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Celebrate Australia Day for free at National Trust properties

Sausage sizzles, hayrides, and house tours are among the many activities planned for Australia Day at National Trust properties across New South Wales on 26 January 2008.

From Sydney to Dubbo, Bathurst to Armidale, and across the Blue Mountains, National Trust properties are open for free inspection on Australia Day, encouraging Australians of all ages to discover and celebrate our rich cultural heritage.

There will also be some ticketed events, including a performance of *The Firebird* at Leura's Everglades Gardens. Tickets for *The Firebird* should be booked in advance (details below).

"Australia Day is a time to reflect on our past and celebrate our diverse and colourful history," said National Trust of Australia (NSW) Executive Director, Tina Jackson.

"We invite all members of the community to take the opportunity on Australia Day to tour a heritage homestead or colonial cottage, live it up at an Edwardian mansion, or wander through one of the Trust's beautiful gardens," Ms Jackson said.

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) is a charity dedicated to conserving our built, cultural and natural environments. New members are always welcome, and those who join the Trust on January 26 will be exempt from the Trust's joining fee (a saving up to \$30). An annual membership fee must still be paid in full.

All new members will also go into the draw for a chance to win an \$18,000 trip to Italy. Full terms and conditions of the this prize are online at www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au

Further details of Australia Day activities at National Trust properties across NSW are as follows:

Dundullimal, Dubbo, 10am – 4pm

Sausage sizzle, hay rides, traditional craft demonstrations including blacksmithing, and house tours of this 1840s homestead. Volunteer information session at 2pm. Light refreshments also available. Contact: (02) 6884 9984

Cooma Cottage, Yass, 10.30am – 3pm

Second hand book sale, sausage sizzle, and house tours of the former home of explorer Alexander Hume. Contact: (02) 6226 1470

The National Trust is Australia's oldest conservation charity. It is not-for-profit and independent, relying on support from its members and the community to assist its work – which includes advocacy for the protection of built, natural and cultural heritage, conservation and education.

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Everglades, Leura, 10am – 5pm

Enjoy an all-day sausage sizzle in these gorgeous cool-climate gardens. At 7.30pm, Everglades hosts a multicultural dance and performance piece called *The Firebird*. Tickets are \$26 per adult, \$19 per concession, \$15 per child, and \$65 per family. Bookings are essential, call MCA TIX on 1300 307 776. Contact: (02) 4784 1938

Experiment Farm Cottage, Harris Park, 11am – 3.30pm

Play the games of yesteryear at this 1830s Anglo-Indian bungalow. There's jacks, quoits and skittles, storytelling, bush music and cottage tours. Visitors can bring a picnic or enjoy a sausage sizzle. Devonshire tea, coffee and cold beverages available. Contact: (02) 9635 5655

Grossman House, Maitland, 10am – 3pm

House tours of this fabulous 1870s gentleman's townhouse. Contact: (02) 4933 6452

Harper's Mansion, Berrima, 10am – 4pm

Inspect the beautifully restored 1834 house and gardens of district constable James Harper. Contact: (02) 4877 1508

Miss Traill's House, Bathurst, 12 noon – 3.30pm

House tours of this magnificent 1845 colonial bungalow. Contact: (02) 6332 4232

Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge, 10am – 4pm

Wander the grounds and enjoy the artistic legacy of the controversial and iconic artist Norman Lindsay (1879 – 1969). Contact: (02) 4751 1067

Old Government House, Parramatta, 10.30am – 4pm

House tours of this 1799 colonial Georgian mansion. Contact: (02) 9635 8149

Saumarez, Armidale, 10am – 5pm

Enjoy a house tour of this 33-room Edwardian mansion. Contact: (02) 6772 3616

S.H. Ervin Gallery, The Rocks, Sydney: 11am – 5pm

Free entry to The Led Zeppelin World Tour – photographs from Led Zeppelin's 1972 legendary Sydney concert, with visual responses from contemporary artists. There will also be other fun activities for all the family. Contact: (02) 9258 0173

Further information about all of these National Trust (NSW) properties is available online at www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au

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