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CELEBRATE OUR LINKS TO THE PAST DURING AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE WEEK

A diverse program of 'Heritage Week' events is taking place across NSW this week Heritage Minister Robyn Parker announced today.

Ms Parker said events during Australian Heritage Week offered the perfect opportunity for people to experience their local heritage places and their accompanying stories.

"The heritage of NSW is amazingly diverse and includes Aboriginal places, gardens, archaeological sites, relics, shipwrecks and industrial structures," Ms Parker said.

"This week special heritage events will be held throughout NSW to celebrate our our unique landscapes and culture.

"As part of its Heritage Week talks and tours, the Historic Houses Trust will hold a talk entitled This Old House: Renovate, Revive, Respect on Thursday 17 April at The Mint from 5.30-7.30pm.

"Be inspired by some of the industry's best as they talk about working with heritage buildings and enjoy after-hours access to the Caroline Simpson Library and Research Collection to view items not normally on public display; talk begins at 6.30pm.

"For a behind-the-scenes exploration of 30 of the most important Australian homes of the past 60 years be sure to catch the Iconic Australian Houses exhibition at the Museum of Sydney (daily from 12 April).

"Curated by Karen McCartney and presented in partnership with the Architecture Foundation Australia, the exhibition explores the design and construction of the houses along with the experiences of the people who lived in these houses.

"The Historic Houses Trust also has a number of events for the Easter school holidays including a Mad Hatter's Tea party at Meroogal on Thursday 17 April and a Great Egg Hunt at Elizabeth Farm on Sunday 20 April.

"Parramatta Park is running free tours of the George Street Gatehouse, where conservation works have just been completed. The Gatehouse is a small Tudor-styled high Victorian gatehouse and one of Parramatta's most iconic buildings. Please book in advance online – four times are available.

“Our national parks will play host to a number of talks, tours and events for Heritage Festival with a Burrawang Walk tour in Kamay Botany Bay National Park, Convict Footprints on the Old Great North Road and Aboriginal traditional weaving in Kosciuszko National Park to name a few. There are also a wide variety of fun and educational activities designed for the kids.

“Discover the fascinating stories behind our ancestors by browsing our extensive offering of events and activities - you're sure to find something you'll enjoy - or simply explore the properties and sites at your own pace.

“And, this year, Heritage Week coincides with Easter, and the Centennial Park Egg Hunt (over the long weekend from 19-20 April). There's also an Easter Chocolate Workshop on 16 April from 10.30-11.30am in which children will learn how cocoa is grown and chocolate is made.”