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CANBERRA AND REGION
**HERITAGE
FESTIVAL:**
CONNECTIONS | 2024

13–28 April



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 41st Canberra and Region Heritage Festival. This year the theme is 'Connections' and I am looking forward to exploring the diverse and inspiring stories that embed heritage connections across our region.

This year we will also celebrate two significant Canberra landmarks. Gorman House is celebrating 100 years since opening with an onsite exhibition uncovering the stories that made it the arts centre it is today. For those with a sweet tooth, I also encourage you to grab a slice of birthday cake on the banks of Lake Burley Griffin to celebrate the lake's 60th anniversary with historian David Headon.

With over 120 events being held across the festival, including activities to keep the kids entertained during the school holidays, there is sure to be something to spark your interest. Autumn is a magical time to be out and about in Canberra as well as explore regional connections to heritage across Cooma, Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Braidwood and Yass.

Prepare yourself to delve deeper into the natural, cultural and historic heritage that surrounds us — I will see you there!

Rebecca Vassarotti MLA
Minister for Heritage



FOREWORD

Yuma

This year's Festival theme 'Connections' is especially relevant to Aboriginal people as it ties in with our connections to Country, culture and language. There is evidence of Ngunnawal's ancestral connection to the Canberra region stretching back over 60,000 years. Traditional custodian connection to Country is a deeply felt and profound connection that obligates us not just to celebrate our heritage and culture but to protect, maintain and enhance it.

It is wonderful to see that cultural events and activities continue to feature this year and I encourage you to attend. You can begin to learn Ngunnawal language through stories and songs with the Winanggaay Ngunnawal Language group or learn about Ngunnawal culture when you visit the Birrigai rock shelter. Take the family to Wildbark to taste bushtucker, learn boomerang throwing or join in traditional weaving workshops.

Thank you to all the volunteers and organisers involved with the Festival. Please take the time to make connections across our region and to learn more about Ngunnawal Country.

Aunty Violet Sheridan
Ngunnawal Elder



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We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and region.

Program correct at time of printing, check act.gov.au/heritagefestival for all updates.

TOURS

FRIENDS OF BLACK MOUNTAIN +
MOLONGLO CONSERVATION GROUP

BLACK MOUNTAIN IN CONTEXT

Forest Loop carpark, Black Mountain Dr, Acton

**13 April | 9.30AM-12PM | ages 8+ |
entry by donation**

Join plant ecologist Michael Doherty for a walk discussing vegetation patterns, fire ecology and fire history on Black Mountain and its connections with other reserves and green spaces. Explore the past, present and future of fire and vegetation management.

Bookings essential: trybooking.com

CANBERRA BY BIKE DESIGN COMPANY +
PEDAL POWER ACT

CITY WEST CULTURE TRAILS BY BIKE

Childers St, Acton

13 April | 10AM-12.30PM

Explore the international sculpture trail between Latin America Plaza and the Australian National University campus, and discover the artists behind them, slowly, by cycle.

**Tickets: Adults \$30, Child \$15, Family \$50,
Concession \$20**

Bookings essential: canberrabybike.au

YASS AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

YASS GRAVESIDE YARNS

Yass Cemetery, Irvine Dr, Yass

13 and 20 April | 1.30-4PM | all ages

Connect with the fascinating stories of early Yass Valley residents such as explorer Hamilton Hume, pastoralist AB Triggs and victims of the evil William Munday. Share their triumphs, secrets and scandals while strolling amongst their headstones then enjoy a delicious Devonshire tea in the grounds of historic “Cliftonwood” overlooking the Yass River.

**Tickets: Adult \$35, Children \$10, Family \$80,
Member \$25**

Bookings essential: yasshistory.org.au

Yass Cemetery



AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT HOUSE

THE ARCHITECTURE OF
PARLIAMENT HOUSEParliament Dr 

13–28 April | 2–2.45pm

The ambitious nation-building architecture at Parliament House is internationally acclaimed. This guided tour explores the symbolic aspects and vision of the building's architects through iconic spaces including the Marble Foyer, Great Hall, Members Hall and the chambers of Parliament, the perfect bespoke tour for any architecture enthusiast.

Tickets: prices vary**Bookings essential: humanitix.com**

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT HOUSE

'YERIBEE' INDIGENOUS
EXPERIENCES OF
PARLIAMENT HOUSEParliament Dr 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28 April |
12–12.50PM | FREE

Hear the stories of our Indigenous parliamentarians, explore the site history of Parliament House, gain insights into how Australia's First Peoples are participating in the nation's democratic processes, and enjoy significant artworks from the Parliament House Art Collection by celebrated Indigenous artists.

The tour will look at the Great Hall Tapestry, The Great Hall Embroidery, The Barunga Statement, The Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples, The Yirrkala Bark Petitions, recent portraiture commissions, and significant pieces from Indigenous artists from the Parliament House Art Collection.

Bookings essential: humanitix.com

NATIONAL CAPITAL EXHIBITION

FUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

2/98 Barrine Drive, Parkes

14 April | 10.30–11.30AM | all ages | FREE

Craving some outdoor fun with your fur family? Join the Paw-some Adventure at Fur Families and Friends! Embark on a dog walk adventure through scenic Commonwealth Park, crossing the iconic Kings Avenue Bridge to Bowen Park. Once you reach Bowen Park, the excitement continues with delicious coffees, mouthwatering doggy treats, and plenty of family-friendly games and activities.

Bookings essential: eventbrite.com.au

MINDERS OF TUGGERANONG HOMESTEAD

THE LANDSCAPE OF
TUGGERANONG HOMESTEADJohnson Dr, Richardson 

14 April | 2–4PM

Discover the vital role that the wetlands and waterholes of the Tuggeranong Creek played in the long and rich history of the homestead since before European settlement. Learn of recent work to bring new life and biodiversity back to this watercourse. The event includes a talk, a short tour and a delicious Devonshire tea.

Tickets: \$20 cash only**Bookings essential: robhorsfield@bigpond.com**



Hyatt Hotel Canberra

FAMILY HISTORY ACT

TORCHLIGHT TOURS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCHYARD

St John's Churchyard, Constitution Ave, Reid

15, 16, 17 April | 7-8.30PM | ages 8+

Join us as we guide you around the churchyard and share connections to burials at this magnificent site, which predates the Canberra we know today by over 70 years.

Tickets: \$10

Bookings essential: junepenny@bigpond.com

NATIONAL ARBORETUM CANBERRA

CANBERRA TALES, ARBORETUM VIEWS

Forest Dr, Molonglo Valley

16 and 20 April | 2-3.30PM

From the limestone plains to the bush capital, the hills of the Arboretum have seen it all, as well as having their own story to tell. Join us for a forest walk, taking in the views of Canberra and the secrets hidden around. Our friendly guide will share fascinating tales of past and present about the changing landscape of Canberra.

Tickets: \$5

Bookings essential: tix.yt/arboretum-views

HYATT HOTEL CANBERRA

CENTENARY OF STYLE — WALKING TOUR

120 Commonwealth Ave, Yarralumla 

19 April | 1-2PM | FREE

For the past 100 years the Hyatt Hotel Canberra has been synonymous with elegance and splendour and has housed Heads of State, politicians and well-heeled guests from near and far. Experience an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the hotel and hear of its rich history and cultural significance. Afterwards, enjoy complimentary tea and coffee in the heritage-listed Tea Lounge.

Bookings essential: canberra.park@hyatt.com

Enquiries: 02 6269 8901

NATIONAL CAPITAL EXHIBITION

ART SPARKS IN THE PARK

2/98 Barrine Dr, Parkes 

19 April | 4-6PM | ages 12+

Craft your very own lanterns and embark on a mesmerizing lantern walk through Commonwealth Park and along the shores of Lake Burley Griffin. As you stroll, be captivated by sculptures and artworks specially curated for this illuminating event. After the journey, treat yourself to a well-deserved cup of hot chocolate and marshmallows, warming both your hands and your heart.

Tickets: Adults \$6, Children \$5, Family \$15

Bookings essential: eventbrite.com.au



FRIENDS OF MANUKA POOL

HERITAGE WALK AND TALK AT MANUKA POOL

New South Wales Cres, Griffith 

20 April | 10–11AM | FREE

Ever wondered why Manuka Pool isn't 50m long? Or if it is a unicorn or a seal in the toddler pool? Did you know that up to 500 people would watch swim club meets along with a live broadcast? Join David Hobbes and Friends of Manuka Pool to learn more.

