



ALSTONVILLE

Arts Northern Rivers

Rivers, Rail & Roads - Navigating the Northern Rivers
Arts Northern Rivers, 1 - 5 Bruxner Hwy

While individual museums in the Northern Rivers Region will have displays that relate directly to the 2009 Astronomy theme, all museums on this trail will have heritage displays that relate to 'Our Place in the Northern Rivers'. Please find the links to each participating museum at www.artsnorthernrivers.com.au, Museum Regional Exhibition Trail, from March 2009.

See website for details
Museum fee

ARAKOON

Dept of Environment and Climate Change, Parks and Wildlife

Trial Bay - a Harbour of Refuge

Arakoon State Conservation Area, Caldwell St (entrance gate)

Before satellite navigation, sailors relied on the sun and the stars to find their way. Find out about the perils of shipping and the checkered history of the 'Harbour of Refuge'. With weather permitting, see a view of the Southern Cross from the gaol watchtower overlooking beautiful Trial Bay, whilst on a guided tour of the historic gaol. The wearing of covered shoes is essential.

7 April 4.30pm - 6.30pm

\$12 Adults / \$6 Children / \$30 Family (2A 2C)

Bookings Essential 6566 6168

Smoky Cape Lighthouse Accommodation

Smoky Cape Lighthouse Tour

Smoky Cape Lighthouse, Hat Head National Park, Lighthouse Rd

Enjoy this guided tour and discover the heritage and mystery of this working lighthouse and the adjoining keepers cottages. This heritage listed lighthouse, built in 1891, is the most elevated lighthouse in New South Wales and is managed by The Department of Conservation and Environment. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority operates the light as a navigational aid. The cottages now operate as a B&B and cottage accommodation. Tour includes a light lunch of sandwiches, tea, coffee and cake. It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes and a hat.

15 April 11.30am - 12.30pm

Free

Bookings Essential 6566 6301

AVOCA

Wentworth Branch of the National Trust

Starry Starry Night

Avoca Station via Wentworth

Starry Starry Night. A star gazing and star story telling night of the aboriginal legends about stars. This will be held at Avoca Station, 26km north of Wentworth on the Darling River on the 18th April at 7pm. Bring a plate and share a meal. Bring your telescope, field glasses, torches and chains.

18 April 7pm

\$10

Bookings Essential 03 5027 0240



AVOCA BEACH

National Parks & Wildlife Service Discovery

Avoca Heritage Walk

Avoca Beach, Central Coast

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

6 April 9.30am - 1pm

\$7 per person

Bookings Essential 4320 4205 by 12noon 3 April

DUNBOGAN

Camden Haven Community College Inc.

Camden Head Pilots Station - seminar, talk, tour
Camden Head Pilot Station, Camden Head Rd

Historian and heritage consultant, Elaine van Kempen, will give an exciting and informative talk on the Camden Haven Pilot Station. The talk will include a short history of the Pilot Station c1890 to present day. Of particular interest, will be the sympathetic refurbishment of the heritage listed buildings and their subsequent adaptive re-use. This will be followed by a tour of the cottage and surrounds.

6 April 10am - 11.30am

\$20 (proceeds going towards maintenance of former Pilot Station)

Bookings Essential 6559 6699 (between normal business hours)



GRAFTON

Clarence River Historical Society Inc.

Space exhibition

190 Fitzroy St

An exhibition of telescopes, photographs and maps of the night sky. Wheelchair access.

14, 15, 16, 19 April 9am - 4pm

\$3 Adults / \$1 Children

Enquiries 6642 5212

GRAFTON SOUTH

Walkers Marina Hotel

Floods and Ferries

90 Through St

Our Hotel is listed on the North Coast Regional Environmental Plan and is celebrating its centenary. Built in 1909 by architects Eaton and Bates, for Mrs Walker with grand cedar bifurcated staircase, marble door sills. Recently restored pressed metal ceilings and a fine dining room, in its day, it was one of the most prestigious hotels on the NSW North Coast - www.walkersmarinahotel.com.au. Great parking, refreshments available.

