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Community Connect News

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Newsletter

Happy New Year! Wishing you all a safe and wonderful time with your families and friends over the upcoming festive season.

We had a busy year at LNSCT in 2018 with our social outings along with celebrating our 25 Year Anniversary event, a special occasion we shared with our customers & community.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a survey for your feedback on our services. There is a chance to win one of 1 of 5 Woolworths \$100 gift vouchers.

All you need to do is return your survey in the enclosed stamped self- addressed envelope by 28 February 2019 to be eligible to enter.

To book transport
call us on
9490 9500

Happy New Year 2019 from all the staff at Community Connect Transport!



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A word of welcome from our General Manager Robert Bell

Hi friends, I'm Robert Bell, the General Manager of Lower North Shore Community Transport and it is my pleasure to be able to talk to you through our quarterly newsletter. It was a delight to meet some of you at the 25 Year celebration of continuous transport services at the Norths venue on 3rd October. We were pleased to see so many of you.

It was even more exciting to hear your stories about how long you have enjoyed the service and where we travelled with you to

the local shops, your various health appointments in Crows Nest, North Sydney, Chatswood, Mosman and Lane Cove. So many outings to the Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Illawarra, Wollongong and Bowral.

We love to contribute to as many people's lives as possible and make the experience as pleasurable as possible. Some of our buses are brand new and at your service as we strive to make our service as up to date as possible for you our valued customer.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter and look forward to talking to you next time. And by the way we hope you have a splendid and Merry Christmas, New Year. We look forward to you travelling with us in 2019.

"You our customers, and our drivers together are a great partnership and we do everything behind the scenes to make your trip, your destination a reality every time"

***Best regards,
Robert Bell***



For Individual transport bookings or social trips call us on the hotline

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News from our 25 Year Anniversary event

A wonderful & special day

LNSCT would like to extend a big thank you to all our wonderful customers and associates that attended to celebrate our 25 Year Anniversary event at Norths that we were proud to host.

We were privileged to have special guests support our event and present speeches on the day. An honourable mention to the Federal Member for North Sydney Mr Trent Zimmerman, the State Member for North Shore Felicity Wilson and the Mayor Jilly Gibson of North Sydney Council along with community groups and members from 4 councils.



Left to right

Paul Ashby, President LNSCT

Mayor Jilly Gibson

Felicity Wilson, State Member for North Shore

Trent Zimmerman, Federal Member for North Sydney

Robert Bell, General Manager LNSCT

Commemorative Plaque

The LNSCT plaque is now insitu on the front of the Crows Nest Centre building after the unveiling on stage.

Driver awards – Community Services

One of the key presentations on the day was the driver awards. Each one of our long standing drivers was presented a plaque on the day. Drivers include Barry 13 years, Michelle 13 years, David 10 years, Tony 7 years, Terry 6 years, Joe 6 years, Marco 6 years and Corinne 6 years. LNSCT thank you for your years of dedication.

Photos and quotes from the 25 Year Anniversary Event



“While it was wonderful to represent Council and unveil the commemorative plaque, the most rewarding aspect of the day for me was to see the long serving drivers recognised, the volunteers applauded and service users enjoying the happy occasion and delicious lunch.”

Mayor Jilly Gibson

“Twenty five years and half a million journeys is a magnificent milestone and a credit to everyone involved. Community Connect’s value to the community in combatting social isolation and supporting independence cannot be underestimated.”

Trent Zimmerman Federal Member for North Sydney. Our first Patron of LNSCT



Left to right: Robert Bell General Manager LNSCT, Michelle, driver award LNSCT, Trent Zimmerman Federal Member for North Sydney.



Left to right: Robert Bell General Manager LNSCT, Marco, driver award LNSCT, Felicity Wilson State Member for North Shore

“It was a pleasure to see you all at the 25 Year Celebration of Lower North Shore Community Transport, the senior citizens and drivers being acknowledged and rewarded.”

Felicity Wilson State Member for North Shore.

Social outings programs

SOCIAL OUTINGS SUMMER JAN – MAR 2019



It's Summertime!

Welcome to our new social outings instalment for summertime. There are always new and exciting destinations that we include along with popular favourites.

The stunning warm weather now is the time to get out and about.

To celebrate the warmer months we have seized the opportunity to offer some new stunning locations and fantastic eateries that we know you will enjoy making the most of our wonderful Sydney weather.

Magical experiences await you at the Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens as you view and take in some of the most stunning scenery over this Heritage listed site.

At the time of booking we require details of any special meal requests or if you are bringing a walker. For the present moment these outings are for clients who are independently mobile.

Feel free to invite some of your friends, a family member or carer or neighbour with you they are more than welcome. For additional guests under 65 and not registered with MyAgedCare there will be a service charge of \$10 incurred per person per trip to come along.

