

CANBERRA April 2007

Twentieth Century Heritage Society of NSW Inc will stage an exciting series of seminal events to showcase Australia's National Capital. The program will run between the afternoon of Thursday 12 April to the morning of Sunday 15 April 2007.

Venue hotel is University House at the Australian National University.

The program is as follows (subject to fine tuning and possible unforeseen changes):

THURSDAY 12 April

Morning: travel down from Sydney

- Arrive at hotel, "register" by midday.
- Luncheon Lecture – historical overview of Canberra.

Afternoon:

- View Nicholls Collection, Harrison Collection and Johnson Collection, all of which relate to Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin and Canberra, at the National Library
- National Archives – inspection of Marion Mahony's drawings for the 1912 competition for Canberra.
- Visit to Old Parliament House

FRIDAY 13 April

Morning:

- Mt Ainslie – From this vantage point, one can readily grasp the Griffins' plan for Canberra and the way it was subsequently built.
- Australian War Memorial
- National Gallery via General Bridges' Grave (the only "building" by Walter Burley Griffin in Canberra). At National Gallery, view an exhibition of 1920s items, including a closer look at other items and Ballets Russes costumes in the Gallery's collection
- Lunch at High Court of Australia

Afternoon:

- Former Academy of Science, including a look at its interiors – 1950s icon!
- Former Beauchamp House (circa 1927)
- Canberra High School (1940)
- ES&A Bank/Hobart Place/Law Courts Precinct – a look at post World War II Canberra
- Sydney and Melbourne Buildings (1926 onwards)
- Cocktails at the Hyatt (former 1925 Hotel Canberra)

SATURDAY 14 April

Morning:

- Walk around Reid Conservation Area - an early Canberra suburb
- Former Hotel Ainslie (1927)
- Ainslie Infants and Primary Schools (1920s-1930s)
- Functionalist house designed by Cuthbert Whitely in Braddon (circa 1939)
- Lunch at Gorman House (a 1920s Canberra Hotel, now an arts centre)

Afternoon

- Former Patent's Office (1940)
- Trade Group - a major late Modernist building by Harry Seidler.

Manuka walk:

- Flinders Way and Murray Crescent Housing (late 1930s houses)
- St Paul's Church of England, Griffith (1930s)
- Roman Catholic Cathedral (1930s)

- Moir & Sutherland Houses, Evans Avenue, Griffith (1930s)
- Manuka Swimming Pool, Griffith (1930)
- Forrest Fire Station Precinct (late 1930s - fire station plus a group of residences)
- Calthorpe's House (major 1920s house museum and a pause for afternoon tea)
- Moir House, Melbourne Avenue, suburban Forrest (important 1930s house)

SUNDAY 15 April

- Institute of Anatomy (now Screensound Australia – iconic Stripped Classical/Art Deco)
- Depart for Melbourne in time to prepare for registration for the 9th World Congress on Art Deco, hosted by Art Deco Society Inc.

It is anticipated that the Canberra experience will cost A\$250 which includes all transfers, entrance fees, events programme booklet, light meals and refreshments.