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Everyone's Invited to Q Station's Community Day

Manly's historic Q Station is throwing open the gates on April 10 for its Community Day, part of the National Trust Heritage Festival.

The Community Day will allow people to discover the fascinating past of the former quarantine station, with an abundance of activities on offer from 10am to 4pm, from themed history tours and exhibitions to a kids' activity space.

Reflecting the Festival's theme "The Making of Our Nation", a highlight of the day will be a series of talks by historian and author Perry McIntyre, who will examine what it was like for immigrants to be quarantined on arrival in Australia and discuss how those people helped form our nation.

Visitors will also be able to explore the waterfront property taking in the Luggage Store Visitor Information Centre, Boilerhouse Restaurant, conference facilities and beautifully restored heritage accommodation, while enjoying the site's spectacular harbour views.

Other key features of the Community Day program include:

- Wharf Wonder Tour* for a brief overview of the history of Q Station
- Poetry Writing Competition with special guest judge historian Perry McIntyre
- Kids Activity Space for face painting and craft activities
- Wildflower Walks* led by National Parks and Wildlife
- Wildlife encounters to meet native animals including possums and snakes
- Quarantine Station Story Tour* to learn about the experiences of early day quarantine guests.

Entry and experiences are free except for the Quarantine Station Tour, with any proceeds going to local charity, Bear Cottage, the first children's hospice in NSW.

For full details contact Q Station on 02 9466 1551 or visit www.qstation.com.au

* bookings are essential for selected tours.

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