Bookings essential:
friendsofmanukapool@gmail.com

CANBERRA BY BIKE DESIGN COMPANY + PEDAL POWER ACT

CITY EAST CULTURE TRAILS BY BIKE

London Cct, Civic

20 April | 10AM–12.30PM

Meet at Civic Square and get to know the inner east of Canberra in this slow, guided tour. Take in the art, memorials, churches and gardens before ending at Gorman Arts Centre which marks its centenary in 2024.

Tickets: Adults \$30, Child \$15, Family \$50, Concession \$20

Bookings essential: canberrabybike.au

ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA — CANBERRA BRANCH

CANBERRA'S AVIATION HISTORY — BUS TOUR

Regatta Point, Barrine Dr, Commonwealth Park

20 April | 10AM–12.30PM | all ages

'Come Fly with us' — a journey through Canberra's Aviation History. Embark on an unforgettable journey through Canberra's rich aviation history with the Engineering Heritage Canberra's Aviation History Bus tour. Immerse yourself in the stories of daring aviators, groundbreaking innovations and the evolution of flight.

Tickets: \$25

Bookings: jdeyates@engineersaustralia.org.au

CANBERRA BUSHWALKING CLUB

WALK THROUGH TIME IN THE ORRORAL VALLEY

Orroral Valley, Namadgi National Park

20 April | 1–5PM | ages 12 +

Enjoy a walk of approx 4km from the camp ground to the Orroral Valley and Orroral Homestead, passing signage that interprets the settlement history of the valley.

Eat afternoon tea at the homestead with a talk by a local historian and then return to the cars the same way.

Entry by donation

Bookings essential: robhorsfield@bigpond.com

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

DID YOU KNOW?

Yuma means 'hello' in Ngunnawal language.



BUNGONIA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**BUNGONIA CONNECTIONS
GUIDED TOURS****42 King St, Bungonia, NSW** **21 April | 9AM-3PM | all ages**

Enjoy guided tours on the hour of the Bogong Aboriginal Bushfood Garden and MIZPAH, a stunning colonial stone inn. Then explore a self guided tour of the Village Heritage Trail and Bungonia National Park. Enjoy a café breakfast from 9–11am. Afternoon tea served until 3pm.

Café breakfast bookings: 0493 166 025**Tickets: Adults \$10, Child \$5 (under 12 free),
Family \$25, Concession \$8****Limited mobile coverage, cash preferred.**FRIENDS OF BLACK MOUNTAIN +
MOLONGLO CONSERVATION GROUP**AUTUMN ORCHIDS ON
BLACK MOUNTAIN****Black Mountain Nature Reserve, Caswell Dr
(mountain-side entry), Belconnen****21 April | 9.30AM-12PM and 1.30-4PM |
ages 8+**

Join experienced guides Jean Egan, Tobias Hayashi, Matt Mullaney and Shoko Okado to connect with autumn flowering native terrestrial orchids on Black Mountain. Jean is co-author of the Field Guide to Orchids of the ACT and with Tobias, the recent Field Guide to Orchids of the Southern Tablelands of NSW, including ACT.

Entry by donation**Bookings essential: trybooking.com**

RADBURN COMMUNITY

**CURTIN RADBURN
WALK AROUND****Radburn precinct, Strangways St, Curtin****21 April | 10-11.30AM | FREE**

Enjoy a walk through the parkland of the Curtin Radburn precinct and hear about NCDC planner Jack Venn's efforts to make Curtin a pedestrian-friendly suburb with a housing layout inspired by the Garden City Movement in Britain. Radburn is an early 20th century planning concept to promote pleasant and safe neighbourhoods free of traffic and with convenient walking/cycling to nearby services.

No bookings required**More info: r.h.bush@bigpond.net.au**

MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

**HISTORY, TRADITION,
CONNECTIONS —
ORTHODOX EASTER****313 Goyder St, Narrabundah** **21 April | 12-2PM | FREE**

A place of more than worship, beauty and connection with the motherland and community. Learn about the traditions associated with Easter and view beautiful fresco painting and iconostasis that took more than a year to create using traditional painting and timber hand carving techniques.



2023 Canberra and Region Heritage Festival — Duntroon Dairy open day



BRADDON COLLECTIVE

IF BRADDON COULD TALK...**Telstra Exchange, 50 Mort St, Braddon,
cnr Girrawheen St****21 April | 1-3PM and 3.30-5.30PM**

Discover the story of Braddon and its evolution from an industrial area into a vibrant and creative precinct as we look at its history, architecture and street art, old and new.

**Tickets: Adult \$12, Family \$24, Concession
and Members \$6****Bookings essential:
contact@braddoncollective.com**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS —
ACT CHAPTER**MURDOCH'S CANBERRA
ARCHITECTURE — 100 YEARS
BUS TOUR****2A Mugga Way, Red Hill****21 April | 10AM-1PM**

Focusing on 100 years since the opening of Gorman House, attendees will be taken on a bus tour to visit and hear about significant twentieth century architecture by renowned architect JS Murdoch. Sites include Gorman House, the Hyatt Hotel, East and West Block Government Offices, and Old Parliament House.

Tickets: \$60, \$50 members**Bookings essential: act@architecture.com.au**

OZMEGA COMMITTEE

**EXPLORING ACT HERITAGE
WITH GEOCACHING****Kambah Woolshed, 61 Springbett St, Kambah****21 April | 3-5PM | FREE**

Discover the world of geocaching! Geocaching connects people to heritage by leading them to historical sites or landmarks. Many geocaches are strategically placed near locations of cultural significance, providing participants with a unique way to explore and learn about the history of a region. This blending of technology and exploration fosters a sense of connection to both the past and the geocaching community.

More info: admin@ozmega.com.auAUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS —
ACT CHAPTER**INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS —
GUIDED TOUR****2A Mugga Way, Red Hill** **26 April | 4-5PM | FREE**

The original headquarters of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects is an exceptional example of late 20th century Sydney regional style architecture. Join Rachel Jackson, of Canberra Modern and GML Heritage, and delve into the history of the building.

Bookings essential: act@architecture.com.au



Friends of Black Mountain

REID RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

CONSPIRACIES, CONTINUITY AND CONNECTIONS

11 Elimatta St, Reid **26 April | 2-4PM**

Come for a walk through Reid Park and gardens and catch up with the dark-side of the goss! Yes, this tiny suburb has had more than its fair share of treason, 'high crimes and misdemeanours'. How could Reid, Heritage-listed since 1980, be connected to such matters? Finish the walk with a flourish of Devonshire or Cornish Afternoon Tea.

Tickets: Adult \$20, Concession \$10**Bookings essential: trybooking.com**FRIENDS OF BLACK MOUNTAIN +
MOLONGLO CONSERVATION GROUP

NGUNAWAL AND NATIONAL CAPITAL BLACK MOUNTAIN

**Black Mountain Nature Reserve, Caswell Drive
mountain-side entry, Belconnen****27 April | 9.30AM-12PM | ages 8+**

Black Mountain is an important element of the Aboriginal and national capital landscape from deep time to today. Hear stories from Wally Bell, Ngunawal elder, and Mark Butz, history researcher and writer, as they describe the Aboriginal, historic and natural heritage of Black Mountain.

Entry by donation**Bookings essential: trybooking.com**

ACT HISTORIC PLACES

LANYON HOMESTEAD TOURS**Lanyon Homestead, Tharwa Dr, Tharwa****13-28 April | 10AM-4PM**

Step into the stories at Lanyon Homestead and experience the landscape and history of Canberra before it became the nation's capital. Discover the stories of the people who lived and worked here and be immersed in the colonial interiors of the 1850s homestead and outbuildings.

Tickets: Adult \$10, Child and Concession \$8, Family \$30

Bookings recommended: historicplaces.com.au

ACT HISTORIC PLACES

MUGGA MUGGA COTTAGE TOURS**Mugga Mugga Cottage, 129 Narrabundah Lane, Symonston****13, 20, 27 April | 10AM-1PM**

Mugga Mugga Cottage is an 1850's worker's cottage originally part of the colonial Duntroon Estate. The intact domestic collection reflects the Curley family's history over seven decades and their 'make-do' attitude. Surrounded by native temperate grasslands, this property reflects the working-class story and the changing landscape of Canberra.

