

Things to see and do

Art, music & theatre at home in Penrith

Penrith Valley is well known for its regional role as a centre for retail and leisure, but it is also a leader in the performing and visual arts.

The *Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre* is the home of the acclaimed professional *Q Theatre Company* and the *Penrith Symphony Orchestra*, one of Australia's leading community orchestras. It is also the *Penrith Conservatorium of Music*, the largest music teaching institution outside the Sydney CBD.

The *Acting Factory* also presents live outdoor productions of Shakespeare in one of our riverside reserves in February and March each year.

The visual arts are also well catered for with the *Penrith Regional Gallery & the Lewers Bequest* whose unique art collection and historic archive is regarded as an outstanding accessible national resource for Australian art from the 1930s to the 80s. Enjoy a lovely picnic lunch in the gallery's beautiful riverside gardens when you visit.




You can also have fun learning new things in Penrith Valley. Come and see how we used to live at the local history museum, the *Arms of Australia Inn*. See how newspapers were produced before computers by seeing the working equipment at the Penrith Museum of Printing. Or experience the drama and danger of fire and fire fighting at the Museum of Fire. Or find out more about the heavens above at the *University of Western Sydney Observatory*.

And at St Marys is Mamre Homestead, built by the renowned historical figure, Rev. Samuel Marsden, where you can enjoy a meal or a snack at the tearooms or visit the plant nursery.



SHAKESPEARE BY THE RIVER 2008



Experience live outdoor twilight theatre in Regatta Park, River Rd, Emu Plains
'Twelfth Night' Sat 16 February to Sun 9 March.
Entry by donation
No bookings required








The Acting Factory
www.actingfactory.com

As You Like It, 2007 - photos by Bob Seary



**Penrith
Symphony
Orchestra**

Join Penrith Symphony in 2008 as it celebrates its 20th birthday

Opening with a festive Gala Concert on 29th March, in the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith, the orchestra's 2008 season also features many favourites from the classical repertoire, as well as exciting new Australian compositions. For full details of PSO's Subscription Concert Series, "Pops for Tots" concerts for children, and other performances throughout the year, visit www.pso.org.au or call 1300 789 118.