

our place

The background is a collage of three images. The top image shows a white lighthouse with a black lantern room against a clear blue sky. The middle image shows a wooden building with a sign that reads 'HASTINGS SUPPLY & MERCHANDISE' and 'NO. 1' below it. The bottom image shows a large wooden ship's wheel in the foreground, with a white boat and a ship's mast visible in the background.

Heritage Festival 5th - 20th April 2008
Port Macquarie-Hastings & Kempsey

Foreword

The old saying 'there is no place like home' springs to mind during the 2008 Kempsey and Port Macquarie-Hastings Heritage Festival.

This year's theme, 'Our Place' means many things to many people, be it a home, a building, a street, an historic site or a museum. It conjures up many images in the mind's eye. Rather than just imagining the many historical and cultural treasures in our region, during the Heritage Festival and, in fact, all through the year, we encourage everyone to see, feel and experience these treasures first hand.

This is the third year that Port Macquarie-Hastings Council and Kempsey Shire Council have joined forces during the NSW National Trust's Heritage Festival.

Our regions share many similarities, be they our natural beauty, our significant convict and historic heritage, our cultural diversity or our relaxed way of life. We also share a vision to protect what we have for future generations to enjoy.

As civic leaders, we are the current custodians of 'Our Place' and it is our responsibility to make sure it is able to be shared and enjoyed by all.

During this year's Heritage Festival, we encourage everyone in our communities to take the time to participate in the many activities, tours, demonstrations, displays and performances highlighting our past. Experiencing the past helps build better understanding for the future.

There are many people in our community who work tirelessly to ensure that our heritage is preserved for future generations to experience and enjoy, for that, we are eternally grateful.

Cr. Rob Drew
Mayor

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council



Cr. Betty Green
Mayor

Kempsey Shire Council





DAY 1 – Saturday 5th April

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS AND KEMPSEY HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Time: 10.30am – 1.30pm. The Official opening of the Festival will take place at 10.30am.
Place: Timbertown Heritage Theme Park, Oxley Highway, Wauchope.
Cost: Free admission from 10.00 - 11.00am only. Wheelchair accessible with assistance.

Listen to our guest speaker Densy Clyne, noted author of 28 books, wildlife film maker, photographer and who for eight years appeared in regular segments on *Burkes Backyard*, tell stories about 'Our Place'. Enjoy several characters telling stories of our timber history, bullock demonstrations, whip cracking lessons and take part in some old fashioned games. Taste our special Timbertown white port and take a tour of the Solera System, which has been adapted from the 19th Century, and is a method used in the production of Port to ensure a consistent quality. All day follow a special trail to win prizes.

LIFE AT TRIAL BAY GAOL (circa 1886) – OUR PLACE (Walking Tour)

Time: 3.30pm (about 2 hours duration).
Place: Arakoon State Conservation Area, Arakoon (near South West Rocks).
Cost: \$15.00 per person. Wheelchair accessible only with assistance.
Bookings: Essential as numbers limited. Phone 6566 6419.
It is suggested that you wear joggers or walking shoes and bring a hat.

This gaol was established in 1886 as a public works prison to rehabilitate prisoners and provide them with skills for employment opportunities upon their release. The prisoners were housed here to build the breakwater across Trial Bay, however, the scheme was a failure and the gaol closed in 1903. It re-opened during the First World War, as a wartime camp for men of German descent, interned by the government as enemy aliens, however, it permanently closed in 1918. Today it is a solitary picturesque ruin with an atmosphere of timeless mystery.

DAY 2 – Sunday 6th April

KENDALL CLASSICS – A RECITAL BY DR GOETZ RICHTER (violin) AND JEANELL CARRIGAN (piano)

Time: 2.00pm (1.5 hours duration).
Place: Kendall School of Arts, 19 Comboyne Street, Kendall.
Cost: Adults \$20.00, children \$10.00. Wheelchair accessible. Refreshments will be served after the concert.
Bookings: Tickets available at door. Phone 6582 1042 or 6556 9622.

