

Bus Program: July-December 2023

Welcome to the second program for the City of Canada Bay's Active Adults bus trips for 2023.

We had a very successful first program this year, trialling a new way of delivering the Active Adults program with three trips each month on Mondays and Thursdays. In program two, we are very excited to continue this and offer even more trip selections. There are no limits on how many trips you can choose to go on. Please carefully read the program of trips and dates available before you complete the trip preference form. Please note that some trips will need pre-payment for tours or venue entry, as well as the cost of the trip.

Active Adults Questionnaire 2023

Community Services continually strives to improve not only how we deliver the bus program but how we can further support seniors in our community. You will have received a questionnaire with this program. If you would like to provide your feedback, please complete the questionnaire, and return it with your trip preference form. It is not compulsory, and you do not need to provide your name. All responses are treated confidentially.

New Refund Procedure

If you have given 48 hours' notice of cancellation for a trip you have paid for or if a trip has been cancelled by Council due to unforeseen circumstances, refunds are required. In order to process the refund in a timely manner, all bus participants are now required to complete the preferred Refund Method section on the reverse side of the trip preference form. Please read the Important Notes section in this program for further details.

Trip Preference Forms due: Friday, 16 June 2023

Payment for all allocated trips due: Friday, 7 July 2023

Important Notes

Identification

- Please bring your ID (that shows your address) for entry at venues.

Trip Preferences

- Please complete the Trip Preference Form to list your preferences from 1 to 9 and forward to Council **by 16 June 2023**. If you do not wish to attend any trip listed, do not place a preference number beside the listed trip.
- You will be allocated to your preferred trips subject to availability and will be notified by mail. 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. Bookings cannot be made over the counter.
- **All bus participants must complete the Refund Method section on the reverse side of the Trip Preference Form.** See Refunds information below.

Payment

- There is a standard bus fee of \$30 for each trip to be paid to Council. At times, there could be additional fees for an outing, ie. entry fees at various venues. If you need to pre-pay extra costs they will be indicated on your invoice
- Payment for your allocated trips can only be made after you have received a letter and invoice from Council confirming your booking.
- You must pay for **all the trips** you are allocated to by **7 July 2023** to secure your booking. Your booking will not be confirmed if you have not paid, and preference will then be given to those on the waiting list.
- You can 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 or Concord Library on 9911 6210 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
- **CASH PAYMENTS FOR THE BUS TRIPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE BUS**

Unable to attend an outing

- Contact Bus Coordinator on **9911 6587** or **Isha Kariavasam** on **9911 6349** prior to the day of the outing. It is important that you **leave a message** with your name, phone number and reason for your call if no-one answers.
- Due to the high demand of people wishing to attend the bus trips, we have a waiting list for all our outings. For Council to provide an opportunity for those on the waiting list to attend, please ensure you inform us early if you are unable to attend.

Cancellation on the day of the outing

- Please call Lorna's mobile **0419 428 480** after 8:30am or leave a message.

Refunds

- If a scheduled outing is cancelled by Council, you will be issued a refund.
- Please note **you must give at least 48 hours' notice to receive a refund** from Council for any cancellations made by you.
- **Ensure that you have completed your preferred Refund Method section on the reverse side of the Trip Preference Form so you can be refunded by:**

1. EFT Refund (Direct deposit into your account) by providing:

- Account Name:
- BSB Number:
- Account Number:

2. Credit Card Refund

- Refund to the same credit card is available only for fees paid via Council's eServices online portal. The card must be valid and current at the time of refund

3. Posted cheque to your address

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.

Kind regards,

Lorna Jarvis

Bus Coordinator

9911 6587 (Work)

0419 428 480 (Mobile)

Chau Chak Museum & Massey Park Golf Club

Dates: Monday, 10 July & Monday, 7 August



Located in the heart of the University of Sydney, the Chau Chak Wing Museum was designed to share the University of Sydney's vast collections with the broader community.

The collections began with the Nicholson Collection of antiquities in 1860 and continued to grow to include the Macleay Collections of natural history, ethnography, science and historic photography, and the University Art Collection. The Chau Chak Wing Museum was designed by Johnson Pilton Walker to unite these diverse collections in one multidisciplinary institution.

