



Social Events & Tours
for the Over 55's

CLUB 55 TRAVEL CLUB SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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



Well Christmas is just around the corner and the end of 2021 draws to a close. We would like to thank you for your support during 2021 and let us all hope that 2022 can be a better year for everyone around the world. Covid is sadly not over yet and once the government advises their plans for going forward in 2022 we will have a better idea as to how we need to comply. Being double vaccinated is likely to be a prerequisite to coming out on tour. At this stage it is still a matter of waiting for Mark McGowan to lay down his plans.

On a more positive note, we have just taken delivery of another coach to replace our original coach, the new addition will be a 48 seater with two entry doors for better loading and unloading and also has a fully equipped rest room, It will be in service in the New Year. We will keep you informed. Our 2022 Extended Tour Program will be released towards the end of January. With everyone holidaying at home it has become very difficult to get accommodation, so next year's program is likely to be reduced compared to this year.

Booking your tours. It is advised that customers use our online booking service to book and pay for tours wherever possible. Booking your tours online and then phoning our office to make the payment is not the preferred method and is putting a huge strain on Tanya in the office. If you need assistance with this, please let us know and we will assist you.

You can book your seats on as many tours as you like without paying anything until 14 days prior on Day Tours and 30 Days prior on Extended Tours (unless otherwise stated on the tour). You will receive an email reminding you that the payment is due and a link where you can pay for your tour online. If your tour isn't paid for when payment is due, we reserve the right to cancel your booking and release it to customers on the wait list. If you are unable to join us on a tour you have booked, please advise our office as soon as possible as seats are limited and we are relying on you to keep us informed.

Tanya is taking a well-deserved break and our office will be closed from the 18th December and re opens on the 10th January. You can still book online at our web page www.club55.com.au

We look forward to your company on tour. **Best Wishes to you and your family for Christmas and 2022.**

Best Wishes from Chris and Tanya

2022 DAY TOURS

February	Mystery Tour	\$35
March	Dolphin and Scenic Marine Cruise	\$95
March	Garden Island	\$60
April	Avonbrook Wines	\$85
May	Café on the Dam	\$85
May	Garden Island	\$60
June	Finding Jennacubbine	\$90
June	Wellington Dam and Murals	\$70
July	Christmas in July at Bolgart	\$89
July	Christmas in July at Stringybark	\$89
August	Tulips of Araluen	\$80
August	Dowerin Field Day	\$65
August	Garden Island	\$60
September	Hotham Steam Ranger	\$130
September	Blind Cameleer	\$60
October	New Norcia	\$90
October	Murray River Lunch Cruise	\$135
November	Club 55 Garden Tour	TBA
November	Garden Island	\$60
December	Christmas lunch and Brochure	TBA
December	Mandurah Christmas Lights	TBA

Club 55 Departure Locations

*Bassendean Train Station, Railway Parade
Belmont Reading Cinemas, Fulham Road
Booragoon, Len Shearer Reserve, Marcus Ave
Perth, Wellington Train Station TRANS WA stop
Whitfords Library, Whitfords Shopping Ctr
Morris Place, Innaloo
Cockburn Train Station, TransWA bus top, platform 7
Gosnells Train Station, Wheatley Street,
Thornlie, Leisure World Carpark Area.
Riverton Leisureplex Cnr High Road & Riley St*

BOOKINGS

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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.

Start the new year with this special offer tour at only \$35

February	<u>New Year Mystery Special</u>	\$35
Wednesday 23rd	Bassendean 8.15am, Belmont 8.35am, Booragoon 9.00am	
Thursday 24th	Perth 8.10am, Innaloo 8.35am, Whitfords 9.00am	
Friday 25th	Gosnells 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Riverton 9.00am	

Step aboard the Club 55 coach and enjoy a day full of mystery. Who knows where we will end up? What we do know is that only your coach captain will know where you are going. Or will he? There will be icy cold air conditioning. You will enjoy our traditional morning tea at a scenic location. You will have free time to purchase your lunch and explore. A great tour with lots of fun and surprises.

March	<u>Dolphin and Scenic Marine Cruise</u>	\$95
Thursday 24th	Bassendean 8.15am, Belmont 8.35am, Booragoon 9.00am	
Friday 25th	Whitfords 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am, Perth 9.00am	
Wednesday 30th	Gosnells 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Riverton 9.00am	

We make our way directly to Mandurah, where upon arrival we will enjoy our traditional morning tea. Time now to board your boat for the Dolphin and Scenic Marine Cruise. Discover the unique marine world that Mandurah is so famous for, on an interactive cruise through the city's calm, inland waterways while you enjoy fish and chips for lunch. Spot playful wild dolphins as they feed, rest, and play in their natural environment. Mandurah is home to Western Australia's largest population of residential Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins – around 120 dolphins reside here. Explore the city's 20+ kilometers of illustrious canals, framed with luxurious homes and then cruise into the region's vast wetlands, protected by the United Nations as a natural site of worldwide importance. After our cruise we will do a scenic drive up the coast to Rockingham where we will stop to give you an opportunity get an ice cream and check out all the new changes along the foreshore before making our way home. Payment in full one month prior to departure. No refunds after this date!

