

# Private House Inspection Programme

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### Celebrating 50 years of the Womens Committee

#### Darlinghurst Day, Tuesday 7 June

10.30AM-12.30PM OR 1PM-3PM

'Covered in windmills' the high land east of Sydney Town was known as Windmill Hill in the early days of the Colony. The name Darlinghurst derives from Governor Ralph Darling's term of office (1824-1831) when large grants were made to senior public servants and professional men, creating a fashionable suburb centred on Craigend, the home of Sir Thomas Mitchell. Construction of the vast gaol c1840 brought workers to its vicinity.

In the 20th century, Darlinghurst like many inner suburbs suffered a decline with multi-storey housing crowding historic buildings. Today, there is a welcome resurgence. Nineteenth century buildings are being rediscovered and imaginative restoration is giving new life to this historic neighbourhood. The Sydney City Council has created a traffic baffle and garden to enhance the National Trust Classified precinct in Darley Street.

#### Iona, 2 Darley Street, Darlinghurst

By courtesy of Catherine Martin and Baz Luhrmann

An imposing example of an elaborate late Victorian Italianate villa (1888), Iona is constructed of stuccoed brickwork with elaborate cast iron verandahs and slate roof. The interior, noted for its fine cedar joinery, has a grand stairway and a fine stained-glass window with Australian flora and fauna designs. Iona was converted to a private hospital in 1914. Retaining a large garden, the property is now both a family home and the offices of Bazmark Inq. Pty. Ltd.



Iona, Darlinghurst

#### 2 Darley Place, Darlinghurst

By courtesy of Margaret Fink

Two small workman's cottages, surviving from the early Colony, have been combined. Now, with the artistic genius of the owner and the architectural skills of Keith Cottier, Allen Jack + Cottier, the cottages have been transformed to become a vibrant modern house, extended east and west by courtyards with truly inspired planting.

#### Novar, 4 Darley Street, Darlinghurst

By courtesy of the owner

Listed on the Register of the National Trust, this house was built c1907 in

the Regency Revival style with classic porch, roof parapets and hipped slate roof. Ten years ago the house was divided into eight apartments. The owners, with the help of Ros Palmer, have embarked on a wide-ranging restoration.

**Bus route 389** – Circular Quay to Bondi Junction – stops in Burton Street near Darley Street. *Stroll between houses*

**Cost:** Members (only) \$30  
Youth (16-20 yrs) \$20

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet  
**Enquiries:** (02) 9363 2401



Summerhill. Photo courtesy Michael Bligh

#### Garden Seminar, Wednesday 27 July

Lindesay, Carthona Avenue, Darling Point



The Garden Panel invites you to join us to attend this popular day. Our three speakers share a passion for plants – their subjects, however, are diverse. Michael Pembroke will talk about his favourite trees while Michael Bligh will show us the time-honoured principles of good design for gardens both large and small, the essence of which is covered in his book. Mark Paul will introduce us to the secrets of the newest horticultural innovation of vertical gardens. All this, as well as enjoying morning tea and lunch.

#### The programme:

9.30am	morning tea/coffee
10am	Michael Pembroke – Trees of History and Romance
11am	Michael Bligh – Good Garden Design
12.30pm	lunch
1.30pm	Mark Paul – Green Walls

**Cost:** Members \$65, Friends \$75  
**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet  
**Enquiries:** (02) 9968 1915



The private house inspection programme is open to members only, although with country visits and special events it is possible to include two friends per member. The best kept secret of our House Inspections is the relaxed, uncrowded atmosphere of the afternoon sessions.

To reserve your tickets please complete the Ticket Application Sheet provided on the inside back cover, or download a copy from [www.nationaltrust.com.au](http://www.nationaltrust.com.au). The closing date for all ticket applications is five working days before the event. Applications received after that date will not be processed.

## University of Sydney, Residential Colleges, Sunday 31 July, 10am-12 noon and 2pm-4pm

This is a rare opportunity to visit residential colleges within the University.

