

Summer Outings Calendar

December 2022 - February 2023

This calendar is correct at time of issue.

Changes may be required if circumstances or restrictions on group outings change in the course of this calendar of events. In these cases, suitable alternatives will be sought where possible.
Prices are correct at time of issue. If price changes are made by the venue, you will be advised before making payment.

Christmas Operating Hours

Connect will close its office and offer reduced services over the Christmas/New Year period 2022/2023.
Connect services will operate up to and including Friday 23 December 2022. Full services will resume on Tuesday 3 January 2023.



Only pre-booked and pre-paid shopping services will operate on the following days:
Wednesday 28 December | Thursday 29 December | Friday 30 December 2022

Please ring the office by Friday 16 December 2022 to book and prepay for the shopping service.
The office will advise you of your pick up time by Wednesday 21 December 2022.

Weekday outings are currently \$25, and weekends \$35 unless noted otherwise, with the exception of NDIS clients and those in receipt of a Home Care Package (HCP).

Unless stated otherwise, entry is free. Lunch or other food stops are not included in the cost.

Any additional activities are not included in this cost and are noted as EXTRA COSTS on the calendar.

Note that the prices listed are for Seniors & Concession Card holders only. Price may differ if not in this category. Please ask at time of booking.

For bookings and enquiries, please phone the office on 9558 6800. Please make note of the booking open and close dates.

You can also book by emailing scheduling@connectinnerwest.org.au. **Drivers and Bus Assistants cannot take your bookings.**

Please mention at time of booking if you will be accompanied by a carer or bringing a mobility aid so we can allow space in the vehicles.

If the outing includes catering, please advise of any allergies or dietary requirements at the time of booking.

Your booking will be confirmed after the closing date. Closer to the date of the outing you will be contacted regarding a pick up time.

Key: Bus Assistant



Walking:

Easy



Moderate



Lots



Stairs



Shorter Day Outings at special \$10 Rate
Destination only - fewer additional venues.

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| Friday, 31 March 2023 | HUNTER VALLEY Weekend Away Friday 31 March to Sunday 2 April 2023 | Here by popular demand! Treat yourself to wide open spaces, fresh country air, award-winning wine and food, and great company. Cost is an estimate and is inclusive of travel, accommodation, breakfast & all activities. Call now to express your interest! | Single Room: \$500-\$600pp Twin Room: \$350-\$450pp | Expressions of interest NOW OPEN | |

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| Thursday, 1 December | Fancy Pants Lunch St George Sailing Club | Enjoy lunch at the newly redeveloped St George Sailing Club, offering superb water views towards Botany Bay and the Captain Cook Bridge. Menu items average between \$24 - \$36 \$10 outing | | Open: 31/10/2022 Close: 09/11/2022 |  |
| Friday, 2 December | Art Gallery of NSW Lunch @ Harry's Café de Wheels | Wander through one of Australia's leading art museums and enjoy an array of free exhibitions including Daniel Boyd's "Treasure Island". | | Open: 31/10/2022 Close: 09/11/2022 |  |
| Monday, 5 December | Pittwater Seniors Show Entertainment & Lunch Package | The Pittwater Seniors Show is back with fantastic live entertainment followed by a 2 course lunch special in the Glasshouse Grill. | \$15.00 Prepay by 18/11/2022 | Open: 31/10/2022 Close: 11/11/2022 |   |
| Tuesday, 6 December | Prince Henry Nurses Museum Lunch @ Yarra Bay Sailing Club | Enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits and a tour of the museum, learning the rich history of the Prince Henry Hospital. | \$13.00 Prepay by 18/11/2022 | Open: 31/10/2022 Close: 11/11/2022 |  |
| Wednesday, 7 December | Christmas Shopping - Roselands | Christmas is coming! Visit all your favourite department stores and avoid the last minute rush! \$10 outing | | Open: 31/10/2022 Close: 11/11/2022 |  |
| Friday, 9 December | Artisan Chocolates Tour & Christmas World Lunch @ Lord Raglan Hotel | Take a trip to Christmas World for all your decorative needs to get you in the festive spirit! After lunch join well renowned Chef Joao Cadete at <i>One More: Um Main</i> for an inside look at the chocolate making process of this small batch artisan chocolate shop. Enjoy tastings of these delicious treats and pick up your choccies ready for Christmas. | | Open: 31/10/2022 Close: 11/11/2022 |   |
| Saturday, 10 December | Weekend Wanderer Fairfield Markets Lunch onsite | A favourite community attraction since the 70's! Visit the largest market in Sydney's West with up to 600 stalls filled with everything from toys, clothes, jewellery, household and grocery items to fresh fruit and veges. You can even take a pony ride!!! And best of all - its all UNDERCOVER!!!! | | Open: 31/10/2022 Close: 11/11/2022 |  |
| Monday, 12 December | Maritime Museum Lunch @ Ripples | There's so much to do at the Australian Maritime Museum! Stroll along the waterfront, visit galleries and historical artefacts or access the maritime vessels for the sure footed! Afterwards, lunch at Ripples for a waterside, cityscape view. | | Open: 07/11/2022 Close: 11/11/2022 |   |
| Tuesday, 13 December | Van Gogh Alive Lunch @ venue of choice | Immerse yourself in this unforgettable multi-sensory experience of Van Gogh's artistry. Van Gogh's masterpieces come to life, giving the sensation of walking right into his paintings! Not to be missed! \$10 outing | \$49.00 Prepay by 25/11/2022 | Open: 07/11/2022 Close: 11/11/2022 |   |
| Thursday, 15 December Evening Outing | Christmas Lights - Evening Outing Dinner @ Buffet 88 Ashfield RSL | Buffets are back! Indulge in all you can eat at Buffet 88! After dinner take a drive around the suburbs to see the festive lights and Christmas displays. Cost of Buffet \$25 | | Open: 07/11/2022 Close: 11/11/2022 |   |

