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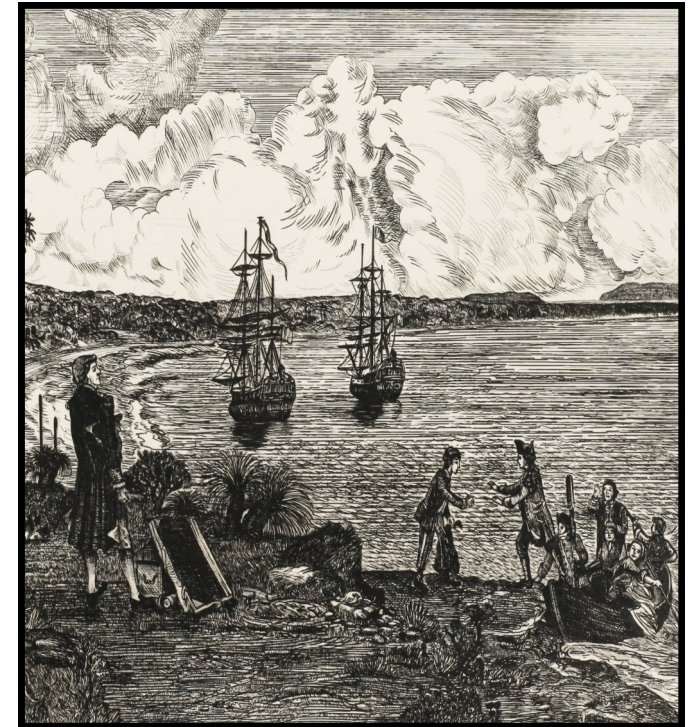
**Bastille Day celebration at the  
Laperouse Monument**

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**LAPEROUSE MUSEUM**  
**Anzac Parade, La Perouse 2036**

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**LAPEROUSE MUSEUM**

The Laperouse Museum is located in the historic Cable Station building on the 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, Admiral Jean-Francois de Galaup, Comte de Laperouse who arrived at Botany Bay on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1788.

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 Inc. dedicated 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 La Perouse Museum & Headland Trust and other 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**

- \* Invitation to exhibitions and events
- \* Invitation to some free functions
- \* Invitation to lectures
- \* Participation in Museum activities



**KEY ANNUAL EVENTS**

- \* Pere Receveur Mass – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. in February.
- \* Laperouse Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in March
- \* Bastille Day – 14<sup>th</sup> July
- \* AGM – Meeting & the Annual *Pierre Roussel* Memorial lecture –November.

**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 gravesite.

**LAPEROUSE MONUMENT**

In September 1825, Hyacinth de Bougainville laid the foundation stone for a monument that 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.

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

***Support the Museum and help maintain this important connection by becoming a member.***

