



# CLUB 55 TRAVEL CLUB SUMMER NEWSLETTER

“There are no strangers  
at Club 55,  
just friends you are yet to meet”



Chris Hadland

I trust that you had a great Christmas and are now ready to do some touring in 2020. We have some great new tours coming up, starting with a new boat adventure down at Mandurah called the Pirate Boat Cruise, followed by an historic tour to the Number 1 Pumping Station to check out the history around the Mundaring to Kalgoorlie pipeline as well as a tour of the actual pumping station, all of course the brain work of our famous engineer C.Y. O' Conner.

In April we are doing an Extended Tour down to Albany to take in the Anzac Day services and also part of the Silo's Art Trail in Katanning and Albany that have been painted up by various artists. In September a 5 Day Midwest Wildflower Tour to Geraldton and Kalbarri. October we will be doing a 7 Day Kalgoorlie and Esperance Tour which will include other silos in Northam, Merredin and Ravensthorpe. For those wanting to go to away at Christmas we are spending Christmas in Albany on a 5 Day tour including Walpole the Wilderness Cruise and The Valley of the Giants. Contact Tanya to register your interest in these tours. Limited seats for the Christmas tour.

The Club 55 Travel Club is a great way to meet and make new friends and to explore our wonderful state at the same time. There are a few ways in which to book your tours. You can book online at our web page [www.club55.com.au](http://www.club55.com.au) or you can phone my daughter Tanya on **1300 653 696 between 9am - 2pm Monday to Friday** (please leave a message if we miss your call, the phones can get very busy at times) or alternatively you can book your tours whilst you are out on tour.

For larger groups above 18 please refer to our Club 55 Group Brochure with over **70 day tours**. Ask your Coach Captain for a copy or it can be downloaded from our web site at [www.club55.com.au](http://www.club55.com.au).

As always, if you find any interesting places to visit, delicious restaurants with great service or if you have any suggestions of ways we can provide a better service. Please let Tanya know as we are always striving to improve our service to our valued customers. We look forward to your company on tour. **Best Wishes from Chris and Tanya**

## 2020 DAY TOURS

March	Mandurah Pirate Boat Cruise	\$69
April	Busselton Jetty and Observatory	\$99
May	Number 1 Pumping Station	\$69
May	Moodyne Joe Festival	\$50
June	Buckland Hill Tunnels	\$59
July	Christmas in July at Stringybark Winery	\$85
Aug	Bickley Valley and Tuilps of Araluen	\$55
Sept	The Hills Are Alive	\$65
Oct	Swan Valley & Bush Tucker Lunch at The Maailinup Aboriginal Centre	\$75
Nov	Swan River Cruising and The Twin Fin	\$75
Dec	Cherries and Berries and Xmas Lunch	\$75
Dec	Mandurah Christmas Lights Cruise	\$95

### Club 55 Travel Club Departure Locations

*Bassendean Train Station, Railway Parade*

*Belmont Reading Cinemas, Fulham Road*

*Booragoon, Len Shearer Reserve, Marcus Av*

*Perth, Wellington Train Station TRANS WA stop*

*Whitfords Library, Whitfords Shopping Ctr*

*Morris Place, Innaloo*

## BUSES AVAILABLE FOR HIRE FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Seniors Clubs, Probus Clubs, Lifestyle Villages  
Please ask for our Club 55 Group Brochure with  
over 70 great Day Tours. Can be viewed and  
downloaded from our web site or ask Tanya or  
your driver for a hard copy.



45 SEAT COACH



21 SEATER

## BOOKINGS

[www.club55.com.au](http://www.club55.com.au)

