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SUMMER 2017

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

HHA NETWORK NEWS

The *Sirius* building joins the HHA

The HHA is delighted to welcome the *Save Our Sirius Foundation* as a new member. The SOS Foundation’ mission is to protect and promote one of Sydney’s most iconic brutalist architecture buildings, *Sirius*. The demolition threat on *Sirius* questions our definition of Heritage and shows in a vivid way that Heritage is not only a matter of the past.

HHA SPECIAL EVENT

Visit the *Sirius* building introduced by its architect Tao Goffers

Have you always wondered about the story of this emblematic building and how it was to live in *Sirius*? Have your questions answered and show your support on this special open day. Thanks the to the SOS Foundation and Myra Demetriou, the last resident of *Sirius*.



Saturday 9 December | 10am - 1.00pm
Members \$45 General \$65. Includes a tour of Sirius with the architect, a copy of the new book *Sirius* by John Dunn, Ben Peake and Amiera Piscopo (Piper Press, ISBN 978 098083 4758, \$25) and refreshments.

SYDNEY TOWN HALL TOUR & EXHIBITION

Our City: 175 Years in 175 Objects. Exhibition tour with City of Sydney Curator, Margaret Betteridge.

In November 2017, the City of Sydney celebrates 175 years of local governance. To celebrate this milestone, the City’s Curator, Archivist and Historian have assembled a fascinating exhibition of rarely seen council records, including documents, photographs, objects and audio which trace the history of our great city. Our tour of the exhibition will include a sneak peek at some of the Town Hall’s exquisite interiors. A catalogue of the exhibition (\$20) and copies of *Sydney Town Hall: The Building and its Collection* by Margaret Betteridge (\$50) will be available for sale.
Tuesday 31 October | 10am - 11.30am
Members \$20 General \$30

HHA TOURS

HHA INTERNATIONAL 2018 TOURS

Save the dates in May & June next year and join Dr James Broadbent for a selection of European tours:

- 1 - 11 MayVilla La Foce & the Gardens of Tuscany and Lazio
- 19- 31 MayVenice, the Veneto and the architecture of Andrea Palladio
- JuneHouses and Gardens of Ireland
Part I from Dublin and County Down to Sligo

Contact us at info@hha.net.au if you are interested in our popular international tours. Further information and detailed itinerary will be available early next year.



FORBES AND LACHLAN RIVER REGIONAL TOUR
5 to 8 October

The tour is almost booked out but you might be the lucky last! Full itinerary available on our website www.hha.net.au/tours
Contact us to find out about last minute tickets at info@hha.net.au

HHA 2018 INAUGURAL CONFERENCE
ANNOUNCED!

The HHA is proud to announce its first conference dedicated to supporting Australian Historic Houses owners.

The Conference will be held on **5 & 6 April 2018** at the **Conservatorium of Music of Sydney**.



Further information on www.hha.net.au/conference

Dear Members,

As we complete the steps for our restructure, we have now filled all the spaces that are currently available for the Board. The response from the call out to our members was so humbling. The expanded board arrives with a broad range of skill and ideas that in time will create enormous ongoing benefits to the growth of the organisation. It is with great sadness that I announce the retirement of Judy Munday from the board and would like to take the opportunity to thank her for her contribution, guidance and support over the last four years. Our AGM is announced elsewhere in this news letter and I would like to urge you to attend and meet the new board.

The conference committee has been very busy putting the final touches on the program, that is set down for next April. As it comes out, you will see a wide variety of speakers and sessions covering the vast array of subjects and issues that face the preservation of our built heritage. If any our member know house owners who you think may be interested, please let us know, the success of the conference relies upon a broad representation of owners, the challenges they face and delivery of solutions. It is an exciting program and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

The Lachlan and Forbes tour 5-8th October is almost sold out, with the assistance of Victoria Hopkins, I am leading the tour, there are some wonderful properties that we will be visiting along the way. On Friday evening we are having dinner at the Parkes Radio Telescope, so for any of the astronomers amongst us, this is a tour not to be missed!

I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events,

Timothy Duddy
Chair



HHA HISTORIC WALKS

Newtown Part 2 - 'There's Something about Mary Reibey' with Beatrice Scheepers.



