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National Trust's New Boss Visits Central West

National Trust of Australia (NSW) Executive Director, John Neish, will be visiting Central Western NSW next week (Sept 28 – Oct 3).

Mr Neish is newly appointed to the National Trust. This trip to Forbes, Parkes, Orange, Dubbo, Mudgee and Bathurst, is the first leg of a NSW regional tour which will take him to the far west, northern tablelands and Hunter regions.

Mr Neish is keen to strengthen the National Trust's ties with regional NSW and hopes his trip will be an opportunity to learn about important rural heritage issues first-hand.

"The National Trust's core aims of heritage Advocacy, Conservation and Education are as relevant to rural NSW as they are to the city. Not only is the heritage of the Australian bush core to Australia's identity, celebrating our past can also be a strong tourism draw card for regional towns during times of economic downturn. The National Trust properties Dundullimal in Dubbo, and Miss Traill's House in Bathurst, are examples of how celebrating local heritage can be a boon for tourism.

"Every rural town has a unique and interesting story, peppered with pioneers and entrepreneurs, hardships and boom times. The National Trust would like to work with local communities to ensure this folklore is preserved for future generations to discover and enjoy," Mr Neish said.

Mr Neish plans to meet with National Trust regional committees and visit the National Trust properties Dundullimal at Dubbo and Miss Triall's House in Bathurst.

He will also be available to speak with local media.

Below is Mr Neish's draft itinerary. Please contact him directly to arrange interviews. Ph 0414 980 755

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tues 31	Wed 1	Thurs 2	Fri 3
Meetings in Forbes .	10:30 meeting Parkes Telescope	Travel to Orange .	Travel to Dubbo arrive mid morning.	Travel to Mudgee arrive mid morning.	Travel to Bathurst
Late afternoon travel to Parkes .	Afternoon workshop.	Meetings during day and in evening .	2pm workshop	1pm workshop	11am workshop.
<i>Media availability 9 am– 11am</i>	<i>Media availability 9 – 10am 3 – 3:30pm</i>	<i>Media availability 11 – 2pm</i>	<i>Media Availability 10:30 – 12:30pm</i>	<i>Media availability 11 – 12noon</i>	<i>Media availability 9:45 – 10:30am</i>

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