

Neoteric November

Greetings!

A new month, more innovative options to socialize with HKCT and an invitation to refresh your perspective on the 11th month of 2024.

For HKCT, it's a new business venture. Have you heard that we've been appointed the new operator of Community Transport on the central coast? What an honour and recognition of our pursuit of excellence! Our business name north of the Hawkesbury River is, as you might have guessed: **Central Coast Community Transport.**

We are all very excited—with a new operating base to staff and equip, so as to mirror our operational procedures for the worthy folk between Lake Munmorah in the north and Mooney Mooney in the south. The vehicle-miles are going to be an eye-opener, aren't they!

Amid the new is our wrap up of 2023-24, reporting legally and financially to Association members at our annual general meeting. You needn't be a member to receive our services but we love that so many of you do as a show of support.

Not new and still sad is that I feel I must keep **reminding you of scams.** I can't say what I really think (suffice to say "so many sad nasty humans, so little pixie dust"). Anyway, please be careful: **always check that the person contacting you is legitimate before sharing your details, sending money or clicking email or internet links.** If you are unsure call the organisation using contact details from your records or the organisation's official website. If something feels wrong,

stop whatever the transaction or conversation immediately, and if you think you've been scammed, act quickly. If it involved money report the scam to your bank immediately. And local police by calling or reporting any incident to ScamWatch and Report Cyber.

Thus my friends, conjure some pixie dust and repeat after me: **We are not our past, that is just a resource we glean from. And the basis for all new beginnings!**



Australian Government

ScamWatch

scamwatch.gov.au

Visit here to learn more and download their book about avoiding scammers

Report Cyber

cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover/report

Visit here to report a cybercrime or incident

“ One can never have enough beginnings ”

JRR TOLKIEN

Cheers, Helen



Client Christmas Party • Friday
Magpies, Waitara



Last day of transport • Friday
Drivers park for their End-of-Year Break



Office staff only on duty • Monday
Hardworking crew closing off for 2024



Office Up and Running • Monday
Recharged and ready for bookings



Transport Resumes • Tuesday
Shopping + individual services back



Outings Resume • Monday
Where would you like to go in 2025?

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Brunch and 'Mozart's Sister' Movie



After a hearty brunch at The Run-away Spoon (your choice and cost) we go to Roseville Cinema for an enthralling documentary movie. Anna-Maria Mozart was also a musical genius, performing with her brother until she turned 18. Then she was stopped from touring with him. However, she did not give up on music and her story is truly inspirational!

Home pickups

\$40 per person • \$75 per couple

Transport + movie included

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Pearl Farm Cruise and Lunch



Cruise the scenic Hawkesbury River and enjoy famed Broken Bay oysters. Your farm skipper will explain the farming lifecycle, from spawning through to selection for seafood or pearl production. Then we take you to Brooklyn, a beautiful fishing village for lunch at The King Tide Café, by the waters edge (your choice and cost).

Pickups: **Hornsby residents**

\$65 per person • \$125 per couple

Transport, cruise, presentation inc.

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

New: The Concord Community Club



Highly recommended by one of our team: the Concord is a Croatia-inspired landmark boasting an authentic European-style venue with delicious roasts and the freshest seafood (lunch is at your choice and cost). And with luck, we'll also enjoy seeing the magnificent blooming jacarandas during our drive.

Home pickups

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple

Transport only

MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER

CareFlight Air Base Tour, Lunch



Join us on a fascinating tour at their Westmead base. You'll learn about one of Australia's fastest doctor-staffed, rotary-wing rescue services. Get up close to an Airbus H-145. **Donations gladly accepted.** Lunch at Hotel Pennant Hills. **Pickups:** 8:45 Marian St Theatre; 9:00 HKCT Turramurra; 9:30 Willow Pk, Hornsby. **For safety this outing is for the more mobile.**

No home pickups

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple

Transport + tour (free) included

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER

Mother Earth Nursery & Vanilla Cream Café



Delight in browsing this nursery's plants for a little wonder to add to your garden or doorstep. Then we'll visit the Vanilla Cream Café, nestled within the historic Amaroo Park in Annangrove. Lunch and their delicious cakes are at your choice and cost. **Saturday cancellations must phone 0473 478 890.**