In early Colonial days, those seeking a university education had to undertake expensive and often hazardous travel to England. By mid 19th century, the need to provide tertiary education within the Colony had led to the establishment of the University of Sydney, the first university in Australia, by Act of Parliament (1850). The University was to offer a liberal education to all citizens regardless of creed, while provision was made for residential colleges within the University to provide tutorial instruction, religious teaching, domestic supervision and a home for students.

Over the following 100 years, six residential colleges were established within the University. We are privileged to see four of these colleges, to appreciate their history, their 19th century architecture, their setting within the University and contribution to our society since the 1850s.

### St Paul's College within the University of Sydney, 9 City Road, Camperdown

*By courtesy of Reverend Canon Dr Ivan Head*

The first residential college to be established within the University, St Paul's Anglican College was incorporated by Act of Parliament (1854) and built in 1856. Edmund Blacket, designer of the Great Hall and Quadrangle, also designed St Paul's College buildings in his favoured Neo-Gothic style. In contrast to the University buildings however, they are designed on a more human scale, 'discretely picturesque' in mood and sited around an open grassy quadrangle. Later buildings, notably the Denison Wing which was built to accommodate returning World War II servicemen, the Tower (1966) and the Albert Wing (1999) have fully enclosed the quadrangle.

### St John's College within the University of Sydney

10 Missenden Road, Camperdown

*By courtesy of the Rector, Mr Michael Bongers*

Established by Act of Parliament (1858), St John's is the oldest Catholic tertiary institution in Australia and was the first Catholic university college to be established in the British colonies. Reflecting the Benedictine tradition, its buildings were designed in the Gothic Revival style by William Wardell, the architect of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Of high quality materials and workmanship and on a grand scale, the sandstone buildings of St John's are unique in Australian collegiate architecture, and house an outstanding collection relating to the life of the college, its mentors and benefactors over 150 years.



The Dining Hall, St John's College

### St Andrews College within the University of Sydney 19 Carillon Avenue, Newtown

*By courtesy of the Principal, Mr Wayne Erikson*

The original three storey sandstone building for St Andrew's College was designed by the Scottish architect William Munro, and constructed 1874-1876 by a Scottish contractor, John McLeod. Its Dutch gables and general style are reminiscent of St Andrew's University in Scotland. The interior decoration including 20 stained-glass windows was undertaken by Lyon and Cottier, the Sydney branch of the international design firm established in Scotland by Daniel Cottier. The grounds were landscaped by Charles Moore, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens. The Main Building was extended in 1892 with a new central wing by Sir John Sulman, using honey-coloured Hawkesbury sandstone in contrast to the Pyrmont yellow stone used by Munro in the original building.

### The Women's College within the University of Sydney 15 Carillon Avenue, Newtown

*By courtesy of the Principal, Dr Jane Williamson*

Female students were admitted to the University for the first time in 1881. Provision of a residential college for women was hampered by a lack of sufficient funding until, in 1894, the non-denominational Women's College was built to the design of the influential architectural firm of Sulman & Power. It was the first residential university college for women in Australia. In contrast to the sandstone Neo-Gothic buildings of the University, Sulman & Power built in the almost austere, clean lines of the emerging Queen Anne style. Using timber and brick, the design addressed the practical demands of the climate. Wide eaves, large windows, cavity walls and cross ventilation continue to deliver comfortable living conditions today. Major additions over the years have allowed increases in student occupancy while retaining the harmonious balance and restrained elegance of the Sulman & Power building.

#### Parking:

- St John's College, beside the oval. Enter from Parramatta Road by the first gate after the Veterinary School
- Western Avenue (off Carillon Avenue) metered underground car park
- St Paul's College oval: fine weather only

#### Catering:

A sandwich lunch will be served in the historic dining hall, St John's College, from 12noon-1.45pm. Cost: \$22 per person. Bookings: essential (Ticket Application Sheet).

