

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**

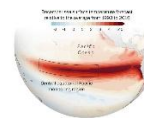
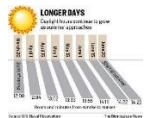
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September 2026



Remember, remember, we've now hit September and Spring is in the air. In 116 bedtimes you'll be eating Christmas fare! The days are growing longer and the warmth is coming back. Let's hope El Niño stays away and the weather stays on track!

Vice-President's Letter

Hello,

As the first signs of Spring appear, the sun is shining, flowers are blooming, golfers are disrobing to show off their pumpkin-coloured shirts and attendance at all events and activities is very high. August, like most months was very busy with lots of things to do. My highlight this month was attending the Annual Fish and Chips Lunch at The King Tide Restaurant in Brooklyn with forty happy, hungry and very vocal Probus friends. The food, the wine, the camaraderie was great and the service was excellent. I also joined twenty-one of our professional diners at the An Viet (Vietnamese) Restaurant in Castle Towers, for Sunday Lunch, an amazing feast and an excellent turn out again for this very popular group.

August also saw six members reach ten years membership with the Coonara-Cherrybrook Probus Club. Congratulations and thank you to Dawn Dwyer, Laurel Mahoney, Dennis Mahoney, Vivian Moller, Vesa Milicevic and Angela Stasiunaitis. What an outstanding achievement. Here's to the next ten years!

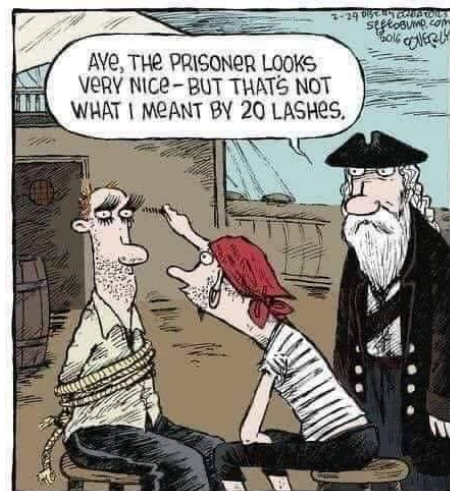
We can now look forward to September and the myriad of things to do. A lunch, a dinner, a discovery tour of the nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights as well as scenic walking and bicycle riding activities to keep you fit. Lots of indoor activities are on offer as well. Please check The Chatter to see what is happening. Everyone is welcome to take part in

any activity or event organized by our hard-working Group Leaders so please come along and join in the fun. I look forward to seeing you at the September General Meeting or at one of our upcoming events.

Kind Regards

Geoff Murray

Vice President



NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

15th September

20th October



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 (including final payments for Tassie trip)	\$
Net Cash Position	\$
Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting.	
Bob Walker	Treasurer

LUNCHES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

SEPTEMBER LUNCH

Date: Sunday 27th September

RSVP: By Wednesday 23rd September

Time: 12.00 noon

Venue: Sugar Salt Café, 344 Galston Rd, Galston

Cost: Pay on the day

Ann Colless



September Pizza & Pasta Night

Venue: Belmonte's Italian Restaurant

4 Olive St. Baulkham Hills

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.

Last minute bookings with payment at September meeting.

Sue Badcock



Probud Fiftieth Birthday Celebration Picnic

Come and help celebrate 50 successful years cultivating Friendship, Fellowship and Fun in active retirement. Have a slice of birthday cake and join in the festivities.

Date: 20th October

Time: Directly after the Monthly General meeting

Venue: Castle Glen Reserve on Ridgescrop Drive, Castle Hill, located adjacent to Knightsbridge Shops (only 5 minutes from the Bowling Club).

What to bring: Own picnic and beverages, chair and small table if you have one.

RSVP: Carolyn Powell



THOSE GOING ON THE LUCAS HEIGHTS DAY TOUR FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4

This is an early start – the coach leaves Castle Hill at 8.15am. Please be there by 8am. Many thanks.

Carolyn Powell



WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

Leonie Lawson has again offered her beautiful home for this very popular evening.

Date: Saturday November 28th

When: 6.30 to 9.00pm

Cost: \$30 per person

Where: 16 Crego Road Glenhaven

Nibbles, hot and cold finger food, a sweet treat with tea and coffee.

Expression of Interest at the September meeting, payment September and October meetings.

