

DonR Newsletter

From the Village Manager

Spring is just about here and I think we are all ready for it; it does seem to have been a long, wet winter. Along with the warmer days also comes the bushfire season and preparations are already in full swing for this. The Rural Fire Service are coming to talk to us later this month which I hope you will come along to. We have reviewed the evacuation process and Len Gilmore has come up with a very good idea to improve it by using a scanner to account for all residents. The Social Committee and Sakkara will purchase a scanner which will make the process of accounting for residents much simpler and will reduce any chance of human error.

The fire evacuation procedure is also detailed later on in this newsletter, and this year it will be in every month's DonR throughout the bushfire season to act as a reminder to you all. Please make sure that you are all familiar with the evacuation process. Please also remember it has always been The Landings policy for residents to evacuate early, and if you do decide on this action, remember to leave your evacuation card in the Perspex holder on the wall at the main entrance to the Clubhouse.

You may have noticed the area by the sewer pit has been worked on for several weeks. (How could you not!). This work is now complete and we are left with a concrete base. Not very exciting I hear you say, but the concrete base will be painted black & white and Sakkara will be purchasing chess pieces to give residents an additional, free activity. I hope you

will make use of this chess board by either watching your neighbours play or challenging them!

Now TV reception..... I know that many of you who have analogue TV's are encountering terrible reception, and I understand that this has even affected some digital TV's. I have received quotes on its repair and unfortunately I do have queries with them. The quote is for \$10,000 and there is no guarantee the work will solve the problem. I'm sure you can appreciate with that cost I want confirmation that it will fix the problem.

Unfortunately I do not have any positive news regarding the defects and the HOW insurance claim. It does appear to be progressing, but at a snail's pace. The insurers have asked Sakkara to produce reports on the village, which they have. Some of you may have received visits from Tyrell's who inspected some defects. The insurers deferred the mediation meeting that was set with Sakkara and Sakkara now waits for further instructions in this regard.

I'm sure you are all aware that Jan & Colin have now left The Landings. They have very generously offered to keep their frozen take away food available until we find a replacement caterer.

An advert was placed in the Sydney Morning Herald requesting contractors to tender for our catering contract by the closing date 2nd September. There has been a good response to the ad with 20 catering briefs issued and 9 different cater-

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Welcome Afternoon

Sunday 18th
September

Please RSVP by
8th September

Dinner special at
Quattro
Only \$27



Ku-ring-gai Male Choir
performance
and supper

Exclusive tour of a
beautiful
private garden in
Wahroonga

Knox Prep Senior
Concert Band and
Jazz Band to
perform here



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ers being shown our facilities. To date I have not received any tenders. Thank you all for your feedback regarding catering services. I will take as much as possible into consideration when speaking to any potential new caterers.

For the residents in the apartment buildings of 94 & 96 I have some news that may bring some comfort. Lift Fix are merging with Access Elevators Australia Pty Ltd. The huge advantage to us is that they are the agent in NSW for our brand of lift which means parts are readily available off the shelf, and this includes a spare lift motor.

I have always thought that the residents of The Landings are a talented lot; we have artists, writers,

athletes, knitters, now we also have award winning caterers. JD & Sandy Wingrove won the gold medal for Australia by making a high tea in a competition sponsored by Dilmah tea. Tracey has more on this story further into the newsletter. Congratulations to you both. I did remind them that we were looking for a new caterer, three days a week, not be too far from home for them, but unfortunately they have declined this offer!

I have received positive feedback about the new format for the DonR Newsletter. Well done Tracey!

Please don't forget to RSVP for the Welcome Afternoon on the 18th September before the 8th September. Tracey and the Social Committee have organized a wonderful jazz style band, wine tastings and cheese and other nibbles. We hope that our existing residents will be out in force on the 18th to welcome our newest residents into the village.

