



HERITAGE FESTIVAL EVENTS 2026

This year's Canberra and Region Heritage Festival theme is 'Mid-Century – innovation, change and optimism' and many of the National Trust (ACT)'s events have a distinctively 'mid-century modern' focus!

The annual **ACT Heritage Oration** will be presented by **Tim Ross**, an architecture and design enthusiast who will talk about the mid-century design legacy of Canberra, the national importance of our modernist capital and the threats our residential icons now face. Several suburbs from the mid-century period of Canberra's development will feature – **Kambah, Hackett, Campbell, Hughes and Swinger Hill** – as well as tours of a mid-century house and the **National Library of Australia**, an iconic mid-century modern building.

But we are not ignoring other important heritage places and ideas!

Our **Open Day at Gungahlin Homestead** in Crace, features one of the early pioneering properties in the ACT where you can enjoy guided tours and other activities. The **Heritage Polaris** is a must for keen cyclists to challenge themselves and learn more about Canberra's heritage at the same time. We have other events featuring past Prime Ministers, the Griffins' vision of Canberra and suburbs such as Acton and Reid. There will be plenty to do this Heritage Festival with the National Trust events and many others too.

Full details of all events will be on the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival website <https://www.environment.act.gov.au/heritage/heritage-festival> from 5 March.

A list of the National Trust events, with dates and booking details, is attached.





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DATE	TIME	EVENT	BOOKINGS
Sat 11 April	10 am–2.30 pm	National Trust Open Day at Gungahlin Homestead	Bookings not required
Sun 12 April	10–11 am	Canberra's Emerald Tower – the MLC Tower Civic (with Rohan Goyne)	trybooking.com/DHSES
Sun 12 April	2–4 pm	Kambah – Mid-Century Modern Suburb	trybooking.com/DHSDW
Wed 15 April	2–4 pm	Hackett – Mid-Century Modern Suburb Heritage Walk (with AGHS)	trybooking.com/DHPPE
Sat 18 April	6 am–4 pm	National Trust Heritage Polaris	heritagepolaris.com.au/
Sun 19 April	10–11 am	Two More PMs (with Rohan Goyne)	trybooking.com/DHSEW
Sun 19 April	2–4 pm	Tracing Time: From Old Canberra to Modern (with CRHR and St Johns Schoolhouse Museum)	trybooking.com/DHNNHY
Wed 22 April	9.30–11 am	Mid-Century Modern at the NLA (with NLA)	trybooking.com/DHSDI
Thurs 23 April	12-2pm	Precursors to Modernism – talk (with Reid Residents Assoc.)	trybooking.com/DHVMU
Sun 26 April	9.30–11.30 am	Campbell – Mid-Century Modern Suburb Heritage Walk	trybooking.com/DHOGX
Tues 28 April	6.00–8.00 pm	Tim Ross Presents National Trust Heritage Oration	trybooking.com/DHSUT
Sat 2 May	10 am–11 am	Mid-Century Modern House tour	trybooking.com/DHTDK
Sat 2 May	11.30–12.30	Mid-Century Modern House tour (repeat)	trybooking.com/DHTDK
Sat 2 May	2–4 pm	Axes of a Nation: Walking the Griffin's Vision (with WBGS)	trybooking.com/DHUQH
Sun 3 May	10am–12pm	Hughes – Mid-Century Modern Suburb Heritage Walk	trybooking.com/DHUIO
Wed 6 May	9.30–11 am	Mid-Century Modern at the NLA (repeat) (with NLA)	trybooking.com/DHSDI
Sat 9 May	9.30–11.30 am	Swinger Hill – Mid-Century Modern Suburb Heritage Walk	trybooking.com/DHUAN
Sun 10 May	9.30–11.30 am	Acton Peninsula Heritage Walk (with CRHR)	trybooking.com/DHUIN