Home pickups

\$35 per person • \$65 per couple

Transport only

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Innovations and Damart Shopping Extravaganza



An evergreen favourite: here's an opportunity to top up your summer wardrobe. Enjoy the hunt for super bargains among renowned brands. Afterwards, we will take you to Forestville RSL to partake of their very affordable Seniors menu for \$17 (your choice and cost). **Do bring your Seniors Card.**

Home pickups

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple

Transport only

TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

Melbourne Cup Lunch Special at Time 'n' Tide



Giddyup with us! Here's another fun event, starting with a champagne on arrival before salmon, mashed potato and vegetables with chips and salad on the table. Dessert is sticky date pudding with ice-cream before the race at 3pm (so this will be a late return). **Don't forget to wear your favourite hat!**

*Small bottle each

Home pickups

\$75 per person • \$145 per couple

Transport, lunch+champagne* incl.

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER

HKCT Annual General Meeting, Hornsby RSL



Come one and all: if you're a HKCT member, you'll receive a notice of meeting and request for your RSVP. If you are not, we would love you to join us for a delicious, two-course meal and more. You will hear a summary of our past year and meet the board. *Non-members: \$80 / \$155. **Please book by 1 November.**

Home pickups

\$40* per member • \$75* mbr couple

Transport + 2-course lunch incl.

MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Rick's Eastern Suburbs Tour



Settle in for a wonderful trip to see some of our most beautiful beaches, with fish 'n' chips at Watsons Bay (your choice and cost). Then we ferry you across Sydney's stunning harbour to McMahons Point, meeting Rick for your bus home. **Bring your opal card.** **Pickups:** 8:15 HKCT Turramurra; 8:30 Willow Park, Hornsby; 8:45 Pennant Hills Library.

No home pickups

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple

Transport only

TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

New: Lunch Delight at the Gosford RSL



Sit back and enjoy the drive up to the Central Coast. Today we are going to take you for lunch at the brand new Gosford RSL. You will enjoy a relaxing lunch in the Garden's precinct, choosing from an enticing selection of cuisine: modern Australian, Asian fusion, pizza and Argentinian grill. Lunch is at your choice and cost.

Home pickups

\$45 per person • \$85 per couple
Transport only

MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER

CareFlight Air Base Tour, Lunch



Join us on a fascinating tour at their Westmead base. You'll learn about one of Australia's fastest doctor-staffed, rotary-wing rescue services. Get up close to an Airbus H-145. **Donations gladly accepted.** Lunch at Hotel Pennant Hills. **Pickups:** 8:15 HKCT Turrumurra; 9:15 Pen. Hills Lib; 9:30 Cherrybrook Skate Pk. **For safety this outing is for the more mobile.**

No home pickups

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple
Transport + tour (free) included



FREE TRIAL

Try your first exercise class for free or if you currently attend and introduce a friend, we'll give you a free class
(transport charge applies)

STRENGTH, STRETCH + BALANCE

Wednesdays 10:15-11am,
Turrumurra Seniors Centre
(with tea/coffee)

Just \$15 per class or \$30
with round-trip transport,
so come and join us.

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER

High Tea & Tour at Parliament House



Delight in the wondrous and iconic Strangers Restaurant for sweet and savoury treats served on Parliamentary-crested Wedgwood plates, with an array of teas. We have arranged a Parliament House Tour (Legislative Assembly) to see where laws are born, argued and legislated. **Book by 14 November. Full payment on booking and there are no refunds.**

Home pickups

\$90 per person • \$175 per couple
Transport, tour + high tea included

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Christmas Celebration: The Fiddler



Let's get into the Christmas spirit! Due to last year's success we are returning to The Fiddler Pub for their renowned show and hospitality. Unmatched in value, you'll enjoy a welcome drink on arrival, traditional Christmas 2-course lunch and entertainment. **Must book by 11 November. Please note: full payment upon booking and there are no refunds.**

Home pickups

\$85 per person • \$165 per couple
Transport, drink, lunch + show inc.

