



Active Adults Bus Trip Program: July—December 2022

Welcome to the second program of our Active Adults bus trips for 2022.

We have more exciting trips scheduled for the rest of this year and, with COVID restrictions now lifted, we can get back to having a full bus for each outing! Please continue to bring your photo ID on trips in case it is required for entry into venues.

We want to make sure that the bus trips are safe for you all so Council staff will still be cleaning and sanitising the bus on each outing, and we encourage you to wear face masks on the bus. Read the Staying Safe Plan included in this program for more information.

If there are any major changes to trips, we will let you know.

I look forward to seeing you on the bus very soon!

Lorna Jarvis



Our community bus.

Important notes

Trip Preference Forms due: Friday, 17 June 2022

Payment for all allocated trips due: Friday, 15 July 2022

Please complete the enclosed Trip Preference Form and return to Council, noting the following:

- Please use the Trip Preference Form by listing your preference from 1 to 6. If you do not wish to attend any particular trip listed in the program, do not place a preference number beside the listed trip.
- Return your Trip Preference Form by the due date.
- You will be allocated to your preferred trips subject to availability. Placement on all your preferred trips cannot be guaranteed. If there are no spaces, you will be placed on the waiting list and notified if a position becomes available. No over-the-counter or phone bookings will be accepted.
- You will be notified by mail of your acceptance for allocated trips.
- Remember that payment for your allocated trips can only be made after you have received a letter confirming your bookings.
- You must pay for all the trips you are allocated by the due date to secure your bookings. Your bookings will not be confirmed if you have not paid, and preference will then be given to those on the waiting list.

Now that COVID restrictions have lifted, you can again pay your bus fees in person at:

Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne. Monday to Friday 8:30am–4pm.

Concord Library: 60 Flavelle St, Concord. Every second Wednesday 12:30–3:30pm. Please call Customer Service on 9911 6555 to confirm the dates this service is available.

If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the Trip Payment Form. Cheques must be made payable to City of Canada Bay and may be posted to:

City of Canada Bay
Locked Bag 1470
Drummoyne NSW 1470

This does not include additional costs as these are paid on the day unless specified in the program.

Entry fee costs

For each trip there is a standard bus fee to be paid to Council and, at times, there are additional fees on an outing such as entry fees for a venue. Please be aware when you are

allocated a seat for any trip, you must pay the additional fee in person on the day. Please check the program.

Cancellations and confirmations

If a scheduled outing is cancelled by Council, you will be issued a refund.

If you need to cancel a scheduled bus outing or have forgotten when your next bus trip is scheduled, please call our Community Services office on 9121 0005 as soon as you are able to. Please note **you must give at least 48 hours' notice to receive a refund** from Council for any cancellations.

Due to the high demand of people wishing to attend the bus trips, we have a waiting list for all our outings. For us to provide an opportunity for those on the waiting list to attend, please ensure you inform us at the earliest convenience if you are unable to attend.

Most trips will go ahead despite bad weather, so please consider this when booking. In the event of adverse weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances the scheduled trip may be subject to change. Advanced notice may not be possible.

If you have questions regarding the Active Adults bus trips, please contact Community Services Administration on 9121 0005.



Our Customer Service Desk at the Civic Centre, Drummoyne.

Staying Safe Plan

Your health is important to us. While COVID restrictions have lifted, we still encourage you to maintain social distancing where possible and wear face masks when on an outing.

Follow hygiene advice

Follow the Department of Health's guidelines regarding good hand and respiratory hygiene. This includes:

- Washing hands with soap and water, or using alcohol-based rubs. Hand sanitiser is available for you to use when boarding and disembarking the bus.
- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoiding contact with anyone who has symptoms such as fever, a cough, sore throat, fatigue, and shortness of breath.

You should stay home if you're unwell, so please call and cancel ahead of the bus trip. When the bus is running the air conditioning will be on – not recycled – and when possible, the windows will be open.

Cleaning

The bus will undergo a thorough clean before pick-up and after drop-off for every bus trip. Disinfectant will be used on all frequently touched surfaces such as handrails, headrests, seats and belts, and the floor will be mopped. Staff will also disinfect frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle between morning tea and lunch stops.

You can help by:

- Standing away from others when waiting to get on the bus.
- Loading the bus with people from the rear to the front.
- Leaving a space between you and the person in front of you as you enter the bus.
- Staying in your designated seats for the entire day.
- Sitting in seats where the belt buckle is open and has been cleansed.
- Sitting in alternating seats and not in a seat where the buckle is closed.
- Ensuring only people from the same household can sit together.

