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Annual Appeal



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We thank all our donors who contributed to the 2024 Annual Appeal: Engaging with History. With your generous support, MHNSW raised over \$210,000, which will help to fund accessible learning programs, transportation subsidies for schools from low socio-economic areas and free virtual learning events to help schoolchildren across NSW engage with history.

Our Impact

What's on at Elizabeth Farm



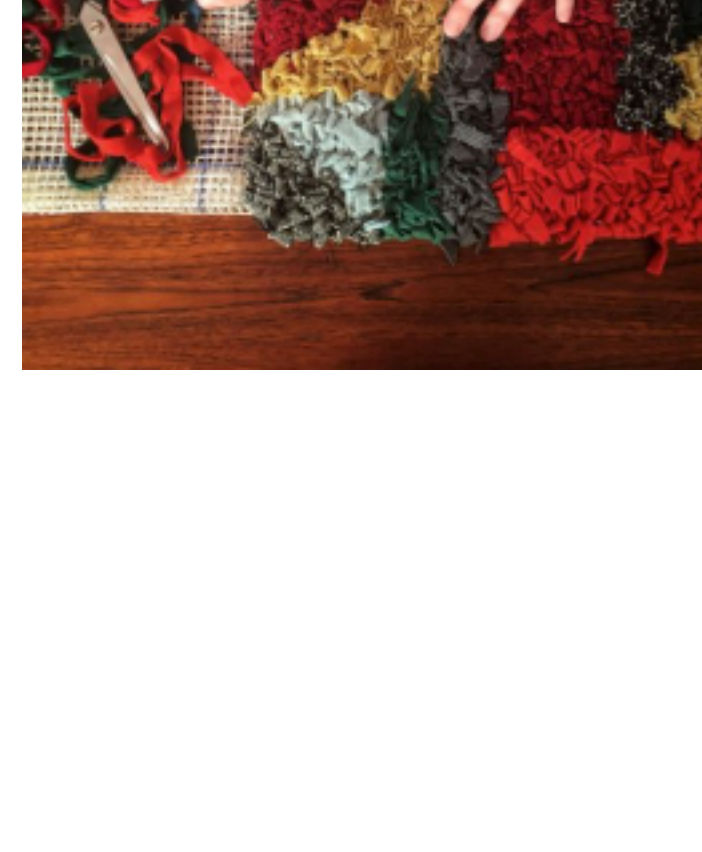
A Winter's Night at Elizabeth Farm

Saturday 10 August, 6pm-8pm

As night falls on Elizabeth Farm, on Dharug Country, gather under the thought-provoking art installation Healing land, remembering Country by Kuku Yalanji artist Tony Albert. After a hot cuppa and a yarn around a small campfire, join the Macarthurs' house servants to hear about life in Australia's oldest surviving colonial homestead. Afterwards enjoy canapés and a glass of wine. An experience not to be missed!

Members get more: Members enjoy a 20% discount on tickets.

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Making a House a Home with Vita Cochran

Saturday 17 August, 10.30am-12.30pm and 1pm-3pm

Join us for a creative rag rug-making workshop led by textile artist Vita Cochran and learn about how the Macarthurs of Elizabeth Farm turned their house into a home. The workshop begins with a tour of the property led by MHNSW Curator Dr Scott Hill. All materials provided. No experience necessary.

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Collections on Tour



Wages Paid to the Irish Orphans, 1849-51

Throughout August, various dates

To celebrate National Family History Month in August, our experts will be travelling to Bathurst, Yass, Goulburn and the Central Coast to share stories about some of the 4,100 young Irish women who came to Australia between 1848 and 1850 as part of Earl Grey's Famine Orphan Scheme.

Join our archivists for an illustrated presentation about these Irish women and take advantage of this rare opportunity to view the original register from the State Archives Collection. Free; registration essential.

Register now

Explore our walking tours



Wentworth Mausoleum Walking Tour

Vaucluse House, Friday 9 August, 2pm-3.30pm

This popular tour starts in the grand drawing room at Vaucluse House then continues a short distance to the rarely opened Wentworth Mausoleum - the final resting place of statesman William Charles Wentworth. Hear stories and listen to commentary from the colonial newspapers about the details of Wentworth's extravagant 1873 state funeral.

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Digging Up the Neighbourhood Walking Tour