12 to 19 September 9am - 5pm daily

Gold coin donation

Enquiries 6642 1898

KEMPSEY

Macleay River Historical Society

A Day at South West Rocks

Meet at Caltex Service Station, Belgrave St

Enjoy this bus tour to South West Rocks and the accompanying walk, emphasising the link between 'The Rocks' and the Macleay River and the problems associated between modern development and heritage. A special tour of Trial Bay Goal will also be included. Includes morning tea, lunch at own expense.

17 April 9.30am - 5.30pm

\$25

Bookings Essential 6562 7572

Rotary Club of Kempsey West

Akubra Factory Tour - The making of an Icon

Akubra Factory, South St

Listen to the wonderful history behind this hat-making factory, from the development of a mechanical method of removing the hair tip from rabbit fur, through to the trade name 'Akubra' and its connection to Stetson of America. Marvel at how Akubra has remained at the forefront of the industry while taking great pride in maintaining the traditions of quality and style, established so long ago in this suburban Australian product. Includes morning tea. It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes.

16 April 10am - 11am

\$15 Adults / School students free entrance

Bookings Essential 6562 2295

KEMPSEY SOUTH

Macleay River Historical Society

The Angus McNeil Collection

Macleay River Historical Society, Pacific Hwy

Angus McNeil was a photographer who captured life in Kempsey during the early 1900s. View a wonderful display of his photographs that show how times have changed over the years. A publication on Angus McNeil will be also launched at a special afternoon tea on Saturday 18 April.

4 to 19 April

Free

Enquiries 6562 7572

KEMPSEY WEST

Macleay River Historical Society

Heritage Undergoing Change

All Saints Anglican Church, Kemp St (opposite railway station)

See first hand the preservation of two historic Kempsey buildings - the All Saints Anglican Church and the Showground Pavilion and surrounds. Those involved in carrying out the conservation works will provide an insight into the projects and discuss problems encountered during the works.

9 April 10am - 12pm

\$6

Bookings Essential 6562 7572 / 6562 8837



KENDALL

Kendall Heritage Society

Henry Kendall's 170th Birthday Celebration

Community Hall, Corner Albert & Comboyne Sts

Come to picturesque Kendall and help the Kendall Heritage Society celebrate the poet Henry Kendall's, 170th birthday. The Camden Haven Choral Society will open proceedings with the poetry of Henry Kendall, as well as other poetry set to music. Wheelchair access, includes lunch.

18 April 12pm

\$15 per person

Bookings Essential 6559 4083 (by 12 April 2009)

KUNDABUNG

Dept of Environment and Climate Change, Parks and Wildlife Division, Mid North Coast Region

Convict Lime Kiln Tour

Kumbatine National Park, off Pacific Hwy, meet at intersection of Smith's Creek and Pacific Hwy, 12km south of Kempsey at Kundabung

This little known site, nestled in dense bushland in Kumbatine National Park, contains the remains of some of the earliest convict built lime kilns still existing in Australia. Bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and cake provided. You must wear sturdy walking shoes or boots, trousers and long sleeve tops as protection from the undergrowth and a hat. A water bottle and insect repellent are recommended. Walking distance approximately 2km.

7 April 10am - 4pm

\$11 Adults / \$5.50 Children under 16 years of age / \$27.50 Families (2A 2C)

Bookings Essential 6581 8000

LISMORE

Richmond River Historical Society Inc

Reaping the Rainforest

Lismore Regional Museum, 165 Molesworth St

The rainforests of north eastern NSW have been used as a resource for 60,000 years. The Bundjalung Nation gathered food and made shelters. Cedar cutters gathered the rich timbers. Dairy farmers cleared the forest and established farms and sawmills fed the demand for timber. The rivers flowing through the rainforest were a vital artery and resource. People seeking alternative styles are the latest dwellers in the rainforest under the Southern Cross.

6 to 17 April 10am - 4pm (Mon - Fri)

\$2

Bookings Essential only for large groups 6621 9993

MANILLA

Manilla Historic Society

Heritage Festival

Manilla Heritage Museum & Pioneer Park

Museum open with historical displays and working demonstrations. Vintage tractor and machinery display and an astronomy display. Wheelchair access, parking, refreshments and BBQ.

