racquet in years, come along for some exercise, friendly competition, and good company. The cost is just **\$5 per session**, which includes **tea, coffee and biscuits at our half-time break**. New members are always welcome—just turn up and join in!

Coordinator –

Tania Sweatman



INVESTMENT GROUP

First Tuesday of the month

Next Meeting: 7th July

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: 2nd and 16th July

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 28th July

Time: 10.15 am

Venue: Marble Lounge, Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless

Sue Dawes



Book Lending

Winter is the perfect time to get stuck into a good book and hibernate in the warm! 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: 13th & 27th July

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: 6th July

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:



"And for the connoisseur on a budget we have a lovely Tuesday vintage at a buck fifty."



CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

Next meetings: 1st July

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

Elizabeth Thomson sadly passed away on the 14th June, she had numerous health issues over the years but attended meetings as often as she could. She was a member for 17 years, RIP. John Badcock had spinal surgery a couple of weeks ago and as usual bounced back and soon came home. Joan Creed has her moments of feeling down due to her limited mobility, but she cheers up when she is reminded that she will be having a party when she turns 100. in September. She has a lovely new dress waiting to be worn.. Do you know that the RSV vaccination is now on the free list available to seniors, RSV is a particular nasty respiratory infection.

Jan Duffy

Welfare Officer



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 20th July

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 17th July

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

Place: Prospect Reservoir- Guildford & return

Our July ride is from Prospect Reservoir to Guildford and return, following Prospect Creek on the outward leg to Yennora and Fairfield and then to Guildford Bowling Club where we can pause for a mid-ride break. We return to Prospect Reservoir on the homeward leg following the original path of the water supply from the reservoir to Guildford via the canal and aqueduct constructed back in 1880. We will meet at the reservoir at Walder Park, at the bottom of William Lawson Drive, where we have met on previous rides starting from the reservoir. There are toilets at our meeting place and we can have a picnic lunch in the park after the ride but there is no kiosk so bring your own food and drink, and a chair as well (just in case).

In August (15/8/26) we will once again do one of our favourite rides from Bulli to Wollongong that we have, for various reasons, had to cancel the last couple of times. More info on that ride in next month's Chatter.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ or Rhonda Bush, mobile email



JAZZ AT THE PINES

When: In winter recess until September 20th

Time: Gates open 11.30am Concert starts 12.30 pm

Where: Roughley House,
656 a, Old Northern Rd. Dural

How Much: \$25.00 concession

Who's On: Jive Bombers Jazz Band

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

Lynn Paterson



THEATRE GROUP

Please collect tickets for:

"WAITRESS" Lyric Theatre 1 pm Wed 19th August

Expressions of Interest for:

"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.

"BEAUTIFUL NOISE" Neil Diamond musical Lyric Theatre 1pm 16th December tickets \$100 pay by November meeting.

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

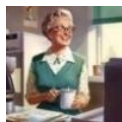
If interested, but unable to attend meetings please call: Howard & Sue Patterson

Email:

Pat Bisby

Email:

Ah! Great Childhood Memories!



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 xxxx xxx xxx to arrange a replacement.

July Julie Dunesky

Aug Jenny Eames

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Please send to Elaine Finch

before Friday 31st July



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

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-

AUGUST WALK

This is a recently opened shared trail and environmental corridor in Sydney's Inner West.

The flat, paved trail follows the L1 Dulwich Hill light rail corridor and Hawthorne Canal and there are many interesting artworks, historical sites, picnic areas and parks along the way.

Date: Tuesday 11th August

Meet: At 10:00 at Central Station Grand Concourse under The Big Clock.

Grade: Easy

Length: 5kms about 2.5 - 3 hours

We will then catch the L1 Dulwich Hill Light Rail and alight at Hawthorne Station where we will commence our walk. There will be a coffee/tea stop at a cafe for morning tea.

Lunch: Either bring your own lunch for a picnic in a park at Dulwich Hill where there are tables and chairs **OR** catch the Light rail back to Central Station and visit your favourite cafe in the city.

After our lunch break we will catch the Light Rail back to Central Station.

Bring: Hat, water, snacks, sunscreen and **DON'T FORGET YOUR OPAL CARD.**

We hope to see you for an enjoyable day.

Contacts: Colleen Sherwood

Ken Sherwood



BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month.

Where: Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL Club

When: Thu 23rd July

Time: 10:30 am

The book discussed in June was Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy. A beautifully written novel. The descriptions of the landscape, the vegetation, the wildlife and weather events were brilliant. It is a highly acclaimed award-winning novel that blends family drama, environmental awareness and a tense psychological thriller. A great read, it is widely considered an excellent book.

Contact: Lesley Maker

Email:



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Dates: 10th and 24th July

Time: 10:00am

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. Please note the revised starting time as the club will not be open before 10am from here on in.

Contact for Bowls attendance:

Russell Bush

email:





GOLF GROUP



June Player of the Month:

Our June champion and Player of the Month is Geoff Murray who scored a massive 124 points for the month, with Dave Waterson (111 points) and Lynn Paterson (109 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 2026 season in full swing, now is the perfect time to join our friendly group. Any golfer considering joining our group would be warmly 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 7.00 – 7.30am 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 - \$35 per game approx.

Upcoming Games: July 6th 13th 20th and 27th.

Geoff Murray



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:

Direct Link to Probuss Members Benefit Site: -

http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme

..... Joking in June!



Snow White and the Seven Dorks!



Are you sure this is all about golf and not about gossip?



Casting call for "A Chorus Line"



"Trust me I'm not a doctor!"



" Well Bless My Sole Trish!"



Mah Jong- bibles at the ready!



Hymn books as well!



Hair contingent - "We've only come for the nude bits!"



"Us too! Look at all the prudes walking out !"



Where's Alfred Hitchcock when you need him?



"Warn me if that duck comes any nearer Ron!"



Welcome to new members - Sandra Morell & Bill Wakim

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

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	10.00am	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	Prospect Reservoir & return	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 19	Sunday Lunch	The Hills 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	10.00am	Russ Bush	
Sun 26	Radio Active Live	Hills Lodge Hotel	3.00 pm	Lynn Paterson	
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	
Fri 31	Yulefest	Nepean Belle Paddle Steamer	9.45 am	Carolyn Powell	

August 2026

Mon 3	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 4	Investment Group -	Foyer Castle 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	
Fri 7	Fish & Chip Lunch	King Tide Café Brooklyn Marina	12.00 noon	David Happ	
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West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Rotary - 2026 Trivia Night

Saturday 1 August 2026 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM



Our 2026 Trivia Night is upon us and coming around quickly and we would love you all to invite family, friends and businesses to be part of the fun.

Dress up in your favourite 'blue' costume to add to the excitement to the night.

And yes our charity of the night, Serving Hope on Wheels, will be in attendance, giving us all a snippet of the great work they do in our local community.

Ticket Price: \$25.00 per person | \$200.00 per table of 8

Tables: Tables of 8 (we will assist you in placing you on a table, if you haven't got your own table of 8)

Raffle: Great prizes will be drawn at the end of the last round

Charity: Rotary Club of Kenthurst - Serving Hope on Wheels & other Rotary charities.

Colour Theme for Dress-up: Blue (and prize for best dressed)

Food: Bring your own drink and nibbles and tea/coffee/biscuits will be supplied

Parking: Plenty of parking available

Donations: Donations are available on the night, or if you prefer, you can donate instead of attending

[For more information and bookings](http://www.wphcrotoary.org/2026-trivia-night) - www.wphcrotoary.org/2026-trivia-night