A young boy sentenced to transportation for stealing a horse turned out to be Molly Haydock, later to become Mary Reibey, the face on the \$20 banknote. After a successful career in business, she retired to Newtown with her fami-

ly. At nearby Camden Villa lived prominent local politician, Thomas Holt, who soon moved to The Warren to breed rabbits for hunting. Join Beatrice Scheepers for a revealing walk through this historic territory at the often forgotten end of Newtown.

Sunday 15 October | 10am - 12.30pm
Meeting point provided at time of booking
Members \$35 General \$45. Includes morning tea.

La Perouse: LANDFALL 1788 with Jan Morice & Andrew Starr



For more than 1000 generations the Dhurag people have fished and hunted around Botany Bay. They have a remarkable story of resilience in coming to terms with changing circumstances that be-

gan when Governor Phillip met them for the first time. Join Historian, Janet Morice and Heritage Consultant, Andrew Starr as they tell stories of the shanty towns of the Depression, the remarkable story of the explorer and adventurer Comte La Perouse and the underground cable to New Zealand.

5km walk, including a short section along the beach. Lunch is available at Danny's Seafood at own cost.
Saturday 25 November | 10.30am - 1.30pm
Meeting point provided at time of booking
Members \$35, General \$45.

Malt, Mirrors and Modernism—Central Park, Broadway with Beatrice Scheepers

This vibrant urban village on Broadway is the talk of the town. The old Toothy's Brewery site has been transformed into a place of engineering marvels, stunning design and the world's tallest vertical garden. Clever restoration has revitalised the industrial heritage, the landscape architecture provides a calming complement to the high rise intensity, and the joint is jumping with quaint cafés, small bars and fine cuisine. Underneath it all flows an old watercourse, witness to widespread greed, exploitation and foul deeds.



Saturday 2 December | 9.30am - 12.30pm
Meeting point provided at time of booking
Members \$35 General \$45. Includes morning tea.

COFFEE CONVERSATIONS

Rediscovering Our Harbour Gems, with Gary Cook
Tuesday 17 October | 10am to 11.30am

Enjoy historic & current photos, colourful and little known tales of former military, colonial and convict sites. Join Gary Cooper, speaker for the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, speaker and guide for History and Heritage Tours of the State Library of NSW as he highlights parts of our Harbour including Cockatoo Island, Middle Head and North Head Sanctuary which have been hidden away for years. Learn of the future of these sites and how the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust is weaving them back into the life of Sydney.

The House and Garden at Glenmore, with Mickey Robertson
Tuesday 7 November | 10am to 11.30am

Twenty five years ago Mickey Robertson and her husband made the impulsive decision to buy several dilapidated early colonial farm buildings in the Australian countryside and so began a major restoration project culminating into Mickey's book, The House and Garden at Glenmore. Tackling Glenmore was an exciting opportunity (as well as endless hard work!) for Mickey who, despite her urban roots, has a passion for landscape, architecture, interiors, gardens and the enduring relationship that links them together. The result is a small, unique and charming country property nestled into a landscape of delightful rise and fall...on the very edge of Sydney. Mickey will talk about her book and the journey she took in creating her inspiring garden at Glenmore House.

Sirius the book - meet the authors John Dunn, Ben Peake and Amiera Piscopo. Tuesday 5 December | 10am to 11.30am

Sirius is a 79-unit Brutalist apartment block built for public housing in The Rocks. It is under threat of demolition. At the heart of the campaign to save Sirius and its residents is a desire to celebrate the building and its people. Meet the authors of the new Sirius book and learn about its heritage significance.

All Coffee conservations are presented in the Annie Wyatt Room, National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill
Members \$15 General \$20. Includes morning tea.

HHA Christmas party at the Royal Botanic Gardens

Celebrate the festive season amongst the wonderful Rose Garden of the Royal Botanic Gardens with bubbles and nibbles. To celebrate our forthcoming inaugural conference, you will be taken on a historic tour of the Conservatorium of Music.
(limited space available, please book early)



Tuesday 12 December 4pm - 7pm
The Pavillion, Rose Garden (upper side of the gardens)
Members \$55, General \$70.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chair and Executive Committee of the Historic Houses Association of Australia Ltd invite members to attend your AGM
on **Thursday 30 November 2017 6pm - 8pm**
Annie Wyatt Room, National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill
Please RSVP to info@hha.net.au or 02 9252 5554
For more information visit www.hha.net.au/governance

CHRISTMAS OFFER

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