

# Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



*Newsletter of the Combined Probus Club of Coonara-Cherrybrook*

Club Number 592480 Founded 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007 District 9685

ABN Number: 37897363271

Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month **10.00am for 10.30 am**

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## December 2024



Summertime is here again, with daytime heat then evening rain, just enjoy the lighter nights with BBQ's and Xmas lights. Buy last minute odds & ends, catch up with your family & friends. Wish as you mix the festive cake & have a wonderful Xmas break!

### President's Letter

*Hello Fellow Members,*

Welcome to December, it is getting close to old Saint Nick visiting. As I have always told my children and grandchildren if you don't believe then you can't expect the old man to leave gifts. This month saw some of us visit the most beautiful and relaxing place, the Cook Islands. I attended the second Wine Appreciation group, the Wine and cheese night held at the lovely home of Leonie Lawson and a very different Jesus Christ Superstar. As I have always said get involved and Probus it provides you with a very busy and interesting life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Committee, Group Leaders, Event organisers, volunteers, members and to take the time to remember missing family and friends. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas with your loved ones and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Suzanne Waesch*

*President*

**NEXT CLUB MEETINGS**  
**December 17<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup> 2025**



**Don't send your grandkids to this school!  
Either the staff can't spell, or they are into stranger things!**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Bank details as at 30.11.2024

Total Cash at Bank	Amount
Westpac Working Account	\$
<b>Less</b>	
Members prepayments	\$
<b>Net Cash Position</b>	<b>\$</b>

Subsequent payments will be ratified at the next committee meeting.  
Paul Cashman Treasurer

## LUNCHES & DINNERS



### ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

4th Sunday of the month

November Lunch

This will be the 🎄 Christmas Lunch 🧑🏻🎅

**Date:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

**Venue:** : TBA

**Time :** 12.00 pm

**Cost:** Pay on the day

Please note: There will be No Sunday Lunch in December, we resume in January 2025.

Ann Colless

## ANNUAL BEROWRA WATERS PICNIC



Come along & join us for this very casual evening.

**Date:** Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2025

**Venue:** 199 Bay Road Berowra Waters.

**Time:** We will meet at 3.30-4.00pm which gives us time to mingle before an early dinner.

BYO your own drinks and nibbles, maybe a small table to share, then you can either bring your own picnic dinner or purchase seafood from the café.

There is some seating there but it's very limited so don't forget your PICNIC CHAIRS. I will have an expression of interest at the December meeting, we need to know numbers as being holiday time they often roster an extra staff member in the café. This is weather dependant of course – you will be notified by email late morning on the day if it is cancelled.

Carolyn Powell

## NAVAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY HARBOUR CRUISE FRIDAY MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> 2025



Final payment of \$50 per person for this event is due at the December and January meetings. The cruise leaves from King Street Wharf 3, Darling Harbour. You will learn about 11 different sites to the East of the Harbour Bridge, activities and facilities of the Royal Australian Navy from 1788 to the present time. Check in time is 9.30am, boarding at 9.45am for a 10.00am departure, includes morning tea, returning at 1.00pm. This event is full with a wait list open.  
Enquiries

## Christmas Meeting Trivia Quiz



As we do not traditionally have a speaker this month and we can no longer have our bumper "bring a plate morning tea", we will be having a fun quiz on Christmas! You don't have to be an Einstein, as all the questions are all about Christmas and you have all had plenty of those! The room will be set up in tables of 8 when you arrive, so please take a seat anywhere. After the meeting formalities and morning tea are over, we will begin. Team prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Elaine Finch



Historic photo of children listening to Mariah Carey's "All I want for Christmas"



## Red Centre Trip



17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 7- day tour  
Only two rooms left!

Ayres Rock/Uluru, Field of Light, Simpson's Gap, Kings Canyon, Sounds of Silence Dinner, Kata Tuja (The Olgas) are only a few of the highlights.

