



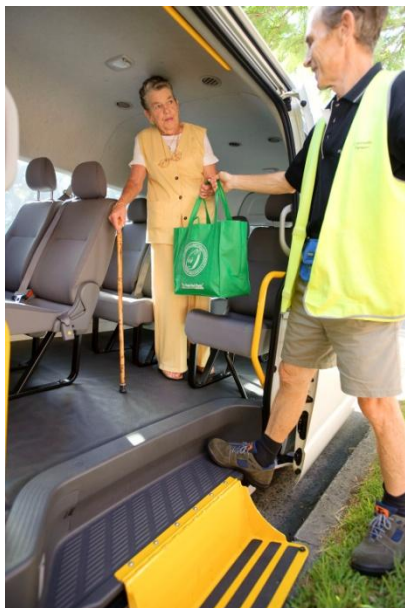
Welcome to the Easy Transport Newsletter

Welcome to the third edition of the Easy Transport Newsletter – bringing you information on the latest happenings in Community Transport in Northern Sydney.



For more information between editions, check out our website at www.easytransport.org.au, email info@easytransport.org.au or telephone 1800 035 262.

Lower North Shore's Easy Rider Access Shopping



Lower North Shore Community Transport has made the Easy Rider Access service a weekly service. This is a shopping service for people in the North Sydney Council area. The bus has an assistant and uses



an accessible vehicle so people in wheelchairs can use it. The service is jointly funded by HACC and North Sydney Council so people who do not fit into the HACC eligibility criteria are welcome to use the service. Every Wednesday, the bus takes people to Neutral Bay and Bridgepoint shopping centres. For more information or to book the service, please call Steven on (02) 9490 9553.

Wednesday every week

Pick ups start from the client's home to either:

- Woolworths Neutral Bay from 9.00am and returns to your home from Woolworths at 11.30am OR
- Bridgepoint, Mosman from 10.00am and returns to your home from Bridgepoint at 1.00pm.

News from Manly Warringah Pittwater Community Transport



Free Shuttle Service between Mona Vale Hospital and Manly Hospital

Manly Warringah Pittwater Community Transport (MWPCT) was approached by the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service to help fill a gap in transport services between the two northern beaches hospitals, Mona Vale Hospital and Manly Hospital.

They are now currently running a pilot service between Mona Vale Hospital and Manly Hospital twice a day, five days a week. This service operates as a fixed-route service. The set-down points are at Mona Vale, Narrabeen, Collaroy, Dee Why, Harbord (Freshwater), Queenscliff and Manly.

The first shuttle bus leaves Mona Vale Hospital at 11.30am arriving at Manly Hospital at 12.20pm. The afternoon service departs Mona Vale Hospital at 4.15pm and arrives at Manly Hospital at 5pm. This service is available to anyone needing to use the hospital facilities for appointments and for anyone wishing to visit family or friends that may be in hospital. The shuttle buses are wheelchair-accessible.

For further information please call MWPCT on (02) 9971 5110.

News from Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community Transport



Renate at work

A Chat with our Volunteer Renate

For the past 12 years, Renate, a 90 year old volunteer, has been helping out at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community Transport (HKCT).

For 2 days a week, Renate takes Lower North Shore Community Transport to the Accessible Train Station at Chatswood. She then catches the public train to volunteer at HKCT, where she telephones clients to give them their pick up times, amongst other duties. Her travelling fares are always reimbursed by HKCT.

Asked why she volunteers at HKCT, Renate says "I enjoy it. This is like a second home to me". She does not find the train trip from Chatswood to Turrumurra particularly difficult or stressful, stating that "everybody is very helpful".

In her spare time, Renate enjoys listening to classical music. She is an avid reader and maintains a busy social life with family and friends. She particularly enjoys a good game of rummy tiles.



Renate celebrating her 90th birthday with HKCT Staff

News from Ryde Hunters Hill Community Transport



Additional photos courtesy of
Hawkesbury Australia

A fresh new look

Ryde Hunters Hill Community Transport (RHHCT) has recently launched their new eye-catching logo, which has been beautifully branded on their buses:

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT
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A day trip to Richmond and Kurradjong

One of the services offered by RHHCT is to provide social outings to clients to give them an opportunity to meet and socialise with other members. One of their clients, Vera, shared her memories of an outing to Kurradjong Radio Museum:

"Leaving home we made our way into the North Western Suburbs after picking up other members of our party for the day.

Travelling through Windsor and Richmond along the Bells Line of Road to Kurradjong Hills, we arrived at the Kurradjong Radio Museum. The Museum contains hundreds of exhibits covering some 60 years of Radio and Transmission Equipment.

Upon entering one sees so much past history. Home radios that bring back memories because these radios were an important part of the home as they provided news and entertainment in the early years. There were many old time telephones too, as well as ships radio stations that were used during the last War in many warships.

One exhibit that made my day was a room set aside for the AWA Australasian company. The display included many photos, equipment and many items they had made. The day brought back wonderful memories of working for this Company. This was one of the best days out I have had and it ended with a delicious lunch at Richmond Services Club."

Are you looking to see new places and meet new friends?



Easy Transport Social Outings Guide

Community Transport providers regularly run trips to various venues around Sydney. As noted in Vera's story above, social outings provide a great opportunity to meet new people and to experience the great outdoors of Sydney.

Easy Transport recently launched their Social Outings Guide, a consolidated list of various attractions, cafes and restaurants around Sydney which may be used for social outings.

The Social Outings Guide is a useful resource and is easily accessible to the public. It provides information on social outings that can be booked through your local Community Transport provider, and includes descriptions of venues and information on cost of entry and meals (transport costs are additional and will depend on the size of your group).

The Easy Transport Social Outings Guide is available by going to www.easytransport.org.au and clicking on "Resources and Publications" on the left hand side.

The Guide is divided into geographical regions, namely:

- Sydney North;
- Sydney South & East;
- Sydney West;
- Sydney South West;
- Sydney Central Coast;
- Blue Mountains;
- Wollongong; and
- Southern Highlands.

If you have additional ideas on attractions, cafes and restaurants for inclusion in the Social Outings Guide, we would love to hear from you. Please email Cassandra at cassandra@easytransport.org.au.





*Additional photos courtesy of
TravelSmart Australia*

Travel Training Program for Northern Sydney residents

The Regional Coordination Office is about to implement a Travel Training Program in the Sydney Metropolitan North Region, which includes the area from the Lower North Shore, Northern beaches Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Ryde Hunters Hill. The intent of the Easy Transport Travel Training Program is to provide people with the information and skills to continue to be able to use the mainstream public transport system for as long as possible.

The Program intends to utilise a number of forms, including:

- Intensive one-on-one training of suitable clients;
- One-off information days, familiarisation exercises for clients with public transport modes;
- Local transport region guides; and
- Group travel outings.

As the Northern Sydney region is diverse in terms of having both areas of very good public transport and sparsely populated areas with very little public transport (such as the outer regions of the Hornsby Shire), it is proposed at this stage that different approaches to travel training will be tailored to local conditions.



The Regional Coordination Office intends to work with HACC service providers, including local Community Transport providers, in the near future in terms of implementing this Program. In the meantime, if you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please email cassandra@easytransport.org.au.

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