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TRIPS



Bay Connection Program – Group 2 July to September 2018

Welcome to part three of the Bay Connection bus trips for 2018.

“In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.”

Khalil Gibran

“Spring makes its own statements, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer.”

Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

“Originality is the fine art of remembering what you hear but forgetting where you heard it.”

Lawrence J. Peter

Hello everyone and a big welcome to all the new members to our Bay Connection ‘family’ groups. Winter is here, so please rug up well as we begin our next program of outings. As you know, there will be no long trip to start this program, but we will enjoy many other exciting trips. We have been invited back by the wonderful children at Council’s Long Day Care Centres to visit again. They loved our annual visits and want to have a ‘play visit’ again this year! A tour through the Police and Justice museum is scheduled along with a return visit to the fabulous Gardens on Forest for a special Devonshire morning tea.

Happy tripping everyone!

Housekeeping reminders

- Please bring ID (that shows your address) with you on each outing in case it is required for entry at venues.
- Please contact Community Life on **9911 6243** if you are unable to attend the outing prior to the day. Please leave a voicemail.
- If you need to cancel on the day of the outing, please call Lorna's mobile after 8.30am on 0419 428 480 and leave a message. She will access any messages as soon as she arrives at work. Just a reminder that she may not be able to respond immediately to your call as she may be driving.
- You must give at least 24 hours' notice if you cannot attend an outing to avoid being charged for that trip.
- If you wish to change your method of payment, please discuss this with the Seniors Bus Trips Coordinator on 9911 6587.
- For any general enquiries relating to Bay Connection bus trips, please contact the Admin Assistant, on 9911 6243.
- In the event of adverse weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances the scheduled trip may be subject to change. Advanced notice may not be possible.

Kind regards

Lorna Jarvis

Seniors Bus Trip Coordinator

Mount Schoenstatt Shrine and Penrith RSL

Date: Friday 13 July



Schoenstatt means 'beautiful place', and it is here that people from all walks of life find moments of peace and tranquility on their journey through life. They are refreshed and renewed and find the possibility to deepen their commitment to Christ. It is a place of grace and pilgrimage where love for Christ and his Mother, Mary, are deeply rooted.

In Australia, Schoenstatt has centres at Mount Schoenstatt in Mulgoa, NSW, at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Kew, VIC and the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale, WA. The original Schoenstatt is on the Rhine River near, Coblenz in Germany.

Situated in Mulgoa, the Mount Schoenstatt Shrine is run by the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary who are part of a worldwide religious community with similar chapels all over the world. The chapel is a replica of a centuries-old German chapel which boasts a splendid hand-carved altar. You may wish to walk the Stations of the Cross through the beautiful garden and bush which surrounds the chapel. There is an Information Centre/ Gift Shop on site. Please remember on this visit that it is a place of worship, so be mindful of those in prayer.

Lunch today is an all you can eat buffet at Penrith RSL.

Bus: \$20.50

Lunch: \$14.60 for 'all you can eat' buffet lunch

The Coal Loader - Balls Head and North Sydney Leagues

Date: Friday 27 July



The Coal Loader on the western side of Waverton peninsula at Balls Head is a very special site where many paths of history intersect. It was first a place of physical and spiritual sustenance for Aboriginal Australians in which The Cammeraygal people lived on the peninsula for thousands of years. A large rock carving still survives at the site.

The Coal Loader itself functioned primarily as a transfer depot for coal from bulk carriers to smaller coal-fired vessels between the 1920s to the 1990s. A major component of the coal-loading operation was the extensive elevated platform structure, which housed a large coal stockpile. Beneath the platform are a series of tunnels, each with a number of chutes through which the coal was transferred into coal 'skips'. The skips operated on a cable-hauled railway system that ran as a continuous loop through the two western-most tunnels and then out onto the finger wharf in Balls Head Bay, where they loaded waiting steamers. This loading system was replaced by a high-speed conveyor in the mid-1970s which then serviced ships carrying export coal until 1992.

The site operated for over 70 years before being decommissioned. It was dedicated as public open space in 1997 and formally transferred to North Sydney Council in 2003. The **Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability** was officially opened in July 2011 and The Coal Loader platform opened March 2018.

We will visit this area today to learn a little more about its history and restoration into a public space, see the community garden and perhaps glimpse into the tunnels. (There are lifts available).

