



Social Events & Tours  
for the Over 55's

# CLUB 55 TRAVEL CLUB WINTER NEWSLETTER

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



Well winter is certainly here, and we have some terrific tours for the winter months. You will be nice and warm in our luxury heated coaches. As many of you would be aware many small businesses are closing their doors due to chronic staff shortages and the financial drain of 2 years dealing with Covid 19 restrictions. Added to that we now have inflation running rampant and forcing prices to rise for pretty much everything we buy. Fuel prices and venues increasing their prices has sadly forced us to increase our prices to stay viable. I have endeavoured to keep those price increases to a minimum. Effective immediately all Day Tours have increased by \$5 per person and Extended Tours by \$10 per day. These price increases will apply to all future payments and bookings

**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.

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).

### New tours added

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> . Reynoldson Reserve Wildflower Festival  
Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> . 6 Day Silo Tour & South Coast Explorer



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## 2022 DAY TOURS

June	Finding Jennacubbine	\$95
June	Wellington Dam and Murals	\$75
July	Christmas in July at Bolgart	\$94
July	Christmas in July at Stringybark	\$94
August	Tulips of Araluen	\$85
August	Dowerin Field Day	\$70
August	Garden Island	\$65
September	Hotham Steam Ranger	\$135
September	Blind Cameleer	\$65
October	New Norcia	\$95
October	Murray River Lunch Cruise	\$140
<b>October</b>	<b>Reynoldson Reserve Festival</b>	<b>\$100</b>
November	Garden Island	\$65
November	Moore River and Seabird	\$90
December	Christmas lunch and Brochure	TBA
December	Mandurah Xmas Cruise & Paegant	\$105
December	Mandurah Christmas Lights Cruise	\$120

## 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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# EXTENDED TOURS 2022

<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>4 Day Nannup Flower &amp; Garden</b>	<b>\$1015</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>2 Day Wave Rock and Canola</b>	<b>\$345</b>
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>2 Day Whale Watching Tour</b>	<b>\$415</b>
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>2 Day Lord Forrest and Boat Cruise</b>	<b>\$425</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>2 Day Busselton and Abbey Beach Resort</b>	<b>\$340</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>4 Day Margaret River and Augusta</b>	<b>\$1035</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>6 Day Mural and Silo Tour</b>	<b>\$1590</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2 Day Manjimup Cherry Festival</b>	<b>\$380</b>

<b>June</b>	<b><u>Finding Jennacubbine</u></b>	<b>\$95</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Booragoon 8.00am, Belmont 8.30am, Bassendean 9.00am</b>	
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Perth 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am, Whitfords 9.00am</b>	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Riverton 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Gosnells 9.00am</b>	

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.

<b>June</b>	<b><u>Wellington Dam and Collie Mural</u></b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bassendean 7.15am, Perth 7.45am, Cockburn Central 8.00am</b>	

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.

<b>July</b>	<b><u>Christmas in July at Bolgart Hotel</u></b>	<b>\$94</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Booragoon 8.00am, Belmont, 8.30am, Bassendean 9.00am</b>	
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Whitfords 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am, Perth 9.00am</b>	
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Riverton 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Gosnells 9.00am</b>	

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.

<b>July</b>	<b><u>Christmas in July at Stringybark Winery</u></b>	<b>\$94</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Booragoon 8.00am, Perth 8.30am, Bassendean 9.00am</b>	

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.

<b>August</b>	<b><u>Tulips of Araluen and Happy Gathering Chinese</u></b>	<b>\$85</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Bassendean 8.15am, Belmont 8.35am, Booragoon 9.00am</b>	
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Whitfords 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am, Perth 9.00am</b>	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Riverton 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Gosnells 9.00am</b>	

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.

