

# february – april calendar

## looking at architecture with the National Trust Women's Committee

### DIARY DATES 2009

10 MARCH	Bellevue Hill Day
7 APRIL	Wahroonga Day
2-3 MAY	Goulburn in Autumn Weekend
1 - 3 MAY	Coach Tour Goulburn Weekend
16 JUNE	House Inspection

Tickets must be produced for admission to all inspections. Please complete the Ticket Application Sheet provided on page 15, or download a copy from [www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au). The closing date for all ticket applications is five working days before the event. Applications received after that date will not be processed. No tickets will be sold at the door.

We recommend low-heeled, comfortable shoes. Please do not wear stiletto heels. Visitors may be asked to remove their shoes indoors to protect property, 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. The best kept secret of our House Inspections is the relaxed, uncrowded atmosphere of the afternoon sessions.

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

- Please visit properties in the order given on your ticket.
- 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.

Thank you for your co-operation and for your continued patronage of National Trust events.

### Bellevue Hill Day

**TUESDAY 10 MARCH**

10.30AM – 12.30PM OR 1PM – 3PM

56 Fairfax Road, Bellevue Hill

By courtesy of Mr & Mrs Edward Simpson

9 Cranbrook Lane, Bellevue Hill

By courtesy of Jenny Hillman, curator & collector

2 Carrington Avenue, Bellevue Hill

By courtesy of the owners

**Cost:** Members (only) \$28

Youth (12 – 18 years) \$18

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet

**Enquiries:** (02) 9363 2401



### Coolabah, 39 Burns Road

By courtesy of Mr & Mrs P R Phillips

**Cost:** Members (only) \$28

Youth (12 – 18 years) \$18

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet

**Enquiries:** (02) 9363 2401

### Goulburn in Autumn Weekend

**SATURDAY 2 AND SUNDAY 3 MAY**

The township of Goulburn, gazetted in 1833, became an important administrative centre providing law and order for the settlers on the Wollondilly and nearby.

When proclaimed the City of Goulburn in 1864 (our first inland city) Goulburn was becoming the business, industrial and educational centre of a rich pastoral district. Its prosperity is reflected in many handsome public and private buildings dating from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The civic pride of the city is demonstrated in the expert preservation of many buildings and streetscapes important to its history.

Today we are privileged to view fine examples of Goulburn's historic Victorian architecture in the town and country, now restored for renewed life in the 21st century.

**SATURDAY 2 MAY**

10AM – 12 NOON AND 2PM – 4PM

Kirkdale, Wollongorang

By courtesy of the owners

The original stone farmhouse, dating from the 1850s, has a major addition built by Stephen Kilby in the 1990s. On the property is a tiny stone church where Miles Franklin once worshipped.



### Lindesay Open Day 175th Birthday Celebrations

**SATURDAY 4 APRIL, 10AM – 4PM**

1 Carthona Ave, Darling Point.

Organised by the Lindesay Management Committee

Built in 1834 by the Colonial Treasurer, Scotsman, Campbell Drummond Riddell, we will celebrate Lindesay's birthday in Scottish style with Pipe band, Scottish dancing, Scotch whisky tasting and birthday cake as well as tours of the house and an exhibition of its history.

**Cost:** \$6, Trust members free

**Enquiries:** (02) 9363 2401



### Wahroonga Day

**TUESDAY 7 APRIL**

10.30AM – 12.30PM OR 1PM – 3PM

The Briars, 14 Woonona Avenue South

By courtesy of Mr & Mrs John Fuller

Hazeldean, 14 Burns Road

By courtesy of John & Stella Dennis



### Raeburn, Breadalbane

By courtesy of Charlie & Carry Taylor

This two-storey house, built in the late Georgian style in 1879, has an early four-room muster cottage (circa 1850) incorporated in it and has had major restoration recently.

### Hurstville, Cowper Street, Goulburn

By courtesy of the owners

A landmark building in a city characterised by exuberant Victorian architecture, this house, built in 1862 in the Victorian Italianate style and now extensively restored, retains a spacious garden.