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Office Hours Mon to Fri 9am till 2pm  
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<b>March</b>	<b><u>Mandurah Pirate Boat Cruise</u></b>	<b>\$69</b>
<b>Wednesday 25th</b>	<b>8.15am Bassendean, 8.35am Belmont, 9.00am Booragoon,</b>	
<b>Friday 27th</b>	<b>8.10am Whitfords, 8.35am Innaloo, 9.00am Perth</b>	
<p>Morning tea today will be at a scenic location in Mandurah before we depart from the for a 45 minute cruise and venture through Mandurah's inland waterways and canals on our fun pirate adventure for children of all ages. As we cruise through Mandurah's canals, you can steer the pirate wheel, ring the bell or sit back and enjoy the scenery and lookout for the wildlife that call the Mandurah canals home, including the famous bottlenose dolphins. Dress up with one of their pirate hats, take photos behind the pirate wheel, lookout through the telescopes and beware of other pirates, and check out the prestigious homes located on the Mandurah Canals. You will have free time in Mandurah to purchase your lunch. Come and have some fun.</p>		
<b>April</b>	<b><u>Busselton Jetty and Underwater Observatory</u></b>	<b>\$95</b>
<b>Saturday 11th</b>	<b>7.30am Belmont, 7.50am Perth, 8.10am Booragoon</b>	
<p>We make our way via Australind and Bunbury with a stop along the way to enjoy our picnic morning tea. On arrival in Busselton you will have some free time to purchase yourself some lunch. Busselton Jetty is the longest timber piled jetty in the southern hemisphere. Your train departs at 1pm. Upon reaching the end of the jetty you will then descend 8 metres below the surface to the natural wonders that lie beneath the jetty where the timber piles create Australia greatest artificial reef and host to an awe inspiring forest of vividly coloured tropical and subtropical corals, sponges, fish and invertebrates. On returning back to the shore time to maybe purchase an icecream before we commence the return journey back to Perth.</p>		
<b>May</b>	<b><u>Number 1 Pumping Station</u></b>	<b>\$69</b>
<b>Monday 25th</b>	<b>8.00am Booragoon, 8.30am Perth, 8.50am Belmont 9.10am Bassendean</b>	
<p>We make our way directly to Mundaring Weir where upon arrival we will enjoy our picnic morning tea. After our morning tea we will be given a guided tour of the Number 1 Pumping Station, one of several that deliver this valuable resource to the Goldfields and the brain-child of C Y O' Conner. After our tour we make our way to Kalamunda and the historic Kalamunda Hotel for a single course multiple choice meal including Grilled Barramundi, Chicken Schnitzel, Steak all with chips and salad and Bangers and mash and Lambs Fry. After lunch you will have free time to visit the Cultural Centre and Art gallery or the Kalamunda History Village. Our day concludes with some wine tasting at Jadran Wines.</p>		
<b>May</b>	<b><u>Moondyne Joe Festival</u></b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>8.00am Booragoon, 8.20am Perth, 8.40am Belmont 9.00am Bassendean</b>	
<p>We enjoy a pleasant drive over the scarp (pausing for a typical Club 55 morning tea), then proceed to the delightful town of Toodyay where we join the fun of the "Moondyne Joe Festival." There's something for everyone, including displays of boot scooting, antiques, rope making and poker work. Enjoy the moustache and cleavage competitions, street stalls and blade sheep shearing with musical accompaniment by the Iron Bark Bush Band. Take your own lunch, or purchase from one of the many cafes and stalls available. A delightful day out in the company of our country cousins.</p>		
<b>June</b>	<b><u>Buckland Hill Tunnels</u></b>	<b>\$69</b>
<b>Monday 29th</b>	<b>7.55am Bassendean, 8.15am Belmont, Perth 8.40am , 9.00am Booragoon,</b>	
<p>We enjoy our morning tea at a scenic location before arriving at Buckland Hill for a very informative tour. Step back in time as we visit the Buckland Hill Tunnels and Leighton Artillery Battery. Buckland Hill, named by Captain Stirling after William Buckland. It is the last remaining peak of seven hills in the range and is one of the highest points in the Perth Metropolitan area. The area around Buckland Hill was extensively quarried in the early days of colonization for building limestone. It is thought that Willem de Vlaming, the early Dutch navigator landed close by this feature in 1697 and climbed the hill to ascertain what lay beyond it and in doing so noted the Swan River, which he named. The military involvement came about in the early 1900s when defense facilities were built at North Fremantle and on the south side of the harbor at Arthur Head. During the Great War, the Battery Observation Post also served as the Port War Signal Station, a naval facility used to signal vessels leaving and entering Gage Roads. <b>The walking tour includes 24 steps.</b> After we make our way to Fisherman's Harbor for some free time to purchase yourself some lunch and maybe a visit to the Ship Wrecks Museum for a gold coin donation.</p>		
<b>July</b>	<b><u>Christmas in July at Stringybark Winery</u></b>	<b>\$85</b>
<b>Thursday 16th</b>	<b>8.15am Booragoon, 8.40am Belmont, 9.00am Bassendean</b>	
<b>Friday 31st</b>	<b>8.10am Perth, 8.35am Innaloo, 9.00am Whitfords</b>	
<p>We head off for a traditional Club 55 picnic morning tea at a scenic location, with time to visit the gift shop and purchase wine if you wish. We continue our journey into the beautiful Chittering Valley stopping along the way to sample and purchase tree-fresh fruit at the Golden Grove Orchard. Next stop is the Stringybark Winery where we can relax, taste the latest vintage and enjoy a hearty Christmas lunch. After a delightful visit, we'll slowly make our way back to home with a stop at the Whistlers Chocolate Factory for some chocolate tastings.</p>		

