TOUR GUIDES OF HISTORIC HAMBLEDON COTTAGE

You will touch real Australian wool on this tour!

Hambledon Cottage Museum interactive guided tour gives you the chance to handle real wool straight from the sheep's back as it was when the cottage was part of the Macarthur estate.

Come on this brilliant showcase of colonial life from the 19th century. You will be entertained with the love story of Elizabeth and John Macarthur, the drama of the Rum Rebellion and the pistol duel between John and his commanding officer William Paterson

Stories of pioneer farmers, explorers Gregory Blaxland, Hamilton Hume, Matthew Flinders, church leaders and Governors of the colony are woven into the fabric of this Georgian style cottage.

Don't miss the Lucas Gallery exhibition and the Female Factory Story.

An interactive guided tour is waiting for you TODAY!

Group Tours by arrangement any day of the week may include guides in period costume.



The Parramatta & **District Historical** Society also supplies family stories and historic facts to TV programme: WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?'





John Macarthur's Hambledon Cottage House Museum

Cnr Hassall St & Gregory Place, Parramatta **OPEN** Thursday to Sunday – every week. Group Tours welcomed Daily by appointment. Adults \$8 each, Concession \$6

each, Children \$2 each. FREE parking in the grounds Ph: 9635 6924 | parramattahist@tpg.com.au www.parramattahistorical.org.au





SYDNEY, BLUE MOUNTAINS & CENTRAL WEST



DID YOU **KNOW?**

A dazzling array of birds and other native animals are in your own back yard



Parramatta District gives you a close-up view of Australiana. A number of waterways support wildlife while bushland along the creeks are home to possums and birds.

Species of birds including black swan, rainbow lorikeet, ibis, cormorant, magpie, kookaburra, powerful owl and plover are everywhere.

Parramatta is also home to Andrew Patrick's Zestforbirds guided tours. Andrew arranges bird tours tailor made to suit international travellers as well as a wide range of interested groups. If you have particular interests, Andrew is delighted to satisfy them. He doesn't miss much. One international visitor said "Do you have many snakes in Australia?" Andrew replied "What about that one for size?" pointing to the side of the pathway they were walking along. She had not noticed the python sunning itself!







A flying fox colony distinguishes the western boundary of the Female Factory heritage precinct. Water dragons sun themselves on the banks of creeks. The water dragon is a totem of our indigenous people as are many other native wildlife.

Parramatta Park gives you fields where history was made with the first long-distance aircraft flight landing here in 1911.

Riverside paths encourage walking and bike riding. A large water storage reserve gives a swimming and boating playground.

Those with limited time really should plan to take a guided tour

Zestforbirds.com offers individual birdwatching tours while Hambledon Cottage guides give thought-provoking talks of historic events and personalities of Parramatta.

This cottage is filled with magnificent colonial artefacts that tell you of yesteryear and also offers re-enactments.

Contact Andrew at www.zestforbirds.com





TAKE A BIRD WATCHING TOUR



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from Sydney. An hourly ferry service delivers you into the heart of this Cradle City of Australia.

The Cumberland Bird Observers' Club conducts at least 40 birdwatching trips every year all over the greater Sydney region. That's more than three outings every month and you are very welcome to come along. No bookings required.

If you have never been birdwatching before then one of our outings is the perfect way to start. The club has 370 like-minded people who will be happy to see you.

As well as regular club outings there are also Nestlings outings for families with young children and the Weekday Warblers outings for those who have the time during the week. So no matter what your age, location or level of experience there is no excuse - come along to a CBOC outing and become a birdwatcher. You'll love it.

But wait there's more! The club also holds monthly evening meetings with guest speakers from around the world. At the meetings, members can also have a good old chin-wag with other birdwatchers while enjoying a complementary cup of tea or coffee.

There's no need to birdwatch alone. Just turn up at any CBOC outing or meeting and introduce yourself. You'll be very welcome.

For information see www.cboc.org.au

Featured Events in Penrith January 2019



Until 24 March THE IDEAL HOME

Presents a history of the 20th century Australian home told through household objects, furniture and design classics from the Museum of Arts And Sciences Collection. Indoors and outdoors Australians aspired to a lifestyle centred upon the comfort, style, amenity and function of the home. Image credit: Eliza Gosse 9am - 5pm at Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest, 86 River Road, Emu Plains NSW 2750



7 January JOEY PRESTO

Sydney's leading kids magician appears at Panthers this school holidays. A fun-filled show filled with magic. The magic show is very interactive, big and colourful with loads of surprises throughout. He'll even delight the kids when they see him make a gorgeous, fluffy, live bunny magically appear from nowhere. Free entry. **11am - 12pm at Penrith Panthers Leagues Club 123 Mulgoa Road. Penrith NSW 2750**



20 January HEALING THE GUT WORKSHOP

A practical introduction to broth, kombucha and fermented foods. Understand the importance of gut health and how to assist the healing process. Take home your own kombucha SCOBY, see first hand how to make simple and easy versions of: bone broth, kombucha (fermented tea drink), sauerkraut and coconut yogurt and coconut Water Kefir. **1 - 4pm at Workshop Room, 688 High St, Penrith**



18 - 19 January SUN RISING - THE SONGS THAT MADE MEMPHIS

Taking a trip into the deep south as Sun Rising revisits Memphis' famed Sun Records, focusing on the early period of 1950-57 with music from artists BB King, Howlin'Wolf, Ike Turner, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis and more. Adult \$60 Concession \$55 | Under 30's - \$30 | Seniors Matinee \$30 **7.30 - 9pm with matinee on 19 January at 2pm Q Theatre at The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, 597 High Street, Penrith**



23 January SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAY AT NEPEAN AQUATIC CENTRE

Holiday fun for the whole family! Indoor heated pool, giant whale inflatable, pool toys and Lifeguards on duty! \$6.50 per person or \$20 for a family of 4. 9.30am - 12.30pm at Nepean Aquatic Centre 16 - 19 Lambridge Place, Penrith



26 January AUSTRALIA DAY 2019

Penrith is the place to be on Australia Day! Grab the kids and enjoy the free family fun day. Help us celebrate our diverse heritage and traditions with free fun for all the family, including lamington making, games, face painting, inflatable volleyball, scooter and skateboard demonstrations, music and a performance by Peter Rabbit.

3 - 8pm at Jamison Park, York Road, South Penrith