

**UPDATE 17th.MARCH.**

**NEWINGTON COMMUNITY OUTINGS for 2010.**

### **14th April----Experiment Farm Cottage**

Experiment Farm Cottage stands on the site of the first land grant in Australia, made in 1789 by Governor Phillip to the former convict, James Ruse. By 1791 Ruse had successfully farmed the 30 acre site as an experiment in self-sufficiency, proving that a new settler could feed and shelter his family with relatively little assistance to get started.

The Indian-style bungalow there today was built by Surgeon John Harris, who purchased the land from Ruse in 1793 for £40. It is thought to have been built by c1835. It is one of Australia's oldest standing properties, and features in an 1837 sketch and subsequent watercolour by Conrad Martens.

Bring your own morning tea. We will return to Newington approx. 1pm.

12th. MAY-----Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden St. Ives. \$6 each  
Nature Walk & Talk. Begin with a presentation at the Education Centre about our local bushland and go for a ranger guided bushwalk in the wildflower garden.

Morning tea provided.

We will return to Newington approx. 1pm.

9th JUNE-----NAN TIEN TEMPLE. Wollongong. **8-30am START!!!**

TEMPLE TOUR + VEGETARIAN LUNCH----\$12

This is the largest Buddhist temple in the southern hemisphere. The tour will not only involve the unique visual experience of the buildings, statues, shrines & beautiful gardens but will provide an insight to Chinese culture and beliefs and practices of Humanistic Buddhism.

Bring your own morning tea.

We will return to Newington approx. 3pm.

**Please note that we must pay in advance for this outing!!  
You must confirm your booking & pay \$12 on or before  
12th.MAY**

Please inform Richard if you would like to join us on an outing on 96486542

We meet at 8-45am outside the Newington Community Centre and depart at 9am.

We contribute \$5 each to cover the cost of fuel.