Warm regards,



Angela Dillon

From The Landings Residents Support Association

The Landings Residents Support Association now has a membership of 183 residents. The continuing support of members not only by their subscriptions but also some donations is greatly appreciated. It has been suggested that the TLRSA might consider providing financial support, by way of repayable loans, to residents who are being significantly inconvenienced by the continuing lack of repairs to defects in their dwellings. Regrettably such support is just not possible because the scale of the repair cost is such that the funds represent barely 2% of those costs. It is therefore considered more effective to hold the TLRSA funds to meet specific requests of support that may be received from the Residents Committee as they work towards dealing with this utterly frustrating and unacceptable situation. As usual support of the TLRSA by residents becoming members and where possible donating some of their recent reimbursement of monies received from the operator could prove to be of great assistance to the work of the Resident's Committee and therefore be to the benefit of all residents.

Geoff Dobbin

Buggy to Bus?



Would you be interested in having a service free of charge to transport you in the Landings Buggy to the bus stop outside the high school. One suggestion is that it could deliver you to the 9.05am bus & collect you again at 3.08pm (or at other times to be determined).

This may be of assistance to those who have experienced difficulty getting a taxi for the short distance to Turrumurra station & those who would like to use public transport but who find it difficult to manage the walk up the driveway.

To provide this service we would need to ask for a licensed driver to volunteer to drive the buggy. The service could be provided on a regular basis or on an 'as needed' basis. If you are interested either as a volunteer or as a 'customer' would you please jot down your name and how often/when you would like to use the service (or to volunteer) and drop it into Reception. If you have any questions or comments please contact Tracey on 203 or by email to social@thelandings.com.au

From the Residents' Committee

2012 BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS

After a one month deferment in July, of the CTTT hearing, RC and Sakkara continued negotiations on the 2012 budget.

As these were slower than expected, RC had to attend another Directions Hearing on 22 August, at which further deferment of about one month was granted. RC agreed to the deferment on condition that negotiations become more productive.

RC met with the Auditor and the insurance broker this month.

RC-FAT members are preparing a brief for the 2012 audit.

LANDINGS RESIDENT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF RVRA



Jan Pritchett, a resident of The Landings since it first opened, has been elected President of the RVRA (Retirement Village Residents Association of NSW).

Jan had been Secretary of the association for the last two years.

The outgoing President Malcolm McKenzie said that it was most fitting to have a woman as president of the association, because more than 70% of residents of retirement villages are female.

LANDINGS RVRA MEMBERS

Currently residents from 140 dwellings in the village are members of RVRA. To join, please contact Lindsay Munro on ext. 243.

RESIDENTS WITH HEARING DIFFICULTIES

RC has asked Sakkara to make provision in the Clubhouse for residents who have hearing difficulties. This should be incorporated in the extended audio visual system, which will be needed to accommodate Stage 4 residents at meetings in the Clubhouse. In the meantime, RC will continue to reserve the front 2 rows at meetings, for those with hearing difficulties.

WHEELCHAIRS AT MEETINGS

RC will also reserve space near the front of Residents Meeting for those in wheelchairs.

BUILDING DEFECTS

The mediation that Sakkara was to hold with the insurer, Allianz, has been delayed. RC asked Sakkara to obtain agreement from the insurer for some urgent works to be done to rectify serious long term defects that are affecting residents' lives. Sakkara has not been able to obtain a response from Allianz. RC will continue urging Sakkara to take responsibility for these repairs.

APARTMENT BUILDING LIFTS

Sakkara has advised RC that Lift Fix has arranged to always have a spare lift motor on hand.

SKYLIGHTS IN DWELLINGS

Many skylights in dwellings are becoming ineffective by darkening through UV degradation. RC has asked Sakkara to investigate options.

TV RECEPTION PROBLEMS

RC has reminded VM that many residents have recent poor TV reception. Quotes for repair are being obtained.

BOWLING GREEN SURFACE

The original installer of the bowling green surface is expected this month to quote for cleaning and rolling of the bowling surface.

NEW RC RULES

RC members are reviewing the final version of the new RC Rules. This will to be circulated for resident review soon.

