



ANNANDALE

Annandale-Leichhardt Presbyterian Church *Be Inspired*

Hunter Baillie Memorial Presbyterian Church
Cnr Johnston and Collins Sts
Open day at the Church with displays of memorabilia combined with musical events on the hour with the Leichhardt Espresso Choirs and recitals by John Aitchison and Ralph Lane on the historic 1890 Wm Hill & Son. Wheelchair access, parking and refreshments available.
18 April 10am - 4pm
Free
Enquiries 9698 2829

Leichhardt Council

Marine Officer Convict Wife - The Johnstons of Annandale by Alan Roberts
Annandale Town Hall, 79 Johnston St
Few Colonial families can boast the fascination of such characters as Major George Johnston, his convict mistress, later wife, Esther Abrahams and their experiences in the young colony of New South Wales. Author Dr. Alan Roberts will speak on his recently released book 'Marine Officer, Convict Wife. The Johnstons of Annandale', funded by Leichhardt Council through the Annandale Urban Research Association. Copies will be available for sale and signing by the author. All welcome.
8 April 6.30pm - 8pm
Free
Bookings Essential 9367 9223

APPIN

Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group - Minto

Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony
Cataract Dam Picnic Area, Appin Baden Powell Dr
An annual event to remember the Dharawal people killed in the massacre on 17th April 1816. It acknowledges the significant contribution made by the Dharawal people to this area and their continuing presence with us today. Both spiritual and through their descendants. Prior to the ceremony, people have an opportunity to talk with descendants and local Aboriginal community members at a sausage sizzle lunch. Involves short walk to ceremony. Appropriate footwear, sunscreen recommended. Seating is limited so bring fold up chair if you wish.

19 April 12pm - 4pm
Free
Enquiries 9603 6854

ARTARMON

Artarmon Progress Association *Leadlights by Starlight*

Artarmon Library, 2 Elizabeth St
A photographic exhibition of Artarmon's glorious Art Deco and Art Nouveau leadlight windows and doors followed by a guided walk through some of our streets to see samples of the leadlights. For the children: information about the night sky visible on the walk and treasure hunt. A wonderful, interesting and fun night with something for everyone. Ticket price includes light refreshments. Please bring a torch.
5 April 6pm
\$5 Singles / \$12 Family
Bookings Essential 9419 3925

BALMAIN

Balmain Association Inc *Place Under the Stars*

179 Darling St
Return of the popular sandstone photographic exhibition that will focus on the buildings and foreshores. Photographs from the archives of former industries and featuring some Balmain pioneer men and women. Limited parking. Bus 442 to door from QVB York Street.
4, 11, 18, 25 April 11.30am - 4pm
Free
Enquiries 9818 4954

BELLA VISTA

Friends of Bella Vista Farm Park *Bella Vista Farm Park Open Day*

Bella Vista Farm, Elizabeth Macarthur Dr
Bella Vista Farm Park Open Day includes tours of the house and farm. Bush land music playing throughout the day. 73 Regiment reenactments, Australian heritage dancers. Also displays of sheep shearing, food stalls and Devonshire teas. Animal farm and pony rides for the children as well as clay making and drawing. Parking available.
5 April 10am - 4pm
Gold coin donation
Enquiries 0414 654 967

BELMORE / KINGSGROVE

City of Canterbury Library

Our Place in Space - The view from the Tower

All Saints Grammar Senior School, 31 Forsyth St

The Towers is a Victorian Gothic residence built in 1888 with a tower, complete with battlements, for its owner to view the stars. Now part of a school, the top of the tower gives a great view of its surrounding suburbs. This tour includes a talk about the history of the building and what we can see from the tower. Involves climbing stairs.

6 April 10am - 11.30am

Free

Bookings Essential 9789 9380

BELROSE

Local Studies Unit Warringah

Library Service

Tour of Optus Earth Station

Details to be confirmed when booking

Visit the Optus Earth Station at Belrose with the Local Studies staff from Warringah Library Service. The antennae at this facility will help track and monitor the Optus fleet of satellites. Come and discover how your television and telephone is delivered to your lounge room. Max 20.

3 April 10.30am

Free

Bookings Essential 9942 2449

BEXLEY

St George Historical Society

Bexley History Walk

Cnr Dunmore St & Forest Rd

A guided tour of Bexley, a suburb of many gracious Federation and Victorian homes. Tour ends at Lydham Hall where complimentary afternoon tea will be served.

5 April 2pm

Bookings Essential 0407 898 011

BONDI JUNCTION

Waverley Library

It's our Birthday! Waverley turns 150.

Waverley Library, 32-48 Denison St

Exhibition of photos.

6 to 19 April Library opening hours

Enquiries 9386 7744

BROOKLYN

Hornsby Shire Council

Hawkesbury River Boat Trip

Brooklyn

Join a guided river boat trip from Brooklyn, following the historic development of the Hawkesbury River settlements, including Brooklyn, Dangar Island and Bar Island. A local historian will guide the event. Bookings open 8.30am on Monday 16 March 2009.

18 April 11.30am - 2.30pm

\$10

Bookings Essential 9847 6727

BURWOOD / CROYDON

Burwood and District Historical

Society Inc.

Towers of Burwood Walking Tour

Meet on the steps of the historic Croydon Post Office, The Strand & Pasily Rd

The Burwood-Croydon area has conservation areas which include houses built with towers. One house built for the industrialist George Hoskins, had the windows especially located to assist observation. The meeting place for the walk is close to Croydon Railway Station which is listed on the State Heritage Register. Wear sensible shoes and hat.

5 April 2pm - 4pm

\$5

Bookings Essential 9744 2787

CAMDEN

Camden Area Family History Society

Searching Land Records

Multi Purpose Room Camden Library, 40 John St

Camden Area Family History Society Inc have invited a representative from state records NSW to speak at their monthly meeting on searching hand records. All welcome. Free parking and disabled access.

7 April 7.30pm

Free

Enquiries 4654 7951



Camden Council Library Service

Family History Online

Local Studies Room, Camden Library, 40 John St

A workshop by state records on researching your family history online. Records held by state records will be explored and search strategies taught including archives investigator. Free parking and disabled access.

7 April 3.30pm - 5pm

Free

Bookings Essential 4654 7951

Camden Council Library Service

Library Dome

Narellan Library, Queen & Elyard Sts

Take a 3D trip in Iskies Cosmodome and travel through Earth's wild ride, a film exploring moments in Earth's history. Watch all this unfold from the comfort of a ventilated inflatable dome, transporting its audience to an awesome 3D world. Three sessions available. Contact the Children's Librarian for more details.

17 April 10am, 12noon & 2pm

\$3 / \$9 Family ticket

Bookings Essential 4654 7951

Camden Council Library Service

Memories of your suburb

Narellan Library, Queen St & Elyard St

Launch of 'memories of your suburb' weblog - on Camden Council Library Service website www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au. People can add their memories and photos online. Come and see how the site works and enjoy morning tea. Free parking and disabled access.

6 April 11am

Free

Enquiries 4645 5039 / 4654 7951

Camden Historical Society &

Camden Council Library Service

Camden Veterans

Camden Museum & Camden Library, 40 John St

Camden Historical Society & Camden Council Library Service are inviting people to contribute their images of Camden Veterans to history pix online image database. Photos, documents & memorabilia can be brought in person or sent electronically to secretary@camdenhistory.org.au. Free parking and disabled access.

4 to 19 April Museum / Library opening hours

Enquiries 4654 7951

CAMMERAY

Stanton Library

From Bushland to Parkland

Join us for a walking tour of the suburb which takes its name from the Cammeraygal people who were living in the area prior to the arrival of Europeans. Visit well known landmarks such as the Suspension Bridge and listen to stories of people and places in the neighbourhood. Good walking shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

8 April 9.30am - 12.30pm

Free

Bookings Essential 9936 8400

CAMPBELLTOWN

Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society Inc

Seeing stars - Australia's Place in the History of Astronomy

Glenalvon Museum, 8 Lithgow St

Join the visiting astronomers at historic Glenalvon Museum as they teach us about the southern night skies using their displays and viewing chamber. Ever since indigenous people studied the stars, Australians, including John Tebbutt and Christian Rumker have contributed to the science of astronomy. Renowned speaker, Bob Bee, will present illustrated talks at 11am & 1pm. Guided tours of Glenalvon will also be available. Wheelchair access available through our heritage gardens, free parking available in Carberry Lane and Lithgow Street car parks, light refreshments available for purchase.

18 April 10am - 3pm

Donation

Enquiries 0402 008 970 / 4625 1822

Campbelltown City Library

Our Place in Space and Time

Campbelltown City Library, Hurley St

A photographic exhibition of buildings and landscapes from Campbelltown's past, juxtaposed with newly commissioned stills from the same perspective. Wheelchair access, parking available.

4 to 19 April Library opening hours

Free

Enquiries 4645 4444

Campbelltown Arts Centre

Heritage Forum

Campbelltown Arts Centre

Presentation of three short films associated with the Heritage Week theme. Presentation of Heritage Medallion. Talks by keynote speakers on the theme "Our Place in Space - Under the Southern Cross".

