

ABERMAIN

Abermain Heritage Preservation Society Inc.

Heritage Theme Dinner Dance

Abermain Bowling Club, Armidale St

Dinner and dance.

5 April Time TBA

Enquiries 4936 2493

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Heritage Festival

Abermain Plaza Hall, Bathurst St and Abermain School of Arts, Cessnock Rd

Historic photographic and memorabilia display, heritage walk around Abermain. Wheelchair accessible, parking and refreshments available.

5 - 6 April 10am - 3pm

Free

Enquiries 4936 2493

DENMAN

St Matthias Preservation Committee

Our Place in History

St Matthias Church Hall, Palace St

Dr George Gibbons, National Trust Cemetery Advisor, to speak on cemeteries and their conservation, followed by morning tea then an inspection of the remains of Merton cemetery. Lunch will be followed by a worksop on restoration, upkeep, listing names, etc and the importance of cemeteries in connection with history. Wheelchair accessible, parking and refreshments available.

10 April

St Matthias Preservation Committee

Friends in Concert

St Matthias Church, Palace St

A feast of music featuring organ, violin and vocal presented as solo and duets. The concert will be followed by afternoon tea at the St Matthias Hall where you can meet the artists. Wheelchair accessible, parking and refreshments available.

12 April 2.30pm

\$15 per person

Enquiries 6547 4589

KURRI KURRI

Richmond Vale Railway Museum

Richmond Vale Railway Museum

Leggets Drive, 4km south of Kurri Kurri

Visit 'Our Place' historical site of steam railway and mining through visual display and personal experiences. Marvel at JA Brown's achievements in creating a showpiece for this mining and railway empire. Walk in his footsteps. Wheelchair accessible, wood BBQ and canteen available.

6, 13 April 10am - 4.30pm

\$12 adult / \$8 cons / \$6 child (5-15)

Enquiries 4955 1904

LAMBTON

Newcastle Family History Society Inc.

Family History Open Day

Lambton Mechanics Institute, Elder St

Newcastle Family History Society will open its doors. Visitors will be shown through the extensive library. Our genealogical and local history publications will be available for purchase.

5 April 9.30am - 4pm

Free

Enquiries 4957 8296

LEMON TREE PASSAGE

Port Stephens Family History Society

'Our Place' is Everyone's Place

Tilligerry Community Centre, Kenneth Pde

Come and visit the 'Old School House' - now the Family History Research Centre - located in the 'Tilligerry Community Centre'. A short talk will be given on the history of the first provisional school at Lemon Tree Passage. View a 'Then and Now' photographic display of the Tilligerry Peninsula. Refreshments available.

5 April 10am - 4pm

Gold coin donation

Enquiries 4982 1275

MAITLAND

Friends of Grossmann House

Our Place - Maitland on Hunter

Riverbank Walkway

See the birthplace of Maitland's bustling commercial centre. The river was the main road into Maitland and the place of the first Ford which crossed the river. Join the Maitland walk specialist, Wayne Campbell, as he leads the group along the recently completed river walk. Refreshments included at Brough House afterwards.

6 April 2pm

\$15 members / \$20 non members

Bookings Essential 4933 6452



Maitland Tourism

Hunter Valley Steamfest

Maitland Railway Precinct, Church and Railway Sts Steamfest held in the glorious Maitland, Hunter Valley is again set to thrill people of all ages and will be celebrating its 23rd anniversary. Included on the program are: steam train excursions, "tin hare" vintage diesel train excursions, market stalls, street steam, miniature loco's, children's entertainment. Returning this year is the popular lunch, dinner and Kid's Party Trains. Tickets on sale February.

18 - 20 April 9am - 5pm

Free entry to site, train excursion prices vary

Bookings Essential 02 4931 2877

NEWCASTLE

John Paynter Gallery

"Interpretations-Coal River Precinct-Newcastle"

John Paynter Gallery, 90 Hunter St

In the lock-up(former Newcastle Police Station). An Art exhibition of local invited artists who are interpreting and using Coal River Precinct in Newcastle for inspiration for their works. This exhibition will highlight this significant heritage place which has recently been nominated for National Heritage Listing. There will be paintings, prints, photographs and sculptures. The artists all have an association with Newcastle. Exhibition opening on Friday 4th April at 6pm. To be officially opened at 7pm by Gionni de Gravio, Archivist, the University of Newcastle and member of the Coal River Working Party. Wheelchair access, free entry also to the lock-up Museum.

4 - 20 April Friday - Sunday 10am - 5pm

Free

National Trust Hunter Regional Committee



Coal River Heritage Park Walking Tour

Meet at the 'Lock Up' Museum, 90 Hunter Street
A walking tour around the Coal River Heritage Park, situated at the southern entrance to the Port. Landmarks include Nobbys, Macquarie Pier, the southern headland (Colliers Point/Signal Hill and Flagstaff Hill) the convict lumber yard and adjoining foreshore. The park marks a series of important transitions in Australia's journey to nationhood. The tour will be led by members of the University of Newcastle's Coal River Working Party. Good walking shoes required, hat and sun protection.