<b>August</b> <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Dowerin Field Day and Canola Crops</u></b> <b>Booragoon 7.00am, Perth 7.35am, Bassendean 8.00am</b>	<b>\$70</b>
<p>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.</p>		
<b>August</b> <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Garden Island</u></b> <b>Gosnells 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Riverton 9.00am</b>	<b>\$65</b>
<p>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.</p>		
<b>September</b> <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Hotham Valley Steam Ranger</u></b> <b>Bassendean 7.30am, Belmont 8.00am, Booragoon 8.30am</b> <b>Whitfords 7.50am, Innaloo 8.10am, Perth 8.30am</b>	<b>\$135</b>
<p>We make our way directly to Dwellingup where we will enjoy our traditional Club 55 morning tea before boarding the steam ranger where you will enjoy a 2-hour journey with the licensed café serving various refreshments. You travel westward down to Isandra Siding, 14 Kilometers away where you will have a 30-minute stop over. During this time the locomotive will move to the opposite end of the train. You will be thrilled by the magnificent sound of a steam locomotive hard at work climbing the West Australia's steepest and most spectacular section of railway, through the darling range escarpment. On our return to Dwellingup we enjoy a lovely 2 course lunch at the Dwellingup Hotel. Time to visit some of the craft shops before slowly making our way home with a stop for some farm fresh strawberries.</p> <p>Payment in full 6 weeks prior to the tour. No refunds after this date.</p>		
<b>September</b> <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><u>Blind Cameleer</u></b> <b>Booragoon 8.00am, Belmont 8.30am, Bassendean 9.00am</b>	<b>\$65</b>
<p>We make our way directly to Noble Falls for our traditional Club 55 morning tea. Well, he said he would do it and he has fulfilled his ambition. Max has moved to a new property and has expanded his business with a new processing plant and many more Camels to add to his existing flock. Max will give you a talk on this new industry and show you his loving Camels and their cute babies. He is truly an inspirational man. He started with a dream to run his own farm. Diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa, a disease that has left Max almost totally blind, this dream seemed impossible to many, but not to Max. He had already mastered a lot of challenges in his life, competing in the Paralympics twice and completing a PhD in Agricultural Science, now he was ready for the next adventure. After our tour we make our way into Toodyay for some free time for lunch and to visit the Op Shops and the famous Christmas 360 Shop. If you prefer, a catered lunch can be arranged for your group. After lunch we visit the historic Coorinja Winery for some wine tasting before slowly making our way home.</p>		
<b>October</b> <b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>New Norcia and Benedictine Monks</u></b> <b>Booragoon 8.00am, Belmont 8.30am, Bassendean 9.00am</b> <b>Perth 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am, Whitfords 9.00am</b> <b>Gosnells 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Riverton 9.00am</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<p>We travel via scenic Bindoon, pausing for morning tea on route to New Norcia. Here your coach captain will give you full commentary on the fascinating history of this Spanish-style monastic enclave, located in the wheat-belt of Western Australia. We visit the historic church and enjoy a drive around and delight in the magnificent architecture of the town, before a hearty 3 course "Monk lunch" where you will enjoy the same meal the Benedictine Monks will be enjoying on that day. There will be time to visit the gift shop and museum before we slowly make our way home. Entry fees apply to the museum and gallery \$10.</p>		
<b>October</b> <b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Murray River Lunch Cruise</u></b> <b>Bassendean 8.15am, Belmont 8.35am, Booragoon 9.00am</b>	<b>\$140</b>
<p>Club 55 will travel directly to Mandurah where you will board this relaxing half-day cruise. Sit back and take in the natural beauty of the region. Aboard the Murray River Lunch Cruise, you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start the morning cruising through the beautiful Mandurah city center.</li> <li>• Cruise past wetlands abounding with birdlife.</li> <li>• Witness our famous Bottlenose dolphins as they surf and play in the wake of the boat.</li> <li>• Enjoy a delicious lunch on board, served upon entering the serene, winding Murray River.</li> <li>• Sit back, relax, and take in the stunning scenery, passing quaint homes and an array of flora and fauna on the river, cruising as far as the Murray River Bridge (Forrest Highway).</li> <li>• Stop at the Coopers Mill heritage island site (pending weather &amp; jetty access), where afternoon tea will be served, you are welcome to wander or follow our tour guide to learn more about the mill.</li> </ul> <p>The Murray River is the longest permanent river in the Jarrah Forest and one of the few major rivers that remains undammed. Popular with canoeists, kayakers, fishermen and nature-lovers, it is one of the Shire of Murray's most picturesque attractions. Payment in full one month prior to departure. No refunds after this point.</p>		

