



## HERITAGE WEEK 17 - 24 April

Each year, the National Trust movement, with the support of many organisations, government and corporate sponsorship, coordinates and promotes the country's largest community-based heritage activity - Heritage Week. Although 1988 will be flooded with events commemorating Australia's bicentenary, Heritage Week will stand out as one of the highlights of the year.

While many carnivals, festivals and commemorative events such as Australia Day are planned to celebrate our heritage, Heritage Week encourages the community to discover that heritage. The key aim of Heritage Week is to promote a greater understanding of Australia's heritage through participation. And so, from 17-24 April some 1,000 organisations will co-operate to present more than 2,000 activities as part of the national Heritage Week '88 program.

### New South Wales

#### Steam trains and tiger moths



The theme in NSW during Heritage Week will be 'A Week of Discovery'. Sydney highlights include the Macquarie Street Fair, Sunday April 17; Entertainment at the Martin Place Ampitheatre, daily at lunchtime; the Parramatta Colonial Day and Car Rally, Sunday 24 April; and a Diggers Picnic at Centennial Park, Sydney on Monday 25 April.

In Maitland, the Hunter Valley Steamfest will be another blockbuster event this year featuring Tiger Moths and an RAAF flyover. Vintage steam trains will be travelling between Sydney and Maitland on Saturday 23 April and Sunday 24 April with local shuttles between Maitland, Newcastle and Paterson. Tickets are available from the major Sydney railway stations. For details contact the Heritage Week Hotline on (02) 27 1913.

From Wednesday 20 April - Monday 25 April, 15 of Australia's leading antique and decorative art dealers will be participating in the 21st National Trust Lindsay Antique and Decorative Arts Fair. The fair will feature some of the finest furniture, jewellery, rugs, books, paintings, maps and items of memorabilia. For more information contact John Gibson (02) 241 3041.

In Braidwood, visit the Grand Parade which leaves from Lascelles Street at 12.00 pm and finishes at Ryrie Park where there will be games, stalls and kraft displays. Or if you're in the Hawkesbury region, why not participate in the Hawkesbury Pioneer Family Day at Governor Phillip Park, Sunday 16 April.

For details of the many other events held during Heritage Week in NSW contact (02) 27 1913.

### South Australia

#### Sherlock Holmes on display



A car tour of Adelaide's colonial environment on Sunday 17 April will be of interest to art buffs as the tour includes a visit to places captured on canvas by artists of the past - comparing their representation to the present. The tour will include a booklet with pictures of colonial paintings from the South Australian Historical Pictures Index from the Mortlock Library of South Australia.

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## The Great Paper Chase



Photo: A display of the various types of records being registered with the Historic Records Search project.

Until recently many Australians did not take their nation's history seriously: some still don't, and some still think we have no history at all! Many of the documents that help us create our history - to tell us about our own and other people's pasts - have been destroyed, sometimes wantonly but more often through neglect. Sometimes what may seem commonplace is overlooked or ignored. We've all heard stories, or even have friends and relatives who have deliberately or inadvertently sent their documents to the tip. However, these 'commonplace', seemingly unimportant documents may be of great historical significance.

### To the rescue

In recognition of this problem, the Australian Bicentennial Authority, with the support of the National Library of Australia is conducting a major historic records search. Modelled partly on the Royal Historical Manuscript Commission in Great Britain, the aim of the search is to locate and record the existence of records held in private hands throughout Australia.

The search not only registers grand documents, but will also record items such as birth certificates, family diaries, photographs, financial records and correspondence pertaining to small businesses, community organisations, individuals and families.

According to Dr Marion Amies, one of the Project Officers for the Historic Records Search, the project has so far registered over 3,000 records throughout Australia and examples of some of the 'discoveries' include a record of telephone conversations kept by the women who staffed the Valencia Creek switchboard during the 1965 bushfires; a splendid collection of photographs of the development of Canberra from the Institution of Engineers, covering the years 1914 - 1980's; local history records on the history of

Exmouth, Western Australia, from the year it was established; as well as a sketchbook of drawings by Rosie Adelaide Nixon, depicting scenes in the Tumut area, 1860-1890.

Documents of this kind bring the history of our country alive. Though our state libraries, archives and museums hold examples of such material, much more remains unknown and out of reach in private ownership. However, organisers of the project stress that the aim of the search is to locate and register these records without removing them from their local environment.

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### The big search

With a grant of around \$1.5 million from the ABA, a team of 37 field officers commenced in May 1987 to investigate responses from the community regarding their records.

Field officers engaged in the operation were all employed for their range of expertise. They include historians, anthropologists, archivists, librarians and teachers. They were sent as far afield as Derby in the Kimberleys, for the task.

