



ARMIDALE


Saumarez Homestead
Historic Farm Day Festival
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Saumarez Homestead celebrates the golden era of farming in the New England area. This festival brings together crafts and displays and stalls of the bygone times amongst the magnificent equipment and buildings of the late 1800's. Entertaining, educational and fun, the festival will delight both the young and old, leaving you proudly smiling for days afterwards. Don't miss it.

24 April 10am - 3.30pm

Free with a gold coin donation for the house/farm tours

Enquiries 6772 3616

AVOCA

National Parks and Wildlife Service
Avoca Heritage Walk

Given on booking - Avoca area

Come and join your guide exploring and discovering the history of Avoca. Hear tales and learn about early rural life viewing the oldest house in the area. Take a special tour through the remarkable Avoca Picture Theatre and enjoy a walk through this wonderful beachside community. BYO suitable walking shoes, sun/weather protection, snacks and water. Limited places.

19 April 9.30am - 12.30pm

\$7 per person

Bookings Essential 4320 4205

BANGALOW

Bangalow Historical Society Inc.
Anzac Exhibition

Heritage House, cnr Deacon & Ashton Sts

Each year, the society holds an ANZAC exhibition that honours the many men and women who served in all capacities during the military and peace campaigns from the Boar War to the present day, focuses on a specific topic (western front, propaganda, war art, etc). In 2010 our exhibition will focus on "Wartime Entertainment" and "Animals' roles in all wars". The Heritage House Tea Room will provide refreshments on weekdays and hot meals on the weekends. Wheelchair access and parking available.

3 April - 2 May 10am - 3pm daily

Donation

Enquiries 6687 2442

BELLINGEN SHIRE

Bellingen Shire Local Heritage Advisory Committee
Heritage Festival

Various Locations

The magical Bellingen Shire is a place of rural charm, rich in natural beauty, culture and heritage. It also forms part of Gumbaynggir country. To celebrate the history of the region a range of events are scheduled, including exhibitions, open houses and museum activities. Indigenous culture and historical cemeteries will also be featured. Further details will be displayed at www.bellingen.nsw.gov.au

17 & 18 April

Enquiries 6655 7328

COONABARABRAN

Warrumbungle Shire Council & Coonabarabran Visitor Information Centre
Coonabarabran 150th Celebrations

Coonabarabran

Coonabarabran is turning 150. Nestled in the foothills of the iconic Warrumbungle National Park, the town of Coonabarabran is celebrating its sesqui-centenary in style. The two day festival will feature school and family reunions, entertainment, street parades, heritage tours, timeline, book launch and a film evening. It's time to renew friendships and share stories. Coonabarabran...Still living on!! Wheelchair access, parking available, refreshments available, toilet facilities and kids entertainment.

1 & 2 May 7am till late each day

Free

Enquiries 1800 242 881 or cbnpromo@hwy.com.au



REGIONAL EVENTS

DUNBOGAN

Camden Head Pilot Station

A Morning with William "Uncle Bill" O'Brien

Camden Head Pilot Station, Camden Head Rd
Ber Pai elder William "Uncle Bill" O'Brien was named Hastings Citizen of the Year for his work promoting cultural awareness and advocacy on indigenous issues. Uncle Bill will provide us with a Birpai perspective of the area around Camden Head. He will comment on the lifestyle of indigenous people and their contribution to the "Making of Our Nation". His talk will be followed with a tour of the Pilot Station with commentary on its history since 1900.

14 April 10am

\$15 General / \$10 Friends of the Pilot Station

Bookings Essential 9559 6699

available, sausage sizzle, devonshire teas.

24 April 10am - 4pm

Donation (gold coin)

Enquiries 6584 3792

Mid North Coast Maritime Museum Inc.

Open Day at Maritime Museum

2-6 William St

The Maritime Museum, will host an open day, featuring new exhibits, female convicts and maritime shipping. Devonshire teas and sausage sizzle available on the day, and weather permitting Heritage cruises may also be available. Wheelchair access, off street parking, toilets, seating shaded areas.

11 April 10am - 4pm

Free

Enquiries 6583 1866

GRAFTON

Clarence River Historical Society

Famous Graftonians

Schaeffer House, 190 Fitzroy St

Displays and photographs from the men and women who have made their mark in establishing our nation as it is today. Wheelchair access, parking and toilets.

