

THE UNSW STAFF SOCIAL CLUB
A Day Visit to Bilpin (including fruit picking and Cider Tasting)
Sunday 26 March 2017

Steeped in history, the tiny hamlet of Bilpin is located in the heart of NSW's Blue Mountains region. Surrounded by World Heritage listed mountains, majestic rivers and six national parks, the fertile soil, mountain elevation and mild climate have all contributed to Bilpin's reputation as one of the premium orchard growing regions in Australia.

The first journey along what is now Bells Line of Road was first undertaken by Archibald Bell in 1823, (sensibly he used the knowledge of the local Aborigines who had been crossing the mountains for tens of thousands of years).

Although the Mountains had been crossed at Katoomba a decade earlier, there was still no satisfactory route through the mountains from Richmond at this time.

In his diary Archibald Bell recalls that, upon his return to Sydney, he reported the richness of the soil in the Bilpin area which inevitably led to the arrival of settlers eager to grow fruit trees in the area.

Approximate Itinerary

8.00sharp	Leave UNSW (just outside Gate 14, Barker St)
10.00-11.00	Morning tea at Tutti Fruitti
11.15-12.15	Visit to Bilpin Cider Co. – Cider Tasting
12.30-1.45	Lunch at Wildwood Garden and free time (pay for your drinks)
2.00-3.00	Free Time at Pine Crest Orchard (Pick Your Own Apples)
5.00	Arrive UNSW

Tutti Fruitti:



There is a wide selection of homemade jams and preserves cooked with our own fruit, together with local produce. Relax in the garden and rose courtyard and enjoy the fresh mountain air where morning tea will be served.

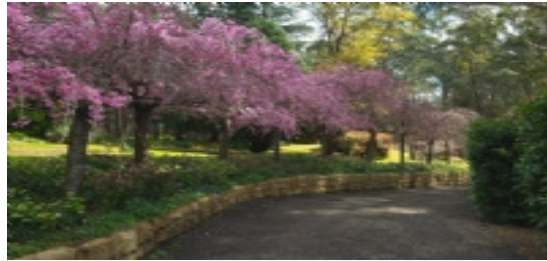


Bilpin Cider Company:

At Bilpin Cider they create pure, fresh apple and pear cider - no added sugar, artificial flavours or concentrates. They use only the freshest fruit from Bilpin and the surrounding region and believe nothing beats the natural taste and aroma of real mountain fruit.

Tastings of their range of ciders and a short talk will be provided.

Wildwood Garden:



Garden lovers are invited to visit this magnificent Bilpin garden. Lovingly crafted over 37 years by Wayne and Sue Tapping, the garden presents a glorious collection of cool climate plants in a natural woodland setting.

The garden features a cherry walk in peak flower in mid-September, a fragrant daphne hedge and a magnificent waterfall with ponds as well as a large lake. There are sweeping views across the garden, gravel paths and well-placed sculptures including a magnificent sandstone sofa. The bird life is abundant and the mountain air is fresh and exhilarating. There is something in bloom to enjoy throughout the year in this garden that features many rare and unusual plants. Autumn is colourful as our deciduous trees and shrubs change from green to red, orange and yellow. As winter draws to an end and spring arrives so does the flower colour as trees, shrubs, climbers, bulbs and perennials burst into bloom. Our camellias are beautiful right through late winter and spring as are the blossom trees. As spring warms to summer, the roses and perennials begin to bloom filling the garden with yet more colour and scent.

After lunch (fish & chips with salad, dessert, tea/coffee) has been served you will have the opportunity to visit the gift shop and nursery. The gift shop has an exciting selection of decorative ornaments, gifts and furnishings, while the small nursery features plants propagated from those in the garden along with seasonal colour and natives.

Pine Crest Orchard – Pick Your Own Apples:



Everyone is welcome to “Pick Your Own” apples. You will also have the opportunity to buy from the shed where a wide range of jams, honey and cider are available to purchase.

Cost including: transportation from and to UNSW, morning tea, cider tasting, lunch and visit to Wildwood Garden, free time at Orchard (to pick your own apples):

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: Fri 10/3/2017.

 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: (dates can be changed without notice)

- April 2017: Sydney Royal Easter Show
- Wed 19 April 2017 : Power House Museum – Egyptian Mummies
- Sunday 23 April 2017 : Guided Tour – Cockatoo Island – UNESCO Heritage Island
- Wed 10 May 2017 : Kinky Boots – The Musical
- Sunday 21 May 2017 : A Day Trip to Newcastle
- Wed 21 June 2017 : The Body Guard – The Musical
- Wed 16 January 2018 : Beautiful: The Carol King Musical

 To: Nadia Withers, 63 Jennings St., Matraville 2036
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Name : -----

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

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

Dietary Requirements: -----

---- places at \$55 each (max. 2 each at \$55)	\$-----
---- places at \$25 each (children)	\$-----
---- places at \$65 each	<u>\$-----</u>
Total	<u>\$-----</u>

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