**Cost:** Members \$40  
Friends \$55  
Youth (16-20 yrs) \$30

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet

**Enquiries:** (02) 9363 2401



The Women's College

## Avalon Beach Day, Tuesday 9 August, 10.30am-12.30pm or 1pm-3pm

About halfway along the beautiful Barrenjoey Peninsula between the Ocean Beach and tranquil Pittwater, lies the land granted to Father John Joseph Therry in 1833. There he settled small farmers and planned a township. By the turn of the 19th century, farming was giving way to recreation. In 1820, A J Small subdivided a large parcel of land which he called 'Avalon', the beginning of the busy village community we know today. Apart from, yet close to Sydney, Avalon retains its unspoilt bushland and superb Ocean Beach while the long reaches of Pittwater continue to attract creative artists, innovative architects, sailors, fishermen and swimmers.

### Hy-Brasil, 62 and 62A Chisholm Avenue, Clareville

*By courtesy of Mrs Dawn Herman, the late Edward Herman and Nada Herman-Witkamp*

Set on a magnificent bushland site high on the ridge dividing Pittwater from the Avalon valley, this superb property was first opened for our members in 1964. Today the unusual, original Alexander Jolly house 'the gem', retains its integrity and has been joined, at a distance, by the modern, light and airy home and studio of the artist Nada Herman-Witkamp and her family. There is limited parking on the property for those unable to enjoy walking the bush paths to the house.



Avalon Day

### 528 Barrenjoey Road, Avalon Beach

*By courtesy of the owners*

Set into the hillside on a magical site overlooking Little Avalon, with spectacular views across Avalon Beach to Careel Head, this contemporary house was designed by architect Rob Brown. Respecting the Peninsula tradition of sandstone, timber and metal roofing, this three-level house is supported by solid buttressed foundations of glowing sandstone. A remarkable interior sandstone wall rises through the timber and glass upper storey to the copper roof, the whole blending harmoniously with the hillside.

### 139 Palmgrove Road, Avalon Beach

*By courtesy of Cilla and Richard Cole*

Deep in the heart of the Avalon Valley, a solid sandstone cottage dating from the 1930s has been transformed by the owner, architect Richard Cole. The roof was raised and a timber and glass wing added, while an expansive timber deck links the old and the new in this most innovative, most imaginative house.

**Cost:** Members (only) \$30  
Youth (16-20yrs) \$20

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet  
**Enquiries:** (02) 9363 2401



## Pymble Avenue Day, Tuesday 13 September 10.30am-12.30pm or 1pm-3pm

In 1821 Governor Macquarie granted 60 acres at the top of present-day Pymble Avenue to Richard Wall, for his help in capturing a bushranger. This pre-dated the 600 acre grant made in 1823 to Robert Pymble. Timbermen, dairy-farmers and orchardists occupied the district in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The North Shore railway line (1890s) enabled the well-to-do to move from crowded inner suburbs to the semi-rural upper North Shore, where they created new garden suburbs. Once a dirt track leading to outlying farms, Pymble Avenue is today a favoured place, known for its delightful streetscapes, its history, its houses and gardens, and its tremendous sense of community.

### The Grey House, 59 Pymble Avenue

*By courtesy of Jan and Terry Tydd*

Heritage-listed, this landmark house has a long association with its neighbour PLC Pymble, having been built in 1917-18 for the first warden of the school, Dr Marden, and later becoming a boarding house for the girls, until 1934. In private hands since 1939 – notably George Ferguson, Angus & Robertson Publishers, who from 1961 to 1974 was a member of the PLC Council – the house has had only minor alterations for modern living.

### 31 Pymble Avenue

*By courtesy of the owners*

Far from the busy roadway, this house was built on the footprint of the much earlier, c1903 home, Borrowdale. The house was designed 1968-9 by Peter Hirst, a long-term associate of Harry Seidler & Associates. Keeping pace with the requirements of contemporary life, subsequent alterations have expanded and enhanced this stylish modern home.

### Tynecool, 80 Pymble Avenue

*By courtesy of Stuart and Margaret Craig*

Built in the 1930s on a large holding this expansive two-storey house, reminiscent of the Spanish Mission style, had post-war alterations by architect John Suttor and, recently, has undergone comprehensive and imaginative renovation by Linda James.

