

## MEDIA RELEASE

10<sup>th</sup> of August 2011

### Back for its 10<sup>th</sup> Year: The Lindesay Christmas Gift Fair!



Historic Lindesay and its stunning garden will once again be alive with the sights and sounds of the Lindesay Christmas Gift Fair.

The popular event, organised and run by the National Trust Women's Committee Special Events Panel, will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of November.

From 10am until 4pm visitors can tour the Victoria era home and shop among the more than 80 stalls inside the house and under a marquee in the garden.

Shoppers will discover a range of home wares, jewellery, shoes, linen, antiques, stationery, bags, clothes and accessories for adults and children.

While in the gourmet food cellar there will be a selection of fine foods and The Courtyard Cafe will offer delicious homemade lunches and morning and afternoon teas.

Lindesay is one of more than 30 properties owned and managed by the National Trust of New South Wales.

It is registered with the Heritage Commission and is one of the few remaining harbour side mansions of early Sydney.

Built in 1834 by the colonial Treasurer it was the first house on Darling Point and the first in New South Wales to be designed in the picturesque Gothic style of architecture.

Mr Walter Pye gifted Lindesay to the National Trust in 1963, and since then it has been carefully restored to its early Victorian grandeur, housing a rare collection of European and early colonial furniture.

The iconic three-storey residence features a flag stoned basement kitchen and store rooms, spacious bedrooms, an elegant drawing room and a dining room and stunning chandeliers.

**WHEN:** Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2011

**TIME:** From 10am until 4pm

**WHERE:** Lindesay , 1 Carthona Avenue, Darling Point (entry via Lindsay Avenue)

**COST:** Admission to the fair and the house is \$5, going towards the upkeep of Lindesay.

**TRANSPORT:** A complimentary shuttle bus service will operate from **Edgecliff Railway Station** Interchange (stand H) OR catch **bus no. 327 from Gresham Street, Circular Quay**. Public transport is advised as parking is limited. Website: [www.lindesaychristmasgiftfair.com.au](http://www.lindesaychristmasgiftfair.com.au)

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