



MESSAGE from the CEO

BCCT has another exciting calendar of social events in store for our customers. As the weather warms up, you can enjoy fun social trips to an array of destinations from Brighton-Le-Sands Beach to Featherdale Wildlife Park. We even have planned an overnight trip to the Hunter Valley for a Christmas Lights spectacular at Hunter Valley Gardens.

This newsletter shows how community transport makes it easy to dine at our many local clubs and enjoy other great eating opportunities, such as Brookfields House High Tea at Camden, Jenny's Asian Kitchen at Chester Hill and River High Restaurant at Beauty Point.

Our outings program also looks after your practical needs, with transport to Bunnings stores, Upright Fitness Class, Ikea Rhodes, Parklea Markets and some local op shops.

In this month's newsletter we also feature new Client Services Team Member Julie, and remind customers of our assisted shopping service and how it works.

Before we wind down 2025 the team will help you celebrate the festive season with special trips scheduled over November and December including viewing Sydney's Christmas lights, a Christmas Cruise and a Christmas Picnic at Parramatta Park.

Gary Williams

Social Outings

What an exciting few months we've had!

We were spoiled for choice with visits to the Australian Motorlife Museum, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Christmas in July, The Sydney Mint, Science Space and Kurrajong Radio Museum.

There really was something for everyone!



Your suggestions are always welcome and help us put together a calendar of events for everyone to enjoy.



Did you know?



If you know something about our local area that you would like to share in our newsletter let us know at info@bcct.org.au

When sugar powered our suburbs

The Canterbury Sugarworks was once a hub of early industry on the Cooks River.

Built in 1840–1842, the Canterbury Sugarworks was one of Australia's first large-scale industrial sites. Operated by the Australasian Sugar Company, raw sugar imported from Manila was refined into loaf sugar and molasses at the Canterbury Sugarworks. The river was dammed to power the refinery's machines. Workers lived nearby in slab huts, and many labourers had wages paid in land allotments in the new village of Canterbury.

Although it was closed by the 1850s due to the gold rush draining its labour force, the building had a second life. For more than a century it was used



From the collections of the State Library of New South Wales
for bacon curing, butter making, and smallgoods production. It still stands today, converted into apartments, with its original stonework and 'ASC 1841' carving preserved.

The former sugarworks is now one of the oldest surviving industrial buildings in NSW, and it is right here in Canterbury!

Hunter Valley OVERNIGHT TRIP



**Cost: Single Room \$360,
Twin Shared Room \$270 per person**

After such a successful trip last year and many requests to return... We're off again!

November 20th sees us head off to the Hunter Valley, stopping for morning tea and lunch on the way before arriving at the Mercure Hotel.

Following a delicious Christmas dinner at the hotel, we'll then visit Hunter Valley Gardens for the Christmas Lights Spectacular – a real highlight of the season.

After breakfast the next day, we'll go to a couple of local attractions, before lunch and then head home in time for dinner!

Places are limited for this outing, and you don't need to wait until November bookings open to grab a spot.

As soon as you get your newsletter, call our friendly bookings team and reserve your place!

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Connect FM 100.9 is your local community radio station, operating 24/7 by unpaid volunteers from their state-of-the-art Padstow studios.

2023 was an exciting year for the station, celebrating 40 years of community radio in Bankstown area.

The station is non-for-profit and promotes harmony, diversity, and contributes to an inclusive, cohesive and culturally diverse Australian community.

Connect FM 100.9 is the voice of OUR local community, with programs produced by locals for our locals. To view their latest program guide visit www.connectfm.au



**It's cold & flu season!
Please be sure to wear a face mask if you're coughing or sneezing on our vehicles.**


Thank you for your cooperation!

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT
BANKSTOWN CANTERBURY




REMINDER

Please remember that on our Assisted Shopping Service you may bring 4 bags, but you must be able to carry 2 of them & share the load!



We couldn't do what we do without the help from a number of sources and donations are always very much appreciated!

If you're in a position to donate and help us build on the services we provide, you can now do so via our unique QR Code below.



Your generous donations and bequests are crucial. They enable us to continue and expand our services and we appreciate every contribution, as it directly enhances the quality of life for our clients.

All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible
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Australian Christmas

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October 2025 | EVENTS & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



Bowral Tulip Festival

Friday 3 October

It's hard to resist the allure of tulips in Spring. With their vibrant colours and elegant shapes, they are a beloved choice for cool-climate gardens. This September, experience 80,000 tulips in bloom at the Tulip Time Festival in Bowral, Southern Highlands. Corbett Gardens, the festival's main venue, features these stunning flowers alongside entertainment and boutique market stalls.

This outing will feature some walking.

