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The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and recognises their continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past and present.

Victoria has a rich, vibrant heritage represented by places, landscapes, objects, stories, and people that make a vital contribution to our communities. Heritage contributes to our identity, creating a sense of place and representing the State's story, its people and its shared connections.

This year over 250 events will celebrate the rich and diverse stories of Victoria, strengthening cultural and historical ties and forging new bonds. The Australian Heritage Festival acknowledges our link to people, places and the past, and the enduring connections that will shape the future of heritage.



Welcome to the 2025 Australian Heritage Festival!

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to celebrate the rich and diverse heritage of our beautiful state. As the largest community-driven heritage festival in Australia, the Australian Heritage Festival offers a unique opportunity for all of us to explore the stories, places, and traditions that shape our shared identity and sense of community.

At the National Trust, we are dedicated to preserving and promoting Victoria's heritage, fostering a deeper understanding of our collective past providing a context to consider where we are today and our vision for the future. By embracing the complexity of our history, we inspire meaningful connections to both place and community for current and future generations.

This year's theme, "Unearthed," invites you to discover the lesser-known stories and histories that enrich Victoria's cultural landscape. The festival highlights the hidden narratives that define our past and inspire our future — from the voices of First Peoples and the journeys of migrants to the ongoing influence of history on our contemporary society.

Running from April 18 to May 18, 2025, the festival features a diverse program of events designed to engage, educate, and entertain. There are so many events and activities for you to enjoy from celebrating women's contributions throughout history, to exploring the influence of queer and migrant communities in our society and examining the intersections of heritage and modern urban planning.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the many event organisers whose ongoing dedication makes this festival possible, and to the countless participants who engage with the events each year. The rich array of presenters and the community taking part is a wonderful achievement.

We are also deeply grateful to our sponsors, the Heritage Council of Victoria and the Victorian Goldfields World Heritage Bid project, whose generous support plays a crucial role in making this celebration of our heritage possible. Their commitment enables a diversity of event organisers to contribute and share important stories with all Victorians, ensuring the festival's success.

Whether you're visiting local landmarks, engaging in arts and cultural events and activities, or discovering how social media connects us to our history, there's something for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating with you throughout the 2025 Australian Heritage Festival!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Collette Brennan".

Collette Brennan
Chief Executive Officer
National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

2025 Theme:



The 2025 Australian Heritage Festival theme, **Unearthed**, invites us to delve deeper into the past—bringing lesser-known histories, stories, and traditions to light. It's about rediscovering and sharing knowledge to inspire and empower younger generations as custodians of culture and heritage. This theme encourages us to uncover the untold, embrace the hidden, and celebrate the richness of our shared history.

Central to this year's Festival branding is a remarkable artwork, unearthed from within the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Collection: *Painting, Trees at the Small Dam* by celebrated Australian artist Rick Amor.

This evocative piece depicts twisted, bare branches arching over a small dam, set against a muted cream sky with a field in the distance. The artwork's raw, unfiltered portrayal of the natural landscape embodies the essence of *Unearthed*—revealing beauty and depth in what might otherwise remain unseen.

Rick Amor, born in 1948, is a renowned Australian figurative artist whose work often explores themes of time, alienation, and disconnection. This painting holds special significance as it reflects Amor's personal connection to Mulberry Hill, the historic home of Joan and Daryl Lindsay. Amor and his family lived at Mulberry Hill, where he created works that captured the essence of the landscape.



Trees at the Small Dam, 1981, by Rick Amor, NTAV collection.

Through Unearthed, we invite you to explore stories like this—woven into our heritage, waiting to be rediscovered and shared.

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How to Use this Program

Finding Events

The Australian Heritage Festival Victoria (AHF) Digital Program enables you to browse events by regions. Use the URL link below each event listing to find out more, including location, parking/transport information and for the contact details of individual event organisers or organising groups.



Visit the [AHF website](http://nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/vic) to all search events by date, location or event type as well as to access itineraries and other content to help you fully engage with the Heritage Festival Program. Search and browse the full program online at nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/vic.



Sign-up to receive regular email updates during the festival:
www.nationaltrust.org.au/subscribe-to-the-australian-heritage-festival-victoria-eneews

Pre-booking

Some events require pre-booking, and you will need to make a booking to secure your place. Details can be found on the individual event page which you can access by clicking the URL link under each event listing.

Some events will provide a link to book online on their event page. If you don't see a booking link, contact the organisers directly by phone or email to book your spot.

Tip: some events have limited places. Book early to avoid missing out!

Event Types

Look for these icons in the event listings:



**National Trust
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Tour



Class / talk



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Exhibition



Open garden



Open day



Food / drink



Family friendly



**Concert /
performance**



Art / music



First Nations



**Nature /
outdoors / walk**



Online

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The continued success of Australian Heritage Festival Victoria is a result of the extraordinary effort made by the many who have contributed their time, effort, enthusiasm, and ideas to make the Festival possible. We particularly acknowledge our 2025 sponsors and partners.

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The Heritage Council of Victoria independently reviews and decides what gets included in the Victorian Heritage Register, celebrating the state's diverse cultural heritage and providing advice on its protection.



The Victorian Goldfields

A Long Journey to World Heritage Recognition



An idea conceived in the late 1980s is coming to fruition. The Victorian Goldfields were placed on Australia's World Heritage Tentative list in late January 2025. An essential step to full nomination, assessment and a potential vote for inscription by the World Heritage Committee. It confirms that the Australian government believes its worthy. As Minister Plibersek said "the Victorian Goldfields are the most extensive, coherent and best-surviving goldrush landscapes in the world. With the support of Traditional Owners, I want to see it added to the World Heritage List to recognise it alongside our other precious places." "From the First Peoples living on Country to the goldrush and subsequent waves of immigration - the region's multi-layered history plays an important part in our national story that deserves to be celebrated and protected," she added.

The Victorian Goldfields are much more than the grand gold mining cities of Ballarat and Bendigo. Gold was found and mined from the edge of the Grampians to the highlands of eastern Victoria. In places like Beechworth, Walhalla and Omeo in the east, and significant large towns such as Castlemaine, Ararat, Stawell and Maryborough in the west. Together with a myriad of small towns across central Victoria such as Beaufort, Blackwood, Clunes, Inglewood, Malmsbury, Rushworth, Smythesdale, St Arnaud and Tarnagulla, and of course, the town declared by the National Trust as Australia's first Notable town in 1966 - Maldon. Across Victoria in the 1850s over 40% of the world's gold was extracted, worldwide in the 1850s, more gold was mined in the world than had been mined in the previous 3,000 years, with California being the other great goldfields rival.



Walhalla, long tunnel extended gold mine, by Barry Gamble.

The region includes the Traditional Country of the regions many First Peoples and rural areas often dotted with the remains of early alluvial workings, 'deep lead' mining areas such as the famous 'buried rivers of gold' north of Creswick or the quartz mines that in some case were operating 1500 metres below the surface.

Together with large public buildings and works built on the back of the wealth from gold. Importantly this amazing urban and rural landscape demonstrates a human story. The interplay between many cultures; from the Traditional Owners who, after tens of thousands of years of continuous occupation, were confronted by unprecedented invasion of their ancient lands and the new inhabitants from places as diverse as Cornwall, California, and China.

The impact on the landscape was dramatic, ground was dug up and turned over in a frenetic search for gold. The world's largest nugget, the 'Welcome Stanger' was found at Moliagul, north of Dunolly, just below the surface, weighing in at 110 kg. it was worth £10,000 at the time. No wonder the Dja Dja Wurrung (DJAARA) refer to goldmining landscapes as 'upside down country', a reflection of what the early prospectors and mining companies did to

their Country. Importantly, First Peoples have been actively participating in this World Heritage nomination proposal. The story of the Victorian Goldfields tells of a geology that created and buried the gold, of First Peoples who were custodians of Country for thousands of years, who were first impacted by colonisation and pastoral settlement, but who then found their Country overrun by thousands of gold miners. The World Heritage nomination has been able to work with DJAARA to enable truth telling of this significant event. First People are assuming responsibility for managing and protecting Country once again. Emblematic of the sites forming the Tentative Listing is the inclusion of Lalgambuk (Mount Franklin), near Daylesford.

The World Heritage bid for the Victorian Goldfields is using a cultural landscape serial listing approach which provides for recognition and listing of component parts or places that embody the attributes of the Victorian Goldfields. Each contributes to a statement of 'Outstanding Universal Value' (OUV); what makes the Victorian Goldfields globally significant. The draft OUV prepared by UK World Heritage expert Barry Gamble, who has been assisting the bid team, importantly include recognition of the 'Miner's Right' – unique to Victoria. In part the



Bendigo Town Hall, by Barry Gamble.



Waterwheel, Castlemaine, by Barry Gamble.

OUV states “the Victorian Goldfields stands out as exceptional among global goldrushes, pre-eminent... a representative cultural landscape. Quite simple it is unparalleled.”

The Victorian Goldfields World Heritage bid is a partnership led by Heritage Victoria, 15 local governments, DJAARA and other participating Registered Aboriginal Parties and the Victorian Goldfields Tourism Executive, with co-patrons former

Premiers The Hon John Brumby AO and The Hon Dr Denis Napthine AO. The 15 local government’s partnership is unique in Australia’s World Heritage journey. They came together in 2019 for the conservation of their heritage and to use World Heritage inscription as a catalyst to bring benefits to their local communities. A process that has already developed a comprehensive World Heritage Master Plan.



You can view the Tentative Listing citation at whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/6794 and gain more information on the whole bid including the Master Plan at goldfieldsworldheritage.com.au



Lalgambuk (MtFranklin), by Barry Gamble.



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Panel Talks

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Heritage Gardens

Join us at Botanica to explore the rich history of Victoria's heritage gardens! Hear from a panel of experts who've dug deep—literally—to preserve and nurture our green spaces. Discover their stories and why these gardens matter now more than ever in our changing and ever-warming world.



These talks are presented by the Heritage Council of Victoria, as part of the Australian Heritage Festival celebrations.



Daylesford & Macedon Ranges

Good Sports, Leisure and Recreation in the Macedon Ranges

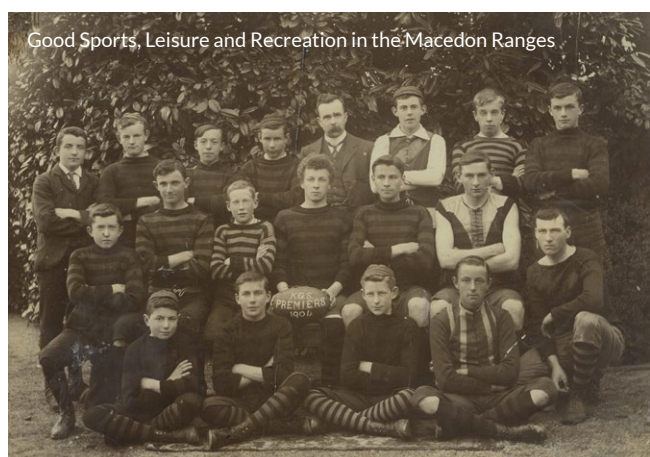
Kyneton Museum

Sport is woven into the social fabric of the Macedon Ranges region. In association with local sporting organisations and historical societies, this exhibition will unearth the achievements of our sporting heroes and teams through objects and stories, each telling its own unique tale. Game On!

Open Friday to Sunday, 11:00am-4:00pm
Kyneton Museum, 67 Piper Street, Kyneton

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/good-sports-leisure-and-recreation-in-the-macedon-ranges

See website for costs



Corroboress to Bush Dancing. Drunkards to Rechabites. Swagmen to settlers. Woodend Then and Now.

Woodend District Heritage Society

Dreamtime, squatters, selectors, diggers, and townfolk. Woodend and its surrounds has a rich history. Come, we welcome you to a heritage feast.

23 April & 7 May, 10:00am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-3:00pm

43 Forest Street, Woodend

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/corroboress-to-bush-dancing-drunkards-to-rechabites-swagmen-to-settlers-woodend-then-and-now

Free





Unearth Mount Macedon's Horticultural History

Duneira Estate

Join us at historic Duneira Estate for an insightful talk by local expert Stephen Ryan on the history of Mount Macedon's significant collection of colonial Hill Stations.

3 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Duneira Estate, 1 Officer Lane, Mount Macedon

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearth-mount-macedons-horticultural-history

See website for costs



National Trust Anderson's Mill Heritage Weekend

Anderson's Mill Heritage Weekend Inc.

The atmospheric Anderson's Mill comes alive with displays of heritage crafts, machinery and historical exhibitions whilst the heritage iron waterwheel turns majestically, transporting all who see it back to the days when the bluestone mill machinery ran quietly and used the creek as its power source.

10 & 11 May, 10:00am-4:00pm

Anderson's Mill, 9 Alice Street, Smeaton

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/national-trust-andersons-mill-heritage-weekend

Free



Malmsbury Cemetery Tour - Stone and Stoneworkers

Malmsbury Historical Society Inc.

Join us on a visual and tactile tour of Malmsbury cemetery to learn about Malmsbury bluestone, the quarrymen, stonemasons and monumental masons, and examine the diversity of stones and stories told through monumental works.

19 April, 10:00am-11:30am & 1:30pm-3:00pm

Malmsbury Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Malmsbury

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/malmsbury-cemetery-tour-stone-and-stoneworkers

See website for costs



Wine - A Never Ending Story - Unearthing the History of the Macedon Ranges Wine Region

Duneira Estate

Duneira Estate welcomes David Ell, winemaker and founder of Mount Gisborne Wines, as he unearths the history of the Macedon Ranges Wine Industry while guests enjoy a tasting of local pinots and chardonnays.

1, 8 & 15 May, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Duneira Estate, 1 Officer Lane, Mount Macedon

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/wine-a-never-ending-story-unearthing-the-history-of-the-macedon-ranges-wine-region

See website for costs



Make Soap, Extract Essential Oil & Learn Local Soap Making History

Village Dreaming

Learn a rare trade in how to make soap & botanical distillations while learning the history of soap making.

18 May, 1:00pm-5:00pm

Orto Farm, 100 Allison Rd, Blampied

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/make-soap-extract-essential-oil-local-soap-making-history

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Geelong & the Bellarine

Barwon Park Mansion

Barwon Grange - Open Day

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Geelong & Region Branch

The only survivor of a fashionable and picturesque mid-nineteenth century villa built along the Barwon River in Geelong.

27 April, 4, 11 & 18 May, 1:00pm-4:00pm
25 Fernleigh Street, Newtown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/barwon-grange-open-days

See website for costs



Barwon Park Mansion

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Geelong & Region Branch

Barwon Park is an imposing bluestone mansion set in a sweeping rural landscape.

