



CATHERINE HILL BAY

Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association

Heritage Walks

CHB Bowling Club

Beach Walk: See remnant infrastructure of the coal railway and discover how the coal that was mined, was shipped to Sydney and Newcastle. No wheelchair access, parking available, refreshments available.

5 April 11am

Free

Enquiries 4976 2310

Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association

Heritage Walks

Opposite CHB Hotel

Catherine Hill Bay Township Walk: Look through an old miners house, the police station and lock-up. Discover why the town looks as it does today. No wheelchair access, parking, refreshments available.

5 April 2pm

Free

Enquiries 4976 2310

DENMAN

St. Matthias Preservation Com.

Re-visit Merton Cemetery

St. Matthias Church Hall, Palace St

A display of photos and information on the work done to conserve Merton Cemetery, followed by an inspection of the cemetery itself. It's also hoped we may be able to share information and hopefully photos of the cemetery, church and people who lived at Merton. Morning tea will be served. Wheelchair access, parking, refreshments available.

4 April 10.30am

\$5

Enquiries 6547 4589

KURRI KURRI

Richmond Vale Railway Museum

Hunter Valley Steamtrain

Leggetts Dr, 4km south of Kurri Kurri

Historic site. Ride fun size steamtrains. See historic Corn Wagons. Wheelchair access.

18 & 19 April 10am - 4.30pm

\$15 Adults / \$10 Concession / \$9 Children (5 to 16 years of age) / Under 5 years of age for free

Enquiries 4937 5344

Richmond Vale Railway Museum

Richmond Vale Railway Museum

Leggetts Dr, 4km south of Kurri Kurri

Visit a historical site and marvel at John A Brown's achievements, in creating a showpiece for his mining and railway empire, through personal experiences and visual displays. Visit www.richmondvalerailwaymuseum.org for more information. Wheelchair access & canteen.

5 & 13 April 10am - 4.30pm

\$12 Adults / \$8 Concession / \$6 Children (5 to 16 years of age) / Under 5 years of age free entry

Enquiries 4937 5344

LAMBTON

Friends of the Regal

Friends of the Regal Film Screening

Newcastle Theatre Company, 90 De Vitre St

Friends of the Regal Film Screening - 'The Overlanders'. This classic 1946 film seems to have been an inspiration for the recent Baz Luhrman film 'Australia'. 'The Overlanders' is a factual account (with fictional twists) about a hazardous 2000 mile cattle drive across northern Australia beginning in 1942 and lasting 15 months.

Date TBC 7.30pm

Donation

Bookings Essential: Marion Bannister 4967 4273

Newcastle Family History Society Inc

Newcastle Family History Society's Open Day

Mechanic's Institute Building, 68 Elder St

Newcastle Family History Society will open its doors to all who are interested in tracing their ancestors and how they came to this special place, under the Southern Cross. Orientation tours of the Society's library will be conducted and the main resources explained or demonstrated throughout the day. The Society's publications and current projects will also be featured. Wheelchair access limited. On street parking.

4 April 9am - 4pm

Free

Enquiries 4957 8296



MAITLAND

Friends of Grossman House

Pits and Pubs

Coalfields, departing Maitland Courthouse

Join historian, Ed Tonks, for the popular 'Pits and Pubs' tour of the coalfields. Morning tea and pub lunch included. Walking shoes and hats advisable.

5 April 9am - 4pm

\$45 / \$40 National Trust Members

Bookings Essential 4933 6452



Hunter Regional Committee of the National Trust

Annual forum - 'Our Place in Space'

Newcastle City Hall, King St

Annual Hunter National Trust Forum. Speakers to be announced. Wheelchair access, refreshments available.

8 April 7pm - 9pm

Free

Enquiries 0447 611 066



Friends of Grossman House

Regain

Brough House, 70 Church St

Art Exhibition - drawings by Holly McNamer, recreating her place in the streetscape of her Maitland childhood. To be opened by local Hunter Valley historian, Cynthia Hunter.

