



**BATHURST
COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**
Freedom to Travel

Autumn Newsletter 2023

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LATEST NEWS

The first few months of 2023 have flown by and Easter is just around the corner. We are settling into our new office and garage space and are really enjoying having everything and everyone in the one place. We see our smiling volunteers more regularly which is lovely. You can all look forward to seeing some new faces over the next month or so as we welcome some new volunteers both in the office and driving.

Thank you all for your feedback over the last few weeks regarding social trips. We will put in place some changes which we hope makes the trips more enjoyable for everyone.

Its also great to see so much happening locally with exhibitions, performances and short courses. Just remember we are here to help you maintain your freedom to travel so give us a call to organise transport locally or further afield!

Kathryn Akre, CEO

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **March 25 NSW State Election**
2. **Easter : Friday 7 April - Monday 10 April**
3. **Anzac Day: Tuesday 25 April**
4. **Mother's Day: Sunday 14 May**



With so many things happening in Bathurst currently you may be looking at how you can attend different events. Remember we are here not just for medical appointments or shopping. We are happy to transport you to the movies, pre-polling, the Archie 100 Exhibition, BMEC or just to meet up with your friends socially during the week. Make sure you give us a call on 6331 3322 to see how we can help you!



Special Event - Bathurst Tours

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 March - Hartley Valley Garden Festival.

Bathurst Tours is running a shuttle bus from Bathurst to 4 open gardens in Hartley Valley. Goryu Japanese Gardens, Hartvale Garden, Highfields Garden and Harp of Erin. The cost is \$65 per person

See our website bathursttours.com.au for full details and to book your seats or contact us on 1300 728 321

SOCIAL OUTINGS

You've spoken, we've listened!

We have had some wonderful suggestions for social trips for 2023 which we have lined up for you over the next few months. We have also received feedback regarding the time taken to collect everyone at the start of the trips and are trialling a central pick up point for our social outings for the next few months. If you do not drive locally or cannot get to the departure point please let us know at time of booking and we will organise for you to get there in the morning and back in the afternoon at an additional cost.

Many of the venues that you have requested require payment in advance to confirm our booking. These trips are **identified by a ticket icon**. In cases where a meal is included we will request your dietary requirements at time of booking.

Unfortunately we have had numerous cancellations the day prior to or on the morning of scheduled trips. This often means others have missed out on a trip. At short notice it is often not possible to refill the seat. **We will now be taking full payment for each trip at time of booking**. If you cancel a ticketed trip after payment has been received you will be refunded only if we can refill your seat. For non-ticketed trips a \$10 cancellation fee per trip will be levied if we cannot refill your seat.

It is important to note the mobility requirements for each trip and choose trips which suit your mobility. Your safety and comfort is our priority.

Important Information

Bookings are essential.

Prices listed are for those subsidised through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) or Community Transport Program (CTP)

Calendar Key

Walking Alerts



You may need to walk more than 100m



You may need to navigate stairs.



Not advisable for frames or wheelie walkers

Uneven Ground: This includes unfinished driveways, gravel pathways or grass. Unsuitable for those with wheelie walkers or walking frames



Wheelchair accessible



Lunch at own expense

***Please choose outings that suit your mobility.**

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Ticketed Event: Payment must be made at time of booking as ticketed events require deposits and full payment to suppliers in advance.

No refunds will be available unless your booked space can be filled from someone from the waitlist.

Bookings are contingent on Government and venue Covid-19 guidelines. The onus is, and always will be, on the client to supply any certification requested by a venue.

Changes to outings may be made in order to comply with Government directives. Where an outing has been altered by such Government directives, clients will be entitled to a full refund on cancellation. Refunds for ticketed events, are contingent on the refund policy of the venue.



SOCIAL OUTINGS

Highfields Garden

Visit the stunning Highfield Garden in the Hartley Valley. Wander this beautiful garden and enjoy a light lunch at the pavillion.

Departing Bathurst at **10:00am** and departing Highfields Garden at **2:00pm**

Book & Pay by Wednesday March 8 or March 15

Tuesday March 14 & 21



**Pick Up from McDonald's
Durham St, Rear Carpark
\$53.50 all inclusive.**

Additional \$5per glass of wine with lunch

Shopping Trip - Penrith

Travel over the Blue Mountains to Penrith for a shopping day. Discover a multitude of lunch options all in one place.

Departing Bathurst at **8:00am** and Departing Penrith at **2:30pm**

WAIT LIST

Thursday March 23



**Pick Up from McDonald's
Durham St, Rear Carpark
\$20pp transport only**

Nepean Belle

Relax and unwind on the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler as you meander through the spectacular Nepean Gorge. Enjoy a Delicious and Hearty Lunch onboard.

Departing Bathurst at **9:00am** and departing Penrith at **3:00pm**

Book & Pay by Friday March 10

Wednesday April 19



**Pick Up from McDonald's
Durham St, Rear Carpark
\$83pp all inclusive.**

Shopping Trip - Lithgow

Travel to Lithgow to visit Target and other stores. Option to be dropped at Lithgow Workies for lunch at the Bistro or on Main St for one of the many cafes.

Departing Bathurst at **9:30am** and departing Lithgow at **2:30pm**

Friday April 21



**Pick Up from McDonald's
Durham St, Rear Carpark
\$10pp transport only**

Manildra

Step back in time & roll the 'orange coated chocolate balls' down the aisle!! Visit the delightful Amusu Theatre in Manildra and the Amusu Movie Poster museum. Enjoy a light lunch before travelling back to Bathurst. Departing Bathurst at **9:00am**, departing Manildra at **2:00pm**

Book & Pay by Friday April 14

Tuesday May 9, 23



**Pick Up from McDonald's
Durham St, Rear Carpark \$35
all inclusive**

Shopping Trip - Orange

A day out in Orange for shopping, and lunch. We will drop off and pick up from a central point in Orange for your convenience
Departing Bathurst at **9:30am** and departing Orange at **2:30pm**

Friday May 26



**Pick Up from McDonald's
Durham St, Rear Carpark
\$10pp transport only**

Mystery Morning Tea

Come along for morning tea at a mystery location. Enjoy a tea or coffee with fellow BCTG clients. Morning tea at your own expense

Every Friday morning first pick ups at 8:30am

**Pick Up from your home
\$10pp**



Computer Coffee Club

Meets Monthly at Bathurst Library 2pm to 4pm.

Get Tech Tips: Gain new skills and confidence with easy hands on activities

Friendly Fun: Meet new people and learn in a fun environment

Free Afternoon Tea: afterwards relax and enjoy a cuppa and a chat

BOOK YOUR SPOT DIRECTLY WITH BATHURST LIBRARY ON 6333 6281

Mar 8, Apr 5, May 3, May 31, Jun 28

Call BCTG on 6331 3322 to discuss transport options





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If you have eight or more friends, you can have your own bus for socials! Have a destination in mind? Call our office and we can work with you or your lifestyle village to accommodate your social outing ideas

Christmas Luncheon 2022



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