Wednesday & Sundays, 11:00am-4:00pm
Tours run hourly: 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm (last tour)

105 Inverleigh Road, Winchelsea

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/barwon-park-mansion-open-days

See website for costs



The Heights Heritage Home & Garden - Open Day

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Geelong & Region Branch

Visit one of the largest surviving prefabricated houses in Victoria, situated in a flourishing garden setting.

27 April, 4, 11 & 18 May, 1:00pm-4:00pm
140 Aphrasia Street, Newtown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-heights-heritage-home-garden-open-day

See website for costs



The Heights Heritage Skills & Traditions Autumn Fair

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Geelong & Region Branch

Step into history at The Heights Heritage Skills & Traditions Autumn Fair. Explore heritage gardens, discover traditional skills, and enjoy a relaxing autumn day in a stunning setting.

26 April, 11:00am-4:00pm
140 Aphrasia Street, Newtown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-heights-autumn-skills-traditions-garden-fair

Entry by gold coin



Behind the Railway Workshop doors

Bellarine Railway

A guided tour around and inside four large railway objects undergoing restoration; a steam locomotive designed and built in Australia during WW2, a railway carriage built in 1879, a 1912 steam crane and a small Fordson tractor powered locomotive.

18 May, 10:00am-3:30pm
Bellarine Railway Workshop, 26 Bridge Street, Queenscliff

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/behind-the-railway-workshop-doors

See website for costs



Railway workshop



Coragulac Homestead

Coragulac Homestead Open House - Historic 40 room Blue Stone Mansion circa 1872

Coragulac House

Coragulac House is rarely open to the General Public, this event is an opportunity to explore this truly unique and utterly charming Home. Built in grand proportions reflecting the intricate Art Nouveau characteristics, now fully restored over the last 12 years by the current owners.

20 April, 10:00am-3:00pm
895 Corangamite Lake Road, Coragulac
www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/coragulac-homestead-open-house-historic-40-room-blue-stone-mansion-circa-1872

See website for costs



Geelong Gallery's 129-year history

Geelong Gallery

Geelong Gallery was established in 1896 and is one of Australia's leading art galleries, with a magnificent collection of Australian and European painting, sculpture, printmaking and decorative arts dating from the 18th century to today.

26 April, 11:00am-11:20am
55 Little Malop Street, Geelong
www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/geelong-galleryys-129-year-history

Free





History Reconstructed

Meredith History Interest group

An exhibition of sculptures or three dimensional forms representing or unearthing the creator's view of history.

3 & 4 May, 9:30am-3:30pm

Meredith History Centre, 31 Staughton Street, Meredith

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/history-reconstructed

Entry by gold coin



Memories of the Golden Past

Back to Steiglitz

Reimagine the past as you walk the old streets and discover stories of the search for gold while appreciating the native bushland flora, enjoying a morning/afternoon tea at the conclusion of the walk.

27 April, 10.30am-11.30am & 2:00pm-3:00pm

Steiglitz Courthouse, Meredith Steiglitz Road, Steiglitz

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/memories-of-the-golden-past

See website for costs



Step into Queenscliffe's Past

Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

Join a local guide to unearth the stories hidden behind the distinctive heritage facades of the Victorian colonial-era buildings in Queenscliffe or explore at your own leisure with a self-guided heritage walk.

26 April & 3 May, 2:00pm-3:15pm

Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre, 49-55 Hesse Street, Queenscliff

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/step-into-queenscliffs-past

See website for costs



Gippsland

Alberton Cemetery Walking Tour

Port Albert Progress Association

Take a guided walk through the historic Alberton Cemetery, the oldest and largest cemetery in Gippsland.

3 May, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Alberton Cemetery Gatehouse, 214 Yarram-Port Albert Road Alberton

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/alberton-cemetery-walking-tour

See website for costs



Alberton Cemetery

Walhalla: Step Back in Time

Walhalla Heritage and Development League

Discover Walhalla with guided tours and performances describing this heritage town's rich history.

19 & 29 April, 11:00am-6:00pm

Walhalla Post Office, 42A/120 Main Road, Walhalla

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/walhalla-step-back-in-time

Free

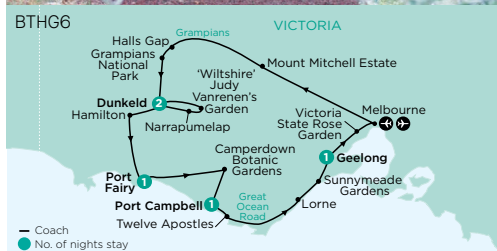


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Tours of Former Bendigo Post Office

National Trust Bendigo & District Branch

The Former Bendigo Post Office opened in 1887 and was the largest building of its type outside of Melbourne. Immerse yourself in the rich stories of a golden past; explore stunning heritage architecture fashioned in a time when Bendigo was the richest city in the world.

10 May, 10:30am-3:30pm (Tours runs hourly)
Bendigo Visitor Centre, 51-67 Pall Mall
Bendigo

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/tours-of-former-bendigo-post-office

See website for costs



Former Bendigo Post Office

Open House & Gardens – Miners Cottages

National Trust Bendigo & District Branch

Visit three miners cottages on one ticket. Each cottage representing its own view of living today in a heritage miners cottage. Locations are 57 Green St California Gully, 9 Black Street Long Gully and 34 Valentine Street Ironbark, within a short drive of each other.

27 April, 10:00am-4:00pm
57 Green St, California Gully

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/open-day-miners-cottages-dating-to-1862-1876

See website for costs



Tours of Former Bendigo Law Courts

National Trust Bendigo & District Branch

The former Bendigo Law Courts opened in 1896 and is one of Australia's finest nineteenth century public buildings. Normally locked away from public view, this building is no longer an active court and resides quietly awaiting its future use. Take a tour through this hidden gem.

19 & 24 April, 1, 4 & 10 May,
11:00am-3:00pm (tours run hourly)

71 Pall Mall, Bendigo

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/tours-of-former-bendigo-law-courts

See website for costs



Tours of the Former Bendigo Gas Works

National Trust Bendigo & District Branch

The Bendigo Gas Works are one of around three remaining intact 19th century gas works in the world, and the only one in Australia. It is on the Victorian Heritage Register and regarded by Institution of Engineers Australia as an internationally significant example of an entire provincial gasworks.

26 April & 11 May, 10:00am-4:00pm (tours run hourly)

8-32 Weeroona Ave, Bendigo

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/tours-of-the-former-bendigo-gas-works

See website for costs



Self Guided Tour of Bendigo Cemetery Chapel

National Trust Bendigo & District Branch

Take a self-guided tour of the restored Bendigo Cemetery Chapel and talk with heritage consultant about the buildings history. Constructed in the Gothic style in 1873 from Harcourt granite. It had been left unused for several decades and since the restoration work is now able to be used regularly.

18 May, 11:00am-3:00pm

70 Carpenter St, Quarry Hill

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/self-guided-tour-of-bendigo-cemetery-chapel

Free





125th Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally

Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Association Inc

The rally never fails to impress with the collection of home and visitor exhibits. Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally is unique in the Australian Rally scene as it has permanent sheds owned by club members which house their heritage equipment and wares.

3 & 4 May, 9:00am-4:00pm

1234 Carngham-Lake Goldsmith Rd, Lake Goldsmith

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/125th-lake-goldsmith-steam-rally

See website for costs



Ballarat Antique Fair

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Ballarat Antique Fair will be held in the wonderful Art Deco Civic Hall.

16 May 4:00pm-8:00pm, 17 May 10:00 am-5:00pm, 18 May 10:00am-4:00pm

Ballarat Civic Hall, 300 Mair St, Ballarat

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/ballarat-antique-fair

See website for costs



Ballarat City Tales Walking Tour + Coffee

Hidden Lanes

Embark on a slow travel adventure! Explore hidden gems in quaint laneways, discover unique local shops, and immerse yourself in enchanting historical tales of the city on this 2.5 hour tour + coffee.

19 & 26 April, 10:30am-1:00pm

3, 10 & 17 May, 10:30am-1:00pm

Mr Jones Dining, Ballarat, 42-44 Main Rd, Bakery Hill

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/ballarat-city-tales-walking-tour-coffee

See website for costs



Bendigo Cemetery Walking Tour

Golden Dragon Museum

Join Golden Dragon Museum's Research Officer, Leigh McKinnon, on a walk into the past and learn about the Chinese section of the Bendigo Cemetery and the stories of Chinese-Australians who have been laid to rest there and in other sections of the cemetery.

8 May, 4:00pm-5:00pm

70 Carpenter St, Quarry Hill

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/bendigo-cemetery-walking-tour

See website for costs



BottledSnail Productions Shakespeare's "Winter's Tale" in the former Bendigo Law Courts.

BottledSnail Productions

BottledSnail Productions presents a rehearsed play reading of Shakespeare's *Winter's Tale*, a one off performance in the historic former Bendigo Law Courts.

17 May, 2:00pm-3:30pm
77-85 Pall Mall, Bendigo

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/bottledsnail-productions-shakespeares-winters-tale-in-the-former-bendigo-law-courts

Free



Celebrate Dame Nellie's Birthday

Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute

Dame Nellie Melba was a regular at the Savoy Hotel, London. Auguste Escoffier, the legendary chef from the Savoy, invented and named the light accompaniment of dry thinly sliced bread after her (Melba Toast) when Melba was ill in 1897. Escoffier also created the Peach Melba, Melba Sauce and Melba G.

17 May, 6:30pm-11:00pm
117-119 Sturt Street, Ballarat Central

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/celebrate-dame-nellies-birthday

See website for costs



Chambers Wine Bar at the Star Cinema

Chambers Wine Bar at the Star Cinema

The Star Cinema at the Eaglehawk Town Hall invites you to ascend the staircase to the heritage Chambers and relax with a glass of local wine on grand carved chairs at the Council conference table and immerse yourself in a more gracious era while you solve the world's problems.

18 & 25 April, 2, 9 & 16 May, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Eaglehawk Town Hall, 2 Peg Leg Road, Eaglehawk

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/chambers-wine-bar-at-the-star-cinema

See website for costs



Connections to War from a Ballarat Perspective: Feeling the Battlefield Spirits

Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute

Sometimes in life, a seemingly inconsequential event can nudge our life along a new and exciting pathway.

23 April, 5:30pm-6:30pm
117-119 Sturt Street, Ballarat Central

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/connections-to-war-from-a-ballarat-perspective-feeling-the-battlefield-spirits

See website for costs



Dame Nellie Melba Celebration Performance

Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute

An afternoon of song, arias and duets... with some of the 2025 Melba Artists.

18 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm

117-119 Sturt Street, Ballarat Central

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/dame-nellie-melba-celebration-performance

See website for costs



Day Tour of the Ballarat Mechanic's Institute | Take a journey back to 1859

Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute

A colourful history of the Ballarat Mechanic's Institute and its people.

22 & 29 April, 6 & 13 May, 2:00pm-3:00pm

117-119 Sturt Street, Ballarat Central

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/day-tour-of-the-ballaarat-mechanics-institute

See website for costs



Experience behind the scenes at the Bendigo Military Museum

Bendigo Military Museum

Step beyond the exhibits and uncover hidden history with an exclusive tour of the Bendigo Military Museum, featuring rare access to the heritage-listed honour boards and the breathtaking band rotunda with panoramic views of Bendigo's stunning streetscape!

10 May, 11:00am-12:00pm

37-39 Pall Mall, Bendigo

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/experience-behind-the-scenes-at-the-bendigo-military-museum

See website for costs



Greetings from Vienna - Piano Duet Spectacular!

Langley Estate, Bendigo

Two internationally-acclaimed concert pianists perform Greetings from Vienna in Bendigo - built to be 'The Vienna of the South'.

4 May, 3:00pm-4:00pm

484 Napier Street, White Hills

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/greetings-from-vienna-piano-duet-spectacular

See website for costs



Dame Nellie Melba Celebration Performance artists



Follow in the Footsteps of Joseph Brady, the Civil Engineer who Quenched the Thirst of the Goldfields

Coliban Water

Join your hosts from Coliban Water for a free guided walking tour of Crusoe and No7 Reservoirs, as well as sections of the Coliban Main Channel.

3 May, 9:45am-12:00pm
Crusoe Reservoir, Bendigo

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/follow-in-the-footsteps-of-joseph-brady-the-civil-engineer-who-quenched-the-thirst-of-the-goldfields

Free



From Pick to Pixel: Unearthing Bendigo's Tech Heritage

City of Greater Bendigo Heritage Advisory Committee

Step into the future of heritage at this fast-paced forum, featuring short presentations from local experts about the new tech preserving Bendigo's heritage, the historic tech that shaped the city, and the exciting addition of the Victorian Goldfields to Australia's World Heritage Tentative List.

8 May, 6:00pm-8:30pm
Larnangurak - Dja Dja Wurrung Community Centre, 43 Hattam Street, Golden Square

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/from-pick-to-pixel-unearthing-bendigos-tech-heritage

Free



Ghosts of the Goldfields - Talk by Dr David Waldron

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Dr. David Waldron will tell some fascinating stories and facts about ghosts and ghosting on the Victorian Goldfields. Dr. David Waldron is a Senior Lecturer in History at Federation University Australia, specialising in folklore and community heritage.

7 May, 10:30am-11:30am
Central Goldfields Art Gallery, Neill Street, Maryborough

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/ghosts-of-the-goldfields-talk-by-dr-david-waldron

See website for costs



Guided Tour of Langley Estate

Langley Estate, Bendigo

A guided tour of Bendigo's iconic Langley Estate mansion, chapel and gardens: a goldfields landmark since 1904.

26 April, 10:30am-11:30am, 19 April, 10:30am-11:30am
484 Napier Street, White Hills

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/guided-tour-of-langley-estate

See website for costs



Langley Estate

Heritage Fiesta

Bendigo Heritage Attractions

Bendigo Heritage Attractions invites the community to delve into the rich history and culture that has shaped Bendigo. Explore the sites we maintain and operate such as the Central Deborah Gold Mine, Bendigo Tramways, and the Bendigo Joss House Temple, all completely FREE.

17 May, 10:00am-5:00pm

1 Tramways Avenue, Bendigo

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/heritage-fiesta

Free



Historical Pipe Organs in 3 Beautiful Goldfield Churches

Bendigo Historical Society

Join Bendigo and world-renowned pipe organist on a tour of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Forest St Uniting & St Pauls Cathedral. Hear their beauty and stories.

