

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

UNLOCKING THE PAST: THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF KINCHELA ABORIGINAL BOYS TRAINING HOME & THE MACLEAY VALLEY, MACLEAY VALLEY, MID NORTH COAST OF NSW



Image by Peter Solness

On this 3 day, 2 night tour, participants will encounter important stories and views of history that connect to the heritage listed Stolen Generations site, the Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Training Home, and reveal the depth of its personal and social impacts. Further exploration of the Macleay valley will place the events within past and ongoing cultural and historical context.

Note: Exact timing to be advised once flight information becomes available.

Hosted by: Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC) in partnership with Design 5 – Architects



Day One – Sunday 10 September 2023 (L, D)

Please make your own travel arrangements to arrive at Port Macquarie by 1100 hours.

Suggested flight:

Qantas flight QF2162 departing Sydney at 10:45am, arriving Port Macquarie 11:45am

Coach will depart Port Macquarie Airport from 11:45am flight and travel to the Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council Office at 14 Aston St, Port Macquarie.

Welcome to Country and introduction to Biripi Country and colonial legacies in Port Macquarie provided by Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council at 1200 hours, lunch will be provided.

Visit Government House at 2 Clarence St Port Macquarie. Discuss colonisation settlement patterns in NSW, finish at 1315 hours.

Travel by coach to Kempsey (45 minutes).

Kempsey Railway Station visit. Welcome to Dunghutti Country and the legacies of colonisation in the Macleay Valley.

Interpret the mechanisms used in Stolen Generations, guided by a Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Training Home Survivor.

Visit the Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Training Home (KBH) site, guided by Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Training Home Survivors. Truth-telling and discussion including a screening of The Kinchela Boys animation with KBH Mobile Education Centre bus.

Enjoy an Aboriginal Bush Tucker dinner at the Kempsey Showgrounds (venue TBC).

Accommodation: Park Drive Motel (typical 1960s style Australian drive-in motel) x 2 nights

161 Smith St (Pacific Highway), Kempsey New South Wales 2440

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Day Two – Monday 11 September 2023 (B, L, D)

Barbecue breakfast at Park Drive Motel

Visit the Kempsey Museum, designed by Glen Murcutt AO. Discuss contrast between popular Australian historical themes and the relative invisibility of 60,000 years of Aboriginal history and culture.

Visit Bellbrook, a historic logging village located in upper Macleay with a significant Aboriginal history. A local Aboriginal guide and Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Training Home survivor will share the story of removal from Bellbrook to Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Training Home.

Travel to KBH Site, with lunch provided upon arrival.



Second Truth-telling and discussion session led Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Training Home Survivors. Will include a visit out to the 'KBH Farm Site', very significant fig tree and discussion of the proposed Healing Centre development.

Drive through of Smithtown village. A Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Training Home survivor discusses employment at the Nestle Factory and boxing fights at Smithtown Hall.

Travel to South West Rocks. Dinner at the South West Rocks Surf Club

Day Three – Tuesday 12 September 2023 (B, L)

Please settle any incidentals on your room account and check out of your hotel.

Breakfast at Old School Building, South West Rocks, a strongly associated site with many Survivor stories.

Visit Smokey Cape, South West Rocks for a guided tour of Aboriginal cultural landscape with a local Aboriginal guide.

Visit Trial Bay Gaol in Arakoon National Park, South West Rocks for European Colonial history overlaid with further Aboriginal cultural landscape.

Enjoy fish and chips for lunch at Hat Head, typical coastal fishing village.

Discover more footprints left by KBH survivors in the wider community, with photographs of KBH boys amongst surf lifesaving memorabilia. An opportunity for conversation and reflections at Hat Head beach.

Return transfer to Port Macquarie.

Departure Port Macquarie late afternoon/early evening.

Suggested flight:

Qantas flight QF2169 departing Port Macquarie at 4:35pm, arriving Sydney at 5:40pm

Rex Airlines flight ZL6375 departing Port Macquarie at 5:10pm, arriving Sydney at 6:20pm

End of arrangements

Tour Cost:

\$1,060.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$1,180.00 per person based on single occupancy

Tour Inclusions:

- Accommodation as specified (where possible)
- Sightseeing including coach transport and guided experiences, commencing from Port Macquarie airport as per the itinerary
- English speaking commentary
- Breakfast daily and other meals as specified (Breakfast = B, Lunch = L, Dinner = D) including 1 x cultural dinner experience

**Not Included**

- Airfares to/from Port Macquarie
- Meals other than specified
- Personal expenses
- Beverages & anything not specifically mentioned

Airfares

Domestic airfares to pre and post tour destinations are not included in the ground cost of the tour. You may still register on the pre and post tours if you have not finalised your travel arrangements. On completion of the registration form, you will be issued with an access key, which you need to record as this key allows you to access and update your booking and registration details at a later date.

Restrictions/Accessibility: Not suitable for wheelchairs or persons with limited mobility

Fitness level: Gentle

Minimum number of participants: 16

Maximum number of participants: 40

Is French speaking commentary available: No