Carolyn Powell ph:

email: cand



GUEST SPEAKER



Our speaker for September is John Quek from ID Support NSW and his subject is "Your identity is important. Let's protect it."

ID Support NSW is the National-leading identity support unit working to minimise the risks associated with identity theft. The aim of the session is to strengthen people's cyber resilience and arm them with the skills they need to stay secure online. Throughout the session participants will learn how to spot a scam, run a credit check, recognise the importance of creating and maintaining strong passwords.

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: 1ST September

Time: 10.15am.

Venue: Sports 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



MAH JONG GROUP

When: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

Venue: West Pennant Hills Sports Club

Date: 3rd & 17th September

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: Tuesday 22nd September

Time: 10.15 am

Venue: Marble Lounge, Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless Sue Dawes



Book Lending

Spring sunshine can tempt you into a lovely morning out on the patio or balcony with a coffee, tea or tippie of your choice and a really good book! Bliss! 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: 14th and 28th September

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: 7th September

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Venue: Living Choice Leisure Centre

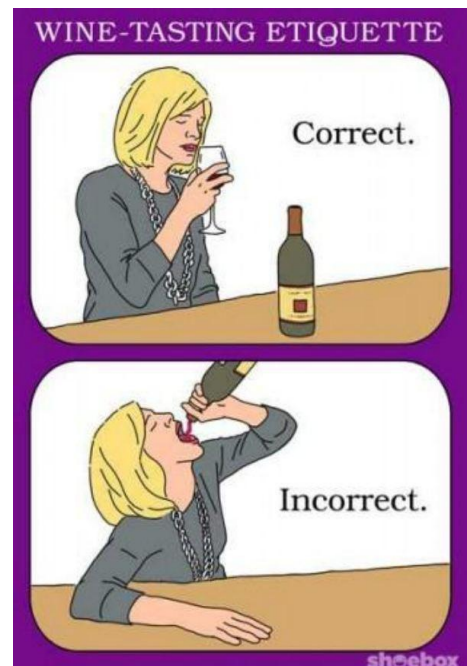
Living Choice, 15 Old Glenhaven Rd, Glenhaven

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:



WELFARE

We were saddened by the news of the sudden passing of Robyn Kitching on 31st July. Robyn was a long-term member of our club. Our thoughts go to her husband Stuart who is finding it very difficult currently. His three daughters are a great comfort to him.

Jo Puckeridge had a cardiology appointment followed by a scan and unfortunately it showed a suspicious lesion. After further investigations biopsies, lumpectomy she eventually had her breast removed a couple of weeks ago. The whole process took around three months, and I think we would all agree that the waiting game is often worse than the treatment. This was not what she expected from a cardiology consult. Jo is managing very well.

Jan Duffy



CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

Next meetings: 2nd September

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



BICYCLE GROUP

Third Friday in the month.

Date: Fri 18th Sept

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

Place: Parramatta Park

Our September ride (18th September) takes us along the edge of the Parramatta River, alongside the new light rail track and into Parramatta Park where the wisterias should be in full bloom at the garden park there. We will meet at Wilson Park and stop for a coffee break in Parramatta Park. We can have a picnic lunch in Wilson Park after the ride but bring your own food and drink and a chair as well just in case the rotunda is taken. There are toilets in Wilson Park but no kiosk.

Our October ride will be from Rydalmere, to Meadowbank, over the railway bridge into Wentworth Point where a whole new development complex is being built, including a new bike trail along the waters' edge, then into Rhodes and back to Rydalmere on the other side of the river. More details on that ride in the October Chatter.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ or Rhonda Bush, mobile or email

I put googly eyes on my trash can and now it looks concerned whenever it starts getting full



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 21st September

Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

Time: 9.45 am

There looks like plenty to choose from this month, & Sons, Tony, Practical Magic 2, Shaun the Sheep and the Beast of Mossy Bottom and maybe even more. I will review what is in our timeslot closer to the time and keep you posted! If you would like to be added to this group, please drop me an email or ring:

Elaine Finch Ph:

Email:



JAZZ AT THE PINES

When: 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:

"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 0

Email:

Pat Bisby

Email:



BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month.

Where: Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL Club

When: Thu 24th September

Time: 10:30 am

The book discussed at the August meeting was 'Under Milkwood', a BBC radio 'play for voices' written by Dylan Thomas. It is available on U-Tube narrated by Richard Burton. It had mixed reviews. Some loved it, some found it very wordy.

