



## The Hunter Connection

### Coach tour of the Hunter Valley

Visit Buchanan, Stroud, Tahlee, Newcastle

Saturday and Sunday

**1 & 2 August 2009**

#### The Hunter Valley

Visit the Hunter Valley and experience family memories in Buchanan, Stroud and Tahlee – then as a guest of the Dean attend a thanksgiving service at Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle. Much of the early history of the Cowper family is centred on locations in the Hunter district and this fully air-conditioned coach trip will kindle memories of William's children as they settled in a new land.

#### Itinerary

##### Saturday 1 August 2009

Depart Sydney travelling to **Buchanan** for morning tea and thence to **Stroud**. Thanksgiving Service in the historic Church of St John the Evangelist, and a chance to explore the former Australian Agricultural Company (AACo) town before lunch provided by the Friends of St John. After lunch we travel down the historic Buckett's Way to **Tahlee**, former headquarters of the AACo and home to William Macquarie (William's son) and later his daughter Eliza (William's granddaughter) where we will have a barbeque meal. Overnight at Tahlee.

##### Sunday 2 August 2009

After breakfast we travel to **Newcastle** for the Thanksgiving Service at 11.30 am at Christ Church to mark the anniversary of its opening in 1814.

Lunch and the trip home

#### Family connections

We will visit the picturesque **Buchanan Galleries**, set in the historic school built on land donated by Mary Stephena (William's elder daughter) and her husband George Brooks for morning tea. Many of George and Mary's descendants still live locally. Then on to **Stroud**, where William Macquarie lived and worked from his parish Church of St John the Evangelist with his wife Margaret by his side. Here the Friends of St John will provide lunch before we head for Port Stephens and historic **Tahlee** where William Macquarie commenced his Australian ministry as chaplain to the Australian Agricultural Company and later his daughter, Eliza lived with her husband Robert White. After staying overnight at **Tahlee** we travel to **Newcastle** for a Thanksgiving Service on the anniversary of the Christ Church Cathedral's opening by Lachlan Macquarie and William Cowper on 2 August 1818.

**The coach component is contingent upon the level of interest among family members. A final itinerary, arrival and departure times will be published closer to the event. The committee will keep all intending participants fully informed**

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