## **Extended Tours soon to be released**

**4 Day Albany and Anzac Day Service**

**5 Day Geraldton and Kalbarri Midwest Wildflower Tour**

**7 Day Kalgoorlie and Esperance**

**5 Day Christmas in Albany and Walpole Southern Coastline**

<b>August</b>	<b><u>Bickley Valley and Tulips of Araluen</u></b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>Monday 24th</b>	<b>8.00am Booragoon, 8.20am Perth, 8.40am Belmont 9.00am Bassendean</b>	
<p>We make our way to a scenic location for our traditional Club 55 morning tea. After morning tea we will take a lovely scenic drive across the hills and through the beautiful Bickley Valley with all the orchards and fruit blossoms. We call into Raeburn Orchards for in season fruits and also an opportunity to do some Cider tastings. Our journey continues onto Araluen. Here you will have some free time to admire the annual Tulip displays and an opportunity to purchase some lunch or bring along a picnic and enjoy it in the park. Best way to see the Tulips is by hopping on the train that does circuits of the park, normally costs around \$4 but saves your legs and you get commentary included. After a great day out we slowly make our way home.</p>		
<b>September</b>	<b><u>The Hills Are Alive</u></b>	<b>\$65</b>
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<b>8.15am Booragoon, 8.40am Belmont, 9.00am Bassendean</b>	
<b>Thursday 24th</b>	<b>8.10am Perth, 8.35am Innaloo, 9.00am Whitfords</b>	
<p>We make our way to Lake Leschenaultia for our morning tea. The hills are ablaze with color; Blue Leschenaultia, Wattles and Kangaroo Paws. Enjoy a magnificent drive along the back roads as we pass through, Chidlow, Mount Helena, Stoneville and Parkerville. Enjoy some Fish &amp; Chips for lunch at the historic Parkerville Tavern. After lunch we continue with a scenic drive through the John Forrest National Park and the impressive array of wildflowers before stopping in the Swan Valley at the Whistlers Chocolate Factory.</p>		
<b>October</b>	<b><u>Swan Valley and Bush Tucker Lunch at Maailinup Aboriginal Centre</u></b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Friday 23rd</b>	<b>8.15am Booragoon, 8.40am Belmont, 9.00am Bassendean</b>	
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	<b>8.10am Perth, 8.35am Innaloo, 9.00am Whitfords</b>	
<p>This morning we will enjoy our morning tea at Whiteman Park and some free time to visit the Craft Village. After we will make our way to the Maailinup Aboriginal Gallery. You will be greeted by Dale and her brother Lyall who are descendants from the Wardandi Bibbulmun people from the Busselton, Margaret River and Augusta area. They have prepared a selection of Bush Tucker platters for you to enjoy, you will be amazed at the multitude of unique flavours in this very unique lunch. Dale will give you a talk on her culture and the gallery. After we make our way to the Margaret River Chocolate Factory and Cowards Black Providores for some tastings or maybe purchase some fresh fruit or strawberries from the nearby fruit stalls before slowly making our way home. A very different sort of day.</p>		
<b>November</b>	<b><u>Swan River Cruising and The Twin Fin</u></b>	<b>\$79</b>
<b>Tuesday 24th</b>	<b>8.15am Bassendean, 8.35am Belmont, 9.00am Booragoon</b>	
<b>Thursday 26th</b>	<b>8.10am Whitfords, 8.35am Innaloo, 9.00am Perth</b>	
<p>We make our way directly to the impressive Queens Gardens where we will enjoy a delightful morning tea and time to admire these magnificent gardens. We now make our way to Elizabeth Quays where you will have some free to check out all the changes here before boarding your Captain Cook river cruise to Fremantle. Full commentary by your crew as you cruise our impressive Swan River to Fremantle. Your coach will be waiting for you at the other end and will do a tour around Fremantle before arriving at Fisherman's Harbor and Twin Fin for some tasty fish and chips for lunch. After lunch free time to maybe visit the Ship Wrecks Museum or simply enjoy the location before slowly starting on our way home.</p>		
<b>December</b>	<b><u>Cherries and Berries and Christmas Lunch</u></b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	<b>8.15am Bassendean, 8.35am Belmont, 9.00am Booragoon</b>	
<b>Friday 4th</b>	<b>8.10am Whitfords, 8.35am Innaloo, 9.00am Perth</b>	
<p>We enjoy our morning tea at the scenic North Dandalup Dam before making our way to an orchard where you can pick your own Raspberries and Boysenberries. You can also purchase in season Cherries and other stone fruits. Enjoy a delightful Christmas lunch at the Dwellingup Hotel before slowly making our way back home.</p>		