### Milleewah, Lorne Street, Goulburn

By courtesy of Paul & Jenny O'Rourke

A tree-lined street leads to the two-storey Victorian house, now meticulously restored and set in a much-loved garden.

**SUNDAY 3 MAY 9.30AM – 12.30PM**

The Towers, Goulburn

By courtesy of the owners

Dating from the 1840s, this very large house had substantial additions made in the Victorian Italianate style in the 1890s, and has had recent extensive renovation. The formal garden leads to irrigated lucerne paddocks supporting a rare herd of chianina cattle (a traditional Italian breed).

### Summerhill, Goulburn

By Michael & Annie Bligh

Built in 1871 using random stone and sandstock bricks with cedar joinery, this house is sited on rising ground overlooking the city and is set in 5 acres of glorious parkland.

### Additional Arrangements

Friday 1 May – An Evening at National Trust property Riversdale, Maud Street, Goulburn. 5.30pm – 7pm. **Cost:** \$20 per person (light refreshments included)

Saturday lunch \$12.50 per person

Sunday lunch \$12.50 per person

### Cost (Inspection tickets):

Members \$50

Friends \$75

Youth (12-18yrs) \$25

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet

**Enquiries:** (02) 9363 2401

### Accommodation Enquiries:

Goulburn Visitor's Information Centre  
1800 353 646 or email [info@igoulburn.com](mailto:info@igoulburn.com)

## MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Coach Tour Goulburn Weekend

1 – 3 MAY 2009

Coach departs Friday 1 May 10.30am, corner York and Margaret Streets, Sydney. Returns Sunday 3 May approx 4.30pm.

Cost (all inclusive) covers accommodation at Best Western Centretown Motel Inn, Goulburn (02) 4821 2422, 2 dinners, B&B two nights, 2 lunches, inspection tickets.



**NB.** All cancellations must be made three weeks prior to departure.

**Cost:** Members twin share \$455  
Friends twin share \$480  
Members single \$555  
Friends single \$580

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet

**Enquiries (coach only):** Virginia Pearson-Smith (02) 9519 2343 (Friday 1 May only – 0414 146 265)



Above: Summerhill, Goulburn

## looking at architecture with the Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Branch



### Berry Day

SATURDAY 16 MAY, 10AM – 4PM

Berry is a typical 19th century Anglo town, so much so it is used as a sample settlement in the NSW School Geography syllabus. This day has been designed to show a cross section of the quintessential coastal rural community. BYO picnic lunch to enjoy in the Museum garden, or visit a local café.

**Museum** – housed in the old NSW heritage listed ES&A Bank and residence, designed by William Waddell and built in 1884, the Museum houses an extensive local collection and the residential rooms are being returned to its original state. The one hundred year old garden has also been partially restored.

**Anglican Rectory and St Luke's Church, Victoria Street** – the rectory is an imposing two storey red brick building, very Victorian in character, surrounded by a charming garden. The 1885 church, too, is interesting and will be opened for us. *By courtesy of the owners and the Anglican Church*

**Cottages, 21 & 27 Albany Street** – these two privately owned weatherboard cottages have been carefully restored and retain many original features. *By courtesy of the owners.*

**Courthouse, Police Station and Lock-up** – the police station was built in 1906 as the final part of the Courthouse, Lock-up and Police Station precinct on an acre of land put aside for this purpose by David Berry just before his death in 1889. The Courthouse was built in 1891 and is now restored and

used for functions. We will be treated to a special tour of the police station and lock up by a local police officer.

**Showground and Agricultural Hall** – the Agricultural Hall was built prior to 1896 and used as a Masonic Lodge (Lodge Broughton Hall was founded in 1885), Berry Band Hall and as an Agricultural Exhibition Hall. Members of Broughton Lodge will be our guides.