**Cost:** Members (only) \$30  
Youth (16-20 yrs) \$20

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet  
**Enquiries:** (02) 9363 2401



Tranquil Pymble Avenue

## Raffle Winners – Lindesay Fair

Twenty-four lucky people won beautiful and valuable prizes in the annual Lindesay Christmas Fair raffle, drawn at 3.30pm on Saturday 20 November at Lindesay. In order of prizes won they were (names as given on tickets): Allen, Marn, Atkinson, Wallis, Jurd, Mills, Ford, Latham, Ozzard, Smith, Driscoll, Carroll, Black, Hall, Narelle, Crammond, Washington, Bacon, Lucinda, Solomon, Pearce, Dalziell, Paton and Nairn. The National Trust thanks all who contributed prizes, helping to raise much-needed funds. The wonderful first prize was an outing on the Sydney Heritage Fleet yacht, the 1903 *Boomerang*.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

We recommend low-heeled, comfortable shoes. No stiletto heels. To protect the properties visitors may be asked to remove their shoes indoors, especially in rainy weather. No cameras, video cameras or large bags may be taken onto private property or through the houses. Children under 12 years will not be admitted.

**Enquiries:** Sian Graham (02) 9363 2401

Please note that tickets are not transferable.

Please use only one payment for each group application (credit card or cheque).

To avoid delays, please pay using credit card and fax your application to (02) 9328 2649.