3 May, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral, 80 Wattle St, Bendigo

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/historical-pipe-organs-in-3-beautiful-goldfield-churches

See website for costs



Historical Pipe Organs

In Conversation with Natasha Lester: The Mademoiselle Alliance

Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute

Inspired by a True Story - How did a young Parisienne mother, celebrated for her beauty and glamour, come to lead the largest spy network in France? A powerful, heartbreaking historical novel by the New York Times bestselling author.

1 May, 6:00pm-8:00pm

117-119 Sturt Street, Ballarat Central

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/in-conversation-with-natasha-lester-the-mademoiselle-alliance

See website for costs



Maldon's Government Reserve: More Than a Camp for Cops and Crooks

Maldon Heritage Network in partnership with Maldon Neighbourhood Centre

Come walk with us - who knows who you will meet along the way?

27 April, 2:00pm-4:00pm 18 May, 11:00am-1:00pm

Maldon Post Office, 95 High Street, Maldon

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/maldons-government-reserve-more-than-a-camp-for-cops-and-crooks

Free





Minerva's Secrets, Night Tour of the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute

Ballarat Mechanics' Institute

Explore tales of the weird and supernatural - the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute at night. Looking for a unique way to explore Ballarat's rich history and culture? Look no further than the Ballarat Mechanics Institute's Night Tours!

25 April, 7:30pm-8:30pm & 9:30pm-10:30pm
117-119 Sturt Street, Ballarat Central

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/minervas-secrets-night-tour-of-the-ballaarat-mechanics-institute

See website for costs



Mother's Day Musical High Tea and Guided Tour at Langley Estate, Bendigo

Langley Estate, Bendigo

A sumptuous Mother's Day Traditional High Tea with a difference!

11 May, 2:30pm-5:00pm
484 Napier Street, White Hills

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/mothers-day-musical-high-tea-and-guided-tour-at-langley-estate

See website for costs



Mountains v Mullock Heaps - An Eat-Talk-Walk at Buda!

Buda Castlemaine

Dig in to a delicious hot soup lunch as Buda's curators unearth the life and gardens of Goldfields legend, Ernest Leviny, plus an in-house exhibition that continues throughout the Heritage Festival.

Eat-Talk-Walk at Buda, 3 May, 11:00am-3:00pm

In-house Exhibition Open Daily, 12:00pm-4:00pm

42 Hunter St, Castlemaine

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/mountains-v-mullock-heaps-an-eat-talk-walk-at-buda

See website for costs



Musical High Tea and Guided Tour at Langley Estate, Bendigo

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A sumptuous Traditional High Tea with a difference!

17 May, 2:30pm-5:00pm

484 Napier Street, White Hills

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/musical-high-tea-and-guided-tour-at-langley-estate/

See website for costs



Old Ballan Courthouse Open Day

Ballan Shire Historical Society

Visitors can inspect the recently restored Old Ballan Courthouse, built in 1873.

10 May, 10:00am-3:00pm

45-47 Steiglitz St, Ballan

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/old-ballan-courthouse-open-day

Free



The Alchemy of Gold - The Golden Transformation of Victoria

Castlemaine Historical Societies

The Alchemy of Gold is a special forum which brings together experts, historians and the community to explore how the discovery of gold in Victoria in the 1850s reshaped the state.

16 to 18 May 2025, 8:30am-5:00pm

60 Elizabeth St, Campbells Creek

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-alchemy-of-gold-the-golden-transformation-of-victoria

See website for costs



The Art of Gold - Treasures from the Nations Gallery of Australia

Central Goldfields Art Gallery

A selection of golden treasures, some dating from the mid-19th century goldrush in Central Victoria, including a brooch gifted to and owned by Lola Montez. Along with background information about some of the jewellery on display, history of the goldfields and gold mining in Central Victoria.

Open Thursday to Sunday, 10:00am-4:00pm

Old Fire Station, 1 Neill Street, Maryborough

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-art-of-gold-treasures-from-the-nations-gallery-of-australia

Free



The Life of Walter Withers | Speaker: David Rathgen | Twilight Talks 2025

Ballarat Mechanic's Institute

Until now there has been no family history of Walter Withers (1854-1914), a notable but underestimated Australian landscape artist of the Heidelberg school.

30 April, 5:30pm-6:30pm

117-119 Sturt Street, Ballarat Central

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-life-of-walter-withers-speaker-david-rathgen-twilight-talks-2025

See website for costs



Uncle Rick's On Country Tour

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Join Uncle Rick for this unique tour out on Djaara Country in the Castlemaine region where you will visit significant trees and sites that Uncle Rick has specifically selected. A Welcome To Country and Smoking Ceremony is part of this tour as a cleansing to ensure you walk with good spirit.

3 May, 10:00am-2:00pm

Castlemaine Market Building, 44 Mostyn Street, Castlemaine

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/uncle-ricks-on-country-tour/

See website for costs



Unearth a Bygone Era - A Day Trip Adventure to Maryborough Railway Station

Central Goldfields Visitor Centre

Travel by train to Maryborough's Historic Station. Enjoy a leisurely lunch in the Station Cafe Restaurant then join the guided tour to unearth and explore the myths and legends of this magnificent Station.

Tours run Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday during the Festival.

27 Station Street, Maryborough

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearth-a-bygone-era-a-day-trip-adventure-to-maryborough-railway-station/

See website for costs



Unearth Your Family's Past: Military Memorabilia Discovery Day

Bendigo Military Museum

Unearth your family's hidden military history at the Bendigo Military Museum's Antiques Roadshow-style event—bring in your memorabilia, have it identified by experts, and uncover the stories waiting to be told!

26 April, 11:00am-1:00pm

37-39 Pall Mall, Bendigo

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearth-your-families-past-military-memorabilia-discovery-day

See website for costs



Unearthed Treasures: Railways Revisited

Bendigo Rail Workshops

Step into history at 'Unearthed Treasures: Railways Revisited' in Bendigo's iconic roundhouse. Witness the thrilling turning of a steam locomotive on the turntable and explore Bendigo's rich rail history, experiencing the magic of rail and steam.

20 April, 10:30am-12:30pm

Gate 6, Gladstone St, Quarry Hill

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearthed-treasures-railways-revisited

Free





St. Paul's Cathedral

Unearthing the Stories Behind the Artifacts at St. Paul's Cathedral

St. Paul's Cathedral, Bendigo

Hear the stories, appreciate the art, and see behind the scenes of this historic landmark at the heart of Bendigo.

23 April, 2:00pm-3:30pm

27 April, 6:00pm-7:30pm

7 May, 2:00pm-3:30pm

14 May, 2:00pm-3:30pm

16 May, 2:00pm-3:30pm

6 Myers Street, Bendigo

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearthing-the-stories-behind-the-artifacts-at-st-pauls-cathedral

See website for costs



White Hills Cemetery Walking Tour

Golden Dragon Museum

Join Golden Dragon Museum's Research Officer, Leigh McKinnon, on a walk into the past and learn about the Chinese section of the White Hills Cemetery.

1 May, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Plumridge Street, White Hills

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/white-hills-cemetery-tour

See website for costs



Grampians & Wimmera

Down the Burnt Clay Road

National Trust Wimmera and Region Branch

Unearth the treasures that only the privately owned Longerenong Homestead and district can give.

11 May, 9:30am-4:00pm

Burnt Clay Road, Longerenong

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/down-the-burnt-clay-road

See website for costs



Nhill Cemetery Walk - Unearthed

Nhill and District Historical Society Inc.

We invite you to join Yvonne Gladdis for a stroll through the Nhill Cemetery and let her introduce you to some of her favorite permanent residents.

20 April & 4 May, 1:30pm-4:00pm

Nhill-Harrow Road, Nhill

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/nhill-cemetery-walk-unearthed

Gold coin donation



Down the Burnt Clay Road



Murtoa Stick Shed Open Day

Murtoa Stick Shed Committee of Management Inc.

The Murtoa Stick Shed, a former grain store with its 560 mountain ash poles “has to be seen to be believed” and is a testament to iconic Australian bush ingenuity and a symbol of the growth and strength of the Australian grains industry.

18 May, 10:00am-3:00pm

1471 Wimmera Highway, Murtoa

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/murtoa-stick-shed-open-day

See website for costs



56th Annual Vintage Machinery Rally

Wheatlands Warracknabeal Agricultural Machinery Museum

Displays & demonstrations of vintage agricultural machinery this year, featuring Caterpillar.

19 April, 10:00am-10:00pm

34 Henty Highway, Warracknabeal

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/56th-annual-vintage-machinery-rally

See website for costs



Great Ocean Road

View from Mt Leura

Mills Cottage

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

One of Victoria's oldest homes, Mills Cottage, is a reminder of maritime history and life in Port Fairy, a fishing village on the Shipwreck Coast.

20 April, 4 & 18 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm
40 Gipps Street, Port Fairy

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/mills-cottage-open-day

See website for costs



Mott's Cottage

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Mott's Cottage is nestled in the historic fishing town of Port Fairy on the Shipwreck Coast.

20 April, 4 & 18 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm
5 Sackville Street, Port Fairy

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/motts-cottage-open-day

See website for costs



Mt Leura & Mount Sugarloaf Reserves

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Enjoy the extensive walking trails and visitor facilities of this 39 hectare volcanic reserve on the very edge of Camperdown. Nestled in the heart of the Nationally Significant Mt Leura and Mt Sugarloaf Volcanic Complex - a nested maar - this site has been extensively revegetated since 1995.

Mt Leura Rd, Camperdown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/mt-leura-mt-sugarloaf-reserves

Free public access



Traditional Handcrafts

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Port Fairy Branch

Exploring early embroidery and patchwork with current directions of these old crafts
Located in Heritage listed Mills Cottage, see old crafts and its new directions.

19 to 21 April, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Mills Cottage, 40 Gipps St Port Fairy
www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/traditional-handcrafts

See website for costs



Colours Unearthed - Wool Dyeing Workshop

Tarndwarncoort Homestead

A hands-on workshop to discover the process and vibrant colours of natural dyeing. Located at heritage listed wool-growing property Tarndwarncoort Homestead, tutored by 6th generation custodian.

10 May, 10:00am-2:30pm
5459 Princes Hwy, Warncoort
www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/colours-unearthed-wool-dyeing-workshop

See website for costs



Digging up the Past

Warrnambool Learning and Learning Centre
Discover Warrnambool Historical Society's rarely displayed artefacts!

23 April, 10:00am-11:00am
8 Kepler Street, Warrnambool
www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/digging-up-the-past

Free



Finding a Sporting Star and Other Stories

Apollo Bay Museum

Unearthed from the garage are the achievements of an Australian sporting star. On display at the Apollo Bay Museum is a collection of the medals, cups, uniforms and highlights from the life of a young man who represented Australia at Olympic, Commonwealth and other International diving events.

Saturdays, 2.00pm-5:00pm Sundays, 10.30am-1:00pm
650 Great Ocean Road, Apollo Bay
www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/finding-a-sporting-star-and-other-stories

See website for costs





Revealed - Stories from the Collection

Glenelg Shire Council

Enter into one of our most historic buildings to glimpse into our region's fascinating history and stories.

Monday to Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm
Portland History House, Cliff Street, Portland

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/revealed-stories-from-the-collection

See website for costs



Unearthed Then and Now

St Johns Anglican Church Heywood

Come and have a look at 150 years of architectural history. The church was designed by the diocesan Architect Terry Peale, and is believed to be the smallest church he ever designed.

24 April, 10:00am-4:00pm

25 April, 1:00pm-4:00pm

26 April, 10:00am-4:00pm

30 May, 10:00am-4:00pm

1 May, 10:00am-4:00pm

2 May, 10:00am-4:00pm

29 Lindsay St, Heywood

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearthed-then-and-now

Free



Uncovered!

Glenelg Shire Council

Explore some of the more quirky and interesting research projects the Portland Family History Group has unearthed!

17 May, 10:30am-11:00am

Portland History House, Cliff Street, Portland

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/uncovered

Free



Walking Tour of Portland's Public Buildings Reserve

Glenelg Shire Council

Take a tour of the earliest collection of pre-separation public buildings in Victoria!

26 April, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Cnr of Bentinck Street and Cliff Streets, Portland

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/walking-tour-of-portlands-public-buildings-reserve

Free



High Country

A Walk in Yackandandah High Street

Yackandandah and District Historical Society
Take a guided walk through 168 years of High Street, Yackandandah

1 May & 22 May, 10:30am-11:30am
21 High St, Yackandandah

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/a-walk-in-yackandandah-high-street

See website for costs



Apple Days of Stanley Tour

Friends of Stanley Athenaeum

The 'Apple Days of Stanley' is an escorted walking and self-drive tour inviting you to explore the places, people and stories of apple growing in Stanley.

26 April, 10:00am-12:30pm
Stanley Athenaeum, 8 Mt Stanley Rd, Stanley

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/apple-days-of-stanley-tour

See website for costs



Discovering the Crooked River Goldfield

Friends of Grant

Travel the Crooked River Goldfield road along the river, visiting historic sites along the way. Ghost towns, mining sites old mining machinery from the 1860s alluvial goldrush to the quartz rush of 1865. Four wheel drive essential.

27 April, 9:00am-5:00pm
Dargo Store, Dargo

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/discovering-the-crooked-river-goldfield

Gold coin donation



Guided tours of Bonegilla Migrant Experience

Bonegilla Migrant Experience

Explore original camp buildings, hear shared stories and truly walk in the shoes of the 320,000 migrants who made this their first Australian home.

Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday, 11:00am-12:30pm

Additional tour on 21 April, 11.00am-12.30pm

132 Bonegilla Road, Bonegilla

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/guided-tours-of-bonegilla-migrant-experience

See website for costs



Reel History: Benalla's Story on Screen

Benalla Cinema

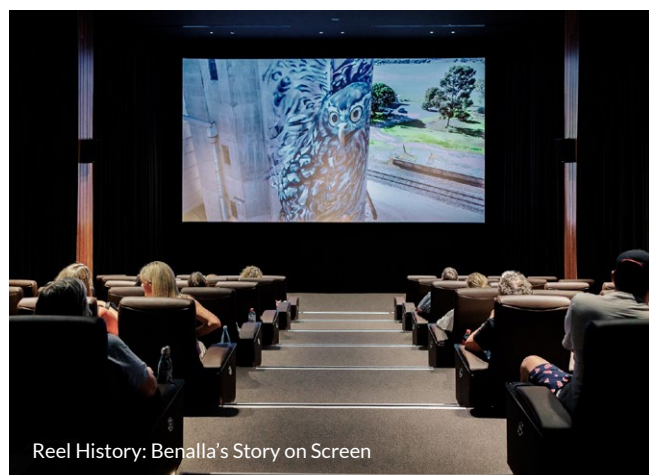
An immersive exhibit showcasing Benalla's rich history through short films and documentaries. Visitors can enjoy historical footage, personal stories, and interactive elements, offering a comprehensive and engaging look at the town's heritage.