Tickets: Adult \$10, Child and Concession \$8, Family \$30

Bookings recommended: historicplaces.com.au

ACT HISTORIC PLACES

CALTHORPES HOUSE (HOUSE TOURS)**Calthorpes House, 24 Mugga Way, Red Hill****13, 20, 27 April | 1.45-2.30PM and 3.15-4.00PM**

The Calthorpes moved into their new home in 1927. Designed by the architects Oakley and Parkes, the house includes the original furnishings purchased by Mrs Calthorpe, and the family's belongings. This rare and intact domestic collection reflects the tastes and social history of Canberra life in the early-mid twentieth century.

Tickets: Adult \$10, Child and Concession \$8, Family \$30

Bookings recommended: historicplaces.com.au

ACT HISTORIC PLACES

CALTHORPES HOUSE (GARDEN TOURS)**Calthorpes House, 24 Mugga Way, Red Hill****13, 20, 27 April | 1-1.45PM and 2.30-3.15PM**

Calthorpes House and its gardens were designed by the firm Oakley and Parkes. Built in a Spanish Mission and Mediterranean style both the house and the gardens remain virtually unchanged from the late 1920s. Enjoy a tour of the garden to learn more about its public and private 'rooms'. There is even an air raid shelter.

Tickets: Adult \$10, Child and Concession \$8, Family \$30

Bookings recommended: historicplaces.com.au



MANNING CLARK HOUSE

TOURS OF MANNING CLARK HOUSE

11 Tasmania Circle, Forrest 

13, 17, 21 April | 11AM–12PM and 2–3PM

Don't miss an opportunity to visit the Robin Boyd-designed former home of Dymphna and Manning Clark. Climb to the study to see where the six-volume 'History of Australia' was written and stay for a light morning/afternoon tea or visit the 'Heritage Uncovered' exhibition.

Tickets: \$10

Bookings essential: trybooking.com

She Shapes History

MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY

IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK!

Old Parliament House, 18 King George Tce, Parkes

13, 20, 27 April | 2–3.30PM

Within the walls of Old Parliament House, decisions were made that changed Australia. Join us to explore the iconic building and the stories held within, and join in our very own debate in the Cabinet room of Old Parliament House! Do you have what it takes to debate the big issues?

Tickets: \$15

Bookings essential: moadoph.gov.au

SHE SHAPES HISTORY

LOVE IN THE CAPITAL: THE LOVE STORIES THAT SHAPED THE NATION

6, 13, 20, 26 April | 3–5PM | ages 16+

Explore Canberra's romantic side on this captivating tour. Uncover the scandals that rocked the city, the power couples that inspired a nation, and the everyday love stories that flourished despite government policies. This tour offers an eye-opening and delightful journey into the heart of the capital, showcasing its lesser-known but enthralling history of romance and passion.

Tickets: \$50

Bookings essential: sheshapeshistory.com.au

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS

GARDENS THROUGH TIME

Clunies Ross St, Acton

13 April–31 May | 8.30AM–5PM | all ages | FREE

Step back in time through the development of the Australian National Botanic Gardens on this self-guided image trail. See how iconic locations have evolved, and reflect on how the landscape connects us through time.

More info:

parksaustralia.gov.au/botanic-gardens

FACULTY OF ARTS AND DESIGN,
UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA +
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

CANBERRA ARCHITECTURE MAP

13–28 April | FREE

Take a self-guided tour (in the car, on foot or online) of selected Canberra architectural icons. From the well-known to the lesser-known gems, our free online map highlights key architectural projects across the Inner North and Inner South.

Download the map: cbrarchitecture.com

NATIONAL ROCK GARDEN

CONNECT WITH BIG ROCKS

Cnr of Barrenjoey and Lady Denman Drives 

13–28 April | daily | FREE

Connect to Deep Time on a self-guided tour of the National Rock Garden, where some rocks are more than two billion years old. Touch a fossil and connect with past lives of clams, trilobites and corals, inhabitants of tropical reefs that once grew in Canberra.

For more information on tours with a geologist:
nationalrockgarden.com.au



National Rock Garden





ACT PARKS & CONSERVATION SERVICE

parks.act.gov.au | All events are FREE

Our Rangers, volunteers and partners are excited to welcome you to our beautiful parks and reserves to share some of the amazing heritage, wildlife, and recreational opportunities ACT has to offer.

PICNIC AT ROCK VALLEY

Historic Rock Valley Homestead,
Tidbinbilla Ring Rd 

14 April | 10AM-3PM | all ages

Bring your picnic to the beautiful grounds of the heritage listed Rock Valley Homestead and gardens. Play traditional games, enjoy live music, grab a coffee, take a walk with a Ranger and chat with Pioneer family descendants about how life was in the early days of Tidbinbilla's pastoral history.

No bookings required

ROCK VALLEY GUIDED HERITAGE WALK

Historic Rock Valley Homestead,
Tidbinbilla Ring Rd

14 April | 11-11.40AM and 1-1:40PM | ages 5+

Take a Ranger-led walk around Rock Valley's farming precinct and beyond to learn about Tidbinbilla's pastoral history. Easy walking, less than 1km total. Please bring walking shoes and sun protection.

No bookings required



Spear throwing

SPEAR THROWING

Flints Carpark, Tidbinbilla Reserve Rd,
Paddys River

15 April | 10-11.30AM | ages 5+

Would you like to master the art of throwing a spear? Join our Aboriginal Rangers as they provide a spear and boomerang throwing demonstration. After you'll be given the opportunity to have a go to test your own skills!

Bookings essential: eventbrite.com.au

CHURCH ROCK HERITAGE LOOP

Flints Picnic Area, Tidbinbilla Reserve Rd

17 April | 11AM-12PM | ages 5+

Take a walk with our ranger around the newly upgraded Church Rock heritage loop. You will walk through historic remains and learn about what life was like as an early European settler in the valley. The walk is 2.5km long of moderate difficulty. Please bring walking shoes, water and sun protection.

No bookings required



DEADLY TOOLS AND WEAPONS

Ribbon Gum Carpark, Tidbinbilla Reserve Rd, Paddys River

19 April | 10.30–11.15AM | all ages

Come and learn about our first inventions! Meet our Aboriginal rangers, try some bush tea, and join in on a hands-on activity learning about traditional weapons and tools.

Bookings essential: [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

HERITAGE ON WHEELS

Greens Carpark, Tidbinbilla Reserve Rd

20 April | 10AM–1PM | ages 12+

Bring your mountain/off-road bicycle and join rangers on a 12km return ride to historic Nil Desperandum homestead. After a quick rest in the grounds of the homestead for morning tea, you will be guided on a short walk to learn about the rich history of the Nil Desperandum precinct, before the ride back.

Bookings essential: [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

BILLY TEA AND DAMPER

Greens Picnic Area, Tidbinbilla Reserve Rd

21 April | 10–11.30AM | ages 4+

Come and enjoy a traditional Aussie bush experience. Kids can mix up their own damper and cook it over an open fire and brew some billy tea to wash it down.

Bookings essential: [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

BENDORA ARBORETUM WALK

Bulls Head Carpark, JR73+4R, Mount Franklin Road, Brindabella

21 April | 10AM–12:30PM | ages 5+

Join a Ranger and a tree expert as you walk through a eucalypt forest to Bendora Arboretum, planted in 1940. Discover the historical significance of the Arboretum as you continue on a guided walk.

Bookings essential: [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

BIRRIGAI ROCK SHELTER GUIDED WALK

Tidbinbilla Visitor Centre car park, Tidbinbilla Reserve Rd

24 April | 10.30AM–12PM | ages 5+

Would you like to learn about ancient heritage and culture of the Ngunnawal people? Or visit the oldest heritage site in the ACT which is 5 times older than the Pyramids of Egypt?! Join Aboriginal Rangers from Birrigai Outdoor School as they take you on a guided walk to the Birrigai Rock Shelter, dated at least 25,000 years old.