## May

**Saturday 7 May and Sunday 8 May, 10am to 4pm****Open Weekend for Mothers Day and traditional Celebratory Teas**  
**Eryldene House and Garden, 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon 2072**Eryldene's traditional Mothers Day teas with all the trappings will be served on both days in the beautiful gardens with their renowned camellias. The Garden Café will also be open. **Cost:** Celebratory Teas, tour and entrance \$20 NT members, \$28 non-members, \$10 child (5-12 years). **Bookings:** essential for Celebratory Teas and tour. **Enquiries/ticket sales:** Anne Davey P: 9498 2271 or E: eryldene@eryldene.org.au**Sunday 8 May, 1-4pm****Mothers Day in Fashion Week****Miss Porter's House, 434 King Street, Newcastle West**A special showing of garments made and worn by Florence Porter and her daughters, Ella and Hazel. **Cost:** NT members and children under five free, \$7 non-members, \$5 conc.**Bookings:** not required.**Friday 13 May, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start****Ghost Night****Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Pitt Street entrance**The governors and their households left Parramatta in 1815 but their presence still haunts the house. Explore this 212 year old Georgian mansion by candlelight and hear strange tales from the site's long history, revisit the scene of a tragic accident and witness places within the house where psychics and guides have had ghostly encounters. Reflect on your own experiences over supper. **Cost:** (included guided tour, food and drinks), \$27 NT members, \$30 non-members. **Bookings:** essential. P: (02) 9635 8149 or E: ogh@nationaltrust.com.au**Friday 13 May, 6.30-9pm****Friday 13th Mystery Dinner****Woodford Academy, 91 Great Western Highway, Woodford**Bring your mother to Woodford Academy to celebrate her special day with a delicious three course meal accompanied by music and entertainment in the ghostly atmosphere of the erstwhile Woodman's Inn. What mystery lies behind the face in the window? Why do modern lightbulbs fall to the floor as if by magic when no-one is around? BYO. **Cost:** (includes a welcome drink and tea/coffee to finish) \$45 per person. **Bookings:** essential, closing 6 May. Marilyn Wright, P: (02) 4758 7809 or E: woodford@nationaltrust.com.au **Parking:** on site.**Saturday 14 May, gates open 11am (wine tasting from noon)****Jazz and Wine Festival****Norman Lindsay Gallery, 14 Norman Lindsay Crescent, Faulconbridge**The Friends of the Norman Lindsay Gallery present this popular daytime event in the gardens at the Gallery. The ticket price for this picnic event includes a FREE etched wine glass to sample the premium wines on offer. The afternoon promises the best live jazz entertainment, and the always very popular no reserve auction. Bring along your family and friends, pack a hamper and enjoy the atmosphere this jazz and wine festival brings to the Gallery. **Cost:** \$25 Friends and NT members, \$30 non members. **Bookings:** essential. **Enquiries:** Norman Lindsay Gallery P: (02) 4751 1067.**Sunday 15 May, 10am-3pm****Bat Day at Warrimbirra Sanctuary****3105 Remembrance Drive, Bargo**A fun and educational day for the whole family. Wildlife shows at 11am, 12noon, 1pm and 2pm featuring bats and other intriguing native animals. Plenty of hands-on opportunities. See native birds and animals on the Wildlife Walk and enjoy the gift stall and plants for sale. **Cost:** free, but donations appreciated. **Contact:** Warrimbirra Sanctuary P: (02) 4684 1112 or E: enquiries@warrimbirra.com**Sunday 15 May, 1-4pm****Old Great North Road Walk, Devine's Hill and Shepherd's Gully****Meet at Wiseman's Ferry**A wander up the Devine's Hill section of the road (2km) with its spectacular stone buttresses, examining all points of interest along the way, then returning via the same route or by the botanically interesting Shepherd's Gully track which joins Settlers Road at historic Rose Hill House. Here parties can re-unite to visit the old cemetery closer to St Albans. Self-drive. Some car-sharing. Bring lunch. **Cost:** \$20. Please send cheque made out to National Trust (Hawkesbury Branch) to: The Secretary, NT Hawkesbury Branch, GPO Box 737, Richmond 2753. **Bookings:** Ellen Jordan P: (02) 4577 6568.**Friday 20 – Sunday 22 May, 12 noon****The French Village****Vienna Cottage, 38 Alexandra Street, Hunters Hill**An exhibition of artworks by the Hunters Hill Art Group showcasing the character and charm of Hunters Hill and its French connections will be held at Vienna Cottage. All works are for sale. **Cost:** free. **Bookings:** not essential. **Inquiries:** P: 9816 1794 E: jabirch@bigppond.com**Saturday 21 May, 10am-4.30pm****Open Day at Woodford Academy****Woodford Academy, 91 Great Western Highway, Woodford**Built as an inn in the early 1830s the property is the oldest building complex in the Blue Mountains, expanding to accommodate its varying uses, starting as an inn before becoming a gentleman's residence, boarding house and boys' boarding school. Relax with a home-made Devonshire tea (small cost applies) in the Balcony tea rooms. **Cost:** NT members free, \$6 non-members, \$4 conc, \$3 child. **Bookings:** not required. **Parking:** on site. **Enquiries:** Marilyn Wright P: (02) 4758 7809 or E: woodford@nationaltrust.com.au**Saturday 21 May, 1.45-4pm****Cavalcade of Fashion Parade – Promenade to Patio****Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Parramatta 2150**The Cavalcade parade will journey through 60 years where fashionable ladies negotiated the art of not being over-dressed. From an Edwardian promenade to the 1920s revolution of 'little black dress', the clever 1930s afternoon gown, the post World War II 'happy homemaker' on a visit to David Jones, the rise of the teenager, Australia's interpretation of the Swinging '60s and, finally, the glamorous 1970s patio pants. **Cost:** \$30 NT members, \$35 adults. **Bookings:** essential. P: 9635 8149 or E: friendsofogh.com**Sunday 29 May, 7.30am-7.30pm****Sydney to Yass – National Trust Heritage Trail Coach Tour****Meet at Gordon or Beverley Hills railway stations**Join the After Hours Committee for a great day out. We will visit Warrimbirra Sanctuary for morning tea, enjoy lunch at Cooma Cottage, Yass, and afternoon tea at Riversdale, Goulburn. There will be a chance to explore each property, including the newly restored gardens at Riversdale. All refreshments are included in the ticket price. **Cost:** \$75 per person. **Bookings:** essential. **Enquiries:** Margaret Kitson P: 9498 7608.