2 May to 4 May, 10:00am-6:00pm

14 Mair St, Benalla

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/reel-history-benallas-story-on-screen

See website for costs



Reel History: Benalla's Story on Screen

Snow, Fire and Gold: The Story of Bill Spargo and Evelyn Piper's Life in the Australian Mountains (Euroa)

Goulburn Valley Libraries

Stephen Whiteside shares his most recent publication *Snow, Fire and Gold*. The book tells the captivating story of Bill Spargo and Evelyn Piper whose lives intertwined with the rugged beauty of the Australian mountains. It also contains a selection of photographs, many of which have never been seen.

30 April, 2:00pm-3:00pm

62 Binney Street, Euroa

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/snow-fire-and-gold-the-story-of-bill-spargo-and-evelyn-pipers-life-in-the-australian-mountains-euroa

Free



Unearthing 150 Years of Freemasonry in Benalla

Freemasons Benalla Marangan Lodge

Guided tour of Masonic Lodge.

3 May, 2:30pm-3:30pm

28-30 Benalla St, Benalla

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearthing-150-years-of-freemasonry-in-benalla

Gold coin donation



Where did Hume and Hovell really terminate their expedition?

Goulburn Valley Libraries

Author Lance Pritchard presents his research into the Hume and Hovell expedition, focusing on the termination point at Port Phillip. His research involves a very detailed examination of primary evidence from Hovell's journal. Much of the material examined has been ignored by researchers in the past.

14 May, 10:30am-11:30am

Avenel Library, 23 Queen St, Avenel

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/where-did-hume-and-hovell-really-terminate-their-expedition

Free



Wangaratta - Let's Remember

Wangaratta Historical Society Inc.

Roll up, roll up! Come and view treasures unearthed from our collection vaults at the Wangaratta Museum. A special weekend to view additional objects from our collection not usually on display. Morning refreshments included.

3 & 4 May, 10:00am-1:00pm

10 & 11 May, 10:00am-1:00pm

Wangaratta Museum, 29 Ford St, Wangaratta

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/wangaratta-lets-remember

Free



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Melbourne

Alfred Graving Dock, Williamstown

Bones & Burial Boxes: Digging up the Past at Prison Burial Sites

National Trust of Australia Victoria with Heritage Victoria

Uncover the hidden history of Melbourne's prison burial sites in *Bones & Burial Boxes: Digging Up the Past at Prison Burial Sites*, a compelling exhibition that reveals the untold stories behind some of the city's most infamous institutions. Through rare artefacts and groundbreaking archaeological discoveries, the exhibition illuminates a shadowy chapter of Melbourne's past.

Thursday & Friday, 10:00am-3:00pm
Saturday & Sunday, 10:00am-4:00pm
(7 days during school holidays)
Pentridge Prison Tours, 1 Champ Street, Coburg

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/bones-and-burial-boxes-digging-up-the-past-at-prison-burial-sites

See website for costs



Botanica Festival

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Supported by the City of Glen Eira, the Botanica Festival is a celebration of our natural environment, gardening and sustainability for all-ages. Enjoy garden tours, panel discussions, hands-on activities, plus a plant sales and CWA scones.

18 May, 10:00am-3:00pm
Rippon Lea Estate, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/botanica-festival

See website for costs



See [page 10](#) in this guide for more information.



Como House Tour

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Enjoy the calm of an urban pleasure garden and historic house. Discover the story of Melbourne with a visit to Como House.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 1:30pm

Saturday & Sunday: 11:00am, 12:30pm & 2:00pm

Corner Williams Rd & Lechlade Ave, South Yarra

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/como-house-guided-tour

See website for costs



Como House Garden Tour

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Discover the rich social history and stunning heritage of Como's gardens on this 45-minute guided tour, led by our knowledgeable National Trust Guides.

Sundays, 11:00am (duration 45mins)

Corner Williams Rd & Lechlade Ave, South Yarra

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/guided-tour-of-como-gardens

See website for costs



Labassa: Private Lives

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Discover the untold stories of Labassa's more unorthodox residents.

20 April, 10:30am-4:00pm

2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/labassa-private-lives

See website for costs



Labassa Mansion - Open Day

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

From mansion to tenement, Labassa is a rare survival of nineteenth century splendour.

18 May, 10:30am-4:00pm

2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/labassa-mansion-open-day

See website for costs



La Trobe's Cottage

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Melbourne's oldest surviving building, the home of Victoria's first Lieutenant-Governor, Charles Joseph La Trobe.

20 & 27 April, 1:00pm-4:00pm

(last entry 3:30pm)

Dallas Brooks Drive, Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/la-trobes-cottage

See website for costs



Mrs Brown of Como - Unearthing a Lesser-Known Matriarch

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Join this light-hearted look at Mrs Helen Brown of Como and discover the hidden influence she had in establishing Como as “the place to be” in the colonies.

5 May, 12:30pm-1:30pm

Como House & Garden, Corner Williams Rd & Lechlade Ave, South Yarra

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/mrs-brown-of-como-unearthing-a-lesser-known-matriarch

See website for costs



Pentridge Prison Tours

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Join a Pentridge Prison Tour to hear a history that will challenge and confront you. The stories within this journey are deep, unique, and expose the intricacies of prison punishment.

Tours run at select times, Thursday to Sunday
1 Champ Street, Coburg

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/pentridge-prison-tours

See website for costs



Pentridge Prison Tours - PrisonBreak Explorers (Family Tour)

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Escape with the kids on Pentridge Prison Tour's family tour and discover the history of Australia's most infamous prison. Suitable for children of all ages, this tour will take families inside H Division and the wider precinct.

Sundays at 10:30am (duration 1 hour)
1 Champ Street, Coburg

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/pentridge-prison-tours-prisonbreak-explorers-family-tours

See website for costs



Pentridge Prison Tours - Night Tours

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Experience the darker side of history with two unique night tours at Pentridge Prison. As night falls and the bluestone walls cast eerie shadows, step into a world of chilling tales and hidden secrets.

Thursday to Saturday, 6:30pm & 8:30pm
1 Champ Street, Coburg

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/pentridge-prison-tours-night-tours

See website for costs



Pentridge Prison, by Simon Fazio.

Polly Woodside - Open Day

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

After travelling 1.5 million miles across the globe, the Polly Woodside now welcomes you aboard.

4 May, 10:00am-4:00pm

21 South Wharf Promenade, South Wharf

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/polly-woodside-open-day

See website for costs



Polly Woodside - Pirate Day

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Gather your scallywags and buccaneers and set sail for an adventure on the high seas aboard the tall ship, Polly Woodside! On the third Sunday of every month, this historic vessel transforms into a pirate's haven for an unforgettable Pirate Day.

20 April, 10:00am-1:00pm

21 South Wharf Promenade, South Wharf

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/pirate-day-aboard-polly-woodside

See website for costs



Portable Iron Houses

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

See what life was like in Melbourne during the gold rush era when you visit one of the few remaining prefabricated buildings in the world.

4 May, 1:00pm-4:00pm

399 Coventry Street, South Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/portable-iron-houses-open-day

See website for costs



Rippon Lea Estate

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Rippon Lea Estate is a large 19th century mansion surrounded by 7 hectares of Victorian pleasure gardens. It is listed on the National Heritage Register as one of the finest examples of original suburban estate in Australia.

Open Daily, 10:00am-5:00pm (April) & 10:00am-4:00pm (May)

192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/rippon-lea-estate

See website for costs



Rippon Lea Estate - Guided Mansion Tour

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Immerse yourself in history with a guided tour of Rippon Lea Mansion, led by one of the National Trust's expert guides.

Monday to Friday, 11:00am & 2:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, 11:00am, 12:00pm, & 2:00pm

192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/rippon-lea-mansion-guided-tour

See website for costs



Rippon Lea Estate - Bird Life Tour

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Delve into the vibrant world of birds that inhabit the beautiful Rippon Lea Estate.

Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00am

192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/rippon-lea-estate-bird-life-tour

See website for costs



Rippon Lea Estate - Garden Tour

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Join an insightful social history tour of the Rippon Lea Estate garden, led by one of the knowledgeable National Trust guides.

Wednesday, 11:30am & 2:30pm

Thursdays, 11:00am

192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/rippon-lea-estate-garden-tour

See website for costs



Significant Trees of Rippon Lea - A Walking Tour

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

The trees at Rippon Lea are an important part of the Estate's history, with some dating back to the 1880s. This walking tour provides a fascinating insight into the work required to manage and nurture this magnificent collection for the enjoyment of today's visitors and future generations.

9 May, 11:00am-11:45am

Rippon Lea Estate, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/significant-trees-of-rippon-lea-a-walking-tour

See website for costs



Victoria's Government House & La Trobe's Cottage Guided Tour

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Discover Melbourne's rich heritage in the grand State Rooms of Government House and the home of Victoria's first lieutenant-governor, Charles La Trobe.

5 May, 9:45am-12:00pm

King's Domain, Government House Drive, Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/victorias-government-house-la-trobes-cottage-guided-tour

See website for costs



Waller House Open Day

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Immerse yourself in the lives of those who lived, created, loved, and lost in Waller House.

4 May, timed entry/sessions from 10:00am-4:00pm (Every 45 mins).

Ivanhoe (Address will be provided on booking)

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/waller-house-open-day

See website for costs





“Brilliant Brass” - the Hawthorn City Band

Hawthorn Historical Society

Formed over 135 years ago, the award-winning Hawthorn City Band has a fascinating history which Lindsay Paterson will share with the exciting addition of a short performance from the Auburn Brass.

18 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm

25 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/brilliant-brass-the-hawthorn-city-band

Gold coin donation



150 years of Chloe: Unveiling the Woman Behind the Painting

The Melbourne Athenaeum

Meet author Katrina Kell and discover the story and reimagined history surrounding the identity of the model of Jules Lefebvre's painting, Chloe.

1 May, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Melbourne Athenaeum Library, Level 1 188 Collins Street, Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/150-years-of-chloe-unveiling-the-woman-behind-the-painting

Free



200 Years of Wedding Fashion

Kew Historical Society & Villa Alba Museum

How have the glamour and rituals of weddings changed in Australia over the last 200 years? What elements of fashion, fabrics and accessories have Australian brides and wedding parties adopted? Explore elements of continuity and change in the dresses and accessories worn by numerous brides.

26 April, 10:30am-12:00pm (Exhibition)

27 April, 1:00pm-2:30pm (Exhibition)

30 April, 10:30am-12:00pm (Lecture 1)

30 April, 1:00pm-2:30pm (Lecture 2)

3 May, 10.30am-12.00pm (Exhibition)

4 May, 1.00pm-2.30pm (Exhibition)

7 May, 10.30am-12.00pm (Workshop 1)

7 May, 1.00pm-2.30pm (Workshop 2)

10 May, 10.30am-12.00pm (Exhibition)

11 May, 1.00pm-2.30pm (Exhibition)

Villa Alba Museum, 44 Walmer Street, Kew

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/200-years-of-wedding-fashion

See website for costs



A MAArvelous Millinery Retrospective

Millinery Association of Australia

A walk down Memory Lane to reflect on 30 years of Millinery Australia and hats hats hats. Turn the pages of archived memorabilia, talk to Milliners to learn about how a hat is made.

17 May, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Meat Market, 3 Blackwood Street North, Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/a-maarvelous-millinery-retrospective

See website for costs



A Time Traveller's Guide to Forbidden Places of Awe and Wonder in Australia

The English-Speaking Union (Victoria Branch) Ltd

In this illustrated presentation, geologist and author Marc Hendrickx brings a historical perspective to recent closures of bushwalking and climbing sites in Australia, including the Grampians, Mount Arapiles, Ayers Rock and Mount Warning.

2 May, 7:30pm-10:00pm

ESU House, 1 Bank Street, Ascot Vale

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/a-time-travellers-guide-to-forbidden-places-of-awe-and-wonder-in-australia

Free



AAADA Antique & Art Fair Melbourne

Australian Antique & Art Dealers Association

Australia's premier Antique & Art Fair presented by the AAADA, featuring renowned industry leaders from across the country.

1 to 4 May (see website for times)

Malvern Town Hall, 1251 High Street, Malvern

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/aaada-antique-art-fair-melbourne

See website for costs



After the Fire: Recovery Efforts at the See Yup Temple

Port Phillip Library Service

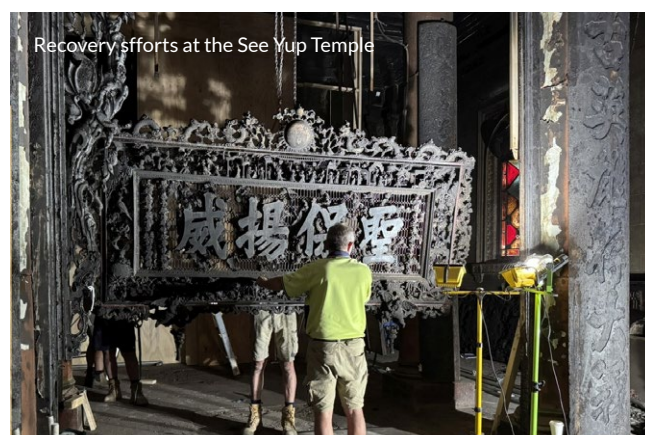
How do we recover precious heritage objects and why are they significant in the first place? Join us for an evening at the Emerald Hill Library to find out.

6 May, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Emerald Hill Library, 195 Bank Street, South Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/after-the-fire-recovery-efforts-at-the-see-yup-temple

Free



Recovery efforts at the See Yup Temple



Altona Homestead Ghost Tour

Lantern Ghost Tours

Visit one of Australia's original homesteads, only 20 minutes drive from Melbourne. The homestead has long had a reputation for hauntings and has been the center of paranormal investigations.

3 May, 8:30pm-10:00pm
108 Queen Street, Altona

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/altona-homestead-ghost-tour

See website for costs



Altona Homestead Guided Tour

Altona and Laverton Historical Society

Enjoy a guided tour of Altona's oldest residential building

22 & 29 April, 6 & 13 May, 11:00am-12:00pm
108 Queen Street, Altona

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/altona-homestead-guided-tour

Gold coin donation



An Artistic Legacy: A History of the Athenaeum Art Gallery

The Melbourne Athenaeum

Discover the story behind the opening of the Melbourne Athenaeum Art Gallery and its role as one of Melbourne's most significant art spaces.