**Mananga** – built in 1894 by the Berry estate for the Stewart family who were prominent members of the community. The large National Trust classified Victorian homestead stands on five acres overlooking the town. It was run for some years as a B&B and is now a private residence. *By courtesy of the owners.*

**Woodside Park Dairy Farm** – a working dairy farm owned by the McIntosh family. Enjoy a tour of the farm with the owner. *By courtesy of the owners.*

**Berry Sport and Recreation Centre (Stud Farm)** – the centre was built in 1889 by the Berry Estate as an experimental farm (called the Stud Farm) to experiment with fodder and cattle breeding and to supply farmers with bulls. It is where the Illawarra Shorthorn was developed. We will have guides to show us around this complex looking at the boiler room, silo and dairy, old classroom and accommodation.

**Cost:** Members \$28; Friends \$35, Youth (12-18 years) \$18

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet. **P:** (02) 4227 4614

## National Trust Way day tours

### Picton Historic Tour

THURSDAY 19 MARCH

Depart from Gordon Railway Station (Pacific Highway side) at 8am. Return 5pm.

Due to popular demand this very interesting day tour of Picton is being repeated. Travelling by minibus via the freeways, we will first enjoy morning tea in a park followed by our tour of Picton with a local historian who will join our coach to give us a guided tour for approximately 2 hours. Historic sights include St Marks Anglican Church, the Stonequarry Viaduct, the 1860's Tollgate Lodge, the Imperial Hotel and 'Jarvisfield' – the historic home of the Antill family, original owners of Picton. After the tour, we will enjoy a light lunch and then return home. Limited to 20 people.

**Cost:** \$60, includes morning tea and lunch

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet

**Tour leader:** Debbie Loughnan (02) 9997 5949 or 0419 141 933

### Australia's Last Riverboat Postman

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

Meet at Hawkesbury River Railway Station at 9.15am at Brooklyn Wharf for a 9.30am departure, returns at 1.15pm.

Get onboard for one of the last great cruises with Australia's Riverboat Postman. Visit the small isolated river communities on an old timber ferry along the magnificent Hawkesbury River where the



river is the only way of transport to deliver the mail and everything else from groceries, newspapers, milk and building supplies. The Riverboat Postman has been providing an essential service to river communities since 1910. Along the way, enjoy the wonderful scenery and hear stories and commentary on the river and its history including unique waterside dwellings such as 'Blotto Grotto'. Morning tea and a smorgasbord lunch are included and there is a fully licensed bar on board.

**Cost:** \$65

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet

**Tour leader:** Suzy Greene (02) 4332 2032 or 0419 183 007

### Walk at North Narrabeen Rock Pool Reserve

FRIDAY 8 MAY, 12.45PM – 4PM

Meet at car park outside 'Swim' Café, 1 Narrabeen Park Parade, Narrabeen

Following our successful walking tour at Long Reef, this time we are going to explore the fascinating North Narrabeen rock pool reserve at low tide with our very experienced guide. We will enjoy afternoon tea following the walk. Bring your hat, walking shoes, sun cream, water and camera. Limited to 23 people.

**Cost:** \$30, includes afternoon tea

**Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet

**Tour leader:** Debbie Loughnan (02) 9997 5949 or 0419 141 933



## HOLIDAY TOURS 2009

Please see Trust News Australia, packaged with this issue of National Trust Magazine (NSW), for more information on these Holiday Tours or visit [www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au)

25 MARCH – 10/12 APRIL

**Vietnam & optional Cambodia ext**

Rob Lovell, Alumni Travel (02) 9290 3856

License No 2TA003088

**Tour leader:** Margaret Durham (02) 9326 2963

25 APRIL – 11 MAY

**Flinders Ranges, Lake Eyre and the Cooper**

Richard Quilty P: 0418 201 677

19 MAY – 1 JUNE

**Tuscany**

David Smith, Travelscene on Capri, 1800 679 066

License No TA1091

**Tour leader:** Loma Priddle (02) 9412 2875

LATE SEPTEMBER

**Sicily**

David Smith, Travelscene on Capri, 1800 679 066

License No. TA1091

**Tour leader:** Jill Bunning (02) 9798 8914

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

**Spring in the Central West**

Richard Quilty P: 0418 201 677

## february

Until Sunday 22 February

**Timeless: The art of Cressida Campbell****S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill**

Please see Exhibitions on page 10 for more information.

