



Acknowledging the Aboriginal language groups in the Greater Blue Mountains Region: the Darkinjung, the Darug, the Dharawal, the Gundungurra, the Wiradjuri and the Wonnarua.

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ABOVE: Hudson Super Six touring car, Echo Point, c1930.

The Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations Inc. (BMACHO) was established to support the work of organisations in the cultural heritage field of the Greater Blue Mountains.

The Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Trail has been prepared by BMACHO, to promote the history and cultural heritage and the resources of BMACHO members.

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We also thank our members and the historic/cultural heritage businesses for participating.

The first edition of this brochure was dedicated to the inaugural president of BMACHO, John Leary OAM and Richard Woolley, the man who instigated this project, both of whom passed away in 2014.

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Passport and Competition Entry Form

There is an insert to this brochure. When visiting venues answer questions or collect stamps to be eligible to enter the draw. Prizes are listed on the website at heritagedrive.com.au/Passport

The trail of the first three explorers was forged over the mountains and valleys of this land from the Cumberland Plains to Mt Blaxland. Today, this territory now known as the World Heritage Greater Blue Mountains region, is famous for the dramatic, spectacular scenery in the National Parks and for the ability to attract visitors from all over the world. The Hawkesbury region also plays a big part in the history of the area. George William Evans, the surveyor; William Cox Esq, Road Builder; and Mr Cox's "team" (as he referred to the convict workers) all came from the Hawkesbury. The combined areas are a rich source of historical archives, images and stories of some of the pioneers of our nation, from the early days of the Colony, both European and Aboriginal.

Accessible by road or partly by rail, the Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Trail offers historically minded visitors the opportunity to explore these important resources, as well as the spectacular scenery, through the historical societies, family history societies, museums, galleries, historic gardens and historic businesses that appear on the Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Trail brochure.

On the map you will find references to members of the Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations Inc., numbered from Emu Plains to Lithgow along the Great Western Highway and then from Lithgow to Windsor down the Bells Line of Road. In addition, there is a list of "hidden gems" to check out along the way. You can either 'google' their location, call in to one of the Visitor Information Centres located at Glenbrook, Katoomba, Lithgow or Clarendon or go to the Heritage Trail website at heritagedrive.com.au

Please visit and enjoy these unique heritage resources – come for the day – come for the weekend. Stay at one of the businesses associated with our history and cultural heritage or have lunch or dinner at one of the historic restaurants or cafés.




EXPLORING HISTORY WITH ALTITUDE

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 **AMBERMERE ROSE INN**
Cnr Ambergere Drive & Great Western Highway, LITTLE HARTLEY
T: 02 6355 2266 E: ambermere@bigpond.com
www.ambermereroseinn.com.au

 Built in the late 1830s by Joseph Collits and first licenced in 1845 it is one of the last remaining coaching inns within the region still serving the public today. It saw 40 years of boom and bust for the coach travel companies with Cobb & Co buying the rights to the Inn in the 1860s.

 **BYGONE BEAUTYS TREASURED TEAPOT MUSEUM & TEAROOMS**
Cnr Grose & Megalong Streets, LEURA
T: 02 4784 3117 E: info@bygonebeautys.com.au
www.bygonebeautys.com.au


 Hours: 10am-5.30pm daily (closed Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Years Day only) Museum, Tearooms and Retail Emporium. Home of the world's largest private collection of teawares with 5,500+ teapots, offering visitors a truly memorable experience.

 **CONSERVATION HUT**
Fletcher Street, WENTWORTH FALLS
T: 02 4757 3827 E: enquiries@conservationhut.com.au
www.conservationhut.com.au

 Located in the Blue Mountains National Park with stunning views over the Jamison Valley. Open 7 days for breakfast, lunch and light snacks. Join us for good wholesome food and great coffee before, after or instead of a walk in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

LEFT: Frederica Falls, Lawson, 1910.

 **EVERGLADES TEA ROOMS**
37 Everglades Avenue, LEURA
T: 02 4784 1938 E: everglades@nationaltrust.com.au
www.everglades.org.au

 The Everglades Tea Rooms are located in an Art Deco home set amongst 13 acres of beautiful gardens and stunning views. Tea Rooms - 11am to 2.30pm. Please call to ensure they aren't booked out.