Bookings essential: [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)



Billy tea and damper





Black Flats Eucalyptus distillery

BLACK FLATS EUCALYPTUS DISTILLERY

Black Flats Carpark, Tidbinbilla Reserve Rd

24 April | 10AM-2PM | all ages

Visit the full-sized interpretive display of the original 1940s Tidbinbilla eucalyptus oil distillery. Watch our small model distillery in action producing eucalyptus oil and take an easy Ranger-guided walk (11AM-11.45AM) through the historical bushland precinct where 1940s eucalyptus cutters lived and worked.

No bookings required

HANGING ROCK GUIDED WALK

Hanging Rock, Tidbinbilla Reserve Rd

27 April | 10-11AM | ages 5+

Join a Murumbung Ranger as they guide you on a short walk through a wet eucalypt forest to a magnificent granite tor, used by the Ngunnawal people as a shelter. Learn about the cultural uses of some of the plants along the way, the shelter's significance and why First Nations peoples gathered specifically in this area.

Bookings essential: [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

ORRORAL HERITAGE TRACK GUIDED WALK


Orroral Campground, Orroral Rd, Namadgi National Park

27 April | 10AM-2PM | ages 12+

Join a Ranger and walk the Orroral Heritage Track in the Orroral Valley. This beautiful walk starts at the Orroral Campground, follows the Orroral river into the Orroral Valley and ends at the historic Orroral Valley Homestead.

Bookings essential: [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

WEST OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE EXHIBITION

Namadgi National Park Visitor Centre, Naas Rd, Tharwa 

13-28 April | 9AM-4PM daily | all ages

See a fascinating display of artefacts, photographs and documents showing what life was like for settler-Australians, their descendants and others over the past 200 years in Tidbinbilla, Tharwa, Namadgi and the surrounding regions.

More info: namadginationalpark@act.gov.au



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TALKS

FAMILY HISTORY ACT

FATHER BRIAN MAHER LECTURE

Cook Community Hub,
41 Templeton St, Cook 

2 April | 7-8.30PM | FREE

Join Cheryl Mongan, president of Yass and District Historical Society, for more stories and connections of Father Brian Maher, a dedicated Catholic priest and family historian and his influence in our region.

Bookings essential:
vicepresident@familyhistory.org

NATIONAL CAPITAL EXHIBITION

CELEBRATE LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN!

2/98 Barrine Dr, Parkes

5 April | 5.30-7.30PM | all ages

Get ready to celebrate in style as we honour Lake Burley Griffin's 60th anniversary with a delicious slice of history by its shimmering shores! Enjoy delectable birthday cake while you discover the fascinating story behind the lake's creation with Australian Historian, David Headon.

Tickets: Adult \$10, Child under 12 and Concession \$6

Bookings essential: eventbrite.com.au

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR AUSTRALIAN WOMEN

A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE... ASSEMBLY!

National Library of Australia, Parkes Pl, Parkes 

7 April | 2-4PM

The ACT was the first jurisdiction to be headed by a woman, Rosemary Follett in 1989, and the first Australian parliament to have women members in the majority. Three trailblazers in Canberra politics reflect on their experiences and the difference elected women make. This event celebrates the Foundation's continuing work to document women's contribution through the Australian Women's Register.

Tickets: \$10

Bookings essential: nla.gov.au/whats-on

Lake Burley Griffin



CANBERRA RAIDERS + ACT HERITAGE LIBRARY

THE BLEEDING GREEN INTERVIEWS: LAUNCH

GIO Stadium, Battye St, Bruce

14 April | 4.30–6.30PM

The Bleeding Green Interviews have been carefully chosen to represent the uniqueness of the Raiders narrative as an undisputed part of the Territroy's DNA. Join Club Historian David Headon as we launch the interviews in partnership with ACT Heritage Library.

To gain entry, purchase a ticket to the Raiders v Titans NRL game on Sunday 14 April

More info: swilliams@raiders.com.au

NATIONAL CAPITAL EXHIBITION

WONDER WOMEN OF VISION PART 12/98 Barrine Dr, Parkes **16 April | 5.30–7.30PM | ages 12+ | FREE**

Join us for two captivating stories of visionary women who reshaped art and architecture. Discover Marion Mahony Griffin's deep connection with the environment and how it fuelled her artistic journey and uncover the secrets behind Barbara Hepworth's sculptures as they harmonise with the natural world.

Bookings essential: [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

ARCHIVESACT, CANBERRA MUSEUM AND GALLERY (CMAG), ACT HERITAGE LIBRARY

MEMORY, IDENTITY AND THE PAST — CONNECTIONCMAG Theatre, Cnr London Cct and Civic Square **17 April | 5.15–7PM | FREE**

Curious about the similarities and differences between ACT Government cultural, community and archival collections? Our panel members — Curators, Archivists and Librarians who work with these collections — will share how they collectively and separately tell the story of Canberra through government records, photographs, artworks, personal ephemera and objects.

Bookings essential: [cmag.com.au](https://www.cmag.com.au)

CANBERRA MUSEUM AND GALLERY

DUNTROON ESTATE AND ITS PEOPLECnr London Cct and Civic Square, Canberra **18 April | 5.30–6.30PM | FREE**

Duntroon Estate has a fascinating history, with equally fascinating characters. Through objects, images and archival material, we can start to understand the connections between people, their homes, their community, their work and their leisure. Join Dr. Hannah Paddon as she talks about some of the research for the 'Duntroon Estate: Work with all your might' exhibition.

Bookings essential: www.cmag.com.au



NATIONAL CAPITAL EXHIBITION

WONDER WOMEN OF VISION PART 2

2/98 Barrine Dr, Parkes

23 April | 5.30-7.30PM | ages 12+ | FREE

Aunty Caroline Hughes pays tribute to the legacy of Aunty Agnes Shea, a First Nation's activist whose tireless efforts towards reconciliation brought communities together and established the United Ngunnawal Elders Council. Then, Roslyn Hull and Kate Collins step back in time to 1942 as Enid Lyons and Dorothy Tangney make history by entering Australian Parliament House, paving the way for future generations of women in politics.

Bookings essential: [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)



Canberra Tracks

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CANBERRA TRACKS APP

Bring our history to life

Did you know you can explore Canberra's historic sites using the Canberra Tracks app? Be immersed in the rich tapestry of Canberra's early beginnings as you connect with the lives of early inhabitants.

www.canberratracks.act.gov.au

CANBERRA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY +
AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR HISTORICAL
ARCHAEOLOGY

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONNECTIONS SYMPOSIUM

Peninsula Room, National Museum of Australia,
Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula

27 April | 9.30AM-12.30PM | ages 13+

A basic skill required of archaeologists is to recognise connections, associations and relationships. Speakers will cover a broad range of interesting subjects, providing broad archaeological perspectives and topics. Aimed at a general audience.

Entry by donation

Bookings essential: www.nma.gov.au/whats-on

DEAKIN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

LAUNCH OF DEAKIN CANBERRA TRACKS SIGN

Deakin shops, Hopetoun Cct, Deakin

28 April | 2-3:30PM | all ages | FREE

Join the Deakin's Residents' Association for the launch of a new Canberra Tracks sign providing a snapshot of Deakin's unique heritage.





CAPITAL HISTORY HERE

capitalhistoryhere.com | Ticket prices: Adult \$25, Child \$10, Family \$45, Concession \$15

Bookings essential for all walks: capitalhistoryhere.com

Join Rohan Goyne for new walks highlighting the depth of history in Canberra.


THE DAY THE IRON HORSE CAME TO QUEANBEYAN

Queanbeyan Railway Station, Henderson Rd 

14 April | 10–11AM | ages 10+

A new history walk/talk about the day the train came to Queanbeyan and its transformative effect on the town.

THE READS OF THE PINES PIONEERING TALES

The Old Canberra Inn, Mouatt St, Lyneham 

18 April | 10–11AM | ages 10+

Hear the tales of the early Canberra family — the Reads of the Pines — now the Old Canberra Inn. Park at the National Hockey Centre and meet at the Canberra Tracks sign.

CANBERRA RAIDERS — A FAN'S HISTORY

Gates of GIO Stadium, Battye St, Bruce

21 April | 11AM–12PM | ages 8+

A new history walk/talk for fans of the mighty Green Machine.