Dr Goetz Richter is Associate Professor and Chair of Strings at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and both he and his wife Jeanell are great favourites with music lovers in our area. The historic Kendall School of Arts, built in 1908 and restored in 1983, has been a central venue for many performances by the Camden Haven Arts Council – the Camden Haven Music Festival and the Kendall National Violin Competition. Goetz has been the artistic director of both.



DAY 2 – Sunday 6th April (continued)

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DAY 3 – Monday 7th April

BIRPAI – THE THOMAS DICK WALKABOUT (Bus Tour)

Time: 10.00am (5 hours duration).

Place: departing from bus bay at Town Green, Horton Street, Port Macquarie.

Cost: \$25.00 per person.

Includes light lunch of sandwiches, tea/coffee and cake.

Tour stops at Shelley Beach, Lighthouse Beach, Lake Cathie, Rainbow Beach, Bonny Hills and North Brother Mountain.

Bookings: Essential to book before 4 April. Phone 6581 8109.

It is suggested that you wear a hat, walking shoes or joggers and bring a water bottle.

Between 1910 and 1920 Thomas Dick captured photographic images of local Aborigines re-enacting pre-colonial life in and around the Port Macquarie-Hastings. This tour, led by Birpai elders, will trace the footsteps of Thomas Dick and the Birpai families to some of the more accessible sites before culminating at the sacred Dooragan (North Brother Mountain).

Apart from gaining a glimpse into the lives of Thomas Dick and the Birpai families, participants will gain knowledge of traditional middens, quarries and ochre sites, as well as other facets of Goori heritage.



DAY 4 – Tuesday 8th April

LASHINGS IN THE LILYPOND (Walking Tour)

- Time: 9.00am (about 1 hour duration).
Place: The Lilypond cnr Koala Street and Mimosa Drive, Port Macquarie.
Cost: Gold coin donation. Wheelchair accessible with assistance. Parking available in Mimosa Drive.
Bookings: Phone 6582 3500.

It is suggested that you wear a hat, sturdy walking shoes or joggers and bring a water bottle.

The Lilypond has been lashed by nature and urbanisation in many ways. The Port Macquarie Landcare Group has instigated a healing process for over 10 years by restoring and regenerating this unique water and forest, resulting in a huge transformation and a home to over 100 species of birds, land mullets, water dragons and frogs just to name a few.

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DAY 5 – Wednesday 9th April

OUR CHANGING LANDSCAPE AT OUR PLACE

Time: 9.30am (2 hours duration. Allow an extra hour to walk the boardwalk).
Place: Sea Acres Rainforest Centre, Pacific Drive, Port Macquarie.
Cost: \$6.00 per person. Includes morning tea and free entry to boardwalk. Wheelchair accessible.
Bookings: Essential. Phone 6582 3355 between normal business hours.

Take a virtual tour of our significant historical sites within our Mid North Coast national parks through our forever changing landscapes. Learn how individuals such as Major Innes and John Flynn changed our landscapes and segregated areas into parcels of land and tried to manage their properties within a boundary – which nature has no boundaries.

ST THOMAS' CHURCH (circa 1824)

Time: 9.30am – 4.00pm.
Place: St Thomas' Church, Hay Street, Port Macquarie.
Cost: Gold coin donation appreciated.
Devonshire teas available between 9.30am – 10.45am in the Colonial meeting rooms \$4.00 per person. Wheelchair accessible.

Listen to the history of this remarkable building, the early worshippers and the lives of those assigned to its construction. The fifth oldest Anglican Church still in use in Australia it was convict built and retains original family pew boxes, built with high sides and raised to protect free families from the gaze of convict worshippers.

1662 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER SERVICE

Time: 11.00am.
Place: Chapel of Christ the Healer (former Surgeon's Dispensary in the grounds of St Thomas') Hay Street, Port Macquarie.
Cost: Free. Wheelchair accessible with assistance.

This Holy Communion service is taken from the 1662 book of common prayer – celebration of the Lord's Supper according to the ancient rite.

CONVICT CELLAR TOUR

Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm.
Place: St Thomas' Church Administration Centre, Hay Street, Port Macquarie.
Cost: Gold coin donation appreciated.