17 April 7pm

Bookings Essential 4645 4100

CANTERBURY

Canterbury & District Historical Society

Beulah Vista Open Day

15 Church St

Explore Beulah Vista, c1880 built as a two-storey Victorian farmhouse which is now set up as a family and local history research centre for the Canterbury & District Historical Society. Discover an interesting archive with articles about a 1967 Canterbury Close Encounter and notes relating to the Belfield Star Gazers, a 1950's branch of the Astronomical Society of NSW. Parking available and afternoon tea available.

4 April 1.30pm - 4pm

Donations Welcome

Enquiries 9502 3911

CASTLE HILL

The Hills Shire Council

Heritage Park Fair & Heritage Festival Launch

Heritage Park, Heritage Park Dr

A fair to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Castle Hill convict rebellion.

8 March 11am - 4pm

Free

Enquiries 9680 4328

The Hills Shire Council

Powerhouse Museum - Caring for your Collection

172 Showground Rd

Event includes workshop on looking after your collection, how to start a family archive, why preserve and not restore, valuation on items etc.

8 April 10am - 2pm

Free

Bookings Essential 8853 1911

The Hills Shire Council

Half Day Heritage Trail Tour

129 Showground Rd

Join our heritage expert as we enjoy a guided tour of the heritage highlights of the Shire. Morning tea provided.

18 April 9.30am - 12.30pm

\$10

Bookings Essential 8853 1911

The Hills Shire Council

Powerhouse Castle Hill Open Day -

Nostalgic Toys & Games

Visit history of early toys and games of society.

Sat 18 April Times TBC

The Hills Shire Council

Star Gazing at Mount Tebbuts Observatory

Details, dates and times to be confirmed.

CASTLECRAG

Walter Burley Griffin Society

Castlecrag Under the Southern Cross Walk and Tour

For Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin, nature was their great source of inspiration and Castlecrag is where they implemented their dream for an idealised urban community subservient to the landscape. Take this guided tour through some of the community reserves and walkways, past some Griffin houses to the outdoor Haven Amphitheatre where you will hear Professor James Weirick talk about the Griffins and about a play titled "Mirabooka" (Southern Cross) written for Castlecrag. Bring water and good walking shoes, refreshments provided. Max 20 per walk.

3 May 1pm - 2.15pm

\$25 Non Member / \$20 Member

Bookings Essential info@griffinsociety.org



CHATSWOOD

Engineering, Heritage Committee

Syd. Div. Engineers Australia

Talk: Linden Observatory -

A legacy for restoration

Harricks auditorium, Engineers Australia, 8 Thomas St

The speaker, Ian Bridges, is a member of the Linden Observatory Museum Association and a trustee of the site. Although the late Ken Beames was not an astronomer by training, he was, in a lifetime, able to produce a 60cm reflecting telescope with full operating machinery and dome, together with a comprehensive auxiliary workshop. The campaign for restoration continues. Refreshments from 5.30pm, parking adjacent.

6 April 6pm

Free

Enquiries 9410 5600

Willoughby District Historical Society

Australiana Exhibition

Willoughby Museum, Boronia, 58 Johnson St

A continuing display of Australiana themes used decoratively especially in architecture but also in crafts and painted ephemera as well as photographs of Willoughby city items, actual glass tiles, pottery, pokerwork, metal and paper.

5, 9, 16, 19 April Sun 11.30am - 4 pm / Thur 10am - 4pm

Donation

Enquiries 9419 5851

CIRCULAR QUAY

City of Sydney and Royal Society of NSW

Stars in the City

Customs House Library, Barnet Long Room,

Level 1, 31 Alfred St

Join the City of Sydney and the Royal Society of NSW for a delightful afternoon of history, architecture and music. Historian Peter Tyler will introduce Sydney's astronomical history, while heritage specialist Tony Smith will view our heritage buildings through the lens of star gazing. An early supper of fine wines and gourmet sandwiches will provide sustenance for the chamber music concert to follow. Wheelchair access, refreshments included in ticket price. Max 130.

4 April 2pm - 5.30pm

\$10

Bookings Essential 9242 8555

COMO

Sutherland Shire Council

Symphony Under the Stars

Como Pleasure Grounds, Ceromong Rd

Rug up and bring the whole family for a magical musical experience. Sutherland Shire Symphony Orchestra will be performing pieces relating to Our Place in Space.

3 May 5pm - 7pm

Free

Enquiries 9710 0992

CONCORD

City of Canada Bay

Past, present and future of Australian Astronomy

Concord Library, 60 Flavelle St

Professor Bryan Gaensler will be speaking on 'Past, present and future of Australian Astronomy'. Professor Gaensler is a Professor of Physics at Sydney University. His current research is on the origin of magnetism in the universe and on the demography of neutron stars and black holes. Professor Gaensler was the 1999 Young Australian of the Year. Wheelchair access, parking and refreshments available.

7 April 6pm

\$6

Bookings Essential 9911 6310

DARLING HARBOUR

Australian National Maritime Museum

Celestial Navigation Past & Present

2 Murray St

Peter Doyle Learning Centre and Navigator's Gallery. See the earliest instruments that enabled explorers to find and map Australia and hear Ross Matson, Captain of the Endeavour Replica talk about celestial navigation. Morning tea included.

6 April 10.30am - 12noon

Free

Bookings Essential 9298 3655

DARLING POINT

Lindesay Management Comm.

175th Birthday at Lindesay

'Lindesay', Carthona Ave

If you were in Outer Space in 1834, looking down on Sydney Harbour, you would have seen Lindesay as one of its 3 important marine villas. We are celebrating Lindesay's 175 birthday in Scottish style as Lindesay was built by Scot, Colonial Treasurer, Campbell Wormond Riddell. Scottish Darling Pipers, Scotch Whisky testing, tours of house on the hour, and history of the house exhibition. Refreshments available. Morning, afternoon tea.

4 April 10am - 4pm

National Trust members free

Public: \$6 Adults / \$3 Children (12 -18years)

Enquiries 9363 2401



people who viewed the night sky and used the stars in their daily life. Wheelchair access, parking available.

Dates and times TBC

Free

Bookings Essential 9366 3888

EASTWOOD

City of Ryde

Heritage Tour of Eastwood

Brush Farm House

A walking tour that includes Brush Farm House, a reconstructed landscape - includes exhibition of Blaxland Estate. Parking available, good walking shoes required.

4 April 10am - 1pm

Gold coin donation

Bookings Essential 9952 8000

DRUMMOYNE

City of Canada Bay

Explore Bourketown

Meet under the fig tree Drummoyne pool carpark, Henley Marine Dr (near Iron Cove Bridge)

Bourketown is the first major subdivision of Drummoyne. Much of the development from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries survives. Our walk will explore this historic area. Good walking shoes required. Bring water and a hat. Max 30.

17 April 2pm

Free

Bookings Essential 9911 6310

ELIZABETH BAY

Historic Houses Trust of NSW

Men of Science: Following Venus by Candlelight

7 Onslow Ave

Cozy up to the open fire of the Macleay Library for a warming glass of sherry and absorb the 19th century candlelight ambience of Elizabeth Bay House to hear about the 'Transit of Venus' and Macleay's connections to the fascinating Sydney astronomers of the C19th. Dr. Nick Lomb, Curator, Sydney Observatory and Scott Carlin, Curator Elizabeth House and Vaucluse House.

16 April 6.30pm - 8.30pm

\$30 General / \$25 Concession

Bookings Essential 8239 2211

DURAL

The Hills Shire Council

Jazz at the Pines

The Pines & Historic Roughley House, 656 Old Northern Rd

Jazz covers and those looking for a lovely day out are invited to enjoy guided tours of the homestead, learning history of the house and Roughley family.

19 April 12.30pm - 4pm

\$12 Adults / \$10 Concession / \$25 Family

Bookings Essential 9651 4411

GALSTON

Dural & District Historical Society

Local Stars

History Cottage, 412 Galston Rd

A display of local contributions to astronomy and a lecture by an enthusiast to illustrate how even our modest rural community has had a role in shaping Australia's standing in the science of astronomy. Wheelchair access and parking available.

Display: 4, 11, 14 April. Lecture: 14 April.

Display: 10am - 4pm. Lecture: 2.30pm

Free

Enquiries 9651 3118

EASTGARDENS

City of Botany Bay Library Service

Indigenous Astronomy Talk

Central Library, Ground Floor, Westfield Shopping Centre

We will discover part of our indigenous heritage



Friends of Fagan Park and Hornsby Shire Council

Fagan Park Open Day

Arcadia Rd

The Friends of Fagan Park will open the heritage area at Fagan Park, including Netherby Homestead and the Rural Museums. See demonstrations of working farm machinery and a parade of old farm vehicles, including the Ginger Meggs truck. Tea and coffee will be available. Picnic and BBQ facilities are available throughout the park.

5 April 10am - 4pm

\$4 per car (coins required)

Enquiries 9653 1692 / 9484 3521

GLADESVILLE

Hunters Hill Council

The Priory Exhibition

The Priory, Salter St

An exhibition exploring historic local community connections with Astronomy. This exhibition is set in the Priory (1857), whose future is currently being planned by Council. An inspection of the Priory and the exhibition is included in the Priory Walk which is listed under Hunters Hill.