9 - 24 April

Tue-Thurs 10am - 4pm; Sun 1pm - 4pm

\$3 Adult / \$1 school aged child

Enquiries 6642 5212

Port Macquarie Historical Society

Official Opening of the Port Macquarie - Hastings and Kempsey Heritage Festival

Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22 Clarence St

Enjoy a multicultural family fun day, with indigenous and colonial entertainment, buskers, dancers, guest speakers and characters from our colourful past, as we celebrate 'The Making of Our Nation'. The official opening of the Festival will take place at 10.30am. Most areas are wheelchair accessible. Refreshments will be available.

10 April 9.30am - 4pm

Free

Enquiries 6583 1108

KEMPSEY

Rotary Club of Kempsey West

Akubra Hat tour

South St

See how the iconic AKUBRA hats are made, from the rabbit, to the finished hat.

20 April 10am only

\$15 / Students free

Enquiries 6562 2295

Port Macquarie Historical Society

Our Town - Our Heritage (Walking Tour)

Departs Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22

Clarence St

A guided walking tour of Port Macquarie's historic sites in and around the CBD area. It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Numbers are limited.

14 April 10am (1.5 hours duration)

\$5 Adults / \$2 Children

Bookings Essential 6583 1108

PORT MACQUARIE

Douglas Vale Conservation Group Inc.

Heritage Festival Open Day

235 Oxley Hwy

An Open Day with live entertainment, heritage displays, crafts, games, market stalls, wine tasting, homestead tours and much more. Disability parking available, good walking shoes. Refreshments



Port Macquarie Historical Society
Stories Behind the Graves (Walking Tour)
 Historic Cemetery, intersection of Gordon
 & Horton Sts

A guided walking tour of Port Macquarie's Second Burying Ground. Hear the stories of some of Port Macquarie's famous residents who are buried here, including convicts, soldiers and free settlers. It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Numbers are limited.

12 April 10am (1.5 hours duration)
 \$5 Adults / \$2 Children
 Bookings Essential 6583 1108

St Thomas Anglican Church
Sustenance: Spiritual and Edible

Church Hill, Hay & Murray Sts
 9.30am-4pm: Church and Chapel open to visitors.
 9.30am-3.30pm: Morning and afternoon tea \$3.
 9.30am-1.30pm: Sausage Sizzle \$3. 10.30am-11.30am: Cookery demonstration & tasting by Rydges' Master Chef, Michael Schubert plus launch of recipe book \$5. 11.30am-12.30pm: 1662 Prayer book service. 12.30pm-1.45pm: Musical entertainment by jazz pianist Adam Bishop, gold coin donation. 1pm-4pm: Tour of the convict cellars, gold coin donation. 2pm-3pm: Rock n' Roll dancing exhibition with former World Champion dancer, Steve Tate and Panthers' Rock'n'Roll Dance Club \$5. Wheelchair access, refreshments, parking.
 17 April 9.30am - 4pm
 Enquiries 6584 1033

TAREE

Manning Wallamba Family History Society
Family History Activities & Events

Various Locations in GTCC area & Taree
 Various activities in conjunction with our local council, Greater Taree City Council and also Wingham Group Manning Valley Historical Society. Extended research hours, Genealogical displays in Libraries and shopping centres, 25th Anniversary dinner of MWFHS. Please see www.manningwallambafhs.com.au or email secretary@manningwallambafhs.com.au for more details.
 9 - 24 April Various times

Greater Taree City Council Strategic Heritage Advisory Committee

Greater Taree City Council Heritage Information Launch 2010
 2 Pulteney St

The Greater Taree City Council and the Strategic Heritage Advisory Committee will launch their new suite of heritage brochures that will provide invaluable guidance and practical information for owners and managers of heritage items and for those residents who are located within a Heritage Conservation Area. The Committee will also showcase the heritage section of the Greater Taree City Council web page that will assist the community with practical heritage advice. The Committee will be available to answer questions and hand out copies of the new brochures on the day. A morning tea will be held after the launch.

13 April 10am
 Free
 Bookings Essential 6592 5245

WINGHAM

Manning Valley Historical Society Inc.
Gordon Dennes Memorial Lecture

Wingham Services Club, Bent St
 This annual Heritage dinner will be held Friday 16th April. The Gordon Dennes Memorial lecture will be delivered by retired History head teacher Alan Richardson, the subject will be Lachlan Macquarie and his contribution to the settlement of the Manning Valley.
 16 April 6.30pm
 Price TBA
 Bookings Essential 6553 5823



Visitors at the National Trust Norman Lindsay Gallery (Photo : Christopher Shain)