5 May, 11:00am-12:00pm

The Melbourne Athenaeum Library, Level 1
188 Collins Street, Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/an-artistic-legacy-the-history-of-the-melbourne-athenaeum-art-gallery

Free



Ancestors that Served

Your Library

Did one of your ancestors serve in the military? Join us to learn where to find information about their service.

28 April, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Mooroolbark Library, 7 Station Street,
Mooroolbark

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/ancestors-that-served

Free



Architecture and Gardens: Beaumaris Walking Tour

Beaumaris Modern

Explore Beaumaris' unique architecture and gardens.

17 May, 10:30am-3:30pm

Cnr Tramway Parade and Keys Rd, Beaumaris

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/architecture-and-gardens-beaumaris-walking-tour

See website for costs





Autumn Sunset Cocktails at Walsh Street, by Marie-Louise.

Art of Humanity Presentation

Boroondara Arts and Boroondara Library Service

George Petrou proudly presents his second art project, "The Art of Humanity," at this exclusive book launch event. This follows his previous work, "The Art of Sacrifice", which is a collection of portraits that commemorates the ANZACs.

5 May, 7:00pm-8:30pm
Hawthorn Arts Centre (Chandelier Room),
360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/art-of-humanity-presentation

Free



Autumn Sunset Cocktails at Walsh Street

Robin Boyd Foundation

Join us at Walsh Street for an after-hours experience: Autumn Sunset Cocktails.

2 & 9 May, 6:30pm-8:00pm
290 Walsh Street, South Yarra

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/autumn-sunset-cocktails-at-walsh-street

See website for costs



Backstage Confidential

Frankston Arts Centre

Embrace your inner VIP and go behind the Frankston Arts Centre curtain! Explore hidden spaces and secrets of the theatre, from underground tunnels to exclusive backstage spots. Limited numbers for a premium experience.

18 May, 5:00pm-6:30pm
Frankston Arts Centre, 27-37 Davey Street, Frankston

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/backstage-confidential

See website for costs



Behind the Scenes at the Embroiderers Guild, Victoria

The Embroiderers Guild, Victoria

An exhibition of embroideries from branches across the state, historical books and tools on display. Tours of the building and members demonstrating various crafts.

11 May, 10:00am-12:00pm
170 Wattletree Road, Malvern

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/behind-the-scenes-at-the-embroiderers-guild-victoria

Gold coin donation



Behind the scenes tours of the See Yup temple

See Yup Society

Opportunity to explore the behind the scenes recovery operations after the devastating fire at the heritage-listed See Yup temple.

4 May 2025, 10.00am-3:45pm (tours run on the hour, duration 45 mins)

See Yup Temple, 76 Raglan Street, South Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/behind-the-scenes-tours-of-the-see-yup-temple

See website for costs



Belongings: Objects and Family Life

Old Treasury Building

We live in a material world. The things we own, the clothes we wear, the houses we live in, all express who we are or want to be. We live surrounded by stuff — more of it than in any previous generation.

Open Sunday to Friday, 10am-4pm. Closed public holidays.

20 Spring Street, East Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/belongings-objects-and-family-life

Free



Beneath the Surface

Bronwyn Wilson

Join me on a walking tour to explore parts of the city unearthed in recent and not so recent digs as we bring to light the stories told by the artefacts uncovered.

6 May, 10:00am-12:30pm

Meet at the steps of Parliament House, Spring Street, East Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/beneath-the-surface

See website for costs



Boroondara Photograph Competition 2025

Boroondara Library Service

Budding photographers of all ages and abilities are invited to enter the 2025 Boroondara Photograph Competition.

Entries close 4 May, 5:00pm

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/boroondara-photograph-competition-2025

Free



Broadmeadows Museum Open Day

Museum Open Day

An annual event as part of the Australian Heritage Festival, when the doors of the Museum are opened to the public for a full day.

10 May, 10:00am-4:00pm

Broadmeadows Museum, 21 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/broadmeadows-museum-open-day

Free



Caring for your Personal Collections

Glen Eira City Council

Learn how to care for your personal collections in this workshop.

15 May, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Glen Eira Town Hall (Caulfield Cup Room), Cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Rds, Caulfield

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/caring-for-your-personal-collections

See website for costs



Caulfield Park's War History Tour

Glen Eira City Council

In honour of those who have served our country, join our History Heritage Officers for a tour of Caulfield Park's memorials, wartime history, and stories from the home front.

18 May, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Caulfield Park, 280 Balaclava Road, Caulfield North

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/caulfield-parks-war-history-tour

See website for costs



Chapel Street Walk: Around Prahran's Iconic Buildings

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Meet at the PMI Victorian History Library and step into a charming adventure. Discover the tales of yesteryear's department stores on Chapel Street, Prahran.

30 April, 2:00pm-3:15pm

Meet at PMI Victorian History Library, 39 St Edmonds Road, Prahran

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/chapel-street-walk-around-prahrams-iconic-buildings

See website for costs



Colour and Decoration: The Paterson Brothers, Interiors, and Art: 1875-1915

Villa Alba Museum

The Paterson Brothers was the pre-eminent interior art decorating firm based in Melbourne from the 1870s into the early twentieth century.

18 May, 2:30pm-4:30pm

Villa Alba Museum, 44 Walmer St, Kew

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/colour-and-decoration-the-paterson-brothers-interiors-and-art-1875-1915

See website for costs



Convict Walk - Point Gellibrand

Hobsons Bay City Council

A tour of Point Gellibrand to discover the heritage of Hobsons Bay's convict past.

1 May, 10:30am-12:30pm

Battery Road, Williamstown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/convict-walk-point-gellibrand

Free



Convicts

Your Library

Do you have convicts in the family & would like to know more about them? Join us to learn how to discover more.

9 May, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Boronia Library, Park Cres, Boronia

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/convicts

Free



Cooks' Cottage and Fitzroy Gardens Guided Tour

City of Melbourne

Join a guided tour of the historic attraction of Cooks' Cottage and the heritage-listed Fitzroy Gardens.

Monday to Friday, 2:00pm-2:45pm

Fitzroy Gardens Visitor Centre, 230 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/cooks-cottage-and-fitzroy-gardens-guided-tour

See website for costs



Decorating Government House: Exploring the Interiors of Victoria's Vice-Regal Residence with Dr Nicole Davis

The Johnston Collection

Discover the decoration and furnishing of Government House, Victoria with Dr Nicole Davis.

16 May, 10:00am-11:30am

East Melbourne. Location provided on booking.

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/decorating-government-house-exploring-the-interiors-of-victorias-vice-regal-residence-with-dr-nicole-davis

See website for costs





Essendon Airport and its Place in the Evolution of Australian Civil Aviation

Civil Aviation Historical Society Inc.

Display panels showing the history of Essendon Airport. Thirty-minute walking tours of the early sites on the airport will be available. 1950s aviation films will be screened. The Airways Museum will show how the ground organization that supports Australian civil aviation has evolved.

Tuesday, 9:00am-3:00pm. Walking tours run at 11:30am.

Airways Museum, 1 Edgar Johnston Lane, Essendon Fields Airport

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/essendon-airport-and-its-place-in-the-evolution-of-australian-civil-aviation

Gold coin donation



Discover the Former Albion Explosives Factory Blackpowder Mill

Sunshine and District Historical Society (SDHS)

The mill is the last remaining building of the Albion Explosives Factory and still works, come and see how it was central to the production of blackpowder.

10 May, 11:00am-2:30pm

Blackpowder Mill, Cnr Parklea Ave & Grassy Point Rd, Cairnlea

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/discover-the-former-albion-explosives-factory-blackpowder-mill

Free



Feminist History at Trades Hall

Victorian Trades Hall Council

For over 150 years, women have been organising in Victoria's Trades Hall and fighting for equality. Follow the footsteps of union giants like Helen Robertson, Zelda D'Aprano and Gwen Goedecki who inspire the women in the movement to this day at our Feminist Hall Tour.

8 May, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Trades Hall (Lygon Street entrance), 2 Lygon street, Carlton

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/feminist-history-at-trades-hall

Free



Fire Services Museum of Victoria, Displaying and Preserving Victoria's Fire Service History

Fire Services Museum of Victoria

Explore the history of firefighting in Victoria since settlement.

Open Thursday, Friday & Sunday, 10:00am-3:00pm

39 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/fire-services-museum-of-victoria-displaying-and-preserving-victorias-fire-service-history

See website for costs



Footscray Park: An Edwardian Paradise

Footscray Historical Society

You will be taking a walk through a botanic wonderland with a huge variety of plants, shaded bluestone-lined paths and stairs. Leading to secluded alcoves, beautiful vistas, and hidden gems of history.

27 April & 4 May, 10:00am-12:00pm
Footscray Park, Mills Close, Footscray

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/footscray-park-an-edwardian-paradise

Gold coin donation



Forgotten Chinese Graves

Museum of Chinese Australian History

Discover some of the hidden Chinese graves in the historic Melbourne General Cemetery and learn about the history of Chinese migrants of Melbourne.

10 May, 11:00am-1:00pm

Melbourne General Cemetery, College Crescent, Parkville

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/forgotten-chinese-graves

See website for costs



Ghosts of the Old City Williamstown

Lantern Ghost Tours

Explore King William's Town, the original capital of Victoria, by lamp light. Explore hidden alleyways, Victoria's oldest morgue, a forgotten burial ground and Australia's Timeball Tower in Victoria's oldest seaport.

25 & 26 April and 2 & 3 May, 8:30pm-10:30pm

Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Center, Nelson Place, Williamstown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/ghosts-of-the-old-city-williamstown

See website for costs



Glen Eira Town Hall Tour

Glen Eira City Council

Enjoy a guided tour of Glen Eira Town Hall.

4 May, 1:30pm-2:45pm

Glen Eira Town Hall, Cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/glen-eira-town-hall-tour

See website for costs



Glenferrie Heritage Trail

Hawthorn Historical Society

Uncover the hidden history of Glenferrie on this Sunday morning stroll with an experienced guide. The deeper you dig the more there is to surprise you.

27 April, 11:00am-12:15pm

Central Gardens, 30 Henry Street, Hawthorn

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/glenferrie-heritage-trail

See website for costs



'Healthy Country, Healthy People' - an exhibition by Keedan Rigney

City of Melton

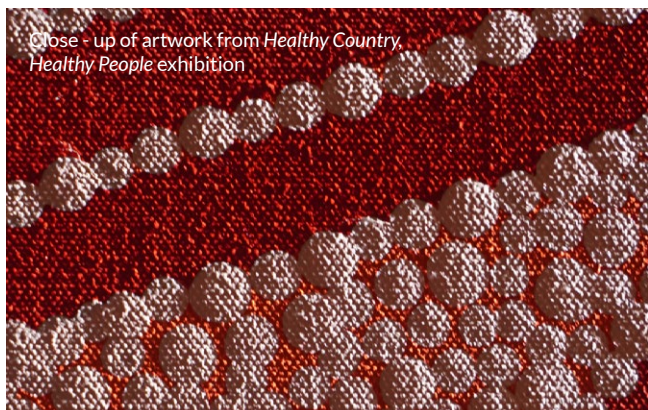
Keedan Rigney's exhibition *Healthy Country, Healthy People* explores the concept of adopting a more traditional approach in caring for Country. *Healthy Country, Healthy People* aims to challenge humans to acknowledge ourselves as a harmonious aspect of Country.

Daily until 12 May (closed on public holidays)
Monday to Friday, 8:30am-6:00pm (open to 8pm on Wednesdays) Saturday, 10:00am-4:00pm Sunday, 1:00pm-4:00pm

CS Gallery, 193 - 201 Caroline Springs Boulevard, Caroline Springs

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/healthy-country-healthy-people-an-exhibition-by-keedan-rigney

Free



Hear a Witness

Melbourne Holocaust Museum

2025 marks 80 years since the end of WWII, join us to hear the remarkable testimony of a Holocaust survivor.

18 May, 11:00am-12:00pm

Melbourne Holocaust Museum, 13 Selwyn St, Elsternwick

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/hear-a-witness

See website for costs



Heritage Collection Store Tour - City of Greater Dandenong

City of Greater Dandenong

Come and take a free guided tour of Greater Dandenong's Civic & Cultural Heritage Collection Store.

9 May 2025, 11:00am-12:00pm

City of Greater Dandenong Archive, Dandenong

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/heritage-collection-store-tour-city-of-greater-dandenong

Free



Heritage Guided Walking Tour of Historic Spotswood

Spotswood Industrial Heritage Walk

Take a walking tour of Spotswood with a Hobsons Bay heritage guide to learn about the bold industrial era of the Pumping Station.

28 April, 10:00am-12:00pm

Scienceworks, 2 Booker Street, Spotswood

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/heritage-guided-walking-tour-of-historic-spotswood

Free



Heritage Help

Hobsons Bay Libraries

Book a free, 30-minute session with Hobsons Bay's Heritage Librarian at Williamstown Library.

1 & 15 May, 10:30am-2:30pm

104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/heritage-help-online-and-in-person

Free



Heritage Hill House and Garden Tour

City of Greater Dandenong

Take a free tour of Heritage Hill Museum & Historic Gardens with our expert garden and heritage staff.

24 April, 10:00am-12:00pm

Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Gardens,
66 McCrae Street, Dandenong

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/heritage-hill-house-and-garden-tour

Free



Heritage Listed Chelsea Court House

Chelsea and District Historical Society

Dive into a court room world that stretches from the Depression to the late 1980s.

17 & 18 May, 10:00am-3:00pm

6 The Strand, Chelsea

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/heritage-listed-chelsea-court-house

Free



Heritage Walk of Aberfeldie

Essendon Historical Society

From grand homes to local institutions, explore the history of Aberfeldie on a guided heritage walk.

4 May, 2:30pm-5:00pm

Corner of Buckley Street & Aberdeen Crescent, Aberfeldie

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/heritage-walk-of-aberfeldie

See website for costs



High Tea with the Ton

Overnewton Castle

Unearth the history & etiquette of high tea dining with a delightful lunch & demonstration of the decorum and timeless customs at Overnewton Castle.

18 May, 1:00pm-3:00pm

51 Overnewton Rd, Keilor

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/high-tea-with-the-ton

See website for costs



History Comes Alive at Kew Cemetery

Friends of Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery

Many fascinating stories can be found among the graves at the Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery. While we won't literally 'unearth' the people, you will be pleased to hear, we will unearth their stories.

6 May, 10:30am-12:00pm

Cnr High Street and Parkhill Road, Kew

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/history-comes-alive-at-kew-cemetery

Gold coin donation



History of Miller's Homestead

Your Library

Join our Family History Team for a fascinating journey into the history of Miller's Homestead and the man who built it.

