

# Putting the community back in transport

In my first newsletter to you, I would like to introduce myself. As the new General Manager of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Central Coast Community Transport organisation, I feel privileged and excited about the opportunities.

I have worked in community transport for the past five years and am very aware of the power an equitable and accessible transport option can have on clients' lives. Remaining connected to those we love, to our civic, social and day-to-day lives is imperative to quality of life. I am enthusiastic to be a part of your transport journey and look forward to meeting each of you.

July has been a very big month for the team in Turramurra. A new software system can really focus the mind and challenge patience. Thank you for your kind words to our team as they work through booking and delivering your transport.

Community transport is a shared transport service, provided to the community by community. By implementing a new software system, we are embracing a collaborative and community focus for our service delivery. The best way we can make community transport work for the most amount of people is to work together to share our transport needs.

Previously we have not had the capacity to take everyone who needed to travel where they needed to go. A good example of this is community members needing to travel to Royal North Shore Hospital – well, now we can and it is because you have been willing to share

the journey with other community members. Thank you.

## Taxi or no taxi, that is the question

One of the improvements with the new system, is being able to use our own vehicles and drivers much more. We are less reliant on taxis so you will not have to catch one unless we are **really** unable to help you. But if you are used to the taxi system, it might be different now, so if you are confused or unsure, please call us. If you are scheduled for transport, you will be notified at 2pm the day before. **If you are unsure, call us: (02) 9983 1611.**

I have heard that the new notification is too fast and hard to hear (we are working on that) but did you know that we can send you a text message. This is helpful as it stays on your phone and it helps remind you. If you would like to receive a text message instead of being phoned, call us!

While there is change, many things remain the same.

Please check out August's Social Program. As the warmer months return, get out of your comfort zone and join us on an outing.

Thank you for your patience and kindness and I hope to see you on your travels soon.

*Tara Russell*

**HALF  
DAYS**

This edition sees us introducing some **Half-Day Outings** for clients not wanting to fill their whole day. Please look out for them and let us know of where else you would like to go – send Bridget an email with your ideas: [outings@communitytransport.org.au](mailto:outings@communitytransport.org.au)

## FRIDAY 1 AUGUST

### Historical District Museum



**NEW**

See what local life was like in the 1930's-50's by visiting this Normanhurst museum. You will enjoy a short presentation, roam the museum and finish up with a tea or coffee and biscuits. **Please dress warmly.** Afterwards we will take you to The Pennant Hills Hotel for an always delicious lunch (your choice and cost).

Pickups: **Hornsby residents**

\$30 per person • \$55 per couple

Transport + museum included

## TUESDAY 5 AUGUST

### Woolwich Pier Hotel Lunch



Enjoy lunch at this iconic harbour-side venue, offering pub classics or dishes from the *Seniors Special* menu for just \$20pp—including fish and chips or pesto pasta. If there's time, we will drive down to the water for harbour views and photos before we take you home.

Home pickups

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple

Transport only

## TUESDAY 12 AUGUST

### 'The Castle' and Palm Beach Lunch



Sit back for a beautiful drive up to iconic Palm Beach. Lunch will be in the theatre while you watch 'The Castle' (an absolute classic). Lunch orders will be taken on the day; your choice includes fish 'n' chips; chicken schnitzel and vegetables; or soup of the day—dessert, of course, will follow. **Please bring photo ID.**

Home pickups

\$50 per person • \$95 per couple

Transport, movie + lunch included

## SATURDAY 2 AUGUST

### Mosman Markets



Loved by locals, this fabulous Mosman market offers stalls with high-quality goods and gourmet foods. Adjacent to the suburb's wonderful boutiques, there is plenty to enjoy, including café lunches. This outing's duration is three hours. **Saturday cancellations must phone 0473 478 890.**

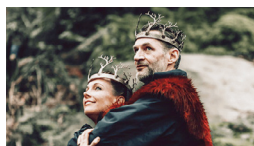
Home pickups

\$35 per person • \$65 per couple

Transport only

## FRIDAY 8 AUGUST

### Macbeth in the Lounge, Chatswood



Get ready to be swept away by this unforgettable 90-min production at Chatswood Concourse. It features a unique collaboration with First Nations dancer Ella Havelka (Australian, Ballet, Bangarra). Then we'll enjoy an hour or more for lunch (your choice and cost) or some shopping before we take you home. **Please book by 24 July.**

Home pickups

\$60 per person • \$115 per couple

Transport + show included

## FRIDAY 15 AUGUST

### Historical District Museum



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See what local life was like in the 1930's-50's by visiting this Normanhurst museum. You will enjoy a short presentation, roam the museum and finish up with a tea or coffee and biscuits. **Please dress warmly.** Afterwards we will take you to The Pennant Hills Hotel for an always delicious lunch (your choice and cost).

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

\$30 per person • \$55 per couple

Transport + museum included

## MONDAY 4 AUGUST

### Whale Watching Cruise



Here's your chance to spot whales in high-energy displays, with some breaching and tail-slapping for attention. It's a 2-hour cruise sailing midday from Circular Quay. Drinks available but please bring your lunch. **Limited so please book by 25 July.** Pickups: 10am HKCT Turramurra; 10:15 Willow Park, Hornsby; 10:30 Pennant Hills Library.

