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National Trust launches 2010 Heritage Festival - The Making of Our Nation

In the bicentennial year of Lachlan Macquarie's governorship, The National Trust of Australia (NSW) has launched its 30th annual 2010 Heritage Festival – *The Making of Our Nation*, to celebrate the built, cultural and environmental heritage of our state.

As the host, the National Trust brings together community groups, schools, the business community and local government to create a unique program of events. In what will be the thirtieth year of the National Trust Heritage Festival, 2010 will once again see a fantastic variety of over 400 community-hosted events held across metropolitan and regional NSW.

Some of the many activities planned for the Heritage Festival include:

Monday 12 April – National Trust Heritage Awards

The EnergyAustralia National Trust Heritage Awards offer a unique opportunity to showcase individuals, organisations, government departments and community groups who have completed a project that promotes the conservation of Australia's environmental, built or cultural heritage. The Awards ceremony will be held in the Grand Ballroom, the Westin Hotel.

Sunday 18 April - The Macquarie 2010 Car Run

The National Trust and NRMA Motoring & Services have joined forces to celebrate Governor Macquarie's bicentenary in a unique and exciting way. Vintage cars will travel from Old Government House, along the roads that Macquarie built, until they reach Riversdale, Goulburn where they will be on display at a Vintage Fair for all the family.

Sunday 18 April – National Trust Day

Celebrate Australia's heritage on National Trust Day by visiting an historic property, in exchange for a gold coin donation. A fun day out for the whole family, there'll be kids activities, food and a chance to discover the history of our state.

Saturday 27 March – Friday 23 May - Salon des Refusés at S.H. Ervin Gallery

The Salon Des Refusés is an annual exhibition presented by the National Trust S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney. Each year our guest panel go behind the scenes of the annual Archibald Prize and Wynne Prize at the Art Gallery of NSW to select an exhibition from the many works entered in both prizes, not chosen for the official award exhibition. Now in its 19th year, S.H. Ervin Gallery's "best of the rest" often rivals the official prize show and stimulates popular debate on differing approaches in contemporary art. The criteria for works selected for the Salon exhibition are quality, diversity, humour and innovation.

Friday 9, Saturday 17 and 24 April – Balmain Workers Help Make Our Nation, Balmain Association

An exhibition of Balmain workers, past and present, who have helped make our nation.

Saturday 10 April – Lindesay Garden Party, Darling Point

Performances of period music and the opportunity to test your croquet skills and high tea in the beautiful gardens on Lindsay.

The full program of events will be launched on the National Trust website in late January. See www.nationaltrust.com.au for more information.

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