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AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE WEEK

Heritage Minister Mark Speakman is encouraging the NSW community to discover and celebrate the links to our past for Australian Heritage Week, which starts tomorrow.

Mr Speakman said walks, tours and talks were running throughout the week to provide the perfect opportunity for people to visit their local heritage places and learn more about their past.

“Our heritage treasures contribute to our identity as a state and a nation, enriching our lives and ensuring our stories are passed onto future generations,” Mr Speakman said.

“Australian Heritage Week is being celebrated nationally from tomorrow to Sunday, 19 April, and includes World Heritage Day on 18 April. I hope people throughout the state will be inspired to get out and explore their local community’s heritage assets.

“Heritage Week offers a great opportunity for people to explore their local national parks. The National Trust NSW Heritage Festival runs from tomorrow to Tuesday, 26 May, to celebrate the diverse cultural heritage of New South Wales, and the legacy of our rich Aboriginal culture and European history.

“As part of the festival, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is shining a spotlight on some of our fascinating heritage precincts with a range of activities from walks and historic tours to fun kids programs.

“For example, members of the public can take a heritage tour of Sydney Harbour’s Goat Island, go for a walk in Kinchega National Park in the state’s far west or discover more about the beauty and history of Muogamarra Nature Reserve.

Centennial Park will host a guided tour on Saturday, April 18, with official historian Professor Paul Ashton who will share more than 125 years of tales, intrigue and challenges behind the park’s beginnings from swamplands and rocky outcrops to later become the largest urban park in the southern hemisphere in the late 19th century.

For further information go to:

<http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/Whats-On/heritage-festival>

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/nsw/Heritage-Festival>

<https://heritage-week.govspace.gov.au/more-information/>