4 April 11am – 2pm

By donation

Enquiries 9879 9400

GLEBE

City of Sydney Library

Twilight Sidewalk Astronomy at City of Sydney Library

Glebe Library, 186 Glebe Point Rd

See the moon, stars and planets close-up in 2009. Telescope and staff member from Sydney Observatory will be at City of Sydney Library sites during 2009 for some hands-on, sidewalk astronomy. Explore night sky maps and reading lists on astronomy from the Library collection during a twilight session for the whole family at Glebe Library.

15 April 5.30pm - 7.50pm

Free

Bookings Essential 9298 3060

The Glebe Society and Walter Burley

Griffin Society

Griffin Incinerator Talk

Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator, cnr Griffin Place & Forsyth St

Come and hear professor James Weirick, President of the Walter Burley Griffin Society, talk about this beautifully restored minor masterpiece on the shores of Blackwattle Bay. Professor Weirick is the acknowledged expert on Griffin's work, and the Glebe site includes a rare example of his industrial landscaping. 50 places only, so be early. Bookings essential to the Glebe Society, PO Box 100 Glebe 2037. Refreshments included in \$10 admission. Wheelchair access, limited parking, max 50.

5 April 3pm

\$10

Bookings Essential 9660 0208

GLENORIE

National Parks and Wildlife Service

Looking Up from Down Under

Mitchell Park, Access via Mitchell Park Rd

The National Parks and Wildlife Service invites you to celebrate The Year of Astronomy, during the festival, by "Looking up from Down Under. National Parks are in dark places where the subtle but splendid sight of the dark night sky and the sense of wonder can be discovered. Listen to stories from an Aboriginal elder, join us by viewing the night sky through our telescope (or bring your own!) as you are led by an amateur astronomer in a planetarium. A light supper of tea, coffee, damper and hot chocolate will be provided. Cost includes participation in program, vehicle entry and camping for the night of the event only. Please bring your own camping gear. Bookings must be made 2 weeks in advance.

4 April 6pm - 9pm

\$25 Adults / \$10 Children / \$55 Families (2A 2C)

Bookings Essential 9247 1619

GORDON

Eryldene Historic House & Garden

Eryldene Historic House & Garden Open Weekend
17 McIntosh St

Enjoy the beautiful gardens of Eryldene. Eryldene was built by visionary architect William Hardy, for professor EG Waterhouse and his wife Janet in 1914. During this time the professor planted, researched, classified and propagated Camellias, earning him and Eryldene an international reputation. The early Camellia Sasanquas will be in bloom during this open weekend. Garden cafe open with delicious homemade fare. Wheelchair access parking, refreshments available.

11 & 12 April 10am - 4pm

\$8 Adults / \$6 Concession / \$4 Children / \$18 Family / National Trust members free

Enquiries 9498 2271

Friends of Tulkiyan Volunteers in association with Ku-ring-gai Council

Under Southern Skies: Ku-ring-gai's Tulkiyan

Tulkiyan House Museum, 707 Pacific Hwy

Our house tours and exhibition will focus on the migration experience of the Donaldson and Scott families who left Scotland in the mid nineteenth century to settle, and later prosper, in Australia. William and Mary Scott Donaldson commissioned prominent architect B.J Waterhouse to design this two storey residence in arts and crafts style in 1913. Now state listed, Tulkiyan House Museum is a rare intact example of its kind, where furniture, furnishings & family artefacts remain in situ. Accessible only by guided tour, duration one hour. No wheelchair access. No disabled access to second storey. On-street parking. Gordon station 5 mins walk.

5 April First tour 10am & Last tour at 3pm

\$10 Adult / Concession available (includes refreshments)

Enquiries 9498 3754 / 9424 0000

GREENDALE

National Parks and Wildlife Service

Looking Up from Down Under

Bents Basin, access via Wolstenholme Ave

The National Parks and Wildlife service invites you to celebrate The Year of Astronomy, during the festival, by "Looking up from Down Under". National Parks are in dark places where the subtle but splendid sight of the dark night sky and the sense of wonder can be discovered. Listen to stories from an Aboriginal elder, join us by viewing the night sky through our telescope (or bring your own!) as you are led by an amateur astronomer in a planetarium. A light supper of tea, coffee, damper and hot chocolate will be provided. Cost includes participation in program, vehicle entry and camping for the night of the event only. Please bring your own camping gear. Bookings must be made 2 weeks in advance.

18 April 6pm - 9pm

\$25 Adults / \$10 Children / \$55 Families (2A 2C)

Bookings Essential 4774 8662

GUILDFORD

The Friends of Linnwood Inc.

Cavalcade of Fashion

Linnwood, 25 Byron Rd

An elegant affair - the house party c1905 to 1919. Presentation focuses on the Edwardian era and looks at the many items and accessories that a society lady would need for her weekend in the country. "Of course no outfit could be repeated during the weekend - It's just not done!". A weekend in the country - Under the Southern Cross - in Edwardian times! Wheelchair access, parking available.

19 April 2pm

\$10, includes afternoon tea

Bookings Essential 9632 9203

HAWKESBURY

The Hills Shire Council

Cruise of Hawkesbury River

Hawkesbury River

Half day morning tea heritage cruise. Depart and cruise along the almighty Hawkesbury and learn of its early pioneering history.

12 April 9am - 11.30am

\$15

Bookings Essential



HUNTERS HILL

Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill

All Saints Church (1888)

Ferry St

Open for inspection. Explore this magnificent Church designed by Horbury Hunt, with its stained glass windows and Bevington organ.

5 April 12noon - 4pm

Free Entry

Enquiries 9817 1429

Discover Hunters Hill

Exploring the Lane Cove River

Meet at Alexandra Street Wharf, Alexandra St

This cruise aboard the historic local vessel 'Reliance' (1919) explores the Lane Cove River and the National Park all the way to Fullers Bridge. Included is a commentary on places of interest and afternoon tea. Note: this cruise can be combined with The Tornaghi Walk which is listed. Numbers for the cruise limited to 30.

5 April 2.30pm - 5pm

\$25

Bookings Essential 9816 2325

Discover Hunters Hill

Hunters Hill Heritage Weekend

Exhibitions on Hunters Hill's connections with Astronomy and the Transit of Venus (1874), walks featuring Angelo Tornaghi and the Priory (1857) and cruises of the Lane Cove and Parramatta rivers are highlights of Hunters Hill's Heritage Weekend on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 April 2009. The weekend's activities are being coordinated by Discover Hunters Hill as part of the National Trust's Heritage Festival.

4 & 5 April

Enquiries - for a full listing of what's on for both days visit the Discover Hunters Hill website at www.huntershill.com.au or email anschau@netspace.net.au

Hunters Hill Community (Congregational) Church

Congregational Church (1876)

Cnr Alexandra & Ferdinand Sts

Open for inspection. Enjoy this beautiful chapel situated amongst picturesque gardens. Join parishioners for morning tea.

5 April 12noon - 2pm

Free

Enquiries 9817 2282

Hunters Hill Historical Society

Angelo's Transit of Venus (1874)

Museum, Town Hall, Alexandra St

Angelo Tornaghi was not only a leading citizen and Mayor of Hunters Hill, but also a significant scientific instrument maker who provided instruments for the Sydney Observatory, and was one of a number of Hunters Hill citizens who played an important role at the official observations of the Transit of Venus (1874). Note: The Tornaghi Walk includes inspection of the museum.

5 April 11am - 4pm

By donation

Enquiries 9816 1372

Hunters Hill Music

Piano Recital - Tamara Anna Cisłowska

Zoom Hall, Alexander St

Internationally renowned pianist (Australian).

19 April 2.30pm

\$25 / \$5 Student

Bookings Essential 9817 4843 / 9871 4823

Hunters Hill Walks

The Tornaghi Walk

Meet at corner of Alexandra St & Lloyd Ave

This 2 hour walk led by local identity Phil Jenkyn will feature the Tornaghi exhibition at the Historical Society Museum at the Town Hall, his house formerly known as 'Milano' and other places of relevance including Vienna Cottage (1871), the Congregational Church (1876) and All Saints Church (1888). After the walk lunch may be had at nearby cafes and those interested can book the 2.30pm cruise of the Lane Cove River.

5 April 11am - 1pm

By donation

Bookings Essential 9817 5799

Vienna Management Committee

Our Place in Space

38 Alexandra St

Exhibition Our Place in Space - Under the Southern Cross.

5 April 11am - 4pm

By donation

Enquiries 9817 8499



HUNTLEYS POINT

Hunters Hill Trust

Exploring the Parramatta River

Meet at Huntleys Point Wharf, Huntleys Point Rd

A cruise aboard the historic local vessel 'Reliance' (1919), proceeding up the Parramatta River past the old Gladesville Hospital, Bedlam Bay and Homebush Bay, returning via Cockatoo Island. Afternoon tea on board. Note this cruise can be combined with The Priory Walk which is listed under Hunter's Hill. Numbers for the cruise limited to 30.