Trip 1 – Thursday, 28 July:

Anzac Memorial, The Rocks and the NSW State Library

Built as a memorial to the Australian Imperial Force of World War One, the Anzac Memorial is both a work of art and a remarkable piece of architecture. English sculptor, George Rayner Hoff, collaborated with Australian architect Charles Bruce Dell to create the building, which is now one of the finest surviving examples of art deco style in Australia.

The memorial is an important place of commemoration. It was opened on 24 November 1943 by Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, and was refurbished in 2018. On this outing you can learn more about the memorial on a free guided tour through the facility. The memorial ceremony for all visitors commences at 11am.

The bus will then take you to The Rocks, where you can choose where you would like to have lunch. The group will re-join after lunch to see the amazing exhibitions at the State Library of NSW. This includes the Mitchell Library, a large reference and research facility established in 1826, making it the oldest library in Australia.

In October 2018 the State Library also opened new, refurbished galleries. Over 3,000 intriguing objects went on display to the public for the very first time so there are many stunning exhibitions that stretch across the first floor of the Mitchell building in the new Michael Crouch Family Galleries and the Dixson Galleries.



Mitchell Library (Photo by State Library of NSW).

Cost: \$30 for the bus.

TIMETABLE	
8:30am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent St and Wellbank St, Concord.
8:45am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock.
9am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne.
4pm	Approximate time of return.

Trip 2 – Thursday, 25 August:

Berry



Berry Museum (Photo by @BerryNSW).

On this great trip, you'll be taken on a journey along the picturesque Grand Pacific Drive, the Sea Cliff Bridge and down to the historic town of Berry.

Berry, also known as 'Town of Trees', is surrounded by rich dairy farming land. Many of its buildings are classified by the National Trust, including the Berry Museum on Queen Street, which traces the area's history from the days of cedar logging.

This delightful village is full of art and craft, gift shops, boutiques, and places to eat. You can choose where you would like to have lunch and then meet back at the designated spot for the return journey.

Cost: \$30 for the bus.

TIMETABLE	
8:30am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne.
8:45am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock.
9am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent St and Wellbank St, Concord.
4pm	Approximate time of return.

Trip 3 – Thursday, 22 September:

Bowral Tulip Time Festival

Tulips are the stars of spring! On this trip we'll drive south to experience a kaleidoscope of tulips carpeting public gardens during the Southern Highlands' well known Bowral Tulip Time Festival.

The popular Corbett Gardens is the centrepiece of the festival. The gardens are mass-planted with over 75,000 tulips, 15,000 annuals and an additional 30,000 tulips planted across the Shire. There is daily entertainment, an array of market stalls and lots of photo opportunities.

It has been a few years since we have been able to visit the gardens, and this year Tulip Time is a cashless/contactless event with ALL tickets required to be purchased online. Your group will be booked into the morning session and pre-paid by Council to ensure entry.

You may choose from any of the lunch spots in Bowral, before meeting back at the bus at the designated time and location for the return journey.



Tulip Time Festival in Bowral (Photo by Ellie Warner).

Please wear comfortable shoes and layers for possible chilly weather.

Please note: when you book this trip, both the bus cost and entry fee payment must be made to Council using the invoice sent to you when your booking is confirmed.

Cost: \$30 for the bus, plus \$7.50 for the entry fee (both to be paid at Council).

TIMETABLE	
8:30am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne.
8:45am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock.
9am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent St and Wellbank St, Concord.
4pm	Approximate time of return.

Trip 4 – Thursday, 20 October:

Campbell Rhododendron Gardens

This trip takes you on a visit to the Campbell Rhododendron Gardens in Blackheath during peak flowering time for the rhododendrons. The Campbell Rhododendron Gardens were created in 1970 on 18.5 hectares of Australian bushland in the beautiful Blue Mountains.

Rhododendrons have been introduced as the main exotic plant, complemented by Azaleas and many deciduous trees, making it a unique garden – no other garden has attempted to plant exotics underneath existing native bush on such a large scale. Other features of the garden are beautiful Mollis Azaleas and Natural Fern Glades.

The garden has a series of nature walks leading to the valley floor and the lake, with limited disabled access – most of the paths from the Lodge are bitumen, the rest are in a natural state and have a varying number of steps. The Lodge will be open for refreshments and specialises in Devonshire tea!



Campbell Rhododendron Gardens (Photo by Blue Mountains Rhododendron Society of NSW).

The garden is managed by volunteer community organisation, the Blue Mountains Rhododendron Society of NSW, and receives no government funding, so it's important to please make a \$5 donation in the donation box next to the Lodge.