18 April 9am - 4pm

Free

Enquiries 6785 1207 (Thurs / Fri) or 6785 2929

PORT MACQUARIE

Department of Environment & Climate Change, Parks & Wildlife Division, Mid North Coast Region

Ruins by Starlight

Lake Innes Nature Reserve, Historic Innes Ruins, Ruins Way (off Oxley Hwy)

An event for all the family to enjoy, involving a variety of night activities and a relaxing cup of billy tea. View the night sky through telescopes, whilst volunteers from the Port Macquarie Astronomical Association talk about the constellations and all things astronomical. Go spotlighting with a national park ranger and learn about the night creatures that inhabit the surrounding bush. Step back in time through the convict built ruins and meet the people who once lived in the Innes Mansion during its glory years. Wheelchair accessible. It is suggested that you wear a hat and sturdy walking shoes or joggers and bring insect repellent and a torch.

4 April 7pm - 9.30pm

\$13.20 Adults / \$5 Children over 6 years of age

Bookings Essential 6581 8000



**Dept of Environment and Climate Change,
Parks and Wildlife Division,
Mid North Coast Region**

A Scottish house under Southern Skies

Meet at gate at south end of Ruins Way (request a map when booking), Lake Innes Nature Reserve, The Ruins Way

During the 1830s and 1840s, Major Archibald Clunes Innes developed a wide range of agricultural enterprises throughout the Port Macquarie - Hastings and New England areas. He was, for a brief time, one of the colony's richest men. His house was constructed in several stages and grew to assume the proportions of a grand country mansion. Enjoy this National Parks and Wildlife Service guided tour of the ruins, one of the oldest surviving brick structures in northern NSW, and the fascinating story of its former inhabitants. Includes afternoon tea, wheelchair accessible with assistance. It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes or joggers and a hat and bring a water bottle.

11 April 2pm - 4.30pm

\$13.20 Adults / \$5.50 Children / \$33 Family (2A 3A) / \$11 per person for groups of 10 or more

Bookings Essential: Port Macquarie Information Centre 6581 8000

**Dept of Environment and Climate Change,
Parks and Wildlife Division,**

Mid North Coast Region

Roto House by moonlight

Historic Roto House, Macquarie Nature Reserve, Roto Pl, off Lord St

Take a stroll under the full moon through the Macquarie Nature Reserve and learn about the scientific and spiritual impact of the moon and how it has influenced different cultures over thousands of years. Then, step back in time and enjoy a guided tour of this historic building and view an exhibition of Lunar Photography. Finish the evening with a relaxing supper in the moonlit garden whilst listening to some old bush poetry inspired by our night sky. Wheelchair accessible with assistance. It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes or joggers and bring insect repellent.

10 April 7.30pm - 9pm

\$10 Adults / \$5 Children over 6 years of age

Bookings Essential: Port Macquarie Information Centre 6581 8000

Douglas Vale Conservation Group Inc

Heritage in the Vines

Douglas Vale Homestead and Vineyard, Oxley Hwy
Come and join us for a wonderful day at this beautiful heritage listed homestead and vineyard. Enjoy heritage displays and demonstrations, market stalls, wine tasting and more. Wheelchair accessible with assistance.

18 April 9.30pm - 2pm

Gold coin donation

Enquiries 6584 3792

Friends of Port Macquarie

Historic Courthouse

The trial of Goldy Locks

Historic former Courthouse, cnr Clarence & Hays Sts
Try taking a very good looking, but tarty film star, a fiery & cranky Mrs Bear, a hen-pecked Mr Bear, a not-so-intelligent police officer and you get quite an interesting string of events. The trial runs along the lines of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' but there are no bears, just bumbling actors, with Mrs Bear really outdoing herself against the Hapless Goldy. A good yarn.

4, 11, 13, 18 April 2pm - 3pm

\$4 Adults / \$1 Children 5-12 years of age. Tickets must be picked up by 1.45pm.