4 April 2.30pm - 5pm

\$25

Bookings Essential 9816 4047

Hunters Hill Walks

The Priory Walk

Meet at Huntleys Point Wharf, Huntleys Point Rd

This walk led by local historian Graham Percival starts at Huntleys Point Wharf. It winds through Gladesville Reserve and the old Gladesville Hospital site, to the Priory (1857). This historic Marist Father's retreat will feature an exhibition on the community's links with Astronomy, and the future of the Priory which is now under Council control. After the walk, lunch may be had nearby at Huntleys café and those interested can book The Exploring Parramatta River Cruise at 2.30pm, which is listed under Hunters Hill.

4 April 11am - 1pm

By donation to the Priory

Bookings Essential 9817 5799

HURSTVILLE

Hurstville City Library Local studies

Value of Maps

Hurstville City Library, cnr Dora St & Queens Rd

Presentation by Niall Pehit-Young, local studies, librarian, on the importance of maps, how to read them, different types of maps. Exhibition of maps from local studies collection.

6 April 7pm

Free

Enquiries 9330 6132

St George Regional Museum & Gallery

Star Gazing in St George

St George Regional Museum, 14 MacMahon St

Join the Dragonfly Kids Club for a special star gazing event in St George. Learn about astronomy from the earliest days, enjoy mapping the stars and even make your own star-gazer to take home! Ages: 4-10 years, \$5 per child, (payment within one week of booking). Parking, wheelchair access available. Max 25.

15 April 11am - 12.30pm

\$5 per child

Bookings Essential 9330 6444

KOGARAH

Kogarah Library Cultural Centre

Kogarah's Volunteer Heroes

Kogarah Library & Cultural Centre, Town Square, Belgrave St

The launch of Kogarah's Volunteer Heroes, a public exhibition celebrating the civic and community activity of 50 unsung heroes who have made a significant contribution to the Kogarah local government area in the post-war era. Featuring personal accounts and photos, this publication demonstrates how volunteering builds strong, vibrant networks in the community, at the same time as bringing great personal satisfaction to each individual. Wheelchair access, refreshments served. Please RSVP.

7 April 2pm

Free

Bookings Essential 9330 9519

Kogarah Library Cultural Centre

Our Place in Space: Aerial photographs of the Kogarah Local Government area 1947 - 2007

Kogarah Library & Cultural Centre, Town Square, Belgrave St

Aerial photographs of the Kogarah local government area will track the changes over 60 years.

9 to 23 April 10am - 7pm (Mon to Fri),

10am - 4pm (Sat), 10am - 1pm (Sun)

Free

Enquiries 9330 9578



LA PEROUSE

Friends of the La Perouse Museum Inc.

Explorers of the Southern Skies in Botany Bay

La Perouse Museum, Anzac Pde

Members of the Friends of the La Perouse Museum, will conduct a tour of historic sites on the La Perouse Headland and interpret the importance of Astronomy to the expeditions of Cook and La Perouse. Wheelchair access (discuss when booking). Parking available.

12 April 10am

Free

Bookings Essential 9662 5001

LANE COVE

Lane Cove Historical Society

Celestial Celebrities of Lane Cove

Carisbrook House, 334 Burns Bay Rd, (east side of Burns Bay Rd)

Enjoy a guided tour of the restored and furnished Victorian house. See artifacts and stories of stars who lived in Lane Cove eg. Aviator Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, Artist Lloyd Rees and Bill Pidgeon (WEP), Prime Minister Billy Hughes, actor Nicole Kidman, sportsman John Newcombe and many others. Stroll through or picnic in Carisbrook's terraced riverside gardens. Wheelchair accessible, parking available, handicap toilet.

4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19 April

11am - 4pm

\$10 Adults / \$6 Seniors / \$4 Children

Enquiries 9428 1364

LEICHHARDT

Leichhardt Council

Cook and Leichhardt: How explorers found their way

Within the Leichhardt town centre (exact location to be advised depending on number of patrons)

On his expedition in 1844/45 the explorer Ludwig Leichhardt used the same astronomical methods of establishing his position as Captain James Cook, on his first voyage, 70 years earlier. The curator of Astronomy at Sydney Observatory - Dr Nick Lomb, will explain in an illustrated talk, the methods of lunar distances, discuss Leichhardt's journey and describe how James Cook became the first ship's captain to know his position. Light food and refreshments available. The chosen venue is wheelchair accessible. Accessible parking spaces

will also be available. Contact 9367 9223 for further information.

17 April 6.30pm - 8pm

Free

Bookings Essential 9367 9223

Leichhardt Council

Former Sandstone Quarries in Leichhardt Municipality - A discovery tour

Pickup and return will be within the Leichhardt Town Centre (location to be advised)

An adventure by bus to discover a stratum of Leichhardt's history that you probably didn't know existed. The tour will highlight some of the former sandstone quarry sites within the Leichhardt district and provide an insight into an industry which helped to create its built environment. The tour will be hosted by architectural historians - Robert & Noel Irving and Leichhardt Council's part-time heritage planner, Christopher Reeves. Adventurers to bring their own food and water, sunscreen, hat and sturdy footwear. Max 17 per tour.

4 & 18 April 2pm - 5pm

\$10

Bookings Essential 9367 9223

LINDFIELD

Lindfield Tryon Road Uniting Church Music Committee

Handels Immortal Oratorio Messiah

Lindfield Tryon Road Uniting Church, cnr Nelson & Tryon Rds

Relax and contemplate the majesty of the heavens 'Under the Southern Cross' as you listen to Handel's 'Messiah'. Heritage church; Heritage Pipe organ; 60-voice choir; conductor Paul Paviour OAM; organ Heather Moen-Boyd; chamber orchestra. Joseph Hayden composed "The Heavens are telling the Glory of God" but when he first heard 'Messiah' he exclaimed with tears in his eyes, "Handel is master of us all". No wheelchair access, street parking, car park block away, refreshments available.

18 April 5pm

\$20 / \$15 Concession / \$10 Children

Bookings Essential 9498 2888

LIVERPOOL

Liverpool City Library

Liverpool City Library
170 George St

"Charting Australia & Liverpool city's past and future by the stars" presented by Ed Tamplin, astrologer on radio 2GB. Steve Murphey Show. Refreshments provided.

9 April 9.30am for 10am - 12pm
Bookings Essential 9821 9422

Liverpool City Library

Liverpool City Library
170 George St

Cosmodome 3-D film: Oasis in space, and stellarium.

16 April
Bookings Essential 9821 9422

LOFTUS

Dept of Environment and Climate Change, The Tramway Museum

Tramway History tour

Loftus Tramway Museum cnr Pitt St & Rawson Pde
Celebrate heritage week with a tram ride from the Tramway Museum at Loftus that will take you into the oldest National Park in Australia. A discovery Ranger will meet you at the Royal National park station & take you on a 1km return walk. The park winds its way across a typical ridgetop landscape to Bunyoons lookout, some history relating to the early years of the development & activities that took place in this area. Wheelchair access, parking available, good walking shoes, bring water & a snack. Wear a hat and sunscreen.

2 May First tram 9.15am
Cost of tram \$6 Adult / \$4 Children / Concession / Seniors. Walk free
Enquiries 9542 0629

Sydney Tramway Museum

Trams - From Place to Place

Cnr Pitt St & Rawson Ave, (Old Princess Hwy, via Sutherland), Eastern Side Loftus Railway Station
Vintage Tram Rides of Museum lines (to Sutherland outskirts) and Royal National Park. Plus display of other trams and photographs. Day ticket incl. tram rides. Refreshments at kiosk, souvenir shop, picnic area & BBQ. Wheelchair accessibility partial.

5 & 8 April, 10 to 27 April, 29 April to 2 May
10am - 5pm (Sun & Pub Hols). 10am - 3pm (Weekdays).
\$15 Adult / \$10 Concession / \$8 Child
Bookings (groups only) 9542 3604

MANLY

Manly Art Gallery & Museum

The Nature of Manly Museum Exhibition
Manly Art Gallery & Museum

A museum exhibition which explores Manly's natural environment in the context of its unique geology, the changes over time to its natural elements, animals, plants and to the built environment. Manly's latest planning ideas supplements the exhibition. Curated by Virginia Macleod and part of the 2009 Heritage Festival. For more information visit www.manly.nsw.gov.au/gallery.

Until 23 August 10am - 5pm (Mon - Sun)
Free
Enquiries 9976 1421

Quarantine Station

Quarantine Station, North Head Scenic Dr

From science to spirituality, the Quarantine Station's history blurs the boundaries between astronomy and astrology. Come and explore the history of the station from the science of maritime navigation to the spirituality and tarot reading under the stars. Join one of our astrologist themed ghost tours. Special activities for children will be described on our website and bookings from February 2009 at www.gstation.com.au. Limited parking available, good walking shoes required.

