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PRESS RELEASE

Macquarie's 1810 Hawkesbury Journey Commemoration Day

Windsor is set to ring with musket and cannon fire and fun for its celebration of 195 years since its proclamation as a town by Gov Lachlan Macquarie on Sunday, December 4th starting from 11am at Thompson Square.

Present-day Mayor Bart Bassett will arrive in Windsor in a horse-drawn carriage to welcome visitors while a military re-enactment group will be set up to show visitors what it was like back in 1810 when Macquarie took his historic journeys in this area. There will be many interesting activities of an historical nature which will be fun to see for everyone. The 73rd Regiment of Foot will march through Windsor Mall Markets where stall holders and shopkeepers and their staff will be dressed in colonial outfits. All visitors and residents are encouraged to join in the fun and wear colonial attire.

Visitors will also enjoy the unusual Christmas Decorations that Windsor businesses have put up to coincide with the festivities as well as the chance to sit in the heritagestyle Windsor cafes and restaurants for a lovely afternoon out.

There will be horse-drawn carriage rides available for tours around the historic town of Windsor, where everybody is welcome and invited to dress up.

Contact John Miller if you'd like to arrange a pre-event photo shoot:

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Macquarie's 1810 Journey - Background Information

From 30th November to 7th December in 1810, Gov. Lachlan Macquarie together with his wife Elizabeth, his aide-de-camp Captain Henry Antill of the 73rd Regiment and their staff travelled extensively throughout the Hawkesbury and Nepean Valleys visiting the areas eventually known as Castlereagh, Agnes Banks, Richmond Hill, Kurrajong, Richmond Terrace, Freeman's Reach, Ebenezer and Cattai.

He visited possible town sites on 6th December 1810 so he could determine which ones were above flood inundation by the Hawkesbury River. Gov Macquarie'\ named the five major towns at a dinner in the Government House (or Cottage) at Windsor. They were Windsor, Richmond, Castlereagh, Pitt Town and Wilberforce, now known as the five Macquarie Towns.

The Commemoration Day is to honour and celebrate Macquarie's journey in our district which, at the time, was part of the frontier of Australia, and to acknowledge his great contribution to laying the foundations of our beautiful town sites, one being Windsor, Previously known as Green Hills, the regional administration centre for the Hawkesbury, as it remains today.





A Macquarie Town 1810 Relax & Enjoy