View two good size rooms, beneath what was, until 1847, the Colonial Surgeon's residence. Formerly the servant's quarters these rooms are complete with fireplaces and a baker's oven.



DAY 6 – Thursday 10th April

INTERPRETING PORT MACQUARIE'S ARCHAEOLOGY (Walking Tour)

- Time: 11.00am (2.5 hours duration).
Place: former Courthouse, cnr Clarence and Hay Streets, Port Macquarie.
Cost: \$10.00 per person. Mostly wheelchair accessible with assistance.
Bookings: Essential as numbers limited. Phone 6581 8623.
Guide: Mitch McKay – Council Heritage Officer.

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AKUBRA FACTORY TOUR – 'THE MAKING OF AN ICON'

- Time: 10.00am (1 hour duration).
Place: Akubra Factory, South Street, Kempsey.
Cost: Adults \$15.00, school students \$5.00. Includes morning tea.
Bookings: Essential. There will be 3 tours. Tours are limited to 10 persons per tour. Phone 6562 2295.

It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes or joggers.

Listen to the wonderful history behind this hat-making factory from the development of a mechanical method of removing the hair tip from rabbit fur through to the trade name 'Akubra' and its connection to Stetson of America.

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DOCUMENTS OF THE PAST

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm.
Place: Port Macquarie Library, cnr Gordon and Grant Streets, Port Macquarie.
Cost: Free. Wheelchair accessible with assistance.
Enquiries: Phone 6582 5576 or 6583 3360.

View a vast array of family history documentation including wills, family bibles, certificates, photographs and other documents that make up the treasured collection of members of the Port Macquarie and Districts Family History Society.

DAY 7 – Friday 11th April

STORIES BEHIND THE GRAVES (circa 1824) (Walking Tour)

Time: 10.00am (about 1.5 hours duration).
Place: Historic Cemetery, intersection of Gordon and Horton Streets, Port Macquarie.
Cost: \$5.00 per person to be paid at the Port Macquarie Museum 22 Clarence St, Port Macquarie. Includes one free entry to the Museum during the Festival.
Bookings: Essential. Phone/fax Port Macquarie Historical Society on 6583 1108.
It is suggested that you wear walking shoes and bring a hat.

This walk through Port Macquarie's State Heritage listed cemetery will introduce you to some of the 1500 soldiers, convicts and free settlers buried here. The story of their lives will give you a picture of the early history of this penal settlement and the successes and tragedies of its inhabitants.

A SCOTTISH HOUSE UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES – INNES RUINS (circa 1830s) (Walking Tour)

Time: 10.00am and 1.00pm (2 hours duration).
Place: Lake Innes Nature Reserve – The Ruins Way, Port Macquarie. Meet at the gate at south end of Ruins Way, request map when booking.
Cost: Adults \$13.20, children \$5.50, family \$33.00 (2 adults and 3 children). Groups of 10 or more \$11 per person.
Includes morning or afternoon tea. Wheelchair accessible with assistance.
Bookings: Essential as numbers limited.
Port Macquarie Visitor Information Centre 6581 8000. Special programs for school groups NPWS Discovery 6586 8315.
It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes or joggers and a hat and bring a water bottle.
Guide: Susan Phillips.

During the 1830s and 1840s, Major Archibald Clunes Innes developed a wide range of agricultural enterprises throughout the Port Macquarie-Hastings and New England areas. He was, for a brief time, one of the colony's richest men. His house was constructed in several stages and grew to assume the proportions of a grand country mansion. Enjoy this National Parks and Wildlife Service guided tour of the ruins, one of the oldest surviving brick structures in northern NSW, and the fascinating story of its former inhabitants.



DAY 8 – Saturday 12th April

HERITAGE IN THE VINES

Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm.
Place: Douglas Vale Homestead and Vineyard, Oxley Highway, Port Macquarie.
Cost: Gold coin donation.
Wheelchair accessible with assistance.

Come and join us for a wonderful day at this beautiful 1860s heritage listed homestead and vineyard. Enjoy heritage displays and demonstrations, market stalls, wine tastings and more. The Douglas Vale Conservation Group will also be releasing 50 numbered and certified bottles of Old Douglas Tawny Port for sale.....sorry no tastings of the Port.

