

Night Life

A fashion exhibition of the 1920s and 30s

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General Information:

- **When does the exhibition open?**

The exhibition opens on Monday 5th May and closes on Sunday 30 July 2017.

The exhibition is open daily from 10am to 4pm.

The exhibition will also be open on Public Holidays.

- **Where is the exhibition?**

The exhibition is held inside Rippon Lea House and Gardens.

Rippon Lea House and Gardens
192 Hotham Street
Elsternwick VIC 3185
Australia

You can contact Rippon Lea directly on (03) 9519 9000 or call the National Trust Bookings Office on 9656 9889.

- **Will the mansion feature its original furniture and fixtures? Will it be open for tours?**

The exhibition is presented inside Rippon Lea House. During this time the internal furniture and fixtures of the mansion may have been removed, adjusted or replaced to accommodate the exhibition pieces. Regular mansion tours won't be offered during this time.

All original furniture and fixtures will be re-installed and presented once the exhibition has ended. House tours will also re-commence after the exhibition period.

- **How do I purchase tickets?**

Tickets can be purchased online at nightlifecostumes.com.au or at the door.

You can also contact our Bookings Office on (03) 9656 9889 or email bookings@nattrust.com.au to process tickets (Monday to Friday). Tickets are sent by email at the time of booking and credit card payment is required.

Please note your ticket does not include a tour of the mansion. Regular mansion tours won't be offered during the exhibition period and will only re-commence once all the original furniture and fixtures are re-installed.

Planning your visit:

- **How long does it take to see the exhibition?**

We recommend planning at least one hour for your visit. The exhibition is a self-guided exhibition.

Travel Options -

By Car:

Rippon Lea is located approximately 7 kilometres from Melbourne's CBD, in the bayside suburb of Elsternwick.

Parking is available locally should you wish to drive (Melways reference 67 F2) - Please note that there is no onsite parking.

Public Transport:

By Train

The property is a five minute walk from Rippon Lea Station, on the Sandringham Line.

By Tram

Catch Tram Route 67 (to Carnegie) to stop number 42 – Tram Tracker ID 2042

Tracker Stop ID 1042 (to Melbourne University)

By Bus

The 216 or 219 Bus departs from Queen Street in the City on the south east corner of Queen and Collins Streets. Depending on traffic the journey takes 30 – 45 minutes. There is a stop directly outside Rippon Lea Estate. Ask the driver to set you down at the first stop after Glen Eira Road.

Where is the nearest ATM?

An ANZ ATM is located on Glen Eira Road, Ripponlea. This is approximately 5 minutes' walk from Rippon Lea Estate.

- **Is there disabled access?**

The mansion is a double storey building, with costumes located on both levels. We have a mobility ramp to the lower level of the mansion, but the upper level can only be accessed by stairs.

Should you have mobility issues where offsite parking is problematic please call the duty supervisor (03) 9523 6095 to arrange suitable access. To accommodate requests we prefer 24 hours' notice.

The Rippon Lea Gatehouse has disabled bathroom facilities and there is disabled access to the ground floor only of the Mansion.

Please note that the garden paths are gravel and can make wheelchair access difficult. Please speak to the staff in the Gatehouse for a map which highlights the more wheelchair friendly paths.

- **Prams permitted?**

Prams are permitted inside the gardens, however are not permitted inside the mansion. We do not have a cloak room on site.

- **Is there onsite parking?**

Parking is available locally only.

- **Is there disabled parking on site?**

Limited disabled parking is available on site. Should you have mobility issues where offsite parking is problematic please call the duty supervisor (03) 9523 6095 to arrange suitable access. To accommodate requests we prefer 24 hours' notice.

- **Is there a Café on site?**

A café is located on site. This is open daily, 10am to 4pm with last orders at 3pm.

We have a selection of sweet and savoury options available for purchase. The Café has Eftpos facilities.

- **Do we need to make a reservation for the café?**

Reservations are available for group sittings of ten or more people. In order to make a reservation, please contact our Bookings Office on (03) 9656 9889 for details on available packages.

All groups of less than ten are on a walk in basis.

- **Can I bring a picnic and sit in the grounds?**

Picnics are encouraged! We have plenty of space in the gardens for you and your family to have a picnic lunch. Please remember to take all rubbish home with you.

- **Is there a gift shop?**

We have a gift shop on site, with a wide range of merchandise for the Night Life Exhibition and National Trust of Australia (Victoria) items, as well as other items for purchase. The gift shop has Eftpos facilities.

- **Can I take photographs in the exhibition?**

Yes, you can take photographs in the exhibition, however please remember to turn off the flash mode. If you're posting to social media make sure to hashtag #NightLifeRippon #NationalTrustVic and tag us to allow us to repost your pics!

- **Will I be able to see the Mansion and its furnishings?**

The Mansion will be transformed into the elegant world of the 1920's and 1930's. During this time the internal furniture and fixtures of the mansion may have been removed, adjusted or replaced to accommodate the exhibition pieces.

Tickets:

- **Do I need to pre-book tickets online?**

We highly recommend pre-booking tickets to avoid long queues. Pre-booked tickets are available [here](#). A \$0.30 online booking fee applies to each ticket purchased.

Tickets can also be purchased upon arrival at Rippon Lea Estate.

- **Ticket pricing?**

Adult- \$20

Concession- \$18

Child (5-15) - \$10

Family of four (2 adults and 2 children) - \$50

NT Member Adult- \$17

NT Member Concession- \$16

NT Member Child (5-15) - \$7.50

NT Member Family (2 adults and 2 children)- \$45.00

- **I am unable to attend the exhibition - Can I get a refund?**

Unfortunately, our tickets are non-refundable, however you are welcome to give the tickets to a friend or family member.

- **Can I make a group booking?**

If you have a group of 10 or more people, please contact the National Trust Bookings Office on (03) 9656 9889 or email bookings@nattrust.com.au to discuss group bookings.

- **Do you accept concession cards?**

Yes, we accept Seniors Cards, Pensioner Cards, Health- Care Cards and Student Cards as valid forms of Concession.

Please ensure you bring your concession card along to present to staff on site.