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of our nation*

2010

Heritage Festival

PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS & KEMPSEY
9 - 24 April 2010

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“...our future is not as a penal colony...but a free settlement...”

Governor Lachlan Macquarie

FOREWARD

This is the fifth year the Port Macquarie-Hastings and Kempsey Shire Councils have joined forces during NSW National Trust's Heritage Festival to showcase the heritage of the area.

The Hastings and Macleay regions are unique communities but both boast natural beauty, significant heritage items and history, cultural diversity and an enviable way of life.

This year's theme, *The Making of Our Nation - “our future is not as a penal colony...but a free settlement”* - ties in well with 2010 as the 200th anniversary of Governor Lachlan Macquarie's 12-year tenure as the 5th Governor of the colony of New South Wales, who was sworn in on 1 January 1810.

Governor Macquarie is widely recognised as being responsible for transforming the new colony from a penal settlement to a flourishing society.

The Heritage Festival is an important annual celebration for Kempsey and Port Macquarie. It's an opportunity to feel and experience our heritage first-hand through a wide array of tours, displays, performances and demonstrations. It also highlights how history has shaped our current communities and environment.

Our Councils and communities share a desire to protect our unique heritage for future generations to experience and enjoy. This is only possible with the help of many people throughout our communities and for that, we and future generations are thankful.

Cr John Bowell
Mayor, Kempsey Shire Council



Garry Payne AM
Administrator, Port Macquarie-Hastings Council



**PORT MACQUARIE
HASTINGS**

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DAY 1 - Friday 9th April

PORT MACQUARIE ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION

(Observatory 3 extra opening nights 9th, 16th, 23rd April)

Time: 8.15 pm - 9.30pm
 Place: Observatory, Rotary Park, Port Macquarie
 Cost: Adults \$8, Concession \$7, Child (over 5) \$5
 Enquiries: Please call Keith Cole, 02 6584 1456

The Port Macquarie Astronomical Association is a voluntary body that present educational and entertaining shows to share the wonders of the sky with the general public. Shows include Astronomy, Cosmology, Space Travel, and 3D viewing. Viewing through telescope plus 1hr visual show.

DAY 2 - Saturday 10th April

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS AND KEMPSEY HERITAGE FESTIVAL AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Time: 10.30am – 3.00pm
 The Official opening of the Festival will take place at 10.30am
 Place: Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
 Cost: Free entry museum, grounds and entertainment throughout the day. Most areas are wheelchair accessible.

Enjoy a multicultural family fun day, with Indigenous and colonial entertainment, buskers, dancers, guest speakers and characters from our colourful past as we celebrate 'The Making of our Nation' and the Port Macquarie Historical Museum's 50th Birthday.

The official opening will take place at 10.30am.

DAY 3 - Sunday 11th April

SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY

Time: 3.00pm - 5.00pm
 Place: Town Green
 Cost: Nil
 Bookings: Not required

Use of portable telescopes to see sun, moon & stars. The Observatory will open at 8.15pm for viewing and show.



DAY 3 - Sunday 11th April

OPEN DAY AT MARITIME MUSEUM

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm
Place: Mid North Coast Maritime Museum, 2-6 William Street, Port Macquarie
Cost: Free of charge on the day
Bookings: 02 6583 1866

The Maritime Museum will host an open day, featuring new exhibit on female convicts and maritime shipping. Devonshire teas and sausage sizzle available on the day, and weather permitting Heritage cruises also available.

DAY 4 - Monday 12th April

STORIES BEHIND THE GRAVES (Walking Tour)

Time: 10.00 am (about 1.5 hours duration)
Place: Historic Cemetery, intersection of Gordon and Horton Streets, Port Macquarie
Cost: Adults \$5, Children \$2
Bookings: Essential, phone Port Macquarie Historical Society on 6583 1108 or email pmmuseum@bigpond.com
It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen.

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.

DAY 5 - Tuesday 13th April

TRACING OUR CONVICT BEGINNINGS

Time: 10.00am - 12.00noon
Place: Port Macquarie- Hastings Library Meeting Room, Cnr of Grant & Gordon Streets, Port Macquarie
Cost: \$2 donation towards the cost of morning tea
Bookings: No bookings required. Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society Inc pmdfhs@yahoo.com.au or phone Trysha Hanly 02 6583 4353.

Talk by a family historian on how to follow the paper trail of convicts from the time they landed in Australia until they came to Port Macquarie. Display and photos.

