

Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



Newsletter of the Combined Probus Club of Coonara-Cherrybrook

Club Number 592480 Founded 24th April 2007 District 9685

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Meeting held 3rd Tuesday of each month **10.00am for 10.30 am**

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October 2026



Clocks go forward, don't forget, you'll miss that extra hour in bed! Busy month that lies ahead no time to rest your weary head
First - Oktoberfest, beer, ale & stout are on the scene! Then grab the candy & the kids & you can trick or treat for Hallowe'en!

President's Letter

Hello Everyone,

I hope this message finds you all well and enjoying our spring weather. I want to sincerely thank you for your continued enthusiasm and participation in our club over the past few months.

I must apologize for my absence during the last three months. While I couldn't be with you in person, please know that my thoughts have been with the club. I am truly grateful to our Vice President, Geoff Murray and our Past President Andre Maas, for stepping in and leading with such dedication during this time - thank you for your wonderful support, and I've been told you did a fantastic job. I'm now excited to be back, and looking forward to reconnecting with all of you.

This month promises plenty of exciting happenings from our upcoming Golf trip to Wollongong, and the Tasmanian getaway, also our Probus 50th Birthday Celebration Picnic after our October Meeting, to our regular meetups, where we catch up exchange stories and create new memories... Whether you're a longtime member or a newcomer, your presence makes our club richer.

Let's keep the energy alive, support each other, and embrace the fun and friendship that define us. Don't forget to check the calendar for all the details, and feel

free to reach out with and ideas or suggestions.....we're always eager to hear from you.

See You Soon,

Cheers

Leonie Lawson

President



NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

20th October

17th November



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 on 6th October.

Bob Walker Treasurer

LUNCHES & DINNERS



ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

OCTOBER LUNCH

Date: Sunday 25th October

RSVP: By Wednesday 21st October

Time: 12.00 noon

Venue: Klamm Thai, Shop 6-7 Showground Village
2 Mandala Pde, Castle Hill

Cost: Pay on the day

Ann Colless



Probis 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 Ridgeway 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



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: Glenhaven

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

Payment October and November meetings

Carolyn Powell ph:

email:



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2026

Date: Thursday 10th December

Time: 12.00 noon

Venue: Entrata Restaurant,

Cnr. Bannerman & Glenhaven Roads, Glenhaven

Cost: \$68 pp.

Menu: 2 courses (alternate serves), roll and butter, Pollo Saltimbocca (gt) chicken fillet with a white wine and butter sauce, or Porchetta (roast pork) served with carrots & broccoli & bowls of roast potatoes on table. Tiramisu or Cannoli and 2 glasses of wine or soft drink. Additional beverages or coffee may be purchased separately.

Bookings: October and November meetings.

Elaine Finch

Sue Badcock



YULEFEST 2027

YULEFEST 27th - 29th JULY 2027 in MUDGEE!!

Expressions of interest at the OCTOBER Meeting.

Now that we have survived the winter of 2026, it is time to plan for winter 2027. In conjunction with On Course, we have planned a Yulefest for the coldest time in Mudgee, after all, you can't have a Christmas in July without wearing a scarf and layers of woolly jumpers.

We depart Castle Hill on Tuesday 27th July 2027 for three days and two nights staying at Parklands Resort Mudgee. Christmas in July lunch will be at Robert Stein Winery in a private room.

Cost per person \$1170.00 with a single supplement \$220

This includes a group pick up from Castle Hill, all experiences, meals, accommodation and tastings.

A PDF of the itinerary will be emailed to all those that put their name on the list, I can take 48 people, after which I will create a waitlist.

Dave Motte

Ph:

Email:



GUEST SPEAKER



Our speaker for October is Hugh Mackay, Hugh is described as the man who explains us to ourselves, he is a social psychologist and the best-selling author of 25 books. In recognition of his pioneering work in social research, he has been awarded honorary doctorates by 5 Australian universities & in 2016 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia. Hugh's latest book is "Just Saying" a series of personal reflections on 25 famous quotations. He will be speaking about this book today. Hugh will have books for sale for \$20 (cash). Other books he has written are The Way We Are. The Kindness Revolution & 9 novels.

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: 6th October, **No November meeting as its Melbourne Cup Day!**

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: 1st and 15th October

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 27th October

Time: 10.15 am

Venue: Marble Lounge, Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless

Sue Dawes



Book Lending

The pleasant spring weather continues and as you sit out and enjoy it dealing with your hay fever whilst bravely reading your books with watery eyes, you'll need to come and have a browse amongst the selection of books waiting to be borrowed from our extensive collection, along with the catalogue. It's available at each of our monthly meetings, and books can be reserved from this list and made available at the next meeting.

The Librarians- Jan, Jenny & Liz



Wine Appreciation Group

Usually 1st Monday of the month

Date: 7th December **N.B. In abeyance until December!**

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:



"As it happens, we don't produce any beer flavored wine."



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: 12th and 26th October

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



WELFARE

Dawn Dwyer has had complications with swelling following a knee replacement and waiting for an appointment with the lymphedema clinic. Dawn is very unlucky that this complication has happened and is impeding her rehab, but is still attending day rehab twice a week.

It was lovely to see our 100-year-old Joan Creed at our last meeting. Joan was presented with a special box of Belgian chocolates to enjoy.

