

May – July calendar

Looking at Architecture with the National Trust Women's Committee

DIARY DATES 2009

16 JUNE	Birchgrove Day
29 JULY	Garden Seminar, Lindesay
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Looking Ahead	
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24-25 OCTOBER	Country Weekend

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.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. 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.

Birchgrove Day

TUESDAY 16 JUNE

10.30AM – 12.30PM OR 1PM – 3PM

'Spring Villa', 20 Louisa Rd, Birchgrove

By courtesy of Leonie & Andrew MacDonald

Built in 1882, this Victorian Italianate terrace-style villa overlooks Birchgrove Park and Sydney Harbour to the east and the Parramatta River to the west. Recent extensions are by Glebe architects Otto Cserhaimi & Partners.

6 Rose St, Birchgrove

By courtesy of the owners

A grand Victorian semi-detached double storey dwelling built in 1883. It is one of six identical semis with views across Birchgrove Park to Snails Bay, recently restored and renovated.

Ticket holders will be directed to the third property.

Cost: Members (only) \$28
Youth (12 – 18 years) \$18

Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet

Enquiries: (02) 9363 2401



Garden Seminar

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY

**Lindesay, 1 Carthona Ave, Darling Point
(please enter from Lindsay Avenue)**

The Garden Panel invites you to attend this popular day when we, once again, present three speakers to inspire you with their imaginative talents. From a personal journey developing a garden with exceptional plants, to a revealing look at the changes of always elusive 'style' in our lives, and finishing with an artist describing the process of creating sculptures and placing them in our landscapes. All this, as well as morning tea and lunch.

Programme of events:

- 9.30am Morning tea/coffee
- 10am The Garden at 'Jumjum' – Jill Wran
- 11am Changes in Domestic Style over Several Centuries – Leslie Walford
- 12pm Lunch
- 1.30pm Sculpture in the Landscape – Christopher Hodges
- 3pm Finish

Cost: Members \$60
Friends \$70

Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet

Enquiries: (02) 9363 2401



Wiston Gardens, Double Bay Day

TUESDAY 11 AUGUST

10.30AM – 12.30PM OR 1PM – 3PM

Wiston Gardens, a short cul-de-sac, begins from Steyne Park on the shore of Double Bay and nestles against the eastern side of Darling Point. All but one of the eight houses and four blocks of flats in the street were built in the 1930s and 40s. The three houses to be opened have been extensively and sympathetically renovated in the last decade, as have their gardens. The furnishings also beautifully match the style and elegance of the houses.

'Taj' 2 Wiston Gardens, Double Bay

By courtesy of Natasha Goulden and Maurice Neil QC

Built in 1934, a fusion of Spanish Mission and Mediterranean styling with interiors of Art Deco and Art Nouveau, this heritage listed house won the Woollahra Council Conservation Award in 2006.

4 Wiston Gardens, Double Bay

By courtesy of the owners

This Professor Wilkinson designed house (the other Wilkinson house in Wiston Gardens was opened by the National Trust in 2004) is also heritage listed and won the Woollahra Council Conservation Award in 2008.

7 Wiston Gardens, Double Bay

By courtesy of Audrey Hung

The classical 1930s styling of this house is complimented and enhanced by the blend of modern European and Chinese furnishings and art.

Cost: Members (only) \$28
Youth (12 – 18 years) \$18

Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet

Enquiries: (02) 9363 2401



Images: Left: 'Taj' 2 Wiston Gardens, Double Bay; Middle: Spring Villa, 20 Louisa Rd, Birchgrove; Right: 6 Rose Street, Birchgrove

National Trust Way tours

Day Tours



May Gibbs and her 'Nutcote' – a journey back to her childhood

THURSDAY 11 JUNE, 11.30AM – 3PM

**Meet at the entrance to 'Nutcote',
5 Wallaringa Avenue, Neutral Bay**

Take a magical journey through the fantasy world of May Gibbs, one of Australia's favourite children's author and illustrator. Visit her harbourside cottage, 'Nutcote' in Sydney's Neutral Bay where she lived for 44 years until her death at 93 in 1969. It was here, in her studio, that she created her famous characters, Snugglypot and Cuddlepie, the gumnut babies and the Banksia Men and the Bib and Bub comic strips.