18 April www.gstation.com.au
Bookings Essential 9977 5145



MAROUBRA

Randwick City Library & Randwick District Historical Society

Lost Gardens of Randwick - Lecture by Colleen Morris
Bowen Library, 669 - 673 Anzac Pde

Following on from the highly successful "Lost Gardens of Sydney" exhibition and book, Colleen Morris will speak specifically about the "Lost Gardens of Randwick". This is a joint initiative between the Randwick City Library Service and Randwick District Historical Society. Refreshments will be served after the lecture. Bookings essential. Wheelchair access, parking, refreshments. 115 max.

18 April 2pm - 4pm

Bookings Essential 9314 4888

Randwick City Library Service

From the Attic - 150 years of Randwick's Heritage Exhibition

Bowen Library, 669 - 673 Anzac Pde

2009 marks the 150th anniversary of local government in the city of Randwick. "From the Attic" is an exhibition of heritage. Reflecting the rich and vibrant history of our city. The exhibition will include Randwick City Council archives, old photographs, Historical Society material as well as heritage items honed from members of the community. It is a celebration and a reflection of our unique past. Wheelchair access.

6 April to 20 June Library opening hours

Free

Randwick City Library Service

Remember the trams of Randwick!

Bowen Library / Sydney Tramway Museum at Loftus

An excursion to the Sydney Tramway Museum, Loftus will transport Randwick residents back to the era of tram travel. A bus will depart Bowen Library at Maroubra and deliver participants at the museum for an expert guided tour. The bus will return participants at the end of the day to the library. Join us to take a trip down memory lane or enjoy your first tram ride. An integral part of Randwick heritage. Good walking shoes, bring your own lunch.

5 April 10am - 4pm

Bookings Essential 9314 4888

MARRICKVILLE

Marrickville Heritage Society

Barrie Dyster Talk on Grieving for Gallipoli

Herb Greedy Hall, 79 Petersham Rd

Grieving for Gallipoli: Annandale, Amritsar, Auckland, Aleppo, Algiers... Have there been distinctively Australian ways of remembering Anzac and the Great War? How have those ways changed over 90 years? Given that Australians comprised only a small fraction of the soldiers who died at Gallipoli, how many families grieved in the many other countries who lost young men there in 1915. Wheelchair access at rear of hall, plenty of nearby parking, morning tea served from 10 am, no maximum attendance.

25 April 10.15am

Free

Enquiries 9557 3823

MEADOWBANK

City of Ryde

Boat cruise of Parramatta River

Ryde Wharf Parsonage 51

Tour of Parramatta River significant sites. Parking available, good walking shoes required.

Dates, times and costs TBC

Bookings Essential 9952 8321

MERRYLANDS

Holroyd City Council Library Service

Holroyd Under the Stars - photo competition and exhibition

Holroyd City Council Library Service, Merrylands Central Library, Cnr Miller & Newman Sts

A photographic competition, seeking entries relating to the Holroyd Local Government Area at night. Details of the competition will be available on the Holroyd City Council website at www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au from Wednesday 7 January 2009. Entries close 5pm Friday 20 March 2009. An exhibition of the best entries will be held from Saturday 4 April to Sunday 19 April 2009, at Merrylands Central Library (except public holidays). Lift access available from Miller street, Merrylands to Library foyer.

Photo competition 7 January to 20 March & photo exhibition 4 April to 19 April

Mon - Fri 9.30am - 8pm / Sat 9am - 4pm / Sun 2pm - 5pm / closed public holidays

Holroyd City Council Library Service

Holroyd to the Moon

Holroyd City Council Library Service, Merrylands Central Library, Cnr Miller & Newman Sts

Residents of the Holroyd local government area are invited to a free morning tea at Merrylands Library to discuss their memories of the Apollo 11 moon landing, July 1969. A screening of the moon landing, will also be shown. Everyone welcome, but bookings are required. Lift access available from Miller Street Merrylands to Library foyer.

17 April 10.30am - 12.30pm

Bookings Essential 9840 9789

MILLERS POINT

Millers Point Community Festival Inc

50th Anniversary of Activity Centre

Abraham Mott Hall, 17 Argyle Pl

The 50th anniversary of the Millers Point (Harry Jensen) Activity Centre will be celebrated with a talk by oral historian, Dr Margo Beasley on "Meals on Wheels in the city of Sydney" at 1pm. Following this a DVD will be screened at 2pm. This will be a compilation of the memories of the centre's clients and Meals on Wheels volunteers.

24 April 1pm - 4pm

Bookings Essential 0424 732 145

MILSONS POINT

Don Fraser

Sydney Harbour Bridge Heritage Walk

To be advised at time of booking

A walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge along the eastern footway, with its construction explained by a heritage engineer, Bridge Museum not included. Max 15 participants. No wheelchair access, wear hat, walking shoes, bring water, camera and umbrella.

5 & 19 April Meet 1.45pm

\$10 Adults / \$5 Children (under 15) - to be paid at meeting place. Does not include travel costs or entry into Pylon Museum or Lookout.

Bookings Essential: Don Fraser 9337 5307

NARRABEEN

Local Studies Unit Warringah

Library Service

Walk and Talk Narrabeen

Meet at Berry Reserve, near Pittwater Rd

Join the staff from Warringah Library service in a walk around Narrabeen and find out more about the history of this suburb nestled between the lagoon and ocean. Good walking shoes required, parking available. Max 20.

8 April 10am

Free

Bookings Essential 9942 2610

NEUTRAL BAY

May Gibbs' Nutcote

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May Gibbs once said "I want to live long enough to discover where those flying saucers come from". Visit her house and garden and see how she reflected everyday life in her books and comic strips. www.maygibbs.com.au.

4 to 19 April Wed to Sun 11am - 3pm

\$8 Adults / \$5 Concession / \$3 Children / Friends of Nutcote & under 5s free.

NEWPORT

Newport Arms Hotel

Historic Pub Icon Newport Arms overlooking Pittwater

Newport Arms Hotel, Cnr Beaconsfield & Kalinya St
Visit this historic Sydney pub icon featuring Australia's largest waterfront beergarden. Established in 1880, The Newport Arms is just 45 min from the CBD on Pittwater. Visit the hotel's foyer hosting a number of historic photos dating back to the early 1880's, plus grab a program of the hotel's history. On your visit, enjoy the 'new' hotel and its latest renovations including new facade waterfront bar, garden bistro, 3 kids playground and Terrace on Pittwater. Winner "National R&C Restaurant of the Year - Pub Tavern Club". Wheelchair access, parking available.

Daily Open from 10am

Free

Enquiries 9997 4900



NEWTOWN

Sydney University Women's Group

Women's College - Uni of Sydney - History

Women's College, Carillon Ave, University of Sydney

Dr Jane Williamson, Principal, Women's College will give a short history of the college and her recent appointment as Principal. Luncheon and guest speakers. All welcome. Max 50. Refreshments available.

18 March 12noon

Bookings Essential: Joyce - 4655 1302

NORTH ROCKS

Boronia Tours in association with The Hills Shire Council

James Pye's Orchard and Thomas Atkins Vegetable Garden

Speers Rd Reserve

Visit the site of the most successful Orchard in 19th century NSW. James Pye participated in public life and donated the land and stone to build Lake Parramatta. Also living in the Darling Mills Valley was a convict tenant. This guided walk will visit the remains of his cottage as well as the stone quarries and the convict built road. Wear comfortable shoes and a hat. Bring a bottle of water.

4 April 2pm - 4pm

\$8 Adult / \$4 Children / \$20 Family

Bookings Essential 9634 3163

The Hills Shire Council

National Trust Heritage Lecture Festival Walk

Speers Rd

Speers Road Reserve is all that remains of the most successful orange orchard in 19th Century NSW. James Pye bought the land from Wentworth, developed his orchard and participated in Sydney public life. This walk will visit some of the major relics including foundations of the original house.

4 April 2pm - 4pm

Bookings Essential: Lisa 9843 0555

NORTH SYDNEY

North Sydney Council Sydney Observatory

From Cuna to Lunar - A walking tour

Meet at Milson Point train station entrance, Alfred St

From ridiculous to the sublime, walk around Luna Park to discover how and why the place was created. Then head over the Sydney Harbour Bridge to see the serious side of astronomy at Sydney

Observatory. Walk led by Dr Ian Hoskins. Fee includes telescope tour & movie at Observatory. Stairs, walking shoes, sun protection, water.

5 & 7 April 10am - 12.30pm

\$7 Adult / \$5 Concession

Bookings Essential 9217 0473

OYSTER BAY

Sutherland Astromical Society Inc.

Green Point Observatory

Cnr Green Point & Caravan Head Rds

Relive the 1769 Transit of Venus. This rare passage of Venus across the face of the sun was calculated to precisely measure the size of our solar system. It brought James Cook and his crew to Tahiti and the South Pacific ocean and eventually led to the discovery and settlement of Australia's east coast. Displays, lectures and solar viewing will run continuously all day. Wheelchair access, parking in Green Point Rd, BBQ & refreshments available.

