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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November 2026

Get your bets on don't delay, Melbourne Cup on the 1st Tuesday! Jacarandas are in bright display - looks like a painting by Monet! Poppies for Remembrance, Black Friday sales to grab a bargain, count your cash before you board the Xmas shopping train!

President's Letter

Hello Everyone,

How quickly the months are passing, only 55 days to Christmas! Hope everyone is organised.

Another busy month, the golfing people enjoyed four nights away in Wollongong and we all had a marvelous time; not only the golfers, we ladies enjoyed many activities including axe throwing which was organised by Ann Anderson and it was a lot of fun!

We also celebrated our PSPL 50th Anniversary with a picnic at Knightsbridge which was enjoyed by the members who attended, and thank you Sue for organizing the lovely cake which everyone agreed was delicious.

What with the Tennis, Mah Jong, Cards, the Wine Appreciation Group, Book Club, Investment, Bicycle, Craft and Movie Groups, Jazz at the Pines, Walking Group, Sunday Lunchers, Lawn Bowls and Golf we certainly have a great range of activities for all of us to enjoy and keep busy.

And finally, on the sad passing of Gary Wellard, who was a founding member of our club. On behalf of the club, I would like to pass on our condolences to Sue and to Gary's children and grandchildren. He will be sadly missed. Rest in Peace.

Leonie Lawson ***President***



NEXT CLUB MEETINGS
17th November
15th December



TREASURER'S REPORT

At close of business on 30.9.26, 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

NOVEMBER LUNCH

Date: Friday 27th November - This month ONLY

RSVP: By Wednesday 18th November

Time: 12.00 noon

Venue: Trevi Restaurant, 5/8 Century Cct, Norwest

Cost: Pay on the day

Ann Colless



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.

Payment: November meeting (waiting list)

Carolyn Powell ph:

email:



YULEFEST 2027

YULEFEST 27Th - 29th JULY 2027 MUDGEE.

A Waitlist has been created.

If you wish your name to be added to the Waitlist, please message or email me. We will be 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 of $220. This includes a group pick-up from Castle Hill, all experiences, meals, accommodation, and tastings.

Dave Motte



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 (gf) 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 & payments: *Before or at the November meeting. Only 2 vacancies left!*

Elaine Finch

Sue Badcock



GUEST SPEAKER



Join us for an informative and engaging session on Advance Care Planning, facilitated by Michelle Scoble, Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS2) in End-of-Life Care with Western Sydney Local Health District. Michelle has extensive experience supporting individuals, families, and healthcare professionals to navigate conversations about future healthcare preferences and decision-making. This session, delivered in partnership with our community group, will provide practical information about Advance Care Planning, why it matters, and how documenting your wishes can help ensure your values and preferences are respected if you are unable to speak for yourself in the future. Plan today so that you can live better tomorrow.

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: Wed 4th November (This month only)
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: 5th & 19th November
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 24th November
Time: 10.15 am
Venue: Marble Lounge, Castle Hill RSL Club
Ann Colless Sue Dawes



Book Lending

As the warm spring weather continues to gather force and head for summer heat, turn on the fan and cool off with an iced coffee and a racy novel which you discreetly picked from 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



CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month
Next meetings: 4th November
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



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:





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: 9th and 23rd November
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

Sadly, Gary Wellard passed away on 25th October at Neringah palliative care hospital. Gary was a well-known foundation member who enjoyed golf with his mates. He will be sadly missed. RIP. Gary's funeral will take place on Thursday 5th November at 2.00pm at Allan Drew Funerals, Old Northern Road Castle Hill.
Jan Duffy Welfare Officer



"Now that I've invented it, I have this odd compulsion to hold it in my hand wherever I go and glance at it incessantly."