TELEGRAPH POINT – HISTORY ON DISPLAY

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm.
Place: School of Arts Community Hall, 7 Cooperabung Drive, Telegraph Point.
Cost: Gold coin donation.
Wheelchair accessible with assistance.
Refreshments and sandwiches available for purchase.

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50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE HASTINGS DISTRICT FLYING CLUB

Time: 8.30am – 5.00pm.
Place: Hastings District Flying Club Oliver Road, Port Macquarie.
Cost: Gold coin donation.
Sausage sizzle lunch available.
\$60.00 trial instructional flight.
Enquiries: Phone 6585 3585 or 6559 9953.

Enjoy displays and memorabilia, model aeroplanes and cars as part of the celebrations of the Hastings District Flying Club in its 50th year of continuous operation making it one of the oldest flying clubs in Australia. While there why not partake in trial instructional flights, of about 30 minutes duration, in the Club's ultralight training aircraft.



DAY 9 - Sunday 13th April

TRAVEL A COUNTRY MILE – KEMPSEY/NULLA NULLA/BELLBROOK/KEMPSEY (Bus Tour)

Time: 9.00am (6 hours duration).

Place: bus departs from Caltex Service Station, Belgrave Street, Kempsey.

Cost: \$30.00 per person. Includes morning tea and damper and a lunch pack at the Bellbrook Hotel.

Bookings: Essential as numbers limited.

Enquiries phone 6562 7572 or book in person at the Macleay River Historical Society Kempsey between normal business hours.

Visit Slim Dusty's boyhood home under the gum trees up Nulla Nulla Road. Then to Bellbrook, 'OUR PLACE', a National Trust classified village since 1978, to explore the village, view inside two churches and attend an art exhibition and quilt display.

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HERITAGE VEHICLES DISPLAY

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Place: Westport Park, cnr Buller and Park Streets, Port Macquarie.

Cost: Free. Wheelchair accessible with assistance.

Come and see this display of more than eighty vehicles demonstrating the advances in transport that have been a vital part of the development of Australia. Many of these vehicles date from the early 1900s to the 1970s and were instrumental in our progress throughout the years. Enjoy a series of novel driving skills designed to entertain onlookers and test the skills of the drivers.



DAY 9 – Sunday 13th April (*continued*)

KENDALL DISTRICT OPEN GARDENS DAY (Drive and Walking Tour)

- Time: 1.30pm – 4.30pm.
Place: Meet at Kendall School of Arts, cnr Albert and Comboyne Streets, Kendall.
Cost: Adults \$7.00, children free.
Includes afternoon tea.
Wheelchair accessible with assistance.
Enquiries: Phone 6559 4348 between normal business hours.

The gardens, on acreage, were once part of a large dairy farm that has been subdivided for residential development. They have superb views of the Lorne Valley and sensitive plantings enhance the outlook. Autumn is the ideal time to visit Kendall as the flowering shrubs and annuals are at their best. Kendall Heritage Society members will also be present to offer information about the history of Kendall, historical landmarks, walking tours and books, pamphlets and maps will be available.

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DAY 10 – Monday 14th April

CAMDEN HAVEN PILOT STATION (Walking Tour)

- Time: 10.30am (1 hour duration).
Place: Camden Head Pilot Station, Camden Head Road, Dunbogan.
Cost: Adults \$8.00, children \$4.00. Includes light refreshments.
Bookings: Essential. Phone 6559 6699 between normal business hours.
Guide: *It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes or joggers and bring a hat and insect repellent.*

Come along on this guided tour and learn more about the Camden Haven Pilot Station. Relive its history as the home of the Pilot Master that kept the busy coastal shipping, so vital to the Camden Haven and Lord Howe Island safe, as well as local recreation users. Discover not only why this location is of heritage significance but how today there are a number of environmental features that make the headland landscape so important to the district.

DAY 11 – Tuesday 15th April

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DAY 12 – Wednesday 16th April

HERITAGE CONCERT

Time: 2.00pm (1.5 hours duration).
Place: Wesleyan Chapel, Horton Street, Port Macquarie.
Cost: \$2.00 per person. Wheelchair accessible with assistance.

