



A MESSAGE from the BCCT Team

What a fantastic few months it's been! From strawberry picking in Thirlmere to exploring the Mushroom Tunnel at Mittagong, our Social Outings Program has been buzzing with adventure and great company, and we have so much more in store for you.

July through September is shaping up to be our most exciting calendar yet. We're heading to the Hunter Valley for our very first overnight trip, celebrating Christmas in July across three fantastic venues, visiting the Sydney Fish Markets, and exploring everything from heritage homesteads to working museums. There truly is something for everyone.

We've also been busy building new community connections, including a lovely new partnership with the

RSPCA NSW Sydney Community Volunteer Group, whose wonderful work keeping pets happy and healthy aligns beautifully with our own community values.

To keep our programs running well into the future, we are making some adjustments to how we operate. Our Social Club will be moving to a quarterly schedule, and we'll be introducing a modest contribution toward costs. Wednesday night dinner transport will also be moving from \$15 to \$20 to better reflect the real cost of getting you there and back safely. We've thought carefully about how to balance affordability with sustainability, and we believe these changes mean we can keep doing what we love, getting out and about together, for years to come. The full details are inside, and as always, we welcome your questions. We're so grateful for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. You are what makes BCCT special.

Social Outings

The last few months have been jam packed with all sorts of activities and outings that we've had a lot of fun running.

From visits to the Maritime Museum, Mittagong's Mushroom Tunnel, Pine Ridge Donkey Farm and Strawberry picking in Thirlmere – we really have made the most of what's out there!



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



Treat Yourself!

Amanda's Apple Slice



This was such a hit at our Social Club, we begged for the recipe!
Apart from being delicious, it only has FOUR ingredients!

INGREDIENTS

BASE

- 3/4 cup {around 185g} butter, melted
- 1 packet butter cake mix {around 340g}

TOPPING

- 1 x 400g can pie apples
- 200ml sour cream
- OPTIONAL: Cinnamon to sprinkle on top

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C and line a slice tin with baking paper.
2. In a bowl, mix the cake mix and butter and stir to combine. Place into the prepared tin and smooth out. Place in the oven for 15 minutes.
3. In a bowl, combine the apples and sour cream, and then place onto the warm base and put back into the oven. Cook for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with a little cinnamon. Cool slightly before cutting.



REMINDER

Please remember that during pick-ups, you may receive a call from your driver that will show up as "Private Number" to let you know if there are any delays or if they're going to be early!



Changes to Social Club

Beginning this quarter, Social Club & Knitting Nannas will move from a monthly schedule to once every quarter. This shift allows us extra time to plan more interesting gatherings that truly foster connection and community.

Additionally, to keep up with rising costs and maintain the standard of our activities, the attendance fee will increase from \$2 to \$5. This small change ensures we can continue to provide a worthwhile experience and “value for money” at every event.

We appreciate your understanding and ongoing support. We look forward to seeing you at our next quarterly gathering in September!



BCCT likes to support other community-based organisations and we have recently established a relationship with a local RSPCA shelter.

Similar to us, they also rely heavily on the generous help from volunteers.

The RSPCA NSW Sydney Community Volunteer Group is focused on keeping pets in the community happy and healthy, and at home with their families. They help support families to desex their pets and access affordable vet care.

If you would like to join the group, please contact them at Sydneyregioncvg@rspcansw.org.au



There're no rosters or ongoing commitments; they'll reach out and ask you to help where you can, with plenty of notice. We know they would love to hear from you!

An Update to Our Outings Program

Many of you have enjoyed our monthly complimentary social outings, and we've loved offering them. We know these outings are something many people look forward to.

Like many organisations, we are experiencing rising costs, particularly for fuel and operating our vehicles. This means we can no longer continue the program as it stands.

From July, there will be a change to the program:

- Trips will move to **one per quarter**, and
- A **\$5 contribution per trip** will be requested to help cover costs.

This approach will help ensure we can continue offering these outings in a way that is sustainable for the future.

We appreciate your understanding and thank you for your continued support. We look forward to many more enjoyable trips together.



Father's Day

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Escorted Tour of Camden & Lunch at Camden Valley Inn

Friday 3rd July

On this escorted driving tour, you will hear about the industrious Macarthur family and the legacies they left to the nation as well as seeing some of the region's early colonial buildings. Following the tour, lunch is at the Camden Valley Inn.

Outing cost is \$100 including transport, tour and lunch. **PREPAID**



Marsden Brewhouse

Friday 10th July

The Marsden Brewery is building on years of publican know-how to create a modern destination – serving freshly brewed beer, among others – with plenty of passion and personality. With a wide range of pub classics, modern favourites, and unique creations on offer, our first visit here might not be the last!

