

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

ABOVE: ***Hudson Super Six touring car, Echo Point, c1930, courtesy of Blue Mountains City Library.***

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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ENJOY THE REWARDS OF THE SCENIC GREATER BLUE MOUNTAINS REGION AND THE RICH AND FASCINATING HISTORY WITH THE LOCALS, WHO KNOW IT BEST, ON THE GREATER BLUE MOUNTAINS HERITAGE TRAIL.

The trail of the first European explorers was forged over the mountains and valleys of this land from the Cumberland Plains to Mt Blaxland. Today, this territory, 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.
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 BMACHO numbered from Emu Plains to Lithgow along the Great Western Highway and from Lithgow to Windsor down the Bells Line of Road.

There is also a list of "hidden gems" to check out along the way. Search their location or visit Visitor Information Centres at Glenbrook, Katoomba, Lithgow and Clarendon, or go to the Heritage Trail website at bluemountainsheritage.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 and have lunch or dinner at one of the historic restaurants or cafés.

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GREATER BLUE MOUNTAINS Heritage TRAIL



EXPLORING HISTORY WITH ALTITUDE

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BYGONE BEAUTYS TREASURED TEAPOT MUSEUM & TEAROOMS
Cnr Grose & Megalong Streets, LEURA
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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.

EVERGLADES TEA ROOMS
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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 3pm. Please call to ensure they aren't booked out.

PLACES TO STAY

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.

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 THE MW COLLECTION
Five 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

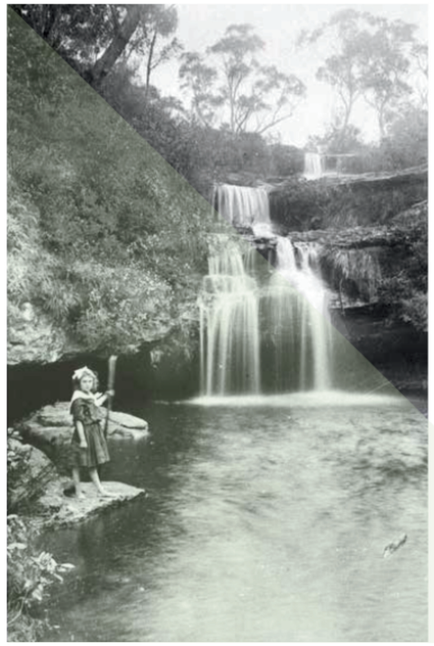


This heritage listed hotel is a local landmark, offering the elegance, luxury and charm of yesteryear. The perfect destination for a romantic getaway or a convenient base to enjoy the surrounding World Heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park.

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.

HIDDEN GEMS

The hidden gems listed here are a few of many and a more comprehensive list can be found on the BMACHO website at bluemountainsheritage.com.au



LEFT: ***Frederica Falls, Lawson, 1910.***

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.

MUGGADAH INDIGENOUS TOURS
The Gundungurra are Traditional Owners of the local area. Cousins, Trevor and Kathleen Brown showcase Gundungurra culture and heritage through forms of cultural interpretation, such as song, dance and art within the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area.

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 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.

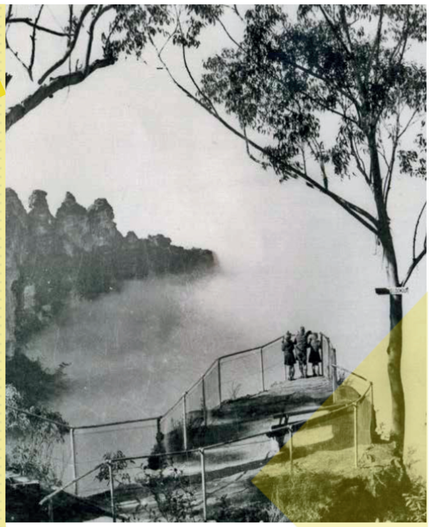
THE AVENUE MOUNT WILSON, FOUNDERS CORNER, THE POST HOUSE, ST GEORGE'S CHURCH & CEMETERY, PATRICK WHITE'S HOME (1921-1937)
Mount Wilson & Mount Irvine are uniquely different areas of the Blue Mountains. They are most famous for their private gardens and fabulous trees.

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.