The tour includes a light lunch in the delightful Bib and Bub garden tearooms, time to browse in the giftshop, and a guided tour of May's beautiful Mediterranean-style cottage and English garden which was designed by architect, BJ Waterhouse in 1925. The cottage, which is now a museum, contains a wealth of information on her life and work. Her house has been furnished in the 1930s period very much the way that May had it. Her love of animals and plants and her great affinity with nature and the Australian bush is reflected in her wonderful stories and illustrations.

Cost: \$ 35 – includes a light lunch and guided tour

Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet

Tour leader : Suzy Greene

P: (02) 4332 2032 or 0419 183 007.

Walking Tour of Cockatoo Island

TUESDAY 14 JULY, 10.30AM

Catch the Government Ferry Rivercat from Circular Quay, Wharf 5 at 9.50am



Cockatoo is a historic island with buildings dating from the convict era to the naval ship building times of the early 1900s. The island buildings are now being restored and new uses are being found for some. After the tour enjoy lunch of sandwiches, coffee or tea, a cool drink and a cake at the Muster Street Café.

Cost: \$37 includes lunch

Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet

Tour leader: Margaret Durham

P: (02) 9326 2963

Holiday Tours

Spring in the Central West of New South Wales

20 – 26 SEPTEMBER

A Richard Quilty tour visiting both private and formal gardens around NSW's central west. Visit villages and towns such as Orange, Cowra, Oberon, Newbridge, Millthorpe, Gulgong, Canowindra, Hampton, Tarana, Rockley, and many more. Highlights include the Boree Cabonne and Illandra mansions, the 1920s AMSU theatre in Manildra and the Gulgong Opera House.

Bookings: Richard Quilty P: 0418 201 677.

License No: 2TA6093.

Tour leader: Margaret Durham P: (02) 9326 2963.

Sicily

LATE SEPTEMBER

A land with a rich heritage of architectural delights and World Heritage sites combined with a wealth of natural beauty. Our circumnavigation of the island will showcase Sicily's highlights, including the Medieval charm of picturesque Taormina and Erice, ancient Greek and Roman ruins, Syracuse and the Baroque jewel towns of the Noto Valley, and the captivating capital of Palermo.

Bookings: David Smith, Travelscene on Capri

P: 1800 679 066. License No: TA 1091.

Tour leader: Jillian Bunning P: (02) 9798 8914



Winton Camel Races – Home via the Birdsville Track

17 JULY – 3 AUGUST

Travel by coach to Queensland, visiting Coolah, Coonabarabran, the Warrumbungles, the Carnarvon Gorge, Springsure, Barcaldine and Windorah on the way. Enjoy the camel races and the Matilda Centre, before travelling home via the Birdsville Track and the eastern side of the Flinders Ranges to the Barrier Highway to Broken Hill, and on to Sydney via Wilcannia, Nyngan and Narromine.

Bookings: Richard Quilty P: 0418 201 677.

License No: 2TA6093.

Tour leader: Jillian Bunning P: (02) 9798 8914

Tasmania

NOVEMBER

Tasmania is a wonderful showcase of Australia's natural, built and cultural heritage, all of which the National Trust helps to protect and conserve. This tour in spring will explore Australia's smallest state with visits to Colonial and National Trust properties included. An unforgettable experience of nature, food, wine, art and heritage at its best!

Expressions of interest: Jillian Bunning

P: (02) 9798 8914



Images: Left: May Gibbs self portrait, with the permission of The Nutcote Trust; Right: Cathedral in Catania, Sicily

May

Until 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.

8-28

8 May to 28 June

Margaret Olley: Life's Journey

S.H. Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill

Please see exhibitions on page 10 for more information.