Bookings Essential 6584 1818

Mid North Coast Maritime Museum

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

Mid north coast Maritime Museum, 2-6 William St

Be there when the 48th regiment of Foot and their cannon welcome in the Festival. Listen to our guest speakers linking the history of the Mid North Coast into our modern day lives. Join the free tours of Flagstaff Hill and the story telling of our very knowledgeable guides. Enjoy the music, entertainment and possibly treats from days gone by. The official opening of the Festival will take place at 10.30am. Wheelchair access, parking available, refreshments & toilet facilities available.

4 April 10.30am - 2pm

\$4 Adults / \$3 Seniors / \$10 Families / Children under 6 years of age free

Enquiries 6583 1866 (between normal business hours)



Port Macquarie & District Family History Society

Mapping your way around family history - From the stars to the horizon

Port Macquarie Library, cnr Gordon & Grant Sts

Maps are generally a valuable resource and can be extremely helpful when tracing your family history. Carl Bennett will help you discover how to use map resources, both locally and via the internet, to assist with your research projects. You will also learn how maps have changed over time, from their origins and dependence upon astronomy to today's high tech mapping products. Wheelchair accessible. Includes morning tea and a light lunch.

8 April 10am - 12pm (learning about the use of maps in Family History) / 1pm - 3pm (Maps and the Internet)

\$10

Bookings Essential 6583 3360

Port Macquarie Astronomical Association Inc.

The Universe - Yours to discover

Astronomical Observatory, (Rotary Park overlooking Town Beach), Stewart St

The first astronomical sightings in Port Macquarie were of the Great Comet of 1843, recorded by Annabella Boswell, at Innes House. The name Transit Hill, recalls the 1882 observation site William MacDonnell used to view the Transit of Venus. Come and enjoy a wonderful presentation and telescope viewing of space, at our Observatory which was opened in 1965 by Government Astronomer, Dr Harley Wood.

12, 15, 19 April 1pm - 5pm

Gold coin donation

Enquiries 6585 5254

Port Macquarie Historical Society

A Night at the Museum

Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22 Clarence St

Visit the historical museum by night with its 14 rooms of history and heritage displays and meet up with some interesting and colourful characters from Port Macquarie's past. One night only. Wheelchair accessible in most parts of the museum.

7 April 6pm - 8.30pm

\$5 Adults / \$3.50 Concession / \$2 Children

Enquiries 6583 1108

Port Macquarie Historical Society

Stories behind the Graves

Historic Cemetery, intersection Gordon & Horton Sts
A guided walking tour of Port Macquarie's Second Burying Ground. Hear the stories of some of Port Macquarie's famous residents who are buried here, including convicts, soldiers and free settlers. It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen for the 10am tour and bring a torch for the 6pm tour.

17 April 10am - 11.30pm & 6pm - 7.30pm

Bookings Essential 6583 1108 or pmmuseum@midcoast.com.au

Port Macquarie Historical Society

Yesterday's History Walk by Night

Departs Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22 Clarence St

A guided night walking tour around Port Macquarie's historic sites in and around the CBD area. Please wear sturdy walking shoes and bring a torch.

14 April 6pm - 7.30pm

\$5 Adults

Bookings Essential 6583 1108 or pmmuseum@midcoast.com.au

Port Macquarie Landcare Group

The Sky's the Limit - Lilypond Reserve

The Lilypond, cnr Koala St & Mimosa Dr

The Lilypond had fallen to the ravages of nature's weeds and nasties. The sky was the limit as climbing vines, weeds, shrubs and trees had engulfed this area. Fortunately, the Port Macquarie Landcare Group saw the potential of regeneration and restoration and the Lilypond Reserve, now has towering native trees reaching the skies. See, hear and feel the wonders of nature and its creatures as you enjoy this guided tour. Wheelchair accessible. It is suggested that you wear a hat and sturdy walking shoes or joggers and bring a water bottle and camera.

8 & 15 April 9am - 10am

Gold coin donation

Bookings Essential 6582 3500



Port Macquarie Landcare Group

Where the sea meets the sky - Blair Reserve & Lighthouse Beach

Matthew Flinders Dr, Lighthouse Beach, (observation deck opposite Watonga St)

The Lighthouse Beach and Blair Reserve restoration sites, incorporate the result of intense voluntary labour input and know how. Previously, sites of mass weed infestation and land erosion, both man made and natural, the sites have become home of nature's creatures. The dune restoration work at Lighthouse Beach has ensured the future of the shoreline providing a natural barrier and beauty in this location, while Blair Reserve is now an invigorating natural koala corridor and home to many birds and other creatures. It is suggested that you wear a hat and sturdy walking shoes or joggers and bring a water bottle and a camera.

