

# DISCOVER SYDNEY'S STORY

then and now

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## ABOUT US

The Historic Houses Trust (HHT) is one of the largest state museums in Australia and is entrusted with the care of key historic buildings and sites in New South Wales.

Created in July 1980 to run Vaucluse House and Elizabeth Bay House, the HHT has grown to manage many diverse places: houses, major public buildings, a farm, gardens, parklands, a beach and significant urban spaces. The HHT holds extensive collections in each of its properties and conducts a dynamic and broad-ranging program of activities.

The HHT is a leader in the conservation and management of historic places in Australia and has won many awards for its work. It is guided by the view that museums must take part in current debate within the community, and be open to new ideas as much as they are the repositories of important collections and memories.





















**BELOW** The Mint. Photograph © John Gollings



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## HYDE PARK BARRACKS MUSEUM 1819

### A WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Hyde Park Barracks Museum tells the story of the building and its occupants from its beginnings as a convict barracks (1819 to 1848) to its phases as a female immigration depot, an asylum for aged, infirm and destitute women and later as courts, judges' chambers and government offices. The building's characteristics and its rich archaeological collection provide a window into Australia's past, revealing a wealth of stories from its 190 years of occupation.

The *Convict Sydney* exhibition explores the forced transportation of convicts, aspects of their daily lives and their role in building the colony.

**LEFT** Hyde Park Barracks Museum. Photograph © Patrick Bingham-Hall  
**RIGHT** *Redcoats and Convicts* event, 2008. Photograph © Leo Rocker

### QUEENS SQUARE, MACQUARIE STREET, SYDNEY NSW 2000

T 02 8239 2311 F 02 8239 2322 Cafe T 02 9222 1815

General \$10 Concession/Child \$5 Family \$20 Members free

**OPEN** Daily 9.30am – 5pm / Schools & booked groups by arrangement; please contact the museum

**CLOSED** Good Friday & Christmas Day

**CAFE** Monday to Friday 8am – 3pm & weekends 10am – 3pm



Ramp access to ground floor only / Wheelchairs available

## MUSEUM OF SYDNEY 1995

### ON THE SITE OF FIRST GOVERNMENT HOUSE

A modern museum built on a historic site, the Museum of Sydney takes you on a journey to explore Sydney's history and culture, then and now.

It is a place of many layers, from the archaeological remains of the colony's first Government House built in 1788 to the award-winning contemporary sculpture *Edge of the trees*. With stories of Aboriginal Sydney and the First Fleet alongside exhibitions about contemporary Sydney, the museum explores the evolution of Sydney over more than two centuries.

The MOS Shop specialises in Australian architecture and presents a selection of cards, books, artefacts and objets d'art that evoke Sydney's rich history and culture.

**LEFT** Museum of Sydney forecourt. Photograph © Paolo Busato  
**RIGHT** *Trade Wall*, 2008. Photograph © Paolo Busato

### CNR BRIDGE & PHILLIP STREETS, SYDNEY NSW 2000

T 02 9251 5988 F 02 9251 5966 Cafe T 02 9241 3636

General \$10 Concession/Child \$5 Family \$20 Members free

**OPEN** Daily 9.30am – 5pm / Schools & booked groups by arrangement; please contact the museum

**CLOSED** Good Friday & Christmas Day

**CAFE** Monday to Friday 7am – 9pm & weekends 8.30am – 5pm



Access to all floors / Wheelchair available



## GOVERNMENT HOUSE 1837–1845

### RESPECTING THE PAST, EVOLVING A FUTURE

Built between 1837 and 1845 for the Governor of New South Wales, Government House was the most sophisticated Gothic Revival building in the colony. The State Rooms were decorated in 1879 by Lyon, Cottier & Co to coincide with the *Sydney International Exhibition*. The drawing room was recently refurbished as a showcase of contemporary Australian art, craft and design.

