

# Deliciously December

## Greetings!

If anyone can help me find what happened to so much of 2024, please let me know! Or should I not lament that I have done so much that I cannot recall much of what I did, lived, felt, enjoyed, missed, survived... Every day is a gift, isn't it?

Whether we choose to do, feel, respond to or act upon, contribute to change or accept the best that the gift of another day, is up to each of us. I also believe that ageing is a privilege, that loss or disappointment has a purpose and a lesson for us and that curiosity, not judgement, is the kindest attitude we can apply for ourselves.

I also acknowledge that Christmas has different meanings or significance to people; and not just due to religious faiths, beliefs or non-beliefs. Whatever your beliefs or experiences, please know you are never alone if you choose not to be. There are numerous ways to connect with caring community services during the Christmas/ New Year period. Please call our Client Services team for ideas.

We had a most successful AGM with members and those who chose to join us and we so look forward to seeing you at our Client Christmas Party on 6th December. We know you'll enjoy the pre-luncheon entertainment but I am sworn to secrecy – I will say it's not what you might think!

However, we are aware that there are many (even in our area) doing it tough without celebratory meals this Christmas. Our HKCT team are donating non-perishable, non-expired food staples and treats to Lifeline's Christmas Hamper appeal. If you'd like to contribute our drivers (on any trip from today) will gladly bring your donation to our office. Your last day to donate is 6th December or bring it with you if coming to our party.

We are proud of our outing options but very excited about our last one for December: wreath-making! While not our most inexpensive one, the results will be a spectacular addition to your home's Christmas decorations or a fabulous gift for a loved friend or family member (I will be keeping mine—just saying). Do please join me.

Please note our Christmas / New Year closure times (below) yet rest assured that we will be thinking of you. May the season's spirit abound, well beyond December 25th.

*Cheers, Helen*

### Joyful Notation

*Nanea Hoffman*

May you discover at least one good thing in every day — even if you have to put on your glasses and squint.

May you carry hope in your pocket, courage in your heart and love in both hands



**Friday • Client Christmas Party**  
Please do join us



**Monday • HKCT Office staff only**  
Book your January trips before 3pm



**Tuesday • HKCT Transport Resumes**  
Including Mt Ku-ring-gai, Berowra & Turramurra shopping



**Friday • Final 2024 services**  
Transport for everything but outings



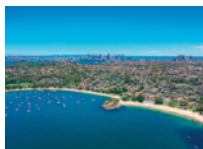
**Monday • HKCT Office Opens**  
Fully back for bookings from today



**Monday • HKCT Outings Resume**  
2025's first social spectacular!

## MONDAY 2 DECEMBER

### Rick's Balmoral & Middle Harbour Tour



Sit back and enjoy being in Rick's safe hands. We will stop at beautiful Balmoral Beach for a walk, a coffee or to soak up the views. **But the rest of the tour is a surprise**, before lunch at Norths Cammeray (your choice and cost). **Pickups:** 8:15 HKCT Turramurra; 8:30 Willow Park; 8:45 Pennant Hills Library.

#### No home pickups

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple

Transport only

## TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER

### Mooney Mooney Club Delight



Savour a leisurely lunch at this delightful club with its beautiful views over the Hawkesbury River. Please be ready with your meal choice when booking: beer battered fish and chips; or chicken schnitzel, chips and salad; or chicken Caesar salad.

#### Home pickups

\$50 per person • \$95 per couple

Transport + lunch included

## WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

### Christmas Shopping, Macquarie Centre



Here's a fantastic opportunity to finish off your shopping with 2 hours at Macquarie Centre. You will find everything you need in David Jones, Myer, Kmart, Big W and 360 other stores. And the centre's decorations are superb. **Pickups:** Roseville, Lindfield, Killara, Pymble, Gordon, Turramurra, St Ives, Wahroonga, N. Wahroonga & Warrawee residents.