RC MEETINGS - you can attend

Residents are always welcome to attend RC meetings, as observers.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, at 0930 in the clubhouse. You can attend for part, or all, of a meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday 8 September.

MINUTES of MEETINGS

Copies of the minutes of Residents Meetings and RC Meetings are held in folders in the Library.

If you wish to comment on any, please contact RC Secretary David Pritchett on ext. 410.

Tuesday Night Dining Service at Quattro



We have some good newsQuattro at North Turrumurra have a wonderful offer for Landings residents. You may already be familiar with Quattro, a family owned dining establishment situated in North Turrumurra.

The proprietors, Sonny & Kerry King look forward to welcoming Landings residents and have made a very special Tuesday Landings dinner offer for an exclusive Landings price of **\$27** (this menu normally retails for \$49.90).

Their menu will be available to you a week in advance. **To book please phone Reception at The Landings before 10.30am on the Monday preceding the Tuesday dinner, with your menu choice and seating arrangement.** Sandra will then forward the details of the group booking to the restaurant. They require a group booking to be able to make this special offer available to us.

For those of you who have not yet experienced Quattro, the restaurant enjoys a relaxed atmosphere and is enhanced by a wonderful menu. As well as fine Italian fare they also offer gourmet pizza and pasta, and may be able to offer a pizza/pasta set menu for you for \$25.00 down the track.

Quattro is open for dine in, take away and home delivery from 5.00pm, Monday through to Saturday, so it doesn't have to be just Tuesday you visit them! (The Landing's Special is for Tuesday only). Quattro is also fully licensed and BYO with no corkage fee charged.

I hope that you would support this exclusive offer made to you by Sonny & Kerry.
Warm regards, Angela Dillon, Village Manager

PS: Tom's Cellars at North Turrumurra have also made a special offer to Landings residents. Drop in on your way to Quattro for dinner, or any time during September and purchase any bottle from the Orange Tree range for only **\$7.50**

Trattoria Quattro

Menu for Tuesday 6th September **\$27 Special**



Breads on arrival

Mains - Your choice of

Chicken parmigiana – fresh chicken breast crumbed and topped with our Napoli sauce and mozzarella cheese and chips & salad

Fettuccini seafood – scallops, squid, mussels, prawns, barramundi pieces in a garlic, Napoli & white wine sauce, tossed with fettuccini pasta.

Veal Scaloppini – prime veal served with our red wine jus & seasonal vegetables. (gluten free dish)

Desserts – Served alternately

Handmade cream brulee (Gluten free) or Passionfruit delight gelato

Tea/coffee

Toms Cellars at North Turrumurra

September Special for Landings residents

Purchase any bottle from the Orange Tree range for only \$7.50

Landings Welcome Afternoon—Sunday 18th September

4pm—6pm upstairs in the clubhouse

What will be happening on the 18th?

Late in September and during October, 32 new residents will progressively move in to the Stage 4 Villas. Add to this another 4 residents who have moved into existing residences recently and it is apparent that The Landings is going to be at ‘action stations’ over the coming spring.



The Welcome Afternoon on Sunday 18th September has been planned to celebrate this occasion and to provide an opportunity for the new residents to meet as many of our wonderful community as possible. We have organised a fabulous afternoon for you including;

- Mark Barnsley Quartet—a fabulous jazz style band to play on the terrace near the bowling green
- Wine tasting tables from Cellar Vie at Princes Street, Turramurra and Tom’s Cellars at North Turramurra. When you have sampled a few wines of your choice from their tasting tables you can visit our bar where Tom’s Cellars staff will provide you with a glass of the wine of your choice
- Delicious afternoon tea including a cheese and nibbles buffet

The Welcome Afternoon will run between 4pm and 6pm. Seating is available but we really hope that you wear ‘comfortable shoes’ so that you can mingle and give our newest residents a warm welcome. We will have name tags for each person that has RSVP’d and we will have a small marker on the name labels of the newest residents. In this way, we hope that you will be able introduce yourself and ensure that our newest residents are included and given a warm Landings welcome.

