

11th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2009
Australian and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine
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Perth, Western Australia
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Suggested Day Program For ANZSHM Conference
New Norcia Friday 2 October 2009

- 10.30am **Meet with the Monks:** an insight into the rhythms of Benedictine life by one of the monks with an opportunity to ask questions
- 11.15am **Private Guided Town Tour:** An opportunity to see 'behind closed doors' in Australia's only monastic town. As you see some of New Norcia's richly decorated buildings, 27 of which are listed on the National Trust and not otherwise accessible to the public, your guide will introduce you to the town's eclectic Monastic, Aboriginal and European heritage. Highlights include the monks' private chapel within the monastery and beautifully frescoed College Chapels.
- 1.00pm Enjoy **Lunch** at the **New Norcia Hotel**
- 2.00pm Visit New Norcia's Library to view a display of old medical books including many on homeopathy and physiology.
- 2.30pm **New Norcia Museum & Art Gallery & Gift Shop (Open 9am-4.30pm Daily)**
New Norcia is home to one of the finest collections of moveable heritage in Australia. Gifts from the Queen of Spain and a fascinating array of artifacts tell the story of New Norcia's 160 year old history. The Galleries feature religious paintings by Spanish and Italian Masters and Australian Contemporary Artists. The Gift Shops offers a range of local produce (including New Norcia Abbey Wines, Bread, Nutcake, Pan Choc & Olive Oil), art, books and music.

'In almost thirty years of constant traveling around the world, I have seldom found a place so clarifying and calm as New Norcia. It makes you think again about what matters; it returns you to a sense of stillness and community that's hard to find in the modern world; it refreshes the soul better than any holiday. The only hardship of coming here, is leaving.'

Pico Iyer, Author & Travel Writer for *Time Magazine* & *The New Yorker*