

# Coonara-Cherrybrook Chatter



**Newsletter of the Combined Probud 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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## January 2025



Christmas now is done and dusted, to another year we are adjusted. The New Year 2025 has burst in on us in overdrive. Lets hope it's a stupendous year for each and everyone, one that's filled with fellowship & friendship but most of all with FUN!

### President's Letter

*Hello Fellow Members,*

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to Probud 2025. I hope everyone had a wonderful festive season with family, friends or both. I notice the hot cross buns are in the shops again so no time to get the extra kilos off before the next celebration time arrives.

I hope 2025 is a good year for you all as we move forward with a new lot of activities and our groups recommencing.

*Sue Waesch*

*President*

### NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

January 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

February 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

### The London Mirror Newspaper March 1919



We shall certainly be "fung up" at the most awkward moments in our daily lives!

**Oh! Little did they know!**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Bank details as at 31.12.2024

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 0417 366 663

## LUNCHEES & DINNERS



### ALL WELCOME SUNDAY LUNCH

#### 4th Sunday of the month

##### January Lunch

**Date:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

(This month only, as 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday is Australia Day!)

**Venue:** : The Duke , 3 Kenthurst Road Dural

**Time :** 12.00 pm

##### February Lunch:

**Venue:** The Hills Bowling Club

6-18 Jenner St, Baulkham Hills

**Date:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Time:** 12PM

**Cost:** Pay on the day

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 January meeting. 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 2.00pm. This event is full with a wait list open.

Enquiries Carolyn Powell

## 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



## 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 summers' day. Come out and enjoy a bit of light exercise and keep your joints moving!

Ron Powell

Coordinator



### Wine Appreciation Group

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

Date: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

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:** 7<sup>th</sup> January, 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



### MAH JONG GROUP

**When:** 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month

**Venue:** West Pennant Hills Sports Club

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 10 am - 12 noon

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

Marie Eyles



### WELFARE

Good news, Janette McKenzie who had a double knee replacement is now home. It hasn't been an easy time for her so may every day be an improvement on the day before.

Warren Randle's funeral was a wonderful celebration of his life. He was a remarkable community minded man. His nick name was WESTPAC because of his long association with the bank. He was a Freemason for 66 years holding very high positions, very few hold that title. He was mentioned for his service to CCPC. How sad it is that we don't know the real-life stories of the person while they are still with us. Wishing you all the bestest 2025

Nell McSeveny

Welfare Officer



### CRAFT

First Wednesday of the month

**Next meetings:** 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Venue:** West Pennant Hills Sporting Club

**Time:** 10 am - 12.00 noon

The first Wednesday of 2025 will be the New Years Day Public Holiday so our next meeting will be 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Judith Gauci



### 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:** 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



**I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing...**

**If I HAD any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up to begin with.**



## **GUEST SPEAKER**



January 2025 will see the return of Rock Historian **Paul Kearney**. As a follow-on from his 1950's show in November 2023, Paul will present **THE HISTORY OF 1960'S ROCK & ROLL** featuring a selection of great old original Rock & Roll songs and video clips from the **1960's**. Featured artists will include: Neil Sedaka, Roy Orbison, The Beach Boys, Elvis Presley, Chubby Checker, Ricky Nelson, Bobby Rydell, Dion DeMucci, Cliff Richard, Nancy Sinatra, The Crystals, The Ronettes, Shangri-Las, The Supremes, and Sonny & Cher. Foot tapping is compulsory, dancing in the aisles optional.

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



## **SOLO TRAVELLERS COFFEE**

**Coffee Morning**

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

**Date:** Tue 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Time:** 10.15 am

**Venue:** Lounge Area Castle Hill RSL Club

Ann Colless

Sue Dawes



## **GOLF GROUP**



**December Player of the Month:** Our star player in December 2024 was Wayne Steward (pictured). Wayne, a regular winner, scored 63 points in just two games to beat Sheena Brown with 60 points. Well done to both players.

**Invitation:** If you would like to have fun and play social golf you are most welcome to join our friendly group. Our golfers, all fresh from their Christmas break are rearing to get back out onto the course. The 2025 competition starts on 6 January so now is a good time for new players to come and join us. 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 myself or 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:** January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Geoff Murray



## **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

I expect you will be seeing all the children's fodder offered at this time of year with your grandkids if they are in the right age bracket, meanwhile it's a bit early to know what will be on offer later this month. I will keep an eye out closer to the date and get in touch with all the movie goers! If you would like to be added to this group, please drop me an email or ring me!

Contact: Elaine Finch

email:



## LAWN BOWLS

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

**Dates:** 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January

**Time:** 9:15am latest

**Venue:** Castle Hill Bowling Club

Our lawn bowls activity group meets on the second & fourth Fridays of each month at the Castle Hill Bowling Club. We will start the new year off on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January and hope to see most of our regulars refreshed and back again.

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. Come and give it a go.

**Contact for Bowls attendance:**

Russell Bush

Ph. email:



## THEATRE GROUP

**Expressions of Interest for:**

TOWN HALL CONCERT featuring David Hobson 11am Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> March tickets \$50 please pay at February meeting.

