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WHAT'S ON

history rocks

Fab days: The Beatles wave to Sydney fans in 1964 and (below) model Jean Shrimpton in 1965



The past is coming alive in vibrant style, writes **Xanthe Kleinig**

THERE will be no shortage of variety during History Week. Among the gems we've found is the chance to have a cuppa with a former Australian cricket captain, hear stories of sex, drugs and rock'n'roll in Sydney's underbelly and revisit the birth of the mini skirt.

Winning costumes

Designing The Best Games Ever With Costume Designer Jennifer Irwin, Powerhouse Discovery Centre Open Day, 172 Showground Rd, Castle Hill; Saturday, September 11, noon and 1.30pm, adult \$16, child \$10, bookings recommended, 9762 1300, castlehill.powerhousemuseum.com

Join Jennifer Irwin for a discussion of costumes she designed for the 2000 Sydney Olympic opening and closing ceremonies. View costumes and props (pictured above) and learn about the processes Irwin used.

It's a crying shame

Tears On The Football Field: The Losses Of Contemporary Australian Manhood, Australian History Museum, Room 126, Building W6A Macquarie University, North Ryde; Wednesday, September 8, noon-2pm, free, bookings essential, 9850 8870

Ever since Paul Licuria (pictured) fell crying into the arms of Mick Malthouse at the end of a 2002 grand final, those AFL players have had a

reputation as sissies. Social historian Dr Leigh Boucher looks at some of the most tearful moments.

Fever pitched

Faces On The Pitch: A History Of Hurstville Oval, Booth Saunders Pavilion, Hurstville Oval, Dora St; Thursday, September 9, 10am-noon, free, morning tea included, bookings essential, 9330 6444
Swing into action at the ground where many cricket greats, including The Don himself, honed their skills. Former Australian captain Brian Booth (pictured batting) will be guest speaker along with the authors of *Hurstville Oval 1899-2001*.

Walk on the wild side

Rock'n'Roll Heritage Trail, walking tour of Kings Cross, meeting place advised on booking; Sunday, September 12, 2pm-4pm, free, bookings essential, 9217 0330
Powerhouse Museum curator Peter Cox takes this tour through the old Cross telling the stories from the days when it was the epicentre of Sydney's music scene. There was, for instance, the Sydney Stadium where the biggest names, including The Beatles, performed. The tour is not suitable for children.

Be a crime to miss it

Faces From The Underworld, Nicholson Museum, University Of Sydney; Tuesday, September 7, 6pm-7.30pm, free, bookings,

90352 2812, nicholson.museum@sydney.edu.au

Before Melbourne's gangland killings and Sydney's bikies there was another underworld with just as many colourful characters. University Of Sydney scholars shine a light on Australia's more shadowy past.

Dressed to impress

Fashion In The Street Circa 1940-70, Eryldene Historic House And Garden, 17 Macintosh St, Gordon; Saturday-Sunday, September 11-12, 10am-4pm, parade at 1pm, adult \$8, conc \$6, child \$4, family \$18, 9498 2271

From war-time austerity through to the flared '70s, fashion underwent a revolution. Enjoy a parade of clothes, followed by high tea (bookings required) and wander the home's historic garden of azaleas and camellias, propagated by gardening expert Professor E.G. Waterhouse.

● History Week, until September 12, for more events visit historycouncilnsw.org.au

