



## **Bus Program: Feb-Jun 2023**

**Welcome to the first program for the City of Canada Bay's Active Adults bus trips for 2023!**

It's going to be an exciting start to the year, with the program now offering three trips each month on Mondays and Thursdays. This means there are no limits on how many trips you can choose to go on. Please read the program of trips and dates available before you complete the trip preference form.

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. Please read the Staying Safe Plan included in this program for more information.

**Trip Preference Forms due: Friday, 13 January 2023**

**Payment for all allocated trips due: Friday, 3 February 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 6 and forward to Council **by 13 January 2023**. If you do not wish to attend a particular trip listed, do not place a preference number beside that trip.
- You will be allocated to your preferred trips subject to availability and will be notified. 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.

### 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, for example entry fees at various venues.
- 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 **3 February 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 the Bus Coordinator on **9911 6587** 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.
- If you usually pay in person at the Civic Centre or Concord Library using cash or cheque, you will need to provide Council with your bank details (Full name, BSB, Account Number) for Council to process any refunds. Please note that these details can only be used for refund purposes and cannot be used to debit money from your account.
- If you wish to change your method of payment, please discuss this with the Bus Coordinator.

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)**

## 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 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 are 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.
- 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.

## Kiama & Kiama Leagues Club

Dates: Monday, 6 February; Thursday, 23 February;  
Monday, 24 April



Today you will travel south on a beautiful scenic drive to Kiama. The name 'Kiama' is derived from the aboriginal word 'Kiarama', which means 'Place where the sea makes a noise'. Kiama is also known as the place where the mountains touch the sea. This is of course in reference to the Kiama Blowhole, one of the main attractions in Kiama and one of the main reasons for the visit today. The amazing Blowhole at Blowhole Point can spray water up to 60 metres into the air! Let's hope the weather and sea currents whip up some action so you can experience a wonderful display while you are there.

Enjoy lunch at Kiama Leagues Club or any of the eateries on the main street before you drive up to the Blowhole. Be sure to be back at the bus at the designated time for the drive to the viewing platform and then the journey home.

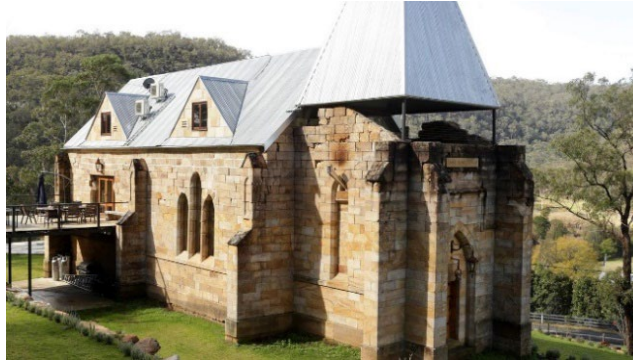
Bring your camera on this trip!

**Cost:           \$30 for the bus**

<b>TIMETABLE</b>	
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

## Wisemans Ferry & St Albans

Dates: Monday, 13 February; Thursday, 20 April; Monday, 19 June



Today you will journey north, with the first scheduled stop at Wiseman’s Ferry for morning tea and to stretch your legs. The bus will then take the punt across the river and drive further to St Albans.

Not so much a town as a fascinating historic relic on the banks of the Macdonald River, the quaint village was established in the 1820s at the highest point up the Macdonald Valley that could be reached by shallow drafted boats. The village soon became an important stopping point for people wanting to ship their goods down the Hawkesbury River, but its days as a port ended in the 1860s when sandbars were deposited by floods.

St Albans has many historic buildings including St Joseph’s Catholic Church and the St Albans Cemetery, which contains the graves of several First Fleeters.

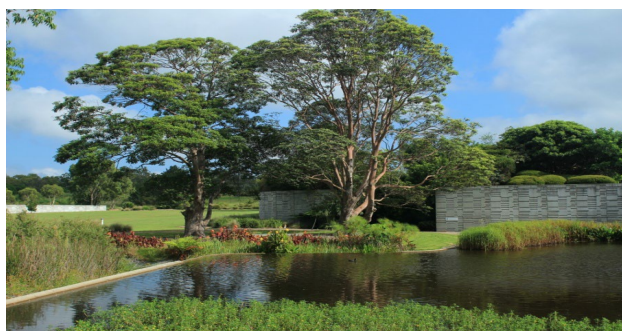
The Settlers Arms Inn is the town’s iconic pub. It was constructed at a cattle drover's camp on the limit of navigation on the Macdonald River in 1848 and the small village virtually grew around it. The two-story sandstone building has been largely unaltered, is full of genuine charm and is an ideal place for lunch today before commencing the return journey.