Outing cost is \$52, including entry.



Granny Smith Festival

Saturday 18th October

Celebrating its 40th anniversary, the festival will showcase both classic favourites and exciting new activities, including amusement rides, market stalls, food trucks, and live performances. Learn about "Granny Smith" and how she accidentally grew the first Granny Smith Apples!

Outing cost is \$27



Elizabeth Farm Museum

Friday 24th October

Australia's oldest surviving homestead. A restful homestead with a restless history. Dharug dispossession. Convict rebellion. The toppling of governors. Family turmoil. Built in 1793 for the young military couple John and Elizabeth Macarthur and their growing family, Elizabeth Farm today is an 'access all areas' museum. There are no barriers, locked doors or delicate furnishings. Set within a re-created 1830s garden, Australia's oldest homestead is an immersive house museum.

This outing will involve some walking.

Outing cost is \$27



Sculpture By The Sea @ Bondi Beach

Monday 27th October

Staged on the spectacular Bondi to Tamarama coastal walk, *Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi* is one of Sydney's most popular events, with 500,000 visitors viewing over 100 sculptures by artists from around the world. Held since 1997, this free to the public exhibition captures the imagination of Sydney and its visitors for three weeks each spring and is the largest annual sculpture exhibition in the world. The exhibition generates an almost unprecedented level of goodwill among the public as they enjoy one of the most unique events in the world.

An accessible route will be taken, but walking is an essential part of this outing.

Outing cost is \$27



Brookfield House High Tea

Friday 31st October

Brookfield House is a historical landmark in the heart of Camden which is being lovingly restored to its former glory as an authentic English Style Tea House, one of the many lives this grand house has lived since it was constructed for the mounted infantry in 1896. Brookfield House brings back old-world charm with a modern flavour.

Outing cost is \$97, prepaid

October 2025

FOR BOOKINGS
CALL (02) 9772 4928, PRESS 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: Bookings for November open Tuesday 14th October.			1 <p>Duelling Pianos @ Beauty Point Cost: \$23 Buy own lunch</p>	2 <p>Bunnings DIY Club Cost: \$13 Buy own lunch</p>	3 <p>Bowral Tulip Festival Cost: \$52 Buy own lunch</p>	4 <p>Cobbitty Village Market Cost: \$39 Buy own lunch</p>
5	6 <p>CLOSED LABOUR DAY</p>	7 <p>Ikea Rhodes Cost: \$13 Buy own lunch</p>	8 <p>Morning Melodies; Patsy Cline @ Penrith Panthers Cost: \$64 Lunch included</p> <p>Olds Park Sports Club Dinner; Beverly Hills Cost: \$15 Buy own dinner</p>	9 <p>Shopping at Lidcombe Cost: \$13 Buy own lunch</p> <p>Daytime Variety Show; Chester Hill Cost: \$13 Buy own lunch</p>	10 <p>Sunrise Nursery; Helensburgh Cost: \$39 Buy own lunch</p>	11 <p>Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Camden Cost: \$39 Buy own lunch</p>
12	13 <p>BBQ, East Hills Park Cost: FREE BBQ Lunch</p>	14 <p>Secret Men's Business Cost: \$15 Light snacks included</p> <p>Fire Safety Community Restaurant; Greenacre Cost: \$27 Lunch included</p>	15 <p>Moorebank Sports Club Dinner Cost: \$15 Buy own dinner</p>	16 <p>Jenny's Asian Kitchen; Chester Hill Cost: \$13 Buy own lunch</p> <p>Upright Fitness Cost: \$15 Light snacks included</p>	17 <p>Lollies & Stuff, Windsor Cost: \$39 Buy own lunch</p>	18 <p>Granny Smith Festival; Eastwood Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch</p>
19	20 <p>Club Menangle Trackside Over 55's Lunch Cost: \$69 Lunch included</p>	21 <p>Social Club & Knitting Nannas; Padstow Cost: \$15 Light Lunch included</p>	22 <p>Club Condell Park Dinner Cost: \$15 Buy own dinner</p>	23 <p>Silly Solly's Discount Store; Campbelltown Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch</p>	24 <p>Elizabeth Farm Museum; Rosehill Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch</p>	25 <p>Mortdale RSL Lunch Cost: \$13 Buy own lunch</p>
26	27 <p>Sculpture By The Sea; Bondi Beach Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch</p>	28 <p>Halloween Community Restaurant; Greenacre Cost: \$27 Lunch included</p>	29 <p>The Mill Hotel Dinner; Milperra Cost: \$15 Buy own dinner</p>	30 <p>Bunnings Gardening Club Cost: \$13 Buy own lunch</p>	31 <p>Brookfield House High Tea; Camden Cost: \$97 High Tea included</p>	Notes:

Indicates outings requiring pre-payment.