After you explore the garden, the bus will take you in to the heart of Blackheath where you can choose from any of the cafes for lunch. Please be sure to meet the bus after lunch at the designated time and location. Your final treat will be a quick stop at the picturesque Govett's Leap Lookout on the way out of Blackheath, before continuing your journey home.

Please wear appropriate footwear for this trip.

Cost: \$30 for the bus to be paid to Council, plus \$5 donation to the garden on the day.

TIMETABLE	
8:30am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne.
8:45am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock.
9am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent St and Wellbank St, Concord.
4pm	Approximate time of return.

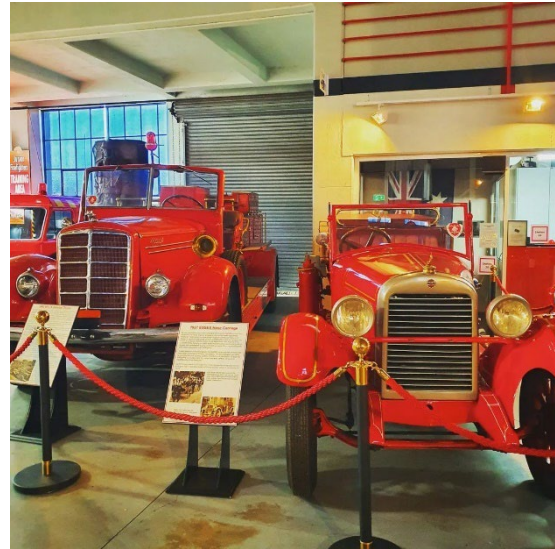
Trip 5 – Thursday, 17 November:

Museum of Fire, Penrith RSL and Mount Schoenstatt Shrine

The Museum of Fire aims to be the foremost Australian museum on the understanding of the experience of fire. Most prominently the museum stands as a testimony to the heroic efforts of firefighters in our community, guarding their history and heritage for future generations.

Housing one of the finest collections of its kind in the world, the museum has over 80 objects in its care dating from the early 1800s through to modern times reflecting the changing technology, the desire to overcome fire and its role in the Australian community. Many of the vehicles are heritage-listed and coupled with the countless pieces of ephemera, memorabilia, archives and photographs. The collection is second to none.

Most of the guides are firefighters, both serving and retired. They will thrill and entertain you as they bring the displays alive with information and stories. You'll also gain fire education that could save your life.



An exhibition at the Museum of Fire (Photo by @mof_sydney).

After lunch at Penrith RSL, you will then journey up to visit the Mount Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. Run by the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, who are part of a worldwide religious community with similar chapels all over the world, this shrine is a replica of a centuries-old German chapel and boasts a splendid hand-carved altar.

You may wish to walk the Stations of the Cross through the beautiful garden and bush surrounds. There is also an Information Centre/ Gift Shop on site. Please remember that it is a place of worship, so be mindful of those in prayer when visiting.

Cost: \$30 for the bus to be paid to Council, plus \$10 for the guided tour to be paid on the day.

TIMETABLE	
9am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne.
9:15am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock.
9:30am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent St and Wellbank St, Concord.
4pm	Approximate time of return.

Trip 6 – Thursday, 1 December:

Riverboat Postman

The first Riverboat Postman started its run in 1910 and the tradition continues today under the Hawkesbury Cruises banner.

On this outing you'll cruise on the Hawkesbury Mail Boat (the Riverboat Postman), enjoying the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury River as they deliver the mail and other essentials to the river-access-only settlements upriver from Brooklyn. All of the skippers are locals, who can entertain you with stories of the river as you cruise up this spectacular waterway. They deliver to the settlements of Dangar and Milson Islands, Kangaroo Point, Bar Point, Marlow Creek, Fisherman's Point and Milson's Passage.



The riverboat ticket office (Photo by @theriverboatpostman).

Departing at 10am from the Brooklyn Public Wharf, you will have morning tea on arrival, with homemade Anzac biscuits. Lunch is served around midday and consists of an Aussie ploughman's plate with shaved ham, cheese, pickles and other tasty bites. The boat is fully licensed, and water is available onboard.

The boat returns at approximately 1:15pm and the bus will then take you on the scenic drive to Cowan with a stop at Pie in the Sky. Take in the beautiful views over Brooklyn and the Hawkesbury River. You will have time to enjoy a cuppa and buy some famous homemade pies to take home with you.

Cost: \$30 for the bus to be paid to Council, plus \$49 for the Riverboat Postman cruise to be paid on the day (please bring correct money). The cruise includes morning tea and lunch.

TIMETABLE	
8am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent St and Wellbank St, Concord.
8:15am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock.
8:30am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne.
4:30pm	Approximate time of return.