

MEDIA RELEASE

MAKE HISTORY AT SOVEREIGN HILL THIS AUTUMN

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This week Sovereign Hill launches 'Amazing Autumn', an exciting new seasonal program inviting visitors to re-connect with the knowledge and skills of rare arts, crafts and trades.

During Autumn, visitors will discover traditional craft through a range of hands-on activities that include making rope using original fibres and hand-cranked machines, making colourful candles using rainbow colours and learning gold panning techniques from the experts. Visitors will be able to watch and learn from our expert craftspeople as they smelt metal over hot furnaces, make boiled lollies using traditional ingredients and techniques, and create wood furniture using original methods and machines.

Available through online booking only tickets cost \$39 for adults, \$20 for children or \$99 for a family of four, five or six.

For a full list of activities, experiences and suggested itineraries available this Autumn visit:

sovereignhill.com.au/autumn2021

Dedicated to keeping near forgotten trades and skills alive and thriving, Sovereign Hill also announced the launch of a nationally significant Centre for Rare Arts and Forgotten Trades (CRAFT) in November last year. CRAFT will draw on Sovereign Hill's showcase of rare trades and invite new artisan partners to collaborate. CRAFT will open in June 2022.

For more information please visit: **sovereignhill.com.au/masterplan**

To ensure Sovereign Hill is safe and secure, masks are advised when unable to physically distance, on-site payments will be conducted via contactless bank card and sanitisation stations and clear social distancing signage are active throughout the site.

Sovereign Hill Museums Association is a not-for-profit organisation that provides immersive experiences connecting the past to today like no-one else can.

Comments from Katrina Nitschke, Deputy CEO

"Autumn is the perfect time for our visitors to learn and discover traditional skills passed down from the gold rushes. It is an invitation to explore and be inspired by traditions of the past and, by doing so, play a part in the ongoing preservation of these skills."

"We're delighted to be inviting visitors to experience Autumn at Sovereign Hill as they reconnect with family and friends while discovering new, traditional hands-on skills. Visitors can play their part in making history at Sovereign Hill with our hands-on workshops and live demonstrations with our expert craftspeople."

"Safeguarding the knowledge of rare arts, crafts and trades is a vital part of our national heritage and Sovereign Hill is dedicated to ensuring they thrive and are able to inspire future generations."

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