27 March to 12 April Fri, Sat, Sun 10am - 3pm

Enquiries 4934 4314



Hunter Regional Committee of the National Trust

James Fletcher Hospital History Dinner and Lecture

'Monet's at the Cottage' former Military Hospital - on the grounds of the historic James Fletcher Hospital

This event will highlight the early colonial history of the James Fletcher Hospital heritage precinct and its history as a mental health institution. It first opened in 1871 and continues today as having a leading role in the administration of mental health care in the Hunter New England regions. Although there have been many developments in mental health care over the centuries, the site has survived to be one of the earliest mental health institutions within Australia, still in continuous use. Dr Troy Duncan, from the 'School of Humanities and Social Science' at the University of Newcastle, will be our guest speaker. There will also be a visual interpretative display showing the various changes to the historic precinct. Join us for a cocktail party at this historic site. Wheelchair access & refreshments available.

4 April 5pm - 8pm

\$30 Members / \$35 Non members

Bookings Essential 0438 509 139



Maitland Visitors Centre

Hunter Valley Steamfest

Maitland Railway Precinct

Steamfest is again set to thrill people of all ages and will be celebrating its 24th anniversary. Included on the program are: steam excursions, 'tinhare' vintage diesel train excursions, market stalls, miniature loco's, children entertainment. Don't miss the kids party trains and lunch train.

18 & 19 April 9am - 5pm

Cost for train excursions

Enquiries 4931 2877

NEWCASTLE

Friends of Miss Porter's House

Special Centenary Open House & Exhibition

Miss Porter's House, 434 Kings St

Miss Porter's House has stood under the Southern Cross for 100 years. A house museum, it reflects the changing lifestyle of two generations of the Porter family. The contents of the house remain as Miss Porter left them. Walk through the house or open a cupboard door and you can almost feel Miss Porter there, approving the hand-sewn displays. Easy access to ground floor. No wheelchair or disabled access to top floor.

11 & 12 April 10am - 4pm

\$5 Concession / \$6 Adult / Free for NT members.

Enquiries 4927 0202



Lock-up Cultural Centre -

John Paynter Gallery

Interpretations: Our Place in Space -

Art Exhibition

John Paynter Gallery at The Lock up Cultural Centre, 90 Hunter St

An exhibition of local invited artists who are interpreting 'Our Place in Space - Under the Southern Cross'. There will be paintings, prints, photographs and sculptures. The artists all have an association with Newcastle and the Hunter. The exhibition will be opened by Justin Henderson, Education & Audience Development Officer, from the Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery on Friday 3 April 2009 at 7pm. Gallery



open - Wed to Thurs 10am to 4pm & Friday to Sunday 10am to 5pm.

3 to 19 April Opening - 7pm 3rd April / Wed & Thurs 10.00am - 4.00pm / Fri, Sat, Sun 10.00am - 5.00pm

Free

Bookings Essential 4925 2265

Hunter Regional Committee of the National Trust



The Newcastle Mall, Rail and Heritage Walk

Meet at Newcastle Railway Station

Accompany former Newcastle Councillor & National Trust executive member, Keith Parsons, for a walk around the Newcastle CBD with a particular focus on the heritage of the city's mall and railway heritage. Good walking shoes.

19 April 2pm - 4pm

Free

Newcastle Astronomical Society c/o

David Roberts

Astrophotography Display

Newcastle Regional Library (Local studies display area), Laman St

Newcastle Astronomical Society will have on display, a photographic exhibition of images of the night sky taken by its members. A slide presentation and video will introduce the viewer to amateur astronomy and the wonders of the cosmos.

7 March to 28 April Library opening hours

Enquiries 4951 2506

Newcastle Astronomical Society c/o

David Roberts

Celestial Navigation and Exploring the Hunter

Newcastle University Lecture Theatre GP1

George Barnes is a local educator and astronomy enthusiast, with a special interest in the history of astronomy. He will talk on celestial navigation, with a focus on the early exploration of the Hunter region using the stars. See the NAS website for a map of the venue www.ns.org.au.

15 April 7pm - 8pm

Enquiries 4951 2506

Newcastle Space Frontier Society



Space Law Lecture - N.S.F.S. April Meeting

Joy Cummings Community Centre, cnr Scott & Pacific Sts
Newcastle Space Frontier Society's monthly meeting (April). Space in Law Lecture. Given by National Space Society of Australia, Director and Lawyer, Anthony Wicht. The Newcastle Space Frontier Society is a chapter of the National Space Society of Australia. Parking and wheelchair access available. Refreshments available afterwards.