DISPLAY & TALES ABOUT GOVERNOR LACHLAN MACQUARIE

Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm
 Place: Port Macquarie- Hastings Library Meeting Room Cnr of Grant & Gordon Streets, Port Macquarie
 Cost: \$2 donation towards the cost of afternoon tea.
 Bookings: No bookings required. Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society Inc pmdfhs@yahoo.com.au
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Governor Macquarie's term of office coincided with an increase in the number of convicts sent to the colony. However he saw the colony as a settled community, not just as a penal settlement and commenced an ambitious and controversial program of public works with new buildings, towns and roads to help absorb these numbers. Come and listen to the tales of Governor Macquarie, featuring some of the well known facts, more of the lesser known facts and perhaps even some intriguing gossip.

TRIAL BAY "A HARBOUR OF REFUGE" - COLONIAL TRANSPORT - (Walk/Tour)

Time: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
 Place: Arakoon, South West Rocks Trial Bay Gaol (meet at entrance)
 Cardwell Street Arakoon
 Cost: Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00, Family \$30.00 (2 adults 2 children)
 Bookings: Essential. 6566 6168

Join us on a guided tour of the old Gaol and discover the perils of colonial shipping. Hear the stories of the prisoners and their efforts to build a "harbour of refuge" at picturesque Trial Bay. Numbers limited to 25, covered footwear essential.

FAMILY HISTORY

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm
 Place: Library, Grant Street (Technology Room), Port Macquarie
 Cost: Nil
 Bookings: No bookings required, enquiries to Brian Panisset 6582 3484

A presentation on getting started in researching your family history, with assistance available for those who would like to give it a try at the time (or maybe find out how to overcome obstacles). The presentation may be repeated during the day depending on demand.

EARLY PIONEERS OF THE CAMDEN HAVEN EXHIBITION

Time: 9.00am -1.00pm
Place: Camden Haven Museum, School of Arts, Bold Street, Laurieton
Cost: Gold coin entry
Bookings: No bookings required, wheelchair accessible

A display of some of the important pioneers of the Camden Haven Valley and surrounding districts.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CAMDEN HAVEN MUSEUM'S NEW RESEARCH OFFICE

Time: 9.00am -12.00pm
Place: Camden Haven Museum, School of Arts, Bold Street, Laurieton
Cost: Nil
Bookings: No bookings required

This is the Official Opening of the Camden Haven Museum's new research office by Rob Oakeshott MP. The work was financed by the Federal Government's Heritage Jobs Fund Project.

DAY 6 - Wednesday 14th April

A MORNING WITH WILLIAM "UNCLE BILL" O'BRIEN (Walk/Talk Tour)

Time: 10.00am
Place: Camden Head Pilot Station, Camden Head Road, Dunbogan
Cost: \$15pp, Friends of the Pilot Station \$10
Bookings: Essential, phone 6559 6699

Birpai elder William "Uncle Bill" O'Brien, was named 2009 Hastings Citizen of the year for his work promoting cultural awareness and advocacy of Aboriginal issues. Uncle Bill will provide us with a Birpai perspective of the area around Camden Head. He will comment on the lifestyle of Aboriginal people and their contribution to "the making of our Nation". His talk will be followed with a tour of the Pilot Station with commentary on its history since 1900.

OUR TOWN OUR HERITAGE (Walking Tour)

Time: 10.00am (about 1.5 hours duration)
 Place: Departs Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
 Cost: Adults \$5, Children \$2
 Bookings: Essential. Phone Port Macquarie Historical Society on 6583 1108 or email pmmuseum@bigpond.com
 It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes, a hat & sunscreen.

A guided walking tour of Port Macquarie's historic sites in and around the CBD area.

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AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm - Meet at locked gate south end of Ruins Way, Port Macquarie
 Place: Innes Ruins Historic Site, Lake Innes Nature Reserve 11km from Port Macquarie
 Cost: \$8 Adult entitles you to '**Bring A Friend For Free**'. Wear closed walking shoes, hat, insect repellent and bring a water bottle
 Bookings: Essential. Port Macquarie Visitor Information Centre 6581 8000. Group and school bookings to Sue on 6586 8300

During the 1830's and 1840's, Major Archibald Innes developed a wide range of agricultural enterprises throughout the Manning, The Innes family's house was constructed in several stages and grew to assume the proportions of a grand country mansion. Travel back in time as you stroll around the extensive brick ruins of this convict-built estate. Learn about the role that Major Innes played in the development of early Port Macquarie.

ASTRONOMY

The Observatory will be open from 8.15pm for viewing and show.