**8** Sunday, 6.15pm – 9pm. Gates open 5.15pm  
**Opera in the Courtyard**  
**Old Government House, Parramatta Park**

Bring your rugs or low ground seats to enjoy a performance by The Very Small Opera Company with highlights from Carmen and popular arias from other operas. Premium tickets available including a three course dinner, tea and coffee provided by Lachlan's Restaurant. BYO wine and champagne only. Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be sold. **Cost:** members \$25, non-members \$30, children (5-16yrs) \$15. Premium tickets including three course dinner \$89 – due 14 days in advance. **P:** (02) 9635 8149 or 0415 187 402.

**Bookings:** www.friendssofogh.com or send cheques to 'National Trust (NSW) Friends of OGH, PO Box 431 Parramatta 2124.

**14** Saturday and Saturday 28 February  
**Reliance Evening Cruises**  
**Meet 6.30pm at Commissioners' Steps, Circular Quay**  
**(opposite Cadman's Cottage), departing 7pm**



Join the After Hours Committee on the popular Reliance. Cruise under the Harbour Bridge and up the Lane Cove River on this restored 1919 Launch (ex Hawkesbury mail boat). Indulge in good food and wine, pleasant company, good music, sea shanties and tales of the sea. Places are limited for both nights.

**Cost:** \$69. **Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet. **P:** Tony Bastow 0404 292 208, Ron Bottrill 0418 112 018 or Pat Barling 0414 702 677.

**20–21** Friday & Saturday, 8pm  
**In Recital: Nadia Piave and Gino Pengue**  
**Old Government House, Parramatta**

The *In Recital* series of concerts is reminiscent of the intimate house entertainments held by the Colonial Governor. Award-winning songstress Nadia Piave and guitar virtuoso Gino Pengue will present '*na voce e na chitarra... serenades, songs and stories from an Italian heart*' in the candle-lit Georgian drawing room. Tickets limited to 30 places per evening.

**Cost:** members \$58, non-members \$60 per evening. Includes drinks and light refreshments. **Bookings:** (02) 9635 8149, at Old Government House or oghouse@bigpond.com.

**21** Saturday, 6pm  
**Tales of the Swag**  
**Woodford Academy, Great Western Highway, Woodford**

An evening of humour, songs and verse of early Australia presented by Des Kelly from Gulgong. Des has some new material to entertain the whole family.

**Cost:** adult \$25, child \$5, includes a sausage sizzle, bickies and tea. **Bookings:** Cheques made to 'The Blue Mountains Branch' to be sent to The Booking Officer, PO Box 7345, Leura, 2780. **P:** Diana (02) 4757 1033.

**21** Saturday, 10am – 4pm  
**Open Day at the Woodford Academy**  
**Great Western Highway Woodford**

Explore the oldest collection of buildings in the Blue Mountains. **P:** (02) 4758 8743

**22** Sunday, 10am – 3pm  
**Reptile Day, Wurrimbirra Sanctuary, Bargo**

Encounter a crocodile or pat a python! Reptile shows, face painting, stalls and displays, hot and cold food available all day. A fun and educational day out for the whole family. Entry by donation. **P:** (02) 4684 1112.

**27** Friday, 8pm  
**A Ghostly Night**  
**Old Government House, Parramatta Park**

Explore this 205-year old Georgian mansion by candlelight and hear tales of strange incidents and psychic encounters in this property, which has so much to tell about Australia's past. Refreshments and supper included.

**Cost:** \$28, due 14 days in advance. **P:** (02) 9635 8149 or 0415 187 402. **Bookings:** www.friendssofogh.com or send cheques to 'National Trust (NSW) Friends of OGH, PO Box 431 Parramatta 2124.