BICYCLE GROUP

Third Friday in the month.
Date: Fri 20th November
Time: 10:00 am - ready to start the ride
Place: Prospect Reservoir to Guildford
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 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 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).
We will resume our rides in January 2027.
Contacts for the Bicycle Group:
Russ or Rhonda Bush,
mobile email



MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month
Next Meeting: Mon 16th November
Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)
Time: 9.45 am
Looks like there may be a bit of a choice this month, both Pressure and Wicker will be showing, two VERY different choices! Have a look at the trailers and we'll decide closer to the time!
If you would like to be added to this group, please drop me an email or ring:
Elaine Finch Email:



JAZZ AT THE PINES

When: 15th November
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: Carolyn Packer's Stompin' Rhythm Aces
If you would like to join us then, please contact: -
Lynn Paterson



THEATRE GROUP

Please collect tickets for:
"Beautiful Noise" 16th December.
Expressions of Interest for:
Noel Cowards' "PRIVATE LIVES" Theatre Royal 1pm 24th February Tickets $100 pay by December meeting.
"Moulin Rouge" Lyric Theatre 1pm 7th April Tickets $90 please pay by January 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 26th November
Time: 10:30 am
The book discussed for October was Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce. Everyone really enjoyed this book. It was funny and easy to read. It was set in Britain in the 1950's just after the war. The themes were Friendship, the role of women in society and mental health issues.
Contact: Lesley Maker
Email:



LAWN BOWLS

2nd and 4th Friday of each month
Dates: 13th and 27th November
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, there's plenty of room for more.
Contact for Bowls attendance:
Russell Bush
email:

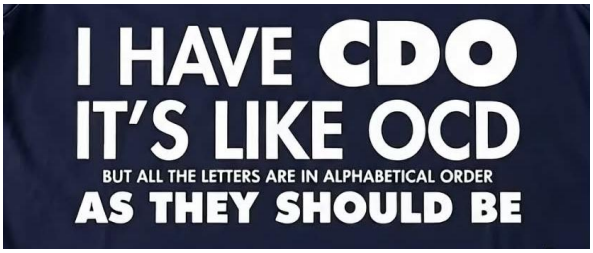


WALKING FOR PLEASURE

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





"Are you enjoying your complimentary private accomodations?"



Our Birthday Carrot Cake
(in case you didn't get a slice!)

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE
Please send to Elaine Finch

before Monday 30th November



GOLF GROUP



October Player of the Month: We are delighted to announce that our star player for October 2026 is Lynn Patterson (pictured). Lynn achieved an impressive 67 points over two games, closely followed by Mal Anderson who scored 65 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: Monday 16th, 23rd and 30th November.
Mal Anderson



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 0409 171 272 to arrange a replacement.

Nov Marie Eyles **Dec** Karen Falzon

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

November Navigations!



Meet the old timers! The Foundation Members of CCCPC!



Looks like these two enjoyed doing the interview as much as we did listening to it!



Cutting the cake at the Probus 50th Birthday picnic



This is the most fashionable garbage collector ever seen!



Enjoying the Teddy Bears Picnic in the sun!

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

November 2026

Wed 4	Craft	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Wed 4	Investment Group -	Sports Bar Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Thu 5	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Mon 9	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 10	Walking Group	Hunters Hill	10.00 am	Andre Maas & Paul Sweatman	
Fri 13	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am	Russ Bush	
Sun 15	Jazz at the Pines	Roughley House Dural	12.00 noon	Lynn Paterson	
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	
Mon 23	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 24	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Marble Lounge Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
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	
Fri 27	Sunday Lunch	Trevi Norwest	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Sat 28	Wine & Cheese Night	Leonie's "Pad" Glenhaven	6.30-9.00 pm	Carolyn Powell	

December 2026

Tue 1	Investment Group	Sports Bar Castle Hill RSL	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	
Mon 7	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Leisure Centre	4-6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Thu 10	Xmas Lunch	Entrata Restaurant Glenhaven	12.00 noon	Elaine Finch	
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	
Mon 21	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Thu 24	Book Club	No meeting in December	10.30 am	Lesley Maker	
Fri 25	Christmas Day				
Sat 26th	Boxing Day				
Thu 31	New Years Eve				