Please Note: Full Cost of outing MAY include bus fare, lunch and entry fee, unless otherwise specified.

Indicates outings involving walking.

RED WEEK SHOPPING

Tuesday: Bass Hill
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Thursday: Chullora

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November 2025 | EVENTS & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



Melbourne Cup Lunch

Tuesday 4th November

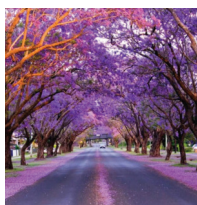
Yes, the race that stops a nation! Come along and have a delicious hot & cold seafood buffet lunch, with a glass of bubbles on arrival. There's also TAB facilities, live coverage of the race, amazing raffle & lucky door prizes, sweeps and prizes for best dressed. Places are limited, so don't miss out! Outing is prepaid & cost is \$100, including buffet lunch.



Animal Welfare League

Friday 7th November

A dedicated shelter in Western Sydney, New South Wales with a team of highly trained professionals providing care to animals, including rehabilitating animals who have not had the best start to life ensuring they are ready for their chance at a better life. Adopting animals out to their forever homes and accepting surrenders into care. Outing cost is \$54



Jacaranda Season

Saturday 8th November

Every October and November, pockets of Sydney bloom in a sea of purple as the famous jacaranda trees come into flower. Get your cameras ready to snap some of the best views of this yearly start to the warmer months! Outing cost is \$27



Secret Men's Business Overnight Trip

Tuesday 11th November

After last year's successful trip to Bowral, the Secret Men's Business (SMB) group are hitting the road to Katoomba. We head west to our hotel at Echo Point Discovery Motel, close to the famous Three Sisters, for our overnight stay. The trip includes a visit to Scenic World in the Jamison Valley to enjoy the fabulous views, rainforest and more. Contact the SMB group for further details. Overnight trip cost will be approximately \$320 per person, covering accommodation, transport and Scenic World visit.



Gosford Chocolate Factory

Thursday 13th November

Make your way through the big wooden doors where you will be greeted with hundreds of amazing, locally made, exclusive products for all tastes and ages. Explore an immersive world of chocolate, nougat and much, much more. Have a sneak peek of your beloved treats coming to life through the porthole windows & take part in a guided tour of the factory floor and learn how the products are made. *Some walking is necessary as part of this outing.* Outing cost is \$59, including lunch & guided tour.



Bee & Honey Experience

Monday 24th November

Wearing a veil alongside the hives, you'll see the bees coming and going and learn about their fascinating lives. We finish off with a guided honey tasting and morning tea, followed by lunch. Outing cost is \$97, including morning tea and lunch.



















Featherdale Wildlife Park

Friday 28th November

Originally a poultry farm, it transformed into a wildlife park over the years, showcasing the diverse flora and fauna of Australia. Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park has continuously expanded its exhibits to include a wide range of iconic Australian species, from kangaroos and koalas to crocodiles and wombats. The park has played a vital role in promoting awareness about Australia's unique biodiversity and the importance of wildlife conservation. *Walking is a necessary part of this outing.* Outing cost is \$110, including entry and a BBQ lunch!


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30	31	Notes: Bookings for December open Tuesday 11th November.				1 Artisans in the Royal Botanic Gardens Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch 
2	3 Savers Op Shop; Auburn Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch	4  Melbourne Cup Lunch Cost: \$100 Buffet lunch included 	5  Morning Melodies at Penrith Panthers - Buddy Holly Cost: \$64 Lunch included Panania Hotel Dinner Cost: \$15 Buy own dinner	6  Bunnings DIY Club Cost: \$13 Buy own lunch	7 Animal Welfare League; Kemps Creek Cost: \$54 Buy own lunch	8 Jacaranda Tour; Kirribilli & Lunch at Norths; Cammeray Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch
9	10 The Oven Lunch, Parramatta Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch	11   Secret Men's Business Overnight Trip Cost: \$320 Remembrance Day Community Restaurant Cost: \$27 Lunch included	12  High Flyer Hotel Dinner; Condell Park Cost: \$15 Buy own dinner	13  Gosford Chocolate Factory Cost: \$59 Lunch included	14 Spring Picnic Cost: FREE Picnic Lunch included	15 Lifeline Op Shop; Camden-Lunch at Plough & Harrow Cost: \$39 Buy own lunch
16	17 Club Menangle Trackside Over 55's Lunch Cost: \$69 Lunch included	18  Social Club & Knitting Nannas Cost: \$15 Light lunch included Podiatry Clinic Cost: \$27 Light Snack included	19  Kingsgrove RSL Dinner Cost: \$15 Buy own dinner	20  Upright Fitness Class Cost: \$15 Light snack included Hunter Valley Overnight Trip  Cost: See pg 3 for details Breakfast & Dinner included	21 NO OUTINGS	22 Fairfield Markets Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch
23	24 Bee & Honey Experience; Bowral Cost: \$97 Buy own lunch	25  Lidcombe Shopping Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch	26  Club Rivers Dinner; Riverwood Cost: \$15 Buy own dinner	27  Bunnings Gardening Club Cost: \$13 Buy own lunch	28 Featherdale Wildlife Park Cost: \$110 BBQ Lunch included	29 Cronulla Christmas Markets Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch

