Bathurst Community Transport Newsletter



November 2018 - January 2019

XMAS LUNCHEON and OUR 40TH BIRTHDAY EVENT

We are now at that busy socialising time of the year and have several different outings planned (see overleaf for details). Our Xmas luncheon and 40th year celebration is being held on 11th December at the RSL Club, and limited vacancies in our vehicles are now available. All are welcome to attend, so please RSVP to the office no later than Tuesday, 4th December on 6331 3322. The luncheon is free, and a lot of fun, and there is no charge for the lunch or transport to take you to and from the Club.

PAYING FOR YOUR TRIP

Unfortunately, none of our drivers carry change with them when taking you to and from your appointments, so please try to have the correct cash for your trip. When you make your booking for a trip, Kim will advise you of the cost.

TRY US FIRST

If you have a trip into or around town coming up, please check with us first before ordering a taxi. We have a regular car service which can often have time to pick you up and take you either to or from an appointment. At present, we have vacant times on most days, especially in the afternoons.

MONTHLY SHOPPING TRIPS

We have been receiving requests from our many clients to provide shopping trips to 'out-of-town' shopping outlets, so we are pleased to announce that we going to provide this service on a once-a-month basis. Our plans are to provide round trips, at a cost of \$5 per head, to the following shops:

SpotLight, Harvey Norman and other shops in this area; and

Bunnings, Good Guys, Office Works and other shops in this area.

We haven't finalised what day of the month either of these two shopping trips will take place, but please phone through your interest and we will let you know as soon as a date for either trip has been set.

LOOK FOR OUR VEHICLE IN HOWICK ST

Our local 'in-town' car (usually driven by Melinda), when vacant will be parked at the Community Transport Bus Stop in Howick Street (just below the Big W carpark entrance). If you see our car parked at our Bus Stop and would like a lift home, just ask the driver if they have time, and if they do they will take you home or to where you need to go.

Our in-town transport within Bathurst and Kelso costs \$5 per trip, and to Eglinton and Raglan is \$5.50, so you can save money using us.

OUR NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Leonie Schumacher has been with BCT for the past 18 years and is now leaving us for semi-retirement, finishing up with BCT on Friday, 14th December. Through her tireless work ethic and passion for people, Leonie is leaving the organisation in far better condition that when she started. Leonie has spent endless hours keeping up to date with the new government laws and provisions surrounding an organisation like BCT, and whilst we will miss her very, very much, we all wish her the very best in her future endeavours after she takes a long, and well-earned, holiday.

We are pleased however to announce the new CEO is Kathryn Parnell, who is very excited to step into those hard-working shoes. Kathryn was the Customer Services Manager at our neighbour, and business partners, Accessible Living Options and brings a great deal of experience to the position. Kathryn will start with us on Monday, 5th November.



Q: What did the grape do when he got stepped on?

A: He let out a little wine!



SOCIAL EVENTS — BOOKINGS

If you would like to take part in the social outings, please phone



<u>after 9am on Thursday, 2nd November</u>

We delay taking bookings due to varied mail delivery times.

PHONE 6331 3322

If the line is busy, please keep trying as seats are limited.

If you have special dietary needs, please be sure to let us know.

See front page for news and important information!

Tuesday, 20th November 2018

IANDRA CASTLE, Grenfell

Entry to castle - \$15 per person

Then on to the Koorawatha Hotel for a

Please note this will be a long day and may not be suitable for those with walkers.

Bistro (off the menu) lunch.





Thursday, 20th December 2018

Join in with others and enjoy the

BATHURST CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cost \$5 each

Pick-up times will start at around 7pm and the evening will finish late

Tuesday, 22nd January 2019

Visit the BYGONE BEAUTY'S TREASURED TEAPOT MUSEUM, Leura

(\$5.50 - refundable if you make a purchase)

Ivanhoe Hotel — Blackhealth

Baked dinner Beef or Pork and Cheesecake \$18





MEN'S MONTHLY SOCIAL OUTINGS

Cost — \$20.00 (includes transport)

Venues will be advised closer to the departure dates