

**THE UNSW STAFF SOCIAL CLUB**  
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**A Day Visit to Wyong**  
**Sunday 21 March 2021**

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR ESKY OR COOL BAG (in case you plan to purchase items that needs to be kept cool).

Wyong is a town in the Central Coast of New South Wales, located approximately 63 km SSW of Newcastle and 89 km NNE of Sydney. Established in 1888, it is one of the two administrative centres for the Central Coast Council local government area. Wyong is an indigenous word meaning either 'an edible yam' or 'place of running water'. William Cape was the first European settler to settle in the area and bring cattle and sheep into the district, on a 1,000 acres land grant bordering Jilliby Creek in 1825. Cape had two sons who also held land grants.

**Approximate Itinerary**

8.30sharp	Leave UNSW (just outside Gate 14, Barker St).
10.00-11.30	Devonshire Tea and guided tour of the Alison Homestead.
11.45-2.00	Visit to Amazement Farm and Fun Park including a tractor ride. Lunch OWN EXPENSE.
2.15-3.15	Visit to Little Creek Cheese and Luka Chocolates (located at the same complex).
5.30 approx	Arrive UNSW

**Alison Homestead - Home of Wyong District Museum & Historical Society:**



We will be served Devonshire tea and then followed by a guided tour of Alison Homestead Museum.

Take a trip back in time. The Homestead is set on two hectares in a rural setting on Wyong's first land grant dating back to 1825.

In the Homestead and other buildings onsite there are displays of memorabilia, photos, furniture, toys and other household items, equipment, machinery and tools all relating to the early settling of Wyong and surrounds. There is an old slab hut which was part of Yarramalong Public School with displays of furniture, equipment, books, maps and memorabilia relating to the history of early school days in the area. There is also an extensive library containing many historical books as well as files containing over 20,000 historical photos available for sale and research purposes.

**History:**

The Darkinjung aboriginal tribe were the first inhabitants of the area around Wyong dating back well before European settlement in Australia. The Awabakal people lived on the coast and the Guringai further south on either side of Broken Bay. The history of Alison Homestead dates back to 1825 when Governor Brisbane granted William Cape and his sons three parcels of land, amounting to 2500 acres, around Wyong. Alison Homestead sits on part of that land grant. They did not spend much time on the properties as they were school teachers in Sydney. However in his retirement, William Sr lived on the property for almost 15 years and during that time he created weekly weather tables that were published in prominent newspapers and which subsequently provided valuable reference material for meteorologists. After William Cape Jr retired

he became the elected member for Wollombi in the legislative assembly. His achievements were many and varied but sadly his skills were lost to Australia when he returned to England where he died of smallpox at the relatively young age of 56. In 1875 William Alison purchased the three properties. William's son Charles lived on the property for a while and he spent his time improving the pasture and grazing cattle. The late 1880s were busy years with the opening of the railway from Newcastle to Wyong. Charles set up a sawmill near the site of the present railway station to process the cedar from the booming timber industry in the Yarramalong Valley. He donated land for a public school in Wyong, as well as for a Post Office and School of the Arts.

### **Amazement Farm and Fun Park:**



From magical mazes to friendly farm animals and many more amazing attractions and activities on offer. The Amazement Farm and Fun Park is a world of fun for the whole family.

Explore their multiple magical mazes, friendly farm animals, scheduled petting shows, pony rides. There is also the bird sanctuary area, kids playground area, rhinoplay unit, yard activities, sporting games, giant board games, Maze terrace cafe, picnic areas and much, much more.

After lunch (own expense) a train ride (included in cost) has been booked to take us around the Park.

**Little Creek Cheese (located at Wyong Milk Factory):**



Little Creek Cheese is a small family operated business (factory and outlet). They produce multiple award-winning handmade gourmet cheese and condiments for over 8 years. The business is located in the The Old Wyong Milk Factory. You can purchase a variety of cheeses from their shop.

**Luka Chocolates (located at Wyong Milk Factory):**





Luka Chocolates is an Australian artisan chocolate company inspired by gathering the best knowledge and know-how from traditional Belgian chocolate makers. Their appetite for excellence runs through every chocolate. They passionately combine a blend of premium couverture with locally sourced ingredients including fresh cream, organic honey, 100% pure fruit juices, nuts, fruits and spices to create a little slice of heaven with every chocolate. Since 2011 their passion for chocolate has taken them from being a small wholesale supplier, to having their work on display in the heart of the Yarramalong valley at the Wyong Milk Factory.

PLEASE NOTE: The coach and venues all follow Covid Guidelines.

Cost including: transportation from and to UNSW, Devonshire tea and guided tour of Allison Homestead Museum, visit to Amazement Farm and Fun Park including a train ride, visit to Little Creek Cheese and Luka Chocolates outlets:

Member (max 2 each at \$60): \$60 each

Children \$25 each

Guests: \$70 each (adults) or \$30 (Children)

Sorry no telephone bookings and no refunds.

For any enquiries: please contact Nadia Withers, 0410-669-567 or [nadia.withers@hotmail.com](mailto:nadia.withers@hotmail.com) Deadline: Friday 5/3/2021.

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Deadline: Friday 5/3/2021

Name : -----

School/Home address.: -----Work Telephone No -----

Email Address: -----Mobile No: -----

---- places at \$60 each (max. 2 each at \$60) \$-----

---- places at \$25 each (children) \$-----

---- places at \$70 each (adults) or \$30 (Children) \$-----

Total \$-----

A cheque for \$----- made payable to The UNSW Staff Social Club is enclosed. Transfer OK – check with Nadia for details.