



Bus Program: February–June 2025

Welcome to the first program for the City of Canada Bay's Active Adults bus trips for 2025.

Changes to the 2025 Active Adults Program Days

We have a very exciting year ahead with the program continuing to offer three trips each month. The bus outings will now be scheduled on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**.

Improvements to the Payment Method

As in previous years, there are no limits on how many trips you can request to go on. Read the program of trips and dates available carefully before you complete and return the trip preference form as some trips are available twice on different dates. Please note that some trips require extra payment for tours or venue entry, as well as the cost of the trip.

You will still receive by posted mail a confirmation letter confirming the trips you have been allocated but will **no longer** receive an **invoice** to pay for all those trips at the start of the program.

Payments for both the bus trip and any extra costs (unless stated in the program) such as entry fees will be taken on the bus on the day of the outing using an EFPTOS machine. You will be able to pay using your debit or credit card. Please read the attached flyer as to how this payment method will operate.

If you are unable to use this payment method or wish to discuss these changes, please call one of our team on the phone numbers provided.

Importantly, if you are allocated a trip, you will still need to give 48 hours' notice of cancellation if you cannot attend. **Without notice, you will be sent an invoice to pay for that trip and any extra set costs.**

Trip Preference Forms due: Monday, 13 January 2025

Important Notes

Identification

- Please bring your ID (that shows your address) for entry at venues.

Trip Preferences

- Please complete the Trip Preference Form to indicate your preferences and forward to Council **by 13 January 2025**.
- You will be allocated to your preferred trips subject to availability and will be notified by a confirmation letter sent by posted mail.
- 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 or phone.

Payments for Active Adults are Changing

- There is a standard bus fee of **\$32** for each trip to be **paid on the bus** using an EFTPOS machine. At times, there could be additional fees for an outing, for example entry fees or tours at various venues. Unless stated in the program, any extra costs will also be **paid on the bus**.
- **CASH PAYMENTS FOR THE BUS TRIPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE BUS**
- Please read the included information below about the changes

Unable to attend an outing?

- Contact the Bus Coordinator on **9911 6587** or **Rachael Jones** on **9911 6595** 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.
- 48 hours' notice of cancellation is required for you not to be charged for that trip and any stated extra outing costs
- 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 and leave a message.
- 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.

We have an email dedicated to the Seniors' Bus Trips, any communication can also be sent to this email. CCBC stands for 'City of Canada Bay Council':

ccbcbustrips@canadabay.nsw.gov.au

Payments for Active Adults are Changing

We are making it easier to pay
for your Active Adults Bus Trips.



From January 2025, we are moving to an EFTPOS System.

- Bring your credit or debit card with you to your pre-booked bus trip.
- The driver will assist you to tap or insert your card to make payment.

No additional fees and charges for using your card.

No need to pay in advance or wait for refunds.

Alternative payment options will be available.

No cash payments can be made on the bus

A minimum of 48 hours notice is required if you can no longer attend your booked trip. Cancellations inside 48 hours or no shows will be sent an invoice for the full fee.

This is a 6-month trial from January 2025 to June 2025.
We value your feedback on how to make bus trip payments easier for all.

Call us on 9911 6595 or
Email us at cchcbustrips@canadabay.nsw.gov.au

Kind regards,

Lorna Jarvis
Bus Coordinator
9911 6587 (Work)
0419 428 480 (Mobile)
Office Hours: 9am–1:30pm
Mon & Thu

- Please record a voice message if unavailable.

Rachael Jones
Community Development Support
9911 6595 (Work)
Work hours: 9am – 5pm
Monday to Friday

The Scotland Island Ferry & Avalon

Dates: Wednesday, 12 February & Thursday, 20 March



Scotland Island is an island and suburb in Pittwater on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. It is about one kilometre across with its highest point over 100 metres above sea level. The island was formed around 18,000 years ago when sea levels rose, flooding the valley, forming Pittwater and creating the island. The first European settler to own land on the island was Andrew Thompson, who renamed it Scotland Island after his homeland. He created a successful salt works and built boats there until his death in 1810.

The island was sold several times in the 19th century before being sub-divided and sold off in lots in 1906. Sheep farms had been located on the island at one time, but permanent residents began to move in after power was connected in 1962. Today most people living on the island commute to work on the mainland. Take the return trip around Scotland Island today from Church Point to enjoy the wonderful views of the island.