While the collections themselves aren't new, being able to see them is. The Chau Chak Wing Museum triples the exhibition space previously available. 70 per cent of the items on display have not been seen publicly for over 20 years. From ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt to the art of First Nations people, and the works of leading contemporary artists, the Chau Chak Wing Museum is open to all as a centre of cultural and artistic excellence. The admission is free.

Today you will be able to travel into the beautiful grounds of Sydney University, have morning tea at the café situated within the museum and enjoy the exhibitions. Enjoy lunch at Massey Park Golf club after your informative visit.

Cost: \$30 for the bus

TIMETABLE	
9:00am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
9:15am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
9:30am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne
3:30pm	Approximate time of return

Place of Dreams State Theatre Tour

Dates: Monday, 17 July & Thursday, 19 October



Since the opening in 1929, The State Theatre Sydney has captivated the hearts and minds of patrons with its majestic elegance. Join in a guided tour of this magnificent and unique building and discover why it's known as the Palace of Dreams.

During this fascinating tour you will experience the grandeur of standing in a 2000 seat auditorium beautifully framed by 13 hand-cut crystal chandeliers. You can observe the eclectic elements of the Theatre's Gothic, Italian and Art deco design, discover the State's famous Character lounges and see the original mighty Wurlitzer Organ, the voice of silent movies. There are also prize-winning artworks on display by famous Australian artists including William Dobell, Mary Edwards, Charles Wheeler and Raymond Lindsay.

Recognised for its great historical significance and high architectural quality, this is your chance to be enchanted by the State Theatre Sydney!

Please note before booking that the tour takes 2 hours starting at 10 am and does require some standing and walking up and down stairs.

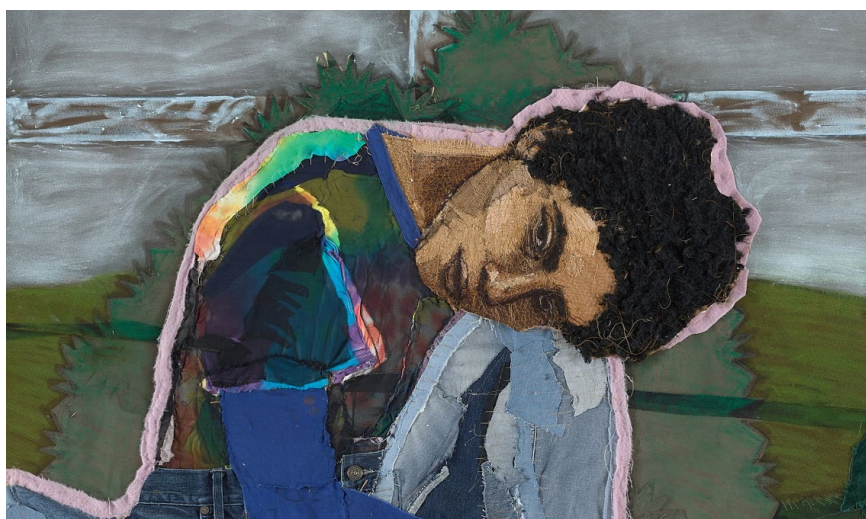
After this wonderful experience, the bus will take you down to Circular Quay and The Rocks area where you can choose one of the many eating places for lunch.

Cost: \$30 for the bus, plus \$17 fee for the tour (both to be paid at Council according to your invoice)

TIMETABLE	
8:45am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
9:00am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
9:15am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne
3:30pm	Approximate time of return

Art Gallery of NSW

Dates: Thursday, 27 July & Monday, 14 August



The Art Gallery of New South Wales is an art museum campus now with two buildings and an art garden, on Gadigal Country. The new North Building opened earlier this year, is next to the original building which is now called the South Building.

At the time of your visit, the Archibald Prize Exhibition will be on display. Enjoy a few hours experiencing a cultural journey in both the new and original buildings today. There are cafes in the Art Gallery to have morning tea while you are there.

Entry to the Art Gallery is free, however if you wish to visit the Archibald Prize Exhibition an additional cost applies: \$22 concession card or \$25 adult entry to be paid in person.