Contact: Lesley Maker

Email:



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

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

OCTOBER WALK

CARLINGFORD / WESTMEAD / LIGHT RAIL / WALKING

Spring flowers!! We undertook this walk last winter and agreed that it would be far more picturesque in spring to see the wisteria, plum and peach trees in blossom in the Wistaria Gardens. Let's hope we are not too late, considering the unusual seasonal weather currently being experienced. The walk passes through the historic Parramatta Park then along the Parramatta River to the light rail return to Telopea where a light lunch/coffee can be purchased at the Courtyard Café, then a comfortable walk or light rail back to Carlingford.

Date: Tuesday 13th October 2026.

Time: 10.00am.

Meet: Carlingford Light Rail Station. Parking available in nearby streets.

Grade: Easy, some slight inclines.

Duration: about 3.5 hours +/-.

Toilets: Parramatta Park and coffee stops.

What to bring: Opal Card, hat, sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes.

After the walk: Coffee/tea in Parramatta Park. Light lunch at Telopea Courtyard Cafe (if you wish).

Contacts: Julie Dunesky

Steve Dunesky

The World According to Philomena Cunk



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Dates: 11th and 25th September

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



August Player of the Month. We are pleased to announce that Wayne Steward (pictured) has been named Player of the Month for August 2026. Wayne scored an impressive 95 points across three games, with Mal Anderson following closely behind at 94 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: 7th 14th and 21st of September 2026
Mal Anderson

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Please send to Elaine Finch

before Wednesday 30th September

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://coonaraprobus.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.

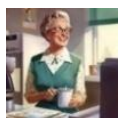
REFUND POLICY – The restaurants, cafes and venues require prior notice of final numbers. If a member is unable to attend a function after paying, the policy of the club is that once monies have been paid, refunds are only possible if the venue does not charge for the absentee. Once paid for, theatre 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



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.

Sept Gerda Ekkelenkamp **Oct** Kath Evernden

Spring into September!



Wimbledon Masters beware - this lot are on your trail!



Eating and Sunday lunches take a lot of consideration!



Walkers of the world unite, perhaps next years' marathon???



Ten-year pins- congratulations on your staying power!

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

September 2026

Tue 1	Investment Group	Sports Bar 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	8.00 am	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	Sugar Salt Galston	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	Pasta & Pizza Dinner	Belmontes Italian Restaurant	6.30 pm	Sue Badcock	

October 2026

Thu 1	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Mon 5	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 6	Investment Group -	Sports Bar Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Wed 7	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Fri 9	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am	Russ Bush	
Mon 12	Cards For Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 13	Walking Group	Carlingford/Westmead	10.00 am	Steve and Julie Dunesky	
Thu 15	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Thu 15	Book Club	Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 16	Bicycle Group	TBA	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Mon 19	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Tue 20	Members Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am.	Sue Badcock	
Tue 20	50 th Anniversary Picnic	Castle Glen Reserve	After meeting	Carolyn Powell	
Fri 23	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am	Russ Bush	
Sun 25	Sunday Lunch	Klamm Thai Castle Hill	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Mon 26	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 27	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Rotary
Club of West Pennant Hills
& Cherrybrook

ALL PROCEEDS
GO TO
RUFFTRACK
AND OTHER
ROTARY
CHARITIES

Major Partners

ALTITUDE
CAPITAL

Bendigo Bank

AT JOHN PURCHASE OVAL (12 SHEPHERDS LANE, CHERRYBROOK)
ACCESS VIA GREENWAY PARK

SATURDAY
12 SEPT 2026
ENTRY FROM 5.30PM

MOVIE
6.30PM START

A Minecraft Movie with Jack
Black and Jason Momoa

TICKETS:

- Family: \$27.00 per family (2 children 2 adults)
- Adults: \$10.00 per person
- Children: \$5.00 per extra child over and above the family ticket price.

CHILD IS UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE

Please bring low chairs / picnic rug to sit on.
Parking is available / locals encouraged to walk
Food available to buy: BBQ / Hamburgers / Soft Drinks / Coffee /
Ice Cream / Lollies

**BOOK
TICKETS HERE**



<https://www.rotaryclubofwphc.org.au/2026-movies-under-the-stars>



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