2 May 10am - 4pm

Free

Enquiries 0422 902 730

PALM BEACH

Mona Vale Library and Northern Beaches Creative Leisure Learning

Walk to Barrenjoey Lighthouse

Palm Beach Headland at the base of the Lighthouse track

Join us for a guided walk to the Barrenjoey Lighthouse at Palm Beach. The walk will be at dawn or dusk depending on availability so that the lighthouse can be seen against the night sky. No wheelchair access, walk is difficult, with uneven terrain.

Times and dates TBC

Bookings Essential 9970 1607

Pittwater Community Arts Inc.

Starry, Starry Sky

North Palm Beach Surf Club, Governor Phillip Park

Join Pittwater Community Arts for an exciting evening under the Southern Cross. Learn about celestial navigation and be guided by an astronomy enthusiast to appreciate the night sky with its vast array of stars, planets and constellations. Come prepared with a mat or blanket. Refreshments will be available. Bring mat or blanket and torch.

16 April 7pm - 10pm

\$5

Bookings Essential 9913 1474

PARRAMATTA

Parramatta & District Historical Society

Hambledon Cottage House Museum

Hambledon Cottage, cnr Hassal St & Gregory Pl
Step back in time to colonial days and visit Hambledon Cottage, built by John Macarthur in 1824. The cottage has been restored to the 1820s-1850s period with 19th century furniture. Included in the collection on display are some objects from James Dunlop, Astronomer to Governor Brisbane. Parking available in Gregory Place, disabled toilets.

4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12 April 11am - 4pm
\$4 Adults / \$3 Concessions / \$2 Children
Enquiries 9635 6924

Topp Tours

Observing Parramatta's Heritage

Parramatta Station, Visitors Centre

Join Parramatta National Trust President, Kerima-Gae Topp, for a guided tour, by mini coach, of Parramatta's widespread historical sites, accompanied by stories of saints & sinners. Visit world heritage nominated Parramatta Park & Governor's Domain with a tour of Old Government House. The life of Governor Brisbane who built a private Observatory in the park will be highlighted along with his assistants James Dunlop & Carl Rumicer.

13 & 16 April 9.30am - 12.30pm
\$20 Adults / \$18 Concession / \$15 Children
Bookings Essential 9633 9562 / 0428 284 275

PENNANT HILLS

Hornsby Shire Council

Heritage Walk at Observatory Park

Cnr Beecroft Rd & Pennant Hills Rd

As the international year of astronomy, this guided walk will provide an insight into the pioneering work in astronomy undertaken at the former Red Hill Observatory, as well as elsewhere in the Shire. Morning tea will be provided. Bookings open 8.30am on Monday 16 March 2009.

8 April 10.30am - 12pm
Free

Bookings Essential 9847 6726

PETERSHAM

Marrickville Council - Heritage Promotions Committee

Marrickville Medal 2009

Petersham Town Hall, 105 Crystal St

The Marrickville Medal is the keystone event of the heritage festival and epitomises the celebration of cultural heritage in the local area. The annual award is one of its kind in NSW and recognises quality building conservation or restorative looks to places of heritage significance. The Marrickville Medal 2008 attracted many exciting architectural and conservation based projects and featured Peter Romey of Godden Mackay Logan as a guest speaker for the evening. Refreshments available.

15 April 6pm

Free

Enquiries 9335 2114

Marrickville Council - Heritage Promotions Committee

Unveiling of historical plaque

See National Trust Website for details in early 2009.

8 April 10am

Enquiries 9335 2114

PITTWATER

Australian Garden History Society

Pittwater Garden History Ramble

Discover some of Pittwater's beauty and seclusion with the Australian Garden History Society's Sydney & Northern NSW Branch. Will include relatively easy walking through bushland tracks, ferry rides as necessary. Enjoy Tarrangaua, built for poet Dorothea McKellar in Lovett Bay, home latterly to author Susan Duncan of 'Salvation Creek' and 'The House'. Details, bookings and more info:

Stuart Read: stuart1962@bigpond.com 9326 9468
or Jeanne Villani: Jeanne@Villani.com 9997 5995

5 April 1.30pm - 4.30pm

\$25 / \$20 AGHS members

Costs of ferries additional



ROCKDALE

Rockdale City Council

Rockdale - Under the Southern Cross - Photographic Competition

Entries to: Rockdale City Council Customer Service Centre, 2 Bryant St

A competition for new and historic photographs which depicts Rockdale at night. Open to the whole community, including a special category for schools. Entries will be independently judged and prizes will be available for the winners whose entries will be publicly displayed.

Closes 19 April

Free

Enquiries 9562 1691

Rockdale City Council

Rockdale's Place in Space - Information display

Rockdale Library, 448 Princes Hwy

A collection of historical maps of the Rockdale area and information which will be focused on early mapping techniques, including the use of astronomy for maritime navigation, and highlights the Rockdale area and Botany Bay's significance in the early European discovery and exploration of Australia.

4 to 19 April Library opening hours

Free

Enquiries 9562 1691

ROOKWOOD

Friends of Rookwood Inc

Rookwood Cemetery Heritage Walk

Cnr William Dr & East St

2.5hr walk through some of the old sections of the largest cemetery in the southern hemisphere. Stories of the lives of some of Australia's pioneers, 19th century landscapes and the art of the monumental mason are just a few things you will see and hear on this interesting morning excursion. Parking available. Please wear walking shoes and refreshments are available.

5 April 10am

\$12

Bookings Essential 9889 3899

ROUSE HILL

The Hills Shire Council

Rouse Hill Village Walk

Rouse Hill Village

Recent years have seen some major changes to the Rouse Hill area. Remnants of the original Rouse Hill Village are still here to see and your guide, Pam Wilson, of the Hills District Historical Society, will lead this walk back into the past.

May 2pm - 4pm

Free

Bookings Essential 9634 3163

The Hills Shire Library Service

Under the Southern Cross Exhibition

Vinegar Hill Memorial Library Exhibition Space,

29 Main St, Town Centre

The story of life during wartime in the Hills Shire is illustrated in this exhibition which incorporates excerpts from our oral history project 'Hills Voices Online'. The Library services also has new related Local Studies resources including an index to those earlier residents who served 'Under the Southern Cross' in World War II and previous conflicts.

4 to 30 April Mon, Tue, Wed Fri 10am - 6pm / Thurs 10am - 9pm / Sat 10am - 5pm / Sun 1pm - 5pm

Enquiries 9761 4525

Rouse Hill House & Farm

Moonlight and Magic Lantern

Rouse Hill House & Farm, Guntawong Rd

Set within the social background of 1860 - 1890, "That starlit era" when the moon and stars not only caught the imagination of many colonial Australians, but when night activities were planned by the phases of the moon. Experience the ambience of nineteenth century lighting within the softly lit old house, while finding out, just what went on after dinner in Victorian times. Wear closed-in shoes as there are uneven surfaces and we will be walking the property at nighttime. Refreshments included.

4 & 11 April 7.30pm - 10pm

\$30 General / \$25 Concession

Bookings Essential 8239 2211

RYDE

City of Ryde

Ryde Village Walk

St Annes, Church St

Two walking tours that showcase the City of Ryde's heritage: Tour 1 - Village tour talks in precinct nearby Annes Church. Tour 2 - Talks in Historic Addington, The Railway, Ryde Court House & Willandra. Parking available, good walking shoes required.

18 April 10am & 1pm

Gold coin donation

Bookings Essential 9952 8000

Ryde Historical Society & Convict Trial Project

Only the Stars Remain Unchanged

Willandra House, 770 Victoria Rd

Brochure launch and drinks under the stars. Enjoy a glass of wine and a starlight view of the Parramatta River from the lawns of Willandra whilst we launch the Brochure for the city end of the Great North Road - from Parramatta Road, Five Dock to Devlins Creek, Epping.

14 April 7.15pm

Free

Bookings Essential for catering 9489 3603

ST LEONARDS

Trustees Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery

Our Place - Gore Hill Cemetery

Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery, cnr Pacific Hwy & Westbourne St

'Our Place' is Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery - established in 1875 as the first general cemetery on the north shore. The cemetery was closed for burials in 1974 and added to the state heritage register in 2001. At our place, we have a very large cross and many smaller crosses, many angels, lots of famous sportsmen, businessmen and politicians and the astronomers Henry Alfred Lenahan and William Scott. The tour of the cemetery will take you past the graves of these notables and finish with the astronomers, where you will be given details of their lives and discoveries.

5 April 11am

Cash on the day: \$20 National Trust members / \$25 Other

Bookings Essential: John May 9906 5106

ST PETERS

St Peters Cooks River History Group

Graveyard Tour

St Peters Church, 187 Princes Hwy

Relive the past through the history of people and places connected with the 170 year old graveyard. Burials took place from 1839 - 1896. Parking available. Max No 30.

4 April 2pm

Free

Bookings Essential 9558 7504

SUTHERLAND

G & C Waller Builders Pty Ltd

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Brinsleys Joiney Shop, 100 Toronto Pde

You are invited to step back in time at our early 1900's joinery shop to witness first hand original working machinery from the 1860's. You will be given the opportunity to observe the preparation and manufacturing of traditional timber joinery, including french, ledge & brace doors, 6 panel doors and a variety of timber windows. A demonstration of conventional finishing techniques will also be presented including shellac & bee's waxing. Traditional antique tools, equipment and trade books will also be on display as well as a selection of contemporary furniture pieces, commissioned, designed & produced on site by our high quality tradesmen.