**27** Friday – Sunday 15 March  
**Art New England, Saumarez Homestead, Armidale**  
 An exhibition of works for sale by artists of the New England region. **P:** (02) 6772 3616

## march

**6** Friday, 7.30pm  
**Andalucian Nights**  
**Brough House, Church Street, Maitland**

New Zealand guitarist Miles Jackson will present the music of Spain, both classical and flamenco. The program also includes information on some of the flamenco forms, techniques and anecdotes about his time in Spain. Organised by Friends of Grossman House.

**Cost:** members \$20, non-members \$25. **Bookings:** (02) 4932 0518

**7** Saturday – Sunday 3 May  
**Salon des Refusés: the alternative Archibald and Wynne Prize Selection**

**S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, Sydney**

See page 10 for more information.

**10** Tuesday  
**Women's Committee Bellevue Hill Day**

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**13** Friday, 7pm  
**Short Lantern Tour of the Woodford Academy**

A family night in an atmosphere of superstition at the Academy on Friday 13th. Lots of activities for the young ones and a mini lantern tour for the grown-ups. Includes supper. **Cost:** \$15, family \$25.

**Bookings:** Cheques made to 'The Blue Mountains Branch' to be sent to The Booking Officer, PO Box 7345, Leura 2780. **P:** Marilyn (02) 4758 7809.

**14** Saturday, 7pm  
**Country Music Night**  
**Wurrimbirra Sanctuary, Bargo**

A fun evening of country music with the Wollondilly Country Music Club in the beautiful bushland setting of Wurrimbirra. Plenty of food for sale. Entry by donation. **P:** (02) 4684 1112.

**15** Sunday, 2pm – 5pm  
**Gordon Walk**  
**Meet at ticket office on footbridge over Gordon Railway Station**



Our walk will take in all aspects of the Parish of Gordon – commencing from Ticket Office at Gordon Railway Station we will look at the Station, Wyatt Garden, the Old Gordon Public School building & Ku-ring-gai Historical Society Research rooms, Annie Wyatt's house and Nelson Street (one of Gordon's finest Federation streets) ending at Gordon Recreation Park for a glass or two of wine and some afternoon tea. You can then join our group to enjoy the Twilight Jazz Concert at Eryldene from 5pm to 8pm. Picnic Baskets are available (must be ordered), or you can bring your own picnic and BYO wine for the concert.

**Cost:** Walk and afternoon tea only \$30. Walk, afternoon tea and entry to Jazz Concert \$44. **Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet. **P:** Tony Bastow 0404 292 208, Ron Bottrill 0418 112 018 or Pat Barling 0414 702 677.

**15** Sunday, 5pm – 8pm  
**Twilight Jazz Concert**  
**Eryldene 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon**

Bring a rug or folding chair and a picnic basket and enjoy the Moods Band in the setting sun of a late summer's day. Their repertoire is drawn from traditional jazz, swing and jive to classics from the songbooks of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Coffee, tea and home made cakes will be available at the Garden Café.

**Cost:** members \$18, non-members \$22, family (2 adults, 2 children) \$50. **Bookings:** (02) 9498 2271 or email eryldene@eryldene.org.au.

**19** Thursday, 8am – 5pm  
**Picton Historic Tour**

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**20** Friday  
**A Ghostly Night, Old Government House, Parramatta**  
 See entry under 27 February for more information.

## MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**21** Saturday, 10am – 4pm  
**Open Day at the Woodford Academy**  
**Woodford Academy, Great Western Highway, Woodford**  
 The day will feature 'Food in Colonial Times'. Come and sample the fare of early travellers over the Mountains. P: Marilyn (02) 4758 7809.

**22** Sunday, 10am – 4pm  
**Berrima Village Fair**  
**Harper's Mansion, Garden and Maze, Wilkinson Street, Berrima**  
 The second annual old-fashioned English country fair will be held in the wonderful gardens of this superb colonial Georgian house, featuring the largest hedge maze in NSW. The day will be full of fun and games for all the family and include a delightful music program and children's art, pet competitions, games, other activities and demonstrations. Sausage sizzle, cakes and refreshments available. Picnics welcome. Admission is free. P: (02) 4877 1508.