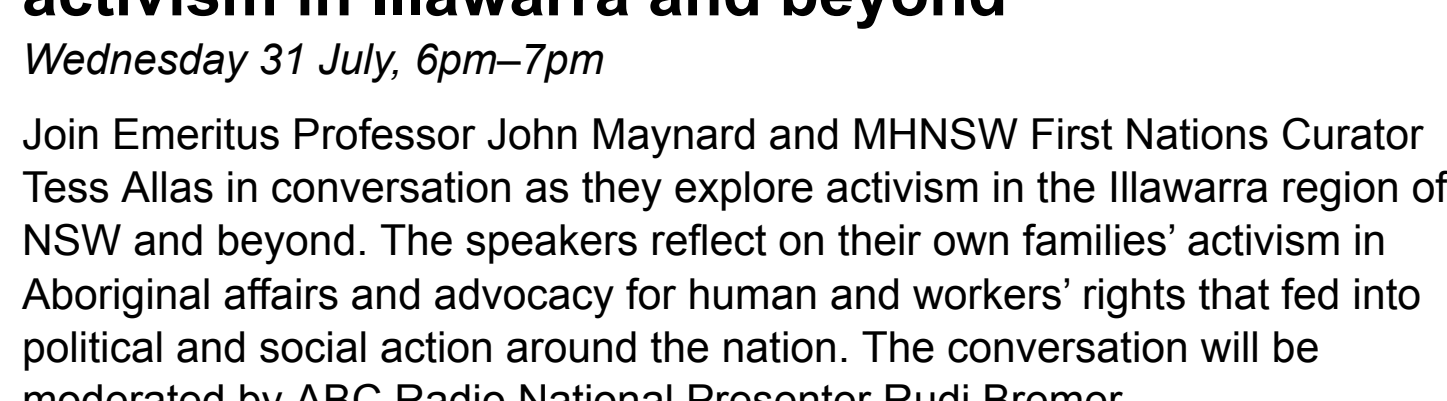
Susannah Place, Wednesday 14 August, 10.30am-12.30pm

This tour explores some of the fascinating archaeological sites in The Rocks and Millers Point, including a rare opportunity to view the Parbury Ruins. Unearthed during the construction of an apartment block and now preserved below ground, the Parbury Ruins feature the extensive remains of an 1820s cottage once owned by ex-convicts.

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What's on at the Museum of Sydney



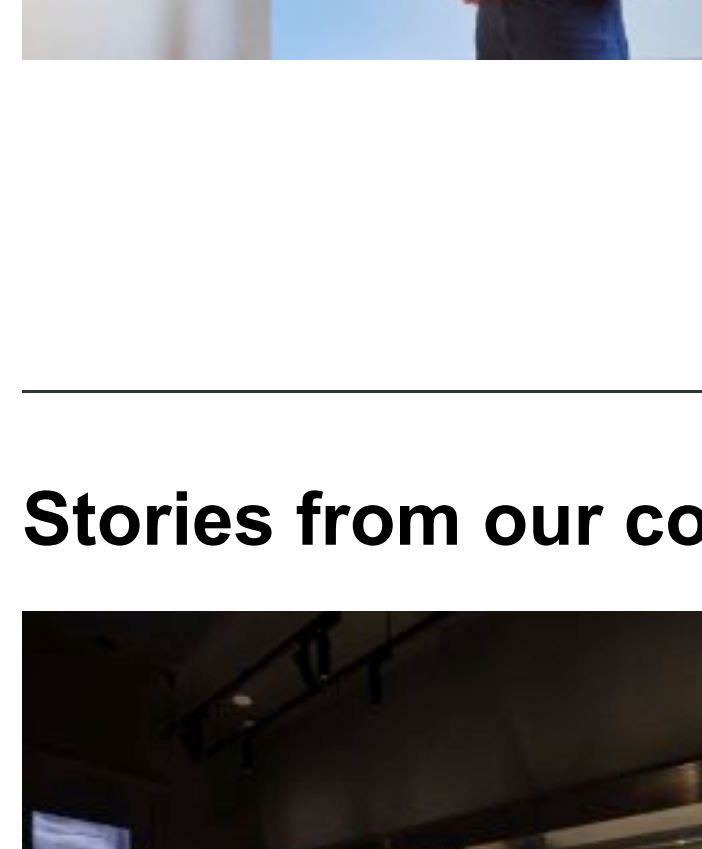
First Nations Speaker Series: Coomaditchie: activism in Illawarra and beyond

Wednesday 31 July, 6pm-7pm

Join Emeritus Professor John Maynard and MHNSW First Nations Curator Tess Allas in conversation as they explore activism in the Illawarra region of NSW and beyond. The speakers reflect on their own families' activism in Aboriginal affairs and advocacy for human and workers' rights that fed into political and social action around the nation. The conversation will be moderated by ABC Radio National Presenter Rudi Bremer.

Free; bookings essential.

Register now



On display

On now at the Museum of Sydney are the exhibition Coomaditchie: The Art of Place and the video installation Ngaya (I am) by Peter Waples-Crowe. The display of Cast in cast out by Sydney-based Kamilaroi/Gamilaray artist Dennis Golding has now been extended until 17 November.

Members get more: Enjoy a 10% discount at This Way Canteen.

Find out more

Stories from our collections



Crime Museum display reopens

On now, Justice & Police Museum

Experience the newly reopened Crime Museum within the Justice & Police Museum. On display are weapons from the Justice & Police Museum's 1910 Collection and mugshots from the unique 'Specials' photography collection.

Free entry.

