

**Senior Bus Trips – Active Adults Program**

**July-December 2024**

**Welcome to the second program for City of Canada Bay’s Active Adults 2024 bus trips.**

**Active Adults Questionnaire 2024**

We are continually striving to improve not only how we deliver the bus program but how we can further support seniors in our community. If you would like to provide your feedback, please complete the questionnaire included with this program and return it with your trip preference form. It is not compulsory, and you do not need to provide your name. All responses will be treated confidentially.

**Bay Connection Bus Program**

If you are finding the Active Adults trips a little too much or know of someone who would like to get out and about with support, we have places available in the Bay Connection bus trip groups. Bay Connection trips operate on Tuesdays and Fridays (between 9am–3pm) every alternate week. Participants are picked up and dropped back home. For more information, please contact us. Please note: bus participants can attend the Active Adults Bus **OR** the Bay Connection Bus Programs, not both.

**Trip Preference Forms due: Friday, 14 June 2024**

**Payment for all allocated trips due: Friday, 12 July 2024**

**Have a question? Get in touch with us via phone or email.**

* **Lorna Jarvis, Bus Coordinator:** Phone 9911 6587 – 9am to 1:30pm (Mondays and Thursdays) / Mobile 0419 428 480 (only emergencies)
* **Fernanda de Barros, Community Development Support Officer**: Phone 9911 6595 – 9am to 5pm (all weekdays)

***Please leave a voice message if we’re unavailable so we can identify who is calling and the reason for your call. This will make it easier and faster to solve your enquiry.***

**Our new email is: ccbcbustrips@canadabay.nsw.gov.au**

**Important Notes**

**Trip Preferences**

* Please complete the Trip Preference Form to list your preferences from 1 to 9 and forward it to the Council **by 14 June 2024**. If you do not wish to attend any of the listed trips, do not place a preference number beside the listed trip.
* You will be allocated to your preferred trips subject to availability and notified by mail, along with your invoice for those trips. 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.
* **All bus participants must complete the Refund Method section on the Trip Preference Form.** See Refunds information below.

**Payment**

* There is a standard bus fee of $30 for each trip to be paid to the Council. At times, there could be additional fees for an outing, such as entry fees or tours at various venues. If you need to pre-pay extra costs, they will be indicated on your invoice.
* Payment for your allocated trips can only be made after receiving a letter and invoice from the Council confirming your booking.
* You must pay for **all the trips** you are allocated to by **12 July 2024** to secure your booking. Your booking will not be confirmed if you have not paid.
* You can pay your bus fees in person at:
	+ **Civic Centre:** 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne (Monday to Friday 8:30 am–4 pm)
	+ **Concord Library:** 60 Flavelle St, Concord (Every second Wednesday). *Please call Customer Service on 9911 6555 or Concord Library on 9911 6210 to confirm the dates this service is available.*
* If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the Trip Payment Form. Cheques must be made payable to City of Canada Bay and may be posted to:

*City of Canada Bay, Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470*

* **CASH PAYMENTS FOR THE BUS TRIPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE BUS.**

**Unable to attend an outing?**

* Contact Lorna Jarvis, Bus Coordinator, on 9911 6587 or Fernanda de Barros on 9911 6595 before the day of the outing. If no one answers, you must leave a message with your name, phone number, and reason for your call.
* 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 inform us if you cannot attend as soon as possible.

**Refunds**

* If the Council cancels a scheduled outing, you will be refunded. For auditing reasons, Council cannot provide a refund without the refund method and your signature. That’s why completing the refund method is important. If not completed it can delay the refund process.
* Please note **you must give at least 48 hours' notice to receive a refund** for cancellations.
* **Ensure that you have completed your preferred Refund Method section on the Trip Preference Form so you can be refunded by:**
1. **EFT Refund** (Direct deposit into your account) by providing the Account Name, BSB number and Account Number.
2. **Credit Card Refund:** Refund to the same credit card is available only for fees paid via the Council’s eServices online portal. The card must be valid and current at the time of refund.

**Cancellation on the day of the outing**

* Please call Lorna’s mobile at **0419 428 480** after 8:30 am and leave a message. **This number is to be used as an emergency contact only. Trip Preference Forms will not be accepted on this device.**

Most trips will go ahead despite bad weather, so please consider this when booking. However, in the event of adverse weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances, the scheduled trip may be subject to change, and advanced notice may not be possible.