#### Home pickups

\$15 per person • \$25 per couple

Transport only

## FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

### Christmas Celebrations at Magpies



Let's party together! Please join us at Magpies (such a success last year) where our hosts are serving up a delicious Christmas lunch: ham and turkey stacks with roast vegetables, gravy and cranberry sauce. Then a dessert of plum pudding with brandy custard, along with tea and coffee. **We even have a surprise for you on arrival.**

#### Home pickups

\$70 per person • \$135 per couple

Transport + lunch included

## SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

### St Ives Christmas Market



Delight in finishing off your festive shopping at an outdoor Christmas market. Browse the many gift stalls and some marvellous food ones. **We will be at the market from 3-5pm** so maybe have lunch before your afternoon pickup. **Saturday cancellations must phone 0473 478 890.**

#### Home pickups

\$35 per person • \$65 per couple

Transport only

## MONDAY 9 DECEMBER

### Driver's Choice: Dinner and Christmas Lights



This can't fail to get you into the festive spirit! We will start with dinner (your choice and cost) at a **surprise venue chosen by your driver**. Then onward to enjoy some mesmerising Christmas lights from the comfort of the bus (or maybe a short wander) before we drop you safely home. **Pickups will be late-afternoon.**

#### Pickups: Hornsby residents

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple

Transport only

## TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER

### Driver's Choice: Dinner and Christmas Lights



This can't fail to get you into the festive spirit! We will start with dinner (your choice and cost) at a **surprise venue chosen by your driver**. Then onward to enjoy some mesmerising Christmas lights from the comfort of the bus (or maybe a short wander) before we drop you safely home. **Pickups will be late-afternoon.**

#### Pickups: Ku-ring-gai residents

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple

Transport only

## WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

### Christmas Shopping, Macquarie Centre



Here's a fantastic opportunity to finish off your shopping with 2 hours at Macquarie Centre Westfield. You will find everything you need in David Jones, Myer, Kmart and Big W. And the centre's decorations are superb. **Pickups:** Beecroft; Cheltenham; Epping; North Epping; Normanhurst; Pennant Hills; Thornleigh & Westleigh residents.

#### Home pickups

\$15 per person • \$25 per couple

Transport only

## FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

### Native Christmas Wreath Workshop



Something truly seasonal: create a native Christmas wreath for your door or as a gift for a loved one. At \$60 this wreath will be both a bargain and a pride and joy for Christmasses to come. Rebecca (Made By Me Workshop) will guide you in the making and a light lunch is included. **1-3pm at the HKCT office** (need min. of 10 clients for event to go ahead).

#### Home pickups

\$85 per person • \$165 per couple

Transport, lunch + wreath includ.



# Christmas Celebrations at Magpies

*Please join us for a deliciously Christmas lunch*



## No experience?

*No problem, we have plenty*

## Like laughing?

*Great, there will be lots*

## Come one...

*Bring a friend or make some*

*Minimum of 10 clients required*



# Christmas Crown

## NATIVE WREATH WORKSHOP



*Don't miss the opportunity to find*



*your inner-artist (we'll help)*



## Noteworthy

*Keep your diary up to date*



### Last Exercise Class for 2024

*Come on, tone up before the Christmas onslaught!*

*To secure your spot please book and pay for your class and transport for January by 16th December*



### Exercise Classes Resume

*And chance to atone for all of that festive indulgence*



## 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 \$35 with round-trip transport, so come and join us.*

SHORTBREAD, FRUIT MINCE PIES, CHOCOLATES, SWEETS, TEA, MILO, CHRISTMAS PUDDING, COFFEE, SAVOURY & FESTIVE BISCUITS, MIXED NUTS, TINNED HAM...

## LIFELINE'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

*Want to help to make a family smile by donating to a Christmas hamper for people in need?*

*On your next trip, or on Dec 6th's client party pick-up, give your donation to your HKCT Driver.*

*Or donate directly online: [lifelineh2hsydney.org.au](http://lifelineh2hsydney.org.au)*





## 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>Now on Tuesdays</i>	10am / 11am	East Gordon, North Wahroonga, Pymble, West Pymble Turrumurra, Wahroonga, South Turrumurra	Thursday
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

Centre	Drop-off/Pickup	For residents of	Book by
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	<i>4 December</i> Gordon, Killara, Lindfield, North Wahroonga, Pymble Roseville, Turrumurra, Wahroonga, Warrawee	Friday
	11am / 1pm	<i>11 December</i> 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 <del>Dec 6th</del> <i>Dec 13th and 20th only</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

Prices are applicable only to CHSP-eligible clients of HKCT. Other client prices available upon request. Correct as of December 2024.