(If you would like to visit the Archibald Prize Exhibition and you have a confirmed booking for this trip, you may wish to book ahead with the Art Gallery by booking online or calling the Art Gallery on 02 9225 1627 to secure a booking to visit this exhibition)

You will then travel to Maroubra Seals for a delightful lunch and return via the coastal route back to your drop off point.

Cost: \$30 for the bus

TIMETABLE	
9:00am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
9:15am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
9:30am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne
4:00pm	Approximate time of return

Nurragingy Reserve, West HQ & Minchinbury Fruit Barn

Date: Thursday, 24 August



The Nurragingy Nature Reserve is an Australian open urban park and forest, nature reserve and garden. It is a protected area owned by Western Sydney Parklands Trust and operated by Blacktown City Council that opened in 1981. The Nature Reserve is a site of state heritage significance because of its combination of historical, social, and cultural values. The site was the first land grant ever given to Aboriginal people in Australia.

This 63-hectare bushland reserve is in Doonside and attracts more than 1 million visitors per year. Main attractions include the Chang Lai Yuan Chinese Gardens, the Aboriginal Heritage Garden, and the Miniature Railway. Have a lovely morning tea at the Colebee Café within the reserve before you explore this delightful location.

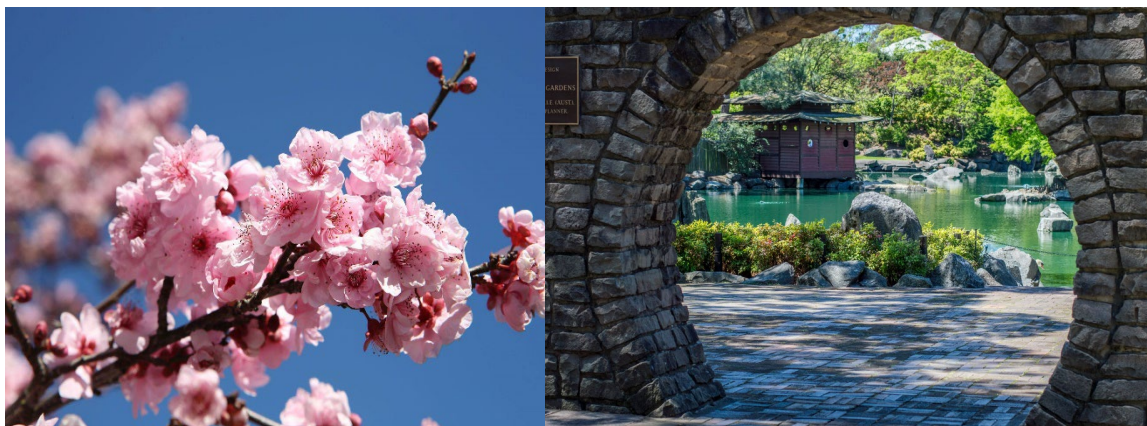
After lunch at West HQ (formally known as Rooty Hill RSL), the bus will take the group to the Minchinbury Fruit Barn for an opportunity to purchase local produce before the return journey home.

Cost: \$30 for the bus

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9:00am	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 & Wellbank Sts, Concord
4pm	Approximate time of return

Auburn Botanic Gardens, Wenty Leagues & Monte Fresco Cheese

Dates: Monday, 4 September & Monday, 9 October



The Auburn Botanical Gardens were opened by the New South Wales governor Sir Roden Cutler on 11 September 1977. Community groups have added a bonsai garden and an aviary to the basic plan. The native fauna reserve, set up in consultation with Taronga Zoo, was a later addition by the council's parks and gardens department.

The first scheduled visit in September will coincide with the cherry blossoms out in their full glory and in October the spring blooms will be a joy to behold. At any time of the year, it is always a pleasure to enjoy the fauna reserve, bird aviary and pool of reflection and lakes with fish and ducks.

After this outdoor experience the group will then have lunch at Wenty Leagues Club, offering a wide selection of food choices from different cultures.

Monte Fresco Cheese in Smithfield will be the next stop after lunch. Monte Fresco Cheese may be a relatively new player in the world of cheese, founded in August 2015, but their heritage is as rich and full to the brim as their signature gold Medal award winning ricotta and the half a century of consistently recognised experience in the Australian cheese making industry. Situated in Smithfield, visit the cheese factory today to purchase some quality cheeses.

