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DECEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

# Merry Christmas & Happy Travels

**December is one of the busiest,** most joyful times of the year: family gatherings, Christmas celebrations, shopping trips and friends. However, it's important to take care of yourself during the warmer weather.

**Staying well this summer**

Remember to drink plenty of water, stay out of the heat where possible, and take regular breaks when out and about. A wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen, and light clothing can make a big difference, and don't forget to check in on friends, family and neighbours who may need a little extra support during hot days.

**Service closure & reopening**

If you have regular medical or health-related appointments during our closure period, please let our team know as soon as possible. We'll do our best to help arrange transport options so that your important health-care appointments can continue uninterrupted.

**Shopping shuttles throughout December**

Our shopping services will operate right up until 24 December, making it easy to pick up groceries and last-minute items for the festive season.

Shuttles resume the week of the 5 January, *so please book now.*

From all of us at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Central Coast Community Transport, thank you for allowing us to be part of your community this year. We wish you a safe, happy, and healthy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you again in 2027.

*I hope to see you at our Client Christmas Lunch on 21st December, Tara Russell (GM)*

*Christmas Break* **Our office closes 2pm** DEC 24 JAN 5 *We're back* **Office reopens 8:30am**

**Thursday 24 December:** Where possible, all return journeys are to be complete by 2pm.
**Minimal services in holidays:** Please call to discuss and make January bookings ***before Christmas*** if possible.

## TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER

### Granata's Brasserie, Canada Bay Club Lunch



**We receive so many glowing reviews** about the food and service, so do join us for another lunch at this acclaimed club. Their brasserie specialises in the finest Italian cuisine, with a knockout range of affordable but always tasty specials (your choice and cost). **Please bring photo ID.**

Home pickups

$25 per person • $45 per couple

Transport only

## FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER

### Christmas Tree Farm & Lunch at The Vicar



**Join us on this marvellous seasonal outing** to wander through a beautiful Dural farm. There is also a Christmas shop where you can buy something festive for your home or purchase a small (fresh or artificial) tree and have it delivered. We will then take you to **The Vicar** for a delicious lunch (your choice and cost).

Home pickups

$25 per person • $45 per couple

Transport only

## SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

### André Rieu's Christmas Concert: Let It Snow





**We start our day with a delicious lunch at The Runaway Spoon, Lindfield.** We will then take you to **Roseville Cinema** for André's 2026 Christmas Concert, the maestro will be joined by his world-famous Johann Strauss Orchestra, exceptional sopranos, and a powerful 120-voice male choir. This film brings the spirit of Christmas to life with unforgettable and joyful carols, dream-like waltzes and plenty of surprises will soon have you feeling festive. **If required, please request accessible seating. Book by 26 November. No refunds. Saturday cancellations must call 0473 478 890.**

Home pickups

$80 per person • $155 per couple

Transport + movie included

## MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

### Back to the Tivoli, Christmas Spectacular




**This joyous show at Glen Street Theatre** is packed with festive favourites, toe-tapping tunes and big laughs — all performed by a star-studded lineup of entertainers, musicians, comedians and dancers. Afterwards we will have lunch (your choice and cost) at **The Belrose Hotel.** Make your selection from their mouth-watering range of pub favourites, pastas, pizzas, salads and tacos. **Pickups:** 9:30 Pennant Hills Library; 9:45 Willow Park, Hornsby; 10:00 HKCT Turramurra; 10:15 Hassall Park car park, St Ives. **If required, please request accessible seating. Book and pay by 27 November. No refunds.**

No home pickups

$55 per person • $105 per couple

Transport + show included

**Key:** *To choose outings best suited for you, please look for these icons:*

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## TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

### The Log Cabin Riverside Lunch



**Join us for a tasty lunch** on the picturesque Nepean River at Penrith. Featuring seasonal ingredients from local farmers and suppliers, this standout venue offers affordable specials for just $20, including pizza; fish and chips; beef rendang curry; spaghetti meatballs; prawn trittole or gnocchi with burnt butter
(your choice and cost).