4 April & 2 May 4 April: 10am - 3pm / 2 May: 10.45am, 11.45am, 12.45pm, 1.45pm, 2.45pm, 3.45pm

Free

Bookings Essential 9521 3049

Sutherland Music Club

S-Music Club Seniors Concert

Sutherland Memorial School of Arts, East Pde

Seniors Variety Concert. 1st Concert: 10am light refreshments, 10.30am Concert David Smith piano & organ, choir and other artists. 1.30pm the same again. Wheelchair access, lucky door prizes and lots of fun. Bus, parking and refreshments.

28 April 10am & 1.30pm

\$6

Bookings Essential 9521 3473



Sutherland Shire Citizens Heritage Festival Committee and Sutherland Shire Council Cultural Events Dept.

Vintage Bus Run

Vintage bus linking Tramway Museum, Woronora Cemetery Open Day, Historical Society display, Sutherland School of Arts, Green Point Observatory (Oyster Bay), Drinsley's Joinery (Sutherland), Sydney Railway Museum.

2 May Hourly between 10am - 4pm

Free travel on bus

Enquiries 9710 0992

Sutherland Shire Historical Society

Australian and South Pacific Underwater Archaeology
Stapleton Centre, Stapleton St

Gordon Shall, illustrates his talk on various shipwrecks around the Australian coast with photographs and slides. All welcome. Wheelchair access, parking available, afternoon tea.

16 May 1.30pm

Free

Enquiries: Angela 9528 6251

Sutherland Shire Historical Society

Champagne and the Stars

Sutherland Memorial School of Arts, East Pde, (western side of railway station)

Popular ABC Astronomer, Fred Watson, on the 238th anniversary of Lieut James Cook landing on the shores of Kurnell, will speak on how Cook came to Australia (Cook was directed to observe the Transit of Venus) and the astronomical occurrences in our southern skies since that date. Museum display and night viewing by telescopes (weather permitting) also. Wheelchair access, parking available, refreshments supplied.

29 April 6pm for 6.30pm

\$5. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings Essential: Pat 9528 8294

Sutherland Shire Historical Society

Dharawals

Stapleton Centre, Stapleton St

Dharawals: the story of the Dharawal - speaking people of Southern Sydney by Les Bunsell, local Aboriginal anthropologist. Illustrated slideshow. All welcome. Wheelchair access, parking available, afternoon tea.

21 May 1.30pm

Free

Enquiries 9528 6251

Sutherland Shire Historical Society

Lenny & the Opening of Sydney Harbour Bridge
Stapleton Centre, Stapleton St

Authoress and popular guide to Sydney's historic sites, Mary Small, recounts the story of the nine year old country boy, who rode his horse alone to Sydney to be at the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Mary illustrates her talk with information from her forthcoming book. She has also been a member of the SSHS for many years. All welcome. Wheelchair access, parking available, afternoon tea.

18 April 1.30pm - 4pm

Free

Enquiries: Angela 9528 6251

Sutherland Shire Historical Society

Our Place in Space: Charts and Mariners of the Pacific
Sutherland Memorial School of Arts, East Pde, (western side of railway station)

From the Transit of Venus in Tahiti, to the discovery of our eastern shores in 1770: charts, maps and mariners of the Pacific. Display with assistance by members of the Greenpoint Observatory featuring photos of constellations, solar observations etc. Menai Pioneer Home: The Depression Years 1920's-1930's. Museum open daily. Wheelchair access.

4 April & 26 April to 9 May inclusive

9.30am - 3.30pm

Free - donations welcome

Bookings Essential (for school groups): Jim 9521 3721

Sutherland Shire Library

House Hunting Workshop

Sutherland Library, 30 - 36 Belmont St

Ever wondered if there are any historical information resources to search for the history of your home.

The local studies collection holds many resources to assist with your quest. The workshop will be led by the local studies librarian. Max 15.

2 May 10.30am - 12.30pm

Free

Bookings Essential 9710 0225

Sutherland Shire Library

Under the Southern Cross - Natural Space in the Sutherland Shire

Sutherland Library, 30 - 36 Belmont St

Interaction with our landscape includes natural spaces such as national parks and gardens. This exhibition highlights historical images of the oldest national park under the Southern Cross. The Royal National Park and other natural spaces of the shire will also be included.

April 9am - 9pm (Mon to Fri) / 9am - 4pm (Sat) / 12pm - 4pm (Sun)

Free

Enquiries 9710 0225

Sutherland Shire Spinners & Weavers Inc.

Heritage Festival Open Day

Sutherland Shire Memorial School of Arts

Sutherland Shire Citizens Heritage Festival Committee open day. Featuring museum display.

Sutherland Shire Spinners & Weavers will have their display of 'Our Place in Space' with demonstrations of fibre preparation, spinning, weaving & knitting. Hand spun articles for sale, free heritage bus rides to other venues in the shire. Wheelchair access, parking, refreshments.

2 May 9am

Free

Enquiries 9525 6794

Sutherland Shire Spinners & Weavers Inc.

Winter Wool Fair

The Uniting Church Hall, Flora St

Sutherland Shire Spinners & Weavers present an exhibition & sale of their members work. Featuring displays of an amazing variety of woollen creations. Most of the articles offered for sale are made from hand spun yarn. There will be spinning & weaving demonstrations. Celebrating our 40 year anniversary. Wheelchair access, refreshments available, raffle proceeds to Assistance Dogs Australia.

29 & 30 May 9.30am - 4.30pm

Free

Enquiries 0419 273 193

Woronora General Cemetery & Crematorium Trust

Woronora Cemetery Open Day

Woronora Cemetery, Lindden St

2 May 10am - 3pm

Enquiries 9545 4677

SYDNEY

1788-1820 Pioneer Association Inc

1788 -1820 Pioneer Association

280-282 Pitt St - basement level

The office and library will be open for information and research. Our publications of register of pioneer families are available with details of pioneers covering to 1820. Membership enquiries welcome.

7 & 8 April 10am to 2pm

Free

Enquiries 9626 8049

Friends of the First Government House Site Inc

Sydneys first Church Service

History House, 133 Macquarie St

Retired History teacher, John Stafford BA MA MED, examines the reasons for the Reverend Richard Johnson's chosen text for Sydney's first church service (open air) on Sunday morning 3 Feb 1788, to such a diverse congregation of officers, troops and convicts: "What shall I render unto the Lord?".

7 April 6.30pm

Bookings Essential 9953 3040 / 9261 1758

Maureen Fry

A Tour of the GPO & Grand Afternoon Tea

The foyer of The Westin Hotel, Martin Pl

One of Sydney's grandest buildings, the delightful 1874 General Post Office, designed by James Barnet is now part of the Westin Hotel. You will tour the heritage rooms, hear of the buildings history, then enjoy a deliciously grand afternoon tea.

19 April 2pm - 4pm

\$45

Bookings Essential 9660 7157

National Archives of Australia



(with RAHS and ASHET)

Seminar 'Eye the sky - records relating to Astronomy in the National Archives'

History House, 133 Macquarie St

A seminar hosted by Royal Australian Historical Society National Archives of Australia and Australian Society for the History of Engineering and Technology. This seminar will discuss the records relating to astronomy in the National Archives including Sydney Observatory, Parramatta Observatory, CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope, Anglo-Australian Observatory and Mt Stromlo Observatory.

7 April 5.30pm for 6pm - 7pm

\$7 including light refreshments

Bookings Essential 9247 8001 or history@rahs.org.au

Society of Australian Genealogists

See the Stars of Yesteryear

Richmond Villa, 120 Kent St

It's Open Day on the ground floor of historic "Richmond Villa" headquarters of the Society of Australian Genealogists, where you can see some of the treasures of our collection and be assisted by SAG volunteers to discover records of Australia's stars of yesteryear. No parking available. Metered street parking only. Wheelchair access to ground floor through car park entrance.

4 April 10am - 3.30pm

Free

Enquiries 9247 3953

Society of Australian Genealogists

Stars That Once Shone

Richmond Villa, 120 Kent St

Ralph Hawkins, Archivist for the Society of Australian Genealogists will introduce you to some of the stars of yesteryear which can be found in our Manuscript collection including the family papers of Harley Wood, Government Astronomer at the Sydney Observatory. Ralph will also show you how the collection can be used in your genealogical research. No parking available. Metered street parking only. No wheelchair access to first floor.

4 April 1.30pm - 3pm

\$10 Member / \$15 Non-Member

Bookings Essential 9247 9353

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority & City

of Sydney Historical Association

Darling Harbour - A History

Level 1, Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt St

Darling Harbour has been a bustling port since the mid 1800's, prior to that it was the site of Australia's first industrial centre. Shipbuilding occurred from 1811. John Dickson established its steam mill in 1813, refricentrale experiments led to a frozen meat export industry in the 1880s. To commemorate Darling Harbour's 21st anniversary of its rebirth as a place for the people, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority has published "A History of Darling Harbour". Presented by author Roger Parrish.