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Saturday, 2pm – 4pm

The Female Factory with Dr Carol Liston Old Government House, Parramatta Park

The Female Factory Parramatta was built by Governor Lachlan Macquarie to accommodate convict women. The women lived there until they went into private assignment; often returned there to have their babies. Free and colonial born women were also sent there as punishment. It is one of the most important places in Australian women's history. The site was reassigned as a Convict Lunatic and Invalid Asylum in 1847. Today the remaining buildings form part of the Cumberland Hospital and NSW Institute of Forensic Psychiatry. Join renowned historian and specialist in 19th century NSW history, Dr Carol Liston as she discusses the trials and tribulations of a convict woman.

Cost: members \$20, non-members \$25. P: (02) 9635 8149 or 0415 187 402.

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

9-10

Saturday – Sunday, 10am – 4pm

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

This weekend will focus on recipes and the memories they evoke; and on the recipes, menus and dinner party seating plans of Janet Waterhouse of Eryldene. Eryldene's delicious, homemade Mother's Day teas entirely from Mrs Waterhouse's recipes will be served on Royal Doulton China on embroidered cloths. **Cost:** entry only – \$8 adults, \$6 conc, \$4 child (6-15yrs), \$18 family.

Mother's Day teas - members \$20, non-members \$26 – includes entrance fee.

Bookings: essential for Mother's Day teas (02) 9498 2271 or eryldene@eryldene.org.au.

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Sunday, 1pm – 4pm

Open House Miss Porter's House, King Street, Newcastle

The house celebrates its centenary this year. It is located right opposite McDonald's and contains a century's worth of furnishings, furniture, clothes and household goods.

Cost: \$6 adults, \$5 pensioners and children. Free to National Trust Members and children under five. P: Pam Boyd (02) 4940 8517.

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Friday, 8pm

A Ghostly Night Old Government House, Parramatta Park

The Governors and their households left Parramatta in 1855, but their presence still haunts Old Government House at night. 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. P: (02) 9635 8149 or 0415 187 402.

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

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Saturday, 12 noon

Jazz and Wine Festival Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge

Presented by The Friends of the Norman Lindsay Gallery. A picnic event where everyone receives a free etched wine glass to sample the premium wines on offer and entry to the Gallery is included in the ticket price. This afternoon promises the best live jazz entertainment performed by The Babe Magnets and the very popular no reserve auction. Bring along your friends and family, pack a hamper and enjoy the atmosphere. Gates open noon, wine tasting from 1pm.

Cost: \$25 Friends and NT members. **Bookings:** (02) 4751 1067.

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Saturday, 10am – 4pm

Valuation Day at Woodford Academy Great Western Highway, Woodford.

Bring your antiques to be valued by a fine arts dealer.

10am – 12 noon and 1pm – 3pm. **Cost:** \$10 for 2 handheld items. P: (02) 4758 8743.

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Sunday, 10am – 3pm

Wildlife Fair Wirrimbirra Sanctuary, Remembrance Drive, Bargo

Bring the whole family for this fun and educational open day at Wirrimbirra. Wildlife shows with 'Australian Wildlife Displays', including hands-on opportunities for young and old. Learn about our beautiful native wildlife at the Wirrimbirra puppet shows. Hot and cold food available. Entry by donation. P: (02) 4684 1112.

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Tuesday

National Trust Heritage Lecture Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney

The National Trust Heritage Lecture for 2009 will be held at the Australian National Maritime Museum with special guest speaker, Mr Ray Martin. Please see www.nationaltrust.com.au for details or contact Natalie Gross P: (02) 9258 0181.



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Saturday, 10am

Cox's Road Walk

Meet at the parking area at the end of the Mt York Rd, Mt Victoria

Join the Blue Mountains Branch in a walk down the historic Cox's Road from Mt York to Hartley Vale - the most significant remnant of the road which Cox and his band of convicts built in 1814. The descent is quite steep in parts so you will need good walking shoes. The walk itself takes about two hours and a hot soup and rolls lunch will be served, followed by a return trip by bus to Mt York. **Cost:** adults \$25, children \$5. P: Sarah (02) 4639 6769.