Home pickups

$25 per person • $45 per couple

Transport only

## WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

### The Nutcracker Ballet, Capitol Theatre



**Journey to the magical Land of Sweets** and indulge in the spirit of Christmas. Set to Tchaikovsky, this production features a live orchestra, stunning choreography and costumes. We will take you to the ever-popular **Norths Cammeray** for an early lunch (your choice and cost) before the show at 2pm.
**Bring photo ID. If required, please request accessible seating. Book by 25 Nov.**
**No refunds.**

Home pickups: Hornsby residents

$150 per person • $295 per couple

Transport + show included

## FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

### Parliament House Tour & Christmas High Tea







**Enjoy a Christmas-themed high tea** in the Members' Dining Room—including sweet and savoury treats served on parliamentary-crested Wedgwood plates, and an inviting array of teas. Upgrade to a *Sparkling High Tea* for an additional $10 (cash, to be paid on the day). We have also arranged for a Parliament House Tour upon arrival to include the historic legislative chambers.
**Book and pay by 26 November. No refunds.**

Home pickups

$95 per person • $185 per couple

Transport, tour + high tea included

## MONDAY 14 DECEMBER

### Dinner & Christmas Lights



**Here's another chance to get well into the festive spirit!** We will start with dinner (your choice and cost) at a 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 home safely.
**Pick-ups will be late afternoon.**
**Please bring photo ID.**

Home pickups: Ku-ring-gai residents

$25 per person • $45 per couple

Transport only

## TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER

### Dinner & Christmas Lights



**Here's another chance to get well into the festive spirit!** We will start with dinner (your choice and cost) at a 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 home safely.
**Pick-ups will be late afternoon.**
**Please bring photo ID.**

Home pickups: Hornsby residents

$25 per person • $45 per couple

Transport only

Young at Heart: *these outings suit clients who enjoy longer days and being active—even a bit adventurous*

## WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

### The Nutcracker Ballet, Capitol Theatre



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**No refunds.**

Home pickups: Ku-ring-gai residents

$150 per person • $295 per couple

Transport + show included

## FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER

### Young at Heart GPO Heritage Tour



**Following rave reviews,** we return to the GPO. After a hearty brunch at **Olea Lindfield** (your choice and cost) we head for the **152-year old Sydney GPO** (now The Fullerton Hotel) in Martin Place. The 90-min tour entails 2,327 walking steps, mainly on one level, and will reveal the former GPO's historic, now-restored grandeur. **Pickups:** 8:15 Pennant Hills Library; 8:30 Willow Park; 8:45 HKCT Turramurra.

No home pickups

$25 per person • $45 per couple

Transport + tour included




*World-class dancers from around the globe perform ballet's most loved show. Be captivated by the breathtaking snowflakes and the exquisite Sugar Plum Fairy as they perform with dazzling costumes and exquisite sets.*

## *Meet the staff* LYNETTE *Client Services*



I have been part of the HKCT team for over 10 years, including as a driver, in scheduling and, more recently, in Client Services.

My husband Andrew and I keep busy raising our three children, Lucas, Hayley and Riley. We call Asquith home and much of family life revolves around the Scouting movement, with lots of camps.

Our family includes two beautiful (rescued) Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. They have been the best addition to our family! They are little lounge lizards and incredibly patient with the kids.

We love camping and have a great off-grid setup that lets us venture into the bush and enjoy the outdoors. I'm also a big beach lover, although I never seem to make it there as often as I'd like!

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# GPO
MARTIN PLACE
FULLERTON HOTEL

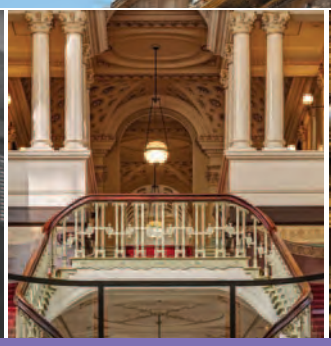
# HERITAGE TOUR

*Our tour takes in everything from Victorian grandeur to lost treasures. Visit the stables, mail sorting rooms, lost letter room, grand staircase, telegraph room telephone exchange, banking room, Britannia, Little Brother, the Clocktower and 5-tonne hour bell.*



