



NEWSLETTER

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NEW SERVICES

LIBRARY BUS RUNS

There is so much going on at your local library!

PORT MACQUARIE LIBRARY

Weekly on a Wednesday

Approx arrival: 10AM

Approx departure: 11AM



WEST KEMPSEY LIBRARY

Weekly on a Friday

Approx arrival: 10:30AM

Approx departure: 11:30AM

LAURIETON LIBRARY

Weekly on a Thursday

Approx arrival: 10AM

Approx departure: 11AM

Cost of Service:

*CHSP & CTP Clients: \$7.50

**NDIS & HCP Clients: \$12.50

SHORE-RIDER LAURIETON

DESTINATION: PORT MACQUARIE

Tuesday and Thursday Weekly Service

Approx Arrival Time: 9:15AM

Approx Departure Time: 12:30PM

Cost of Service:

*CHSP & CTP Clients: \$20

**NDIS & HCP Clients: \$40

*CHSP & CTP -are clients subsidised under the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) or under the Community Transport Program (CTP).

**NDIS & HCP are fee for service clients under the National Disability Insurance Scheme or on a Home Care Package.

CHARTER OF AGED CARE RIGHTS

Clients receiving CHSP services are invited to make an appointment with us to discuss and sign 'The Charter of Aged Care Rights'.

NDIS RECIPIENTS

What is NDIS Transport Funding?

If you are unable to access public transport due to your disability, you may be able to access transport funding via the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The NDIS fund 3 types of transport specific to clients who are:

Level 1: not working, studying or attending day programs, but want to access the community,

Level 2: currently working or studying part-time (up to 15 hours a week), participating in day programs and/or other social, recreational and leisure activities,

Level 3: currently working, looking for work, or studying, at least 15 hours a week, and are unable to use public transport because of their disability.

Talk to your Support Coordinator and/or Local Area Coordinator today to discuss the transport funding that is right for you.

What can Linked Community Services do for me?

Linked Community Services, formally known as Hastings Macleay Community Transport are a not for profit public company, providing accessible Transport and Community engagement services to members of our community. Providing flexible support options, promoting independence and inclusion, Linked Community Services can provide you with reliable and friendly, local and regional transport solutions.

If social, recreational and leisure activities are more your style, Linked Community Services can provide you with 'Out & About' community participation activities, offering meaningful, door to door, low cost social outings. With over 20 activity types and intensity levels, our team of local staff and dedicated volunteers can talk to you about upcoming half day, full day and overnight 'Out & About' activities.

Contact us today to find out more
02 6583 8644



REGISTERED
NDIS
PROVIDER

COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME UPDATE

Brian is just one of our Community Visitors who is making life better for those who are feeling lonely or isolated and would like a friend. If you would like to join our Team and have time to share, please contact Christie our CVS Coordinator on (02) 6583 8644 or email ckorvemaa@linked.org.au who will send you an Application Pack.



Brian & Reg
enjoying
their visit
together



If you know anyone who would like to be a Volunteer Driver, we would love to hear from them!

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2019 Dianne Gander

Congratulations to our Volunteer Dianne Gander who was awarded the 2019 Volunteer of the Year at the Spotlight Volunteer Awards on 22nd May. The Hon. Leslie Williams MP has since sent Dianne official notification that she was formally recognised in Parliament for her award received. Dianne was acknowledged for the years of dedication and support she provides to the elderly, disabled and transport isolated clients at Linked Community Services that require transport to access services or to enjoy a day trip amongst friends



We are proud to have Dianne not only as our valued Chair of the Board of Directors but also as a Volunteer with our Organisation. Congratulations Dianne.

CEO UPDATE

As the end of the year is fast approaching so is the roll out of our new brand and various collateral for 'Linked Community Services'. Our Marketing campaign has kicked off and you may have noticed some exciting changes around like our phone message, the way we answer the phone, wraps on our vehicles, letterheads, email signatures, newsletters and so much more. Our website will soon be updated and so for a short period will be unavailable. I assure you the new look website will be worth the wait. What's next? We are in the process of developing a television and radio commercial so watch this space!

There are only a couple of months left before Christmas and it is a very busy time of the year for our Transport Services. Please make sure you book in all your medical appointments, shopping trips, hair appointments etc as soon as you can so we can make sure you are all organised for the festive season. Please also make note of our Christmas closure period as indicated below and let us know if you need support during this time as we may be able to assist.



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE PERIOD

Our office and transport services are closed from Tuesday 24th December 2019 from 12pm and re-opens Monday 6th January 2020 at 8am.

HUNGRY, BORED, LONELY?

Come along and join us on our group outings. You can go on full day and half day outings, with something for everyone! Calendars are mailed to our clients and can be emailed on request.



UPDATING OUR RECORDS

Linked Community Services is currently updating our records.

We will be in contact with you over the coming months regarding your current needs and a review of the services you are accessing. It may be a good opportunity to see what other services we could provide you!

FAVOURITE RECIPE CORNER

Creamy Pesto Chicken Linguini

Serves 4

Ingredients

400 grams linguini
500 grams chicken breasts chopped or chicken stir fry strips
300ml tub cream
1/4 cup basil pesto

Instructions

In a large pot of boiling, salted water, cook the linguini according to packet directions. Meanwhile, in a nonstick frying pan, sauté the chicken until golden, 4 to 6 minutes. Add the cream and reduce heat, add basil pesto and simmer for 5 minutes. Add the linguini and toss to coat in the yummy sauce.

Recipe Notes

Optional: Add a punnet of cherry tomatoes when you add the basil pesto for colour and a fresh burst of goodness. Sprinkle with fresh basil and Parmesan to serve



STAFF & VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Please note that from 11am on Friday 6th December 2019 the office and transport services will be closed.



During this time we will take the opportunity to recognise our team with a range of awards.

WE NEED YOU TO VOTE

We want to recognise those who give their time and service to benefit others. For any team member that you would like to nominate please let our Administration staff know the next time you call to book your transport. You can nominate a person for multiple awards. These are the categories:

Biggest Heart Award

Whether it's to lend an ear, show up for an extra shift, or dedicate time to service, the Biggest Heart is always there to help. This person is kind, compassionate, gracious, and always giving to others.

Perpetual Smile Award

You're not sure if you've seen this person frown, ever. When things are tough, they're smiling. When things are great, they're grinning even bigger. This person brings a smile to our doorstep every time he or she arrives, sharing it freely with everyone in sight.

The Always on Time Award

This is the person who you can set your watch by. The one who is never late and always arrives on time.

Client Hero Award

For the person who has received most positive feedback from our clients.



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