DAY 6 - Wednesday 14th April

CREATING A RAINFOREST

Time: 9.00am
Place: Lilypond Reserve, Koala Street & Mimosa Drive, Port Macquarie
Cost: Gold coin donation Bookings: Yvonne & Ken Errington 6582 3500/0428 788 657

An easy one hour on the boardwalk with our guides explaining the transformation of a weed patch to the creation of a now protected rainforest & wetland. Comfortable shoes, hat, water & umbrella if needed . Assemble at entry to boardwalk (directly opposite Waniora Parkway).

DAY 7 - Thursday 15th April

THE STORIES OF THE GLASSHOUSE SITE (Walking Tour)

Place: 10.00am & 2.00pm (duration 1 hour)
Cost: Free Bookings: Bookings through the Glasshouse Box Office 6581 8888, numbers limited

Join Museum Curator Liz Gillroy on a guided tour of the Glasshouse site focussing on the site's heritage.

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CONVICT LIME KILNS 4 WHEEL DRIVE TAG-ALONG (Own 4WD vehicle required)

Time: 10.00am- 2.00pm
Place: Intersection of Pacific Hwy and Smiths Creek Road Kundabung, approximately 12km south of Kempsey
Cost: \$10 Adult \$5 child (school age). Wear sturdy closed walking shoes and appropriate clothing. Bring a packed lunch and folding chair.
Bookings: Bookings essential as numbers limited. Sue Phillips 6586 8315

This little known site nestled in thick bushland and dating from 1832, contains the earliest surviving Intact Lime Kilns still existing in Australia. Learn how the site was located and how the kilns operated to produce high grade lime that was transported to Sydney.

DAY 8 - Friday 16th April**PORT MACQUARIE ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION****(Observatory 3 extra opening nights 9th, 16th, 23rd April)**

Time: 8.15pm – 9.30pm
 Place: Observatory, Rotary Park, Port Macquarie
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Viewing through telescope plus 1hr visual show**DAY 9 - Saturday 17 April****ST THOMAS' CHURCH 'SUSTENANCE: SPIRITUAL & EDIBLE' (Open Day, Exhibition, Festival)**

Time: 9.30am – 4.00pm – Church & Chapel open to visitors
 Place: St Thomas' Church, Hay Street, Port Macquarie
 Cost: Morning /afternoon teas \$3, sausage sizzle \$3
 Bookings: Not essential to book, but for inquiries call 02 6584 1033

9.30am – 3.30pm: morning & afternoon teas (grounds & Colonial meeting room)**9.30am -1.30pm sausage sizzle****10.30 – 11.30am: cookery demonstration & tasting by Michael Schubert, Rydges Hotel master chef, Heritage recipe book launch (Hall) \$5 entry****11.30am – 12.30pm 1662 Prayer Book Service – (Chapel)****12.30pm- 1.45pm: musical entertainment by Adam Bishop jazz pianist (grounds) gold coin donation****1.00pm – 4.00pm: tour of convict cellars (surgeon's residence) gold coin donation****2.00pm – 3.00pm: Rock & Roll dancing exhibition with former world champion Steve Tate & Panthers Rock 'n' Roll dance club. \$5 entry****DAY 10 - Sunday 18th April****SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY**

Time: 3.00pm - 5.00pm
 Place: Town Green
 Cost: Free, no bookings required.

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DAY 11 - Monday 19th April No events scheduled today

DAY 12 - Tuesday 20th April

OUR HARVESTING HISTORY (Bus Tour)

Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm
Place: Leaves Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
Cost: Adults \$55.00 includes morning tea, lunch and deferred museum entry
Bookings: Essential
Phone: Port Macquarie Historical Society on 6583 1108 or email pmmuseum@bigpond.com. Payment required by Monday 12th April 2010.
Note: minimum numbers apply.

Learn about our local harvesting history on this fully guided bus tour of Telegraph Point, Rollands Plains, Beechwood and Wauchope.

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BIRPAI - THE THOMAS DICK WALKABOUT

Time: 10.00am (6 hours duration).
Place: Departing from bus bay at Town Green, Horton Street, Port Macquarie.
Cost: \$25.00 per person. Includes light lunch of sandwiches, tea/coffee and cake. Tour stops at Shelley Beach, Lighthouse Beach, Lake Cathie, Rainbow Beach, Bonny Hills and North Brother Mountain.
Bookings: Essential, before Friday, 16 April. Phone 6581 8109. Wear a hat, walking shoes or joggers and bring a water bottle.

