

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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August 2026



On August one, the horses share a cheer, to toast their birthday and a brand- new year.
The winter winds begin to fade and pass, and the wattle blooms are just first class!

Vice-President's Letter

Hello Everyone,

The winter has been very kind to us since my last letter. Whilst we have had some chilly starts, most days have produced glorious sunshine and perfect temperatures for our outdoor activities.

July was a month packed with activities and events for our members to enjoy. Last week, I had the luxury of attending Radio Active Live along with fifty of our members. A real good attendance and a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. The show was entertaining and humorous, and we were treated to a delicious afternoon tea during the intermission. This event should not be missed when it returns with a new series in a few months.

I mentioned at our last general meeting, a few stats on our attendance at organised activities and events. Most are very well attended and are also designed to be inclusive. Everyone is welcome and I encourage all members to join in and perhaps consider going along to something new this month. Over 1300 attendances so far this year (not including general meetings) is evidence that our Group Leaders and Organisers are getting things right and our members are doing their bit by participating. The month of August is loaded with both indoor and outdoor activities and events for our members to enjoy. There are

lunches, dinners and lots of functions where you can meet up with Probus friends. To avoid disappointment, be sure express your interest early. This will assist organisers and ensure you do not miss out as some popular events often get booked out early.

Kind Regards

Geoff Murray

Vice President



NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

18th August

15th September



TREASURER'S REPORT

At close of business on 31.7.26, 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

LUNCHES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

AUGUST LUNCH

Date: Sunday 23rd August

RSVP: By Wednesday 19th August

Time: 11.15am (this month only)

Venue: An Viet Vietnamese

The Piazza, Castle Towers, Castle Hill

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 July meeting.

Contact: David Happ

Email: happdb@tpg.com.au



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.

Full payment at AUGUST meeting.

Sue Badcock



LUCAS HEIGHTS DISCOVERY CENTRE DAY TRIP

Date: Friday September 4

Cost: \$105 p.p. (including lunch)

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.

PAYMENT IS DUE ON OR BEFORE THE AUGUST MEETING.

This day trip is full at the moment. I do have a wait list, if you would like to have your name added to the wait list please email me or see me at the August meeting.

Carolyn Powell



GUEST SPEAKER



Our speaker for August is Gill

Shaddick, the author of *The Lion Behind the Anthill*. It is a story about her adventures with her soul-mate, they were both optimistic and had a thirst for adventure. They set out on an itinerant life of work and travel where nothing ever quite went to plan. In Iran they lived an expat life of luxury- in Sudan they survived with no water and electricity. They also had businesses in Zambia & Scotland. Confident they could ride any storm; there was one waiting in the wings that nearly defeated them. Their experiences will make you laugh & may make you cry.

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: 4th August

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: 6th & 20th August

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 25th August

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: 10th & 24th August

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: 3rd August

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:



"The fifth wine has bright apple and pear notes, with just the barest hint of a blinding headache."



CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

Next meetings: 5th August

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

Dawn Dwyer is slowly recovering from a Total Knee Replacement . It is a painful operation, and I wish Dawn all the best for her rehab.

Not long now for Joan Creed to put on her party dress and shoes to celebrate her 100th birthday party on 31st of August with her family.

Jan Duffy

Welfare Officer



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 17th August

Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

Time: 9.45 am

At this time there is a possibility of **Holy Days PG a NZ film**
A lost boy in search of heaven, three odd nuns on a mission, a car powered by God (and stolen money). This is a road trip like no other, starring Judy Davis, Miriam Margolyes, Jacki Weaver
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 21st August

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

Place: Bulli to Wollongong

In August, 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. As usual we will meet in the carpark at the end of Point Street, Bulli, behind the surf lifesaving club. We will stop at Wollongong for our mid ride comfort stop and have a picnic lunch at the end of the ride. Bring your own food and drinks and a chair as well.

In September we will do a ride that takes us through Parramatta Park where the wisterias should be in full bloom. More details on that ride in the September 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:

“FIDDLER ON THE ROOF” Theatre Royal Wednesday 2nd September and “MY FAIR LADY” Opera House Wednesday 23rd September

Expressions of Interest for:

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

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

Noel Cowards’ “PRIVATE LIVES” Theatre Royal 1pm 24th February Tickets \$100 pay by December meeting.

