

Q Station Spring Highlights

WHAT'S ON

Spring Specials, History Week Community Day & Wedding Fair

Rejoice in the beauty and freshness of the season with a visit to the **award winning Q Station**, tucked away in a breathtaking position at North Head in the natural lush setting of Sydney Harbour National Park.

Spring at Q Station focuses on celebrations with a range of activities including **History Week Community Day** and the **Wedding Fair** which both highlight the wonderful setting and rich history of the site. For those wanting a weekend away to rejuvenate, there is also a great **Spring Fair weekend package** available that is sure to delight.

The former Quarantine Station is a must see destination offering relaxing **accommodation**, a **Visitor Centre** on Quarantine Wharf; the sumptuous **Boilerhouse Restaurant** situated close to the beach; and a range of fascinating **historical tours**.

A Sumptuous Spring Package

Q Station is offering a wonderful spring weekend package for two with fine dining, great wines and one of the best night's sleep you will ever have. Perfect for a little quiet time for couples before the school holidays start again or a Father's Day celebration without the kids. Enjoy a romantic meal at the Boilerhouse Restaurant, wake up to the beautiful harbour views and take a morning walk to North Head where you might get a glimpse of a whale!

Q Station is offering an exciting **Spring Fair package** at only **\$140 per person** which includes:

- One nights' accommodation in a double room
- A sumptuous 3 course meal for two in the Boilerhouse Restaurant
- Delicious buffet breakfast
- Relaxing late check out at 12noon
- A bottle of wine and chocolates upon arrival

Valid: Offer is valid from 1st Sep – 30th Nov, 2009
Cost: \$140 per person (based on two people double room)
Conditions: Subject to availability

History Week Community Day - Saturday 5th September 2009

On **Saturday 5th September, Q Station** will immerse visitors in its history, heritage, architecture and design during its annual '**Community Day**' as part of History Week, an initiative of the History Council of NSW.

The official theme for this year's History Week is **Scandals, Crime and Corruption**, which promises a wild journey of discovery through the dark shadows of Q Station's past.

Since 1837 and the quarantine of the immigrant ship the Lady MacNaughten, Sydney's Quarantine Station has been spurned by 147 years of isolated scandals, crime and corruption. Community Day will be an opportunity to learn about some of the Station's most intriguing characters, their experience being incarcerated and how quarantining helped shaped Australian history.

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Q Station will open its doors to present the latest in today's historical research, fascinating stories, artefacts and experiences about both our past and ourselves today in the form of exhibitions, photographic displays and guided tours.

Honorary Associate Professor **Paul Lancaster**, The College of Nursing's Honorary Archivist, **Judith Cornell AM** and Q Station's Curator **Anna Williams** will be presenting tours and interesting insight into Q Station's history and heritage from the people who worked there to the those quarantined.

Community Day is for lovers of history, local adventurers looking to discover North Head's best-kept secret and families who will love the opportunity to explore and be entertained. Face painting and craft activities will be running throughout the day at the Kid's Activity Space and the National Parks & Wildlife Service will be presenting a 'Native Animal Show', and leading a 'Wild Flower Walk' to discover some of North Head's native flora and fauna.

Event Title: Community Day
Date: Saturday, 5 September, 2009
Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm
Cost: Free*
Location: Q Station, North Head Scenic Drive, Manly
Specials: Buffet Lunch available at Boilerhouse Restaurant - \$35 pp; kids \$17.50
Enquiries: 02 9466 1511; visitorcentre@qstation.com.au
Website: www.qstation.com.au
Bookings: Essential

** Entry and most activities are free; however guests wanting to have a guided tour, lunch or dinner at The Boilerhouse Restaurant, or overnight accommodation, will need to pre-book with additional costs.*

Wedding Fair - Sunday 27th September

Q Station is fast becoming a favourite destination for weddings thanks to a unique location, exceptional venues and delicious catering. From intimate weddings to large scale celebrations, Q Station are experts at staging weddings that the bride, groom and their guests will remember forever.

The recently opened **historic cottages**, which are hidden away from the rest of the site's accommodation, offer a level of privacy for wedding parties. The perfect space for the bride and her bridesmaids to get ready for the big day or as a getaway for honeymooners.

On **Sunday 27th September**, Q Station will host an intimate '**Wedding Fair**' which will showcase the impressive reception and ceremony areas of the site. The day will offer information involved on all aspects of hosting your special day including assistance on photography, wedding cakes, celebrants, decorations, hair/makeup, invitations and wedding gifts.

There is also an opportunity to win some fantastic prizes and any guests that attend and book a winter wedding for 2010 will receive a bottle of Moët for the Bridal Suite.

Date: Sunday 27th September, 2009
Time: 11am – 4pm
Activities: Showcasing four ceremony venues and five reception venues

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**Call Q Station for further information and accommodation availability on 02 9466 1500
 or book online at www.qstation.com.au.**

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EDITORS NOTE

About History Week

History Week was initiated by the History Council in 1997 to showcase the rich, diverse history being produced by organisations and individuals across the state. With over 200 events across NSW, History Week is about celebrating the best in community and professional history, highlighting its role in our cultural life and inviting people to get involved.

During History Week, community groups, local councils, libraries, archives, museums, universities, cultural institutions, professional and amateur historians across NSW open their doors to present the latest in today's historical research - fascinating stories, artifacts and experiences about both our past and ourselves today.

About Q Station

Q Station offers **accommodation and conference facilities** with spectacular views of Sydney Harbour; **Visitor Centre** on Quarantine Wharf, the **Boilerhouse Restaurant** situated close to the beach; **interactive tours** and **school education programs**.

From the 1830s to 1984 migrant ships arriving in Sydney with suspected contagious disease stopped inside North Head and off-loaded their passengers and crew into quarantine to protect local residents from becoming sick. In some instances, Sydney residents suspected of contagious disease were removed from their homes and quarantined with the immigrants.

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