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Leura Teapot Museum

Monday 1st December

Bygone Beauty's Treasured Teapot Museum & Tearooms is nestled in the village of Leura within the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. The tearooms and showrooms offer visitors a truly memorable experience, so don't forget your camera! Home of the world's largest private collection of tea wares, including more than 11,000 teapots from all over the world and spanning five centuries, most items are on display in the Treasured Teapot Museum.

Outing cost is \$105, including High Tea.



Thirroul Beach Pavilion

Monday 8th December

Dine beachside at the Thirroul Beach Pavilion. With panoramic beach views, this is the perfect spot to catch up with friends.

Outing cost is \$39



Christmas Cruise on Sydney Harbour

Tuesday 9th December

A fantastic opportunity to celebrate the festive season on glittering Sydney Harbour!

A buffet-style lunch will be served, with entertainment, sing-a-longs and prizes.

Outing cost is \$97



Client Christmas Party!

Monday 15th December

As the year draws to a close, let's celebrate all the good times we've had, new adventures and friendships with a Christmas party!

There'll be lucky door prizes, a delicious Christmas lunch, and a festive atmosphere for everyone to enjoy!

Outing cost is \$75.



December 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: Bookings for January open Tuesday 9th December.	1 Leura Teapot Museum Cost: \$105 High Tea included	2  Christmas Community Restaurant Cost: \$29 Lunch included	3  Narwee Hotel Dinner Cost: \$15 Buy own dinner	4  Bunnings DIY Club Cost: \$13 Buy own lunch	5 Riverhigh Restaurant; Beauty Point Cost: \$13 Buy own lunch	6 Brighton-Le-Sands Beach Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch
7	8 Thirroul Beach Pavillion Cost: \$39 Buy own lunch	9  Christmas Cruise, Sydney Harbour Cost: \$97 Lunch included Secret Men's Business Cost: \$15 Light lunch included	10  Christmas Lights Cost: \$15	11 TEAM TRAINING	12 Parrmatta Park Christmas Picnic Cost: \$52 Picnic Lunch included	13 Ambarvale Hotel Lunch Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch
14	15 Client Christmas Party at Padstow RSL Cost: \$75 Lunch included	16  Social Club & Knitting Nannas Cost: \$15 Light morning tea included	17  Christmas Lights Cost: \$15	18  Upright Fitness Class Cost: \$15	19 Parklea Markets Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch	20 House 2 Home Shopping Cost: \$27 Buy own lunch
21 NO OUTINGS	22 NO OUTINGS	23 NO OUTINGS	24 NO OUTINGS	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED
28 NO OUTINGS	29 NO OUTINGS	30 NO OUTINGS	31 NO OUTINGS			



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Get to know Julie

Name: Julie

Position: Client Services Team Member

Time at BCCT: 5 months

Q: What was your childhood nickname?

A: My childhood nickname while growing up was Noddy after the cartoon character. I'm not sure what the resemblance was, but they said I reminded them of him.

Q: What is the first thing you do when you get home?

A: The first thing I do when I get home, depending on the time, is one of two things: I either harass my beautiful cat Miles or blabber Mum and Dad's ears off.

Q: Do you collect anything?

A: I wouldn't say I collect anything in particular, but one thing I do seem to love collecting is hobbies, of which I lose all interest in after only 5 minutes.

Q: Favourite movie or TV show as a kid?

A: My favourite movie/s growing up was the Mighty Ducks movies. I was always a huge fan of them, and whenever I wanted a comfort movie, they were my go-to.

Q: A pet's name?

A: I have a cat named Miles who's a short-haired tabby, and when we say he goes about a thousand miles... per minute, we aren't joking, it's never a dull moment when he's around.

Q: What did you want to be when you grew up?

A: Someone who could make a decision on what they wanted to do in life! I would change my mind on what I wanted to do at least every 3 months, from contortionist to paramedic, hockey player, teacher, operator... the list goes on...