Enjoy this concert presented by a variety of local artists with talents in vocal, choral, instrumental and speech.

BAGO BLUFF TOUR – NATIONAL PARKS (Drive and Walking Tour)

Time: 10.00am (3 hours duration).
Place: Bago Vineyards, Milligans Road off Bago Road, Wauchope. Parking available at Vineyards. Transport available for first 10 bookings. Maximum number 20 persons.
Cost: Adults \$13.20, children \$5.50, family \$33.00 (2 adults and 2 children). Groups of 10 or more \$11 per person. Bring packed lunch and water bottle. Tea/coffee and cake provided.
Bookings: Essential as numbers limited. Port Macquarie Visitor Information Centre 6581 8000.

You must wear walking shoes with treaded soles. Reasonable mobility is required for the lookout walk.

Guide: Susan Phillips.
For further information contact National Parks and Wildlife Services Mid North Coast Regional Office on (02) 6586 8315.

Come and experience the majestic views from the summit of Bago Bluff. Stroll to a rocky lookout, hear local stories and learn about timber getting last century.

DAY 13 – Thursday 17th April

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OUR HISTORIC CAMDEN HAVEN – DUNBOGAN – KENDALL (Bus Tour)

Time:	9.30am (5 hours duration).
Place:	Laurieton School of Arts, cnr Bold and Laurie Streets, Laurieton.
Cost:	\$20.00 per person. Includes morning tea. Bring your own picnic lunch.
Bookings:	Essential. Phone 6559 7889 or 6559 6524.

Enjoy this tour of the historic Camden Haven district. Hear stories of the early days of Dunbogan including that of the Pilot Station, training walls and grave sites before you head off to Kew, Ross Glen and Kendall, which was once the hub of the Camden Haven, and more interesting stories about these once thriving communities.

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DAY 14 – Friday 18th April

CONVICT LIME KILNS (circa 1832) – Kumbatine National Park (Drive and Walking Tour)

- Time:** 10.00am (3 hours duration).
- Place:** Kumbatine National Park off Pacific Highway, 12 km south of Kempsey.
Meet at intersection of Pacific Highway and Smiths Creek Road, Kundabung.
Get map when booking.
Approx 20 kms driving over unsealed roads involved.
- Cost:** Adults \$13.20, children \$5.50, family \$33.00 (2 adults and 3 children).
Groups of 10 or more \$11 per person. Includes bush style morning tea.
- Bookings:** Essential as numbers limited.
Port Macquarie Visitor Information Centre 6581 8000.
For further information contact National Parks and Wildlife Services Mid North Coast Regional Office on 6586 8315.
*You must wear sturdy walking shoes or boots, trousers, long sleeve tops as protection from undergrowth and a hat.
A water bottle and insect repellent are recommended.*
- Guide:** Susan Phillips.
- This little known site, nestled in dense bushland in Kumbatine National Park, contains the remains of some of the earliest convict built lime kilns still existing in Australia.

WATERFRONT WALK – PORT MACQUARIE'S MARITIME HISTORY (Walking Tour)

- Time:** 4.00pm (about 1.5 hours duration).
- Place:** meet at Alma Doepel, Lady Nelson Wharf on Town Green, Horton Street, Port Macquarie.
- Cost:** \$5.00 per person to be paid at the Port Macquarie Museum,
22 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie.
- Bookings:** Essential.
Phone/fax Port Macquarie Historical Society on 6583 1108.
It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes or joggers and a hat.
- Enjoy this informative walk along our coastline. Listen to stories of Port Macquarie's maritime history in the early 1880s and of the shipwrecks that dot our coastline.



DAY 15 – Saturday 19th April

OUR PLACE

- Time: 10.00am (2 hours duration).
Place: Meeting Room, Port Macquarie library, cnr Gordon and Grant Streets, Port Macquarie.
Cost: Free.
Includes morning tea.
Wheelchair accessible.
- Enquiries: Phone Liz Gillroy on 6581 8508.

