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Festival of Children's Literature

2008 is the 90th anniversary of Norman Lindsay's children's classic 'The Magic Pudding' which was first published in 1918. It is exciting that 90 years later, the Norman Lindsay Gallery is continuing to bring together authors and illustrators with lovers of children's books.

The 8th annual Norman Lindsay Festival of Children's Literature will take place on the 12th & 13th April 2008 throughout the grounds of the Norman Lindsay Gallery, in Faulconbridge. The festival includes entertainment, book signings, talks and workshops by well known authors and illustrators including Gabrielle Lord, Simon French, Donna Rawlins, and more.

Dymocks Booksellers has signed on again as sponsor and will also sponsor a children's writing competition for kids aged 8-12, with the winners to be announced at the festival. Brochures and short story entry forms are available from the gallery on 02 4751 1067; or can be downloaded at

www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au or www.dymocks.com.au



The Magic Pudding by Norman Lindsay

Open Day at Blackwood Sanctuary

The National Trust of NSW is hosting an open day for the public to visit the Blue Gum High Forest at the Ludovic Blackwood Memorial Sanctuary located near the corner of Becroft & Pennant Hills Roads. Normally locked away, this day will be a great opportunity to 'have a look' with a guided walk at 10am on Sunday 13th April 2008.

Blue Gums are now rare in the region and require protection. The sanctuary provides green space in a built up area, habitat for wildlife and local flora and educational opportunities. Booking is essential as numbers are restricted. For more information contact the National Trust's Bushland Management Division at (02) 9258 0132.

Observing Living History Exhibition Opens

On 1 April 2008, *Observing Living History* opened in the Annie Wyatt Room at the National Trust Centre



Mr. Jack Munday AO

on Observatory Hill. The guest speakers for the evening were Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore MP and former Builders Labourers' Federation Secretary Jack Munday AO. Both speakers talked of the importance of saving the disappearing heritage of NSW and the important role the National Trust plays in protecting and preserving that heritage. Trust President Zeny Edwards was the host for the evening and made special mention of the National Trust staff who worked tirelessly to make the display a success.

The exhibition is open from April 2 to June 2, Monday to Friday, 10am - 5pm with free admission. The display is part of the National Trust's Heritage Festival that will run from April 5-20 with a variety of events at Trust properties. For more information contact the National Trust Centre at (02) 9258 0123 or email info@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au.

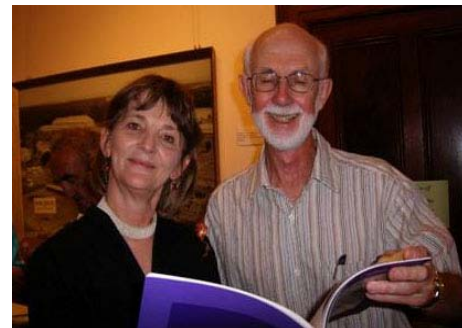


National Trust President Dr. Zeny Edwards and Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore MP

Grossman House Guide Book Launch

The Guide Book to Grossman House, by Senior Curator Patricia R. McDonald, was enthusiastically launched on Friday 7 March by Dr Janis Wilton OAM. Dr Wilton is an Associate Professor of Australian History at the University of New England in Armidale. She praised the quality of the book as a record of local history, especially the life of a successful merchant in Maitland in the 1870's and of Maitland Girls High School.

Dr Wilton recounted her own response to the book in relation to previous and subsequent visits to Grossman house and said the book, through its beautiful photography as well as the text, not only served as a memento of a visit to Grossman House, but as a stimulus to return again and again to see all the items missed on previous visits. The audience included the Mayor, local historians, other heritage group representatives and of course the many supporters of Grossman and Brough Houses.



Dr Janis Wilton OAM and Ian Searston, Chairman of Friends of Grossman House



Calendar of Events

Wirrimbirra Sanctuary Wildnight Walkabout
Saturday 19 April at 7pm come and experience the magic of Wirrimbirra at night. Begin with a delicious light meal in the cafe, and then join a spotlight tour of the Sanctuary searching for those elusive nocturnal creatures that call Wirrimbirra home. Cost: \$15 pp, \$5 children under 13. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL, Phone: 4684 1112 or email enquiries@wirrimbirra.com.au

Miss Traill's House Volunteer Open Day
Sunday 13 April 2008, 2.00pm. An afternoon for anyone interested in obtaining further information about becoming a volunteer at Miss Traill's House and Garden. The afternoon will cover the role of the National Trust of Australia (NSW), what is involved in becoming a guide or a volunteer at Miss Traill's House. Following this event is the National Trust Day afternoon tea for Trust Members. Enquiries: 02 6332 4232



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