March	<u>Garden Island</u>	\$60
Thursday 31st	Bassendean 8.00am, Perth 8.30am, Booragoon 9.00am	

We will pipe you aboard then proceed to the Shoalwater Bay area where we'll pause for a delightful morning tea. We make our way to the security clearance area where we meet our guide who will provide us with an informative tour of Garden Island and the HMAS Stirling Naval Base, including the "Z Force" memorial, Cliff Head lookout and the port and museum at the Fleet Base Amenities. After the tour, we stop at the Rockingham foreshore for some free time where you can purchase some lunch from the many food outlets or simply enjoy a picnic in the park before making our way slowly home.

April	<u>Avonbrook Wines</u>	\$85
Wednesday 20th	Booragoon 8.00am, Belmont, 8.30am, Bassendean 9.00am	
Tuesday 26th	Perth 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am Whitfords 9.00am	
Friday 29th	Riverton 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Gosnells 9.00am	

This morning we will make our way to Lake Leschenaultia where we will enjoy our picnic morning tea and some free time to enjoy this idyllic location. Our journey continues through the hills and onto Clackline where we will enjoy a delightful lunch at Avonbrook Wines. A selection of platters served as a buffet, including Green salad vegetable platter, gourmet jacket potato salad with a sour cream dressing, cheese platter with a selection of eight to ten cheeses to taste, marinated mushrooms, chilies, sundried tomatoes, fresh cherry tomatoes, locally produces olives and a selection of European vegetables in spiced vinegars, fresh fruit, dried fruit and crackers, A selection of cold meats and chicken served decoratively with a variety of sauces and chutney's to compliment. Served with crusty bread or rolls. For dessert you will enjoy the cake of the day with tea or coffee. On our return journey we will stop in Sawyers Valley to visit the new Crystal and Gem shop and the huge Op Shop before making our way home.

May	<u>Café on the Dam and Pipehead Dam</u>	\$85
Wednesday 18th	Bassendean 8.15am, Belmont 8.35am, Booragoon 9.00am	
Friday 20th	Whitfords 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am, Perth 9.00am	
Wednesday 25th	Gosnells 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Riverton 9.00am	

A great day out in the hills. We visit three of Perth main dams, including Wungong Dam where we will enjoy our morning tea before visiting the Jarrahdale area. It is steeped in history and has played a major part in the development of our state. As well as providing you with a great day out. Club 55 will provide you with excellent commentary on the history and attractions of the area. Next stop will be the pretty Pipe Head Dam. Lunch today will be at Café on the Dam overlooking Serpentine Dam, where we will sit back and enjoy a tasty two course multi choice lunch, of butter chicken, roast vegetable frittata, lasagna or fish and chips, dessert is apple crumble. Meal selections to be advised when you make your booking. After lunch you may wish to feed the 28's or if you're really lucky a resident Kookaburra. You will have time to wonder the gallery or purchase some local art. After lunch our journey continues through the hills as we slowly make our way home.

May	<u>Garden Island</u>	\$60
Thursday 26th	Whitfords 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am, Perth 9.00am	

We will pipe you aboard then proceed to the Shoalwater Bay area where we'll pause for a delightful morning tea. We make our way to the security clearance area where we meet our guide who will provide us with an informative tour of Garden Island and the HMAS Stirling Naval Base, including the "Z Force" memorial, Cliff Head lookout and the port and museum at the Fleet Base Amenities. After the tour, we stop at the Rockingham foreshore for some free time where you can purchase some lunch from the many food outlets or simply enjoy a picnic in the park before making our way slowly home.

June **Finding Jennacubbine** **\$90**
Thursday 16th **Booragoon 8.00am, Belmont 8.30am, Bassendean 9.00am**
Monday 20th **Perth 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am, Whitfords 9.00am**
Monday 27th **Riverton 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Gosnells 9.00am**

Today's jaunt will take us to a little country pub, known locally as the "End of the Road Steakhouse." It's just past the CWA on the left and hay bales on the right. We make our way directly to Northam for a scrumptious Club 55 morning tea and free time to check out the visitors centre and the swinging bridge and maybe see some of the magnificent White Swans that frequent the river. We will also show you some of the obstacles the competitors for the Avon Decent face as they depart Northam. Time now for a top lunch at a down to earth country pub, Jennacubbine Tavern. Located some 20 minutes out of Northam, Jennacubbine provides a great day's touring in the Club 55 tradition. On our return we take a break in Sawyers Valley where you can check out the Op Shop, Crystal Shop and other interesting shops before making our way home.