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<b>TIMETABLE</b>	
8:30am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
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## Mt Penang Gardens, Kariong & Gosford RSL

Dates: Monday, 6 March; Thursday, 23 March



Operating for nearly 100 years as a facility for juvenile offenders, Mt Penang Parklands has a rich history. Take a fascinating journey to the days of old when the site was chosen as the Gosford Farm for Boys. It transformed from a tent city to a working farm with prize-winning cattle and a trade school. Up to 100 boys worked on the 681-acre farm, gaining skills in carpentry and agriculture.

In recent decades, this area has become a wonderful community site. Mount Penang Gardens' distinctive design by Anton James sets it apart from the traditional botanical garden. Individual 'gardens' are set around a large sculptural plateau with walled spaces, abstract pergolas, fountains, ponds, cascades and a 35-metre cantilevered steel footbridge. His 'garden within a garden' design produces an understated landscape that is less manicured and continues to evolve today.

Over 70 per cent of the plants are native to Australia. The gardens are also home to the historical Wondabyne Sculptures that were carved from beautiful Gosford sandstone. The sculptures are a unique attraction – visited and enjoyed by thousands of people every year. Enjoy lunch at the Gosford RSL after your lovely visit.

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## Norman Lindsay Gallery & Leura

Dates: Monday, 13 March; Monday, 3 April



Enjoy the Blue Mountains in autumn on this outing with a guided tour of the Norman Lindsay Gallery in Falconbridge. The gallery is celebrating 50 years this year, so it's a great time to experience the art and legacy of one of Australia's most controversial and prolific artists. This gallery contains some of Norman Lyndsay's most significant works: oils, watercolours, etchings, sculptures and *Magic Pudding* puppets and illustrations. The landscaped gardens are decorated with his fountains and statues.

After visiting the gallery, enjoy a leisurely lunch at Leura, a National Trust-classified village with a leafy mall lined by many stylish shops, galleries, restaurants, cafes, and boutiques. Be sure to check where to meet and what time the bus is due to leave after lunch.

**Cost: \$30 for the bus to be paid to Council**

**Guided Tour: \$15 to be paid in person on the day**

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## Mount Tomah Botanical Gardens

Dates: Thursday, 18 May; Monday, 5 June; Thursday, 29 June



On this trip we'll visit the Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens. The Darug people are the native inhabitants of the northern Blue Mountains, including the Mt Tomah area. "Tomah" is reputedly an Indigenous word meaning "tree fern".

European discovery and settlement of the area began in 1804 when naturalist George Caley became the first European to visit Fern Tree Hill, now known as Mt Tomah. In 1823 Archibald Bell, with Aboriginal guides, surveyed a route across the northern Blue Mountains. This would become Bells Line of Road.

In 1934 French-born horticulturist Alfred Brunet and his Australian wife Effie acquired the property on which the current garden sits. They operated a cut-flower farm to supply florists in Sydney. During the early 1960s, the Brunets proposed to donate their land in Mt Tomah to the Royal Botanic Garden in Sydney to form a new annex of the garden. They formally presented the land for the Mt Tomah Botanic Garden in 1972. With government funds for development, the Garden opened to the public on 1 November 1987. The driver will inform you on the day of your lunch destination.

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## Bundanoon

Dates: Monday, 8 May; Monday, 29 May



Bundanoon is a town in the Southern Highlands of NSW in Wingecarribee on Gandangarra and Dharawal Country (where these two countries meet). It is an Aboriginal name meaning "place of deep gullies" and was formerly known as Jordan's Crossing. Bundanoon is colloquially known as Bundy/Bundi.

Nestled in the hills of the Southern Highlands, the charming village of Bundanoon is a quaint hamlet with a distinct Scottish ambience. On this trip you can explore tree-lined streets and historic sandstone buildings framed in cherry blossoms, follow bushwalking and cycling trails, and enjoy the spectacle of the Bundanoon Highland Gathering festival.

For a tiny village, Bundanoon offers plenty of choices for places to eat, with quality restaurants, cafes, and bakeries. Linger over a traditional Italian long lunch at Bottega B Ristorante or stop in for a delicious gingerbread latte at the Potter's Pantry. Visit The Bundanoon Hotel, a classic country pub built in 1922 and surrounded by superb gardens.

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