 **THE PARAGON CAFÉ/RESTAURANT**
65 Katoomba Street, KATOOMBA
T: 02 4782 2928
www.facebook.com/TheParagonCafe


 Hours: Sunday - Friday 10.00am-4.00pm, Saturday 10.00am-9.00pm Tempting menu in beautiful 1920s retro surroundings, renowned chocolates made on-site.

Accommodation and Food & Beverage participants are listed for their historical/cultural heritage background. If you are a historical /cultural heritage business and would like to be listed on the next print, please email committee@bluemountainsheritage.com.au


Descriptions are supplied by participating businesses.

PLACES TO STAY


 **BROOMELEA BED & BREAKFAST**
273 Leura Mall, LEURA
T: 02 4784 2940 E: info@broomelea.com.au
www.broomelea.com.au

 A classic 1909 Federation summer retreat built for a wealthy Broome pearling family, Broomelea Bed & Breakfast is perfectly positioned in the "Living Conservation Zone" of Leura. Broomelea provides luxury accommodation with all the charm of yesteryear.

 **JENOLAN CAVES**
4655 Jenolan Caves Road, JENOLAN CAVES
T: 1300 763 311 or 02 6359 3911
E: reception@jenolancaves.org.au
www.jenolancaves.org.au/accommodation

 Set amongst the famous caves, this romantic, Tudor-style hotel features open fires, 19th century grandeur, warm country hospitality, cafe, bar, magnificent restaurant and accommodation for all styles and budgets.


 **LEURA HOUSE - HISTORIC GUEST HOUSE**
7 Britain Street, LEURA
T: 02 4784 2035 E: info@leurahouse.com
www.leurahouse.com.au

 Historic B&B Guest House situated on the highest point in Leura and an easy 5 minute walk to Leura Village. Quiet area. Heritage Listed. First house in Leura. Built before Katoomba was called Katoomba.


 **LILIANFELS RESORT & SPA**
5-19 Lilianfels Avenue, KATOOMBA
T: 02 4782 1200 E: reservations@lilianfels.com.au
www.lilianfels.com.au

 Lilianfels Resort & Spa is a multi-award winning 5 star hotel offering a range of accommodation, luxurious day spa, afternoon high tea in the Lounge and gourmet dinner in the multi-award winning Hatted Darley's Restaurant which showcases regional fresh produce. Darley's Restaurant is set in the heritage listed original homestead.

 **KURRARA HISTORIC GUEST HOUSE**
17 Coomonderry Street, KATOOMBA
T: 02 4782 6058 E: stay@kurraraguesthouse.com.au
www.kurraraguesthouse.com.au

 Kurrara is an authentic turn of the century guesthouse, combining old fashioned values and modern day comfort, with 8 well-appointed guestrooms it is a welcoming, cosy and homely environment. Kurrara has been continually serving travellers to Katoomba since 1902.


 **MOUNTAIN WHISPERS LUXURY ACCOMMODATION**
Four properties, LEURA & KATOOMBA
T: 1300 721 321 E: indulge@mountainwhispers.com.au
www.mountainwhispers.com.au

 Mountain Whispers offers four award-winning luxury accommodation options, each ideally situated within the world heritage Blue Mountains villages of Leura and Katoomba. Each property has been lovingly restored to reflect the grandeur of days gone by.


 **THE CARRINGTON HOTEL**
15-47 Katoomba Street, KATOOMBA
T: 02 4782 1111 E: carrington@thecarrington.com.au
www.thecarrington.com.au