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Christmas Shopping at The Rock's Markets



Delight in Christmas shopping at Sydney's oldest market, while being tempted by the work of talented artisans and traders. Enjoy a tasty lunch (your choice and cost) from the food stalls and cafés in this foodie paradise. **An outing for the more mobile due to uneven, cobblestoned streets. Saturday cancellations must phone 0473 478 890.**

Home pickups

\$35 per person • \$65 per couple
Transport only

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Pearl Farm Cruise and Lunch



Cruise the scenic Hawkesbury River and enjoy famed Broken Bay oysters. Your farm skipper will explain the farming lifecycle, from spawning through to selection for seafood or pearl production. Then we take you to Brooklyn, a beautiful fishing village for lunch at The King Tide Café, by the waters edge (your choice and cost).

Pickups: **Ku-ring-gai residents**

\$65 per person • \$125 per couple
Transport, cruise, presentation inc.



Noteworthy

Advance advice for your diary



HKCT Annual General Meeting & Lunch: Members and guests are welcome.



Last Exercise Class: Come on, tone up before the Christmas onslaught!



Exercise Classes Resume And chance to atone for all of that festive indulgence

Please note...

Prepayment is required for all outings

Cancellations within 3 working days incur 100% charge.

Outings that include tickets, tours and some luncheons may not be fully refunded, depending upon the venue.

Most common will be no refund within 7 working days, within 14 working days, or even from time of booking.

Please check with us when you book.

HKCT Social Shopping Sojourns: door-to-door return • one hour shopping for just \$10/15

Centre	Drop-off/Pickup	For residents of	Book by
Turrumurra IGA <i>Mondays</i>	10am / 11am	East Gordon, North Wahroonga, Pymble, West Pymble Turrumurra, Wahroonga, South Turrumurra	Wednesday
East Lindfield Shops <i>Mondays</i>	1pm / 2pm	East Killara, East Lindfield, Lindfield, Roseville, Roseville Chase	Wednesday
Westleigh Village <i>Tuesdays</i>	10am / 11am	Normanhurst, Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Westleigh	Thursday
Thornleigh Marketplace <i>Tuesdays</i>	1:30pm / 2:30pm	Beecroft, Normanhurst, Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Westleigh	Thursday

HKCT Comprehensive Shopping: door-to-door return • two to three hours shopping for just \$15/\$25

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Aldi Mt Ku-ring-gai & Berowra Village <i>Mondays</i>	1:30pm / 3:15pm	Berowra, Berowra Heights, Mount Colah, Mount Ku-ring-gai	Wednesday
Carlingford Court <i>Wednesdays</i>	10:30am / 1pm	Beecroft, Cheltenham, Epping, Pennant Hills	Friday
St Ives Village <i>Wednesdays</i>	10am / 1pm	East Gordon, Gordon, Killara, Turrumurra, Pymble, West Pymble	Friday
	11am / 2pm	Turrumurra, Pymble, St Ives, St Ives Chase	
Macquarie Centre <i>Wednesdays</i>	11am / 1pm	6 November Gordon, Killara, Lindfield, North Wahroonga, Pymble Roseville, Turrumurra, Wahroonga, Warrawee	Friday
	11am / 1pm	13 November Beecroft, Cheltenham, Epping, North Epping, Normanhurst, Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Westleigh	Friday
Gordon Shops <i>Thursdays</i>	10am / 12 midday	East Gordon, East Killara, East Lindfield, Gordon, Killara, Pymble Lindfield, Roseville, Roseville Chase, West Pymble	Monday
St Ives Village <i>Thursdays</i>	10am / 12 midday	East Gordon, Gordon, Pymble, Killara, St Ives	Monday
	11am / 1pm	North Turrumurra, Turrumurra, St Ives Chase, Pymble, St Ives	
Hornsby Westfield <i>Thursdays</i>	10am / 1pm	Normanhurst, North Wahroonga, Thornleigh, Wahroonga, Waitara	Monday
	11am / 2pm	Hornsby, Hornsby Heights	
Cherrybrook Shops <i>Fridays</i>	9:30am / 12:15pm	Cherrybrook, West Pennant Hills	Tuesday
	11am / 1pm	Arcadia, Castle Hill, Dural, Fiddletown, Galston, Middle Dural	
Hornsby Westfield <i>Fridays</i>	10am / 1pm	Asquith, Berowra, Berowra Heights, Brooklyn, Cowan, Hornsby Heights Mount Colah, Mount Ku-ring-gai, Normanhurst, North Wahroonga, Turrumurra, Wahroonga, Waitara, Warrawee	Tuesday