The interiors display an exceptional collection of colonial furniture, portraiture and gubernatorial memorabilia by leading Sydney craftsmen and artists. Government House also has an important historic garden with exotic trees, shrubs, carriageways, paths and terraces.

**LEFT** Government House. Photograph © Patrick Bingham-Hall  
**RIGHT** The drawing room, Government House. Photograph © Jody Pachniuk

## MACQUARIE STREET, SYDNEY NSW 2000

T 02 9931 5222 F 02 9931 5208 / Admission free

**OPEN** Friday to Sunday 10.30am – 3pm / Access by guided tour every half hour – first tour 10.30am, last tour 3pm. Booked groups by arrangement; please contact the house. Grounds open daily 10am – 4pm

**CLOSED** Good Friday & Christmas Day / The house is closed occasionally for State functions; check [www.hht.net.au](http://www.hht.net.au)



Ramp access to ground floor only

## JUSTICE & POLICE MUSEUM 1856–1886

### STEP INTO THE DARK SIDE OF SYDNEY'S PAST

Originally the Water Police Court (1856), Water Police Station (1858) and Police Court (1886), the Justice & Police Museum features a magistrates court, a police charge room, a remand cell, a gallery of mug shots of Sydney's early criminals, an array of spine-chilling weapons and forensic evidence from notorious crimes.

Overlooking Circular Quay, the museum presents a lively program of exhibitions, special events and educational activities that explore the significance of the site and examine the social history of law, policing, crime and punishment in New South Wales.

**LEFT** Justice & Police Museum. Photograph © Leo Rocker  
**RIGHT** School programs are popular. Photograph Ross Heathcote © HHT

## CNR PHILLIP & ALBERT STREETS, CIRCULAR QUAY NSW 2000

T 02 9252 1144 F 02 9252 4860

General \$8 Concession/Child \$4 Family \$17 Members free

**OPEN** Daily 10am – 5pm / Schools & booked groups by arrangement Monday to Friday; please contact the museum

**CLOSED** Good Friday & Christmas Day



Ramp access to ground floor only



## SUSANNAH PLACE MUSEUM 1844

### A GLIMPSE INTO WORKING-CLASS LIFE IN THE ROCKS

Susannah Place Museum is a row of four terraces in the heart of The Rocks that has survived largely unchanged since it was built in 1844. The museum provides an opportunity to get a feel for domestic working-class life from the mid-19th to late 20th centuries.

The many stories collected from former tenants tell of the richness of community life once experienced by those living in The Rocks. Surviving layers of paint, wallpaper and floorcoverings provide a unique insight into the tastes of the working class. The original brick privies and outdoor laundries are some of the earliest surviving washing and sanitary amenities remaining in the city. A re-created 1915 corner shop sells goods from that era.

**LEFT** Susannah Place Museum. Photograph © Patrick Bingham-Hall  
**RIGHT** Corner shop at Susannah Place Museum. Photograph © Jody Pachniuk

### 58–64 GLOUCESTER STREET, THE ROCKS NSW 2000

T 02 9241 1893 F 02 9241 2608

General \$8 Concession/Child \$4 Family \$17 Members free

**OPEN** Monday to Friday 2 – 6pm / Weekends & NSW school holidays 10am – 6pm. Winter closing 5pm (June, July & August). Schools & booked groups by arrangement Monday to Friday 10am – 2pm; please contact the museum

**CLOSED** Good Friday & Christmas Day



## ELIZABETH BAY HOUSE 1839

### TAKE IN THE SPLENDOUR OF 'THE FINEST HOUSE IN THE COLONY'

Built by the fashionable architect John Verge for Colonial Secretary Alexander Macleay and his family, Elizabeth Bay House is a superb example of colonial architecture in a magnificent setting overlooking Sydney Harbour. Elegantly furnished in the style of the period 1839 to 1845, the interiors present an evocative picture of genteel 19th-century life.

Elizabeth Bay House is approximately a 7-minute walk from Kings Cross railway station. The 311 bus from Railway Square stops on Greenknowe Avenue and the Sydney Explorer Bus stops on Macleay Street, both a short walk from the house.