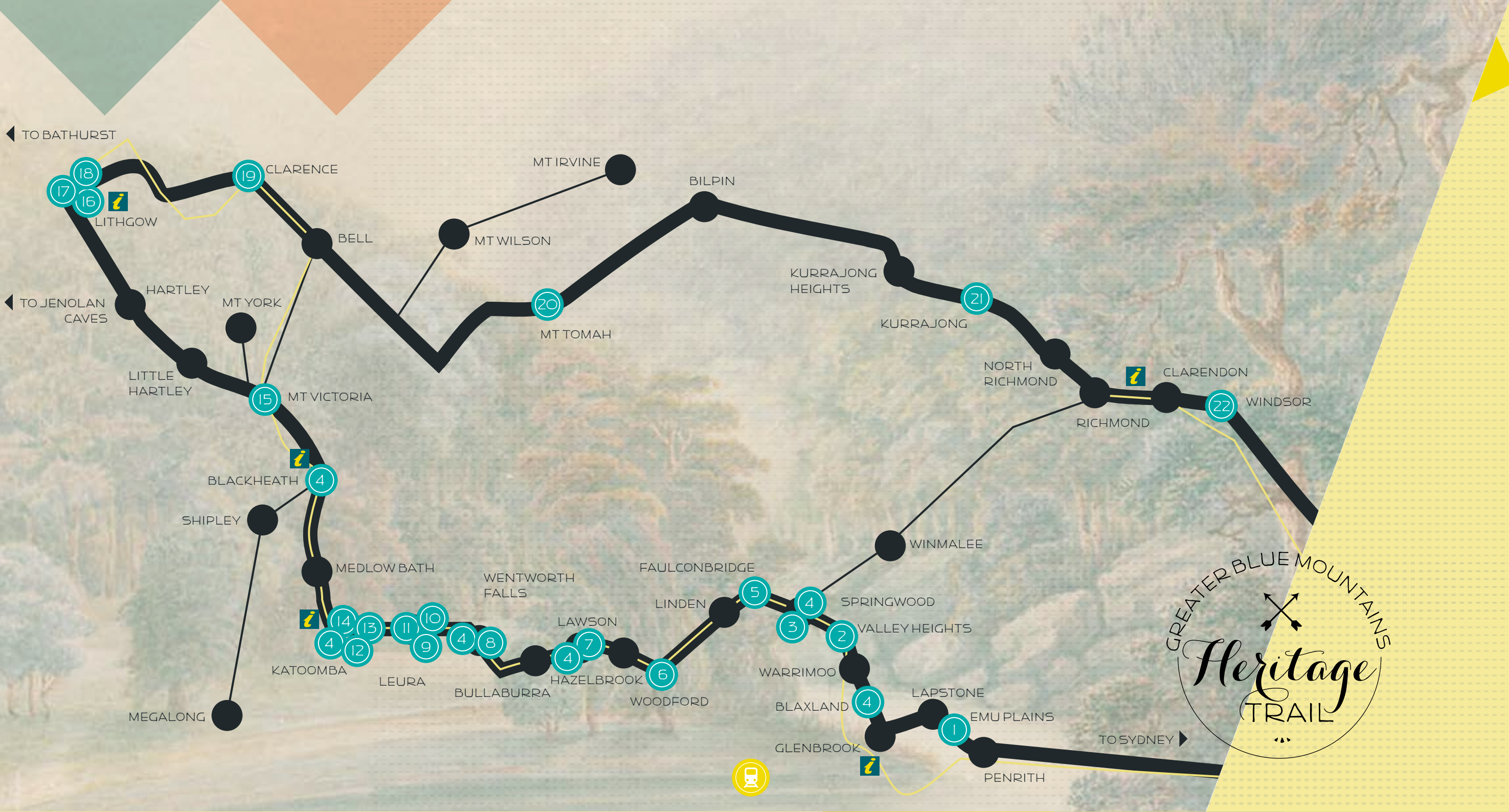
 Recently restored to its former grandeur, this heritage listed hotel is a local landmark, offering the elegance, luxury and charm of yesteryear. The perfect destination for a romantic getaway or a convenient base to enjoy the surrounding World Heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park.

 **MOUNT VICTORIA MANOR**
11 Montgomery Street, MT VICTORIA
T: 02 4787 1369 E: stay@mountvictoriamanor.com.au
www.mountvictoriamanor.com.au

 Mount Victoria Manor was originally built as the Fairfax Family summer retreat in 1876 before becoming Coopers Grand Hotel in the late 1880's. Undergoing restoration with the theme 'Heritage with a Twist' the property offers boutique accommodation, a licensed restaurant and accompanying bar with a Tapas bar menu.

 **THE HYDRO MAJESTIC HOTEL**
Great Western Highway, MEDLOW BATH
T: 02 4782 6885 E: reservations@hydromajestic.com.au
www.hydromajestic.com.au

 Nestled on the escarpment edge and overlooking the magnificent Megalong Valley, the Hydro Majestic offers a range of accommodation, afternoon high tea or a gourmet dinner in the Wintergarden and casual dining in the Boiler House Café. The Hydro Majestic is one of Australia's most iconic historical hotels.