CANBERRA'S COLD WAR

Summit of Reservoir Hill, Wanderlust St, Lawson

23 April | 10–11AM | ages 10+

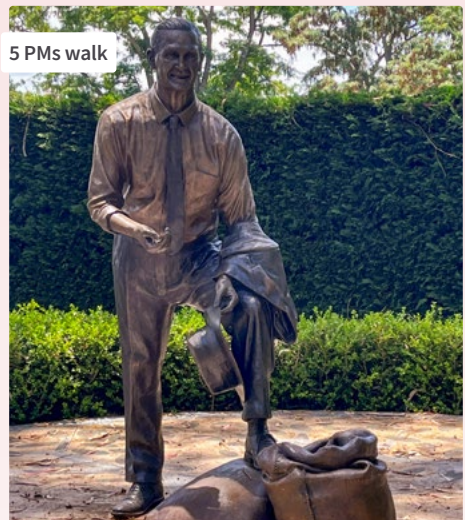
A popular history walk/talk returns about the role of the Naval Radio Transmission Station “Bels” in the Cold War.

5 PMs WALK

Edmund Barton statue, Kings Ave 

28 April | 10–11AM | ages 10+

A new history walk/talk covering over 60 years of Australian history through the eyes of 5 PMs whose statues are in the Parliamentary Triangle.




5 PMs walk

ANZAC DAY ACTIVITIES

A CHORUS OF WOMEN

ANZAC EVE PEACE VIGIL

Atop Mt Ainslie, Campbell Dr, Ainslie 

24 April | 5.30–7.15PM | all ages | FREE

Join us for the final Anzac Eve Peace Vigil in its current form, led by A Chorus of Women. Since 2011, each year we have gathered to remember everyone impacted by war, in a beautiful and much-loved lantern-lit ceremony. We sing up peace as night falls. Creative ideas for future vigils are welcome.

More info: www.chorusofwomen.org

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

SERGEANT MURRAY'S GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

45 Constitution Ave, Reid

25 April | 6.30–8.00AM

Attendees at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service are warmly invited to enjoy a simple BBQ breakfast, including coffee and a nip of rum. This will be held in the grounds of St John's Anglican Church, Reid — resting place of 'Canberra's First Anzac' and an easy walk down Anzac Parade. Parking available on site.

Small charge for catering

More info: www.stjohnscanberra.org

ANZAC Eve Peace Vigil





ACT HERITAGE LIBRARY

255 Canberra Ave, Fyshwick | all events are FREE and wheelchair friendly 

Bookings essential: librariesact.spydus.com

A DESIGNER IN EVERY SENSE: DEREK WRIGLEY

16 April | 6–7.30PM

Derek Wrigley believed design had the power to change the world for the better. His considerable design legacy spans across the Australian National University, Academy of Science, street furniture and residences across Canberra, designs for improving the lives of people with disabilities, innovative solar devices and much more.

BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

17 and 24 April | 11AM–12PM and 3–4PM

Come behind the scenes at the ACT Heritage Library in Fyshwick, the Territory's "State" Library, with a guided tour of the collection. Learn about the different collections and activities of the library with a personalised tour in a small group.

PLUMBING THE CANBERRA- QUEANBEYAN CONNECTION

19 April | 3–4PM

Explore tales from two cities. Uncover surprising and forgotten stories of people from many different backgrounds and walks of life who contributed to the entwined histories of Queanbeyan and Canberra.

YOU CAN GET A JOB WITH A HISTORY DEGREE

23 April | 6–7.30PM

Are you a self-proclaimed History Nerd? Sick of people telling you that you won't make a career out of your passions? Prove the doubters wrong by coming to our panel discussions with young leaders in the Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums sector.

NURSERY RHYMES AND HISTORY INFORMS WRITERS

27 April | 1.45–3.30PM

Hear about many well-known and well-loved nursery rhymes and learn that many of them started life as political commentary. Continue with a panel discussion with three Canberra authors about how their interest in the past has informed their novels.

DEREK WRIGLEY, DESIGNER (EXHIBITION)

1–27 April | 9.30AM–4PM daily

The ACT Heritage Library has recently acquired the personal papers of renowned local architect and designer, Derek Wrigley. In a single cabinet we will display a small selection of design documentation along with some examples of furniture and furnishings from the private collection of C Nikolakopoulos.







Program correct at time of printing, check act.gov.au/heritagefestival for all updates.

WORKSHOPS

NATIONAL ARBORETUM CANBERRA

BONSAI RESHAPED

National Arboretum Canberra, Forest Dr,
Molonglo Valley 

11-14 April | 9AM-4PM


Connect with nature and internationally renowned bonsai artists at Bonsai Reshaped 2024. This year we welcome internationally recognised Marija Hajdic from Croatia and Morten Albek from Denmark, to share their expertise, influences and experience through their engaging live demonstrations and bonsai workshops. Both professional artists carry the legacy of the bonsai masters into the future, exploring the boundaries of the artform.

Ticket prices vary

Bookings and more info:
bit.ly/BonsaiReshaped24

WINANGGAAY NGUNNAWAL ABORIGINAL
LANGUAGE CORPORATION

WINANGGAAY NGUNNAWAL LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

ACT Heritage Library, 255 Canberra Ave,
Fyshwick 

**13 and 28 April | 10.30AM-12.30PM |
18 April | 2-4PM | ages 12+ | all FREE**

Join members of the Winanggaay Ngunnawal Aboriginal Language Corporation to learn Ngunnawal greetings, nature words and a children's song translated into Ngunnawal! Ngunnawal language is an integral part of Ngunnawal culture and heritage. Winanggaay are proud of their revitalisation efforts and want to showcase the language to enable the ACT community to celebrate our Ngunnawal culture.

Bookings essential: librariesact.spydus.com

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DID YOU
KNOW?

*Djan Yimaba means 'thank you'
in Ngunnawal language.*





ARI REX — PHOTOGRAPHER

MILKY WAY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Wildbark, 25 Rosenberg St, Throsby

13 April | 6.30–10.30PM | ages 12+

Unlock the secrets of photographing the Milky Way and immerse yourself in an unforgettable stargazing adventure alongside like-minded enthusiasts. Whether you're a beginner eager to learn the art or someone who's just ventured into Milky Way photography, this workshop is tailored for you. Join our internationally acclaimed photographer, Ari, and set off on this celestial odyssey!

Tickets: Adults \$350, Children 12+ \$310

Bookings essential: arirex.com.au/bookings

CANBERRA GLASSWORKS

PAUL HOUSE'S YIDAKI GLASS BLOWING DEMO

11 Wentworth Ave, Kingston

13 April | 2–3PM | ages 4+ | FREE

Join us at Canberra Glassworks for an exciting opportunity to see Ngambri man Paul House and Tom Rowney collaborate in the creation of a glass Yidaki. Watch a commented demonstration of the transformation of molten glass into a First Nations instrument to learn about the artists, their history and modern glassblowing in our state of the art facility.

More info: canberraglassworks.com

Milky Way Photography Workshop





NATIONAL ARBORETUM CANBERRA

CONNECTIONS TO NATURE

Forest Dr, Molonglo Valley

17 and 18 April | 9AM-4PM | ages 5-10

Give your kids the gift of a digital detox by spending the day connecting with nature and learning the stories of the forests.

Children will have the opportunity to create their own games, use their spatial awareness and engage in activities that capture their imagination.

Tickets: \$80**Bookings essential: tix.yt/connections**

STRATHNAIRN ARTS

CONNECTIONS — NATURE AND ART WORKSHOPS

90 Stockdill Dr, Gininderry

18, 19, 24, 26 April | 9AM-4PM | ages 12+

In collaboration with the Gininderry Conservation Trust, Strathnairn Arts is presenting a series of workshops for young people over the April school holidays that will focus on the connection between nature and art, and the importance art plays in conservation.

More information and bookings: strathnairn.com.au

CANBERRA YOUTH THEATRE

12 HOUR THEATRE PROJECT

Gorman Arts Centre, 55 Ainslie Ave, Braddon

20 April | 9AM-9PM | FREE

The 12 Hour Theatre Project is a frenetic, ballistic, theatrical rollercoaster! Over the course of one day, teams of young artists aged 7-25 come together to devise, rehearse and perform a brand new piece of theatre! It's free, for everyone, and comes with pizza. It's literally the most fun you can have in a single day. Strap yourself in! Two performance times for audience members at 7pm and 8pm.

Bookings essential:**canberrayouththeatre.com.au/12-hour**

Connections — Nature and Art



QUEANBEYAN PALERANG REGION

Explore regional connections to heritage.

ARALUEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

ARALUEN HISTORY OPEN DAY AND TRAIL LAUNCH

Araluen Federal Hall, 5989 Araluen Rd, NSW 

13 April | 10AM-3PM | all ages | FREE

Join us at the Araluen Federal Hall Open Day, featuring an exhibition, talks, lunch, and a free self-guided tour around Araluen, and launch of the new Araluen History trail. Araluen is bushranger country, with a rich gold-mining history and previously home to 10,000 inhabitants. Explore informative signage and imagery and tune in to local speakers who will share their knowledge of local history.

More info: araluenfederalhall.com.au

QUEANBEYAN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM SOCIETY

EXPLORE HISTORIC QUEANBEYAN

Historic Council Chambers, Crawford St

April 23 | 9.30AM-12PM | all ages | FREE

Join guides John McGlynn and Kerrie Ruth from Queanbeyan Museum on a moderate walk around Queanbeyan's Historic Places. We will finish up at the Museum for a short introduction to its treasures. Bring a hat and water.

Bookings essential:

mcglynn_john@hotmail.com

QUEANBEYAN PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL EVENTS

Bookings essential

WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS

Braidwood Museum, Wallace St, Braidwood


12 April | 3-5PM | FREE

Writing your memoirs will lead you into emotionally difficult territory. How much will be the truth? How do you select what to write about? Keith Whalen will share examples, strategies and techniques to capture your story.

Bookings essential:

qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Heritage-Festival

WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Queanbeyan Library, 257 Crawford St 

13 April | 10AM-12PM | FREE

Ready to learn about researching and interviewing, organising your material, structuring, editing and proof reading your very own family history book? Attend this workshop to tackle how to deal with family secrets and learn how to make your family history engaging and interesting.


Bookings essential:

qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Heritage-Festival





BOILING POINT (EXHIBITION)

Queanbeyan History Centre, 253 Crawford St 

18 April | 10AM-4PM | all ages | FREE

This exhibiton launches the QPRC Community Collections Exhibition Series at our new Heritage Library and comes to us from Tracey Lamont. This unique collection of electric kettles dates from the 1930's through to the 70's and is a homage to 20th Century domestic design for the kitchen goddess.



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QUEANBEYAN PALERANG LIBRARY

THE BLOCK (WALKING TOUR)


1 Lowe St, Queanbeyan

20 April | 10-11.30AM | FREE

At the edge of Queanbeyan's CBD sits grand homes each with their own stories of the town's past. The Block was home to some of Queanbeyan's most significant people including the Founder of Canberra, entrepreneurs and business people who drove the development of Queanbeyan and Canberra plus odd and eccentric characters of the town. This walking tour is a glimpse into the symbiotic relationship of Queanbeyan and the federal capital.

Bookings essential: phawke49@bigpond.net.au

C J SMITH: WWI SOLDIER


Queanbeyan History Centre, 253 Crawford St 

23 April | 6-8PM | FREE

Learn about a young man's experience of war based on his diaries. The author has further researched and uses technology to illustrate troop movements. Look at the resources used to provide context for Private Charles Robert Lumsden Smith's diaries.

Bookings essential:
qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Heritage-Festival

A STITCH IN TIME (EXHIBITION)

Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall, Q Link Gallery, 255 Crawford St 

27 April-5 May | 10AM-4PM | all ages | FREE

Come and see some of the Quilt and Textiles treasures from our Art Collection.





Program correct at time of printing, check act.gov.au/heritagefestival for all updates.

OPEN DAYS

CRAFT + DESIGN CANBERRA

2024 ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

Ready Cut Cottage, Namadgi National Park,
Old Boboyan Rd

13 April | 10AM-2PM | FREE

Meet the 2024 Craft +Design Canberra Artists-in-Residence, Lynne Flemons, Michelle England and Emma Rani Hodges. Join them and Craft+Design Canberra team for a creative open day and morning tea at the historic Ready-Cut Cottage in Namadgi National Park. The 2024 research partner is ACT Historic Places.

Bookings essential:
hello@craftanddesigncanberra.org

FIRE BRIGADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE ACT

CANBERRA FIRE MUSEUM

4 Empire Cct, Forrest

13, 20, 27 April | 10AM-2PM | all ages

Come and visit the Canberra Fire Museum in the historic 1939 Forrest Fire Station. See equipment, uniforms, and vehicles from every decade of more than 100 years of the ACT's extraordinary firefighting history. Discover how Canberra's firefighting narratives connect our community.

Entry by donation
More info: canberrafiremuseum.org.au

CANBERRA RAILWAY MUSEUM

2 Geijera Pl, Kingston 

13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28 April | 10AM-3PM

Discover Canberra's unique railway history! Explore vintage sleeping carriages and imagine a century of travel by rail to the capital region. Visitors of all ages will delight in entering the cab of Locomotive 1210 that pulled the first train into Canberra. Climb aboard a vintage railmotor, and catch a glimpse of a puffing steam loco replenishing for its next run!

Tickets: Adult \$10, Child \$5, Concession \$7.50
No bookings required
More info: canberrarail.org.au

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ST ANDREW

OPEN CHURCH, OPEN HOUSE

1 State Circle, Forrest

13 April | 10.30-11.45AM and 12.30-1.45PM | FREE
27 April | 10.30-11.45AM | FREE

Hear the organ and see it demonstrated, listen to voices from the magnificent stained glass windows, observe the ornate woodwork, ring the bells in one of Canberra's oldest heritage listed buildings, and be moved by the stories from the Warriors' Chapel. View the historical exhibition "Living Stones" in the adjacent heritage listed Georgian Revival style St Andrew's House.

More info: standrewscanberra.com





TRADITIONAL BOAT SQUADRON OF AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA TRADITIONAL BOATFEST**The jetty and foreshores of Canberra Yacht Club, Mariner Pl, Yarralumla****13 April | 11AM-2PM | ages 6+ | FREE**

Visit the traditional boats, with their stylish curves, warm varnished wood and polished brass, while you listen to the sound of steam whistles and sails flapping in the breeze. Connect with the owners who built a traditional boat, or spend countless hours restoring a boat that is 100 years old. Explore why owners prefer these traditional boats to a fibreglass boat.

More info: canberraboating.com

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS — ACT CHAPTER

OPEN HOME**2A Mugga Way, Red Hill** **15-19 and 22-26 April | 10AM-4PM | FREE**

The headquarters of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects was built in 1968 and designed by Ancher Mortlock Murray and Woolley. It reflects a progressive style of architecture and is still used as the home to the Institute's ACT Chapter. The doors are open to explore the beautifully detailed interiors.

More info: architecture.com.au/act-chapter

SNOWY MONARO REGIONAL COUNCIL

COOMA HERITAGE TRAIL**16 and 23 April | see online for opening hours**

Spend the day in Cooma exploring the Cooma Heritage Trail, an intriguing self-guided town journey. Marvel through 200 years of NSW Correctional Centre 'Crime Through Time'. Be immersed in the past, present and future of the mighty Snowy Scheme. Rock the 1950's themed Motoring museum and diner. 'Travel For Pleasure' a story of the golden years of railways in NSW.

Pick up your Historic Town guide from Cooma Visitors Centre. 119 Sharp Street, Cooma.**More info:****visitcooma.com.au/heritage-discovery-trail**

CANBERRA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HISTORY BOOK FAIR AND OPEN DAY**Curtin Pl, Curtin** **20 April | 9AM-12PM | FREE**

A special opportunity to buy unusual and hard to find history books. Includes a wide range of local, regional and national histories and biographies. Also check out the resource centre and some of its special items. Ask our volunteers about local history.

More info: canberahistory.org.au



WILDBARK CULTURAL COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday 27 April | 9AM-9PM | 25 Rosenberg St, Throsby

Visit Wildbark for a day of culture, nature, fun, food and community.

Bookings essential: wildbark.org/whats-on

NGUNNAWAL LANGUAGE CHILDRENS WORKSHOP

10-11AM | ages 3-12 | FREE

Join members of the Winanggaay Ngunnawal Aboriginal Language Corporation to learn Ngunnawal greetings, nature words and a children's song translated into Ngunnawal!