To have a friend or family member register for Community Transport please contact MyAgedCare on 1800 200 422 to apply for a referral and utilise our services. Only over 65+ clients are eligible to register.

Prior to travelling for your social outing we will contact you 2-3 days to advise you of your pick up time from home. Times can vary slightly due to last minute cancellations or traffic congestion, please be ready at least 15 mins prior to your time.

Please notify our office as soon as possible if you need to cancel your booking. As we no longer host prepaid events there will be no cancellations fees if you cannot make it on the day. We look forward to welcoming you aboard and hope to see you soon for a fun and exciting day out.

BOOKING PROCESS

RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW

1. Call us on **9490 9500** to book
2. For these events payment is by cash on the day of boarding the bus. Please have correct monies as we have limited change on board.
3. We will contact you if there are any changes on the day or if the outing is cancelled due to unforeseeable circumstances.
4. Your suggestions for outings are important to us and if you have any requests we will consider those you put forward to us.





TIPS FOR THINGS TO BRING ALONG

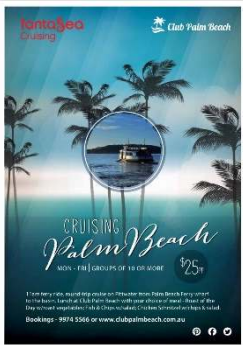




1. Sunglasses, sunscreen & hat
2. Any medications for the day
3. Comfortable clothes & shoes
4. Mobile phone
5. Water bottle to stay hydrated
6. Any other items to make your day more enjoyable.
7. Mobility Aids let us know



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Social Outings Calendar January to March 2019
Bookings close 1 week prior to the outing

Date	LGA Area Council	Venue	Event Information	Time	Cost
Thursday 17th Jan	North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Lane Cove Council Residents	Featherdale Wildlife Park Doonside then lunch at Bungarribee Buffet Blacktown RSL 	Featherdale Wildlife is home to over 1,700 Australian native animals and more than 250 different species. Here is the largest collection of kangaroos and wallabies, as well as loads of other iconic Australian animals, such as dingos, echidnas, wombats, bilbies, Tasmanian devils , reptiles and a stunning collection of birds from Australia and around the world. Lunch will be at Bungarribee all you can eat buffet.	Lunch 12.30pm Full day event	\$60 approx total for the day \$20 Transport \$21 Entry Fee \$13.90 Lunch \$3.30 Soft drink Includes transport, entry fee into park and all you can eat buffet & unlimited soft drink package. Bring your seniors card
Thursday 24th Jan	North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Lane Cove Council Residents	North Bondi RSL Club North Bondi 	Visit the iconic Bondi Beach as we head to the local North Bondi RSL Club. Bondi's best kept secret. Take in the views of the beach and coastline as we drive through. Relax and watch the world go by. Lunch will be a choice of fish & chips, beef burger with chips or chicken schnitzel.	Lunch 12.30pm Full day event	\$35.00 Inclusive \$15 Transport \$20 Set Menu Includes transport and lunch with soft drink. Pay on the day
Thursday 31st Jan	North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Lane Cove Council Residents	Drive to La Perouse then lunch at St George Sailing Club Sans Souci 	A leisurely drive to the beautiful historic area of La Perouse where Captain Arthur Phillip's First Fleet initially landed in 1788. The scenery is magic! We then head to St George Sailing Club for lunch. A highlight is the lovely location which boasts the best views of Botany Bay from the Bistro area. Prices start with roast of the day for \$8, grilled perch with chips & salad for \$9.50 or chicken schnitzel with chips & salad \$12.	Lunch 12.30pm Full day event	\$20.00 Bus only \$20 Transport \$8 Starting price for Meal Includes transport only. Lunch, dessert and tea or coffee extra Pay on the day
Thursday 7th Feb	North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Lane Cove Council Residents	Berowra Waters Fish Café Berowra Waters 	One of the best fish and chips you will ever have! Always high in demand. Enjoy a lovely lunch of lightly battered fish and chips and the local scenery of this popular spot. Included is dessert and tea or coffee. Relax while we drive to Berowra Waters admiring beautiful bush and landscape settings.	Lunch 12.15pm Full day event	\$41.00 Inclusive \$22 Transport \$19 Meal Includes transport and lunch with dessert and tea or coffee Pay on the day