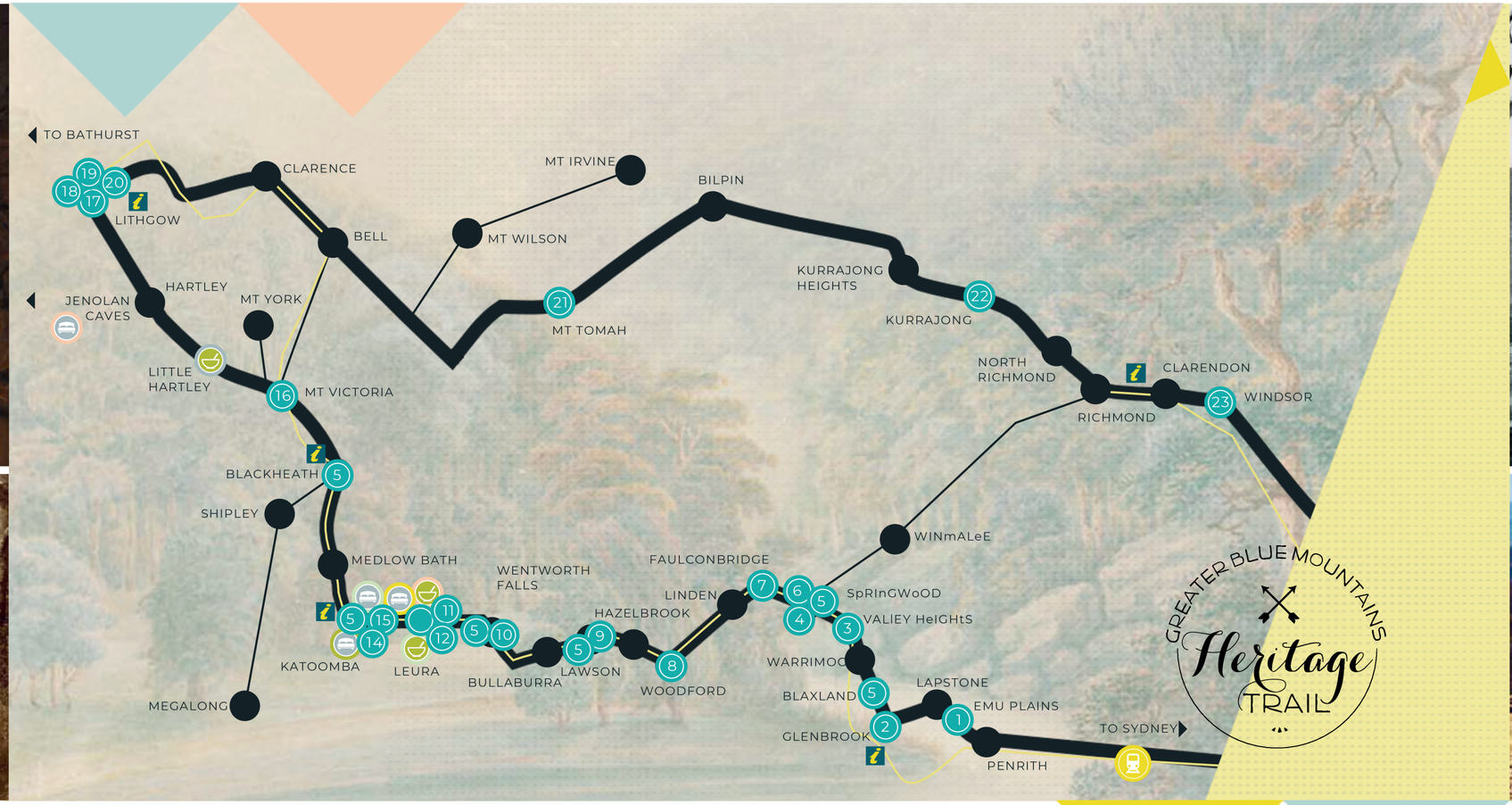
ST MATTHEWS ANGLICAN CHURCH (FOUNDATION STONE LAID BY GOVERNOR LACHLAN MACQUARIE IN 1817)
Moses Street, Windsor. Foundation stone laid by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1817.











