



HIGHLIGHTS OF HERITAGE WEEK

NSW

APRIL 12 Heritage Colonial Ball 7pm Sydney Town Hall. Tickets are \$22 for singles and \$12 for pensioners and includes a three course meal.

APRIL 14 Official Opening by Premier Neville Wran in Macquarie Street at 11am. Following this is a Heritage Concert in Hyde Park featuring the Don Burrows Trio, Sirocco and the Torres Strait Islanders.

APRIL 21 Balmain Vintage Yacht Race off Elkington Park, Balmain at 11am.

APRIL 21 Heritage All That Jazz at Observatory Hill with Don Burrows and Friends.

NSW Heritage Week Hotline (02) 27 2133.

VICTORIA

APRIL 12 Official Opening at the Bourke Street Mall with a lunch-time Colonial Concert.

APRIL 14 Steam Train Ride to Castlemaine and Bendigo where the historic property 'Fortuna' has been made available for chamber concerts.

APRIL 15 Musical Heirs an organ and choral concert will be held at the Melbourne Town Hall. The concert will include works written in Victoria or by Victorians.

APRIL 21 Como Fair an annual family event will be held at the Trust's property 'Como' at South Yarra.

Victorian Heritage Week Hotline (03) 654 4711.

TASMANIA

APRIL 12 Official Opening by the Governor of Tasmania, His Excellency Sir James Plimsoll, in the Savings Bank of Tasmania in Hobart.

APRIL 14 & 21 Guided Tour to historic properties in the Huon, south of Hobart.

APRIL 20 Train Ride to the National Park. 'Winton' a historic merino stud will be opened and a cricket match will be re-enacted at 'Clarendon', one of Australia's most outstanding historic mansions.

Tasmanian Heritage Week Hotline (003) 31 9077.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

APRIL 13-14 Opening Ceremony by the Governor, His Excellency, Professor Gordon Reid at Government House.

This weekend there is a **Heritage Train Trip** from Perth to York taking in historic sites and finishing with a concert by the Perth Youth Symphony Orchestra. The City of Subiaco has planned a **family picnic day** and the National Trust will open Old Farm, Strawberry Hill, the first Government House, to the public at night.

Western Australia Heritage Week Hotline (09) 321 6088.

QUEENSLAND

APRIL 13 Official Opening by the Governor, His Excellency, Sir James Ramsay, at Old Government House with a concert.

APRIL 16 Parade of bridal fashions through the decades in the Brisbane Mall.

APRIL 16 Sir Raphael Cilento Heritage Oration at Newstead House.

APRIL 14-21 Kodak Heritage Week Competition will be exhibited throughout the week.

Queensland Heritage Week Hotline (07) 229 1788.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

APRIL 14-21 Open Air Concert will be held at the Darwin Water Gardens where the Cyclone Tracy Exhibition will also be held.

Pine Creek will exhibit a new collection of **historic photographs** and there will be a field trip 'The Geology of Katherine Gorge'.

At the Civic Centre at Alice Springs, there will be an **Antique Exhibition** in the Old Gaol.

Northern Territory Heritage Week Hotline is (089) 81 6263.

ACT

APRIL 14-21 National Trust will be featured in a large display in the Albert Hall. The **Heritage Week Photographic Competition** entries will be exhibited at the

Canberra Link Gallery. **Walks** to Duntroon and the original Campbell buildings of the region's first settlers, cemeteries and historic sites have been organised.

ACT Heritage Week Hotline (062) 95 7632.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

APRIL 14 Opening Day with the theme 'Out and About' which will feature a living museum of contemporary and traditional heritage.

APRIL 17 Australians All takes a look at the multicultural backgrounds that have contributed to Australia's heritage.

APRIL 20 Great Australian Sports includes a Heritage Week Race Meeting at Morphettville and old time cricket and football matches.

APRIL 21 Family Picnic Day and train trips to Victor Harbour.

South Australian Heritage Week Hotline (08) 212 1990.

Full details of the Heritage Week 1985 Programme are available from your local library, tourist office or National Trust Shop.

MITCHELL LIBRARY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The Mitchell Library, world famous Australian collection of the State Library of NSW, celebrated its 75th anniversary on 8 March 1985.

Opened in 1910, 'the Mitchell' was founded by scholar, recluse and genius book collector, David Scott Mitchell, who devoted his life and fortune to collecting Australian history.

'Thanks to Mitchell's foresight, Australians possess a collection which few countries can boast — a comprehensive record of their nation's history from the beginnings', Mitchell Librarian, Baiba Berzins said.

In 1898 Mitchell decided to offer his priceless national collection to the NSW Government on one condition — that a suitable building be erected to house it. By this time his house at 17 Darlinghurst Road was a veritable fortress bastioned with 61,000 books, hundreds of original journals, diaries and letters, and thousands of maps, portraits, bookplates, coins and medals.

Construction of the Mitchell Wing of the new library building was finally begun in 1906 and completed in 1910, sadly 3 years after the death of its founder. David Scott Mitchell's will included a bequest for £70,000 to purchase additional materials for his great library.

Today the Mitchell Library collection numbers well over 365,000 books, over 1 million photographs, 35,000 volumes of manuscripts and pictures, more than 1,000 oil paintings and 15,000 microfilm reels.

Australian history scholars from all over the world visit to carry out original research on the unique collection, as Mitchell intended. The historic reading room with its Conrad Martens oil paintings and leadlight bookcases has given birth to countless films, novels, radio dramas, biographies and TV series.

Researchers in their hundreds are now busily preparing for the 1988 Bicentenary in a detail which would not have been possible without David Scott Mitchell's forethought in preserving Australia's recorded heritage.

NOW AVAILABLE

Policy & Planning Guidelines for Public Libraries

In 1982, General Council approved funding for a Public Library Standards Revision Project and these guidelines are the first stage of the three-stage project.

Sydney: Library Association of Australia. 1984. 16pp. ISBN 0 86804 019 3.

LAA members price \$2.95; non-members \$3.50. Special discount if 10 or more copies are purchased — \$2.50 per copy.

Available from the LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo or through Bennetts or Mannings, library suppliers.