



**NEW SOUTH WALES**

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## **NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NEW SOUTH WALES)**

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### **S. H. Ervin Gallery**

Watson Road, Observatory Hill, Sydney 2001  
Tel: (02) 9258 0173  
Open: Tue–Sun 11am–5pm

From its elevated position on Observatory Hill in The Rocks, the S.H. Ervin Gallery is renowned for presenting exhibitions that focus on the richness and diversity of Australian art, both historic and contemporary and present it in new contexts. In addition, the Gallery has developed a reputation for its public program of talks and special events.

### **Lindesay**

1 Carthona Avenue, Darling Point 2027

Tel: (02) 9363 2401

Open: First Thursday of the month (excluding January) 10am–1pm, guided tours on the hour.

Groups (up to 60 people) welcome by appointment.

Built in 1834, Lindesay was the first colonial house built in the Gothic Revival style. The house contains a fine collection of English and Colonial furniture and has picturesque views of the harbour across landscaped gardens. Lindesay is available for special events in the garden, house or marquee.

### **Old Government House**

Parramatta Park, Parramatta 2150

Tel: (02) 9635 8149

Open: Tue-Sun 10am-4pm, Last Tour 3:30pm , Monday available for group bookings only.

Old Government House is Australia's oldest surviving public building. It was built by Governors Hunter and Macquarie between 1799 and 1818 and is faithfully restored, furnished and decorated to the Macquarie period (1810-1821) including the unique Soft Furnishings project. Experience the lives of our early colonial governors and view the nation's most important collection of early Australian colonial furniture.

### **Experiment Farm Cottage**

9 Ruse Street, Harris Park 2150

Tel: (02) 9635 5655

Open: Wed-Sun 10.30am-3.30pm, Last Tour 3.00pm Mon - Tues available for group bookings

Experiment Farm Cottage is built on the site of Australia's first land grant. Experience the story of ex-convict James Ruse who "sow'd the forst seed" and demonstrated the fledging colony of NSW could feed itself; and of pioneer John Harris - surgeon, explorer, farmer, magistrate and merchant, who built the charming 1830's Indian bungalow which is once again filled with simple but elegant colonial furniture.

### **Vienna Cottage**

38 Alexandra Street, Hunters Hill 2110

Tel: (02) 9817 2235

Open: 2pm-4pm every second and fourth Sunday of the month.

Built in 1871, this simple sandstone cottage has survived largely unaltered. A visit provides a rare and authentic glimpse into Hunters

Hill life before the age of soaring real estate values and gentrification. The adjoining orchard is ideal for picnics.

### **Ahimsa**

Day Road, Cheltenham 2119

Tel: (02) 9258 0123

Open: Bushland Reserve & the Hut of Happy Omens open seven days a week during daylight hours

This bushland estate was created in the 1930s by Marie Byles the noted feminist and conservationist. A devout Buddhist, the property includes her meditation hut, the Hut of Happy Omen. In accordance with Miss Byles' wishes the bush reserve and the Hut of Happy Omens are open during daylight hours to all who respect the Hindu virtue of ahimsa, which is to abstain from causing hurt and harm.

### **Eryldene**

17 McIntosh Street, Gordon 2072

Tel: (02) 9498 2271

Open: One weekend per month April–September, for dates please call. Other times are by appointment.

Designed by William Hardy Wilson for Professor E.G. Waterhouse in 1913, Eryldene is one of Australia's earliest and best examples of the Colonial Revival style. Professor Waterhouse, a world authority on camellias created its famous garden. A visit to Eryldene takes you back to the gracious world of Sydney's inter-war intelligentsia.

### **The Stella James House**

32 Plateau Road, Avalon 2107

Tel: (02) 9258 0123

Open: By appointment only.

In 1933 Estelle James and Clare Stevenson, flat dwellers from the Eastern Suburbs, commissioned Walter Burley Griffin to design this small cottage as their weekend retreat. Deceptively simple, the house is a masterful expression of Griffin's design philosophy. The house is essential viewing for devotees of organic architecture.

### **Woodford Academy**

Great Western Highway, Woodford 2778

Tel: (02) 4758 8584

Open: Every third Saturday of the month, 10am–4pm, or by appointment.

Built as an inn during the 1840s, it was later used by Alfred Fairfax as a mountain retreat and then a guest house. In 1906 John McManamey opened a boys school here, the Woodford Academy. This fascinating

complex of buildings contains features reflecting every period of its long history.

### **Norman Lindsay Gallery**

14 Norman Lindsay Crescent, Faulconbridge 2776

Tel: (02) 4751 1067

Open: daily 10am-4pm

It was here that the prolific and controversial artist Norman Lindsay (1879-1969) created the etchings, oils, watercolours, pen drawings and novels for which he became famous. Over the years Lindsay transformed his estate by adding classical colonnades and a Roman courtyard to the house and embellishing the grounds with fountains, and sculptures of nymphs and satyrs ingeniously wrought in cement. The house, painting studio, etching studio and 42 acre grounds are all open to view.

### **Everglades Gardens**

37 Everglades Avenue, Leura 2780

Tel: (02) 4784 1938

Open: daily Spring & Summer 10am-5pm, Autumn & Winter 10am-4pm

Created by Henri Van de Velde and Paul Sorenson in the 1930s Everglades is Australia's most spectacular inter-war period garden. Drawing from the great tradition of European gardening as well as the Australian bush, Everglades will charm you with its grace and beauty. With its winding paths, sculptures, modern style house and spectacular views of the Jamison Valley it is a delight in every season.

### **Tomago**

Tomago Road, Tomago 2322

Tel: (02) 4964 8123

Open: Sundays 11am-3pm

Built by Richard and Maria Windeyer in the 1840s this gracious sandstone villa was the centrepiece of a large estate. With its family chapel and remnants of the nineteenth century pleasure gardens the house is closely identified with three generations of one of Australia's most distinguished families.