Accommodation for this tour is:-

Double Tree By Hilton, Alice Springs - 3 nights

Kings Canyon Resort - 1 night

Desert Gardens Uluru - 2 nights

Cost is dependent on the numbers travelling:

Minimum 30 passengers twin share pp is \$4,980.00

Minimum 25 passengers twin share pp is \$5,195.00

Single Supplement is \$1,135.00

This includes group pick up, all admissions, airfares, 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners, transfers and luxury coach travel.

A deposit of \$600.00 pp is needed by 18<sup>th</sup> March, with the balance due by 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Sue Waesch



## Wine Appreciation Group

Usually 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

Date: Monday 2nd December

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Venue: Living Choice Leisure Centre

Living Choice, 15 Old Glenhaven Rd, Glenhaven

Hosts : Sue Waesch and Steve Kyneur

Cost: \$5 per head per meeting (pay on the day) which will cover the cost 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:



## INVESTMENT GROUP

First Tuesday of the month

**Next Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February

**Time:** 10.15am.

**Venue:** Lucy's 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



## WELFARE

We have seen many new members join our club this year, trust you're feeling welcome. You seem to be a healthy lot so to all of old and new may I wish you all a Very Happy Healthy Christmastime . A New Year is an unknown time in our lives, how about we count our blessings.

**DO YOUR BEST TO STAY WELL!**

Your devoted Welfare Officer,

Nell McSeveny

Welfare Officer



## CRAFT

**First Wednesday of the month**

**Next meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

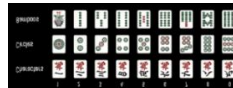
**Venue:** West Pennant Hills Sporting Club

**Time:** 10 am – 12.00 noon

Club Xmas Luncheon is on ,on OUR day, so as the first Monday of 2025 will be the New Years Day Public Holiday our next meeting will be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Have a lovely Christmas and see you all in the New Year!

Judith Gauci



## MAH JONGG GROUP

**When:** 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

**Venue:** West Pennant Hills Sports Club

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> January

**Time:** 10 am - 12 noon

Beginners and experienced players welcome, for more information please contact:

Marie Eyles





## CARD GROUP

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month (except Public Holidays when there will be NO cards.)

**Venue:** West Pennant Hills Sporting Club

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> December & 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January

**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. Then maybe stay for a chat and a light lunch at Sawyers Brasserie.

**Contacts:** Colleen Sherwood  
Jenny Davis



## TENNIS GROUP

We usually meet every Wednesday evening at Belltree Crescent Castle Hill between 5 pm and 7 pm. The warmer and lighter evenings are inviting you for an active and relaxing way to conclude a lovely spring day. Come out and enjoy a bit of light exercise and keep your joints moving!

Ron Powell                      Coordinator



## GUEST SPEAKER

There will be no organised Guest Speaker in December. Instead, we will be enjoying a trivia quiz, perhaps washed down with a nice glass of bubbly, and looking forward to some exciting speakers in 2025.

Geoff Murray                                      Speaker Convenor

Phone:

Email:



## JAZZ AT THE PINES

**When:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Time:** 12.30 till 4.00pm

**Where:** Roughley House, Old Northern Rd. Dural

**How Much:** \$20.00 concession

**Who's On:** Zenith Jazz Sextet

There are no concerts in December or January due to hot weather and holidays but we will be back in February.

**Contact:** Lynn Paterson



## MOVIE GROUP

Third Monday of the month

Next Meeting: Mon 20<sup>th</sup> January

Venue: Castle Hill Events Cinema (Foyer)

Time: 9.30 am

Unless you are desperate to see old fodder such as "Home Alone" or "Love Actually" or really into Lego and fancy Piece by Piece by Pharrell Williams, I think we will give December a big miss as it is a very busy time of year for us all. Hope to see you in the New Year when all of the new Boxing Day releases will be about. Thanks for your support during 2024, have a great Chrissie and see you all in 2025.

