

THE UNSW STAFF SOCIAL CLUB
A Day Trip to Camden Park House and Mt Annan Botanic Gardens
Sunday 17 September 2017

Approximate Itinerary

8.15	Leave UNSW (just outside Gate 14 Barker St).
9.30	Morning tea at Camden McDonalds (own expense)
10.45-12.15	Visit to Camden Park House and Garden (self-guided)
12.45-2.00	Lunch at Campbelltown RSL Club (buy-your-drinks)
2.15-4.00	One hour Guided tour at The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan (on board the coach) – followed by free time at the gardens.
5.15 (approx)	Return to UNSW



Camden Park House and Garden:

Visit historic Camden Park (c1835). Designed by colonial architect John Verge and built for wool industry pioneers John & Elizabeth Macarthur. Camden Park is one of Australia's most important and intact Georgian houses. You are free to walk through the house and garden at your own pace. There is a guide in each room of the house. There will also be plant, gifts and produce stalls. .



Camden Park House:

Work began on the house in 1831 to a design by the architect John Verge and was finished about 1835. Verge's design for the house was based on the Palladian principle of a central two storied block flanked by symmetrical pavilions; the pavilion to the north west extended into an enclosed courtyard. The house was built of stuccoed sandstock brick on sandstone foundations, which doubled as a cellar. Window mouldings, porticos, parapets and the single-piece columns were made of the local Hawkesbury sandstone. The labour was provided by convicts assigned to the Macarthurs.

Verge's design of the house, although based on a European pattern, has proved appropriate for the extremes of the Australian climate and to the changing patterns of social behaviour. The only major addition occurred in the 1880s, when a second storey was added to the North West wing. The informal layout of the rooms contrasts with the formal exterior and accurately reflects fashions of the 1830s.



Camden Park Garden:

The house was positioned on a rise amid planting that had begun in 1820. The natural Eucalyptus bushland was selectively cut to create vistas looking towards the village of Camden, Mt Annan and Mt Gilead and to provide an Arcadian setting for the white, Doric-colonnaded house.

Today it is the largest intact 19th century garden in New South Wales and demonstrates the informal 'picturesque' style of garden design favoured in the early part of the 19th century. This has been overlaid by a later, more formal, 'gardenesque' style. The layout of the garden and the exotic planting are credited to William, who achieved considerable fame not only as a horticulturist but also as a promoter of viticulture. William introduced *Camellia japonica Anemiflora*, today the oldest surviving *Camellia* in Australia; it continues to flourish at the southern corner of the garden front colonnade.

Today a dedicated group of volunteers are maintaining this heritage garden.



Campbelltown RSL Club: - Star Buffet

Enjoy a sumptuous roast from the carvery, choose from a wide variety of popular Asian cuisine, crisp salads and delicious desserts. Try the new Sushi Train and the ever so sweet Waffle & Pancake Station. Their exciting and very diverse menu satisfies every hunger. The Star Buffet is Campbelltown's premier gourmet buffet experience. Buy your own drinks.

The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan – guided tour



A guide will hop aboard the coach and take us on a fully guided tour of the garden. At the end of the tour you will have free time at the garden.

This expansive garden and parkland will delight your senses with the sights, sounds and smells that are the essence of Australia. The eucalypt fragrance of gum trees, the wild profusion of yellow wattle blossom in August, the unique calls of the native birdlife, the glimpse of the timid wallaby. The garden features picnic facilities and walking tracks

Cost including: transportation from and to UNSW, Visit to Camden Park House and Garden, Guided tour of The Australian Botanic Garden at Mount Annan (on board of the coach), free time at Mt Annan and buffet lunch:

Member (max 2 each at \$55): \$55 each
Children \$25 each
Guests: \$65 each

Sorry no telephone bookings and no refunds.

For any enquiries: please contact Nadia Withers, 0410-669-567 or n.withers@unsw.edu.au

Deadline: Wednesday 30/8/2017.

To: Nadia Withers, 63 JSt., Matraville 2036
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Deadline: Wednesday 30/8/2017.

Name : -----

School/Home address.: -----Extn. No -----

Email Address: -----Mobile No./Home No.: -----

----- places at \$55 each (max. 2 each at \$55)	\$-----
----- places at \$25 each (children)	\$-----
----- places at \$65 each	\$-----

<u>Total</u>	<u>\$-----</u>
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A cheque for \$----- made payable to The UNSW Staff Social Club is enclosed.
A Bank transfer can be arranged. Contact Nadia for details.