We hope that you will come and have a wonderful afternoon. We are expecting 200 + people and it is imperative that we have accurate numbers for catering. **Please ensure that you RSVP to Reception by 8th September on ext. 200 or reception@thelandings.com.au**



New villa open for you—between **2pm and 4pm** on the 18th Gail will be in attendance at the display villa (Villa 14) should you like to wander up and tour the premises. Please note that to protect the brand new carpet you may be asked to remove your shoes.

Bushfire Emergency Evacuation Procedure for Residents

In the event of a major incident such as an approaching bushfire it may be necessary to conduct a full scale evacuation of the village. In this extreme case please follow the procedure below.

- Step 1 Don't panic
- Step 2 If time allows, close all windows & doors
- Step 3 Turn off air conditioning, ovens and cook tops
- Step 4 Gather your medications, wallet/purse, keys & evacuation card
- Step 5 Gather your pets. All pets should be on a lead or in a pet carrying container
- Step 6 Proceed to the safe refuge area – which is the Clubhouse
- Step 7 Upon arrival at the Clubhouse drop your evacuation card into the boxes at the various entry points into the Clubhouse to register your arrival
- Step 8 Await further instructions from Management, Resident Wardens or Emergency Services
- Step 9 Do NOT leave the Clubhouse until instructed

Please note:

It is always The Landings' policy for residents to evacuate early. If a situation has been reached whereby you have been asked to go to the Clubhouse it would suggest that it is now too late to leave the village. Emergency Services has advised that vehicular traffic will need to be controlled and that there is a strong likelihood cars will not be permitted to enter or exit the village.

In addition.....If you live in an apartment building, please do not use the lifts, use the emergency stairs. If you are not mobile enough to use the stairs, help will come to you.

Please make your way to the Clubhouse in an orderly manner as quickly as possible.

If you live in a villa or villa apartment please make your way to the Clubhouse as above.

Your evacuation card is the most important thing to bring with you. It means that we can account for you. If you have not been accounted for, and if the situation permits, staff and/or volunteer residents will come looking for you. Forgetting to bring your evacuation card means a manual check has to be made through the records and this is very time consuming.

Prepare Act Survive—Presentation here 20th September

Inspector Mark Sugden is coordinating this presentation for Landings residents by the NSW Rural Fire Service and other Emergency Service providers on Tuesday 20th September at 10.30am.

- Fire Danger Ratings—CATASTROPHIC, EXTREME, SEVERE, VERY HIGH, HIGH and MODERATE. Do you know what they mean and what action you should take?
- Do you have your own LEAVE EARLY plan?
- What are your triggers that mean you will LEAVE EARLY?
- Where will you go?
- What if I need assistance with my mobility?
- What is my back up plan?
- Where will I go if I don't have any family nearby?



This presentation will assist you to clarify your own actions in case of a bush fire threat. It is anticipated that the presentation will run for 30—40 mins with question time to follow. At the end of the session you will be able to complete your own Bushfire survival plan and a follow up session will be offered so that individuals can be confident that they have covered all the essentials.

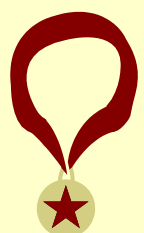
Please book your seat by phoning Reception on ext 200 to attend this important presentation especially for Landings residents.



Congratulations Ron

Ron (Ron Morris—Facilities Manager) has recently been presented with a Long Service Award for 30 years commitment as a volunteer working in the NSW Rural Fire Service .

Congratulations Ron. It is a well deserved recognition and on behalf of the wider community, we add our thanks to you for this 30 year effort as a volunteer working for our safety.



Congratulations Sandy & JD Wingrove—Dilmah Champions

Joint Gold winners for Australia (and Gold winners for NSW) Of the Dilmah inaugural Consumer High Tea Challenge 2011

Sandy and JD Wingrove of The Landings, North Turramurra, Sydney along with Alison Battersby of Adelaide, were announced as the joint overall national winners of consumer stage of The Dilmah Tea Aficionado Real High Tea Challenge last week.