**LEFT** Elizabeth Bay House. Photograph © Patrick Bingham-Hall  
**RIGHT** The drawing room. Photograph © Patrick Bingham-Hall

### 7 ONSLOW AVENUE, ELIZABETH BAY NSW 2011

T 02 9356 3022 F 02 9357 7176

General \$8 Concession/Child \$4 Family \$17 Members free

**OPEN** Friday to Sunday 9.30am – 4pm (daily in January)  
Schools & booked groups by arrangement Thursday to Sunday; please contact the museum

**CLOSED** Good Friday & Christmas Day



Access to ground floor only



## ROSE SEIDLER HOUSE 1950

### ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST WELL-KNOWN 20TH-CENTURY HOUSES

Built between 1948 and 1950, Rose Seidler House was designed by internationally renowned architect Harry Seidler for his parents Rose and Max Seidler. Its use of open planning, bold colours and modern technology promoted the modernist movement in Australia and its original furniture forms one of the most important national collections of post-war design.

Nestled in natural bushland, with panoramic views of Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park from its glass walls and sunny deck, Rose Seidler House is 30km north of central Sydney, about 30 minutes by car. The nearest railway station is Wahroonga.

**LEFT** Rose Seidler House. Photograph © Patrick Bingham-Hall  
**RIGHT** Fifties Fair at Rose Seidler House, 2007. Photograph © Jody Pachniuk

### 71 CLISSOLD ROAD, WAHROONGA NSW 2076

T 02 9989 8020 F 02 9487 2761

General \$8 Concession/Child \$4 Family \$17 Members free

**OPEN** Sunday 10am – 5pm / Booked groups by arrangement; please contact the museum

**CLOSED** Good Friday & Christmas Day



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## VAUCLUSE HOUSE 1805

### A RARE 19TH-CENTURY HARBOURSIDE ESTATE

Set in 10 of its original 206 hectares, Vacluse House and its stables and laundry survive within parklands that include pleasure gardens and a kitchen garden. From 1827 to 1862, Vacluse House was the home of William Charles Wentworth (explorer, barrister, patriot and agitator for self-government), his wife Sarah and their large family. Many of the Wentworth family possessions are displayed throughout the house.

The gift shop specialises in gardening publications and unique gifts, and the Vacluse House Tearooms are open for light meals and refreshments. Both the 325 bus from Circular Quay and the Bondi Explorer bus stop outside Vacluse House.

**LEFT** Vacluse House. Photograph © Patrick Bingham-Hall  
**RIGHT** The drawing room, Vacluse House. Photograph © Patrick Bingham-Hall

### WENTWORTH ROAD, VAUCLUSE NSW 2030

T 02 9388 7922 F 02 9337 4963 Tearooms T 02 9388 8188

General \$8 Concession/Child \$4 Family \$17 Members free

**OPEN** Friday to Sunday 9.30am – 4pm / NSW public holidays / Daily in January & NSW school holidays. Schools & booked groups by arrangement daily; please contact the museum

**CLOSED** Good Friday & Christmas Day

**TEAROOMS** Wednesday to Sunday 10am – 4.30pm



Access to ground floor only



## ROUSE HILL HOUSE & FARM 1813–1818

180 YEARS OF OCCUPATION BY THE ONE FAMILY

Founded in 1813, this property was occupied by six generations of the Rouse–Terry family. Its buildings, furnishings, domestic collections, garden and farm provide a remarkably complete record of nearly 200 years of New South Wales country life. The heart of this old farmstead has always been its sandstone house, built by convicts working for free settler Richard Rouse when he was superintendent of works at the Parramatta lumberyard. The historic Rouse Hill schoolhouse, built in 1888 opposite the property, has been restored by the HHT as a 19th-century schoolroom.

Rouse Hill House & Farm is less than an hour's drive from central Sydney, along the M2 motorway and Windsor Road.