The bus will then take the group to Avalon RSL for lunch. There will also be time to wander through the village, soak up the atmosphere and look through the many eclectic shops.

Cost: \$32 for the bus

Ferry Ticket: \$11 (concession) for the return trip paid to be paid in person with cash or card on the day.

TIMETABLE	
8:45am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
9am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
9:15am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne
4pm	Approximate time of return

Mother Earth Nursery - Kenthurst, Glenorie RSL & Glenorie Bakery

Dates: Thursday, 20 February & Wednesday, 28 May



Mother Earth Nursery in Kenthurst is a family run and owned nursery, and has a wonderful selection of plants, garden ornaments and gardening supplies. One of the stand-out features of this nursery is the many varieties of different, and even rare plants that are not available in other nurseries. Their friendly staff are always on hand to give the best advice.

Journey further northwest along to Glenorie for lunch at Glenorie RSL.

After lunch visit Glenorie Bakery which makes award-winning meat pies, a vast array of in-house baked breads, cakes and deli items. It has a lovely rustic, homey atmosphere. Founded in 1992, this family-run bakery has won many awards for its pies and has achieved accolades for raising funds for charities. Glenorie Bakery broke the record as the Australia's longest sausage roll with 21.60-meter long and raised over \$15,000 for Children's Hospital at Westmead!

This bakery not only provides something stimulating to the palate but also pleasing to the eyes. With a lot of their vintage equipment and toys, it's like coming into a small museum.

Cost: \$32 for the bus

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9am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne
9:15am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
9:30am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
3:30pm	Approximate time of return

Bargo Dingo Sanctuary & Woonona Bulli RSL

Dates: Wednesday, 26 February & Wednesday, 7 May



The Australian Native Dog Conservation Society, also known as Dingo Sanctuary Bargo, aims to provide an interesting educational experience to visitors.

Set in magical, open woodland-style, space with Australian native plant gardens, visitors are accompanied around the facility for a hands-on introduction to the Dingoes by knowledgeable volunteers. The first thing which strikes many is the peace and calm. There are no jostling crowds.

There is almost complete absence of noise from the 32 canine residents. Usually, birds and the gentle rustling of leaves in the trees soaring above, are all that is heard in the background as each Dingo is introduced with humorous anecdotes, illustrating aspects of their ecology and biology. Visitors are encouraged to ask questions, and information will cover a range of canine-related topics.

If you would also like an 'Up close & Personal Encounter' with one of the dingoes, you can pay an extra \$10 when you pay for your entry/tour ticket.

Enjoy a wonderful lunch at Woonona Bulli RSL after your visit.

Cost: \$32 for the bus

Dingo Sanctuary Guided Tour: \$10 to be paid in person with cash or card on the day.

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8:15am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
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Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre & Bankstown Sports Club

Dates: Wednesday, 12 March & Thursday, 12 June



Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre is a cultural facility of the Liverpool City Council and supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW. It houses a wide range of exhibitions, events and covers an ever-increasing variety of subject matter, styles, genres and art forms. There are 6 galleries with rotating exhibitions and a permanent exhibition.

With human-made art inside and nature's beauty outside, there is truly something for everyone at this venue.

Back by popular request, the lunch destination is Bankstown Sports Club. Enjoy a unique, railway-themed dining experience complete with authentic railway carriages for dining in. Their Victorian-era, high arch entrance and priceless collection of railway memorabilia set the mood and keep you entertained as you choose a delicious meal from the extensive menu. Featuring dishes from around the globe, there is something to delight even the fussiest of palates.

Cost: \$32 for the bus

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9am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne
9:30am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
9:45am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
4pm	Approximate time of return

Katoomba, The Three Sisters & Leura

Dates: Wednesday, 26 March & Thursday, 17 April



Enjoy the Blue Mountains in autumn on this outing. Stop at delightful Glenbrook for morning tea then journey further to Katoomba to enjoy the wonderful views of the Three Sisters.

The Three Sisters is the Blue Mountains' most spectacular landmark. Located at Echo Point Katoomba, this iconic visitor attraction is experienced by millions of people each year.

