

OPEN DAY: AGRICULTURE & RURAL COLLECTIONS

the powerhouse discovery centre

SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER
10.00am—4.00pm

COLLECTION STORES AT CASTLE HILL



Images (L to R): The Rizzuto fruit shop on Old South Head Road in Rose Bay North 1950. From left Ignazia Tramonte-Rizzuto, Mary, Nina and Frances. (*Journeys to a New Life: Italian Migration in NSW* exhibition). Photo courtesy of the Di Benedetto family; Model of a Sunshine Harvester; Comet Windmill.

Join us on Saturday 8th November when the Powerhouse Discovery Centre presents an Open Day celebrating agriculture and the Powerhouse Museum's rural collections. Highlights of the Open Day program include; agriculture-themed tours of objects in the collection tracing the rural history of New South Wales; a new photographic exhibition, *Journeys to a New Life: Italian Migration in NSW*; 'Crazy Grasshead Creature' workshops for kids; glimpses into the Museum Stores and much more.

OPEN DAY PROGRAM

OBJECTS IN FOCUS TOUR

Agriculture and Rural Collections in the Powerhouse Collection: 11:00am or 1.00pm (Duration: 45 minutes)

Join Sandra McEwen, Powerhouse Acting Principal Curator, Collections and Access, and Graham Clegg, Powerhouse Rural Collections Advisor, for a tour of significant objects from the rural collections of the Powerhouse on exhibition in the Display Store. Highlights of the tour include; a model of a Sunshine Harvester; a McLaren steam traction engine; highlights from the Bill Montgomery Wool Collection, consisting of over 7,000 wool samples that form a permanent record of the remarkable progress made in scientific sheep-breeding and wool production in Australia; a Howard 'Eight' Rotary Hoe (circa 1936); and the HV McKay-Massey Harris Sunshine Reaper Binder. *Bookings not required. FREE with Open Day admission.*

ART DISPLAY & DEMONSTRATION

Botanical Artist: Prue Scott 10.00am—2.00pm

Prue Scott is an award-winning botanical artist and has been practicing botanical art for almost a decade. Prue trained as a botanist, and later studied Wildlife Illustration in order to learn the skills necessary for botanical art. As well as having taught botanical art at Kuringgai Art Centre Prue also lectures in Medicinal Botany at the University of Sydney, and is an accomplished embroiderer. For the Open Day Prue will display a selection of her work and demonstrate her botanical art technique. Prue Scott is a member of the Botanical Art Society of Australia. *FREE with Open Day admission.*

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Journeys to a New Life: Italian Migration in NSW: 10.00am—4.00pm

Presented in partnership with the Powerhouse Museum, Co.As.It and the Migration Heritage Centre, this exhibition presents a selection of 24 historical photographs documenting Italian migration and Italian life in NSW from the late nineteenth century to the present. After World War II particularly, Italy was especially impoverished and Australia yearned for new migrants to feed its postwar industrial boom. Once in Australia, they were sent out to live in rural and isolated areas that lacked infrastructure and a social network. Lack of English language made this transition even more difficult. Some returned to Italy, but those who remained succeeded and made a major contribution to the social and cultural life of Australia. *FREE with Open Day admission.*



Crazy Grasshead creatures

KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Make a Crazy Grasshead Creature or a Pinwheel 10:30am—1:00pm

Kids will have the opportunity to create and decorate their own 'Crazy Grasshead Creature' to take home and watch it grow 'wheat' hair or assemble and decorate a pinwheel to take home. *FREE with Open Day admission.*

OBJECT SHORT TALKS

Journeys to a New Life: 11:45am

Join Linda Nellor, Coordinator, Co.As.It Italian Heritage, for an informative short talk on Italian Migration in NSW and the new photographic exhibition *Journeys to a New Life*. *FREE with Open Day admission.*

Comet Agricultural Windmill: 12:30pm

The Discovery Centre site watering system uses collected rainwater which is circulated by a Comet windmill. Meet at the windmill, where Graham Clegg, Powerhouse Rural Collections Adviser, will discuss its history and explain how it works using a simple model and a windmill pump sectioned to reveal its working parts. *FREE with Open Day admission.*

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR

Cars in the Powerhouse Collection: 10.30am or 1:30pm (Duration: 60 minutes)

Go behind-the-scenes to explore the hidden treasures in the Powerhouse Museum's car collection, including early horse-drawn vehicles, a 1915 Detroit Electric and a Model T Ford, a Nota Fang Australian built sports car, an EAW Special racing car, an Australian Six, a vice-regal Rolls Royce and a Dick Smith rally car.

Behind-The-Scenes Tour Price: \$16/\$10 concession. (Includes Open Day admission). Limited to visitors aged 12 and over. Conditions apply. As spaces on the Behind-the-Scenes Tours are strictly limited, we strongly recommend pre-booking.

MUSEUM STORAGE GLIMPSE

Museum Storage Glimpses are free with Open Day admission. As sessions are strictly limited to 20 people, pre-booking is recommended (ph: 02 9762 1300). Limited to visitors aged 12 and over. Conditions apply.

Highlights of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, Furniture and Music Collections:

11.30am or 12:30pm (Duration: 30 minutes)

Led by Discovery Centre volunteer guides, go behind-the-scenes for a sneak peak into a collection storage area not normally accessible to the public. Marvel at Sydney 2000 Olympic Games ceremony costumes created by iconic Australian fashion designers, including Jenny Kee and Lisa Ho, and view a selection of objects from both the Museum's furniture and music collections. *FREE with Open Day admission.*

HIGHLIGHTS TOURS

The Display Store: 10:30am, 12.00pm or 2:00pm (Duration: 30 minutes). *FREE with Open Day admission.*

ROYAL VOLUNTEER COASTAL PATROL (HAWKESBURY DIVISION)

The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol (Hawkesbury Division) will host a fundraising barbeque food stall (10.00am–2.00pm).

OPEN DAY HOURS: 10.00am—4.00pm.

OPEN DAY ADMISSION: \$8 adult / \$5 concession/ child / seniors and pensioners, \$25 family (2 adults + 2 children).

Free entry to PHM Members and children under 4.

PARKING AND ACCESS: On-site parking available. Vehicle and pedestrian entry via 172 Showground Road, Castle Hill. castlehill.powerhousemuseum.com. For further information or to make a booking please contact us on 02 9762 1300.

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