

Heritage Week '86 Festivities

Enjoy yourself while discovering more about Australia's history and culture during Heritage Week, 13-20 April. A variety of events have been planned so why not celebrate and go along to some of the following events:

Open Day at Victoria Barracks, Oxford Street, Paddington, Saturday 12 April, 10.00pm.

Australia's historic Victoria Barracks will be open on Saturday 12 April from 1.00 p.m. — tour the barracks, view the Changing of the Guard, visit the Army Museum or simply relax with a picnic and enjoy the music and displays. One of the day's highlights will be the 'Beating of the Retreat' at sundown.

Steamboats Afloat, Sydney Maritime Museum, Birkenhead Point, Drummoyne — Saturday 12 April & Sunday 13 April.

Steamboats and radio controlled models, will be on display with Australia's largest fleet of historic ships at the Sydney Maritime Museum. The museum wharves at Birkenhead Point will come alive with a most unusual collection of boats. The Maritime Modellers of New South Wales will also display their working models of modern and vintage boats, yachts and battle-ships on Sunday 13 April.

Also on Sunday watch out for the steamboats which will form a flotilla and escort the Lady Hopetoun to the Man O'War Steps for the opening of Heritage Week in Macquarie Street. The flotilla will cross the harbour between 1.00 am. and noon.

The Heritage Week Ball, Sydney Town Hall, Saturday 19 April 8.00pm

Put your stuff in colonial costume at the Heritage Week Ball. Music will be provided by the Bush Music Club and club members will demonstrate more complicated dances. All dances are 'called' so even those unfamiliar with the steps will be able to enjoy the evening. Tickets cost \$24 per head and include supper. For tickets and information call: Meg Mark (02) 502 2746.

Parramatta Colonial Day, Parramatta Park, Sunday 20 April from 11.00am

The children can pat and cuddle animals from Golden Ridge Animal Farm, take a carriage ride with two Clydesdale horses, visit the mini carnival or join in the Colonial Games organised by the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Everyone can join in the Woolshed Dance from 11am with colonial bush ballads and music. Throughout the day traditional dancing and music will be presented, as well as maypole and ribbon dances, Punch and Judy shows and a mediaeval tournament. The highlight of the day will be the arrival of the fabulous old cars taking part in the Sydney To Parramatta Car Rally. Contact: Parramatta Promotion & Tourist Centre, Phone: 603 3703.

Heritage & All That Jazz, Observatory Hill, Sydney, Sunday 20 April 11.00am.

Visit the home of The National Trust on Sydney's highest landpoint, Observatory Hill and relax to the sound of the 16 piece jazz band Supermarket. Enjoy a picnic on the hill or visit the National Trust Centre and S.H. Ervin Gallery; or watch the official start of the inaugural Sydney To Parramatta Car Rally. Over 100 beautifully presented historic vehicles will leave Observatory Hill at 11.30am to travel to Parramatta Colonial Day in Parramatta Park.

• Hunter Valley Steamfest, Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 April.

Steam locomotives will travel again for the inaugural Hunter Valley Steamfest in Maitland on the weekend 19-20 April. Steam trains will depart from Sydney and Blacktown via Parramatta and Hornsby to Maitland for the Steamfest. A shuttle service of steam trains will operate on Saturday and Sunday between Maitland and Patterson with trains also running to and from Newcastle.

In Maitland itself there will be a full programme of entertainment. Streets will be closed and stalls will provide food and drink. Horse rides, craft displays and jazz bands will entertain everyone. Dixie bands will welcome the giant locomotives as they arrive for the official opening at 1.00 pm. on Saturday.

Tickets for three special Steamfest trains can be purchased through the State Rail Authority at the Rail Travel Centre, Wynyard, the Sydney Booking Office and the following stations: Central, Strathfield, Parramatta, Blacktown and Hornsby. Reservations can be made on (02) 217 8812. Return tickets are adult \$28; children and pensioners \$14.

For information on local accommodation and Steamfest activities call the Maitland Tourism Representative, Steve Monk on (049) 33 6200 during office hours or the Maitland District Tourist Association on (049) 332 611 on weekends.

For information about these and other Heritage Week events contact: the Heritage Week Office (02) 27 1913 or call the Heritage Week Hotline (02) 27 2133.

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