## June

**Sunday 5 June, 1.30-4.30pm****Landmarks and Wilderness at Bondi****Meet outside Bondi Pavilion Gallery, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Bondi Beach**Learn about the history and architecture of iconic Bondi and enjoy a special viewing of the photographic exhibition *Images of the Wild* by Henry Gold. For more information see page 15.**Monday 6 June, 8pm****Play Preview: Tom Stoppard's Arcadia****Newcastle Theatre Company, 90 DeVitre St, Lambton**A special preview of Newcastle Theatre Company's performance of Tom Stoppard's acclaimed play. In *Arcadia*, Stoppard succeeds in merging science with human concerns and ideals, and leaves us with the view that if the Universe is an apparently doomed machine, while we are alive we might as well dance. **Cost:** \$20 NT members and conc, \$25 adults. Please send a cheque and ticketholders' names to The Treasurer, Miss Porter's House Management Committee, P O Box 2358, Dangar 2309. **Enquiries:** Marion P: (02) 4927 0202.**Tuesday 7 June, 10.30am-12.30pm or 1pm-3pm****Looking at architecture, National Trust Women's Committee****Darlinghurst Day – house inspections**

See page 17 for more details.

**Friday 17 June, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start****Ghost Night****Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Pitt Street entrance**

For details see entry for Friday 13 May.

**Saturday 18 June, 10am-4.30pm****Open Day at Woodford Academy****Woodford Academy, 91 Great Western Highway, Woodford**

For details see entry for Open Day, Saturday 21 May.



**Saturday 25 June, 10.30am-11.30am**

**2011 Parramatta Lecture Series: The Changing Landscape of Harris Park Northcott Conference and Function Centre, 1 Fennell St, North Parramatta 2151**  
Landscape historian Colleen Morris will talk on her findings as historical researcher for the 2000/2001 interpretations of Experiment Farm Cottage and its gardens, and the way the property has evolved. **Cost:** \$10 NT members, \$15 non-members (includes refreshments). **Bookings:** essential **P:** 9635 8149.

**Saturday 25 June, from 9am**

**Bus to the Waverley Cemetery**  
**Meet in the park opposite 33 Moore St, Glenbrook**  
**Additional possible pick up in Strathfield, Sydney**

Opened in 1877, Waverly Cemetery is the resting place of many prominent Australians including Henry Lawson, Dorothy Mackellar, Victor Trumper and Lawrence Hargreaves. There will be opportunities for long or short walks, and an option to walk on to Clovelly. **Cost:** (morning tea and picnic lunch included) \$30 adult, \$15 child, \$75 family. Enquiries: Rhona Leach **P:** (02) 4757 2424 or **E:** brhonaleach@gmail.com **Bookings:** yes. Please send cheque made out to National Trust, Blue Mountains Branch, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Sandra Partridge, 105 Old Bathurst Rd, Blaxland East 2774.

**Sunday 26 June, 6.30pm-9.30pm**

**Newcastle Ghost Tours, at Miss Porter's House**  
**434 King Street, Newcastle West**

Join the Newcastle Ghost Tours team of paranormal investigators for a night with a difference. Learn how to detect a 'presence', what to look for, what you might experience and how to use investigative tools. Learn about Miss Porter's House, its inhabitants and the area around Cottage Creek. **Enquiries:** Renata at Newcastle Ghost Tours **M:** 0411 357 519 or **E:** info@newcastleghosttours.com.au

**July****Friday 1 July**

**Christmas at the Inn**

**Woodford Academy, 91 Great Western Highway, Woodford**

Woodford Academy's long history started as The Woodman Inn, built of timber and stone in the 1830s by the former convict, Thomas Pembroke. It changed hands to become The King's Arms and Buss's Inn before assuming a series of more respectable roles. Travel back in time to the early days of the Colony and enjoy a delightful Christmas-in-July dinner in a setting reminiscent of the 1800s. We can't guarantee snow, but we can assure you of a special meal with welcoming punch drink, tea/coffee and a tasty delight to finish. **BYOG.** **Cost:** \$45 per person. **Bookings:** essential, closing 25 June. Ring Marilyn **P:** (02) 4758 7809. **Enquiries:** woodford@nationaltrust.com.au

**Saturday 9 July, 12.30pm-3.30pm**

**Christmas in July**

**Everglades Historic House and Garden, 37 Everglades Avenue, Leura 2780**

Bring your family and friends to beautiful Everglades in winter, to savour a delicious three-course, home-cooked lunch with all the trimmings; nibbles, tea, coffee and a sweet treat, served in the elegant Art Deco dining room of Everglades House. **BYO.** **Cost:** (includes food and soft drinks)\$45 NT members, \$50 non-members. **Bookings:** essential **P:** (02) 4784 1938.