**October** **Reynoldson Reserve Wildflower Festival, Wongan Hills** **\$100**  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** **Booragoon 7.30am, Perth 7.50am, Bassendean 8.15am**

A terrific day install for you today as we make our way into the northern wheatbelt and the small township of Wongan Hills. Today they hold the annual Reynoldson Reserve Wildflower Festival. The **Apex Markets** will be on and there will be plenty of stalls to wander around and the local community groups will be offering all sorts of yummy food. On our way to Wongan Hills we will pause for our morning tea in Bindoon before continuing to the famous Reynoldson Reserve to view the spectacular display of seven varieties of Verticordia. These petite diverse flowers give rise to the common name of Feather Flowers. Time now to head into Wongan Hills for the fun of the festival and an opportunity to purchase some lunch from the many food stalls and check out all the magnificent displays before slowly making our way back to Perth.

**November** **Moore River Guilderton and Seabird Tavern** **\$90**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** **Booragoon 8.00am, Belmont 8.30am, Bassendean 9.00am**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** **Perth 8.00am, Innaloo 8.30am, Whitfords 9.00am**  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** **Gosnells 8.20am, Thornlie 8.40am, Riverton 9.00am**

We travel north to a scenic location for our traditional Club 55 morning tea, then continue via Yanchep and Two Rocks viewing all the new developments along the way. Excellent commentary on the wreck of the Guilt Dragon which tragically sank off the coast near the coastal town of Guilderton. On arrival in Guilderton we will tour the town and visit the lookout over the mouth of the Moore River and some free time to enjoy river views and a stroll along the foreshore. We now proceed to the small fishing village of Seabird and our lovely lunch at the Seabird Tavern, enjoy its panoramic 180 degree ocean views and settle in for a choice of fish, chicken or vegetarian pasta, plus apple crumble for dessert. After a lovely lunch, we'll start making our way home.

**November** **Garden Island** **\$65**  
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** **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.

**December** **Mandurah Christmas Pageant, Cruise and Fireworks** **\$110**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Bassendean 1.45pm, Perth 2.15pm, Booragoon 2.45pm**

Need to get into the Christmas spirit??? Looking for an end of year outing? We pipe you aboard with Christmas carols and travel directly to Mandurah. On arrival you will have free time to watch the Mandurah Christmas Pageant and to also purchase yourself something to eat from the many places available. Time now to board your boat cruise which will take you through the magnificent Mandurah Canals. Marvel at the multimillion dollar homes all dressed up for Christmas with thousands of lights and decorations making this area a fairy wonderland. Just as your boat cruise finishes the heavens will explode with a magnificent fireworks display. Payment in full on the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**December** **brochure release – Christmas lunch** **TBA**

**December** **Mandurah Christmas Lights** **\$120**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** **Bassendean 2.30pm, Belmont 2.50pm, Booragoon 3.15pm**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Whitfords 2.30pm, Innaloo 2.50am, Perth 3.15pm**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Gosnells 2.35pm, Thornlie 2.55pm, Riverton 3.15pm**

We pipe you aboard with Christmas carols and travel directly to Mandurah. On arrival, we will enjoy some fish and chips at Cicerellos. Your boat cruise will take you through the magnificent Mandurah Canals. Marvel at the multimillion-dollar homes dressed up for Christmas with thousands of lights and decorations making this area a fairy wonderland. These tours book out early and need to be fully paid for by the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

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