HIDDEN GEMS

The hidden gems listed here are a few of many and a more comprehensive list can be found on the Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Trail website heritagedrive.com.au

LENNOX BRIDGE 1832-1833, GLENBROOK
Turn right (heading west) off the Great Western Highway at Layton Avenue, Blaxland (McDonald's on the corner). Oldest bridge on mainland Australia.

BULL'S CAMP, WOODFORD
20 Mile Hollow Convict Stockade, 18 Mile Hollow Stockade, Bull's Camp Reserve. Right hand turn (heading west) off the Great Western Highway Woodford (well sign posted).

CHARLES DARWIN WALK , WILSON PARK, OFF FALLS ROAD, WENTWORTH FALLS
Turn left (heading west) at Falls Road, Wentworth Falls. Historic Charles Darwin walk will have you following in the footsteps of the naturalist most famous for his theory of evolution.

CLIFF DRIVE FALLS & CASCADES
Tourist Drive between Leura and Katoomba. Following the cliff edge from Katoomba Cascades to Gordon Falls, near Leura, this moderate walking track boasts some of the best views in NSW.

THE GULLY, GATES AVENUE, KATOOMBA – Aboriginal Place
Turn left (heading west) off the Great Western Highway at the Katoomba turn off. At the roundabout turn right and turn left onto Cascade St. Then turn right onto Gates Ave. The Gully is marked on Google Maps as Frank Walford Park and Catalina Raceway.

FAIRFAX HERITAGE WALKING TRACK
Turn right (heading west) off the Great Western Highway at Blackheath traffic lights into Govetts Leap Road. Drive 2.5 km. After passing through the park entrance, take the second exit from the roundabout. The lower section of the walking track is accessible from Govetts Leap Lookout. This easy track meanders behind the dramatic cliffs of Grose Valley near Blackheath, in World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains National Park.

CAMPBELL RHODODENDRON GARDENS, BACCHANTE STREET, BLACKHEATH
Acres of Rhododendrons growing in the native bush – has to be seen to be believed. Head southwest on Govetts Leap Road towards Cleopatra Street. Turn right onto Wentworth Street. Wentworth Street turns right and becomes Bacchante Street.

MT YORK HISTORIC SITE & LOOKOUT, REMNANTS OF COX'S ROAD
Turn right (heading west) off the Great Western Highway onto Mt York Road and continue for approximately 5 kms. Mount York is a natural site with commanding views over the western plains, many layers of Aboriginal and European heritage, several remnants of convict built roads convict roads (now walking tracks) .

HARTLEY HISTORIC SITE
Left hand turn (heading west) off the Great Western Highway. Hartley Court House on the corner. Seventeen buildings tell the story of the village, from the 1837 Greek Revival courthouse to Corneys Garage, built in 1945 of timber and iron. Explore the artefacts and family histories, find out about the region's past at the visitor centre, or enjoy a picnic in the absolute serenity of historic Hartley.

MAIYINGU MARRAGU ABORIGINAL PLACE, WOLGAN ROAD, NEAR WOLGAN GAP
The most readily accessible reminder of Aboriginal activity in the Newnes area is the rock art at "Maiyingu Marragu" (Blackfellows Hand), just off the Wolgan Road near Wolgan Gap. The stencilled walls show hand stencils, arm and boomerangs.

THE AVENUE MOUNT WILSON, FOUNDERS CORNER, THE POST HOUSE, ST GEORGE'S CHURCH & CEMETERY, PATRICK WHITE'S HOME (1921-1937)
Mount Wilson & Mount Irvine are uniquely different areas of the Blue Mountains. They are most famous for their private gardens and fabulous trees.

KURRAJONG VILLAGE
Off Bells Line of Road. See the Singleton Mill Stones in the centre of the village. To all who would seek the tonic of pure air and the exhilaration of beautiful scenery, the call of Kurrajong is simply irresistible. W.S. Arnold, Superintendent of Soldier Settlement Scheme.

ST MATTHEWS ANGLICAN CHURCH (FOUNDATION STONE LAID BY GOVERNOR LACHLAN MACQUARIE IN 1817)
Moses Street, Windsor. Foundation stone laid by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1817.