7 & 14 April 9am - 11am

Gold coin donation

Bookings Essential 6582 5055 / 6582 1009

Port Macquarie Uniting Church

Heritage Concert

Wesleyan Chapel, Horton St

Enjoy this concert, in this historic Chapel c1845, presented by a variety of local artists with talent in vocal, choral, instrumental and speech. Wheelchair accessible with assistance.

15 April 2pm - 3.30pm

Gold coin donation

Bookings Essential 6582 0731

Port Macquarie - Hastings Council

Birpai - The Thomas Dick Walakabout

Meet at bus bay at Town Green, Horton St

Between 1910 and 1920 Thomas Dick captured photographic images of local Aborigines re-enacting pre-colonial life in and around the Port Macquarie - Hastings area. This tour, led by Birpai elders, will trace the footsteps of Thomas Dick and the Birpai families to some of the more accessible sites before culminating at the sacred Dooragan (north Brother Mountain). Apart from gaining a glimpse into the lives of Thomas Dick and the Birpai families, participants will gain knowledge of traditional middens, quarries and ochre sites, as well as other facets of Goori heritage. It is suggested that you wear a hat, walking shoes or joggers and bring a water bottle.

15 April 10am - 3pm

\$25 (includes a light lunch of sandwiches, tea / coffee and cake)

Bookings Essential 6581 8109 (before 9 April)

St Thomas' Parish

St Thomas' Church - The church in celestial space
Hay St

Enjoy this concert – 'Music of the Elements' by the wonderful St Columba's Lintombi Zicula Choir in the grounds of this convict built church, the fifth oldest Anglican Church still in use in Australia. The concert will be followed with a performance from the St Columba's concert band ensemble. Then come into the Church and listen to the history of this remarkable building, the early worshippers and the lives of those assigned to its construction. The Church retains original family pew boxes, built with high sides and raised to protect free families from the gaze of convict worshippers. Wheelchair accessible with assistance. Devonshire teas available between 9.30am to 3.30pm in the colonial meeting rooms (\$3 per person). Sausage sizzle available between 11am to 1.30pm in the grounds of the church (\$3per person).

8 April 9.45am - 11am (concert) / 11am - 4pm (inspections of church)

Gold coin donation

Enquiries 6584 1033

St Thomas' Parish

1662 Book of Common Prayer Service

Grounds of St Thomas Church, Hay St

This Holy Communion service is taken from the 1662 book of common prayer - celebration of the Lord's Supper according to the ancient rite.

8 April 11am

Free

Enquiries 6584 1033

St Thomas' Parish

Convict Cellar Tour

St Thomas Church, Administration Centre, Hay St

View two good size rooms, beneath what was, until 1847, the Colonial Surgeon's residence. Formerly the servants quarters, these rooms are complete with fireplaces and a bakers oven. The Well, associated with the residence, still remains in the garden.

8 April 1pm - 4pm

Gold coin donation

Enquiries 6584 1033



St Thomas' Parish

Beautiful Things - Past & Present

St Thomas Church, Missionary Rooms, Hay St

View an interesting display of gowns, napery and paintings, just to name a few, from the past to the present.

8 April 9.30am - 3.30pm

Gold coin donation

Enquiries 6584 1033

The Friends of Kooloonbung Creek

Nature Park

Up the creek and into the bush

Kooloonbung Creek Nature Park, depart picnic area, Gordon St

Kooloonbung Creek Nature park has lovely walks along earth tracks through eucalypts, banksias and rainforest trees and along boardwalks through paperbarks, swamp oaks and sedges. As well, there are areas of historical significance - did you know that?