The project aims to be as descriptive as possible in recording information on the items with the aid of a computer register and an extensive index of subject headings, names and places. Each entry will describe the records of one owner and a copy of the collection in microform format will be distributed

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Weekdays during Heritage Week, an exhibition of photographs and explorers relics will be on display at the State Library. And the Sherlock Holmes Society has arranged a Sherlock Holmes Display daily at the Burnside Library. A tour of the historic churches of the South Australian Hills has been organised as well as a display of artefacts donated to the Burra Branch of the National Trust which are not usually on display.

For information on these and the many other activities listed for Heritage Week in South Australia, contact The History Trust of South Australia (08) 223 8808.

**Australian Capital Territory**

**Bicycles and bushwalks**



In Canberra, groups dedicated to the preservation of Canberra's cultural, historical and environmental heritage, form the major exhibition of the week — the Albert Hall exhibition, from Saturday 16 April — Tuesday 19 April. Our National Capital is turning on around 60 activities for Heritage Week including Jazz at the Hyperdome, a National Trust Bushdance, 'Shades of Light' — a National Gallery Photography display 1839-1988; 'People, Print and Paper' exhibition at the National Library; 'Historic Bikes' — Canberra Bicycle Museum; 'Sail, Song and Shackle' — Belconnen Library as well as visits to historic sites, bushwalks, guided tours and excursions. The National Library is also conducting tours of the Library. The tours cover Asian studies, manuscripts, maps, music, newspapers and microforms, oral history and pictorial collections. For a Heritage Week program contact Yvette Englebort (062) 81 5005.

**Queensland**

**Starlight showcase**



The main event for Heritage Week in Queensland will be the 'Starlight Showcase '88' concert. The official opening of Heritage Week will be performed by the Premier, the Hon. M.J. Ahern, MLA just prior to the concert which is on Sunday 17 April at 7.00 pm at Old Government House. Strutting their stuff at the free concert will be the Ipswich Cambrian Youth Choir, Conservatorium Wind Ensemble, Soprano Patricia Kelly, special spectacle of 72 dancers presenting a multi-coloured squaredance demonstration as well as various other performers. The concert is free.

From Monday 18 April to Friday 22 April there will be displays and demonstrations in the Queen Street Mall by Queensland quilters; the embroiderers guild; Queensland spinners, weavers and dyers; the lace guild; and the Australian Conservation Foundation. For those tracing their ancestors the Genealogical Society of Queensland will be in the Elizabeth Street level of Wintergarden on the Mall and the Queensland Family History Group will be in the City Plaza throughout the week.

Also from Monday through to Friday there will be lunch time entertainment at the Rotunda in the Mall by various theatre groups, brass bands and choirs. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Sallyanne Atkinson will officially launch 'Heritage Week in Brisbane' at the Rotunda on Monday at 12.30 pm.

On Sunday 17 April and Sunday 24 April, the Brisbane History Group will be running the 'Brisbane Heritage 1988 Bus Tour'. An informative guide book is included in the cost as well as commentary by an experienced tour guide. Prepaid reservations should be made by sending a cheque for \$25 to Paul Sayer, 14 Waverish St, Camp Hill 4152 by

Monday 11 April for the first trip and by Monday 18 April for the second trip.

For more information contact the National Trust of Queensland (07) 229 1788.

**Northern Territory**

**Territory spirit**



The Northern Territory is getting into the spirit of Heritage Week with various displays and events in the major cities of Darwin and Alice Springs, as well as Katherine, Pine Creek and Tennant Creek.

In Alice Springs displays, activities and events at Ford Plaza and Todd Mall will be sure to please the crowd, as will the Arltunga, and Telegraph Station interpretive tours and the Doreen Braithling Memorial lecture. Contact the Trust Centre, Hartley Street, Alice Springs for a program and more information on (089) 52 4516.

If you're in Darwin during Heritage Week, be at the fair, sponsored by the Bicentennial Community Committee.

Other activities throughout the Territory include evening talks, field trips, films and interpretive tours. For programs and more information on all the Territory events contact Sheri-Lea Perry, Trust Office (089) 81 2848.

**Victoria**

**Bairnsdale to Bendigo**



Victoria has an exciting range of activities for Heritage Week with over 300 displays, walks, tours, workshops, and special events being offered all over the state, from Bairnsdale to Bendigo, from Wangaratta to Warragul.

On Sunday 17 April, Melbourne will be turning back the clock in Collins Street. All the colour and vitality of 'Marvellous Melbourne' will be created — there'll be horse-drawn vehicles, vintage trams, street entertainers, and the city's biggest ever street market.

You are also invited to a Victorian Garden Party with the mistress of the house, servants and a few charity cases from the female penitentiary. In Port Melbourne, visit the former mission to seamen building and enjoy its art gallery, bookshop, archival films and displays, or take a trip to Cohuna and experience the memories of pioneer women through photographs and other memorabilia.

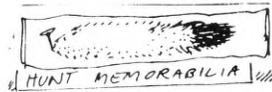
For the not so faint-hearted, a tour of the Ballarat 'New' Cemetery, gazetted in 1867, will focus on some of Ballarat's notables. And

while in Ballarat, browse through private collections of photographs of the district at the Mining Exchange.