Their winning recipes (which we look forward to trying) are;

- Cardamom Scented Almond Friands with Syrup,
- Curried Egg Savoury Cups,
- Italian Almond MarTEAini
- Moroccan Mint Mocktail



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Dear Residents,

Can I suggest that you rest for the few remaining days of winter because Spring is going to be an exciting and busy time around The Landings. In September we look forward to hosting our Welcome Afternoon on Sunday 18th September and then welcoming our newest villa residents as they settle into the village soon after. October will be super-busy and hopefully our program offers something for everyone to enjoy during the happy spring time.

Join in some of the wonderful activities that are part of the Crave Sydney Food Festival. See diary dates for details of our visit to the Night Noodle market in Hyde Park on Monday 17th October. Alternatively you may be more interested in high tea at The Tea Room, Gunners Barracks, Mosman on Monday 31st October.

We also have two musical groups who are looking forward to visiting The Landings to entertain you. The Knox Prep Senior Band and Jazz Bands will perform for us on Friday 14th October. The Ku-ring-gai Male Choir are planning a visit to entertain us and we hope you can come to the choral concert followed by supper on Wednesday 19th October.

Please refer to Diary Dates, contact Reception on ext 200 or contact me on ext 203 for further information. I hope that you are looking forward to the program we have lined up for you in the coming months.

Warm regards, Tracey Palser, Social Coordinator.



Diary Dates for September

Thursday 8th September	Residents Committee meeting All residents invited to attend.	Theatrette 9.30am
Thursday 15th September	Trip to Waterview Restaurant at Berowra Waters Book now at Reception. Only 1 place available.	Cost \$45. Bus departs 11.15am and returns approx 3.15pm.
Sunday 18th September	Welcome Afternoon Landings afternoon to welcome the new residents of the fourth stage of The Landings	Please see page 5 for details. PLEASE RSVP by 8th September 4pm—6pm
Tuesday 20th September	Presentation for NSW Rural Fire Service: Prepare, Act, Survive Representatives from NSW Rural Fire Service, Fire & Rescue NSW and Police will attend The Landings to offer further information for residents regarding Bushfire preparations.	10.30am in dining room. Please see page 7 for details and book your seat by phoning Reception on ext. 200
Tuesday 20th September	Book Club —discussing Caleb’s Crossing by Geraldine Brooks.	New venue—please contact Ron Flegg on ext. 429
Wednesday 21st September	Mary Poppins at the Capitol Theatre (matinee)	Bus departs 11.30am & returns approx. 4.30pm. Fully booked.
Thursday 22nd September	Men’s Meeting—Guest Speaker Brian Van de Water “History of Jet Engines”	4pm in theatrette
Saturday 24th September	In the Mood at the State Theatre	Bus departs 7pm. Fully booked.



The University of the Third Age
LOW VISION DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION GROUP
Fourth Thursday each month from 28 July 2:30 – 4:00

There will be a variety of speakers about causes and treatment of low vision, Macular Degeneration, Glaucoma etc. Group discussion about our personal experiences and suggestions for improving rehabilitation services will be part of each session, led by a doctor who herself is legally blind and uses a white cane. Individuals with low vision or blindness, their friends and relatives and any interested parties are welcome. The sessions will be held in Turramurra. Please phone Josephine Barge for bookings and details. Leader: Helen Beange

Bookings: Josephine Barge 9487 2899

Sydney U3A (excerpt from the U3A Events and Course Book July – December 2011)

Diary Dates for October & beyond

Tuesday
11th October

OnCourse Tours: Trip to Leura Gardens

Cost \$62 includes entry to two gardens, morning tea, delicious picnic lunch and return coach.