29 April, 10:00am-11:00am

Dorrigo Dr & Melrose Ct, Boronia

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/history-of-millers-homestead

Free



Housing, Heritage, Density: Vibrant Neighbourhoods or Hong Kong Without the View?

Royal Historical Society of Victoria

How do we work with planners and legislators to ensure that Victoria's planning system doesn't gut communities and destroy a suburb's historic essence which makes them unique, attractive and liveable?

29 April, 5:30pm-7:30pm

239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/housing-heritage-density-vibrant-neighbourhoods-or-hong-kong-without-the-view

See website for costs



How to use the Boroondara Heritage Collection

Boroondara Library Service

Learn how to browse, search and request historical items and records from Boroondara's new Heritage Collection.

14 May 2025, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/how-to-use-the-boroondara-heritage-collection

Free



Hume and Hovell Expedition Termination Discussion

Werribee District Historical Society and Museum

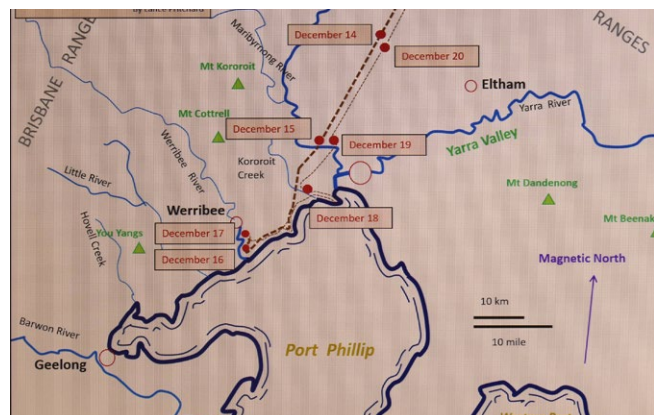
Discussion on the termination point of the Hume and Hovell expedition at the Werribee river.

10 May, 10:30am-11:30am

Werribee Museum, 49 Watton St, Werribee

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/hume-and-hovell-expedition-termination-discussion

Free



Map for Hume and Hovell Expedition Termination Discussion



Indomitable Women Pakenham Cemetery Tour

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc

It has been 10 years since we remembered 25 women who shaped the local community of Pakenham. Join us on a tour of the Pakenham Cemetery as we retell the stories of these women, who came from all walks of life.

18 May, 10:00am-11:30am
Pakenham Cemetery, Cnr Cemetery Road and Thewlis Road, Pakenham

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/indomitable-women-pakenham-cemetery-tour

See website for costs



Into the Guts of History

German Lutheran Trinity Church

Venture underground to explore the blue stone foundations under the 150 years old church.

27 April, 11 & 18 May, 2:00pm-3:00pm
22 Parliament Place, East Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/into-the-guts-of-history

Free



Introduction to the Boroondara Heritage Collection

Boroondara Library Service

Learn how to browse, search and request historical items and records from the new Boroondara Heritage Collection.

30 April, 1:00pm-2:00pm
Hawthorn Library, 584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/introduction-to-the-boroondara-heritage-collection

Free



JMA Melbourne Heritage Walk: Exploring Cultural Roots

Jewish Museum of Australia

Join expert guide Terry Ashton for a captivating walking tour around the State Library Victoria. Discover historic sites like Melbourne Hospital, Sniders and Abrahams warehouse, RMIT, Trades Hall, and the Old Melbourne Gaol, exploring the rich history of Melbourne's early Jewish community.

4 May, 10:15am-12:30pm
QV Centre, Cnr Swanston Street and Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

(Meeting place will be emailed prior to event)

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/jma-melbourne-heritage-walk-exploring-cultural-roots

See website for costs



Keeping Up Appearances: Curators and the Australian Historic House Museum Interior with Suzanne Bravery



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The Johnston Collection

Discover the challenging role of the curator in creating and keeping up the appearance of several historic interiors of significance.

8 May, 10:00am-11:30am

East Melbourne. Location provided on booking.

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/keeping-up-appearances-curators-and-the-australian-historic-house-museum-interior-with-suzanne-bravery

See website for costs



Launch of the Boroondara Heritage Collection

Boroondara Library Service

Boroondara Library Service welcomes everyone to the official launch of the new Boroondara Heritage Collection, a growing archive showcasing the history of the City of Boroondara.

28 April, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/launch-of-the-boroondara-heritage-collection-online

Free



Letters From the Front-Sons of Williamstown

Hobsons Bay City Council

Letters From the Front is a special spoken word event honouring these men with a presentation of some of the letters sent home to family and loved ones.

24 April, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Williamstown Town Hall, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/letters-from-the-front-sons-of-williamstown

Free



Liz Walker Art Exhibition: Lets Get Real

Frankston Arts Centre

Let's Get Real is an immersive art installation examining the impact of plastic production on our wildlife, environment and potentially every person on this planet.

10 May, 10:00am-2:00pm

13 to 16 May, 10:00am-5:00pm

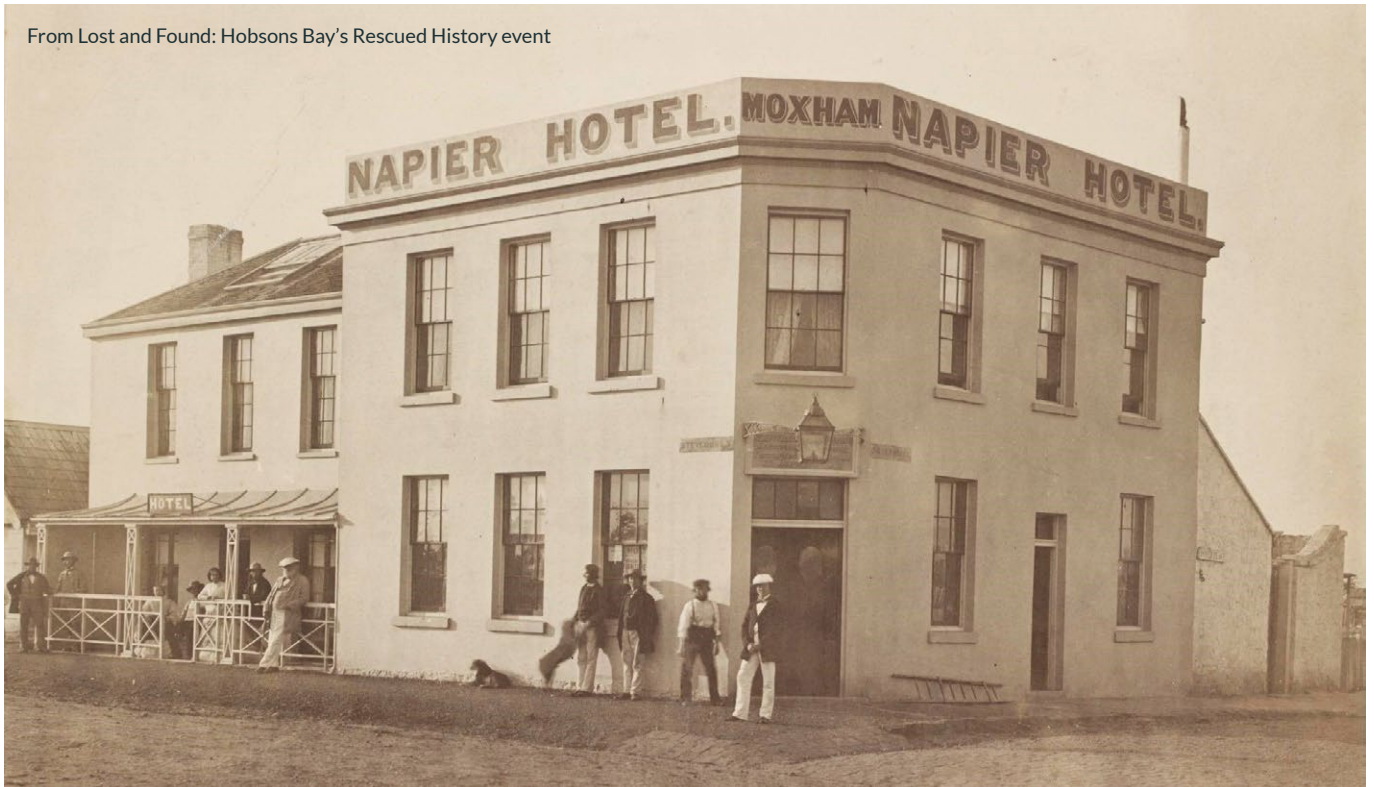
17 May, 10:00am-2:00pm

Cube 37, Frankston Arts Centre, 37 Davey Street, Frankston

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/liz-walker-art-exhibition-lets-get-real

Free





Lost and Found: Hobsons Bay's Rescued History

Williamstown Historical Society

The Williamstown Historical Society showcases examples of their vast and varied collection of objects, photographs, paintings and documents that help tell the story of Hobsons Bay's unique and important history.

Monday to Sunday, 21 April to 18 May,
9:00am-5:00pm

Hobsons Bay Library Williamstown, 104
Ferguson Street, Williamstown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/lost-and-found-hobsons-bays-rescued-history

Free



Malvern Walk: Explore Stonnington's Rich History

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Starting at the iconic clock tower of the Malvern Town Hall, you'll embark on a captivating journey through the heart of Malvern.

14 May, 10:30am-11:45am

Malvern Town Hall, 1251 High St, Malvern

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/malvern-walk-explore-stonningtons-rich-history

See website for costs



Melbourne Unearthed

Isabel Simpson, Professional Tour Guide

What was once on the sites throughout Melbourne's streets? We may discover slices of early buildings.

3 May, 10:00am-12:30pm

Corner Collins and MacArthur Streets, Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/melbourne-unearthed

See website for costs



Mentone Heritage Station & Gardens

Friends of Mentone Heritage Station & Gardens

Experience the restored Edwardian Heritage Station & Gardens.

3 & 10 May, 12:00pm-2:00pm

Corner of Balcombe Rd and Como Parade, Mentone

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/mentone-heritage-station-gardens

Free



Mentone Station Park

Nairn Marr Djambana: First Nations Cultural Workshops

South Side Festival, Frankston City Council and Nairn Marr Djambana

Culture Through Learning at Nairn Marr Djambana: where tradition meets education. Be guided around the beautiful gardens of Nairn Marr Djambana and learn about native plants and First Nations traditions.

12 & 13 May, 10:00am-1:00pm

Nairn Marr Djambana: Gathering by the Bay, 32 Nursery Street, Frankston

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/nairn-marr-djambana-first-nations-cultural-workshops

Free



Newport Lakes Walk: 200 Years of Quarrying and Community History

Historic Walk Newport Lakes (former quarry)

Newport Lakes - a guided walk with before and after photos and stories of the last 200 years.

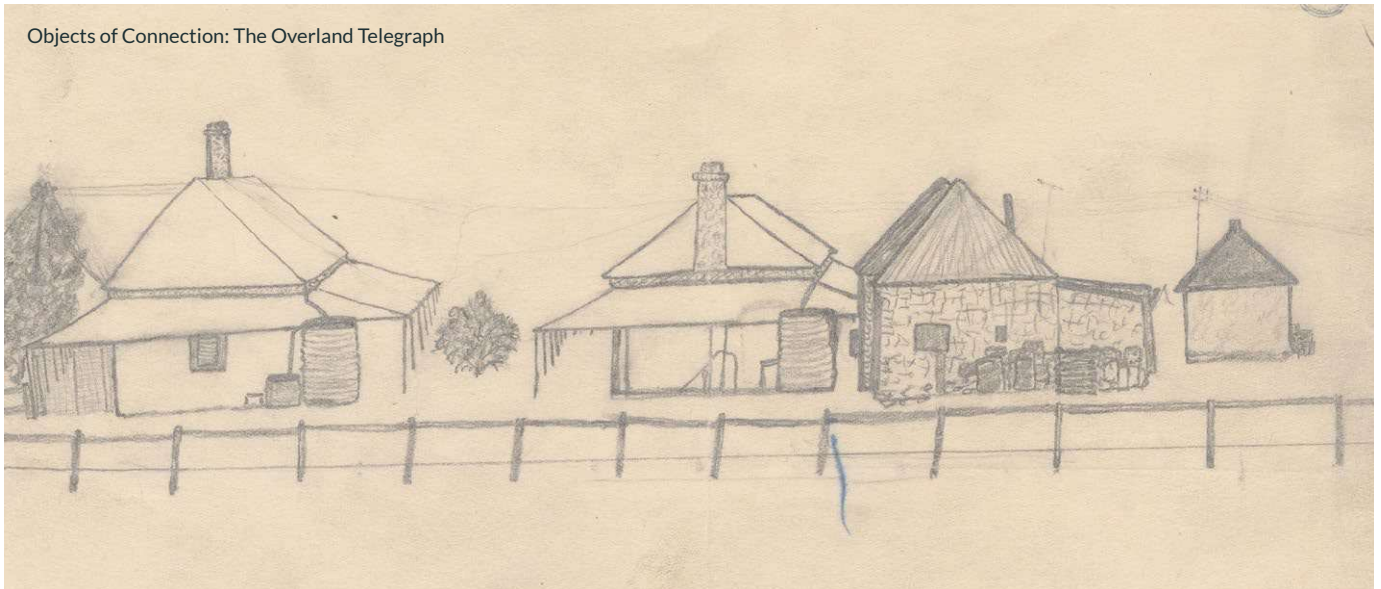
26 April, 10:00am-11:45am

Newport Lakes Reserve, Lake Drive, Newport

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/newport-lakes-walk-200-years-quarrying-and-community-history

See website for costs





Objects of Connection: The Overland Telegraph

Old Treasury Building

Join Mandy Paul and Amanda Nettelbeck as they explore the inclusive cultural narrative of the Overland Telegraph Line. Discover First Nations perspectives on the line's paths through Aboriginal Country and the vital role of other non-European actors in its construction over 150 years ago.

16 May, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Online via Zoom. A link will be sent to all who book prior to the start time.

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/objects-of-connection-the-overland-telegraph

Free



Old Treasury Building Public Tour

Old Treasury Building

Join a guided tour of the Old Treasury Building and discover areas not usually available to the public!

27 April, 11:00am-12:00pm

20 Spring Street, East Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/old-treasury-building-public-tour

See website for costs



Piers of Port Melbourne: People & Place

Port Phillip Library Service

Piers define Port Melbourne. This talk explores their evolution as places of commerce and leisure, welcomes and farewells, diplomacy and strife, celebration and reflection; dynamic venues where people engage with each other.