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| Friday, 16 December Evening Outing | Christmas Lights - Evening Outing Dinner @ Buffet 88 Ashfield RSL | Buffets are back! Indulge in all you can eat at Buffet 88! After dinner take a drive around the suburbs to see the festive lights and Christmas displays. Cost of Buffet \$25 | | Open: 07/11/2022 Close: 11/11/2022 |  |
| Monday, 19 December | Wollongong Botanic Gardens Picnic Lunch | Relax, enjoy a picnic and take a gentle stroll through this picturesque setting which includes lush rainforests, flowering plants, desert gardens and much more. | \$15.00 Prepay by 02/12/2022 | Open: 14/11/2022 Close: 18/11/2022 |  |
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| Wednesday, 21 December | Fit & Fabulous Walking Group Kokoda Walkway Refreshments @ Three Spoons Café | Enjoy the fresh air with a stroll along the mangrove-studded shores of Brays Bay on the Parramatta River. \$5 Outing | | Open: 14/11/2022 Close: 18/11/2022 |  |
| Friday, 23rd December | Mystery Tour Lunch TBC | Take a walk on the wild side and book a mystery tour. Bring a hat, sunscreen and spending money - just in case. \$10 outing! | | Open: 14/11/2022 Close: 18/11/2022 |  |
| Wednesday, 4 January | Fit & Fabulous Walking Group - Jennifer St Boardwalk Refreshments @ Bare Grill & Café | Short walking track through one of Sydney's last remaining tracts of the eastern suburbs banksia scrub - an endangered plant community unique to the Sydney Basin. \$5 Outing | | Open: 21/11/2022 Close: 25/10/2022 |  |
| Friday, 6 January | Fancy Pants Lunch Boathouse Balmoral | Grab a friend and lunch in style at this waterside café in Balmoral. Menu items range from \$25 - \$36 | | Open: 21/11/2022 Close: 25/10/2022 |  |
| Monday, 9 January | Avoca Beach Lunch @ Avoca Beach Seafood | Take a drive north to beautiful Avoca Beach and its surrounding areas. Enjoy lunch at the café or take it across the road to the park for a beach view. | | Open: 28/11/2022 Close: 02/12/2022 |  |
| Tuesday, 10 January | Avoca Beach Lunch @ Avoca Beach Seafood | Take a drive north to beautiful Avoca Beach and its surrounding areas. Enjoy lunch at the café or take it across the road to the park for a beach view. | | Open: 28/11/2022 Close: 02/12/2022 |  |
| Thursday, 12 January | Bankstown Central Lunch & refreshments onsite | Hit the January Sales at Bankstown Central! With over 300 stores there's something for everyone. \$10 Outing | | Open: 28/11/2022 Close: 02/12/2022 |  |
| Friday, 13 January | Penrith Regional Gallery Lunch @ O'Donoghue's | This gallery offers a unique opportunity to explore the home and gardens of celebrated artists Gerald and Margo Lewers and to enjoy the ever-changing program of exhibitions. | | Open: 28/11/2022 Close: 02/12/2022 |  |
| Monday, 16 January | Kiama Scenic Lunch @ Amaki Café | Thar she blows!!! Every so often, nature likes to show off, and Kiama Blowhole, the largest in the world, is the perfect place to see it. | | Open: 05/12/2022 Close: 09/12/2022 |  |

