

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# HISTORY HOUSE VENUE BROCHURE







# ABOUT THE VENUE

Welcome to History House, a unique venue on one of Sydney's most culturally and historically significant streets – Macquarie Street. On Gadigal Country, prominent architect George Allen Mansfield designed the house in 1871 for his politician uncle George Oakes as a 'first-class residence on Macquarie Street'.

Over the last 150 years, the building has changed owners, names, and uses. However, it has maintained many of the original Victorian Italianate-style features. Much of the beauty of the house lies in its fine timberwork. The staircase is made of cedar, as are the doors and doorcases with carved mahogany detailing. History House has two rooms available for venue hire.

The reception room, originally the drawing and dining rooms, are complete with original fireplaces and are furnished with period furniture, paintings and chandeliers. The auditorium, which replaced the original service wing, was built in 1970 and is also available for functions. A fully equipped kitchen is located between the auditorium and reception rooms.

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# TYPES OF EVENTS



History House is the perfect venue for many event types, including:

- Conferences
- Annual General Meetings
- Corporate Meetings
- Award Ceremonies
- Book Launches
- Panel Discussions
- Professional Networking
- Community Group Gatherings
- Cocktail parties
- Wine Tasting

The venue can also be used for film and photography shoots.

There is a fully-equipped kitchen and we can work with your caterer of choice. The RAHS can also organise tea/coffee/biscuits for meetings.

We are happy to organise a venue visit to discuss your function requirements and those of your guests.



# RECEPTION ROOM



Step into the elegance of the Victorian era and let the History House reception room be the setting for your next memorable event. Features include:

- Interconnecting drawing and dining room to form one large reception room space
- Grand cedar staircase in the entrance hall
- High ceilings with crystal chandeliers
- Excellent acoustics
- Air-conditioned
- Suitable for events for up to 80 people
- Discrete, separate access for caterers and suppliers

This room is suited for networking events, community gatherings, book launches and cocktail parties.

# THE AUDITORIUM



The auditorium is located in the 1970s extension. It is well-equipped and can be configured to suit different activities, including workshops, lectures and meetings. Features include:

- Internet access
- Digital projectors
- Lectern and microphones
- Laptop computer or bring your own devices
- Airconditioning
- Theatre-style seating for an audience of 50 people.
- Excellent acoustics

This room is suited for seminars, annual general meetings and workshops.

We recommend that you host presentations and talks in the auditorium and then invite your guests to enjoy refreshments in the reception rooms.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## LOCATION AND PARKING

History House is located close to the heart of Sydney, accessible by public transport, and overlooks the Botanic Gardens. The nearest train station is Martin Place.

Metered on-street parking is available. Wilson Parking offers secure parking at Hudson House Car Park, located at 131 Macquarie St in the Sydney CBD.

## FACILITIES AND DISABILITY ACCESS

There is lift access to the auditorium and reception rooms from the basement level via Phillip Lane. All bathroom facilities are on the basement level and are accessible via the lift.

## BOOKINGS

If you are interested in enquiring about bookings, then please contact us on 02 9247 8001 or email [history@rahs.org.au](mailto:history@rahs.org.au).

You can find information on pricing, as well as the venue hire terms and conditions, on our website.

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Pilgrim Inn Blaxland, RAHS excursion 1934 (RAHS Glass slide collection)

## ABOUT US

The Royal Australian Historical Society (RAHS) is a membership organisation that encourages all Australians to understand their history. Founded in 1901, the RAHS has been at the forefront of collecting, researching, writing and communicating all aspects of Australian history. We also organise events and excursions for members and friends.

We own our state heritage-listed premises, History House, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney. History House is where our team of employees and volunteers run our activities. This landmark building also houses our library and provides the RAHS with opportunities to generate rental, venue-hire and event income.

