# Visiting Cascades Female Factory Historic Site: key messages for trade partners



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#### About the experience:

- The Cascades Female Factory is Australia's most significant historic site associated with female convicts. Nestled in the shadow of kunanyi/ Mount Wellington, the site holds the stories of the thousands of women and children imprisoned. These stories have often been neglected. We bring them into the light.
- Walk in the footsteps of the convict women and children. Hear their stories of strength, courage, loss and love with one of our expert guides.
- Immerse yourself in this space, lean in, listen, and feel the impact of these stories.
- Explore our Research Room, finding your own family connection to this story.
- Visiting our site can be both emotional and rewarding. The stories are often tragic, but also inspire hope and resilience.

## How do people feel when they leave here?

- Emotionally connected to the women and children who lived here.
- Surprised they didn't know the history and treatment of female convicts.
- Curious about their own family history, driven to find connections to this story.
- Fortunate to live now, grateful to the strong women who came before them.
- Motivated to support women and children, reflecting on the challenges still faced.

## What are the main reasons why people recommend that others should visit?

- To experience and understand the female convict story.
- To honour the women and children who lived here.
- To experience how the site connects the female convict story with contemporary female stories.
- To visit the baby name wall, and pay respect to the many children born here.
- To access the Research Room and trace their family connections.

### **About Cascades Female Factory**

Cascades Female Factory makes up one of the 11 World Heritage Australian Convict Sites and is the most significant representation of the female convict experience in the country. It offers an important and engaging look at the role of women during the convict era and the echoes of their influence in contemporary Australia. Importantly, it also shares the Aboriginal histories of the site.

From 1828 to 1856 over 6,000 convict women spent time at the Cascades Female Factory, each with their own story to tell.

**The Convict Women's Tour** is a 45-minute comprehensive introduction to the site and is offered several times each day. It provides insights into the history of the Female Factory, the convict system of punishment and reform, and offers a glimpse of what convict life was like for the thousands of women transported to Van Diemen's Land.

#### The Notorious Strumpets & Dangerous Girls

storytelling experience is an emotional journey through the stories of seven remarkable convict women who faced life's hardships with resilience. It is held on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

#### PRICES: Site Entry + Convict Women's Tour

- Adult \$35.00
- Child \$20.00
- Concession \$25.00
- Family \$ 90.00

#### Add on - Notorious Strumpets and Dangerous Girls

- Adult \$15.00
- Child \$10.00
- Concession \$10.00
- Family \$ 60.00

## **Education Program**

Our education programs help bring to life the stories of the women who spent time within the walls of the Cascades Female Factory. We also have a range of resources to support student learning before and after your visit. Please note that our education programs are designed for primary and secondary school students.

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