Contact: Elaine Finch

email:

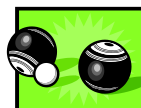


## Book Lending

**NB. There will be no library for the November meeting, but we shall be back for the December meeting.**

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



## LAWN BOWLS

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month**

**Dates:** 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 9:15am latest

**Venue:** Castle Hill Bowling Club

Please note that our lawn bowls activity group normally meets on the second & fourth Fridays of each month at the Castle Hill Bowling Club. However, this month we will only meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> December and resume in January.

Please be there by 9:15am latest. 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.

**Contact for Bowls attendance:**

Russell Bush

Ph.        email:



## SOLO TRAVELLERS COFFEE

Coffee Morning

Held 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

Date: NOT on Christmas Eve!! Tue 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Time: 10.15 am

Venue: Lounge Area Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless

Sue Dawes



## BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of the month.

Where: Castle Hill Bowling Club

When: Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

Time: 10:30 am

At the last meeting we discussed our individual selection of a Lynda La Plante novel. I found it difficult to come to a rating but everyone enjoyed their read. There will be no meeting in December because it would be too close to Christmas. The book for January is "A Death in Cornwall" by Daniel Silva

I have tendered my resignation as Convener to the Presidents of Coonara-Cherrybrook and The Hills and District Probus Clubs after 15 years.

It is not an onerous job, so would any member of either club be interested in taking over?

I found it to be very rewarding.

Alan Vesperman

### ARTIST'S CHRISTMAS TREES



Botticelli



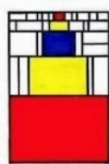
Dali



Matisse



Michelangelo



Mondrian



Monet



O'Keefe



Picasso



Seurat



Van Gogh



Vermeer



Warhol



## THEATRE GROUP

Expressions of Interest for:

"ANNIE" Capitol Theatre Wed. 1pm 16<sup>th</sup> April tickets \$75 please pay at February meeting. There is a waitlist for this show.

"& THEN THERE WERE NONE" Theatre Royal 1pm Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> May tickets \$70 pay at March meeting.

"MJ The Musical" Lyric Theatre 1pm Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> July Tickets \$99 pay at May meeting.

"CATS" Theatre Royal pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June tickets \$70, pay at April meeting. If interested, but unable to attend meetings please call numbers below:

Howard & Sue Patterson

Pat Bisby



## GOLF GROUP.



**November Player of the Month.** Our star player in November was **Geoff Murray** (pictured). Geoff scored **99 points** over three games to defeat **Mal Anderson** with **85 points**. Well done Geoff and Mal.

**Invitation:** If you would like to have fun and play social golf you are most welcome to join our friendly group. Our 2025 competition starts on 6 January. In the interim social games will continue each Monday until 16 December. 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 7am 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 - \$25 per game approx.

**Upcoming Games:** December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be no golf over the Christmas/New Year period. The 2025 season opener will be on 6 January 2025.

Geoff Murray



## **BICYCLE GROUP**

**Third Friday in the month.**

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 10:00am.

**Place:** Bulli to Wollongong

Please note that our November bike ride, normally held on the third Friday of the month, has been **postponed to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** due to several key absences. As is usual for the last ride of the year, we will do the popular Bulli to Wollongong ride, starting at Sandon Point. As most of the group now have an e-bike we might extend the ride a bit after we get to Wollongong fishing harbour and travel a bit further south and add an extra 4 or 5 kilometres. We can make this choice when we get to the harbour.

After the ride we can have a picnic in the park at Sandon Point, but bring your own food and drink (and maybe chairs as well). There are good clean toilets at the surf club there.

The starting point is at the end of Point Street, Bulli, from the car park for the Sandon Point surf club.