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 ***GLENBROOK & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY***
Room N, Public School, Cnr Ross & Park Streets, GLENBROOK
T: 02 4751 3275 **M:** 0420 660 388 **E:** glenbrookdhs@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/glenbrookhistory/
Hours: 1st & 3rd Sat of month (not Jan), 9am - 1pm, where you will find a rich archive of local history. Enter via Park Street gates. The museum is the first weatherboard building on your left.
See the programme for History Walks under 'Planned Events' on the Trail website and on the Glenbrook & District Historical Society Inc Facebook page

LEFT: (top) ***River Caves, Newnes by Robert Skinner.***
(bottom) ***Horse and Buggy on Bush Track, location unknown, courtesy of Blue Mountains City Library.***
RIGHT: (top) ***Mist from Vanman's Lookout, circa.1940, courtesy of Blue Mountains City Library.***
(bottom) ***Mt Piddington by Robert Skinner.***

3 ***VALLEY HEIGHTS LOCOMOTIVE DEPOT HERITAGE MUSEUM***
17 Tusculum Road, VALLEY HEIGHTS
T: 02 47514638 **E:** publicity@valleyheightsrailmuseum.info
infobluemountains.net/locodepot/
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 change or fire risk). Café, shop, disabled toilet onsite.

4 ***SPRINGWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY***
PO Box 387, SPRINGWOOD
E: rtmorony@gmail.com
www.bluemts.com.au/historicalsociety
Meets 3rd Friday month Jan to Nov at 10.30am Springwood Presbyterian Church hall, 160 Macquarie Rd, Springwood.
Guided town heritage walks available by arrangement.

5 ***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: Katoomba, Blaxland, Lawson, Blackheath & Wentworth Falls. Explore the Blue Mountains Local Studies collection, and Springwood Historical Society collection, online and by appointment.
bit.ly/ bmlocalhistory (this is the online link to Local Studies)

6 ***BLUE MOUNTAINS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY***
PO Box 97, SPRINGWOOD
E: xploretree@yahoo.com.au
http://sites.rootsweb.com/~nswbmfhs/index.htm
Springwood Library Tues & Thurs 10am-1pm (also some Mon & Wed), Katoomba Library 2nd & 4th Tues 10am-12pm.
Meetings: 2nd Fri each month at the Presbyterian Church Hall, 160 Macquarie Rd, Springwood, 10am-12.30pm.

7 ***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.

8 ***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.

9 ***BLUE MOUNTAIN EDUCATION & RESEARCH TRUST***
22 Somers Street, LAWSON
T: 02 4758 7049 **E:** secretary@bmert.org
www.bmert.org to view publications
Local Research into Aboriginal, religious and historical topics through publications.

10 ***BLUE MOUNTAINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY***
99-101 Blaxland Road, WENTWORTH FALLS
T: 02)47573824 E: bmhs@bluemountainshistory.com
www.bluemountainshistory.com.au
Hours: Meetings with speaker 10.30am to 12 noon first Sat of the month (excl January). Tarella Museum open last Sunday of the month (excl December)

11 ***EVERGLADES HISTORIC HOUSE & GARDENS***
A National Trust Property
37 Everglades Avenue, LEURA
T: 02 4784 1938 E: everglades@nationaltrust.com.au
www.everglades.org.au
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.

12 ***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**
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14 ***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.

15 ***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
Scenic World is renowned for its iconic tourism experiences including the Scenic Railway, Skyway, Cableway and Walkway. Entry includes unlimited all-day access to all rides.

16 ***MOUNT VICTORIA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM***
Station Street, MT VICTORIA
T: 02 4782 7866 E: jeanwinston@iinet.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.

17 ***LITHGOW & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY***
Ewen Smith Memorial Hall, 43 Tank St, LITHGOW
T: 02 6353 1089 open hrs **E**: secretary.ldfhs@gmail.com
www.ldfhs.org.au
Hours: Tues 6pm-9pm, Fri 10am-4pm. First Sat of month except Jan 10am-4pm. Closed Public Holidays.
Resource library and facilities for people researching family history. Also, many local history records.

18 ***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
By appointment other times
Local collection books, maps, newspapers, documents, Council records, historical photos.

19 ***ESKBANK HOUSE MUSEUM***
Cnr Inch & Bennett Streets, LITHGOW
T: 02 6351 3557 **E**: eskbank@lithgow.com
https://eskbank.lithgow.com/
Hours: Wednesday to Sunday 10am-4pm
Lithgow districts regional museum set within a historic house and gardens (built c.1841) featuring a nationally significant pottery collection, Victorian furniture, one of the last operating Hansom Cabs in Australia, and more. Regularly changing exhibitions and events.

20 ***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.

21 ***BLUE MOUNTAINS BOTANIC GARDEN, MOUNT TOMAH***
Bells Line of Road, MOUNT TOMAH
T: 02 4567 3000 **E**: tomah@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au
www.bluemountainsbotanicgarden.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.

22 ***KURRAJONG-COMLEROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY***
T: 02 4576 1371 **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.

23 ***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.