

THE AUSTRALIANA SOCIETY



NSW Tour 2020, 14 - 19 March 2020

26 November 2019

Dear Members,

We are now open for bookings for the NSW Tour 2020, scheduled for 14th to 19th March 2020.

At this stage, we are releasing a high level itinerary for your reference and will provide a detailed itinerary subject to privacy requirements of private collectors/homes we are visiting, in early January.

We appreciate that interstate members may wish to book their tour places early in order to secure attractive pricing for airfares and Sydney hotels. We encourage members to send in their booking form early as this tour is limited to 40 persons due to the capacity of the private tour coach.

Interstate members will need to make their own flight bookings and hotel accommodation for the Sydney sectors of the tour.

For the Canberra sector, all tour members will need to book accommodation for the two nights in Canberra. We have acquired a group discounted rate at the Brassey Hotel in Canberra and this is the preferred hotel for the tour. You can choose to stay at another hotel or with friends but the Brassey Hotel will be our single point of drop-off and pick-up for the Canberra leg so you will need to make your own way from/to the Brassey Hotel if you choose not to stay at the Brassey.

Your booking for the tour will require a \$500 deposit per person and full payment will be required one month prior to the start of the tour. As this tour is only for members, ensure that you are a financial member at the start of the tour.

Please fill in the attached booking form with deposit payment details and send an electronic copy (scanned pdf/jpeg or photo jpeg) to nswtour@australiana.org.au. Your booking and deposit payment will be confirmed by email.

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TOUR PROGRAM (Subject to amendment)

Full program details of the tour will be emailed to booked participants in early January. For security and privacy reasons, details of private properties cannot be generally released.

Daily start and end times subject to change.

Saturday 14 March, Sydney

- 4pm Welcome drinks and canapés. Venue at a central Sydney location to be advised. Tour members will need to make their own way to the venue.

Day 2 Sunday 15 March, Greater Sydney region, by coach

- 8am start: Board our coach at Central Station, Haymarket.
- 9.15am: Visit a magnificent Queen Anne style house built in 1890 on a land granted in 1804. The house is privately owned and has remained in the same family for eight generations starting with the original owner.
- 11am: We board our coach for the next venue, a tour of one of the oldest inhabited residence in Australia. The colonial weatherboard bungalow was built in 1810 to 1811 and retains its rural setting with remnants of its original garden.
- Picnic lunch on-site included.
- 1pm: We board the coach and travel to a viewing of a private collection of early colonial furniture and Australiana.
- 6pm: Arrive at Central Station, Haymarket.
- Dinner by own arrangement.

Day 3 Monday 16 March, Camden, Goulburn and Canberra, by coach

- 8.30am start: Board our coach at Central Station, Haymarket.
- A visit to Camden Park House & Estate. The house was designed by John Verge for the wool pioneers and agricultural entrepreneurs, John and Elizabeth Macarthur and completed in 1835. Camden Park is recognised for its fine architecture, its connection to the Macarthur family. Seven generations of John Macarthur's descendants have resided at Camden Park. Camden Park ranks amongst the most important historic houses in Australia. At Camden Park, a guided tour of the house and a guided tour of the garden is included.
- Morning tea and a box lunch on-site, included with our visit to Camden Park.
- 1pm: Depart Camden Park and head to Goulburn.
- A visit to Garroorigang Historic Home. Built in 1857, Garroorigang is the private family home of the Hume family, collateral descendants of explorer Hamilton Hume. It started life as an Inn on the road to the gold fields, then for twenty years as a private boarding school and a private home since 1868. Garroorigang is filled with an extraordinary and rare collection of historical items and family memorabilia.
- At Garroorigang, a guided tour of the house and afternoon tea is included.
- 4.00pm: We depart for Brassey Hotel, Canberra.
- 5.30pm: Arrive at Brassey Hotel and check-in.
- 7pm: Dinner at Buvette Bistro, Hotel Realm (next door to Brassey Hotel) included.