Lunch on this outing is at North Sydney Leagues Club.

Bus: \$20.50

Lunch: Own choice

Justice & Police Museum and Club Five Dock

Date: Friday 10 August



One of the city's most compelling museums, the Justice & Police Museum takes us into the grim theatre of law and order, crime and punishment in early Sydney. The museum takes in the old Water Police Court (1856), designed by NSW Colonial Architect Edmund Blackett; the Water Police Station (1858), by Alexander Dawson, Blackett's successor; and the 1886 Police Court, designed by James Barnet, the most prolific of the colonial architects.

This three-building complex, once one of the busiest legal precincts in the colony, remained in use as a police station right up until 1985. Today its heavy sandstone blocks and spiked steel gates are restored to their 1890s character. The magistrate's court, police charge room, cells and a grim collection of weapons are all open for viewing, along with the police photography exhibition City of Shadows.

Today's tour sees us take a walk on the wild side with a crime-focused 'Murder most Foul' tour. We will hear stories of two murderers, bushranger Captain Moonlite, and the 'mad dentist of Wynyard Square', Henry Louis Bertrand, in the courtroom where they once appeared. After an interesting morning, we will enjoy a lovely lunch at Club Five Dock.

Bus: \$20.50

Admission/Tour of the Justice & Police Museum: \$11 concession

Lunch: Own choice

Gardens of Forest and Rockdale Tennis Club

Date: Friday 24 August



The Gardens of Forest encapsulate the original Victorian period house formally known as 'Collaroy' built in 1885 and still retains some of its garden elements from that time. Although the house has been modified significantly, it still retains the overall form and original front façade with the veranda. The garden is a significant landscape feature with some of the trees still remaining from the late 1940s and earlier.

Originally the house was used as a private residence, then, from the late 1940s to this day it is used for functions such as wedding receptions.

Today gives us an opportunity to enjoy the magnificent gardens, covered verandas, open courtyards and of course the building itself. On arrival, we will have a delightful Devonshire morning tea comprising of Chef's fluffy scones with berry jam and cream, assorted biscuits and freshly brewed loose leaf tea or coffee. Afterwards, stroll around the gardens to soak up the ambience of the beautiful gardens.

After a delightful morning, our group will venture on to another new lunch venue, Rockdale Tennis Club.

Bus: \$20.50

Senior's Devonshire Morning Tea: \$9.90 to be paid in person on the day

Lunch: Own choice

Wisemans Ferry

Date: Friday 07 September



We will journey North-West today for a lovely trip up to Wisemans Ferry, nestled in the heartland of the Hawkesbury River, about 60km North-West of Sydney's CBD. Encircled by noteworthy national parks - Dharug to the North and East, Yengo to the North-West, Cattai to the West, and Marramarra to the South - Wisemans Ferry is a rustic village on one of the country's most famous waterways.

Although it is a favourite retreat for Sydneysiders, its popularity has neither eroded its rural charm nor disturbed the hotel's famous ghost. The sandstone escarpments that ring the village are typically Australian, providing a unique view of authentic country lifestyle less than 40 minutes from Hornsby. The area abounds in Aboriginal and European history. The 4850ha Dharug National Park contains 16km of the convict-built Old Great North Road that once connected Sydney and Newcastle.

We will enjoy lunch at the Wisemans Ferry Inn Hotel which was established in 1826 and still has many of its original features. (Some of the staff really do believe that the Inn is inhabited by a ghost!). While we are at the Inn, you may wish to go upstairs to see the small museum which contains some very old local relics.

Bus: \$20.50

Lunch: Own choice

Intergenerational Morning Tea and Pancakes on the Rocks

Date: Friday 21 September



What a wonderful day we have ahead! We are very privileged to be invited back again to share a special morning tea and fun time with the delightful children at Council's day care centres. The children at the centres range from 0-5 years old. Some of the children are about to embark on the next step in their lives next year – Primary School.

They are very excited for us to visit so they can show us around the centres to see what wonderful activities they have been doing. They would love to have some of us sit with them to read a story, mould some play dough, catch a ball or have a lovely chat. The children have also prepared some songs to sing for us. A very special time for us all.

After our visit we will drive to Northmead and enjoy a great lunch at Pancakes on the Rocks.

Bus: \$20.50

Lunch: Own choice