Outing cost is \$40.



Christmas in July at Carnarvon Golf Club

Saturday 18th July

The first of our Christmas in July lunch outings, featuring live entertainment and a 2-course traditional lunch & dessert.

Outing cost is \$90 including transport and lunch **PREPAID**



Christmas in July at Camden Valley Inn

Monday 20th July

Christmas in July lunch featuring a welcome drink, traditional 2-course lunch and entertainment.

Outing cost is \$105, including transport and lunch **PREPAID**



Christmas in July Hunter Valley Getaway – 2 nights

Wednesday 22nd July

A first for us – a 2 night overnight trip!

The best way to celebrate Christmas in July with a trip to the stunning Hunter Valley, staying at the Mercure Hotel for 2 nights. A delicious 2 course Christmas dinner and a visit to Tulloch Wines for a private tasting are just some of the treats!

Places are limited, so don't miss out!

Pricing details are in the newsletter.



Eastern Creek Quarter

Tuesday 21st July

You'll find a curated mix of leading international and Australian brands, spanning fashion, footwear, adventure wear, and lifestyle outlets. Retailers will offer a minimum of 70% of their stock at discounted prices, compared to original or recommended retail.

The newly opened ECQ Outlet brings value-driven shopping from top brands, complemented by new cafés and casual dining.

Outing cost is \$40

July 2026

FOR BOOKINGS
CALL (02) 9772 4928, PRESS 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: Bookings For August Open Tuesday 14th July.			1 🛒 THE ACRES CLUB DINNER Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner	2 🛒 Rookwood cemetery	3 CAMDEN TOUR & LUNCH AT CAMDEN VALLEY INN Cost: \$100 Lunch Included 💰 🕒	4 NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY Cost: \$15 Buy Lunch
5	6 BERRIMA COURTHOUSE Cost: \$49 Buy Lunch 🕒	7 🛒	8 🛒 CLUB CONDELL PARK DINNER Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner	9	10 THE MARSDEN BREWHOUSE Cost: \$40 Buy Lunch	11
12	13 BRIGHTON LAKES GOLF CLUB LUNCH Cost: \$15 Buy Lunch	14 🛒 IT'S SHOWTIME! STREISAND & HUMPERDINK Cost: \$35 Morning Tea included SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS OVERNIGHT TRIP KIAMA Cost: \$250	15 🛒 EARLWOOD HOTEL Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner	16 🛒 CRAFT & QUILT FAIR, ICC Darling Harbour Cost: \$75 Buy Lunch 💰 🕒	17 BURNSIDE MUSEUM Cost: \$40 Buy Lunch 🕒	18 CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH Carnarvon Golf Club Cost: \$90 Lunch Included 💰 🕒
19	20 CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH Camden Valley Inn Cost: \$105 Lunch Included 💰 🕒	21 🛒 ECQ OUTLET SHOPPING Eastern Creek Quarter Outlet Shopping Cost: \$40 Buy Lunch	22 🛒 CHRISTMAS IN JULY OVERNIGHT TRIP Cost: \$870 - Single, \$715 - Twin Share 💰	23 NO OUTINGS	24 NO OUTINGS	25
26	27 HAWKESBURY HERITAGE MUSEUM Cost: \$50 Buy Lunch	28 🛒	29 🛒 BANKSTOWN SPORTS BOWLS DINNER Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner	30 🛒 FREE MOVIE AT LAKEMBA LIBRARY Cost: \$15 BUNNINGS GARDENING CLUB Cost: \$15 Buy lunch	31 WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT Cost: \$40 Buy Lunch	

💰 Outing requires pre-payment. **Please Note:** Full Cost of outing MAY include bus fare, lunch and entry fee, unless otherwise specified.

🕒 Longer than usual outing.

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August 2026 | EVENTS & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre

Monday 10th August

The Discovery Centre at Quakers Hill near Blacktown gives you the opportunity to see how purified recycled water treatment technology works.

Water from the Discovery Centre does not contribute to Greater Sydney's drinking water supply.

The Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre is the first of its kind in NSW. It highlights the safety, processes and the range of environmental and cost benefits of using PRW to supplement our drinking water supply.

Safety glasses will be provided for a section of the tour. If you have your own, you're welcome to bring them.

Outing cost is \$40 for transport only



Vanilla Cream Cafe High Tea

Friday 14th August

Your High Tea includes a 3 tier stand, filled with tasty sandwiches and savoury items, scone with jam and cream, and delicious, sweet treats on top, as well as either a pot of tea or a cup of coffee.