Jan Duffy

Welfare Officer



CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

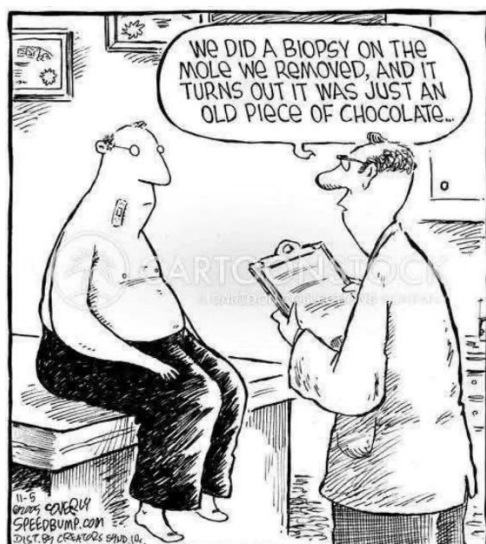
Next meetings: 7th October

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 16th October

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

Place: Western Sydney Parklands

Our bike ride for October (Friday 16th) will be along the Western Sydney Parklands trail starting at Nurragingy Reserve. As usual we will meet at the Colby Centre in Nurragingy Reserve, the entrance to which comes off Knox Road opposite Cross Street, Doonside, at the traffic lights. Turn right at the lights and follow the road through the brick entrance way just slightly right after the small roundabout. We will stop for a coffee break/toilet stop at the Eastern Creek shopping centre before returning to Nurragingy Reserve where we can have a picnic lunch after the ride.

For our final ride for the year, 20th November, we will do the ride that we had planned earlier but which had to be cancelled due to rain. That ride is the one from Prospect Reservoir to Guildford and return. But more details on that in next month's Chatter.

Contacts for the Bicycle Group:

Russ or Rhonda Bush, Ph: email :



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 19th October

Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

Time: 9.45 am

It's much too early to even see what is coming soon, except maybe Sense and Sensibility, ANOTHER remake of Jane Austen's first published novel. 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: 18th October

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: Geoff Power Jazz Band

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

Lynn Paterson



THEATRE GROUP

Payment for:

"BEAUTIFUL NOISE" Neil Diamond musical Lyric Theatre 1pm 16th December tickets \$100. It would be appreciated if members could pay into the account as we have over 70 people attending. *Members on the Wait List will be advised of any ticket availability once payments from the members on the Expressions of Interest List have been finalised.*

Expressions of Interest for:

"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 22nd October

Time: 10:30 am

The book for September was The Household Guide for Dying by Debra Adelaide. The first-person narrator, Delia, a writer of household guides is not yet forty is given a bad prognosis for her breast cancer so she decides that her last work will be a guide to dying. It had mixed reviews. Some found it darkly comic, while others found it tender and breathtakingly honest.

Contact: Lesley Maker

Email:



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Dates: 9th and 23rd September

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Castle Hill Bowling Club

Dates: 9th and 23rd October

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 Probuss 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 recently but there's plenty of room for more.

Contact for Bowls attendance:

Russell Bush,

email:



WALKING FOR PLEASURE

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

NOVEMBER WALK - HUNTERS HILL

Our end of year walk is the popular Hunters Hill area. A walk that we have undertaken before mixes nostalgia with the modern day. The century old buildings and their established gardens are always a joy to see as we venture through Kelly's Bush, around the harbour foreshore, dry dock walk then onto the local swimming area and surrounding streets, some with jacarandas in full bloom. Come along and join us in this end of year walk and finish with lunch at the Woolwich Pier Hotel if you can stay. A coffee-stop along the way.

Date: 10th November 2026.

Time: 10.00am.

Meet: In Weil Park at the end of Prince George Parade (street parking in the vicinity).

Grade: Medium/easy with some steep steps and grades.

Duration: about 3 hours (excluding lunch).

Toilets: Clarke Point Reserve, Woolwich Pier Hotel, Coffee stop - Weil Park.

What to bring: water, hat, camera, good walking shoes.

Following the walk: It is proposed to purchase lunch at the Woolwich Pier Hotel as our end of year treat.

PLEASE Text or RING if you are joining us for lunch so we can make a booking.

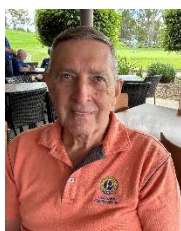
Contacts: Julie Dunesky

Steve Dunesky





GOLF GROUP



September Player of the Month: We are delighted to announce that our star player for September 2026 is Steve Kyneur (pictured). Steve achieved an impressive 133 points over four games, closely followed by Sheena Brown with 128 points. Well, done to these 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.

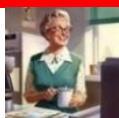
Upcoming Games: 19th & 26th October 2026

Mal Anderson

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Please send to Elaine Finch

before Saturday 31st October



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 [phone number] to arrange a replacement.

Oct Kath Evernden

Nov Marie Eyles



"I see you're taking full advantage of our free refills policy."

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

October Operations!



Obtaining the cash to get to Wollongong!



Wisteria Hysteria!



A Couple of Little Blossoms



And a bunch of Pansies!



Hi from Bruce Rhodes - ticking off his bucket list in Japan!



The gutsy golfers - gutsing (as usual!)



Our Fabulous Centenarian!



Queen Joan - 100th Birthday Official Portrait
(by Tony Armstrong – Sweatman!)



Ken Kracking Korkers!



New inmates - Derek Morell and Barbara Suckau

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

October 2026

Thu 1	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
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	
Fri 16	Bicycle Group	Western Sydney Parklands	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	
Thu 22	Book Club	Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
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	

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Thu 5	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
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Tue 10	Walking Group	Hunters Hill	10.00 am	Andre Maas & Paul Sweatman	
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Mon 16	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Tue 17	Members Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am.	Sue Badcock	
Thu 19	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Fri 20	Bicycle Group	Prospect Reservoir to Guildford	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
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Thu 26	Book Club	Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 27	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am	Russ Bush	
Sat 28	Wine & Cheese Night	Leonie's "Pad" Glenhaven	6.30-9.00 pm	Carolyn Powell	