Cost: \$30 for the bus

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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 & Wellbank Sts, Concord
4pm	Approximate time of return

Bowral Tulip Time Festival

Dates: Thursday, 21 September & Monday, 25 September



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.

This year there are two available dates to visit the gardens. Tulip Time is a cashless/contactless event with **ALL** tickets required to be purchased online 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.

Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing layers for possible chilly weather.

Cost: \$30 for the bus, plus \$9 fee for the garden entry (both to be paid at Council according to your invoice)

TIMETABLE	
8:15am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne
8:30am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
8:45am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
4pm	Approximate time of return

Ebenezer Church, Tizzana Winery & Macquarie Arms Hotel

Dates: Monday, 30 October & Thursday, 30 November



Ebenezer Church was developed following the arrival in the colony of New South Wales of eight families on board the 'Coromandel' in June 1802.

These families came to the new colony with a request to be settled together. Their wish was granted by Governor King, and they moved to their 100-acre land grants at Portland Head (Ebenezer) on the Hawkesbury River early in 1803. These settlers were people of various denominations, but they came together as one congregation. Ebenezer Church, the oldest existing church in Australia, is still an active church today. A wonderful Devonshire tea in the peaceful surrounds of the Church awaits the group on arrival, followed by an informative talk about the history of the Church.

A short drive away is the National Trust listed Tizzana Winery, one of the Windsor district's outstanding buildings (c1887). Tizzana has its own vineyard and olive grove and a visit to their cellar door is scheduled before heading back into Windsor for lunch at the Macquarie Arms Hotel.

Built in 1815, The Macquarie Arms Hotel is a heritage-listed hotel known as a historic building of significance – as it's the most intact major commercial building dating back to pre-1820 Australian colonial history.

Cost: \$30 for the bus, plus \$8 for the Devonshire morning tea (to be paid in person on the day)

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

Palm Beach Ferry & Ettalong Diggers

Dates: Monday, 13 November & Monday, 14 December



With the wind in your hair and the smell of the ocean breeze you will enjoy a delightful ferry ride across to Ettalong today.

The ferry leaves hourly and takes around 25 minutes for the journey. You will have plenty of time to have a leisurely stroll around the town centre, a short distance from the wharf, and enjoy a delightful lunch at Ettalong Diggers Club.

Catch the ferry after lunch to return to Palm Beach for a scenic drive around the area before the travelling home.

Cost: \$30 for the bus

Cost of Ferry to Ettalong: \$7.35 one-way concession for the ferry ticket, to be paid in person on the day. PLEASE NOTE that no cash transactions will be accepted. You can use credit or debit card to pay for the ferry.

TIMETABLE	
9:00am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
9:15am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
9:30am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne
4:00pm	Approximate time of return

Darrell Lea Factory Outlet, Mount Annon Botanical Gardens & Tim's Garden Centre Campbelltown

Dates: Monday, 20 November & Monday, 4 December



In 1888 Harry Lea moved from England to Perth, Australia. His parents paid for him to learn to make confectionery, but it wasn't until 1917 that Harry started producing treats out of his fruit shop to bring in some extra cash during hard times. In 1923 Darrell Lea was created. Harry opened a shop in Sydney's Haymarket to sell his delicious confectionery, naming the shop Darrell Lea after his youngest son.

On this trip we will visit the Darrell Lea factory outlet in Ingleburn, followed by a delightful scenic drive through the amazing Mount Annon Botanical Gardens set over 416 hectares of rolling hills, lakes, lawns, and gardens. As you drive through, you will see gorgeous displays of Australian flora from across the country and if you pay attention, you might even see some native animal or bird life.

Lunch will be at Campbelltown RSL Club followed by a visit to Tim's Garden Centre in the heart of Campbelltown. The centre has five qualified horticulturists, most with over 20 years' experience in the nursery industry. They know how to fix sick plants, and you may wish to bring a cutting of a plant you are worried about and seek advice for a remedy while you are here. Many of Tim's staff are also Certified Nursery Professionals and keep up to date with the safest products that control pests and are eco-friendly.

Cost: \$30 for the bus

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