Outing cost is \$80 including transport & High Tea



Riverhigh Restaurant

Friday 21st August

Your premier dining destination perched atop the ancient cliffs of the Georges River at Beauty Point Retirement Resort in Padstow Heights. Enjoy breathtaking views paired with exceptional food and warm hospitality. The diverse menu caters to all tastes, featuring comforting home-style meals, indulgent signature dishes, daily specials, and seasonal updates.

Outing cost is a \$5 donation.



Sydney Mint & Hyde Park Barracks

Monday 24th August

Formerly the 'Rum Hospital' – the oldest surviving public building in Sydney's CBD.

Built for a cost of 45,000 gallons of rum, The Mint is rich in history. It was originally part of Governor Macquarie's 'Rum' hospital for convicts and later became the first branch of the Royal Mint outside London. Today The Mint is home to Museums of History NSW's head office. This visit is combined with a tour of Hyde Park Barracks close by.

Outing cost is \$30 for transport only. Entry to the museums is free.

















Picton High Tea


Monday 31st August


Enjoy High Tea followed by a leisurely stroll through the main street for some boutique shopping in the picturesque town of Picton.


High Tea includes a selection of sandwiches, hot canapes, macarons & tarts, scones with jam & cream, as well as bottomless teapots, barista made coffee all served on bone china.


Outing cost is \$85 including transport and High Tea.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 PICTON HIGH TEA Cost: \$105 High Tea Lunch Included 	Notes: Bookings For September Open Tuesday 11th August.				1 SALVOS & MOOREBANK HOTEL Cost: \$15 Buy Lunch
2	3 NSW HISTORICAL POLICE MUSEUM Cost: \$15 Buy Lunch	4 	5  THE MILL DINNER Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner	6 Rookwood cemetery	7 CAMDEN MUSEUM Cost: \$40 Buy Lunch	8
9	10 PURIFIED WATER DISCOVERY CENTRE Quakers Hill Cost: \$40 Buy Lunch	11  IT'S SHOWTIME! PETULA & BEST OF BRITISH Cost: \$35 Morning Tea Included SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS Cost: \$15 Buy Lunch	12  PADSTOW RSL Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner	13  BUNNINGS DIY CLUB Cost: \$15 Buy Lunch	14 VANILLA CREAM CAFE HIGH TEA Annangrove Cost: \$80 Tea Included High Tea is included 	15
16	17 KEMPS CREEK BOWLO LUNCH Cost: \$40 Buy Lunch	18  FOOD & LIFE DISCOUNT SHOPPING Padstow Cost: \$15 Buy Lunch	19  HURLSTONE PARK HOTEL DINNER Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner	20 Woronora cemetery	21 RIVER HIGH RESTAURANT LUNCH Cost: \$5 Buy Lunch	22 RIVERWOOD HOTEL LUNCH Cost: \$15 Buy Lunch
23	24 SYDNEY MINT & HYDE PARK BARRACKS Cost: \$30 Buy Lunch 	25  SYDNEY OUTLET SHOPPING Warwick Farm Cost: \$30 Buy Lunch	26  NARWEE HOTEL DINNER Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner	27  BUNNINGS GARDENING CLUB Cost: \$15 Buy Lunch FREE MOVIE AT LAKEMBA LIBRARY Cost: \$15 Buy Snacks	28 CARISBROOKE HOUSE MUSEUM Cost: \$60 Morning Tea Included 	29

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Australian Army Military Museum of Engineering

Thursday 3rd September

The Australian Army Museum of Military Engineering conserves, preserves and displays the history and achievements of the Corps of the Royal Australian Engineers, commonly known as 'Sappers' and the Royal Australian Survey Corps. The rich and proud history of the Royal Australian Engineers is displayed across a large open gallery where visitors can see equipment, artefacts and stories of the engineers and their achievements at home and overseas. Artefacts include equipment used for gap and river crossing, and many large plant and armoured vehicles developed for construction tasks, land clearing and land mine destruction.

Outing cost is \$40 for transport – museum entry is free.



Sydney Fish Markets

Monday 7th September

Following the success of our first visit here earlier this year, we are going once again! You can experience the auction stands and learn how the Dutch auction system operates. Discover commercial wharves and different types of fishing vessels. Hear stories from the market's rich history and learn about its future. Learn how to pick the best seasonal and sustainable seafood and see oysters shucked by the experts – up close and in real time!