**DEC 18**







**YOUNG AT HEART OUTING**

# Let's party together

**Join us at Waterview in Sydney's Bicentennial Park for a joint CCCT & HKCT Christmas celebration.**

Our delicious 2-course lunch includes sage-marinated turkey breast, vegetables and a Christmas pudding dessert. Bon-bons, decorations, fabulous entertainment and our wonderful clients will ensure a great time is had by all. **Please book now to secure your seat.**






**DEC 21**

*Please book by 1st Dec*





**Home pickups**

**$85 per person • $165 per couple**

**Transport + 2-course lunch**

**PLEASE BOOK BY 1 DECEMBER • NO REFUNDS**

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

| Centre | Drop-off/Pickup | For residents of |
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| **Turramurra IGA**<br>*Mondays ~~Monday 4 Jan~~ Tuesday 5 Jan* | 10am / 11am | East Gordon, North Wahroonga, Pymble, West Pymble, Turramurra Wahroonga, South Turramurra |
| **East Lindfield Shops**<br>*Mondays ~~Monday 4 Jan~~ Tuesday 5 Jan* | 1pm / 2pm | East Killara, East Lindfield, Lindfield, Roseville, Roseville Chase |
| **Westleigh Village**<br>*Tuesdays* | 10am / 11am | Normanhurst, Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Westleigh |
| **Thornleigh Marketplace**<br>*Tuesdays* | 1:30pm / 2:30pm | Beecroft, Normanhurst, Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Westleigh |

## 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**<br>*Mondays ~~Monday 4 Jan~~ Tuesday 5 Jan* | 1:30pm / 3:15pm | Berowra, Berowra Heights, Mount Colah, Mount Ku-ring-gai |
| **Carlingford Court**<br>*Wednesdays* | 10:30am / 1pm | Beecroft, Cheltenham, Epping, Pennant Hills |
| **St Ives Village**<br>*Wednesdays* | 10am / 1pm<br>11am / 2pm | East Gordon, Gordon, Killara, Turramurra, Pymble, West Pymble<br>Turramurra, Pymble, St Ives, St Ives Chase |
| **Macquarie Centre**<br>*Wednesdays* | 11am / 2pm<br>11am / 2pm | *2 December* Gordon, Killara, Lindfield, North Wahroonga, Pymble Roseville, Turramurra, Wahroonga, Warrawee<br>*9 December* Beecroft, Cheltenham, Epping, North Epping Normanhurst, Pennant Hills, Thornleigh, Westleigh |
| **Gordon Shops**<br>*Thursdays* | 10am / 12 midday | East Gordon, East Killara, East Lindfield, Gordon, Killara, Pymble Lindfield, Roseville, Roseville Chase, West Pymble |
| **St Ives Village**<br>*Thursdays* | 10am / 12 midday<br>11am / 1pm | East Gordon, Gordon, Pymble, Killara, St Ives<br>North Turramurra, Turramurra, St Ives Chase, Pymble, St Ives |
| **Hornsby Westfield**<br>*Thursdays* | 10am / 1pm<br>11am / 2pm | Normanhurst, North Wahroonga, Thornleigh, Wahroonga, Waitara<br>Hornsby, Hornsby Heights |
| **Cherrybrook Shops**<br>*Fridays ~~Friday 25 Dec~~ Thursday 24 Dec* | 9:30am / 11:30am<br>11am / 1pm | Cherrybrook, West Pennant Hills<br>Arcadia, Castle Hill, Dural, Fiddletown, Galston, Middle Dural |
| **Hornsby Westfield**<br>*Fridays ~~Friday 25 Dec~~ Thursday 24 Dec* | 10am / 1pm | Asquith, Berowra, Berowra Heights, Brooklyn, Cowan, Hornsby Heights Mount Colah, Mount Ku-ring-gai, Normanhurst, North Wahroonga Turramurra, Wahroonga, Waitara, Warrawee |

*Prices are applicable only to CHSP-eligible clients of HKCT. Other client prices available upon request. Correct as of December 2026.*