Come along and hear James Wilson-Miller, the Head Curator of Koori History and Culture at the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney. James is a respected and well-known Aboriginal historian and the author of the seminal scholarly work *Koori: A will to win*. James will speak about the Aboriginal relationship with the natural environment using the Thomas Dick photograph collection as a reference.

LASHINGS IN THE LILYPOND (Walking Tour)

- Time: 2.00pm (about 1 hour duration).
Place: The Lilypond, cnr Koala Street and Mimosa Drive, Port Macquarie.
Cost: Gold coin donation.
Wheelchair accessible with assistance.
Parking available in Mimosa Drive.
- Bookings: Phone 6582 3500.
It is suggested that you wear a hat, sturdy walking shoes or joggers and bring a water bottle.

The Lilypond has been lashed by nature and urbanisation in many ways. The Port Macquarie Landcare Group has instigated a healing process for over 10 years by restoring and regenerating this unique water and forest, resulting in a huge transformation and a home to over 100 species of birds, land mullets, water dragons and frogs just to name a few.



DAY 16 – Sunday 20th April

SMOKY CAPE LIGHTHOUSE TOUR (circa 1891) (Walking Tour)

- Time: 11.30am (about 1 hour duration).
Place: The Old Stables, Smoky Cape Lighthouse, Hat Head National Park, Lighthouse Road, Arakoon. (via South West Rocks).
Cost: Free.
Includes a light lunch of sandwiches, tea/coffee and cake.
Bookings: Essential as numbers limited.
Phone 6566 6301.

It is suggested that you wear sturdy walking shoes or joggers and a hat.

Enjoy this guided tour and discover the heritage and mystery of this working lighthouse and the adjoining keepers cottages.

This Heritage listed lighthouse, built in 1891, is the most elevated lighthouse in New South Wales and is managed by The Department of Conservation and Environment. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority operates the light as a navigational aid.

The cottages now operate as a B&B and cottage accommodation.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

- Time: 3.00pm (1 hour duration).
Place: Wesleyan Chapel, Horton Street, Port Macquarie.
Cost: Free.
Wheelchair accessible with assistance.
This service of worship will emphasise traditions of the Uniting Church of the mid 20th century.



5 – 20 APRIL

THE TIMBER STORY AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN OUR LOCAL HISTORY

Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm daily.
Place: Wauchope Museum, Oxley Highway, Wauchope.
Cost: Gold coin donation.
Enquiries: Phone 6585 2692

This exhibition showcases the impact of the timber industry on the Wauchope township. It highlights Wauchope's unique contribution to the construction of the Sydney Opera House and present a display which demonstrates the interdependence of the timber industry and the Wauchope railhead.

6 – 20 APRIL

TIMBERTOWN – WHERE OUR TIMBER HISTORY COMES TO LIFE

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm.
Place: Timbertown, Oxley Highway, Wauchope.
Cost: Adults \$5.00, children \$3.00 or family \$12.00.
Wheelchair accessible.
Enquiries: Phone 6586 1940

Timbertown is an entire village, re-created to demonstrate the struggles and achievements of our pioneers. It's an authentic heritage township, where the steam train still runs, timber is still sawn and the bullock team still hauls its heavy load. Meet one of Timbertown's characters in the street as they bring the 1880s to life. Why not come along and see for yourself – what makes Timbertown so special.



1 – 30 APRIL

THE HISTORY OF OUR LIBRARY SERVICE

- Time: 9.30am – 5.00pm Monday – Friday, Laurieton and Wauchope libraries.
9.30am – 6.00pm Monday – Friday, Port Macquarie library.
9.00am – 12.00pm Saturday, Port Macquarie, Laurieton and Wauchope libraries.
- Place: Port Macquarie library cnr Gordon and Grant Streets, Port Macquarie.
Laurieton library, Laurie Street, Laurieton.
Wauchope library, High Street, Wauchope.
- Cost: Free.
- Enquiries: Kath Millard phone 6581 8722.

Our libraries have always played an important part in the education processes of our community. From the time of a School of Arts library service through to the establishment of a public library service our libraries have been at the forefront of leisure and technological changes. View memorabilia from those early days including artefacts, photographs and newspaper articles.