PARTICIPATING BMACHO MEMBERS

DISCOVER THE HISTORY OF THE GREATER BLUE MOUNTAINS BY VISITING THESE ATTRACTIONS

- 1 ARMS OF AUSTRALIA INN MUSEUM**
Museum of the Nepean District Historical Society Inc. Cnr Gardenia Ave & Great Western Highway, EMU PLAINS
T: 02 4735 4394 E: info@armsofaustraliainn.org.au
www.armsofaustraliainn.org.au
Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am-2pm, 1st & 3rd Sunday 1pm-4pm
Once a staging post for travellers to Bathurst & Goldfields.
- 2 VALLEY HEIGHTS LOCOMOTIVE DEPOT HERITAGE MUSEUM**
17 Tusculum Road, VALLEY HEIGHTS
www.valleyheightsrailmuseum.info
T: 02 47514638 E: publicity@valleyheightsrailmuseum.info
Hours: 10am-4pm (last rides at 3.30) - check website for dates. Experience the rare 1914 Roundhouse, and discover stunning exhibits showcasing over 100 years of railway history: locomotives, carriages, model layouts, artworks & more! Enjoy 20 minute rides on a heritage Steam Tram or Train (subject to fire risk). Café, shop, disable toilet onsite.
- 3 SPRINGWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
PO Box 387, SPRINGWOOD
E: richardmorony@optusnet.com.au
www.bluemts.com.au/historicalsociety
Meets 3rd Friday month. Guided town heritage walks available by arrangement.

- 4 BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY LIBRARIES**
104 Macquarie Road, SPRINGWOOD
T: 02 4723 5040 E: bmlibrary@bmcc.nsw.gov.au
<https://library.bmcc.nsw.gov.au>
Other library branches are located at: Blaxland, Katoomba, Lawson, Wentworth Falls and Blackheath
Inspect the Blue Mountains Local Studies collection and Springwood Historical Society collection by appointment.
- 5 NORMAN LINDSAY GALLERY & MUSEUM**
A National Trust Property
14 Norman Lindsay Crescent, FAULCONBRIDGE
T: 02 4751 1067 E: nlg@nationaltrust.com.au
www.normanlindsay.com.au
Hours: 10am-4pm daily
Galleries, original studio, restaurant, gift shop, former artist's home and gardens.
- 6 WOODFORD ACADEMY** A National Trust Property
90-92 Great Western Highway, WOODFORD
T: 02 4758 8743 E: woodfordacademy@gmail.com
www.nationaltrust.org.au/nsw/woodford-academy
Hours: Third Saturday of the month 10am-4pm
Off street parking available Vale Road
Check the website for specific events in the Blue Mountains' oldest building.
- 7 BLUE MOUNTAIN EDUCATION & RESEARCH TRUST**
254 Great Western Highway, LAWSON
T: 02 4759 1034 E: olon3@bigpond.com
www.bmert.org to view publications
Local Research into Aboriginal, religious and historical topics through publications.
- 8 BLUE MOUNTAINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
99-101 Blaxland Road, WENTWORTH FALLS
T: 02 4757 3824 E: bmhs@bluemountainshistory.com
www.bluemountainshistory.com.au
Hours: Meetings 10am-12pm first Saturday of month
Local history Research Centre and "Tarella" Museum open.

- 9 EVERGLADES HISTORIC HOUSE & GARDENS**
A National Trust Property
37 Everglades Avenue, LEURA
T: 02 4784 1938 E: everglades@nationaltrust.com.au
www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/everglades-house-gardens
Hours: 10am-4pm Autumn/Winter, 10am-5pm Spring/Summer
Art deco house, thirteen acres of European style gardens and bushland, check website for special exhibitions and events.
- 10 BYGONE BEAUTYS TREASURED TEAPOT MUSEUM & TEAROOMS**
Cnr Grose & Megalong Streets, LEURA
T: 02 4784 3117 or 1800 663 619 E: info@bygonebeautys.com.au
www.bygonebeautys.com.au
Hours: 10am-5.30pm daily (closed Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Years Day only)
Museum, Tearooms and Retail Emporium. Home of the world's largest private collection of teawares with 5,500+ teapots, offering visitors a truly memorable experience.
- 11 LEURALLA NSW TOY & RAILWAY MUSEUM**
36 Olympian Parade, LEURA
T: 02 4784 1169 E: info@toyrrail.com.au
www.toyandrailwaymuseum.com.au
Hours: 10am-5pm daily
Leuralla is a fine original example of an early 1900's Blue Mountains family home. Set in 12 acres of beautiful temperate gardens it now houses displays of iconic 20th Century toys & trains and NSW Railway memorabilia.
- 12 THE PARAGON CAFE/RESTAURANT**
65 Katoomba Street, KATOOMBA
T: 02 4782 2928
www.facebook.com/TheParagonCafe
Hours: Sunday - Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-9pm
Tempting menu in beautiful 1920s retro surroundings, renowned chocolates made on-site.