18 April 2pm - 4pm

\$2

Bookings Essential: Betty Candy 9799 9030

TEMPE

St Peters Cooks River History Group

Tempe Walk

Meet at Tempe Station, Griffith St

Relive the past through the history of people and places. Good walking shoes, parking available. Max 30.

13 April 2pm

Free

Bookings Essential 9558 7504

THE ROCKS

S.H. Ervin Gallery

Salon des Refusés

Watson Rd, Observatory Hill



The alternative selection from the hundreds of entries to the Archibald and Wynne Prizes. Each year our guest selectors go behind the scenes of the Art Gallery of New South Wales to select the exhibition. The Salon has an excellent reputation, and is often cited as more interesting than the "official" exhibition. The criteria for works selected are quality, diversity, humour and experimentation and cover such themes as contemporary art practices, different approaches to portraiture and artist's responses to the landscape. Wheelchair access and facilities, café, arts bookshop.

7 March to 3 May Tuesday to Sunday 11am - 5pm

\$6 / \$4 National Trust members and concessions

Enquiries 9258 0173

Sydney Observatory

Treasures of Australian Astronomy

Sydney Observatory, Watson Rd
 Guided tours featuring stories of the instruments that were used to map both the skies and the land by great explorers and astronomers such as Matthew Flinders, James Cook and Henry Chamberlain Russell. The 1 hour tour includes the historic telescope domes and a special 'Southern Cross' mini-planetarium session. Wheelchair access to ground floor only, wear walking shoes, numbers are limited to 20 per tour. Tea, coffee available at the National Trust Cafe on Observatory Hill.
 18 & 19 April 11am / 12noon / 2.30pm / 3.30pm / 4pm
 \$7 Adult / \$5 Concession & children / \$20 Family
 Bookings Essential. Please confirm the event is happening on 9921 3485

Sydney Observatory

By the Light of the Southern Stars
 Sydney Observatory, Watson Rd
 Stargazing tour focussing on the Southern Cross and telescope viewing with an astronomer pointing out the features of the Southern Cross and the 'Jewel Box' within it (weather permitting). The 1.5 hour tour includes viewing through the historic 1874 telescope and a modern 40cm Meade telescope in the Observatory domes and a special 'Southern Cross' mini-planetarium session. Wheelchair access to ground floor only, however, an outdoor telescope can be made available with prior notice. Wear walking shoes, numbers are limited to 80.
 5 April 8.15pm
 \$15 Adults / \$13 Concession / \$10 Children / \$45 Family
 Bookings Essential. Please confirm the event is happening on 9921 3485

ULTIMO

Powerhouse Museum

Talks afternoon at the Powerhouse Museum
 Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris St
 The Great Star Map - Sydney Observatory's role in the international project to photograph the heavens with Geoff Barker, Total Asset Management Project, Powerhouse Museum. One of the most ambitious photographic projects the world has ever seen was announced at the 1887 International Astronomical Conference. Also known as the 'Carte du Ciel' or 'Mapping the Stars' its grand aim was to record the stars in the night sky on photographic plates. Worked on by eighteen observatories around the

world it was estimated that it would require 22,154 photographic plates, weighing in at around three tons. This talk will look how this project cemented photography's role in astronomical work and in particular at Sydney Observatory where it was worked on for over 70 years.
 8 April 12.30pm - 1.30pm
 Free with museum admission
 Enquiries 9217 0417

Powerhouse Museum;

Adult Learning Program 2009

Talks afternoon at the Powerhouse Museum
 Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris St
 Astronomy: From a Brilliant Past to a Bright Future with John Sarkissian, project scientist at the Parkes Radio Telescope Australian Radio. Radio astronomy is a science in which Australia leads the world. From its beginnings and to the new generation instruments planned for the next decade, the world has always looked to Australia for leadership in this exciting field. This will detail the establishment of the science in the immediate post-war years, and the reasons which led to Australia taking the lead in this new field. It will bring to light the brilliant advances and discoveries that have shaped its development and why it continues to have a bright future in Australia.
 19 April 2pm - 3pm
 Free with museum admission
 Enquiries 9217 0417

Powerhouse Museum,

Adult Learning Program 2009

Talks afternoon at the Powerhouse Museum
 Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris St
 Stargazing in Sydney - a short history with Dr. Nick Lomb, Curator of Astronomy, Sydney Observatory. The local Aboriginal people were early watchers of the sky as evidenced by the famous rock carving of the emu constellation in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. To Europeans, the southern sky was unknown and mysterious and they set out to study it immediately on their arrival at Port Jackson. This interest was partially intrinsic and scientific, but also had important practical purpose for time keeping, navigation and surveying. In this illustrated talk, curator Nick Lomb discusses the observatory of First Fleet astronomer William Dawes, the observatory set up by Governor Thomas Brisbane at Parramatta and tells the stories of some of the



fascinating characters that have worked at Sydney Observatory during its 150 year existence.

15 April 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Free with museum admission

Enquiries 9217 0417

VAUCLUSE

Woollahra History and Heritage Society Inc *Strickland House Open Day*

Strickland House, 52 Vaucluse Rd

See inside the magnificent 1850's mansion, one of the stars of Baz Luhrmann's epic film 'Australia'. Read the comprehensive display on its history and the struggle for the public access to Sydney's harbour foreshores. Enjoy the fabulous harbour views. Short talks and conducted walks around the grounds at 11am and 2pm. No limit on numbers. Wheelchair access by prior arrangement.

13 April 10am - 4pm

\$4 to house and display (children under 16 free)

Enquiries 9371 8373

WEST RYDE

West Ryde Boiler House

An industrial Cathedral: West Ryde Boiler House
Meeting point advised to successful registrants

The West Ryde Pumping Station, completed in 1921, was originally powered by steam until its conversion to electricity in 1982. The coal-fired boilers and economisers that generated the steam to power the enormous pumps were housed in the cathedral-like Boiler House. Sydney Water began restoring the Boiler House in 2005 and this exciting and cavernous space is being opened to the public for one day only. Due to site access restrictions you must be 18 years or over to participate in this tour. Not suitable for those with limited mobility or those uncomfortable with heights. A compulsory safety induction will be provided to all participants. Hard hats and safety vests will be provided and must be worn at all times.

4 April Tours depart every hour from 9am with last tour departing at 5pm

\$25 General / \$20 Concession

Bookings Essential: www.hht.net.au/ballot by Sunday 15 March. Successful registrants will be notified by email or telephone by Friday 27 March.

WILLOUGHBY

Willoughby City Council

Star Gazing Evening

Bicentennial Reserve, Small St

Willoughby Council and the Northern Sydney Astronomical Society invite you to celebrate Astronomy with a star gazing evening. Local Astronomy enthusiasts will explain the secrets of the night sky with a public viewing through many telescopes. Expect talks and displays. See www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au or call 9777 1000 for full details. Parking, refreshments and wheelchair access available.

4 April 7pm

Free

Enquiries 9777 1000

WINDSOR

Hawkesbury City Library

Celebrate John Tebbutt -

Hawkesbury Astronomer

Tebutt room, Hawkesbury City Library, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George St

John Tebbutt 1834-1916 was a pioneer in the field of astronomy and spent all of his life in the Hawkesbury district. He spent countless hours gazing into the skies under the Southern Cross. Tebbutt was highly regarded within Australia & overseas and his observations assisted in advancing astronomy in Australia internationally. Award winning author & astrophysicist will be giving a talk on John Tebbutt's contribution. Phone for more details of activities before talk.

16 April 7pm

Bookings Essential 4560 4460

Hawkesbury Historical Society



*The 19th Century world of Australia's famous
Astronomer - John Tebbutt*

Hawkesbury Regional Museum, 8 Baker St

Offering a glimpse into 19th century astronomy, the guided tour puts the focus on Australia's internationally famous astronomer John Tebbutt, FRAS, after whom two comets and a lunar crater have been named. Amid historic cottages from the 1840's, the fabric of Tebbutt's observatory still exists, with its rare 8-inch Grubb telescope. Nearby the Hawkesbury Regional Museum delights with displays of his personal Celestial Globe and other memorabilia. A visit to Tebbutt's own grand vault at St Matthew's Cemetery completes the tour. Payment to Hawkesbury Historical Society PO Box 293 Windsor, NSW, 2756.

23 to 30 April 2pm - 5pm

\$15 / \$5 Children

Bookings Essential 4577 3842 / 4560 4655

WISEMANS FERRY

Convict Trial Project

Picnic Under the Stars

Great North Rd, entry to Dharug National Park

A guided walk up Devines Hill in the late evening on the last day of Daylight Savings. Picnic in a Convict Stockade, while you hear stories about the stockade, as the sun sets and the stars rise. Walk back down the hill in the starlight. Bring a light picnic tea in a back pack, torch (essential for safety), a plastic sit-a-upon and insect repellent. Gentle up hill walk, there about 1 hour, back about 40 mins. Parking limited. Bring everything you need.

4 April 5pm for a 5.15pm start

Free

Bookings Essential 9489 3603