**Identification**

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

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| **LIST OF TRIPS**  |
| **Date** | **Fee** | **Destination** |
| 15/07/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 15/7 - Parliament House Tour & Maroubra Seals |
| 25/07/2024 |  $ 38.00  | 25/7 - Nougat and Chocolate Factory Tour & Gosford (Factory Tour fee $8) |
| 29/07/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 29/7 - The Entrance & Halekulani Club |
| 12/08/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 12/8 - Robertson |
| 19/08/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 19/8 - Western Sydney Airport Experience Centre |
| 29/08/2024 |  $ 94.00  | 29/8 - Mount Schoenstatt S. & Nepean Belle Cruise (Cruise lunch fee $64) |
| 9/09/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 9/9 - Eden Gardens, Flower Power C.H. & Galston |
| 19/09/2024 |  $ 38.00  | 19/9 - Nougat and Chocolate Factory Tour & Gosford (Factory Tour fee $8) |
| 30/09/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 30/9 - The Entrance & Halekulani Club |
| 3/10/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 3/10 - Parliament House Tour & Maroubra Seals |
| 14/10/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 14/10 - Eden Gardens, Flower Power C.H & Galston |
| 21/10/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 21/10 - Church Point & Palm Beach |
| 4/11/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 4/11 - Springwood & Rhododendron Gardens |
| 14/11/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 14/11 - Springwood & Rhododendron Gardens |
| 25/11/2024 |  $ 85.00  | 25/11 - The Riverboat Postman (Cruise ticket fee $55) |
| 2/12/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 2/12 - Robertson |
| 12/12/2024 |  $ 30.00  | 12/12 - Church Point & Palm Beach |

**Parliament House Tour & Maroubra Seals**

**Dates: Monday, 15 July & Thursday, 3 October**

Step back in time and visit one of Sydney’s oldest buildings in Australia’s first Parliament for a free 1-hour guided tour. The tour will take you through both chambers where laws are made in NSW and through the historic legislative chambers. Experience first-hand the beautiful colonial architecture while learning more about the role, history, and work of the Parliament.

The bus will take a lovely scenic drive through the coastal beaches, La Perouse with lunch at Maroubra Seals.

**Cost: $30 for the bus**

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| **TIMETABLE**  |
| 9:15 am | Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord |
| 9:30am | In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock |
| 9:45am | City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne |
| 4pm | Approximate time of return |

**Nougat and Chocolate Factory Tour & Gosford**

**Dates: Thursday, 25 July & Thursday, 19 September**

Enjoy morning tea at Pie in the Sky before arrival at the Nougat & Chocolate Factory in West Gosford. Take part in a 15-minute tour factory floor tour and learn how their products are made.

The bus will then take you into the delightful Gosford RSL for lunch, where you can choose from the various lunch venues. A scenic drive on the way back is planned.

**Cost: $30 for the bus**

**Factory Tour: $8 fee for the tour to be paid in advance according to your invoice.**

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| **TIMETABLE**  |
| 8:15am | Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord  |
| 8:30am | In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock |
| 8:45am | City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne |
| 4pm | Approximate time of return |

**The Entrance & Halekulani Club**

**Date: Monday, 29 July & Monday, 30 September**

A longer scenic drive on this outing though Ourimbah and Long Jetty to The Entrance. You will visit Nora Head Lighthouse on the way back to lunch at the Halekulani Club in the Ohana Restaurant, which was recently awarded a ‘most liked eatery’ recognition.

**Cost: $30 for the bus**

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| **TIMETABLE**  |
| 8am | Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord  |
| 8:15am | In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock |
| 8:30am | City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne |
| 4pm | Approximate time of return |

**Robertson**

**Dates: Monday, 12 August & Monday 2 December**

A longer scenic drive on this outing; driving down through Macquarie Pass to Robertson, the home of the Big Potato. You can explore the Big Cheese Factory Emporium and other outlets showcasing locally produced products. Don’t forget the famous Roberston Pie shop while you are there. The local Robertson Hotel is recommended for lunch.

**Cost: $30 for the bus**

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| **TIMETABLE**  |
| 8:15am | City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne |
| 8:30am | In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock |
| 8:45am | Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord |
| 4pm | Approximate time of return |

**Western Sydney Airport Experience Centre**

**Date: Monday, 19 August**

The airport is on target with the roof now going on the terminal and flights due to start in 2026. Currently there are 4,000 people working on site and earthworks have moved almost 27 million cubic metres of soil and rock. The 3.7-kilometre runways have been laid on 5.5 million tonnes of sandstone from tunnelling projects across Sydney and have been set with more than 12,000 cubic metres of concrete. What a project!

Visit the experience centre for a free 1-hour information talk from the staff and find out more interesting facts about how the new airport is progressing. A trip to the Warragamba Information Centre after lunch is also scheduled.