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| Tuesday, 17 January | Kiama Scenic Lunch @ Amaki Café | Thar she blows!!! Every so often, nature likes to show off, and Kiama Blowhole, the largest in the world, is the perfect place to see it. | | Open: 05/12/2022 Close: 09/12/2022 |  |
| Wednesday, 18 January | Lindesay House Tour Morning tea provided | Tour this elegant and historic harbourside mansion boasting stunning Georgian interiors and a fine collection of English and colonial furniture. Enjoy a morning tea of homemade scones & jam in the gardens. \$10 Outing | \$20.00 Prepay by 21/12/2022 | Open: 05/12/2022 Close: 09/12/2022 |   |
| Friday, 20 January | Foodie Friday Casula Powerhouse Lunch @ Paper Mill Food Precinct | It's Foodie Friday! After a visit to the Powerhouse, we will visit the Paper Mill Food Precinct. Located within a re-purposed 19th century heritage mill building, The Paper Mill is designed as an open marketplace with unique dining experiences. | | Open: 05/12/2022 Close: 09/12/2022 |  |
| Saturday, 21 January | Weekend Wanderer Manly Village School Market Lunch onsite | With around 100 stalls offering an assortment of treasures from speciality craft stalls, homemade jams, natural remedies and inspiring boutique shops. There is something for everyone! | | Open: 05/12/2022 Close: 09/12/2022 |  |
| Monday, 23 January | Parramatta Ferry Ride Lunch @ Lake Parramatta Kiosk (or BYO) | Take a relaxing ferry ride along Parramatta River from the city to Parramatta. Afterwards we will have lunch on the shores of Lake Parramatta. Buy from the kiosk, or BYO. Don't forget your Opal Card! | | Open: 12/12/2022 Close: 16/12/2022 |   |
| Tuesday, 24 January | Parramatta Ferry Ride Lunch @ Lake Parramatta Kiosk (or BYO) | Take a relaxing ferry ride along Parramatta River from the city to Parramatta. Afterwards we will have lunch on the shores of Lake Parramatta. Buy from the kiosk, or BYO. Don't forget your Opal Card! | | Open: 12/12/2022 Close: 16/12/2022 |   |
| Friday, 27 January | Vaucluse House Lunch @ Parsley Bay Kiosk | Visit this 19th Century mansion surrounded by its original gardens and wooded grounds. Note: Due to uneven grounds, much of the gardens can be difficult to access for those with limited mobility. | | Open: 12/12/2022 Close: 16/12/2022 |    |
| Monday, 30 January | Westhead Lookout Lunch @ Bayview Golf Club | A scenic drive through the Ku-ring-gai National Park to the stunning outlook at West Head. Absorb the sounds of the birds and waves at the beautiful sandstone viewing area then head to the Bayview Golf Club for lunch. | | Open: 19/12/2022 Close: 23/12/2022 |  |
| Tuesday, 31 January | Westhead Lookout Lunch @ Bayview Golf Club | A scenic drive through the Ku-ring-gai National Park to the stunning outlook at West Head. Absorb the sounds of the birds and waves at the beautiful sandstone viewing area then head to the Bayview Golf Club for lunch. | | Open: 19/12/2022 Close: 23/12/2022 |  |