But, if you just feel like totally indulging in nostalgia the Heritage Film Festival is for you — at the famous Capital Cinema in Swanston Street, Melbourne. Movietone News, and various serials and cartoons will be screened. For your Heritage Week program contact the Heritage Week Office, Melbourne (03) 650 5994.

**Tasmania**

**Anyone for tennis?**



The Apple Isle has around 80 various activities. The Southern Regional program includes a Walking Tour of Historic Battery Point on Saturday 16 April, Wednesday 20 April and Saturday 23 April. On Sunday 24 April a re-enactment of an early trial will be performed at the Penitentiary Chapel and Criminal Courts, Hobart. And several exhibitions including 'Our Women's Role in Settlement' will be presented by the Port Cygnet Historical Society, Cygnet Town Hall on Sunday 17 April to Sunday 24 April. Also, the Australian Bureau of Statistics will make available general statistical information on a variety of topics dating from 1804.

In the Northern Regions the 'Champagne Breakfast Hunt' will include an exhibition of hunting and equestrian memorabilia at 'Clarendon' House, Evandale, Sunday 24 April. And an exhibition of nursery items, costumes and historic photographs will be on display at the Langford Library, Langford from Saturday 16 April to Sunday 24 April.

In the North West the Mt Pleasant Exhibition Weekend, East Devonport, will feature hospital memorabilia from Saturday 16 April to Sunday 17 April. And tennis fans are likely to be amused by the display of 1900's dress game of tennis at the Garden Party and Fete, Curries Museum, King Island on Sunday 24 April.

For more information on what's happening 'down under' during Heritage Week contact the Heritage Week office (003) 319 077.

**Western Australia**

**'Triple-header'**

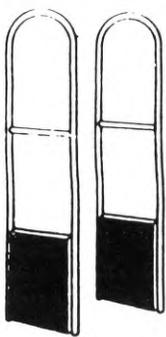


One of the most interesting and exciting events during Heritage Week will be the great 'Steamfest '88' It involves bringing together many organisations concerned with

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**Position available:** Senior Librarian

**Position required in exchange:** Similar in Public or National Library

**Duration:** 6 months — 1 year

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the preservation and promotion of the history of steam.



One of the main events of the Steamfest in WA will be a steam train journey from Perth and from Boyanup in the South-West to Yarloop on Sunday 17 April. The 'triple-header' steam train will carry passengers including His Excellency, the Governor, on Board, on a journey in to the past. Some 2,000 people are expected to travel on several steam locomotives on this day.

At Perth City Station, there will be an all-day program of exhibitions and displays which can be enjoyed after the official departure of the 'triple-header'. A weekend program of events will be taking place at Yarloop, the site of the first Steam Workshops in Western Australia, including square dancing, wood turning, a mini circus and much more.

Other activities during this festive week include a turn of the century back-to-school at the turn of the century program at the Museum of Western Australia, and don't forget the Turner Cottage at Serpentine puts on a first class display during this week. If you're going to be in Kalgoorlie, don't miss the Golden Mile Loop Line railway. And if you happen to be at the other end of the state at Rottnest Island, don't miss the guided tours.

For further information on these events and others offered in WA check *The West Australian* on Monday 11 April for the Heritage Week supplement program.

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free to libraries in all local government areas throughout Australia. Researchers including members of the general public will have access to the register through these libraries and other major libraries and archives. To protect their privacy, owners will be able to withhold their names and addresses from public listing.

Field officers finish their terms on 30 April, after which time the production phase will begin, ready for the distribution of fiche in December. Owners of the records listed in the register will be given a certificate of recognition and information on how to preserve their valuable records.

The ABC's new Social History Unit will co-ordinate a Nationwide series of programs about the Search to be broadcast over ABC regional radio stations over the next 12 months. Together with the field officers they will present programs based on some of the records found in each region, promoting the aims of the search and providing an invaluable communication line throughout the nation.

And so, through projects such as this search, Australians will begin to realise that the papers they generate today are the historic records of the future.

**The Ultimo-Pyrmont Festival Committee is looking for photos of Ultimo to be displayed at the new branch library during the Ultimo Festival in October. People with photos or details of family life in the suburb should contact Julie Harris (02) 212 6186, Jenny Salmon (02) 692 0054 or Louise Lansley at LAA Head Office.**

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Adelaide	Mar 1	Mar 4	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 7	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 8	—
Melbourne	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Mar 28	Mar 25	Mar 24	Mar 23	Mar 22	—
Perth	Apr 26	Apr 29	Apr 28	Apr 27	Apr 22	Apr 21	Apr 20	Apr 19	—
Brisbane	May 18	May 20	May 16	May 17	May 24	May 19	May 23	May 25	—
Hobart	Jun 7	Jun 10	Jun 9	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 14	Jun 16	Jun 17	—
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