BUSH TUCKER COOKING WITH RICHIE ALLEN

12-2:30PM | multiple sessions | FREE

Learn how to cook over an open fire, enjoy delicious damper and native herbs.

BOOMERANG DECORATING AND THROWING WITH RICHIE ALLEN

12-2:30PM | multiple sessions | FREE

Practice your boomerang throwing technique in the Sanctuary!

WEAVING THROUGH TIME

9-11:30AM | ages 10+

Join us as we journey through time, from Wildbark to Inglewood Ruins, stopping along the way to connect with Country, and learn to weave. Ticket includes a light refreshment at Inglewood Ruins.

Tickets: Adult \$45, Children \$25

Bookings essential

WOODLANDS WEAVING

2:30-5PM 

Join Wiradjuri young woman Dhani Gilbert in the Woodlands Room at Wildbark for an afternoon of First Nations basket weaving inspired by the critically endangered box-gum grassy woodlands right at Wildbark's doorstep. Ticket includes light refreshments.

Tickets: \$45

Bookings essential

STARRY TALES, STARRY TRAILS

6.30-9.30PM

Join Wiradjuri young woman and guide Dhani Gilbert as we journey deep into the Sanctuary, through the predator-proof fence, where native animals are thriving in the absence of foxes and cats for an evening of spotlighting and cultural stories, followed by a phenomenal star gazing experience with Amy Briggs a Mount Stromlo Observatory Outreach Officer.

Tickets: Adult \$60, Children \$50

Bookings essential






Canberra Alpine Club



CANBERRA CROQUET CLUB

CROQUET COME 'N' TRY

Cnr Canberra Ave and Coronation Dr,
Yarralumla 

21 April | 9AM-1PM | all ages

You've driven past us and wondered what it is all about, so come and have a go! Croquet is a fun and challenging game requiring skill and tactics. We have a beautiful Heritage listed clubhouse that has recently been renovated and extended, and we're almost 100 years old. Come along and have a cuppa!

Entry by donation

More info: canberracroquet.org.au

CANBERRA ALPINE CLUB

MOUNT FRANKLIN

Mt Franklin Chalet, Mt Franklin Rd

21 April | 10AM-2PM | ages 5+

Explore the heritage listed Mt Franklin ski field with Canberra Alpine Club members, and hear the stories of the early days of Club skiing and social activities 70 years ago. Handle the skis that Club members made by hand.

More info: cac.org.au





FAMILY HISTORY ACT

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY**41 Templeton St, Cook** **27 April | 2-5PM | FREE**

Come and visit our library, where the past comes alive and your family history adventure begins! Sit down for a short consultation with one of our experienced family historians who can start you on your journey.

More info: familyhistoryact.org.au

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

SHINE DOME OPEN DAY**Shine Dome, 15 Gordon St, Acton****27 April | 9.30AM-2.30PM | all ages**

Celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Australian Academy of Science and the 65th anniversary of the iconic Shine Dome. Enjoy tours, a movie screening of 'The Dish' and Dinner under the Dome.

Tickets essential, prices vary**Bookings:** science.org.au

NATIONAL CAPITAL AUTHORITY

HERITAGE MARKET DAY**Blundells Cottage, Wendouree Dr, Parkes****28 April | 10AM-2PM | all ages | FREE**

Let us transport you back in time to the 1800s at Blundells Cottage Heritage Market Day! Join a workshop, take in some live music, enjoy children's activities, or simply stroll the artisanal stalls. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of craftsmanship as artisans from around the region showcase their finest wares at our heritage markets. Discover unique treasures and timeless creations that harken back to a bygone era.

More info: nca.gov.au

Shine Dome





NATIONAL TRUST (ACT)

nationaltrust.org.au

Join the National Trust for a series of events bringing heritage to life.

NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE POLARIS

Teloopa School Hall, New South Wales Cres,
Barton

13 April | 6AM-4PM | all ages

Like the idea of cycling and orienteering? Then join us for a fun event (for teams of two or more) that combines both! Choose your own route to visit as many of 40 control points across Canberra as possible. Suitable for all ages and levels of fitness and includes a free BBQ and ice-cream at the finish.

Tickets: \$90

Bookings essential: heritagepolaris.com.au

MILLPOST: BACK THROUGH TIME

Millpost Lane, Bungendore

14 April | 9.30AM-2.30PM

This Millpost tour is a rare opportunity to see multiple historic features on a working farm, as well as enjoy some morning tea and local lunch! You will see a relatively intact 19th century lime kiln, an ancient Stone Axe Quarry and an historic homestead surrounded by permaculture gardens. David Watson's book *Millpost: back through time* will be launched by local historian Brendan O'Keefe.

Tickets: Adults \$50, Children \$25 (under 12 free)

Bookings essential: trybooking.com

ACT HERITAGE ORATION 2024: HERITAGE — THE POWER OF PLACE AND THE PRIMACY OF PURPOSE

The Shine Dome, Academy of Science,
15 Gordon St, Acton 

18 April | 6-8PM | FREE

The 2024 ACT Heritage Oration will be delivered by the Chair of the Australian Heritage Council, the Hon Ted Baillieu AO. He served as Premier of Victoria and Minister for the Arts from 2010-13.

Bookings essential: trybooking.com

NATIONAL TRUST (ACT) OPEN DAY

Yarralumla Woolshed, 208 Cotter Rd, Weston

20 April | 10AM-3PM | all ages

What does a woolshed evoke for you? Iconic Aussie shearing scenes or bush dances? Come and rediscover the historic Yarralumla Woolshed with something for everyone: performances, displays, food and more. Learn about its role in our pastoral history up until the last wool bale left from here in 1967.

Entry by donation

No bookings required





NATIONAL TRUST (ACT) AND CANBERRA AND REGION HERITAGE RESEARCHERS

CONNECT WITH OLD ACTON PENINSULA: WALK 1

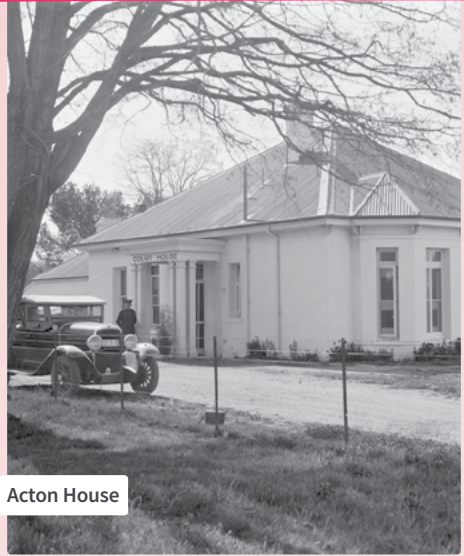
Acton Peninsula, Lennox Crossing, Acton

21 April | 9.30–11.30AM

Enjoy a walk through Lower Acton, the forgotten site of the first European settlement in the ACT in 1824. It was the centre for the creation of the Federal Capital, the site of the first government offices, bank, police station and nursery.

Tickets: \$15

Bookings essential: trybooking.com



Acton House

BRADDON HERITAGE WALK

Gorman House, 55 Ainslie Ave, Braddon

21 April | 2–4PM

As one of our oldest suburbs Braddon has many stories to tell, connecting us with many housing types from early hostels, hotels, public housing to valued heritage precincts. Join a heritage architect for this intriguing walk.

Tickets: \$15

Bookings essential: trybooking.com

NATIONAL TRUST (ACT) + FORREST RESIDENTS GROUP

STORIES OF EARLY FORREST

Cnr Dominion Cct and Franklin St, Forrest

27 April | 9.30–11.30AM

Take a gentle stroll through the Griffin Plan avenues, circuits, circles and streets of Forrest. Learn the stories behind land use, naming conventions, landscape, streetscape, architecture and residents from the 1920s to 1960s.

Tickets: \$15

Bookings essential: trybooking.com

HERITAGE
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DID YOU
KNOW?

*Dhawura means 'Country'
in Ngunnawal language.*





NATIONAL TRUST (ACT) +
DICKSON RESIDENTS GROUP

DICKSON'S ONCE UPON A TIME CENTENARY

Dickson Library, Joan Kellett Way,
Dickson shops

27 April | 1.30-3.30PM

Dickson's Sixties Classic shops celebrate their 60th anniversary this year, while its 1920s Aerodrome (Canberra's first airport!) turns 100. Join expert urban planners and architects on a guided walk to hear about the revolutionary people focus that makes Dickson a Sixties Classic Hub, and discover how Chinatown first started.