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| NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL - YOUR FARES ARE ON US! Wednesday 1 February - Saturday 11 February 2023 | | | | | |
| Wednesday, 1 February Free Bus Fare! | Fit & Fabulous Walking Group Balmoral Park & Beach Refreshments @ Bathers Kiosk | Take a walk through the beachside park and take a chance to dip your toes in the water. Bring your swimmers of you're feeling brave! | | Open: 19/12/2022 Close: 23/12/2022 |  |
| Friday, 3 February Free Bus Fare! | Premiere's Gala Concert Lunch TBC | Join us at this free concert with a star-studded line-up. There are limited seats for this free event, don't miss out! There may be some stairs, depending on seat allocations TBC. | | Open: 19/12/2022 Close: 23/12/2022 |  |
| Saturday, 4 February Free Bus Fare! | Weekend Wanderer Cobbitty Markets Lunch onsite | An authentic country market with 150 stalls selling a range of craft, gourmet foods, and local produce. Remember to bring a cooler bag for perishable items. | | Open: 19/12/22 Close: 23/12/22 |  |
| Monday, 6 February Free Bus Fare! | Sublime Point Scenic Drive Picnic Lunch | A picnic at Sublime Point Lookout offering some of the best views of the Illawarra escarpment, plain and coastline. | \$15.00 Prepay by 27/01/2023 | Open: 19/12/2022 Close: 23/12/2022 |  |
| Tuesday, 7 February Free Bus Fare! | Clontarf Reserve Scenic Drive Picnic Lunch | Enjoy a picnic and the scenery at this gorgeous reserve on Sydney Harbour overlooking the Spit Bridge. | \$15.00 Prepay by 27/01/2023 | Open: 19/12/2022 Close: 23/12/2022 |  |
| Thursday, 9 February Free Bus Fare! | Flower Power - Mascot Lunch @ Heritage Kitchen Garden | Stock up on all your garden and bloom needs followed by lunch at the Heritage Kitchen Garden. | | Open: 19/12/2022 Close: 23/12/2022 |  |
| Friday, 10 February Free Bus Fare! | Powerhouse Museum Lunch @ Forest Lodge Hotel | Visit this contemporary museum with a focus on arts, science, innovation and design. Check out the museum's permanent and temporary exhibitions including The Steam Revolution & the Textiles Centre. | | Open: 19/12/2022 Close: 23/12/2022 |  |
| Monday, 13 February | Royal Motor Yacht Club Lunch Package | The Royal Motor Yacht Club is recognised as one of Australia's premier yacht clubs. Enjoy a delicious 2 course, sit down lunch with tea or coffee, whilst overlooking the marina and magnificent waterways. | \$35.00 Prepay by 20/01/2023 | Open: 09/01/2023 Close: 13/01/2023 |  |
| Tuesday, 14 February | Stony Range Regional Botanic Gardens Lunch @ Sea Bar Café | An oasis of Australian native plants on the Northern Beaches. A perfect place for a relaxing stroll. Afterwards we will have lunch at a café on The Strand in Dee Why with stunning views. | \$15.00 Prepay by 03/02/2023 | Open: 09/01/2023 Close: 13/01/2023 |  |
| Wednesday, 15 February | Bunnings - Alexandria | Grab all your DIY and Gardening supplies. \$10 Outing | | Open: 09/01/2023 Close: 13/01/2023 |  |
| Friday, 17 February | Cronulla Ferries Cruise Light lunch & refreshments included | Cruise the beautiful Port Hacking River with Cronulla Ferries. A light lunch will be provided by Connect, and refreshments served on-board. No refunds provided after 19 January 2023. | \$40.00 Prepay by 13/01/2023 | Open: 09/01/2023 Close: 13/01/2023 |  |

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| Saturday, 18 February | Como & Surrounds Lunch @ Como Hotel | Visit Como and the Pleasure Grounds nestled on the banks of the picturesque Georges and Woronora Rivers. | | Open: 09/01/2023 Close: 13/01/2023 |  |
| Monday, 20 February | Audley Weir Picnic Lunch | Take a scenic drive through the Royal National Park and stop for a picnic at the idyllic Audley Weir. | \$15.00 Prepay by 10/02/2023 | Open: 16/01/2023 Close: 20/01/2023 |  |
| Tuesday, 21 February | Audley Weir Picnic Lunch | Take a scenic drive through the Royal National Park and stop for a picnic at the idyllic Audley Weir. | \$15.00 Prepay by 10/02/2023 | Open: 16/01/2023 Close: 20/01/2023 |  |
| Thursday, 23 February | Fancy Pants Lunch Harvest Buffet, The Star | Located at The Star, Harvest Buffet is a feast for the senses with eight chef stations providing an array of incredible international cuisine. Cost of Buffet \$59. \$10 Outing | | Open: 16/01/2023 Close: 20/01/2023 |  |
| Friday, 24 February | Fish and Chip Friday! Lunch @ Fish Box & Co | Pick up some delicious fish and chips at Fish Box & Co to eat at the beautiful Carss Park overlooking the Georges River. After lunch take a stroll along the water or go on a quick bush walk. | | Open: 16/01/2023 Close: 20/01/2023 |  |
| Monday, 27 February | Central Coast Scenic Drive to Ettalong Beach Lunch @ The BOX on the Water | Enjoy the last days of Summer with a lovely drive to the Central coast, finishing for lunch at Ettalong Beach. | | Open: 23/01/2023 Close: 27/01/2023 |  |
| Tuesday, 28 February | Central Coast Scenic Drive to Ettalong Beach Lunch @ The BOX on the Water | Enjoy the last days of Summer with a lovely drive to the Central coast, finishing for lunch at Ettalong Beach. | | Open: 23/01/2023 Close: 27/01/2023 |  |



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