The character of the Three Sisters changes throughout the day and throughout the seasons as the sunlight brings out the magnificent colours. Each of the Three Sisters stand at 922, 918 and 906 metres tall, respectively.

After visiting Katoomba, 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: \$32 for the bus

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8:30am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
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3:30pm	Approximate time of return

Linnwood House, Wenty Leagues & Sweet Chocolate Warehouse Castle Hill

Dates: Wednesday, 9 April



Visit the gorgeous Linnwood House on this outing, set on 5 hectares of ground at Guildford in the Western Suburbs. The house was built in 1891 by George McCredie, a prominent businessman of the day, Mayor of Holroyd and Independent Member for the state seat of Central Cumberland. He was also a free trader and an advocate for female suffrage. This beautiful house contains many stain glass and lead-light windows and showcases wonderful woodwork.

There will be Devonshire tea on arrival followed by a power point presentation highlighting the history of the house. You can then wander through the house at leisure with volunteer guides to answer any questions you may have.

Wenty Leagues is the lunch venue scheduled today.

As Easter is approaching, journey further to the Sweet Chocolate Warehouse in Castle Hill stocking all brands of chocolates from Cadbury, Lindt and Darryll Lea and specialises in Easter gifts!

Cost: \$32 for the bus

Devonshire morning tea and guided tour: \$15, to be paid in person with cash or card on the day.

TIMETABLE	
9:30am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne
9:45am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
10:00am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
3:30pm	Approximate time of return

Gosford Regional Gallery & Edogawa Commemorative Gardens & Gosford RSL

Date: Wednesday, 30 April & Wednesday, 4 June



The Gosford Regional Gallery is located on the shores of Caroline Bay in East Gosford. It is part of a complex that also includes the Gosford/Edogawa Commemorative Garden, the Arts Centre and the Caroline Bay Brassiere, Cafe and Function Centre. The Gallery offers a diverse exhibition program showcasing a range of media including painting, photography, sculpture, textiles, ceramics and works on paper. A tea house and fish feeding pavilion overlook the main body of the lake.

The garden was a gift to the people of Gosford as a symbol of cultural exchange and friendship by its Sister City, Edogawa (near Tokyo in Japan). It is designed in accordance with the original principles of Japanese design of the Heian (700AD) period. The gardens were officially opened in September 1994 by the Mayor of Gosford and the Mayor of Edogawa. This garden is now one of the most popular tourist attractions on the NSW Central Coast. It is based on a traditional Shuyu (strolling style) garden and covers an area of approximately 4000m².

Enjoy a cuppa at the café before taking a stroll through this amazing garden.

After working up an appetite, enjoy a lovely lunch at the Central Coast Leagues Club in Gosford.

Cost: \$32 for the bus

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8:45am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
9am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
9:15am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne
4pm	Approximate time of return

May Gibbs Nutcote & North Sydney Leagues

Dates: Thursday, 15 May & Wednesday, 25 June



Cecilia May Gibbs (1877-1969) is one of Australia's best-loved authors, illustrators and artists. She is known for the iconic Australian children's story, *The Complete Adventures of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie*, featuring two gumnut babies and their escape from the big bad Banksia men. A visit to Nutcote today will allow you to appreciate the full scope of Gibbs creative talents, how she lived and see some of her famous works. May Gibbs lived at Nutcote, her home on the shores of Sydney harbour for 44 years. The house was designed by renowned Sydney architect BJ Waterhouse and the delightful gardens feature both native and exotic trees and shrubs with many annuals and perennials.

The visit will start with a light morning tea followed by a screening of a film about the life and works of May Gibbs. You will then tour the house, which has been restored to its 1920s glory. There will be time to wander the gardens (see a 150-year-old Banksia tree planted by May!). The scheduled lunch venue for this outing is at North Sydney Leagues Club.

***Please be aware that this is an historic property and can be difficult for people who experience trouble walking up and down a full flight of stairs and sloping paths.**

Cost: \$32 for the bus

May Gibbs Nutcote: \$20 fee for entry, light morning tea and guided tour to be paid on the bus.

TIMETABLE	
9:30am	Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord
9:45am	In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock
10am	City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne
3:30pm	Approximate time of return