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15 – 17 September – Canberra tour

Day 1 -After boarding our coach on a lovely sunny morning and having morning tea at Heatherbrae pies at Sutton Forest we headed to Canberra. Our first stop was at the Arboretum at the western end of Lake Burley Griffin. This had an amazing range of rare and endangered trees plus the National Bonsai and Penjiing collection. The views were stunning. This was our lunch stop. After lunch we were driven around the embassies and consulates and taken to Mount Ainslie which gave us wonderful views of the War Memorial, Old and New Parliament Houses and Lake Burley Griffin. We arrived at the Novotel Hotel after 4pm.

Day 2- In the morning we were free to visit Canberra's attractions including the National Portrait Gallery, the Art Gallery, Old and New Parliament House and the High Court where some members were lucky enough to sit in on a murder case appeal. After lunch we went to the National War Memorial and looked around. At 4.30pm we attended the Last Post ceremony where John Dempsey and Mick Barrett laid wreaths.

Day 3 - We headed out on our final day with blue skies and a nip in the air to Floriade with over one million blooms arranged creatively across the area. From there we headed to Tulip Tops which had an amazing display of tulips in various colours. The pink and white blossoms on the trees spread throughout the garden were eye catching. The background music created a lovely atmosphere in which to enjoy the gardens.

This was a lovely end to a great time away.

(Thank you to Chesne Patterson, Cath Sharpe and Sandra Busutel for this account of our time away.)



Monday 2nd November – Seniors Big Day Out on Sydney Harbour

This is a harbour cruise departing from Star Casino wharf at 10.45am. Morning tea/coffee will be available on board on arrival. A 2-course lunch is included as well as entertainment in the form of bingo, trivia and name that song.

The cost is $75 per person. The code is SH.

We will catch the 8.59am train from Leumeah, (8.53am from Macarthur), arriving at Central Station at 9.56am. From there we will get the light rail to the Star. We need to be at the wharf by 10.35am.

We will return to the wharf by 2.30pm.

Payment is due on or before the October general meeting on 19th October 2026. If paying by DD please pay by 14th October 2026.

Please remember to wear your name badge.

Monday 14th December 2026 – Christmas lunch, the Hermitage

This is a 2-course lunch. There are 3 choices for main course and 3 choices for dessert. The cost is $70.

The venue is allowing people to choose what they would like from the following menu.

Please make your choices when putting your name down.

Mains

Chicken supreme stuffed with Camembert and cranberries, potato gratin, broccolini, Dutch carrots and port jus

Roasted pork belly, kipfler potatoes, Dutch carrots, broccolini, apple chutney and jus

Macadamia crusted barramundi, seasoned greens, baby chats, Guerrero Blanc sauce

Dessert

Mixed berry trifle

Pavlova, fresh berries and vanilla whipped cream

Christmas pudding and custard

As we have had to pay a deposit to the restaurant, a $10 non-refundable deposit is due by the October meeting.

The balance of $60 is due by the November meeting, Monday 16th November 2026, or Wednesday the 11th November if paying by DD.

The code is CL.

There is a waiting list for the lunch.

Entertainment will be provided by Timeless Duo.

Monday 1st February 2027 – Mystery Tour

This tour includes the coach, entry fees and lunch.

The cost will be $96 for 40 people or more.

Names will be taken at the October and November meetings.

The money needs to be paid by January 18th for cash or January 13th for DD.

The code is MT

10 – 15 May 2027 – 6 day /5 night trip to Griffith and the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area

This is a fully escorted return coach tour with breakfast, lunch and dinners and day tours. Entry to all attractions is included. Brochures with the full itinerary are available at the back table.

The cost of the trip is $1635 for twin share and $1985 for solo traveller. Please book through the coach company website. A deposit of $150 per person is due to the coach company by 9th November 2026.

The balance of payment is due by 9th April 2027.

People on the waiting list and visitors are welcome to enquire.

There are still places available on this tour.