<p>Thursday 14th Feb</p>	<p>North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Lane Cove Council Residents</p>	<p>Pittwater Basin cruise then head to Palm Beach RSL for lunch Palm Beach RSL</p> 	<p>A wonderful day on offer. This popular outing is back again. A scenic drive along the Northern Beaches. Today's outing will also include a 55 minute cruise of the Pittwater Basin western foreshore. Lunch Choices include;</p> <p>* Roast of the day with seasonal vegetables</p> <p>* Chicken Schnitzel with chips and salad</p> <p>* Tempura Fish with chips and salad</p>	<p>Lunch 12.30pm</p> <p>Full day event</p>	<p>\$45.00 Inclusive \$20 Transport \$25 Meal</p> <p>Includes transport, cruise and lunch. Tea, coffee and dessert extra.</p> <p>Pay on the day</p>
<p>Thursday 21st Feb</p>	<p>North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Lane Cove Council Residents</p>	<p>Swayne's Nursery & Dural Country Club for Lunch Dural</p> 	<p>Visit this flagship nursery and choose from a vast array of roses and plants whilst also pondering the gardens. We then head to the Country Club at Dural for lunch. Meals to choose from include salt & pepper calamari, rump steak, fish and chips, chicken schnitzel and more.</p>	<p>Lunch 12.15pm</p> <p>Full day event</p>	<p>\$30.00 Inclusive \$16 Transport \$14 Meal</p> <p>Includes transport and lunch. Drinks extra</p> <p>Pay & order on the day</p>
<p>Thursday 28th Feb</p>	<p>North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Lane Cove Council Residents</p>	<p>Royal Motor Yacht Club Newport</p> 	<p>Come along and have lunch at The Royal Motor Yacht Club situated in Broken Bay overlooking Sydney's magnificent Pittwater. This popular venue is a must to visit and have lunch. Choose your main from either Chicken Schnitzel, chips & salad or Beer battered fish, chips & salad. Includes dessert & tea or coffee.</p>	<p>Lunch 12.30pm</p> <p>Full day event</p>	<p>\$40.00 Inclusive \$19 Transport \$21 Meal</p> <p>Includes transport and main meal with dessert and tea or coffee</p> <p>Pay on the day</p>
<p>Thursday 7th March</p>	<p>North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Lane Cove Council Residents</p>	<p>Como Grill Como</p> 	<p>Visit the historic & charming 1870's Como Hotel and step back in time. There are several meal options to choose from on the day that include penne pasta, fish & chips, crumbed chicken, rump steak. Includes seasonal dessert.</p>	<p>Lunch 12.00pm</p> <p>Full day event</p>	<p>\$35.00 Inclusive \$19 Transport \$16 Meal</p> <p>Includes transport and lunch. Tea/Coffee Additional</p> <p>Pay on the day</p>
<p>Thursday 14th March</p>	<p>North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Lane Cove Council Residents</p>	<p>The Waterfront General Store & Cafe Church Point</p> 	<p>Today we have lunch at the amazing Waterfront Café in Church Point. We take a scenic drive along the Northern Beaches Coastline. Main meals include;</p> <p>* Grilled fish & chips with salad * Grilled chicken, chips with salad * Spaghetti bolognese</p>	<p>Lunch 12.30pm</p> <p>Full day event</p>	<p>\$45.00 Inclusive \$17 Transport \$28 Meal</p> <p>Includes transport and lunch with dessert of the day and wine, tea or coffee</p> <p>Pay on the day</p>

Thursday 21st March	North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Lane Cove Council Residents	Geranium Cottage Nursery & Café Dural 	A popular location established for over 30 years. Come and see the lovely gardens and browse through the jam shop and small art gallery. Choose your lunch on the day. Set meal selections to choose from are either Fish & Chips, Vegetarian Quiche, chicken & leak pie or cottage pie. Meals come with chips and salad.	Lunch 12.30pm	\$45.00 Inclusive \$17 Transport \$28 Meal Includes transport and lunch with dessert and tea or coffee Pay on the day
Thursday 28th March	North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Lane Cove Council Residents	Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens Mount Tomah 	Once again we have included this incredible outing due to popular demand for anyone that missed out! Visit the breathtaking & magical Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens that are located in a World Heritage area. The gardens are home to an amazing 21,000 plants and over 900 species. Lunch will be at The Potager in the botanical gardens overlooking the scenery and spectacular mountain views and backdrop. This is one trip not to be missed and a highlight of our social program. <u><i>* Please note that that the drive will take approx. 1.5 hours to arrive once we have departed</i></u>	Lunch At cost Full day event	\$35.00 Inclusive \$35 Bus Only <i>Entry into the Botanical Gardens is free</i> Lunch extra at "The Potager" Pay on the day

We welcome all our clients to our popular social outings. Please remember to advise us as soon as possible if you need to cancel so we can offer those on our waitlist an invitation.

These trips are full day outings and we have low level assistance. If you would like to bring your carer or support person with you let us know.

If you have any dietary requirements please advise our team at time of booking.

Community Transport is seeking Day Trip Assistants

Free \$50 Gift Card and lunch provided for each day outing.

If you yourself or anyone you know can spare time to help with our fun social outings we would love to hear from you.

Outings are Thursdays and a full day

There is no minimum commitment, just when you are available.

Please call the office on **9490 9500** for further information

