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The Trust is a non-profit, community-based organisation, which relies almost entirely on its members and corporate support to fund its work.

By joining the National Trust of Australia (NSW) you will be adding your own, much appreciated support towards conserving Australia's built, natural and cultural heritage, while enjoying special benefits:

- * **Free** access to 170 National Trust properties in Australia
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- * **Free** international property guide
- * **Free** National Trust quarterly magazine, *Reflections*
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- * **10% discount** on merchandise in NSW National Trust shops

National Trust

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation that protects and celebrates heritage of all kinds: architectural, environmental, cultural and indigenous. Through its management and promotion of historic properties and galleries, combined with conservation advocacy, campaigns and education programs, the Trust aims to raise awareness and appreciation of our unique heritage.

You can join the National Trust:

- * **Via our website:** www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au
- * **By phone:** (02) 9258 0156 during business hours
- * **At a Trust property or shop**
- * **Or by completing the membership application form and mail to:**
National Trust of Australia (NSW)
GPO 518, Sydney 2001
- * **Or fax to:** (02) 9252 1264



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Observatory Hill
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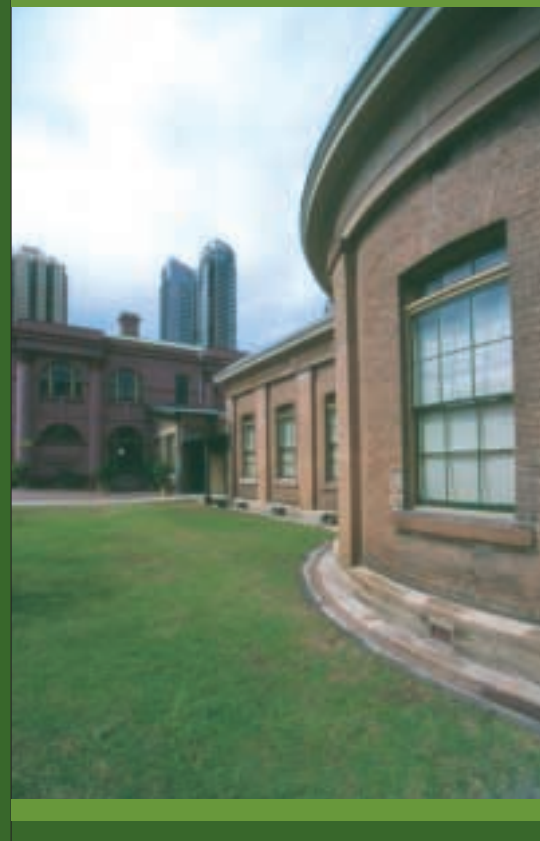


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S H Ervin Gallery

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The S H Ervin Gallery, named after its benefactor, Samuel Henry Ervin, is part of the National Trust Centre on Observatory Hill, in a complex dating back to 1815 when it was constructed as a Military Hospital for the early Colony. The Gallery presents an exciting program of changing exhibitions which is designed to explore the richness and diversity of Australian art, both historical and contemporary, and present it in new contexts. Annual exhibitions include *Salon des Refusés: the alternative Archibald & Wynne Prize selection*, *Portia Geach Award* for women artists and the innovative *Year in Art*, which highlights contemporary practice in Sydney. Visit the Gallery, then browse through the bookshop, before enjoying a light lunch or refreshments in the adjacent Trust café.

Public programs: artists and guest speakers provide insight and understanding into the exhibitions at the Gallery **every Sunday at 3pm.**

Address: Watson Road, (entry via Argyle Street) Observatory Hill, Sydney 2000

Opening times: Tuesday – Sunday 11am – 5pm

The Gallery is NOT open on Mondays and public holidays, or between exhibitions

Entry Fees: adults \$6, Trust members/concession \$4 special prices apply for some exhibitions

Special features: Bookshop (specialists for art books and cards), Trust Café and on-site parking available.