**28–29** Saturday – Sunday  
**Norman Lindsay Festival of Children's Literature**  
**Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge**  
 A two day celebration of Australian children's books, featuring workshops, talks, book signings and story telling by popular authors and illustrators. Sponsored by Dymocks. P: (02) 4751 1067.

**29** Sunday  
**Country Garden Ramble at Gresford**  
 The Friends of Miss Porter's House invite you to a tour and talk of a beautiful country garden. Scrumptious morning tea and lunch in the conservatory. Travel by own car. Cost: \$45. P: Patti Graham (02) 4953 9034.  
**Bookings:** Cheque made out to 'National Trust' with a stamped self-addressed envelope to 6/59 Westcourt Road, New Lambton, 2305.

**31** Tuesday  
**Australia's Last Riverboat Postman**  
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## april

**4** Saturday  
**Lindesay Open Day – 175th Birthday Celebrations**  
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**5** Sunday, 12.30pm  
**Lunch at Lachlan's at Old Government House**  
 Join the After Hours committee for lunch at historic Old Government House in Parramatta Park – a tour of Old Government House, learn some of the history involved and then sit down in a private room for lunch and a glass of wine. Cost: \$45. **Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet.  
 P: Tony Bastow 0404 292 208, Ron Bottrill 0418 112 018 or Pat Barling 0414 702 677.

**7** Tuesday  
**Women's Committee Wahroonga Day**  
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**11–12** Saturday & Sunday, 10am – 4pm  
**Heritage Week at Miss Porter's House**  
**434 King Street, Newcastle**  
 Celebrating 100 years of Porter family history. Display of books, needlework & toys. Cost: members free, non-members \$6, concession \$5. P: (02) 4927 0202

**11–12** Saturday & Sunday, 10am – 4pm  
**Heritage Week Open Weekend**  
**Eryldene, 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon**  
 Enjoy the beautiful gardens of Eryldene and the early Camellia sasanquas in bloom during this first open weekend for 2009. Cost: adult \$8, concession \$6, child (6-15yrs) \$4, family \$18. **More information:** www.eryldene.org.au.

**14** Tuesday and Tuesday 21 April, 10am – 11.30am  
**Discover the Life of a Convict Farmer**  
**Experiment Farm Cottage, 9 Ruse Street, Harris Park**  
 Children can discover Australia's hidden colonial history. Relive the life of pioneer farmer James Ruse by re-enacting his historical first planting. Children will dress up as convicts, plant corn, write letters home to old England using ink and quill, taste corn bread, horse shoe tossing, and tour the cottage. Cost: \$10 per child (5-12yrs). Adult tours available for half price during the children's activities. **Bookings:** Dannielle McDonald (02) 9635 5655 or exfarm@bigpond.net.au.

**15** Wednesday and Wednesday 22 April, 10am – 11.30am  
**Step Back in Time**  
**Old Government House, Parramatta Park**  
 Go back in time to life at Old Government House in 1815. Discover the history and role of the butler and maids during the Governor Macquarie period. Children will dress up and tour the house as servants or convicts, play colonial games, paint a miniature portrait, and say good bye to Old England for ever with Australian bush poetry.  
 Cost: \$10 per child (5-12yrs). Adult tours available for half price during the children's activities.  
**Bookings:** Dannielle McDonald (02) 9635 8149 or exfarm@bigpond.net.au.

**15** Wednesday, 1pm – 3pm  
**Children's School Holiday Workshops – Drawing from the Reflection, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, Sydney**  
 Children 5-12 years. Using reflective surfaces, students will produce their own self portrait using proportion, composition, line and tone. Children will experiment with different drawing materials, using pastels, charcoal and ink.  
 Cost: members \$30, non-members \$33.  
**Bookings:** Eleanor Venables (02) 9258 0122 or evenables@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au.