Plan your visit



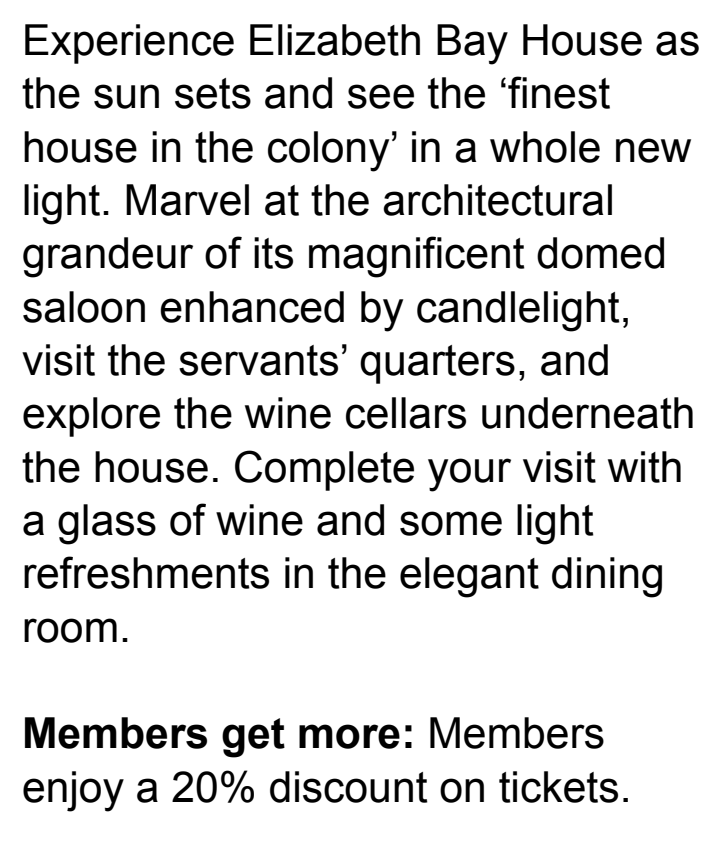
A look back at the Sydney 2000 Olympics

Online story

On the eve of the Paris Olympics, we look back at Sydney 2000. The Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in Sydney welcomed and hosted more than 11,000 athletes from 199 countries, and engaged 50,000 volunteers and millions of spectators, capturing the attention of the world.

Read more

Coming soon



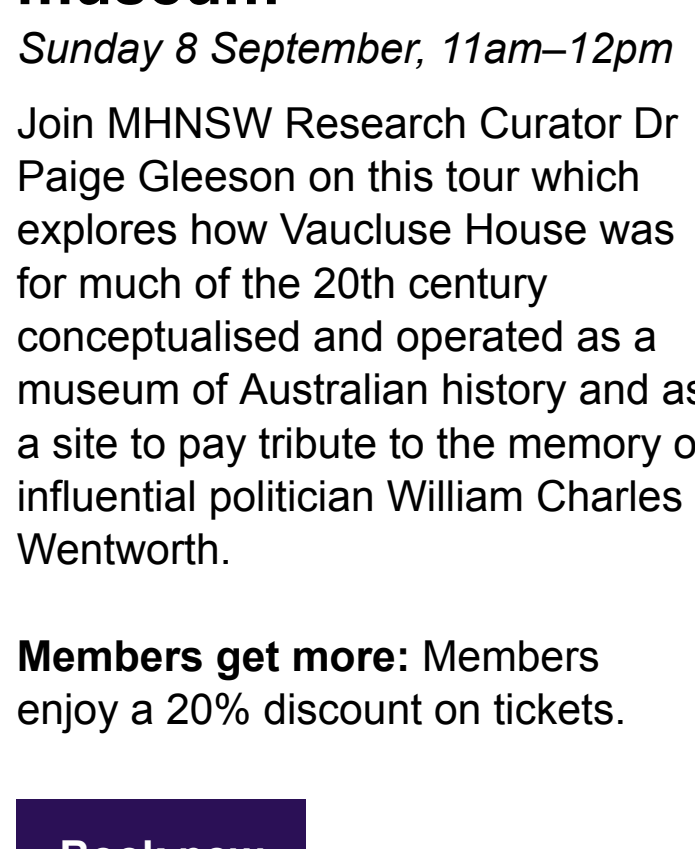
Elizabeth Bay House from Dusk to Darkness

Friday 6 September, 6pm-8pm

Experience Elizabeth Bay House as the sun sets and see the 'finest house in the colony' in a whole new light. Marvel at the architectural grandeur of its magnificent domed saloon enhanced by candlelight, visit the servants' quarters, and explore the wine cellars underneath the house. Complete your visit with a glass of wine and some light refreshments in the elegant dining room.

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Making History from a House: The story of Vaucluse House as a museum

Sunday 8 September, 11am-12pm

Join MHNSW Research Curator Dr Paige Gleeson on this tour which explores how Vaucluse House was for much of the 20th century conceptualised and operated as a museum of Australian history and as a site to pay tribute to the memory of influential politician William Charles Wentworth.

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Online talk



Webinar: Equity Court Records in the State Archives Collection

Friday 30 August, 10.30am-11.30am

Since 1823 the Equity Jurisdiction has dealt with matters of fairness and the enforcing of rights not recognised under common law. It included the guardianship of children and their property. This webinar explores the records of the Equity Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, how to find them, and what they can tell you.

Free; registration required.

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