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MAYS HILL GATEHOUSE RESTORATION COMPLETE

Environment Minister Mark Speakman today joined Member for Parramatta Geoff Lee to inspect the newly refurbished Mays Hill Gatehouse at Parramatta Park.

The three-bedroom cottage was built in 1869 as a caretaker's residence on what was then Governor Lachlan Macquarie's carriageway.

The historic gatehouse is a great example of a Victorian cottage with its rustic gothic design.

Dr Lee said this is a great example of adaptive re-use of facilities that otherwise would have been lost to the community.

Costing \$1.3 million, the conservation work was jointly funded by the NSW and Federal Governments.

The refurbishment of the cottage is part of a broader \$20 million improvement plan for Parramatta Park, which includes upgrades to the heritage areas around the George Street Gatehouse.

Mr Speakman said the government has called for Expressions of Interest (EOI) to lease the building for business purposes. The EOI process closes next week.

"As part of the upgrade, fireplaces and gables will be exposed as an interpretive aid and to show the period's building techniques," Mr Speakman said

"This will be a living artefact," he said.

There will be a number of tours of the refurbished cottage this Sunday, but bookings are essential as it is almost booked out. Bookings can be made at

<https://eventbrite.com.au/event/17221952323/>