LEFT Rouse Hill House. Photograph © Paolo Busato

RIGHT Children from Rouse Hill Public School trialling the re-created 19th-century schoolroom as part of our school program. Photograph © HHT

### GUNTAWONG ROAD (VIA ROUSE RD), ROUSE HILL NSW 2155

T 02 9627 6777 F 02 9627 6776

General \$8 Concession/Child \$4 Family \$17 Members free

**OPEN** Wednesday to Sunday 9.30am – 4.30pm / Daily during NSW school holidays / Access by guided tour – bookings advisable / Clothing & footwear suitable for the countryside is also advisable. Schools & booked groups by arrangement; please contact the museum

**CLOSED** Good Friday & Christmas Day



Access to ground floor of house only

## ELIZABETH FARM 1793

AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST EUROPEAN BUILDING

Elizabeth Farm, with its deep shady verandahs and restful grounds, is a rare example of an early Australian colonial bungalow. The house was built for John and Elizabeth Macarthur, pioneers of the Australian wool industry, and was once surrounded by nearly 120 hectares of farmland.

The museum tells of the struggles, achievements and architectural ideas of the early colony's most controversial and colourful family. Visitors are allowed free access to all areas of the house and re-created 1830s garden.

Elizabeth Farm is a 30-minute ride west from central Sydney by car or train. You can also catch the RiverCat from Circular Quay.

LEFT Elizabeth Farm. Photograph © Patrick Bingham-Hall

RIGHT School program at Elizabeth Farm. Photograph Ross Heathcote © HHT

### 70 ALICE STREET, ROSEHILL NSW 2142

T 02 9635 9488 F 02 9891 3740

General \$8 Concession/Child \$4 Family \$17 Members free

**OPEN** Friday to Sunday 9.30am – 4pm / NSW public holidays / Daily in January & NSW school holidays. Schools & booked groups by arrangement daily; please contact the museum

**CLOSED** Good Friday & Christmas Day



Access to all areas except the kitchen



## MEROOGAL 1885

### PRIVATE WORLD OF FOUR GENERATIONS OF WOMEN

Located in the South Coast town of Nowra, this fascinating timber house was home to four generations of women from the same family. Their daily routines, domestic chores and social lives have moulded its intimate rooms, while a rich collection of personal objects provides an insight into the private world of this family for nearly a century. With jacarandas in bloom, spring is the ideal time to enjoy Meroogal's unique garden, transformed to reflect how it was kept in the late 1920s.

Meroogal is 150km south of Sydney, a scenic drive of approximately 2.5 hours. Worrigeer Street intersects the highway in central Nowra. Regular train services operate from Central Station to Bomaderry Station.

**LEFT** Meroogal. Photograph © Patrick Bingham-Hall  
**RIGHT** Pumping water at Meroogal. Photograph © Leo Rocker

## CNR WORRIGEE & WEST STREETS, NOWRA NSW 2541

T 02 4421 8150 F 02 4421 2747

General \$8 Concession/Child \$4 Family \$17 Members free

**OPEN** Saturday 1pm – 5pm & Sunday 10am – 5pm / Friday to Sunday 10am – 5pm in January / Access by guided tour on the hour – last tour 4pm / Booked groups by arrangement; please contact the museum

**CLOSED** Good Friday & Christmas Day



Access to ground floor only

## CAROLINE SIMPSON LIBRARY & RESEARCH COLLECTION

The Caroline Simpson Library & Research Collection is open to anyone with an interest in the history of house and garden design and interior furnishing in New South Wales. The collection supports the HHT's work of interpreting and managing places of cultural significance in New South Wales and provides a specialist research resource for scholars, heritage and conservation practitioners and museum professionals.

The collection includes a wide range of material, from books, periodicals, trade catalogues and photographs to wallpapers, textiles, floorcoverings and other furnishings from houses and gardens of the 19th century to the present.