Day 4 Tuesday 17 March, Institutions Day in Canberra, by coach

- 9.30am: Board the coach at Brassey Hotel.
- 10am: Curator led tour of the National Gallery of Australia's new 19th century galleries.
- 12.pm: Early lunch at NGA for one group of 20 while second group of 20 embark on a curator led tour at the National Portrait Gallery.
- 12.45pm: The two groups of 20 swap activities. The second group has lunch while the first group embark on the NPG tour.
- 1.30pm: Board the coach for a tour of the National Museum of Australia's store rooms.
- 2pm: Tour of the extensive store rooms of the National Museum of Australia. The NMA has in its National Historical Collection, more than 210,000 objects of Australian history and cultural heritage.
- 4pm: Depart NMA for Brassey Hotel.
- Dinner by own arrangement.

Day 5 Wednesday 18 March, Canberra, Bungendore & Braidwood, by coach

- 8.30am: Board coach at Brassey Hotel.
- 9am: We visit the workshops of Patinations in Fyshwick for two sessions: A session to view the Riley cabinet (subject to final arrangements), hosted by Greg Peters and a session on an interesting and early colonial twin pedestal sideboard. Due to the generosity of its owner, we are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to have a private viewing and examination of the Riley cabinet.
- 10.30am: We depart for morning tea at the Wood Works Gallery complex, Bungendore. Morning tea is at your own cost.
- 11.45am: Depart for Braidwood
- 1pm: We arrive at Bedervale Historic Homestead. Bedervale Homestead was built between 1836 to 1840 by Captain John Coghill as a country cottage. The house was designed by John Verge, the designer of Camden Park and Elizabeth Bay House. Bedervale is a working, grazing property of 450 hectares.
- Lunch and a guided tour of the house is included at Bedervale.
- 3pm: We board the coach and depart for Sydney.
- 6pm: Arrive at Central Station, Haymarket.

Day 6 Thursday 19 March Private Collections Day, by coach

- 9am: Board coach at Central Station, Haymarket
- 9.30am: Visit a historic private house for a guided tour of the house and furnishings.
- 11am: Board the coach and travel to a nearby home to view a private collection of Australian pottery and sculpture, one of the most significant collections in private hands.
- 12.30am: Board the coach for our lunch destination, Woolwich Pier Hotel. Lunch is included. Drinks at your own cost.

- 2pm: Board coach for our next destination, a viewing of a private collection of early colonial furniture and Australiana. Tea and coffee will be served. The collection is housed in a Victorian villa built in 1880's, retaining much of it's interiors including cedar doors, skirting, staircase and kauri floorboards.
- 4.30pm: Depart on foot (or by private car for those needing assistance) for a 12 minute walk to our final destination. We stroll through the historic inner west of Sydney to arrive at a double fronted Victorian villa in Stanmore to view a significant collection of colonial furniture, pictures and Australiana. We end the day and tour with a BBQ at this final venue.
- You should plan on leaving the BBQ by 8pm. Transport options are by train from Stanmore station, by bus from the bus stops next to the train station or from Parramatta Road or by uber/taxi.

End of Tour

COSTS AND BOOKINGS

Price: \$1,575 per person*. Maximum of two persons per membership.

***Not included in the tour price:** Airfares, accommodation, and local travel to/from pick-up/drop-off points. Unless otherwise stated, breakfast, lunches and dinners are at own expense.

Hotels: You will need to make your own hotel bookings for 4 nights (Sat, Sun, Wed, Thu) in Sydney and 2 nights (Mon, Tue) in Canberra. Note that coach pickup and drop off points are Central Station for Sydney and the Brassey Hotel for Canberra. For Canberra, we have arranged a group discount rate at the Brassey Hotel. For Sydney, there is no hotel arranged so you will need to book at your own preferred hotel.

Bookings: To book your place on the tour, please complete the booking form available via the link in our email.

Confirmation deposit of \$500 per person is required with booking form. Final payment of \$1,075 per person due by 14th February 2020.

Places are limited and will be confirmed strictly in the order of receiving the booking forms with deposit. If paying by cheque, please send a copy of your booking form (scanned image or photo jpeg) by email to nswtour@australiana.org.au, and advise that payment by cheque has been posted.

For inquiries on the tour, please contact the following committee members:

Andrew Simpson: 0404 051 999 or Tim Cha: 0458 291 689.