Tickets: \$15

Bookings essential: trybooking.com

NATIONAL TRUST (ACT) AND CANBERRA AND
REGION HERITAGE RESEARCHERS

CONNECT WITH OLD ACTON PENINSULA: WALK 2

Acton Peninsula, Lennox Crossing, Acton

28 April | 9.30-11.30AM

A walk through Upper Acton. On the higher ground near Old Canberra House are the heritage listed remnants of the accommodation for professional and senior staff of the early Federal Capital, and its first hospital. Learn more about this hidden area of Canberra heritage and the people who lived there from 1913 until the 1940s.

Tickets: \$15

Bookings essential: trybooking.com

NATIONAL TRUST (ACT) +
AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY

MODERNISM AND CANBERRA RED BRICK

21 Blaxland Cres, Griffith

28 April | 2-3.30PM

This walk around the leafy streets of suburban Griffith will showcase the heritage listed Evans Crescent housing (built 1940) and offer a comparison with a Canberra red brick government cottage and early public two-storey duplexes located near Griffith shops.

Tickets: \$15

Bookings essential: trybooking.com

Jackie Chan mural — Dickson





Program correct at time of printing, check act.gov.au/heritagefestival for all updates.

EXHIBITIONS

Kamberri Possum Cloak



CANBERRA MUSEUM AND GALLERY

CANBERRA KAMBERRI: PLACE AND PEOPLE

Cnr London Cct and Civic Square

13–28 April | 10AM–4PM daily | FREE

Discover the story of Canberra as the place where nationhood found a home – the people, places and history that connect this city and its region. Canberra is a young city on an ancient continent with many stories to tell.

More info: cmag.com.au

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF EDUCATION

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

Mura Gadi Gallery, University of Canberra
Library, Telita Street, Bruce

15–25 April | 10AM–5PM daily

Remember your schooling? Connect with early classrooms in the Canberra region and across Australia by viewing an exhibition of teaching and learning artefacts from historic school museums. This exhibition is both real and virtual using state-of-the-art technology.

Gold coin donation

More info: canberra.edu.au/anme





Gorman House (1997)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH AND
CLOCK COLLECTORS CHAPTER 182

CONNECTIONS IN TIME

Canberra Irish Club, 6 Parkinson St, Weston

14 April | 10AM-4PM

View a fascinating display of early clocks and watches and bring your own treasured timepieces for assessment by one of our experts. Please note assessment means to give a description of the item, including where and when made. We are not licensed to give valuations.

Entry by donation

GEOSCIENCE AUSTRALIA

GEO-HERITAGE OF THE ACT

101 Jerrabomberra Ave, Symonston

Weekdays | 9AM-5PM | FREE

You may be interested in historical heritage, but have you ever thought about geological heritage? Visit Geoscience Australia to see rocks and fossils that tell the story of the ACT's geological history.

More info: ga.gov.au

AINSLIE AND GORMAN ARTS CENTRES

GORMAN 100: CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY

F Block Gallery, Gorman Arts Centre,
55 Ainslie Ave, Braddon

16-19 April | 10AM-3PM | FREE

Discover the stories from historic Gorman House in its 100th year. View photos from the archives and uncover the stories from its life as a federal workers hostel in the 1920's through to the arts centre that it is today. Take the opportunity to share your own connection to Gorman and leave a memory to be part of this exhibition.

More info: ainslieandgorman.com.au

ROCKY HILL WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM

GOULBURN REGION WARTIME CONNECTIONS

256 Memorial Rd, Goulburn

13-28 April | 10AM-4PM | ages 6+

Rocky Hill War Memorial opened in 1925 to commemorate the men and women of Goulburn who served during World War I. There is an onsite museum with a significant and wide-ranging war memorial collection including 16 items of National Significance. The current exhibition tells the story of Goulburn's connection to World War II in battle and on the home front.

Entry by donation

More info: rockyhillwarmuseum.com.au





Historical Girl Guide Uniform Display



MANNING CLARK HOUSE

HERITAGE UNCOVERED

11 Tasmania Circle, Forrest 

10-14, 17-21, 24-28 April, 1-5 May |
11AM-2PM | all ages | FREE

Artists from the region and beyond respond to the brief of heritage — built, Indigenous, environmental, political or other, using a diverse range of media including painting, ceramics, glass, printmaking, photography, textiles, jewellery, embroidery and sculpture.

More info: manningclark.org.au

GIRL GUIDES ACT & SE NSW REGION

HISTORICAL GIRL GUIDE UNIFORM DISPLAY

Girl Guide Hall, Newman St, Yarralumla 

13, 17, 20 April | 11AM-3PM | ages 6+ | FREE

Come and see Girl Guide, Ranger and Brownie uniforms as worn in Canberra and regional areas from 1930 to the present. There are also personal and guiding oral histories of girls and women from the region to listen to or view. A number of badges and accessories, for swaps or collections, are also available for sale.





HALL HERITAGE CENTRE

**THE JOURNEY OF
LYALL L. GILLESPIE**

19 Palmer St, Hall

EXHIBITION OPENING EVENT:

14 April | 11AM-12PM

EXHIBITION OPEN:

14, 21, 28 April | 10AM-4PM | all ages | FREE

Lyall Gillespie (1919–2006) wrote local histories that brought to life the Aboriginal and European story of Canberra, especially Gungahlin, in the 19th and early 20th centuries. This exhibition builds upon the display of Aboriginal artefacts he collected and presents items that reflect the great diversity of Lyall's interests and work, including Canberra's history, archaeology, early poetry, governance and gardens.

More info: heritage.hall.act.auFREE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
SAINT GEORGE**THE MURALS OF FSO
ST GEORGE**

32 National Cct, Forrest

20 April | 11AM-4PM | FREE

Behold the awe-inspiring religious masterpieces adorning the walls, crafted by the skilled hand of Carl George Matzek over five decades ago. Experience a journey through time with divine portrayals of biblical narratives and historical events spanning millennia. Embrace the invitation extended to all to witness the splendor of this hidden treasure, affectionately dubbed as Canberra's own Sistine Chapel.

HERITAGE
FESTIVAL**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Ngali Dhuniwilaninyin (Dhuni-wila-ni-nyin) means 'Sit down and we'll talk together' – or the shorter version is 'Let's sit and talk'.





ST JOHN'S SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM

SKILFUL HANDS CONNECT US WITH OUR PAST

45 Constitution Ave, Reid

13–28 April | 2–4PM daily | ages 7+

The skilful hands of women and girls in sewing, knitting and other handiwork created and decorated clothes and homes in a bygone era. While their creators are gone, their work remains, as a tangible connection to their descendants. This Schoolhouse Museum exhibition features some of this beautiful work, as well the images and lives of the women who made them.

Entry by donation

More info: stjohnscanberra.org

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS +
UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA +
CANBERRA MODERN + ACT HERITAGE LIBRARY

SPECTRES OF ARCHITECTURE IN CANBERRA

2a Mugga Way, Red Hill 

15–19, 22–26 April | 4–5PM | FREE

This exhibition brings to life the ghosts of Canberra's twentieth-century architectural legacy. From extensive archival research, and through analogue and digital methods, it showcases original work that integrates photography, drawings, models, and projection, overlaying the past and present.

More info: architecture.com.au/act-chapter

Benjamin House



AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS —
ACT CHAPTER

20TH CENTURY SIGNIFICANT ACT ARCHITECTURE

2A Mugga Way, Red Hill 

15–19, 22–26 April | 4–5PM | FREE

This exhibition showcases some of the ACT's most notable architecture highlighting buildings from residential through to public architecture; including the Forrest Townhouses, Benjamin House, High Court of Australia and Australian National University School of Music, exploring our city's progressive contemporary heritage.

More info: architecture.com.au/act-chapter



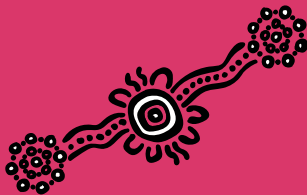


HERITAGE
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DID YOU
KNOW?

Yarra means 'goodbye'
in Ngunnawal language.





PROGRAM

Explore how we have been shaped by
our heritage this April 2024.



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