Outing cost is \$70 including transport and tour **PREPAID**



Gledswood Homestead and Winery

Friday 11th September

Gledswood is a heritage-listed former vineyard, colonial farm and homestead. Through the 1980s, various changes occurred at Gledswood and new structures were constructed on the property to develop the function venue and cellar door. Experience a tour of the property with morning tea, followed by a delicious lunch.

Outing cost is \$92, including transport, tour, morning tea and lunch **PREPAID**



The Australian Motorlife Museum

Friday 18th September

Established in 1992 by a group of like-minded, passionate motoring enthusiasts, the Illawarra Motoring Museum, later renamed The Australian Motorlife Museum, offers a unique insight into not only Australia's motoring history but life in general from the early 1900s. A wide range of motorised vehicles and related memorabilia is housed in our secure, fully enclosed 3000 square metre, single-level building with easy wheelchair access. The space is home to thousands of unique exhibits, including the famous Paul Butler collection as well as the NRMA historic motoring museum.

Outing cost is \$55, including transport & tour fee **PREPAID**



Penrith Museum of Printing

Friday 25th September

This working museum is set up as a 1940's or 50's print shop. This is not a static display with a machine in a corner, but a fully functional printshop! So come along and see it all happen before your eyes. The Penrith Museum of Printing Group Visiting programme has been designed to provide visitors with knowledge and understanding of how the printed word used to be produced before the advent of the computer. Marvel at the fully operational linotype type setting machine which really is an amazing piece of mechanical wizardry. All the equipment is in operational order and is demonstrated to visitors in a safe and secure environment.

Outing cost is \$50 including transport and the tour.

September 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Notes: Bookings For October Open Tuesday 8th September.</p>		<p>1 </p>	<p>2 </p> <p>DOOLEY'S LIDCOMBE DINNER Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner</p>	<p>3</p> <p>AUSTRALIAN ARMY OF MILITARY ENGINEERING Cost: \$40 Buy Lunch </p> <p>Rookwood cemetery</p>	<p>4</p> <p>MUSEUM OF FIRE Cost: \$53 Buy Lunch </p>	<p>5</p> <p>PADDY'S MARKETS Cost: \$40 Buy Lunch</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>FISH MARKET TOUR Cost: \$70 Buy Lunch </p>	<p>8 </p> <p>IT'S SHOWTIME! MICHAEL BUBLE & NATALIE COLE Cost: \$35 Morning Tea Included</p>	<p>9 </p> <p>REVESBY WORKERS CLUB DINNER Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner</p>	<p>10</p> <p>TEAM TRAINING BCCT IS CLOSED</p>	<p>11</p> <p>GLEDSDOOD HOMESTEAD & WINERY Cost: \$92 Morning Tea & Lunch Included </p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>THE MILL LUNCH Cost: \$15 Buy Lunch</p>	<p>15 </p> <p>SOCIAL CLUB & KNITTING NANNAS Cost: \$20 Light snacks included</p>	<p>16 </p> <p>PANANIA DIGGERS DINNER Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Woronora cemetery</p>	<p>18</p> <p>AUSTRALIAN MOTORLIFE MUSEUM Cost: \$55 Buy Lunch </p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>TULIP TIME BOWRAL Cost: \$55 Buy Lunch </p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>23 </p> <p>CHESTER HILL RSL DINNER Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner</p>	<p>24 </p> <p>BUNNINGS GARDENING CLUB Cost: \$15 Buy Lunch</p> <p>FREE MOVIE @ LAKEMBA LIBRARY Cost: \$15 Buy Snacks</p>	<p>25</p> <p>PENRITH PRINTING MUSEUM Cost: \$50 Buy Lunch </p>	<p>26</p> <p>WATSONS BAY FISH & CHIPS Cost: \$40 Buy Lunch</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>THE FAMILY BRASSERIE Cost: \$30 Buy Lunch</p>	<p>29 </p>	<p>30 </p> <p>OLDS PARK DINNER Cost: \$20 Buy Dinner</p>			

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Get to know Stan

Name: Stan

Position: Driver

Time at BCCT: 6 months

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

A: Grab a soft drink or ice block from the fridge

Q: Something you quit?

A: I quit eating MacDonalds because I watched that movie "The Founder" and it made me really angry.

Q: Who is your hero?

A: My Father is my hero because he is gifted with his hands. He has made many, many interesting things.

Q: What song would you sing at karaoke night?

A: Livin' On a Prayer by Bon Jovi.

Q: If you could name a street, what would it be called?

A: Neat Street, because every house would have perfectly manicured gardens!

Q: Tell us about your schoolteacher?

A: Year 5, Mr Rousell – all he ever spoke about was his motorbike, Samurais, Samurai swords and Japanese culture.