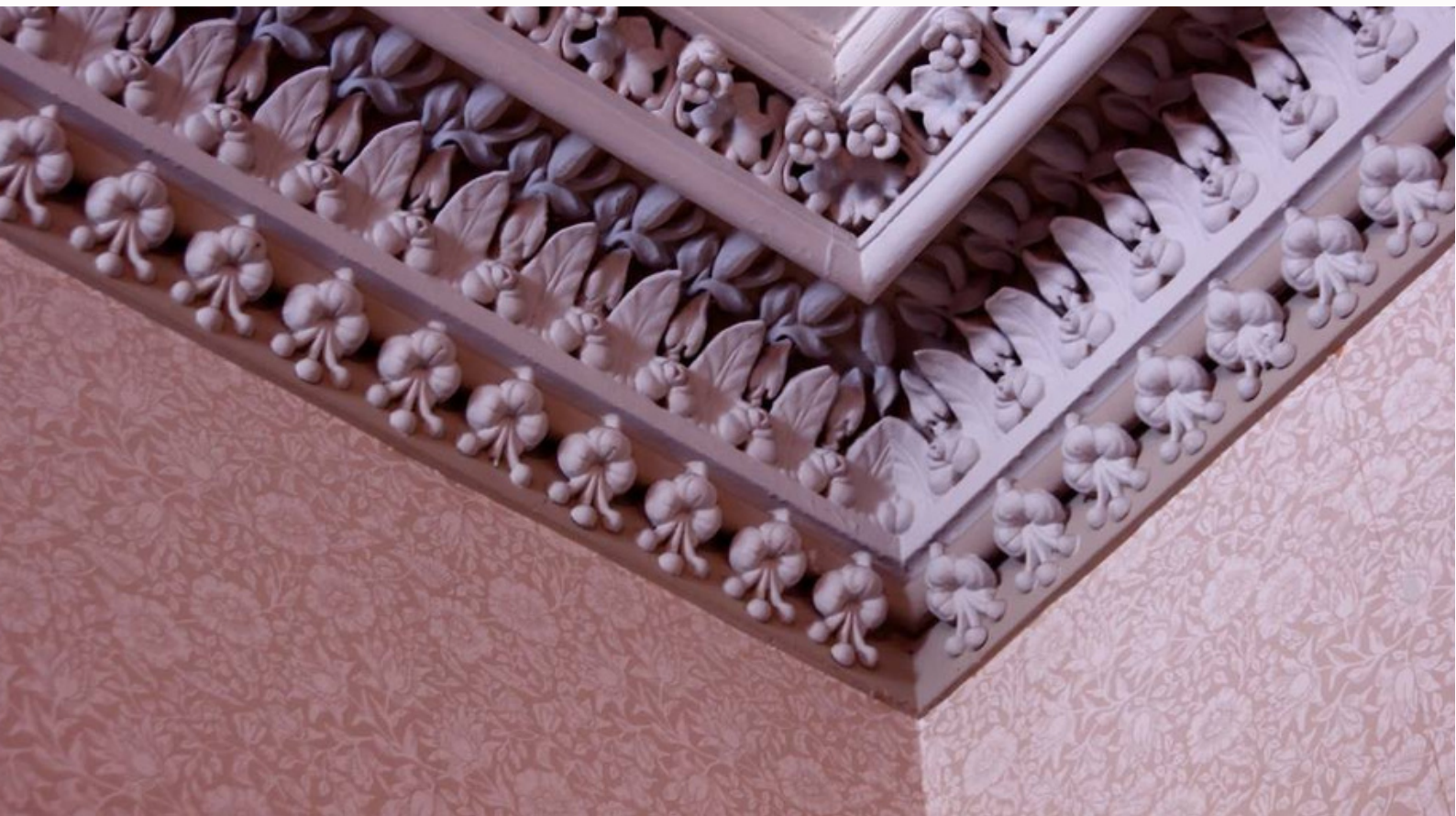
We are a registered not-for-profit charity with full deductible gift recipient status, so we can receive tax-deductible donations. Our current fundraising focus is our History House Building Project.

**MORE INFORMATION**

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