21 April 7.30pm

Free, donations, new members welcome

Bookings Essential 4963 5037

Newcastle Space Frontier Society

Yuri's Night

Silver Dolphin Family Restaurant, Panthers Cardiff, cnr Munibing & Pendlebury Rds

An international commemoration of the launch of Russian Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space. Guests will receive information about Yuri, and related items. Because it is also Easter Sunday night this year, guests will also receive an easter egg. Parking and wheelchair access available.

12 April 7pm

\$30 for an all you can eat smorgasbord

Bookings Essential 4963 5037

The Coal River Working Party and Hunter Regional Committee of the National Trust



Convicts Under the Southern Cross Heritage Walk

Meet at Obilisk Hill, Ordinance St

Accompany members of the University of Newcastle's Coal River Working Party and the Hunter Regional Committee of the National Trust for a walk from Obilisk Hill down through the historic James Fletcher Hospital Heritage Precinct, to the former main street of Newcastle, Watt Street. Along the way, early colonial beginnings of Newcastle will be discussed, including the importance of the area in the penal administration of the settlement, early convict coal mining sites and the relationship of Watt Street to the Port of Newcastle and its significance to the development of the Australian economy. Good walking shoes.

5 April 2pm - 4pm

Free

Bookings Essential 0438 509 139



The Maritime Centre

Navigation by the Stars

The Maritime Centre, 3 Honeysuckle Dr

Special display of heritage navigational equipment 4 to 19 April. Workshops on how sextants were used for navigation. Saturday afternoons at 2pm: Sat 4th / Sat 11th / Sat 18th April. Navigation by the stars workshop 7.30pm, Wed 15th April. Wheelchair access available.

4 to 19 April 10am - 4pm

\$10 Adult / \$7 Concession / \$5 Children / \$25 Family

Enquiries 4929 2588

SHORTLAND

Newcastle Astronomical Society c/o David Roberts

Telescope viewing of the night sky

Cook Park Macarthur St

Newcastle Astronomical Society will conduct a public viewing. A range of telescopes will be available to see the moon, the planets, nebulae, star clusters and more. Members will do their best to answer your questions. Bring warm clothes and insect repellent.

5 & 18 April 5.30pm

Enquiries 4951 2506

SINGLETON

Groups of the Mechanics' Institute

Our Place

74 George St

Potters; 9 & 16 April at 10.30am - 3pm.

Quilters; 7 & 14 and 9 & 16 April at 10am - 3pm and 9 & 16 April at 6.30pm - 9pm.

Textile artists; 9 & 16 April at 11am - 3pm.

Monday Art Group; 6 & 13 April at 9.30am - 1pm.

Family History Society; 4, 11, 18 April at 1pm - 4pm and 8 & 15 April at 12 - 3pm.

Enquiries 6572 2235

Singleton Public Library / Singleton Historical Society & Museum Inc.

Singelton: Our Place in Space

Singleton Public Library, 8-10 Queen St

Singleton Public Library in conjunction with Singleton Historical Society and Museum Incorporated, will be mounting an exhibition portraying the way Singleton has been viewing space over the last 100 years. Members of the community have loaned historic and current astronomy objects and equipment such as telescopes, lenses and space charts. The exhibition is available for viewing during library opening hours.

4 to 19 April

9am - 8pm (Mon to Fri) / 9am - 12pm (Sat)

Free

Enquiries 6578 7500

STROUD

Friends of St. John's Stroud Inc.

Church Tour

St John's Church

Self guided tour with updated history will be available for visitors. Personal tours will be available for groups. Parking available, easy access.

4 to 19 April 9am - 3pm

Free

Enquiries 4994 5132

TORONTO

Toronto Chamber of Commerce

Lake Macquarie Heritage Afloat

Regatta Walk Park, Victory Pde

Lake Macquarie Heritage Afloat is an event which is hosted by Toronto Chamber of Commerce. It is a community event which is free to the public and is held in conjunction with other community groups. The event showcases the history of boating on Lake Macquarie and is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness for the city. It is held over the Easter long weekend and preserves the rich tradition of boating on Lake Macquarie. It features a display of over 100 heritage boats with the opportunity to visit and sail on many of these craft. There are nautical demonstrations, children's activities, live entertainment and over 100 classic and vintage cars.

11 & 12 April 9am - 5pm

Free

Enquiries 4950 5216