29 April, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Emerald Hill Library and Port Phillip Heritage Centre, 195 Bank Street, South Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/piers-of-port-melbourne-people-place

Free



Pioneer Cemetery Tour

Broadmeadows Historical Society

A bus tour conducted by knowledgeable members of the Broadmeadows Historical Society of five pioneer cemeteries within the City of Hume.

4 May, 10:00am-3:00pm

Westmeadows Tavern, 10 Ardlie Street, Westmeadows

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/pioneer-cemetery-tour

See website for costs



Plant Table

South Side Festival, Frankston City Council, Frankston Libraries

Plant Table is a performance activation entangling humans and plants in dances of relation. Pull up a chair and join us at the Plant Table, where nature comes to life through conversation and creativity.

17 & 18 May, 11:00am-3:00pm

Frankston Library, 60 Playne Street, Frankston

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/plant-table

Free



Plant Table

Point Cook Homestead Ghost Tour Victoria

Lantern Ghost Tours

Discover the home of the Chirnside family. Located at the end of an isolated country track, you will be transported to another world. Discover the 1850s homestead, outbuildings and family secrets on this secluded, haunted 25 acre property.

3 May, 8:30pm-10:30pm

1 Point Cook Homestead Road, Point Cook

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/point-cook-homestead-ghost-tour

See website for costs



Postcards from the Gardens - Moments in Time - Talk and Tour

Williamstown Botanical Gardens

Explore the early 1900's craze for postcards using the historic postcard collection of the Williamstown Botanic Gardens archive.

1 May, 10:00am-12:00pm

104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/postcards-from-the-gardens-moments-in-time-talk-and-tour

Free



Preserving your Oral History and Family Stories

Merri-bek Libraries

Nina Fromhold, Founder of Memory Lane Life Stories will guide us through a workshop about recording and preserving your family's stories.

Coburg event:

14 May, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Coburg Library, Cnr of Victoria and Louisa Streets, Coburg

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/preserving-your-oral-history-and-family-stories-coburg

Glenroy event:

22 April, 10:30am-11:30am

Glenroy Library, 50 Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/preserving-your-oral-history-and-family-stories

Free



Re-Thinking Heritage, Walking Tour and Discussion.

Andever and Heritage Workshop

Join Urban Historian, Dr James Lesh, and architects Sonia Sarangi and Michael Smith, on a walking tour, discussing the opportunities of re-thinking Melbourne's heritage.

9 May, 4:30pm-6:00pm

Address TBC - see website for details

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/re-thinking-heritage-walking-tour-and-discussion

Free



QVWC Feminist Walking Tour

Queen Victoria Women's Centre

Discover the lost stories of the women that made Melbourne! Guided by QVWC's Feminist Historian, Barbara Wheeler, our 2.5 hour tour will cover 3 city sites including Victoria Trades Hall Council, St David's Hall at the Welsh Church and the QVWC where tour participants can enjoy a light lunch.

16 May, 9:45am-12:30pm

Commences from 54 Victoria Street, Carlton

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/qvwc-feminist-walking-tour

See website for costs



Saved from Dying - Best Survival Comes From Our 900-Year History

St John Ambulance Historical Society of Australia - Victorian Branch

Learn about how the world's best survival rate has developed from the our 900-year history of medical care as illustrated in the museum collection in a talk that will be followed by a guided tour of the museum which is open free of charge on Sundays and Thursdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

20 & 27 April, 4, 11 & 18 May, 11:00am-12:00pm

St John Museum, The Esplanade at the corner of Garden Street, Williamstown Beach

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/saved-from-dying-best-survival-comes-from-our-900-year-history

Free



Schwerkolt Mixed Farm Revival

Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex

Unearthing the farming past at Schwerkolt Cottage, the afternoon brings direct experience of the activities practiced on the property when it was a mixed farm with an orchard and animals.

4 May 2025, 12:00pm-4:00pm

2-10 Deep Creek Road, Mitcham

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/schwerkolt-mixed-farm-revival

Free



Scout Heritage Victoria Open Day

Scout Heritage Victoria Adventure Centre and Archives

See the history of scouting in Victoria in our informative panels and exhibits spanning over 100 years.

4 May, 10:00am-4:00pm

62A Mackie Road, Bentleigh East

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/scout-heritage-victoria-open-day

Gold coin donation



Secret Treasure - Guided Tours with Viennese Afternoon Tea

The Duldig Studio Museum & Sculpture Garden

The Duldig Studio, Museum, and Sculpture Garden is a unique National treasure nestled in the heart of Malvern East that showcases the extraordinary modernist art works and life of cultural influencers Karl Duldig and Slawa Horowitz-Duldig, with heritage Viennese rooms and original artist studio.

22 & 29 April, 6 & 13 May, 1:30pm-3:00pm

92 Burke Road, Malvern East

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/secret-treasure-guided-tours-with-viennese-afternoon-tea

See website for costs



The Duldig Studio



Secrets of the Pinetum Tour

Williamstown Botanical Gardens

Discover the intriguing origins of the pine tree collection and the fascinating stories behind how they came to be here.

15 May, 10:00am-12:00pm

104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/secrets-of-the-pinetum-tour

Free



Share Your Story

City of Port Phillip Libraries

Step into the Oral History Room where your personal stories and memories become part of our community's rich tapestry—record, preserve, and share your voice for future generations to enjoy!

22 April, 1:30pm-3:30pm

8 May, 11:00pm-1:00pm

16 May, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Port Phillip Heritage Centre, 195 Bank Street, South Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/share-your-story

Free



Shrine Galleries Highlights Tour

The Shrine of Remembrance

Uncover the hidden stories behind some of our most intriguing objects in this special gallery tour.

12 May to 18 May, 11:00am-11:45am & 2:00pm-2:45pm

Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/shrine-galleries-highlights-tour

See website for costs



Sketching at the Willows Historical Park

City of Melton

Do you enjoy sketching? Do you like conveniently located, beautiful, historical homesteads? If so, come along and join fellow artists drawing the Willows Historical Park.

7 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Reserve Road, Melton

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/sketching-at-the-willows-historical-park

Free



South Carlton Historical Walk

Princes Hill Community Centre

Enjoy an informative walk with a local historian in beautiful South Carlton and take in the architecture and history.

17 May, 10:00am-12:00pm

Starting point is the Church of All Nations in Palmerston Street, Carlton

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/south-carlton-historical-walk

See website for costs





South Parkville Historical Walk

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Princes Hill Community Centre

Enjoy an informative walk with a local historian in beautiful South Parkville and take in the architecture and history.

26 April, 10:00am-12:00pm

Starting point is the corner of Royal Parade and Gatehouse Street, Parkville

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/south-parkville-historical-walk

See website for costs



Stained Glass down Swanston Street

GLAAS Inc

From the Leckie window at Melbourne University to the Leonard French ceiling at the National Gallery this walk+ talk visits a wealth of historic gems often hidden in plain sight. Whether grand installations or tiny jewels of light, all have stories that enliven Melbourne's history and heritage.

7 May, 10:30am-12:30pm

The Potter Museum University of Melbourne, Cnr of Swanston Street and Masson Road, Parkville

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/stained-glass-down-swanston-street

See website for costs





Station Pier: Hear About the Remarkable 'Backstory' (or 'Understory') of this Heritage Listed Pier

Ports Victoria and Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network

A rare opportunity to visit this State heritage-listed maritime infrastructure - Station Pier. Experts from Ports Victoria together with Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network (MMHN) will 'unearth' some fascinating insights into one of Australia's largest timber piled wharf structures still in use today.

10 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Station Pier, Waterfront Place, Port Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/station-pier-hear-about-the-remarkable-backstory-or-understory-of-this-heritage-listed-pier

Free



Strengthening the Sutures

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

A one-hour tour through the College.

22 April & 6 May, 11:00am-12:00pm
250-290 Spring St East Melbourne, East Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/strengthening-the-sutures

Gold coin donation



Swagger | Gentlemen of Fashion

The Johnston Collection

Step behind the sartorial scenes to experience the sociability, elegance, and style of Georgian and Regency gentlemen at The Johnston Collection.

Open Wednesday to Sunday
East Melbourne. Location provided on booking.

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/swagger-gentlemen-of-fashion

See website for costs



Tea, Tech and Training: Researching your Family History

Hobsons Bay Libraries

Grab a tea or coffee, get comfy, and learn how to research your family history online at your own pace with the support of library staff. In this special Heritage Festival edition of Hobsons Bay Libraries' weekly Tea, Tech and Training series.

2 May, 10:00am-11:00am
Altona Library, 123 Queen Street, Altona

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/tea-tech-and-training-researching-your-family-history

Free



The Coming of Age - Australian Wooden Tall Ship Alma Doepel

Friends of the Alma Doepel

Witness the final stages of the Alma Doepel Restoration as we prepare for the rigging.

24 April, 1 & 8 May, 10:00am-3:00pm

Shed 2, North Wharf Road, Docklands

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-coming-of-age-australian-wooden-tall-ship-alma-doepel

Gold coin donation



The Forgotten History of Thompson Street

Williamstown Historical Society

A guided historical walking tour of the eastern end of Thompson Street, Williamstown.

25 & 26 April, 2 & 3 May, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Meet at Nelson Place and Thompson Street, Williamstown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-forgotten-history-of-thompson-street

Free



The Old Bakery Museum

Mordialloc & District Historical Society

Our 100-year-old bakery retains its ovens and houses exhibitions of local historical photos and items of interest.

20 & 27 April, 4, 11 & 18 May, 11:00am-3:00pm

9 Old Bakery Lane, Mentone

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-old-bakery-museum

Free



The Story of Wyreena - A Hidden Gem

Wyreena Community Arts Centre - Maroondah City Council

Guided Tour of the property - Discover the interesting architectural and social history of Wyreena. The main building is over 100 years old and has had three fascinating chapters: from family home to a convent and now a thriving Community Arts Centre.

Tours run Mondays & Saturdays, 28 April to 17 May

13-23 Hull Rd, Croydon

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-story-of-wyreena-a-hidden-gem

See website for costs



Their Life in a Suitcase

City of Melton

Join award-winning podcaster and musician Simon Reich as he shares stories of post war migrants via video, archival footage, photo montages, soundscapes and live music.

3 May, 1:30pm-3:00pm

Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub, 193-201 Caroline Springs Boulevard, Caroline Springs

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/their-life-in-a-suitcase

Free



These Walls Speak Volumes with authors Ken James and Pam Baragwanath

Hobsons Bay Libraries

Explore the significance of mechanic's institutes to the heritage of Victoria inside the Newport Mechanics' Hall. These Walls Speak Volumes: A History of Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria is an index of these institutions and their histories, including Newport, Williamstown and Spotswood.

30 April, 2:00pm-3:15pm
Newport Mechanics' Hall, 13/15 Mason Street, Newport

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/these-walls-speak-volumes-with-authors-ken-james-and-pam-baragwanath

Free



Toorak Mansion Tour

Toorak Mansion Tour

Explore the newly restored areas of the architectural wonder that is Mandeville Hall with architectural historian Steve Stefanopoulos OAM. Discover the magnificent features, exquisite interiors and opulent rooms of this internationally significant Toorak mansion.

4 May 2025, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak, 10 Mandeville Crescent, Toorak

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/toorak-mansion-tour

See website for costs



Trades Hall Heritage Festival Tour

Victorian Trades Hall Council

For over 150 years the Trades Hall building has given form to dreams of a better life for working people and their families.

21 & 28 April, 5 & 12 May, 3:00pm-5:00pm
2 Lygon Street / 54 Victoria St, Carlton

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/trades-hall-heritage-festival-tour

Free



Treasures of the Heritage Collection

Boroondara Library Service

Discover some unique gems held in the Boroondara Heritage Collection.

9 May, 2:30pm-3:30pm
Camberwell Library, 340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/treasures-of-the-heritage-collection/

Free



Trugo - A Unique Victorian Sport

Ascot Vale Trugo Club

Pick up your wooden mallet, turn your back and hit a rubber ring between your legs through goals 27 metres away. The rules are the same as for the railway workers who created the sport 100 years ago - score the most goals and your team wins. Be part of Victoria's living, sporting heritage.

22 April & 3 May, 11:00am-2:00pm
Ascot Vale Trugo Club, Maribyrnong Road, Moonee Ponds

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/trugo-a-unique-victorian-sport

Free



Try Trugo at Magnificent Rippon Lea Estate

Ascot Vale Trugo Club

Try Victoria's living sporting heritage on the lawns of Ripponlea Estate - watch a demonstration and then have a go at our quirky sport - Trugo.

19 April, 11:00am-2:00pm

192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/try-trugo-at-magnificent-ripponlea-estate

See website for costs



Unearth Stories of B-24 Liberator Bombers During World War II

B-24 Liberator Memorial Australia Inc.

Come for a guided tour of our special museum where we are restoring the only B-24 Liberator bomber that remains in the southern hemisphere, and discover special stories about the role of Liberators and their crew.

Open Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday, 22 April to 15 May. 9:30am-3:30pm

Cnr Farm Road and Princes Highway, Werribee

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearth-stories-of-b-24-liberator-bombers-during-world-war-ii

Gold coin donation



Unearth Your Ancestors Through Family History Research

Family History Connections

Have you ever wondered where your family came from? Find out how to start your family history research today in our well resourced centre. We will give you a tour of our Resource Centre and a hands on session where you will discover something about your family heritage.

9 & 11 May, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Unit 1/41 Railway Rd, Blackburn

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearth-your-ancestors-through-family-history-research

Free



Unearth the History of Your House

Brunswick Community History Group

How old is your house? Who used to live there? Our researcher Margaret Fleming will conduct a workshop on how to trace the history of your house.

3 May, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Brunswick Town Hall (Kirrip Djerring Room), 233 Sydney Rd, Brunswick

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearth-the-history-of-your-house

Free



Unearthed - Memories of a Garden in Germantown

Ziebell's Farmhouse Museum & Heritage Garden

Did you know that the suburb of Thomastown and its surrounds was once known as Germantown? 'Memories of a Garden in Germantown' is a special one-off event to hear from families descending from Ziebell's Farmhouse, the only remaining bluestone German built home that has become a public museum.

4 May, 2:00pm-4:00pm

100 Gardenia Road, Thomastown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearthed-memories-of-a-garden-in-germantown

See website for costs



Unearthing the Life of a Pastoralist

Friends of Black Rock House

From the hills of New South Wales to the Victorian town named after his old school, Karlsruhe, Charles Hotson Ebdon was the first European to settle in Sugarloaf Creek in 1837. Learn how he made his way to own land in Collins St Melbourne then create his seaside home in Black Rock.