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

Email:

Pat Bisby

Email:



BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month.

Where: Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL Club

When: Thu 27th August

Time: 10:30 am

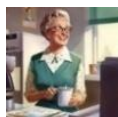
The book discussed at the July meeting was The Teacher by Tim Sullivan. Most people enjoyed this book, as it was an easy, engaging read.

The protagonist, D.S.Cross, is a well-developed character, brilliant, methodical and extremely focussed.

He is not a people person, as he has Asperger's Syndrome. Other books in this series are also highly recommended. and are also available as audiobooks, such as: The Cyclist, The Monk and The Dentist etc.

Contact: Lesley Maker

Email: l



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.

Aug Jenny Eames

Sept Gerda Ekkelenkamp



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

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

SEPTEMBER WALK

Time for a local walk in the Crestwood area. Come and join us for this most pleasant walk along the pathway network. Always things to see and learn and share the company of each other which adds greatly to the walk. A coffee/tea break along the way.

Date: Tuesday 8th September 2026.

Time: 10.00am.

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

Grade: Easy / Medium. A few slight hills.

Length/ duration: About 6km taking approximately 3 hours.

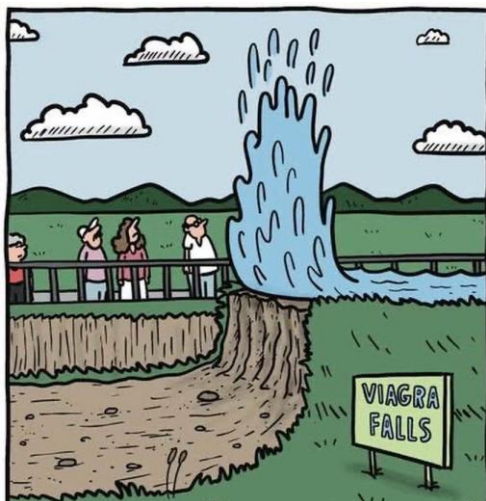
Toilets: Crestwood Reserve.

What to bring: Hat, water, enroute nibbles, etc.

Following walk: For those who can stay, bring a picnic lunch, thermos, chairs.

Contacts: Andre Maas

Paul Sweatman



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Dates: 14th and 28th August

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



July Player of the Month. We are pleased to announce that Mal Anderson (pictured) has been named Player of the Month for July 2026. Mal scored an impressive 104 points across three games, with Geoff Murray following closely behind at 100 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 7:30 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: 3rd 10th and 17th of August 2026

Mal Anderson 0448 009 126

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Please send to Elaine Finch

before Monday 31st August

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://coonaraprobust.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.

Probust Coonara-Cherrybrook Facebook Page

Probust 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 Probust Members Benefit Site: -

http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme

August Amusements!



Paul took this photo during the Bicycle group report.....



And Elaine paid attention to the AI guest speaker and converted it!!!!



Which twin has the Toni?



"This is the way in, find your own way out!"



"What a venue for elevenses!"

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

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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	
Mon 10	Cards For Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tu 11	Walking Group	Sydney's' Inner West	10.00 am	Colleen & Ken Sherwood	
Fri 14	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am	Russ Bush	
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	An Viet Vietnamese	11.15 am	Ann Colless	
Mon 24	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 25	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Thu 27	Book Club	Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 28	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am	Russ Bush	

September 2026

Tue 1	Investment Group	Foyer Castle Hill RSL Club	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Wed 2	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Thu 3	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Fri 4	Lucas Heights Discovery	Centre – Coach Trip	TBA	Carolyn Powell	
Mon 7	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 8	Walking Group	Crestwood	10.00 am	Andre Maas & Paul Sweatman	
Fri 11	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am	Russ Bush	
Mon 14	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 15	Members Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am.	Sue Badcock	
Thu 17	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Fri 18	Bicycle Group	Parramatta Park	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 20	Sunday Lunch	TBA	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Mon 21	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Tue 22	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Marble Bar Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Thu 24	Book Club	Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 25	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am	Russ Bush	
Mon 28	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Wed 30	Past & Pizza Dinner	Belmontes Italian Restaurant	6.30 pm	Sue Badcock	