**Tuesday 12 July, 9.45am**

**National Trust Way Day Tour**

**ABC Ultimo Centre Tour**

A fascinating tour of the home of the ABC including production studios, archives and New Media. See page 13 for more details.

**Friday 15 July, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start**

**Ghost Night**

**Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Pitt Street entrance**

For details see entry for Friday 13 May.

**Saturday 16 July, 10am - 4pm**

**Open Day at Woodford Academy**

**Woodford Academy, 91 Great Western Highway, Woodford**

For details see entry for 21 May.

**Saturday 23 July, 12.30pm-3.30pm**

**Christmas in July**

**Everglades Historic House and Garden, 37 Everglades Avenue, Leura 2780**

Don't miss this last chance to enjoy Christmas in July at Everglades! Bring your family and friends to beautiful Everglades in winter, to savour a delicious three-course, home-cooked lunch with all the trimmings; nibbles, tea, coffee and a sweet treat, served in the elegant Art Deco dining room of Everglades House. **BYO.** **Cost:** (includes food and soft drinks) \$45 NT members, \$50 non-members. **Bookings:** essential **P:** (02) 4784 1938.

**Wednesday 27 July, 9.30am-3pm**

**Garden Seminar at Lindesay**

**Lindesay, 1 Carthona Avenue, Darling Point**

Three gardening experts with very different areas of expertise will share their passion for plants at this one-day seminar. For more information see page 17

**Sunday 31 July, 10am-12 noon or 2pm-4pm**

**Looking at architecture, National Trust Women's Committee**

**University of Sydney, Residential Colleges**

A highly informative tour, and opportunity to enjoy lunch in the Great Hall of St John's College. See page 18 for more details.

**August****Tuesday 9 August, 10.30am-12.30pm or 1pm-3pm**

**Looking at architecture, National Trust Women's Committee**

**Avalon Beach Day – house inspections**

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**Friday 19 August, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start**

**Ghost Night**

**Old Government House, Parramatta Park, Pitt Street entrance**

For details see entry for Friday 13 May.

**Saturday 20 August, 9.30am**

**Six Foot Track Walk**

**Meet at Old Cemetery, 13 Megalong Rd, Megalong**

The Blue Mountains Branch is organising a 13km walk along part of the Six Foot Track, the 1884 bridle trail from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves. A reasonable degree of fitness is required. The route takes us across Bowtell's swing bridge to the camping area at Cox's River, where there are toilets etc. Here we will serve a great BBQ lunch to fortify you for the walk back. **Cost:** \$25 adult, \$15 child, \$65 family. Enquiries: Rhona Leach **P:** (02) 4757 2424 or **E:** brhonaleach@gmail.com **Bookings:** yes. Please send your cheque made out to the National Trust, Blue Mountains Branch, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Sandra Partridge, 105 Old Bathurst Rd, Blaxland East, 2774.

**Looking Ahead****Saturday 3 September, 10.30 - 11.30am**

**2011 Parramatta Lecture Series: The Legacies of John Harris**

**Northcott Conference and Function Centre, 1 Fennell St, North Parramatta 2151**

John Harris, direct descendent of Surgeon John Harris who built Experiment Farm Cottage, presented the key to the front door of the property to the Governor of NSW at its official opening to the public following acquisition and conservation by the National Trust in 1963. He has maintained a close involvement with the property and its history, and will talk about the legacies left to him and the people of New South Wales by his ancestor. **Cost:** \$10 NT members, \$15 non-members (includes refreshments). **Bookings:** essential **P:** (02) 9635 8149.

**Tuesday 13 September, 10.30am-12.30pm or 1pm-3pm**

**Looking at architecture, National Trust Women's Committee**

**Pymble Avenue Day**

See page 19 for more details

**Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 October**

**Looking at architecture, National Trust Women's Committee**

**Country Weekend**

See next issue of this magazine (mailed first week in August) for details.