- 13 BLUE MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTRE**
30 Parke Street, KATOOMBA
T: 02 4780 5410 E: info@bluemountainsculturalcentre.com.au
www.bluemountainsculturalcentre.com.au
Hours: Weekdays 10am-5pm, weekends 10am-4pm, public holidays 10am-2pm
Check the website for upcoming exhibitions and events.
- 14 SCENIC WORLD, BLUE MOUNTAINS**
Cnr Violet Street & Cliff Drive, KATOOMBA
T: 02 47 800 200 E: info@scenicworld.com.au
www.scenicworld.com.au
Hours: 9am to 5pm daily
AV displays, miners' tools and camp site, fabulous mountain views from the skyway, cableway, railway and walkway.
- 15 MOUNT VICTORIA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**
Station Street, MT VICTORIA
T: 02 4782 7866 E: jeanwinston@inet.net.au
www.mountvictoriamuseum.info
Hours: Weekends, public and school holidays 12noon-3pm
Admission \$5 adults/\$1 children. An amazing collection of local history especially the crossing of the Blue Mountains and early settlement.
- 16 LITHGOW LIBRARY LEARNING CENTRE LOCAL STUDIES**
157 Main Street, LITHGOW
T: 02 6352 9100 E: lithgow.library@lithgow.nsw.gov.au
www.library.lithgow.com/local-history/
Hours: Monday – Friday 10am-12noon
Local collection books, maps, newspapers, documents, Council records, historical photos.
- 17 ESKBANK HOUSE & MUSEUM**
Cnr Inch & Bennett Streets, LITHGOW
T: 02 6351 3557 E: eskbank@lithgow.com
www.eskbank.lithgow.com
Hours: Wednesday to Sunday 10am-4pm
Oldest house in Lithgow Valley (1842) at the heart of industry. Antique furniture, Lithgow pottery collection, exhibitions and special events.

- 18 LITHGOW STATE MINE HERITAGE PARK & RAILWAY**
State Mine Gully Road, LITHGOW
T: 02 6353 1513 E: statemin@lisp.com.au
www.statemine.org.au
Hours: Weekends, public and school holidays 12pm-4pm
Be fascinated by the stories of Lithgow's coalminers and their families, digital media exhibits including 'Fire in the Mine' are a must see.
- 19 ZIG ZAG RAILWAY**
Bells Line of Road, CLARENCE
T: 1300 944 924 E: info@zigzagrailway.com.au
<http://www.zigzagrailway.com.au/index.php>
Hours: Check website for re-opening hours
Temporarily closed due to re-construction work. You can still visit the picnic areas of Clarence Station.
- 20 BLUE MOUNTAINS BOTANIC GARDEN, MOUNT TOMAH**
Bells Line of Road, MOUNT TOMAH
T: 02 4567 3000 E: tomah@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au
www.bluemountainbotanicgarden.com.au
Hours: Weekdays 9.00am-5.30pm, weekends and public holidays 9.30am-5.30pm
Collection of cooler southern hemisphere plants in 252 hectare garden, spectacular vistas, exhibitions and smart restaurant.
- 21 KURRAJONG-COMLERROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
T: 02 4567 7410 E: secretary@kurrajonghistory.org.au
www.kurrajonghistory.org.au
Local history research and archives of the Kurrajong Region
General Meetings & Excursions to places of interest Online Archive Image Collection.
- 22 HAWKESBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM**
8 Baker Street, WINDSOR
T: 02 45604655 E: museum@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/museum
Hours: Wednesday - Monday 10am-4pm (closed some public holidays)
Housing the fascinating collection of the Hawkesbury Historical Society.

TOP LEFT: Katoomba Falls, Middle Platform, c1910.
BOTTOM LEFT: Horse and Buggy on Bush Track, location unknown.