No home pickups

\$110 per person • \$215 per couple

Transport + cruise included

## MONDAY 11 AUGUST

### Rick's Tour, Lake Macquarie



Driver Rick is looking forward to taking you on this delightful drive up to Lake Macquarie. Your special day out will include a lunch (your choice and cost) at a local favourite: The Belmont 16's Sailing Club, with its unmatched views over the lake. **Pickups:** 8:15 HKCT Turramurra; 8:30 Willow Park, Hornsby; 8:45 Pennant Hills Library.

No home pickups

\$45 per person • \$85 per couple

Transport only

## SATURDAY 16 AUGUST

### Orchid Fair & Terrey Hills Tavern



An annual favourite, this exhibition offers both rare and *just simply exquisite* orchids. It is your chance to view the prize winners—and even buy one for yourself. Then it's a short drive to Terrey Hills Tavern for bistro favourites (your choice and cost). **Saturday cancellations must phone 0473 478 890.**

Home pickups

\$45 per person • \$85 per couple

Transport + entrance included

## MONDAY 18 AUGUST

### Warragamba Dam and Lunch



Marvel at an engineering masterpiece nestled in bushland. Viewing platforms and a visitor centre will help you learn the dam's history. There'll be a coffee stop and later a hot lunch at The Spillway Bistro, Warragamba Workers & Sporting Club (your cost and choice). **Pickups:** 8:15am HKCT Turramurra; 8:30 Willow Park, Hornsby; 8:45 Pennant Hills Library.

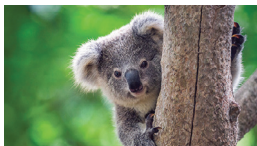
No home pickups

\$45 per person • \$85 per couple

Transport only

## MONDAY 25 AUGUST

### Koala Park, West Pennant Hills



Let's support our local resident koalas by visiting this sanctuary, including a presentation on koalas and reptiles. Along with native birds, there are also dingoes, wombats, quolls, emus and kangaroos. It's a flat, accessible park with coffee and light lunch at the café (your choice and cost). **Pickups:** 8:45 HKCT Turramurra; 9:00 Willow Park, Hornsby; 9:15 Pennant Hills Library.

No home pickups

\$40 per person • \$75 per couple

Transport + entry included

## TUESDAY 19 AUGUST

### Gosford Golf Club Lunch



Such a hit that we are returning to this club and its delicious, *alternate-serve* lunch: roast beef, potatoes, roast vegetables with horseradish; or roast chicken breast, creamy mash, roast vegetables and jus. Desserts: pistachio & fairy floss, panna cotta with strawberry compote or flourless orange cake, blood-orange ice cream and choc. chards. **Book by 8 August.**

Home pickups

\$70 per person • \$135 per couple

Transport + 2-course lunch included

## TUESDAY 26 AUGUST

### Drummoyne Sailing Club



Delight in a relaxing lunch at this ever-popular venue, aside one of Sydney's best waterfront locations. The menu offers specials using fresh seasonal produce for favourites, including seafood and steaks, plus a variety of gelato and desserts (your choice and cost).

Home pickups

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple

Transport only

## FRIDAY 22 AUGUST

### NEW HALF-DAY OUTING

### Ray Nesci Bonsai Nursery



Don't miss our visit to this unrivalled bonsai 5-acre nursery (following a client's wonderful suggestion). Learn how to create bonsai trees and care for them in a century's-old manner. You will also be able to purchase bonsai at the nursery. A refreshing tea or coffee, with biscuits, will be available.

Pickups: **Hornsby residents**

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple

Transport only

## FRIDAY 29 AUGUST

### NEW HALF-DAY OUTING

### Ray Nesci Bonsai Nursery



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

\$25 per person • \$45 per couple

Transport only

**Healthy Aging Tip** Winter tempts you to stay put in the warmth of home but don't let your health slip: stay engaged and connected.

It is essential to activate those synapses and get your endorphins flowing so **keep moving, stay hydrated, and stay social.**

Remember: our busses are toasty and a chance for a cuppa and a chat. But if you're not up for a whole day, use our shopping bus for a lap around the stores (window shopping and people-watching is free).

## Our vehicles are as warm as our welcomes

**PREHEATED**  
buses and  
cars

**ON TIME**  
punctual  
pickups

**DON'T MISS**  
the warmth our  
outings generate



## Half-dayers

*All the fun in half the time*

We've launched our 'Half-dayers' for those wanting outings that complete in less than a full day.

Here's your chance to tell us where and what you would like included in our program. Email me (Bridget) your suggestions:

outings@communitytransport.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
Turramurra IGA <i>Mondays</i>	10am / 11am	East Gordon, North Wahroonga, Pymble, West Pymble Turramurra, Wahroonga, South Turramurra	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

Centre	Drop-off/Pickup	For residents of	Book by
Aldi Mt Ku-ring-gai & Berowra V. <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 ..... 11am / 2pm .....	East Gordon, Gordon, Killara, Turramurra, Pymble, West Pymble Turramurra, Pymble, St Ives, St Ives Chase	Friday
Macquarie Centre <i>Wednesdays</i>	11am / 1pm	<i>6 August</i> Gordon, Killara, Lindfield, North Wahroonga, Pymble Roseville, Turramurra, Wahroonga, Warrawee	Friday
	11am / 1pm	<i>13 August</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 Turramurra, Turramurra, 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, Turramurra, Wahroonga, Waitara, Warrawee	Tuesday

Prices are applicable only to CHSP-eligible clients of HKCT. Other client prices available upon request. Correct as of August 2025.