Bookings: Cheques are made out to The National Trust (NSW), Blue Mountains Branch, to be sent to Diana Nelson, 4 Yanko Ave, Wentworth Falls, 2782 with a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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Sunday, 7.30am – 6pm

Berrima Coach Trip Depart Gordon station bus interchange at 7.30am, or Beverly Hills station, Morgan Street at 8am. Return at 6pm

Join the After Hours Committee for a trip to the historic town of Berrima. Founded in 1831 as the intended centre of the County of Camden, Berrima was designed to be a major provincial town in the English tradition. Grand buildings (including the Gaol) were erected using convict labour, with many still seen today. The town, however, never really grew. Enjoy a visit to two National Trust properties - Wirrimbirra Sanctuary, with its dingo sanctuary and fauna enclosure, and Harper's Mansion, with its maze and gardens. Wander through Berrima with its beautiful old buildings, village green, restaurants and interesting boutiques, enjoy a tour of Berrima Court House and the Museum – both should prove to be of great interest. Lunch at Wirrimbirra and afternoon tea at Harper's Mansion included. Maximum group size of 45.

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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Saturday, 10am – 5pm

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

The Friends of Miss Porter's House will celebrate the house's 100th year with a Centenary Fair. Vendors, collectors, artists and craftspeople will offer bric-a-brac, collectables and items of arts and crafts. A jewellery valuer will be on site, and a cafe will dispense first-class Devonshire teas, coffee, tea and soft drinks.

Cost: \$5 adults, \$4 concessions and children over five.

P: Fair Organiser, Patti Graham (02) 4953 9034.

June

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Wednesday

2009 National Trust Gala Dinner, A Night Among the Stars Star Room, Darling Harbour

Come and join us at the National Trust Annual Gala Dinner to raise much needed funds for the National Trust to continue to protect our Australian heritage through advocacy, conservation and education. For further details contact Natalie Gross P: (02) 9258 0181 or email ngross@nationaltrust.com.au.

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Sunday, 1pm – 5pm

Views of and from Kurrajong Heights

This tour will take in various sites and buildings which illustrate the history of Kurrajong Heights from its beginnings in the 1820s through its heyday as an orcharding area, and as a retreat from the city during its guest house period. Buildings from the 1820s through the rest of the 19th century will be included, as well as a former pleasure garden and lookout, and a property where Louisa Atkinson, 'botanist of the Kurrajong' and pioneer woman novelist, had her house. **Cost:** \$20. **Bookings:** Send a cheque with a stamped self-addressed envelope to The National Trust Hawkesbury Branch, PO Box 737 Richmond 2753. **P:** Julia Thorp on (02) 4573 1381.



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Thursday, 11.30am

May Gibbs and her 'Nutcote' – a journey back to childhood

Please see National Trust Way tours on page 6 for more information.

13–14

Saturday & Sunday, 10am – 4pm

**Open Weekend – Early Camellias in Bloom
Eryldene, 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon**

Enjoy the most exquisite garden at Eryldene. The camellia japonicas are coming into bloom this month. Our garden café will be open and there will be free tours of the house and garden.

Cost: \$8 adult, \$6 conc, \$4 child (6-15), \$18 family. **P:** (02) 9498 2271.

14

Sunday

Open House

Miss Porter's House, King Street, Newcastle

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Tuesday

Women's Committee Birchgrove Day House Inspections

Please see page 5 for more information.



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Wednesday, 9.30am

Bus Tour of Mamre House and Historic St Marys

Organised by the Blue Mountains Branch, this tour will visit Mamre House, the 1820s home of Rev Samuel Marsden. This will be followed by an exploration of the historic homes, churches and graveyards of St Marys. The bus will start from Moore St, Glenbrook. Lifts can be arranged from the upper mountains. Entry to Mamre House, morning tea and lunch will be included **Cost:** \$30. Limit of 20. **P:** Sarah (02) 4739 6769.

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Friday, 8pm

A Ghostly Night

Old Government House, Parramatta Park

Please see event listing under 15 May for details.

