

**LAPEROUSE MUSEUM**  
**Botany Bay National Park (North)**  
**Anzac Parade, La Perouse 2036**  
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Open Sunday  
 10.00am – 4.00pm

Managed by NSW Office of Environment  
 and Heritage(OEH)

### LAPEROUSE MUSEUM

The Laperouse Museum is located in the historic Cable Station building on La Perouse Headland, on the northern shore of Botany Bay and provides a detailed account of the 1785 – 1788 scientific expedition to the Pacific, commanded by French Navigator, Jean-Francois de Galaup, Comte de Laperouse who arrived at Botany Bay on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1788 to observe the activities of the British.

After 6 weeks the expedition with its two ships Astrolabe & Boussole departed from Botany Bay on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1788 never to be seen again. In 1827 wreckage from the ships was located in the Solomon Islands and the research of the site continues to the present day. Objects recovered from the wrecks are featured in the Laperouse Museum.

The story is ongoing !

The Museum was developed as a joint Franco – Australian Project, conceived by the Laperouse Association for the Australian Bicentenary, whose voluntary effort and dedication secured the investment of several million dollars in corporate and individual sponsorships to establish the Museum which was officially opened on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1988.

Subsequently, the Laperouse Association was reconstituted as the Friends of the Laperouse Museum to maintain ongoing community support for the Museum and its activities.

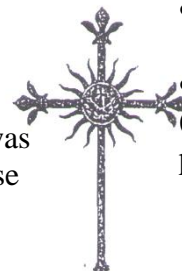
### FRIENDS OF THE LAPEROUSE MUSEUM INC.

Our aims are to:

- Increase public awareness of the Museum
- Promote the Museum as a resource for education and research
- Develop and support community events
- Work co-operatively with the OEH and stakeholders for the benefit of the Museum and the site.
- Seek sponsorship & fundraising opportunities for the Museum
- Perpetuate and further strengthen the long lasting ties between Australia and France

### BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

- Free admission to the Museum
- Invitations to exhibitions and events
- Talks and functions
- Participation in Museum activities



### KEY ANNUAL EVENTS

- Pere Receveur Mass – 17th February(if a Sunday or the one following)
  - Laperouse Day – March (varying)
  - Bastille Day – 14<sup>th</sup> July
  - Foundation of the Monument – 6<sup>th</sup> September (varying)
  - AGM – talk & lunch – November (varying)
- (Dates may vary to provide for community participation)

### PÈRE RECEVEUR GRAVE

Père Receveur, a Franciscan Friar, was both chaplain and naturalist onboard the expedition. He died at Botany Bay on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1788 and a tomb now marks his grave site.

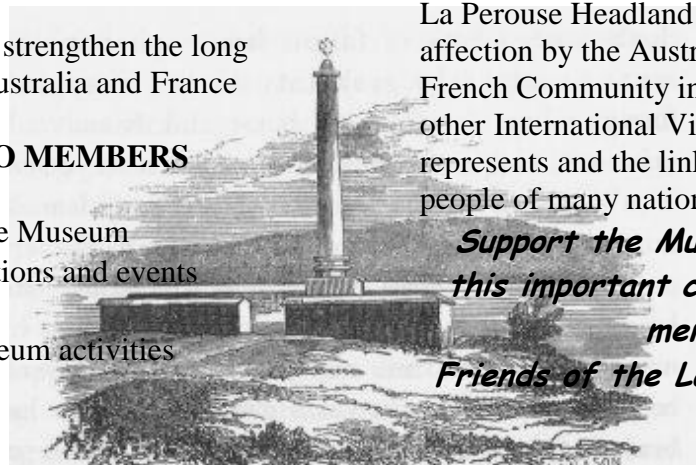
### LAPEROUSE MONUMENT

In September, 1825 Hyacinth de Bougainville laid the foundation stone for a monument which he commissioned on the site to commemorate the visit of Laperouse to Australia. Both the monument and Receveur’s tomb are attributed to Bougainville and were completed in 1828.

La Perouse Headland is held with great affection by the Australian Community, the French Community in Australia, French and other International Visitors, for the history it represents and the link it provides with the people of many nations.

*Support the Museum, help maintain this important connection, become a member....*

*Friends of the Laperouse Museum Inc*



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

(Please print all details)



Name/s .....

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Address: .....

.....P/C.....

Tel:.....(h).....(b)

.....(mob)

Email: .....

**Membership Category – please tick**

Single \$ 25     Concession \$ 20

Family \$ 40     Corporate \$ 400

**Please tick** If you approve of the Friends providing your contact details for the purpose of invitations for functions, events, etc (eg: to the French Consulate, Randwick City Council & NPWS)

I enclose my cheque / money order for \$.....

Payable to Friends of the Laperouse Museum Inc.

Or

I have transferred \$..... to the following account: BSB: 082 274 A/C: 855237978

(Subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year).

Signature: ..... / /

Please send this form and your payment/details to:

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Front Cover: from the sketch “View of the anchorage of the French Frigates at the island of Maui” – Lieut. François Blondéla, Astrolabe - 1786.

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