Between 1910 and 1920 Thomas Dick captured photographic images of local Aborigines re-enacting pre-colonial life in and around the Port Macquarie-Hastings. 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.

AKUBRA FACTORY TOUR - The Making of an Icon (Walking Tour)

Time: 10.00am (1 hour duration)
 Place: Entrance Gate Akubra Factory, South Street ,Kempsey
 Cost: \$15 Adults, School students free, includes morning tea
 Bookings: Essential. Phone Loomis Financial 6562 2295. It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes or joggers.

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 superb Australian product.

DAY 13 - Wednesday 21th April**'CREATING A RAINFOREST'**

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HERITAGE CONCERT

Time: 2.00pm
Place: Wesleyan Chapel Uniting Church, Horton Street ,Port Macquarie
Cost: Gold coin donation
Bookings: Not required

An afternoon concert providing a range of music, including the Uniting Church choir, vocal artists and an instrumentalist. A varied program will be presented in the Heritage Chapel, providing an enjoyable afternoon for all - a program not to be missed.

ASTRONOMY

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DAY 14 - Thursday 22nd April

EARLY PIONEERS OF THE CAMDEN HAVEN EXHIBITION

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DAY 15 - Friday 23rd April

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DAY 16 - Saturday 24th April

DOUGLAS VALE VINEYARD OPEN DAY

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm
Place: Douglas Vale, 235 Oxley Highway, Port Macquarie
Cost: Gold coin donation
Bookings: Not required

**An open day with live entertainment, heritage displays, crafts, games, market stalls, wine tasting, homestead tours and much more.
Additional information - disability parking available, good walking shoes, refreshments available, sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas.**

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE OF THE HASTINGS (Celebration)

Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm
Place: Heritage Christian School, Mumford Street, Port Macquarie
Cost: Free
Bookings: No booking required. Phone Venessa Dures, 6583 8277

Enjoy an Open Day where the Christian heritage of the Hastings is celebrated. There will be stalls, displays, entertainment & a sausage sizzle.



Tozers Terraces, early Port Macquarie, circa 1930s



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9th - 24th APRIL ... Throughout the entire festival

LACHLAN MACQUARIE FAMILY HISTORY DISPLAY

Time: Ongoing throughout the festival
Place: Library Grant Street, Port Macquarie
Cost: Free
Bookings: No bookings required

A storyboard of Lachlan Macquarie's family history and its impact on his position as Governor of NSW, prepared by Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society.

SMOKEY CAPE LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

Time: From 1.00pm every half hour
Place: Smokey Cape Lighthouse, Lighthouse Road, South West Rocks
Cost: Gold coin donation
Bookings: Essential. Phone 6566 6301

A half hour guided tour inside a working Lighthouse. Visit the beautifully restored ex-Lighthouse Keepers Cottages and the newly opened Museum. Definitely an unforgettable experience.

THE MAKING OF OUR NATION - A LOCAL CONTRIBUTION (Historic House Tour)

Time: Daily from 10.00am - 4.30pm
Place: Historic Roto House, off Roto Place located within Macquarie Nature Reserve, Port Macquarie
Cost: Gold coin donation

Visit Roto House and learn about the contribution of Port Macquarie's Flynn family in the shaping of our great nation on a guided or self guided tour. The house exhibits include the role of the Flynn family in marking out the land, adapting the environment, settling and living in the country and building our local community by their significant contribution.

PORT MACQUARIE PLEASURE RESORT (Temporary exhibition)

Time: 9.30 am - 4.30pm daily
 Place: Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
 Cost: \$5 Adults, \$3.50 Concession, \$2 Children, \$10 Family, includes full museum entry

Take a look at Port Macquarie's contemporary history as a holiday resort through images and objects from the Port Macquarie Historical Society's extensive and significant collection. Most areas are wheelchair accessible.

WAUCHOPE DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Communication)

Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
 Place: Wauchope Museum, Oxley Highway, Wauchope
 Cost: Gold coin admission
 Bookings: Enquiries 6585 2692
 Additional information - wheelchair access, parking available

History of Morse code in Australia plus the opportunity to practice on a Morse code instrument. Write a message in Morse code on a copy of a telegram form from 1880 as a souvenir.

THE ANGUS MCNEIL COLLECTION

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm, 7 days.
 Place: Macleay River Historical Society, Pacific Highway, Kempsey South
 Cost: Free

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 also be launched at a special afternoon tea Saturday 17 April at 3pm.



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