**16** Thursday, 1pm – 3pm  
**Children's School Holiday Workshops – Expressive Self-Portraits**  
**S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, Sydney**  
 Children 7-14 years. Students use reflective surfaces and photographs brought in from home to create their unique self-portrait using colour, line and composition. Attention to individual facial expressions and the expressive use of paint will be explored. Acrylic paint on canvas.  
 Cost: members \$30, non-members \$33.  
**Bookings:** Eleanor Venables (02) 9258 0122 or evenables@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au.

**17** Friday, 1pm – 3pm  
**Children's School Holiday Workshops – Drawing Plein Air**  
**S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, Sydney**  
 Children 7-14 years. Inspired by the 360 degree view from Observatory Hill, children will create their own drawings investigating the built and natural environment, explore different mark-making techniques and experiment with drawing materials.  
 Cost: members \$30, non-members \$33.  
**Bookings:** Eleanor Venables (02) 9258 0122 or evenables@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au.

**17** Friday – Sunday 14 June  
**Historic Gardens**  
**Saumarez Homestead, New England Highway, Armidale**  
 An exhibition of photographs organised by the New England branch of the Australian Garden History Society. P: (02) 6772 3616.

**17–18** Friday & Saturday, 8pm  
**In Recital: Belinda Montgomery and Tommie Andersson**  
**Old Government House, Parramatta Park**  
 The *In Recital* series of concerts is reminiscent of the intimate house entertainments held by the Colonial Governor. Soprano Belinda Montgomery and lutenist, guitarist and theorbo player Tommie Andersson (both of Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir and The Marais Project) will perform *Heavenly Music* from the Renaissance, Baroque and modern periods in the candle-lit Georgian Drawing Room. Tickets limited to 30 places per evening.  
 Cost: members \$58, non-members \$60 per evening. Includes drink and light refreshments.  
**Bookings:** (02) 9635 8149, at Old Government House or oghouse@bigpond.com.

**18** Saturday, 7pm  
**Wildnight Walkabout, Wirrimbirra Sanctuary, Bargo**  
 Experience the magic of Wirrimbirra at night. Begin with a light meal in the cafe and then join a spotlight tour of the sanctuary. See who can be the first to spot one of the elusive native animals that call Wirrimbirra home.  
 Cost: Adult \$15, child under 13yrs \$5.  
**Bookings:** (02) 4684 1112.

**18** Saturday, 10am – 4pm  
**Open Day at the Woodford Academy**  
**Great Western Highway, Woodford**  
 Explore the oldest collection of buildings in the Blue Mountains.  
 P: (02) 4758 8743.

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Sunday

**National Trust Day**

To help celebrate National Trust Day all NSW Trust properties will be open free of charge. Bring your family and friends to discover your local piece of heritage. For further information visit [www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au).

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Tuesday, 1pm – 3pm

**Children's School Holiday Workshops – Sculptural Clay**  
**S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, Sydney**

Children 5 -12 years. This workshop will introduce the concept of working in 3 dimensions. Children will create their own unique ceramic sculpture, incorporating clay hand building techniques such as kneading, cutting and coil construction.

**Cost:** members \$30, non-members \$33.

**Bookings:** Eleanor Venables (02) 9258 0122 or [evenables@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](mailto:evenables@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au).

21–23

Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday

**Coach Tour of the Central West**

National Trust Lachlan Branch is organising a coach tour in the Central West to the Warren area. Arrangements are being made for a coach departing from Forbes via Parkes to visit a variety of places including station homesteads, gardens and cotton gin, plus some history of the area.

**P:** Joy Freebain (02) 6864 3211 or Janette Thomas (02) 6852 2347.

22

Wednesday, 1pm 3pm

**Children's School Holiday Workshops – Collage with Recycled Materials, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, Sydney**

Children 5-12 years. This workshop utilises recycled materials to create imaginative and playful 2 dimensional creations. Children will explore how contemporary artists transform refuse to create interesting artworks which also communicate an environmentally friendly message.