6 April 2pm - 4pm

Enquiries 0438 509 139

Newcastle and Hunter District Historical Societies

Foreshore Walk

Meeting place TBA

Walk and talk about Newcastle foreshore - past, present and future. Wear good walking shoes and bring a drink. Parking available.

12 April 2pm

Ticket price TBA

Bookings Essential 4952 1441

Max 50 people

AAA (Newcastle) - The Lockup

AAA Architectural Tour of University of Newcastle
AAA (Australian Architectural Society) organise visits to buildings of architectural excellence and contemporary works which represent the future architectural heritage. The campus of the University of Newcastle is rich in outstanding modern buildings and includes three Sulman award winners and one nationally crowned building. In addition to buildings of excellence, the landscaping of the university is based upon sustainability. Parking available, wheelchair accessible, bring good walking shoes.

13 April 10am

\$15 / AAA members free

Bookings Essential 4925 2265

Newcastle and Hunter District Historical Societies

Newcastle Pubs and Publicans Walk

Newcastle streets

Walk and talk about Newcastle pubs and publicans - past, present and future. Starts at the Grand Hotel, cnr Church and Bolton Sts, and finishes at the Great Northern Hotel. The walk is all downhill. Wear good walking shoes and bring a drink. Parking available.

14 April 10am 2 hours

Ticket price TBA

Bookings Essential 4972 5004

Max 20 people

National Trust Hunter Regional Committee

Forum on Newcastle, Our Place:

Past, Present and Future



Hunter Room, Newcastle City Hall, King St
Prof. Peter Spearritt from the Centre for Applied History and Heritage at the Uni of Queensland will speak on "Celebrate your Port City: how to avoid becoming yet another Darling Harbour". Other speakers will be Prof. Steffen Lehmann, Chair, School of Architecture and Built Environment at Uni of Newcastle who will discuss Heritage and Globalisation. Gionni di Gravio, University archivist and member of the University of Newcastle's Coal River Working Party, will discuss the unique Coal River Heritage Park which has recently been nominated for National Heritage listing.

17 April 7pm - 9pm

Free

Enquiries 0447 611 066

NEWCASTLE WEST

Friends of Miss Porter's House

Our place - we never threw anything out
Miss Porter's House, 434 King Street



Step back in time and see how the Misses Porter lived. Everything is there, from teapots to televisions, from outdoor dunny to indoor flush toilet, reflecting their ninety years of occupancy. There will be special displays, including childhood books and toys, the needlework of their later lives, their clothing and domestic equipment from dolly pegs to an electric washing machine. Very limited wheelchair access.

19 - 20 April 11am - 4pm
Enquiries 4427 0202

RAYMOND TERRACE

Raymond Terrace Historical Society

The Power of the Press

Sketchley Cottage Museum, 1 Sketchley St

The display will be centred around the printing press once belonging to the local newspaper, now the Port Stephens Examiner, linking information from the newspaper to all facets of our area, what help it has been in the research room, at the cottage, etc.

5 - 20 April (Mon, Wed, Sun) 10am - 3pm

SINGLETON

State Records NSW

In Living Memory - An Information Day on How to Access Records for Aboriginal Family History
Singleton Council Youth Venue

State Records and other agencies will be available to help with enquiries on how to access records for Aboriginal Family History. Photographs, from the Aborigines Welfare Board, as seen in the exhibition 'In Living Memory', will be available for community members to view. Representatives from the NSW Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme will also be available to speak with on the day.

10 April 10am - 4pm

Free

Bookings Essential 8247 8609

STROUD

The Friends of St John's Stroud Inc

St John's Anglican Church

Cowper Street

Take a self guided tour of a lovely historic church, built in 1833. St John's has a plaster vault ceiling, gothic arched lancet and beautiful stained glass memorial windows. Street parking.

5 - 20 April 9am - 5pm

Gold coin donation

Enquiries

TANILBA BAY

West Tilligerry Tidy Towns / Landcare

Shaping our Place Walk and Plaque Unveiling
Meridian Park, Coswell Crescent.

Heritage walk around Tanilba Point and unveiling of plaque followed by morning tea. The plaque is to settlers who shaped our place on restored 'lime kiln'. Morning tea supplied, good walking shoes required, rough path.

16 April 9.30am - walk / 11.30am - plaque unveiling and morning tea.

Donation

Enquiries 4982 4328

TOMAGO

Friends of Tomago House and Port Stephens Historical Society

"Light and Time at Our Place"

Tomago House, 421 Tomago Road

Featuring an interesting display of historical clocks and lighting from private and Historical Society collections c1870s to 1930s from our place, namely the Port Stephens area. Parking and refreshments available, wheelchair accessible.

19 - 20 April 10am - 4pm

\$5 single / \$4 conc.



TORONTO

Toronto Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc

Lake Macquarie Heritage Afloat

Regatta Walk Park

This event is a festival of traditional and classic boats, with approximately 100 heritage craft on display and the opportunity to visit or sail in them. There will be nautical demonstrations, childrens activities, like entertainment and over 100 vintage and classic cars. There will be a Quick 'N' Dirty boat building competition, boat restoration demonstration, an art exhibition, barrel races, amusements and "putt putt rambles".

22 - 23 March 9am - 5pm

Free

Enquiries 4950 5216