If travelling down the M7 please note that the majority of this road, from the Richmond Road turn off to the Hume Freeway, is reduced to 80km/hr adding 10 minutes or more to the journey. See you there ready to start the ride at 10:00am on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Contacts for the Bicycle Group:**

Russ Rhonda email

**NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE**  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December**  
**Please send to Elaine Finch**



### **WALKING FOR PLEASURE**

**Date:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

**Time:** 10.00am.

**Meet:** TBA.

Steve Dunesky

Julie Dunesky

**BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!**  
**I RECENTLY CALLED AN OLD ENGINEERING BUDDY OF MINE AND ASKED WHAT HE WAS WORKING ON THESE DAYS.**  
**HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON "AQUA-THERMAL TREATMENT OF CERAMICS, ALUMINUM AND STEEL UNDER A CONSTRAINED ENVIRONMENT."**  
**I WAS IMPRESSED UNTIL, UPON FURTHER INQUIRY, I LEARNED THAT HE WAS WASHING DISHES WITH HOT WATER UNDER HIS WIFE'S SUPERVISION.**



### **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 Andre Maas on to arrange a replacement.

**December** Sheena Brown

**January** Yvonne Brown

## **Photo Potpourri**



**Welcome to our new inductees!**



**Well done Cherrybrook's answer to Adam Scott**



Ladies Champ 2024



Sunday Lunch Christmas Lunch and a Fine BroMance



Well, that didn't last long, he's cheating already!



The "with-it" senior texters enjoying the company at the wheeze and chine party at Leonies'.

## Let's Get Down to Business Column



### Justices of the Peace

Paul Cashman	
Leon Creed	
John Hughes	
Geoff Murray	
Susanne Waesch	



### CLUB WEBSITE

Catch up with all the latest news on the club website. Leon continues to do a great job keeping it topical and Colin keeps him supplied with all the latest photo shots. May I encourage you all to access the site to keep up-to-date with the planned events and activities. The site is no longer password protected, so you can go directly to the site.

Site address: [www.coonaraprobus.org.au](http://www.coonaraprobus.org.au)

### IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND

As a matter of courtesy, if anyone **cannot** attend a **function that they have booked** would they 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 looked at and 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.

To join our Probus Coonara-Cherrybrook Facebook page, click on link and request to join the group. This is a closed page to ensure privacy.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ProbusCherrybrookCoonara/?ref=groupheader>

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Direct Link to Probus Members Benefit Site: -

[http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members\\_offers\\_member\\_benefits\\_scheme](http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme)

**COONARA-CHERRYBROOK CALENDAR 2024**

<b>All Mon</b>	Golf	Various Courses	TBA	Geoff Murray	
<b>All Wed</b>	Tennis	Belltree Crescent C. Hill	5-7pm	Ron Powell	

**December**

Mon 2	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 3	Investment Group	Lucy’s bar CC Hill RSL	10.15 am	John Badcock	
Wed 4	Xmas Lunch	Entrata Restaurant Glenhaven	12.00 noon	Elaine Finch	
Thu 5	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Fri 6	Bicycle Group	Sandon Pt to Wollongong	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Mon 9	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Fri 13	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
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	



**Merry Christmas to all the members from the Executive and Committee**



**January 2025**

Tue 5	Investment Group	No meeting this month		John Badcock	
Wed 8	Craft	No meeting this month	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
Thu 2	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Fri 10	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
Mon 13	Cards for Fun	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 14	Walking Group	TBA	10.00am	Andre Maas	
Thu 16	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
	Jazz at the Pines	Restarts February	12.30 pm	Lynn Paterson	
Mon 20	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
Mon 20	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 21	Members Meeting	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.00am.	Sue Badcock	
Thu 23	Book Club	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.30 am	Alan Vesperman	
Fri 24	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
Sun 24	Sunday Lunch	TBA ? on Australia Day	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Mon 27	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 28	Solo Travellers’ Coffee	Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Fri 31	Berowra Waters Picnic	Bay Road Berowra Waters	3.30 pm	Carolyn Powell	