FUTURE TOWN HALL CONCERTS:

Marina Prior Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> May

Classical Gala Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Sept

Piano Passion Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Oct

"ANNIE" Capitol Theatre Wed. 1pm 16<sup>th</sup> April tickets \$75 please pay at February meeting

"& 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 9899 5209 or 0414 918 729

Pat Bisby 9624 8474 or 0427 536 297

*Procrastination is totally a good thing,  
you always have something to do tomorrow,  
plus you have nothing to do today!*

### NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Please send to Elaine Finch

Email:



## Book Lending

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



## 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

The book for January is "A Death in Cornwall" by Daniel Silva.

Alan Vesperman



## BICYCLE GROUP

**Third Friday in the month.**

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> January

**Time:** 10:00am.

**Place:** Prospect to Guildford

Our first ride for the new year will commence on Friday January 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be the ride that we had planned to do in October but was cancelled due to bad weather.

This is a new ride starting from Prospect Reservoir but travelling in the opposite direction to our last ride from Prospect to Guildford. This time we will head south to Abbotsbury, through and past Lizard Log Park, The Dairy, Calmsley Hill City Farm and Moonrise Lookout. While the ride is only about 22km, it includes many ups and down and would definitely be a challenge without the assistance of battery power.

We will meet at the same spot as we met before at the reservoir, at the bottom of William Lawson Drive, 2 km from the turn off from Reservoir Road, Prospect. There is a large car park there, toilets and plenty of picnic areas alongside the reservoir. We can have a picnic there after the ride, but bring your own food and drink.

To all our bike riding friends we hope you had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to catching up again ready to ride at 10:00am at Prospect Reservoir.

Cheers

Russ & Rhonda

**Contacts for the Bicycle Group:**

Russ & Rhonda Bush

email



## WALKING FOR PLEASURE

### FEBRUARY WALK

Sydney Harbour, Mosman and Cremorne  
A ferry trip across Sydney harbour and a walk around the leafy pathways of Mosman and Cremorne Point are awaiting us. Come and join in the day as we walk through bushland, once the domain of artists and early environmentalists. We pass many old mansions from the Federation Arts and Crafts period and landscape gardens. The city and water views are worth the effort and the day out.

**Date:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 10.00am.

**Meet:** Circular Quay Ferry Wharf to catch the F2 ferry to Taronga Zoo.

**Grade:** Easy/ Medium (steps in sections).

**Duration:** about 3 hours (excluding ferry from/to Circular Quay).

**Toilets:** Circular Quay, Little Sirius Cove, Mosman wharf, Cremorne Point.

**What to bring :** Opal Card, hat, sunscreen, water, sandwich for lunch.

**Coffee stop:** Mosman Wharf.

**Contacts:** Julie Dunesky  
Steve Dunesky

I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE  
THAT I HAVE COMPLETED  
THE 1ST ITEM ON MY  
BUCKET LIST



I HAVE THE BUCKET



### 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.

**January** Yvonne Brown

**February** Jackie Buckley

## Let's Get Down to Business Column



### Justices of the Peace

Paul Cashman	0417 366 663
Leon Creed	0400 245 519
John Hughes	9680 3161
Geoff Murray	0400 978 790
Susanne Waesch	0407 498 510



### 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.coonara probus.org.au](http://www.coonara probus.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)

# End of Year Potpourri



There you go Steve, the best trophy in NSW !



The Krafty ladies looking all dark and mysterious.



The "Smashing Pumpkins" at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole!



Our team for the 2025 Masters "The Saddle Sores"!



Three Christmas roses!



"Table 6" – THE place to be seen!



Well, we filled the restaurant and ourselves!



Please Sir, I want some more!



A little "theatrical" sustenance before.....



Jesus Christ Superstar!

**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	

**January 2025**

Thu 2	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Tue 7	Investment Group	Lucy's Bar CHRSL	10.00 am	John Badcock	
Wed 8	Craft	No meeting this month	10.00am	Judith Gauci	
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	
Thu 16	Mah Jong	W.P. H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Marie Eyles	
Fri 17	Bicycle Group	Prospect to Guildford	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 19	Sunday Lunch	The Duke Dural	12.00 noon	Ann Colless	
Mon 20	Movie Group	Castle Hill Events Cinema	9.30 am	Elaine Finch	
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	
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	

**February**

Mon 3	Wine Appreciation	Living Choice Glenhaven	4 – 6 pm	Rob Templeton	
Tue 4	Investment Group	Lucy's bar CC 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	
Mon 10	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 11	Walking Group	Sydney Harbour	10.00 am	Julie & Steve Dunesky	
Fri 14	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	
Sun 16	Jazz at the Pines	Roughley House	12.30 pm	Lyn Paterson	
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	TBA	10.00am	Russ & Rhonda Bush	
Sun 23	Sunday Lunch	Hills Club	12.00 pm	Ann Colless	
Mon 24	Cards for Fun	W. P.H. Sporting Club	10.00am	Jenny Davis	
Tue 25	Solo Travellers' Coffee	Castle Hill RSL	10.15 am	Ann Colless	
Wed 26	Group Leaders Picnic	Rowallen Hall	12.00 noon	Andre Maas	
Thu 27	Book Club	Castle Hill Bowling Club	10.30 am	Alan Vesperman	
Fri 28	Bowls	Castle Hill Bowling Club	8.45am	Russ Bush	