**LEFT** Students in the library. Photograph Nicole Davis © HHT  
**RIGHT** Textile sample, cotton, A Orr Ewing & Co, Glasgow, 1851, reproduced from *Journal of Design and Manufactures*, Vol 5, Caroline Simpson Library & Research Collection, HHT

## THE MINT, 10 MACQUARIE STREET, SYDNEY NSW 2000

T 02 8239 2233 F 02 8239 2433 E library@hht.net.au

<http://library.hht.net.au> / Admission free

**OPEN** Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

**CLOSED** Good Friday, Christmas Day & public holidays



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## HHT MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to support the conservation of our historic houses and museums, why not become a member?

### BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Free entry to all HHT museums\*
- Free admission to all HHT exhibitions
- Three guest passes to HHT museums per year
- Subscription to *Insites* magazine and *Events* calendar
- Access to the Members Lounge at The Mint, 10 Macquarie Street
- Regular members newsletter to inform you of exclusive events, tours and special offers
- Discounted ticket prices to HHT events
- 10% discount at HHT shops and cafes
- Discounts at partnering retailers, cinemas and theatres

\*does not include entry to festivals and special events

### MEMBERSHIP FEES (1 YEAR)

Individual – \$70

Pensioner/student – \$53

Household – \$103

Household concession – \$78

Country individual – \$63

Country household – \$92

### TO JOIN

Please call our membership office T 02 8239 2266 or join online at [www.hht.net.au/members](http://www.hht.net.au/members)

## TICKET THROUGH TIME

Explore our 12 diverse museums in and around Sydney with this discounted ticket which offers you three leisurely months to explore unique buildings, glorious gardens, stunning views, contemporary exhibitions and displays and 19th-century collections. Attend a changing program of free tours and talks.

**Elizabeth Bay House / Elizabeth Farm / Government House Hyde Park Barracks Museum / Justice & Police Museum Meroogal / The Mint / Museum of Sydney Rose Seidler House / Rouse Hill House & Farm Susannah Place Museum / Vaucluse House**

### PRICES

General \$30 Concession/Child \$15 Family \$60

### BOOKINGS

Purchase a Ticket through Time the next time you visit any one of our museums (except Government House)

### MORE INFORMATION

T 02 8239 2288 [www.hht.net.au](http://www.hht.net.au)

**LEFT TO RIGHT** Museum of Sydney. Photograph © Paolo Busato  
Couple at *Fifties Fair* at Rose Seidler House. Photograph © Jody Pachniuk  
Susannah Place Museum. Photograph © Jody Pachniuk

## VENUE HIRE

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Museum of Sydney Shop T 02 9251 4678

Susannah Place Museum Corner Shop T 02 9241 1893

The Mint Shop T 02 8239 2416

Vaucluse House Shop T 02 9388 7922

## CAFES

Hyde Park Barracks Cafe T 02 9222 1815

Museum of Sydney Cafe T 02 9241 3636

The Sydney Mint Cafe T 02 9233 3337

Vaucluse House Tearooms T 02 9388 8188

BELOW Museum of Sydney Shop. Photographs © Paolo Busato



## WHERE TO FIND OUR CITY MUSEUMS CENTRAL CITY MAP

### CENTRAL CITY MUSEUMS

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- 2 Hyde Park Barracks Museum, Queens Square, Macquarie Street
- 3 Museum of Sydney, Cnr Bridge & Phillip streets
- 4 Justice & Police Museum, Cnr Phillip & Albert streets
- 5 Government House, Macquarie Street
- 6 Susannah Place Museum, 58–64 Gloucester Street, The Rocks

### OTHER MUSEUMS

Elizabeth Bay House, 7 Onslow Avenue, Elizabeth Bay

Elizabeth Farm, 70 Alice Street, Rosehill

Meroogal, Cnr Worrigee & West streets, Nowra

Rose Seidler House, 71 Clissold Road, Wahroonga

Rouse Hill House & Farm, Guntawong Road, Rouse Hill

Vaucluse House, Wentworth Road, Vaucluse