**Cost: $30 for the bus**

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| **TIMETABLE**  |
| 8:30am | City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne |
| 8:45am | In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock |
| 9am | Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord |
| 3:30pm | Approximate time of return |

**Mount Schoenstatt Shrine & Nepean Belle Cruise**

**Date: Thursday, 29 August**

The first part of your adventure today begins with a very peaceful experience as you enjoy the tranquillity of the Mount Schoenstatt Shrine. The chapel is a replica of a centuries-old German chapel, which boasts a splendid hand-carved altar. You will then travel down to Jamisontown to board the paddlewheeler at 11:30am. Relax and unwind on the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler as you meander through the spectacular Nepean Gorge. It departs at 12pm and arrives back at 2:30pm. This cruise includes a 2-course lunch served with tea or coffee. Please let us know if you have any food allergies.

**Please note: Booking priority will be given to those who had already booked on the cancelled trip earlier this year.**

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*Scenic Adventure Cruise Winter Warmer Lunch Menu*

*Main Meal
Seasoned house-made roast chicken with a light apricot stuffing and gravy served on a shared platter, garnished with honey roasted vine tomatoes accompanied by…
- Flavoursome creamy sautéed potato
- Selection of hot seasonal vegetables*

*Dessert
Alternately served
- House made vanilla pannacotta drizzled with butterscotch Sauce
- Warm Chocolate Mud Lava Cake with Salted Caramel Pieces and Raspberry Coulis
Includes freshly brewed loose-leaf Tea and Coffee. A selection of herbal tea is also available.*

**Cost: $30 for the bus
Nepean Belle Lunch Cruise: $64 to be paid in advance according to your invoice.**

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| **TIMETABLE**  |
| 8:15am | City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne |
| 8:30am | In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock |
| 8:45am | Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord |
| 3:30pm | Approximate time of return |

**Eden Gardens, Flower Power C.H & Galston**

**Dates: Monday, 9 September & Monday, 14 October**

After morning tea at Eden Gardens, travel up to Flower Power Castle Hill to stock up on your garden requirements. It’s a lovely drive then to Galston Club for lunch. There will be stops at road-side stalls on the way back home to purchase locally grown seasonal fruit and vegetables.

**Cost: $30 for the bus**

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| 3:30pm | Approximate time of return |

**Springwood & Rhododendron Gardens**

**Dates: Monday, 4 November & Thursday 14 November**

This trip takes you to morning tea at Springwood on a visit to the Campbell Rhododendron Gardens in Blackheath during peak flowering time for the rhododendrons. The garden has a series of nature walks leading to the valley floor and the lake, with limited disabled access – most of the paths from the Lodge are bitumen, the rest are in a natural state and have a varying number of steps.

The Lodge will be open for refreshments. The garden is managed by volunteer community organisation so a $5 donation in the donation box next to the Lodge is requested.

The bus will then take you into the heart of Blackheath where you can choose from any of the venues for lunch.

**Cost: $30 for the bus**

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| **TIMETABLE**  |
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| 8:30am | In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock |
| 8:45am | Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent & Wellbank Sts, Concord |
| 4pm | Approximate time of return |

**The Riverboat Postman**

**Date: Monday, 25 November**

On this outing you’ll cruise on the Hawkesbury Mail Boat (the Riverboat Postman), enjoying the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury River as they deliver the mail and other essentials to the river-access-only settlements upriver from Brooklyn.

Departing at 10am from the Brooklyn Public Wharf, you will have morning tea on arrival, with homemade Anzac biscuits. Lunch is served around midday and consists of an Aussie ploughman’s plate with shaved ham, cheese, pickles, and other tasty bites. The boat is fully licensed, and water is available onboard.

**Cost: $30 for the bus
Riverboat Postman Cruise: $55 to be paid in advance according to your invoice.**

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| **TIMETABLE**  |
| 8am | Concord Senior Citizens Centre: Cnr Bent St and Wellbank St, Concord. |
| 8:15am | In front of Five Dock Medical Centre: Great North Road, Five Dock. |
| 8:30am | City of Canada Bay Civic Centre: 1A Marlborough St, Drummoyne. |
| 4:30pm | Approximate time of return. |

**Church Point & Palm Beach**

**Dates: Monday, 21 October & Thursday, 12 December**

Travel today to Church Point for a wonderful morning tea stop on your way towards the northern beaches area. Tour through Whale and Avalon Beaches to Palm Beach. Lunch will be at the Palm Beach RSL.

**Cost: $30 for the bus**

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