

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**National Trust Properties unite for Festive fun!**

Much like most Australians, the National Trust loves an excuse to party!

So it's not surprising that this year, once again, the Trust is uniting to celebrate the festive season.

With more than 30 properties across regional and metropolitan New South Wales there are a variety of family friendly events taking place across the month of December.

Please see below for a list of some stand out events at Trust properties:

Property	Address	Details
<b>Norman Lindsay Gallery</b>	14 Norman Lindsay Crescent, Faulconbridge	<b>Saturday the 3rd of December 6:00pm</b> Cost: \$10 for family entry. Local singers will lead carol singing with a mix of the season's favourite carols. Sprawl out with your family across the beautiful Gallery grounds. BYO picnic rug. <b>Enquiries:</b> (02) 4751 1067.
<b>Riversdale</b>	Twynam Drive (end of Maud Street), Goulburn	<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of December 10:00am</b> Cost: Free to National Trust Members, \$5 for Adults, \$3 for Concession and Children, \$12 for family entry. Start your Christmas shopping at the Riversdale Craft Fair. Explore the beautiful gardens, browse the markets and tour the 1840s Georgian house. For enquiries contact: Dawn Giles (02) 4821 4741.
<b>Norman Lindsay Gallery</b>	14 Norman Lindsay Crescent, Faulconbridge	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of December 6:30pm</b> Cost: \$20 per person (members and their friends only). Join the Blue Mountains Branch and Norman Lindsay Gallery team for a relaxing. Catch up on the latest exhibition at the Gallery, chat to fellow members and enjoy a barbecue. To book contact: Sarah Wray (02) 4739 6769.
<b>Old Government House</b>	Pitt Street, Parramatta	<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of December 7:00pm</b> Cost: Entry by gold coin donation. A lovely start to Christmas for young and old, with an evening of traditional carols accompanied by the New South Wales Police Band and Model Farms High School choir. There will also be a special appearance by Santa Claus. Sausage sizzle, ice creams, soft drinks and coffee for sale. <b>Enquiries:</b> (02) 9635 8149.
<b>Miss Porters House</b>	434 King Street, Newcastle West	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1:00pm</b> Cost: \$7 for Adults, \$5 Concession, \$20 for a Family pass. Enjoy the magic of Christmas as it was long ago, seen through the decorations,

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		cards and other Christmas memorabilia that belonged to the Porter family. <b>Enquiries:</b> Roland Bannister (02) 4967 4273.
<b>Cooma Cottage</b>	756 Yass Valley Way, Yass	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of December 6:30pm</b> Cost: Free. Carols at Cooma Cottage featuring the Yass High School Concert band and Berinba Primary School Choir. Gates open from 6.30pm with carols starting at 8pm. Glowsticks, BBQ and drinks available to purchase. BYO picnic rug, your own picnic and a torch. <b>Enquiries:</b> Cooma Cottage (02) 6226 1470
<b>Miss Traill's House</b>	321 Russell Street, Bathurst	<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of December</b> Cost: \$7 Adults, \$6 Concession, \$5 Children or \$20 for a Family. Held in the beautiful gardens at Miss Traill's House; the Carillon Orchestra and young singers will lead the Christmas carols with entertainment for adults and children including face painting and local wares. BYO picnic rug. Purchase tea and coffee, Glo Sticks, Christmas cake and wine. Special guest: Santa. Enquiries: Brian Atkinson (02) 6337 2049
<b>Saumarez Homestead</b>	New England Highway, Armidale	<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December</b> Cost: \$10 Adult, \$7 Concession, \$22 Family Pass. Special Christmas tour and tea house opening hours. Enquiries Les: 02 6772 3616

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