4 May, 1:00pm-4:00pm

30-36 Ebdon Avenue, Black Rock

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearthing-the-life-of-a-pastoralist

Gold coin donation



Veterans Public Arts Trail

Veterans Public Arts Trail

Discover some of the many public artworks by veterans hidden in plain sight around Melbourne. Works by veterans who have served at Gallipoli to more recent times will be highlighted during the hosted tour.

18 May, 8:00am-11:00am

Outside 'The Crafty Squire', 127 Russell Street, Melbourne

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/veterans-public-arts-trail

Free



Walk on Country - Manemit/Early Winter Walk

Hobsons Bay City Council

A walk on Country and Smoking Ceremony with culture carriers and knowledge holders.

3 May, 10:00am-12:00pm

Truganina Park Altona Meadows, 104 Ferguson Street, Altona Meadows

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/walk-on-country-manemit-early-winter-walk

Free



Walk on Country - Manemit/Early Winter Walk

Walking Tour: Robin Boyd's Neighbourhood

Robin Boyd Foundation

Join us on a journey through a slice of South Yarra with our expertly curated walking tour to discover the precinct's diverse architectural streetscape.

10 May, 10:30am-12:30pm

Meeting point: Terrace Cafe, Royal Botanic Gardens

Corner Alexandra Avenue & Anderson St, South Yarra

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/walking-tour-robin-boyds-neighbourhood

See website for costs



Walking Westmeadows

Broadmeadows Historical Society

Walking the streets of Westmeadows, previously known as the Broadmeadows Township, established in 1850.

27 April, 10:30am-12:30pm

Westmeadows Tavern, 10 Ardlie St, Westmeadows

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/walking-westmeadows

See website for costs



Way-back Workshops: Researching Family Military History

Hobsons Bay Libraries

In the lead-up to Anzac Day, get equipped with the latest strategies for researching the military service of your ancestors online and with our Heritage Collection.

24 April, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Williamstown Library, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/way-back-workshops-researching-family-military-history

Free



We Built This City Exhibition

We Built This City

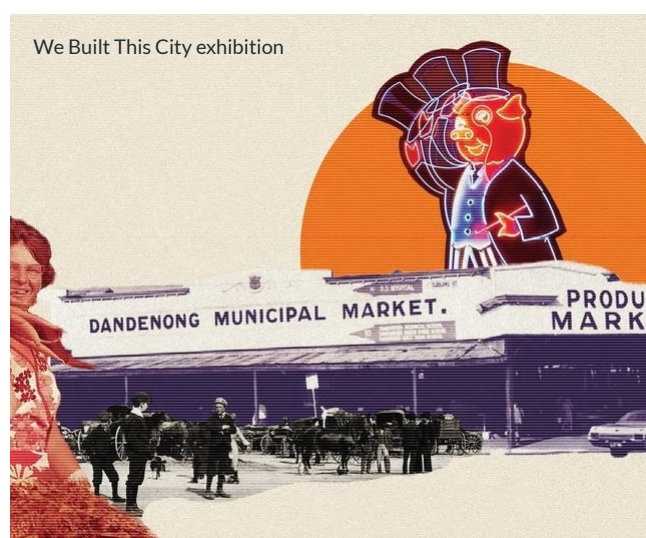
To celebrate the *We Built this City* heritage interpretation project, the community can now view all project material alongside Council's heritage collections.

Open Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00am-2:00pm

Heritage Hill Museum and Historic Garden, 66 McCrae Street, Dandenong

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/we-built-this-city-exhibition

Free





What's Under the Floorboards?

Fitzroy History Society

See what kinds of bones, bottles and buttons have been hiding dormant under the floorboards of 80 Webb Street Fitzroy with a short talk and photo presentation by proud homeowner Eloise. The 1851 bluestone workers cottage has revealed old wallpapers, coins, china, glass, earthenware shards and more.

10 May, 10:00am-12:00pm

80 Webb Street, Fitzroy

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/whats-under-the-floorboards

Free



Williamstown Cemetery - Convict Graves and Tales

Hobsons Bay City Council

A guided walking tour around Williamstown Cemetery, one of Victoria's oldest graveyards.

24 April, 10:30am-12:30pm

Williamstown Cemetery, Champion Road, Williamstown North

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/williamstown-cemetery-convict-graves-and-tales

Free



Wizard Oil & Wonders - The Peculiar Legacy of Frank Weston the Wizard Oil Prince

City of Melton

An exploration of the quackery of nineteenth century travelling showman Frank Weston through magic, song and history.

10 May, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Melton Library and Learning Hub, 32 McKenzie Street, Melton

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/wizard-oil-wonders-the-peculiar-legacy-of-frank-weston-the-wizard-oil-prince

Free



Women Through the Ages

Nathalia & District Historical Society

Showcasing the role of women in early Victorian settlement.

11 May, 11:00am-4:00pm

Nathalia & District Historical Society, 45 Pearce Street, Nathalia

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/women-through-the-ages

Gold coin donation



Mornington Peninsula

Endeavour Fern Gully

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Walk the Fern Gully Trail through Mornington Peninsula's original temperate rainforest—a diverse habitat teeming with unique flora and fauna.

Free public access

195 Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/endeavour-fern-gully

See website for costs



McCrae Homestead

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

The McCrae Homestead, once home to artist Georgiana McCrae, offers an exceptional glimpse into domestic life in the 1840s. The homestead also houses the Burrell Gallery which chronicles the story of a family's life on the Mornington Peninsula over 75 years.

20 April, & 18 May, 11:00am-4:00pm (last entry 3.00pm)

11 Beverley Road, McCrae

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/mccrae-homestead-open-day

See website for costs



Art of Daryl Lindsay, Mulberry Hill

Mulberry Hill

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

A place of art, creativity and culture - visit Mulberry Hill, the home of Daryl and Joan Lindsay where the Australian literary classic *Picnic at Hanging Rock* was written.

20 April & 18 May, 11:00am-3:00pm

Tours run hourly at: 11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:15pm & 2:15pm

385 Golf Links Road, Langwarrin South

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/mulberry-hill-open-day

See website for costs



Mulberry Hill



Heritage Walk on the Ranelagh Estate Mt Eliza

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Mornington Peninsula Branch

A guided walk through parts of the Walter Burley Griffin designed estate in Mt Eliza to learn about the history and heritage values of the estate.

24 April, 2:00pm-3:15pm
The Ranelagh Club, 3 Rosserdale Crescent,
Mt Eliza

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/heritage-walk-on-the-ranelagh-estate-mt-eliza

See website for costs



Mornington Heritage Railway Tours

Mornington Tourist Railway

Experience the magic of heritage train travel.

Sundays, 10:30am-3:00pm
Moorooduc Station, 460 Moorooduc
Highway, Mount Eliza

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/mornington-heritage-railway-tours

See website for costs



Limestone Unearthed at Point Nepean

Nepean Historical Society at The Sorrento Museum

The Story of Limestone Quarrying and Limeburning at Sorrento, Portsea and Point Nepean.

19 April, 3, 10 & 17 May, 10:30am-2:00pm
Sorrento Museum, 827 Melbourne Road, Sorrento

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/limestone-unearthed-at-point-nepean

Gold coin donation



Our Stories: Unearthed

Mornington Peninsula Shire - Arts & Culture

Our Stories: Unearthed is a one-day event at historic Mount Martha House. Enjoy local history exhibits, live music, Devonshire tea, creative workshops, films, and plein air painting. Discover hidden stories, connect with the Mornington Peninsula's heritage, and inspire future preservation.

18 May, 10:00am-3:00pm
Mount Martha House, 466 Esplanade, Mount Martha

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/our-stories-unearthed

Free



Wander the Picturesque Gardens of Cruden Farm

Cruden Farm

The star attraction of Cruden Farm is the garden and the iconic image and star component is the main driveway, planted with over 100 lemon-scented gum trees. There are many gardens to enjoy on the property, each one different in style, plantings and mood.

Monday to Friday, 10:00am-4:00pm
60 Cranbourne Frankston Road, Langwarrin
(Access via Cranhaven Road)

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/wander-the-picturesque-gardens-of-cruden-farm

See website for costs



The Briars Garden Party

The Briars

Discover a garden party of yesteryear. Across the charming gardens of the historic homestead, enjoy an afternoon of live music, tours, lawn games and vintage tennis at its best.

26 April, 12:00pm-4:00pm
450 Nepean Hwy, Mount Martha

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-briars-garden-party

Free



The Murray

Port of Echuca Heritage Tours

Port of Echuca

Take a fascinating walk along the Port of Echuca's charming old streetscape discovering the secrets and legends of these much-loved historic buildings.

26 April, 3, 10 & 17 May, 10:00am-12:00pm
74 Murray Esplanade, Echuca

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/port-of-echuca-heritage-tours

See website for costs



Hero Unearthed

Echuca Historical Society

PS Hero was built in Echuca, 1874. She had a full life as a paddle steamer on the Murray, Murrumbidgee and Darling rivers. She was burnt to the water line in 1957 and abandoned. 40 years later she was raised and restored to the beautiful paddle steamer she is today. This is her story.

18 April, 10:00am-2:00pm
1 Dickson St, Echuca

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/hero-unearthed

See website for costs



Lockington 27th Vintage Rally

Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Inc.

A weekend full of vintage engines, machinery and many items of historic interest, featuring a 100-year-old going tractor. Catering available.

26 & 27 April, 9:00am-4:00pm
2-10 Market Street, Lockington

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/lockington-27th-vintage-rally

See website for costs



Snow, Fire and Gold: The Story of Bill Spargo and Evelyn Piper's Life in the Australian Mountains (Tatura)

Goulburn Valley Libraries

Stephen Whiteside shares his most recent publication *Snow, Fire and Gold*. The book tells the captivating story of Bill Spargo and Evelyn Piper, whose lives intertwined with the rugged beauty of the Australian mountains. It also contains a selection of photographs, many of which have never been seen.

30 April, 10:30am-11:30am

Tatura Library, 12-16 Casey St, Tatura

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/snow-fire-and-gold-the-story-of-bill-spargo-and-evelyn-pipers-life-in-the-australian-mountains

Free



Take Flight: The Aviation History of Tocumwal

Goulburn Valley Libraries

RAAF Station Tocumwal was the largest Australian air base during WW2, home to the mighty B24 Liberator Bomber. With over 100 years of aviation history in Tocumwal, there are many fascinating tales. This session is being presented by the Tocumwal Aviation Museum, founded by Matt and Karen Henderson.

8 May, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Cobram Library, 14 Punt Road, Cobram

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/take-flight-the-aviation-history-of-tocumwal

Free



The Salvage of P.S. Alexander Arbuthnot

Goulburn Valley Libraries

In June 1972 a convoy of vehicles and equipment drove to a very specific location on the Murray River. Beneath the waters lay the wreck of the paddle steamer Alexander Arbuthnot in her watery grave. Helene Sutherland introduces her book *The Salvage of the Alexander Arbuthnot*.

Nathalia:

1 May, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Nathalia Library, 75 Blake St, Nathalia

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-salvage-of-the-p-s-alexander-arbuthnot-nathalia/

Shepparton:

29 April, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Shepparton Library, 41-43 Marungi Street, Shepparton

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-salvage-of-the-p-s-alexander-arbuthnot

Free



Helene Sutherland's book *The Salvage of the Alexander Arbuthnot*

Yarra Valley & Dandenong Ranges

Gulf Station wallpaper

En Plein Air at Gulf Station

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

A day to celebrate art at Gulf Station and an opportunity for visitors to see the unique buildings and ground through the eyes of various local and regional artists.

27 April, 11:00am-3:00pm

1029 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/en-plein-air-at-gulf-station

See website for costs



Gulf Station Open Day

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Visit Gulf Station and learn what life was like for a family living off the land in nineteenth century Australia.

1 May, 10:00am-2:00pm

1029 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/gulf-station-open-day

See website for costs



A Toast to Melba

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum

Uncover the untold stories of a global icon, Dame Nellie Melba. A Toast to Melba shares rarely seen objects, photographs, and personal treasures from Coombe Yarra Valley, Arts Centre Melbourne and Yarra Ranges Regional Museum—brought together for the first time in this dynamic new exhibition.

Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00am-4:00pm

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum, 35-37 Castella St, Lilydale

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/a-toast-to-melba

Free





Bear's Castle Tours

Whittlesea Courthouse Association
(supported by Melbourne Water)

Bear's Castle - this mysterious historic castle sits high on the hilltop in the closed catchment area of the Yan Yean Reservoir. It is closed to the public, except by arrangement with the Whittlesea Courthouse.

4 May, 10:00am-12:30pm & 2:00pm-4:30pm
Whittlesea Courthouse, Cnr. Church & Beech Streets, Whittlesea

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/bears-castle-tours

See website for costs



Grave Matters

Your Library

A family history talk looking at all things relating to death records, cemeteries and graves.

13 May, 1:00pm-2:00pm
Lilydale Library, Jarlo Drive, Lilydale

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/grave-matters

Free



Map Warper Workshop

Your Library

Hands on workshop teaching the ins and outs of using Map Warper.

9 May, 10:00am-11:00am

Montrose Library, 935 Mount Dandenong Tourist Rd, Montrose

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/map-warper-workshop

Free



The Mystery of Jack the Miners

Your Library - Belgrave Library

There was once a clearing in the Sherbrooke Forest, near Belgrave's Trestle Bridge, where groups would gather for barbeques, celebrations and special events. It was known as 'Jack The Miners'. Anita Walker, Researcher for Sherbrooke Foothills Historical Society, presents this illustrated talk.

17 May, 11:00am-12:00pm

Belgrave Library, Reynolds Lane, Belgrave

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-mystery-of-jack-the-miners

Free





The Power of Play: A Guided Exhibition Tour with Playful Thinking

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum

Ready to rediscover the power of play? Join us for a 45-minute guided tour of *A Toast to Melba*, inspired by Dame Nellie Melba's love of parties, practical jokes and nonsense.

1 May, 11:00am-11:45am

35-37 Castella St, Lilydale

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/the-power-of-play-a-guided-exhibition-tour-with-playful-thinking/

See website for costs



Unearth, Unknown Stories of Wonga Park

Wonga Park Community Cottage History Group

Wonga Park History Group warmly invites you to view their display of old photos and share your story of Wonga Park. Wonga Park is a former orcharding community on the edge of Melbourne but now a low-density residential suburb. Barista coffee will be available to purchase from a coffee van.

3 May, 8:00am-12:00pm

Wonga Park Community Cottage, 9-13 Old Yarra Road, Wonga Park

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearth-unknown-stories-of-wonga-park

Free



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