

# Wine & History

## amongst the grapes

wednesday 19 and thursday 20 july 2006

This two day tour costing only AUD \$575.00 per person (twin share) or an extra AUD \$55 for a single room which will cover all travel costs (including the return trip to Sydney), food (including a la carte dinner) and accommodation should not be missed by overseas or indeed Australian conference goers.

Welcome to the classic Hunter Valley where during the next two days you will glimpse the history of Maitland, journey through time in historic Morpeth and indulge in the finest Australian wine, gastronomical delights and cheeses unique only to the Hunter Valley.

Two hours north of Sydney, with so much history, culture, food and wine this will allow you to explore, partake and discover. The best of Australia's country New South Wales.

The Hunter Valley, the unsurpassed destination to visit when you have two days to spare while holidaying in Sydney or attending a conference. Learn about Australia's historical past, colourful present and exciting future.



Australian Family Owned Since 1858



## Day 1 Wednesday 19 July 2006

**8.00 am** our luxury coach will pick you up at Central Station Intersate entrance facing George Street  
Complimentary gift bags on arrival

**10.00 am** Maitland Gaol with tour guide Chris Robson  
Includes Devonshire morning tea.  
Tea/coffee with freshly baked scones jam and cream

**12.00 midday** Maitland Regional Art Gallery tour of current exhibition *Dreaming of Colours* by Gary and Stephen Luke and a history of the building. A masterpiece in itself, Maitland Regional Art Gallery is a striking Federation Gothic building and a fascinating example of early 1900's architecture. From the marble staircase, blackwood joinery, over five metre ceilings, Tudor arches and enormous art nouveau stained glass skylight, the building provides a stunning light and airy atmosphere in which to fully appreciate the collection. Lunch will be provided in Gallery 1  
A selection of soups served with crusty bread rolls  
Tea and coffee with an assortment of cakes

**2.00 pm** Historic tour of Morpeth with commentary by Chris Robson

**4.00 pm** Tour of Maitland CBD includes historic Grossman House and many beautiful old buildings throughout the city centre

**5.30 pm** Dinner, accommodation and breakfast at historic Monte Pio.  
In 1909-1910 the Bishop of Maitland decided to utilise the Diocesan property, the former 'Sacred Heart College for Boys' and develop an orphanage for the benefit of the community. Alterations were made to the buildings to accommodate the future Orphanage, Convent and School.

## Day 2 Thursday 20 July 2006

**8.30 am** Pick up from Monte Pio and venture through the Hunter Valley Vineyards

**9.00 am** The tour guide will weave you through the magnificent and spectacular Hunter Valley Gardens. Morning tea included  
Spanning over 25 hectares, be amazed by the sensational sights, colours and fragrances of the twelve stunning feature gardens.

**12.30 pm** Lunch at Tyrrell's winery includes a history of the Tyrrell's family and wine production.  
The Tyrrell's family association with the grape and vine began with Edward Tyrrell, in 1858. Since then Tyrrell's has grown over nearly a century and a half to become one of Australia's largest and most prestigious winemakers.

**2.30 pm** Peruse the galleries and boutiques at the Hunter Valley Gardens at your leisure.

**4.00 pm** Wine and cheese tasting at the Hunter Valley Cheese Company  
The Hunter Valley Cheese range is preservative free and manufactured on site to traditional cheesemaking recipes.

**5.30 pm** Luxury coach return trip to Sydney

**8.00 pm** Arrival in Sydney (Central Station)