June **Wellington Dam and Collie Mural** **\$70**
Wednesday 29th **Bassendean 7.15am, Perth 7.45am, Cockburn Central 8.00am**

We enjoy our traditional Club 55 morning tea along the way as we make our way to Wellington Dam. Collie looks set to earn a place on the tourist map with a 6,500-square-metre mural being splashed across the Wellington Dam wall which is the highlight of the new Collie Mural Trail. 15 mural teams painted at 20 mural sites throughout this small town. You will be given free time to wander the town and purchase your lunch. Before making our return journey home via Harvey Cheese where you can purchase one of their famous ice-creams.

July **Christmas in July at Bolgart Hotel** **\$89**
Tuesday 19th **Booragoon 8.00am, Belmont, 8.30am, Bassendean 9.00am**
Friday 22nd **Whitfords 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am, Perth 9.00am**
Monday 25th **Riverton 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Gosnells 9.00am**

We head to Bindoon for a delightful Club 55 morning tea and then continue via the Chittering Valley and on into the Avon Valley to the tiny town of Bolgart. Time to check out The Bolgart Bell Tower which was built as a fun alternative to the Swan Bell Tower in Perth, a subject of great controversy. As populations of many country towns have declined, businesses have had to close and perhaps the saddest moment is when the local pub puts a closed sign on its door. Fortunately for Bolgart, the locals were not willing to let that happen. While this isn't the first community to come together and invest their funds into a local business, such as the pub, few have a vision that is as exciting as what is planned for the Bolgart Hotel. While their plans might seem ambitious, a consortium of people from Bolgart and one or two from surrounding areas are passionate enough to make it happen, including the plan to establish a micro-brewery and cidery in conjunction with Funk Cider. They want the pub to thrive again and return it to being the heart of the town. Bolgart farmers Paul Michael and Edward Ludemann are two of the more than 30 individual people from 16 families who make up the syndicate that purchased the pub in early May 2020. We'll settle in for a hearty 2 course Xmas in July lunch at the restored Bolgart Hotel; then make our way back via Toodyay with a stop to visit the Coorinja Winery for some tastings.

July **Christmas in July at Stringbark Winery** **\$89**
Friday 29th **Booragoon 8.00am, Perth 8.30am, Bassendean 9.00am**

We head off for a traditional Club 55 picnic morning at Whiteman Park where you will have free time to visit the Craft village or the Motor Museum. We continue our journey into the beautiful Chittering Valley where you will get to see one of the most impressive buildings in the area, The Divine Mercy Catholic Church. Next stop is the Stringy Bark Winery where we can relax, taste the latest vintage, and enjoy a hearty Christmas lunch. After a delightful visit, we will slowly make our way back to home with a stop in the Swan Valley for chocolate tastings at Whistlers Chocolate factory.

August **Tulips of Araluen and Happy Gathering Chinese** **\$80**
Tuesday 23rd **Bassendean 8.15am, Belmont 8.35am, Booragoon 9.00am**
Wednesday 24th **Whitfords 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am, Perth 9.00am**
Friday 26th **Riverton 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Gosnells 9.00am**

We make our way directly to Araluen Botanical Park for the annual Tulips Festival. On arrival, we will have our traditional morning tea before free time to explore these magnificent gardens and the impressive displays of Tulips and many other wildflowers that make Araluen home. For lunch you will enjoy a single course Chinese meal at The Happy Gathering Chinese Restaurant in Armadale. We will stop at the Strawberry Farm for some farm fresh strawberries before making our way home. Please advise meal choices when making your booking, satay beef, sweet and sour pork, honey chicken, garlic chicken or sweet and sour fish.

August **Dowerin Field Day and Canola Crops** **\$65**
Thursday 25th **Booragoon 7.00am, Perth 7.35am, Bassendean 8.00am**

Why not join Club 55 for the iconic Dowerin Field Day. Located approximately 2 hours' drive through the magnificent scenic Avon Valley. Retrace the steps that the early prospectors made as they made their way out to the gold fields. The Avon Valley is alive with color at this time of year with masses of bright yellow Canola crops. Rivers and waterfalls are flowing, and wildflowers abound. Enjoy morning tea at the beautiful Noble Falls, free time in Dowerin to check it all out. Purchase some lunch from one of the many food vendors at the festival. On our return journey to Perth, we will stop off and do some wine tasting at one of the oldest wineries in Western Australia. Entry at own cost.