Friday
14th October

Knox Prep Play The Landings

The Senior Concert Band and the Jazz Band students of Knox Grammar Preparatory School perform here at The Landings for residents, parents and friends followed by afternoon tea. Rebecca Morris is their inspirational conductor and this performance concludes the band's overnight tour performing in several rural areas.

Concert 2pm—
3pm followed
by afternoon
tea/drinks.
Please book
your seat at
Reception.



Sunday
16th October

Sensational Sunday at the Conservatorium of Music—Mozart's Gran Partita and Dvorak

Mozart: Serenade No. 10 in B flat Major, K.361 *Gran Partita* Dvorak: Serenade in D Minor, op.44 (B. 77)

Cost \$40 includes return bus and concert. Bus departs 2pm. Please book now at Reception.

Monday 17th
October

Trip to the Night Noodle Markets in Hyde Park

Cost \$15 for bus. Dinner at own cost. Some walking involved.



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The Night Noodle Markets are a major highlight of the Food Festival with more than 125,000 guests dropping by Hyde Park North over 10 nights to enjoy an authentic Asian hawker market atmosphere. Hyde Park North will be transformed for two fabulous weeks. With up to 40 food stalls, 3 bars and nightly entertainment, this is the must-see event of the Festival.

Wednesday
19th October

Ku-ring-gai Male Choir Concert at The Landings

Consisting of over 30 choir members, along with a guest associate artist, these polished performers look forward to serenading you with their delightful repertoire from 7.45pm. Supper will be served at the conclusion of the concert at 8.45pm.

Please be seated by 7.40pm. Please book your seat at Reception to assist us with set up and catering. Tickets \$5 at the door with proceeds going to the charity supported each year by the Ku-ring-gai Male Choir.

Tuesday
25th October

Book Club—discussing Mr Pips by Lloyd Jones

Monday 31st
October

High Tea at THE TEA ROOM, GUNNERS BARRACKS, Mosman

This special offer as part of the Crave Sydney Food Festival. This very special venue offers incredible harbour views and a wonderful high tea consisting of finger sandwiches, petit fours, home made scones with preserves and clotted cream, a glass of bubbly, tea and coffee. (GF available).



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Cost \$55 includes return bus and high tea. Bus departs 10.45am.

Friday 28th October


Private Garden Visit in Wahroonga



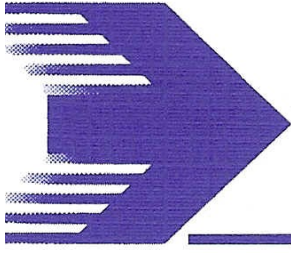
Wahroonga resident Jill Mussett (sister of resident Peter Southam) has very kindly offered to host a group visit to her garden at Halcyon St, Wahroonga. The garden is level and not enormous but offers a delightful outing with numerous roses and other flowers at their 'spring best'. A must for anyone who wants to enjoy the joy of spring.

Car pooling will be arranged. Visit between 11.30am and 2pm. Morning tea will be served. The Social Committee ask residents to bring a \$5 donation on the morning which will be collected as fundraising for Hornsby Hospital. Please book at Reception and if you are able to assist with car pooling please advise accordingly.