### **Grossmann House**

Church Street, Maitland 2320

Tel: (02) 4933 6452

Open: Sunday only 10am-3pm or by appointment.

This substantial townhouse was built in 1870 by the successful merchant Isaac Beckett. Located in one of NSW's finest mid-Victorian

streetscapes the house stands as testimony to the confidence of mercantile Maitland, once one of Australia's great commercial cities. Beautifully furnished, the house adjoins the Maitland City Art Gallery.

### **Dalwood House**

Dalwood Road, Branxton 2320

Tel: (02) 4938 3444

Open: By appointment.

Situated in the Hunter Valley at Branxton (in the midst of Australia's most historic vineyard), Dalwood was built by George Wyndham in 1829. The classically educated, Wyndham designed his pioneer bungalow in the Greek Revival style. Take in the atmosphere of this unique house and then sample the fruit of Wyndham's labour at the adjoining Wyndham Estate Winery.

### **Harper's Mansion**

Wilkinson Street, Berrima 2577

Tel: (02) 4877 2310

Open: Every weekend and public holiday except for three weeks over Christmas. Also by appointment at other times for group bookings.

Built in 1834 by innkeeper James Harper, this brick and iron two story building is a fine example of Georgian architecture situated in the unique Georgian village of Berrima in the Southern Highlands.

Fully restored by the National Trust in the mid seventies, it is set in two acres of cold climate garden with a unique maze and replicates colonial living from the period. Guided tours of house and furnishings and the garden available whenever the house is open.

### **Miss Porter's House**

434 King Street, Newcastle 2302

Tel: (02) 4927 0202

Open: By appointment.

This Edwardian terrace built in 1909 by Herbert Porter was lived by the Porter family until 1997. Left to the Trust by Miss Hazel Porter with all its contents the house provides a vivid experience of inner city life in the first half of the twentieth century.

### **Dundullimal**

Obley Road, Dubbo 2830

Tel: (02) 6884 9984

Open: Tues-Fri 12noon-4pm, Sat: 11:00am-200pm

This slab homestead was built in the early 1840s as the head station of a 6,500-hectare squatting run. Sophisticated in its form, it reflects architectural influences from Italy, England and India. Take in the

atmosphere of the homestead through the free audio tour *Voices from the Past* and enjoy the stone stables, stockyards, farm animals, river cruise and hay ride.

### **Miss Traill's House and Garden**

321 Russell Street, Bathurst 2795

Tel: (02) 6332 4232

Open: Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 12 noon–3:30pm or by appointment.

This charming bungalow was built in 1845 by the Rev. Thomas Sharpe. In 1976 the house and its contents were left to the Trust by Miss Ida Traill. With its beautiful gardens and extensive collections of furniture, ceramics and art it is one of Bathurst's hidden treasures.

### **Saumarez Homestead**

Saumarez Road, Armidale 2350

Tel: (02) 6772 3616

Open: Weekends and public holidays 10am-5pm (House tours at 10.30am, 2pm and 3.30pm).

Midweek tour groups by appointment. Closed from mid June until 1st September.

This ten-hectare grazing property established in the 1830s includes 20 buildings dating from the 1860s to 1910. Take a guided tour through the White Family's 30 room Edwardian mansion complete with its original furnishings. Explore the charming garden and farm area with the stables, poultry yard, slaughter house and other old timber buildings.

### **Tenterfield School of Arts**

Birthplace of Federation

Corner Manners & Rouse Streets, Tenterfield 2372

Tel: (02) 6736 3592

Open: daily 10am-4pm

On 24 October, 1889 Sir Henry Parkes delivered his Tenterfield Oration at a banquet at the School of Arts. His speech revived the federation movement and led to the creation of the Australian nation. Stunningly restored for the Centenary of Federation the School of Arts houses a museum devoted to Federation, the life of Sir Henry Parkes and the town of Tenterfield.

### **St Ignatius Convent School**

30 Cadell Street, Wentworth 2648

Tel: (03) 5027 4702

Open: By appointment.

This simple timber school was built in 1911 by the Sisters of Mercy to educate girls from Wentworth and remote sheep stations along the Murray and Darling Rovers. Restored by the National Trust in 1988 it is the only school of its kind surviving in NSW.

### **Riversdale**

Maud Street, Goulburn 2580

Ph/Fax: (02) 4821 4741

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Open: Every Sunday 10am – 3pm. Groups welcome by appointment other days.

Built in the 1840s as a coaching inn, Riversdale later became home to the Twynam family. Set amidst beautiful gardens its collection includes spectacular embroideries and woodcarvings created by Emily Rose Twynam a century ago. This fine house is one of the icons of Australian colonial architecture.

### **Cooma Cottage**

Yass Valley Way, Yass 2582

Tel: (02) 6226 1470

Open: Thu-Mon 10am-4pm

The first part of the house was built in the 1830s by Cornelius O'Brien. In 1841 the property was sold to the explorer Hamilton Hume. A creative owner builder, Hume added his version of Palladian style wings and a Greek Revival portico. Set in a pastoral landscape the house represents an extraordinary taxonomy of vernacular building techniques.

### **Bedervale**

Monkittee Street, Braidwood 2622

Tel: (02) 4842 2421

Open: every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 2pm September-May

Built in 1836 by Captain Coghill to the design of renowned colonial architect John Verge for one hundred and forty years the property remained in the possession of Captain Coghill's descendants. Their household artefacts were so remarkable that when the house was sold the National Trust acquired its contents. John Verge's fine architecture, the rich collections and the generous hospitality of the owners of the house all combine to make a visit to Bedervale a great experience.