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Sunday

Winter Magic Festival

Everglades Gardens, Leura

As part of the Winter Magic Festival in Leura and Katoomba, Everglades will be holding a children's storytelling event. **P:** (02) 4784 1938

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Sunday, 1.30pm

Tour to Ahimsa, Cheltenham

Meet at Cheltenham station

Join the After Hours Committee for a tour of National Trust property, Ahimsa. As we walk towards Ahimsa, enjoy a brief talk on the history of Cheltenham by the Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust, followed by a bush walk through the Lane Cove National Park led by historian Dr Joan Webb. Whilst in the National Park we will have some afternoon tea with a glass of wine or juice. A talk on Marie Byles by former National Trust Education Officer, Julie Peterson followed by a short talk on Buddhism and meditation by a member of the Buddhist Council in the Hut of Happy Omens. **Cost:** \$30. **Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet.

P: Tony Bastow 0404 292 208 or Pat Barling 0414 702 677.



July

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Saturday

Wirrimbirra Christmas in July

Wirrimbirra Sanctuary, Bargo

P: (02) 4684 1112

11–12

Saturday & Sunday, 10am- 4pm

**Open Weekend – Camellias in all their glory
Eryldene, 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon**

While most gardens are asleep the camellias at Eryldene are at their most spectacular. Camellias were Professor Waterhouse's passion and his garden contains an historically significant collection. Our garden café will be open and there will be free tours of the house and garden.

Cost: \$8 adult, \$6 conc, \$4 child (6-15), \$18 family. **P:** (02) 9498 2271.

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Sunday

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Tuesday

Walking Tour of Cockatoo Island

Please see page 6 for more information



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Friday, 8pm

A Ghostly Night

Old Government House, Parramatta Park

Please see event listing under 15 May for details.

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Saturday & Sunday, 10am – 4pm

**Open Weekend – Open Garden Scheme
Eryldene, 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon**

Professor Waterhouse's world renowned camellia garden is at its spectacular best. Our garden café will be open and there will be free tours of the house and garden.

Cost: \$8 adult, \$6 conc, \$4 child (6-15), \$18 family. **P:** (02) 9498 2271.

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Sunday, 1.30pm

**The Rocks tour and Christmas in July at the National
Trust Centre**

Meet at The National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill, The Rocks

Join the After Hours Committee for a walk through the historic Rocks area, perhaps dropping in on The Rocks Markets on the way. We then head back to the National Trust Centre at Observatory Hill, sometime between 2.30pm and 3pm for 'Christmas in July'. We will enjoy a Christmas type feast with a glass or two of wine, some music, tall tales and a short tour of the building.

Cost: \$35. **Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet.

P: Tony Bastow 0404 292 208 or Pat Barling 0414 702 677.



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Wednesday

Garden Seminar at Lindesay, Darling Point

Please see page 5 for more information.



Looking Ahead

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August

Birds n' Bugs

Wirrimbirra Sanctuary, Bargo

P: (02) 4684 1112

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August

Six Foot Track Walk

The Blue Mountains Branch is organising a walk of part of the Six Foot Track, the 1884 bridle trail from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves. We anticipate walking from the Megalong Valley Road to Cox's River. A reasonable degree of fitness will be required.

P: Sandra (02) 4739 3003 or Rhona (02) 4757 2424 (after June 5)

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August

Women's Committee Wiston Gardens Double Bay Day
Please see page 5 for more information.



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August, 6.30pm

Murder Mystery Dinner

Everglades House and Gardens, Leura

Jake Texas, a wealthy oilman, is requesting the pleasure of your company at his birthday party. Anyone who is anybody is invited, so you will catch up with Marilyn Monroe (who is on the lookout for the perfect man); Rita Hayworth may have something to say about that. Our friend Mae West has completed her jail sentence since confessing to her lover's murder - but that was 20 years ago. Please join us for the evening, start preparing your outfit - you are after all, a celebrity. Be prepared, as something sinister might happen. Evening commences at 6.30pm with welcome drink and nibbles. Lots of fun and a great three course meal.

Cost: \$65 – make up a party or come alone, you will soon become involved.