Diary Dates for November & beyond & 2012

Tuesday 1st November	Melbourne Cup at The Landings	More information in next issue.
Tuesday 8th November	OnCourse Tour: Macarthur Region Camden for the Jacarandas	Please see page 12 for details. Cost \$58 includes luxury coach transport, morning tea, guide & admissions and a 2 course lunch.
Thursday 24th November	A fun filled evening with Pam Ayres	 Bus departs 6.30pm. Bookings now closed.
Tuesday 6th December	Premiers Christmas Gala Concert — always enjoyable. The organizers have asked us to only ask for the number of tickets that we will use so please indicate your interest by 14th September .	Bus departs 9.45am. Cost \$15. Please indicate your interest in attending by 14th September as we will only apply for the number of tickets that have been reserved by 14th September .
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NEEDED NOW OR THE LANDINGS WILL NOT APPLY FOR TICKETS		
Tuesday 31st January 2012	Annie at the Lyric Theatre, Star City	Bus departs 11.30am. Cost \$76. Please book at Reception and pay before 2nd November.
Wednesday 28th March 2012	Opera on Sydney Harbour—La Traviata Beautiful music. Breathtaking spectacle. An unforgettable evening under the stars PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL BE SITTING IN SEATS IN THE OUTDOORS AND YOU MUST BE PREPARED FOR ANY WEATHER.	Cost \$120 for B Reserve seats—includes return bus and concert. Bus departs 5.30pm. Bookings available at Reception until sold out or 12th September. Payments due by 12th September.
Thursday 5th April 2012	Yes Minister At Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay Jim Hacker & Sir Humphrey are back—live on stage. <i>“Left me crying with laughter.... Pure comic bliss” The Telegraph.</i> WILL SELL QUICKLY—DO NOT DELAY	Cost \$90 for A Reserve seats—includes return bus and concert. Bus departs 5pm. Please book at Reception.





ON COURSE TOURS & TRAVEL

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AT RECEPTION



LEURA SPRING GARDENS

Tuesday 11th October

Following morning tea at Glenbrook and a short visit to the newly expanded Visitors Centre we continue our climb to Leura where we will have the opportunity to inspect Everglades Garden before lunch. Everglades is one of Australia's foremost heritage gardens. This treasure from the 1930s sits in twelve and a half acres of European-style gardens and native Australian bush with breathtaking views over the Jamison Valley in the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains. We will have one or two guides to explore the garden with us.

Our lunch is a delicious picnic with generous portions of chicken, several salads, bread rolls, dessert and red or white wine or orange juice at the delightful Leura cascades. During the afternoon after a short drive along the cliff tops to Katoomba we return to Leura to visit our second garden. "Shenstone" has been in the present owner's family since 1939 and has been described as one of the few remaining Californian bungalows in the mountains in its almost original condition.

Cost per person is \$62 which includes morning tea, 2 course lunch, and two garden admissions with a guided tour at Everglades. Departs at 8.30am and returns approximately 5.30pm.

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THE JACARANDAS Tuesday 8th November

Sydney is spectacular year round but especially delightful in November with a dazzling display of Jacaranda providing a picturesque backdrop. The Macarthur area is rich in history and rural charm and our tour will explore both. You will find this region one of abundance with Jacaranda (Sydney's best keep secret!). The earliest developments of the Australian wool, wheat and wine industries are associated with the town following the original land grant from Lord Camden to John Macarthur in 1805. The township reveals in its heritage an interesting and varied range of architectural styles that reflect its evolution from the earliest days of European settlement through the modern era.

Our guide John Wrigley, is a keen member of the Camden Historical Society and he will showcase many of the heritage buildings around both Camden and Cobbitty. We will see the beautiful St John's Church, the Mater Dei property, Belgenny Farm, Wivenhoe, Macarthur Park, Camelot, Sydney University Farms and the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute while John brings the history of this fascinating area to life.

Our lunch is at the historic Camden Valley Inn—a delicious two course meal. The Inn is set on several acres of gardens with lovely rural views and has built a great reputation for its hospitality.

Our afternoon sees us explore more of the region and we will head into Campbelltown which is a city of contrasts. Another area rich in history, it is also a vibrant city and we will visit the impressive new Campbelltown Arts Centre which combines a Regional Art Gallery, performance space, Japanese Gardens and Sculpture Park. We will learn about the legend of Fisher's Ghost, take in some of Campbelltown's heritage and see the Macarthur Campus of the University of Western Sydney.

Cost per person is \$58.00 and includes morning tea, guide and admissions, lunch (Caesar Salad with Grilled marinated Chicken Breast, Crème Caramel with Strawberries, Bread Roll, Tea and Coffee) and luxury coach transportation. Departs at 8.30 am and returns approx 5.30 pm. **BOOK NOW AT RECEPTION.**