6 & 16 April 9.30am - 12pm

\$5 Adults

Bookings Essential 6582 1018

SAWTELL

Coffs Harbour City Council

Inaugural Sawtell Heritage Walk

Meet at the car park at Bonville Headland - eastern end of Boronia St

The launch of the Sawtell Heritage Walk will be a fun and informative event. Participants shall be treated to a guided tour around some of the streets of Sawtell, while viewing historic sites along the way. Participants are also invited to enjoy light refreshments at the Sawtell RSL Club afterwards. Guest speakers will join the walk along the way, providing further opportunities to share their knowledge and answer questions on the history of Sawtell. The distance of the walk is around 4.5km so bring a hat and sunscreen and wear your best walking shoes.

5 April 10.30am

Free, participants are invited to purchase light refreshments at the Sawtell RSL afterwards

Bookings Essential 6648 4657

SOUTH WEST ROCKS

Smoky Cape Lighthouse Accommodation

Lighthouse tour

Smokey Cape Lighthouse

A very informative guided tour through our working Lighthouse. Experience gobsmackingly beautiful views and take a walk back through time. Hear about how the past keepers lived and worked at this beautiful locality. A half hour tour with complimentary tea / coffee and sandwiches will be provided free.

15 April

Booking Essential on 6566 6301

TELEGRAPH POINT

Telegraph Point Community Association -

Heritage Sub Committee

Timelines: Snapshot from Telegraph Point and Wilson River Life

School of Arts Community Hall, 7 Cooperabung Dr
Watching the skies, because of the speed that light travels, you are looking at what happened light years ago - today. Capturing moments with the photographer's lens is a metaphor when a moment in time becomes instant history. Come and view photographs of Telegraph Point and life in the Wilson River Valley area as it is now, but soon to become the memories of yesterday. Wheelchair accessible, refreshments and sandwiches available for purchase.

18 & 19 April 10am - 3pm

Gold coin donation

Enquiries 6585 0256

TENTERFIELD

Tenterfield Oracles of the Bush Inc.

Oracles of the Bush

Memorial Hall

3 day's of celebrations on Australian Bush Culture, through poetry, song, dance, art, displays and exhibitions. Centrally located. All facilities.

2 to 6 April Various times

Program Available

Bookings Essential 6736 2900



WAUCHOPE

Timbertown

Ghostly trails - The Red hot murder of 1830

Timbertown, Oxley Hwy

Come and experience a trail of suspense by eerie lantern light through the historical village of Timbertown. Journey back to the 1800s and the beginnings of european settlement in this region. Huddle close, as our ghostly guides will re-enact historical blood curdling stories of times gone past. A walking lantern journey into the darkness of Timbertown Village, with our resident ghoul. Let the ghostly guide lead you to the blacksmith's workshop and the historical church for a spine-tingling tale of murder and suspense. This is a thrilling evening of spooky family entertainment where anything cold could happen... and usually does. Wheelchair accessible with assistance.

8, 15, 17 April 7.30pm - 9pm

\$15 Adults / \$10 Children

Bookings Essential 6586 1940 (between normal business hours)

Dept of Environment and Climate Change Parks, Wildlife Division, Mid North Coast Region

Bago Bluff Tour

Bago Vineyards - Milligans Rd, off Bago Rd

Come and experience the majestic views from the summit of Bago Bluff. Stroll to a rocky lookout, hear local stories and learn about timber getting last century. Max 20. Parking available at Vineyards. Self transport to Bago Vineyard. Once there transport is tagalong and share, with limited places in National Parks and Wildlife Service vehicle. Bring a packed lunch and water bottle. Tea, coffee and cake provided.

9 April 10am - 2pm

\$11 Adults / \$5.50 Children under 16 / \$27.50

Family (2A 2C)

Bookings Essential: Port Macquarie Visitor

Information Centre 6581 8000

Wauchope Historical Society

Our Place in Space - Communicating in Space

Wauchope Historical Society, next to Timbertown, Oxley Hwy

Communicating through space using morse code, telephones and tele-printers played an important part in our history. As part of this display of early communication, you will have the opportunity to use pen and ink on telegram forms, the type used in the 1880s by the Colonial and Inter-Colonial Electric Telegraph company. Take this opportunity to practice morse code and use a 1919 switchboard, telephone and tele-printer. Wheelchair accessible.

4 to 19 April 9.30am - 3.30pm

Gold coin donation

Enquiries 6585 2692