Further information:

Ph: (02) 9258 0173 **Fax:** (02) 9251 4355



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Polished silver, chandeliers and Georgian furniture at Lindesay

Lindesay

Built in 1834 on Sydney's Darling Point by the new Colonial Treasurer, Campbell Drummond Riddell, Lindesay was the first property to grace the peninsula, commanding a sweeping view of the Harbour. The freestanding villa is Gothic Revival in style, but reflects a mix of Scottish austerity with a good dose of colonial disregard for convention. Furnishings of the ground floor drawing room, library and dining room, with their period Georgian furniture, polished silver and chandeliers reflect a preference for quality rather than fashionable trends. 'Below stairs' is entirely given over to a stone flagged kitchen, cool rooms and a freshwater well. Uninterrupted views across lawns and planted verges to the Harbour sweep away the changes of almost two centuries. The dining room opens onto a parterre garden with Italian 'four seasons' statues.

Address: 1a Carthona Avenue, Darling Point

Opening times: by appointment, Monday – Friday

Entry Fees: minimum opening fee \$160, plus \$6 per head over 30 people

Special features:

Available for event hire and weddings (special conditions apply), marquee, landscaped garden with expansive Harbour views

Further information:

Ph: (02) 9363 2401 (Mon – Fri 9.30am – 1.30pm)



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Vienna Cottage

Vienna Cottage

Vienna is a small, four-roomed stone cottage built in 1871 by the shoemaker John Jacob Hillman (formerly Hellman), who was thought to have fled Germany in the 1850s to avoid conscription. One of the many tradesman's cottages which typically rubbed shoulders with the grand sandstone mansions of early Hunters Hill, Vienna had sufficient land for cattle, fruit trees and vegetables, and seems to have been a comfortable, if humble home. Owned by the same family for most of its life, and leased to the same tenant from 1941 to 1991, the cottage is a rare and intimate record of ordinary lives over the decades. Its plain, sparse interiors have been conserved to provide glimpses into real lives over the decades.

Address: 38 Alexandra Street, Hunters Hill

Opening times: 11am – 4pm
Wednesdays & Sundays

Entry Fees: Trust members free, adults \$4, Concessions \$2

Special features:

Talks and special events throughout the year

Further information:

Ph: (02) 9817 2510



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Hut of Happy Omen, Ahimsa

Ahimsa

Acquired by the National Trust in 1970, Ahimsa comprises two cottages and a meditation hut, set in 1.3 ha of natural bushland in the north-western suburbs of Sydney. The Ahimsa estate is very much the creation of its owner, Marie Beuzeville Byles, Australia's first female solicitor (she qualified in 1927) and a remarkable woman. A fervent campaigner for the protection of Australia's wilderness and a keen mountaineer, her failure to climb Mt Sanseto in the war-ravaged China of 1937 changed the direction of her life. Demoralised, she returned home to seek solace in contemplation. In the late 1940s she took up meditation, later travelling to India and Burma to undergo instruction. Her simple home reflects her love of native bushland and the calming, restorative powers of nature and meditation.

Address: Day Road, Cheltenham

Opening times: bushland reserve and Hut of Happy Omen open 7 days a week during daylight hours

Entry Fees: donations are gratefully received

Further information:

Ph: (02) 9876 5582

Membership Application Form

Complete the following and mail to:

National Trust of Australia (NSW)
GPO 518, Sydney 2001

Or fax to (02) 9252 1264

Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Dr _____

Member 1: First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Member 2: First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Up to 4 children under 18 (as part of family membership)

First Names: _____ / _____

_____ / _____

Surnames: _____

Years of birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Ph (daytime): _____

Email: _____

Concession/Student/Seniors/Pension Card no: _____

Membership Type (please circle)

Individual \$ 56

Joint (2 adults) \$ 80

Family (2 adults & up to 4 children) \$ 80

Concession (student/Young Trust 13-30 yrs/
pensioner/Seniors card) \$ 38

Joint Concession \$ 56

Plus joining fee (payable first year only)

\$27.50 or \$16.50 – concession

TOTAL \$ _____

Payment Method

cheque/money order enclosed

[payable to the National Trust of Australia (NSW)]

credit card (please fill in details)

Card Type

Bankcard Diners MasterCard Visa Amex

Card No:

Name on card: _____

Expiry Date: / Signature: _____

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