

REGIONAL RESTORATION – Camden, Taralga and Goulburn

AS AT 17 July 2025

3 – 5 October 2025

Regional Restoration offers a long weekend in regional NSW exploring the historic homesteads and buildings of some of our HHA Members.

Delve into the history of Dr Crookston's house in Camden, admire the restoration of both 'Lynburn' and 'Claremont Manor' in Goulburn and learn about the Hillas family with a guided tour of 'Hillasmount' in Bannaby.

Day 1 - Friday 3 October, Camden Depart Central Station (Coach Bay tbc) @ 9:00am

Join the coach at Central Station, Sydney, and head towards Camden.

Tour the two-storey Victorian townhouse, built in 1881 by the Macarthur family, known locally as Dr Crookston's House. Initially named Onslow House, it was occupied by a series of local doctors and briefly by Arthur Macarthur-Onslow. From 1913 to 1981, it was the home and surgery of local doctor Robert Crookston and his wife Zoe.

Morning tea and lunch (included in tour price) are at Dr Crookston's House.

Check in to accommodation at The Argyle Inn in Taralga, lovingly restored to showcase the Victorian heritage of the building (c1875) but with a contemporary edge. Take a guided walk in Taralga, a town that once had just two houses, an orchard and one small area of land cleared sown to wheat.

Dinner - included in the tour price – is served at The Argyle Inn.

Day 2 - Saturday 4 October, Crookwell and Bannaby

In the morning, take a scenic drive to the charming town of Crookwell, viewing historic buildings and notable gardens, indulging in local produce at quaint cafes and bakeries and exploring unique boutiques and galleries that showcase the work of local artisans.

After lunch – included – head to the heritage-listed Hillas Farm in Bannaby.

The Hillas homestead, built in the 1870s, is a single storey lathe and plaster home, with a detached stone kitchen/storage and associated outbuildings that have all had significant restoration work. We also visit the impressive shearing shed and the former Bannaby Dance Hall.

Dinner is again at The Argyle Inn and included in the tour price.

Day 3 - Sunday 5 October, Goulburn

On the final day, enjoy a tour of 'Lynburn', an elegant representation of a Georgian two-storey residence with fine iron lacework. Built in 1883, it was originally used as a school and has also been a boarding house as well as a private home.

Visit 'Claremont Manor', a two-storey stone residence which was built as a school for Miss M. Wright in 1872. It remains a reflection of the Goulburn's social and economic development.

After lunch return to Central Station where our tour ends at approximately 5pm.

To book, please click [here](#). For further information, please contact HHA tour coordinator Nick Jordan, 02-9252-5554.