**Cost:** members \$30, non-members \$33.

**Bookings:** Eleanor Venables (02) 9258 0122 or [evenables@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](mailto:evenables@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au)

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Friday

**A Ghostly Night****Old Government House, Parramatta**

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## looking ahead

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May

**Women's Committee Goulburn in Autumn Weekend**

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May, 1pm – 2.30pm

**Walk at North Narrabeen Rockpool Reserve**

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9–10

May, 10am – 4pm

**Mother's Day Open Weekend****Eryldene, 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon**

A focus on recipes and cooking, with an interpretive display of Mrs Waterhouse's recipes, menus and dinner party seating plans. Guess who came to dinner and what did they eat? Eryldene's delicious, home made Mother's Day teas with all the trimmings will again be available.

**Cost:** members \$20, non-members \$26 – includes entrance fee.

**Bookings:** (02) 9498 2271 or [eryldene@eryldene.org.au](mailto:eryldene@eryldene.org.au).

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May, 10am – 4pm

**Valuation Day at Woodford Academy**  
**Great Western Highway, Woodford.**

**P:** (02) 4758 8743

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May, 10am – 4pm

**Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Branch Berry Day**

See page 6 for more information.



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May, 10am – 3pm

**Wildlife Fair, Wirrimbirra Sanctuary, Bargo**

Native animal shows, displays and activities. Hot and cold food available. Educational fun for young and old.

Entry by donation. **P:** (02) 4684 1112.

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May

**Berrima Coach Trip**

**Depart from Gordon railway station 7.30am,**  
**Beverly Hills railway station 8am**

Join the After Hours Committee for a trip to the historic town of Berrima. Founded in 1831, Berrima was designed to be a major provincial town in the English tradition. Grand buildings were erected using convict labour, with many still seen today. Visit the National Trust's Harpers Mansion, to view its newly completed maze and gardens and have lunch. Afterwards, visit Wirrimbirra Wildlife Sanctuary, another Trust property, at Bargo. Enjoy a guided tour of their Dingo Sanctuary and a stroll through their fauna enclosure, native nursery and bush tucker garden. Finish with afternoon tea and a glass of wine. Return at 6pm.

**Cost:** \$75. **Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet.

**P:** Tony Bastow 0404 292 208, Ron Bottrill 0418 112 018 or Pat Barling 0414 702 677.



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May, 10am – 5pm

**Miss Porter's House Centenary Fair****Newcastle Grammar School – Park Campus, corner Union Street and Parkway Avenue, Cooks Hill**

Visit the fair to pick up a selection of antiques, bric-a-brac and collectibles. There will be a jewellery valuer on site, \$5 per item. The café will open with soup, Devonshire teas, coffee and soft drinks available. Organised by the Friends of Miss Porter's House.

**Cost:** adults \$5, concession \$4. **P:** Patti Graham (02) 4953 9034.

## Lindesay Christmas Fair Raffle Winners



The Women's Committee is most grateful to all those who supported the Lindesay Christmas Fair. Congratulations to the raffle winners, all 21 of whom are listed on the Trust website [www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au).

## 'Walled Cities of Umbria' Membership Prize Winner

Congratulations to Mr Glynn & Mrs Susan Burch of Minnie Water NSW. They have won a wonderful holiday visiting central Italy.

OUR PLACE

In Space

National Trust  
Heritage Festival 2009

Our Place in Space: Under the Southern Cross

Once again, the National Trust invites you to celebrate Australia's natural and cultural heritage and to be part of one of the largest and longest running community festivals in the state. Now in its 29th year, the National Trust Heritage Festival 2009 offers a fantastic variety of over 400 community-hosted events across metropolitan and regional NSW from **Saturday 4 April to Sunday 19 April**.

The theme for this year's festival is 'Our Place in Space – Under the Southern Cross' celebrating the International Year of Astronomy. Special celebrations will be held on National Trust Day, on Sunday 19 April at Observatory Hill, Sydney. National Trust properties around NSW will also be open free of charge. Please see the enclosed Program for details of events in your local area or visit [www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au) for more details. Also see our article in *Trust News Australia* (enclosed) for more information about the history of Astronomy in NSW.