Bookings: Everglades (02) 4784 1938 or Liz (02) 4757 2694 or email mcreysw@bigpond.net.au.

23

August, 1.30pm

Glebe and the Glebe Estate Walk

Meet in front of Glebe Town Hall, St John's Road, Glebe

Fringed by Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays, Glebe was first settled in the late 1820s. Modern Glebe has retained many of its grand Victorian homes, Federation houses and modest workers' cottages. These contribute to the unique character of the suburb. As a peninsula community, Glebe has a village environment with which residents very strongly identify. Join the After Hours Committee and the Glebe Society to explore the delights of the area. Glebe is an exciting place for residents and visitors alike. With its long history of 'bohemian' lifestyle, activism and intellectual pursuits, Glebe's reputation as an alternative suburb is well-founded. Glebe Point Road offers a range of 'new age' practitioners, health food shops and bookshops which reflect a wide variety of products such as candles, essential oils, herbal remedies and a full homeopathic dispensary. Our walk will take in all aspects of this historic suburb, finishing with food and wine.

Cost: \$30. **Bookings:** Ticket Application Sheet. **P:** Tony Bastow 0404 292 208 or Ron Bottrill 0418 112 018.



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August, 12pm

Jazz at Experiment Farm Cottage

Experiment Farm Cottage, Parramatta

Annual Jazz event organised by the Friends of Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage. Please see the National Trust website closer to the date.

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September

Historic Maitland Weekend Tour

Organised by the Blue Mountains Branch

Come with us on a historic tour of the Maitland and Newcastle region. This tour starts in the Blue Mountains, but will pick up Sydney people at Hornsby. We will visit the National Trust properties, Tomago House, Grossman House in Maitland, and Miss Porter's House in Newcastle. Also we will see Sir William Dobell's home at Wangi Wangi, explore historic Morpeth and spend some time with a Progress Association member at Catherine Hill Bay to hear of the struggle there against aggressive development. A most interesting tour which includes good accommodation, 5 star coach, pleasant company and an 'al a carte' dinner at the renowned Old George and Dragon Restaurant, Maitland. **Cost:** \$574 per person twin share. Single supplement \$43. **Bookings:** Diana (02) 4757 1033.

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September

Open House Weekend

Bathurst District

The Central West Women's Committee will be holding their open house weekend in the Bathurst area. Details in the next magazine.

Mosman Bowling Club



On Wednesday 24 February over 120 National Trust members, local residents and their friends enjoyed a social evening with a savoury wine tasting courtesy of the National Trust Wine Service. A guest appearance by National Trust Youth Ambassador and concert pianist, Ambre Hammond, delighted guests with her wonderful rendition of Chopin's Fantasy Impromptu. The perfect location for the event was made possible by the generous assistance of the Mosman Bowling Club at their important heritage clubhouse in Mosman.

The Mosman Bowling Club enjoys over 100 years of history. The club's beginnings predate 1901 with what was then the Mosman Recreation Club. Lawn bowls commenced with the completion of the greens in 1902 and the club was officially opened the following year. Membership was exclusively for men until the 70s, before the club expanded with the formation of the Mosman Park Women's Bowling Club.

Today the Mosman Bowling Club can be proud of the beautiful old building, its gardens and well maintained greens, and an affable bunch of members and staff. For members the club offers a weekly program of social bowls and the opportunity to arrange casual games and to improve skills with the help of nationally accredited coaches. No obligation coaching, free to anyone interested in joining the club, is available on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Members are encouraged to join in Club Championships and inter-club matches.

The club holds regular open days when those attending can be guided through the game by current members and qualified coaches. For novices, the club is the perfect place to start and develop their game. The club's facilities are available for corporate bowls events. Lawn Bowls is an excellent game for building teamwork and putting aside existing hierarchies.

The Mosman Bowling Club is located at 15 Belmont Road, Mosman, NSW 2088, on Sydney's lower north shore. For further information visit their website www.mosmanbowlingclub.org.au or contact the office P: (02) 9969 5198