

# Lucy Osburn-Nightingale Museum

Sydney Hospital, Macquarie Street, Sydney



Lucy Osburn



Florence Nightingale

Members of the 8am service are invited to enjoy a tour of the museum on Tuesday 9 July.

Payment of \$5 per person will be made when you arrive at the museum, but it would be helpful to know numbers in advance.

Please RSVP by Friday 5 July by either calling/emailing the office or registering via the church website.



Please make your own way to the bronze sculpture Il Porcellino (Boar) at the front of Sydney Eye Hospital in Macquarie Street by 10am to meet Dea Richardson so that we can join the 10:30am tour.

At the conclusion of the tour (approximately 12:00pm) we will visit the non-denominational Hospital Chapel.

It would be lovely if those who have time were then able to have coffee/lunch together at the Hospital Coffee Shop rooms.

Lucy Osburn was an English nurse trained at the School of Nursing founded by Florence Nightingale.

Lucy was born on 1 April 1836 in Leeds and died on 22 December 1891 at Harrogate.



Sydney Hospital is the oldest hospital and oldest institution of any sort in Australia. Its current location was established in 1811.

The hospital had its nursing beginnings when the then Premier Henry Parkes appealed to Florence Nightingale for assistance, requesting nurses to reform nursing in New South Wales. They were to be based at the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary and train nurses to institute the new nursing system throughout the colony. A delegation of 5 nurses arrived in Sydney in 1868 to help train future nurses and medical staff. Florence chose the nurses herself headed up by Lucy Osburn. By December Lucy had trained 16 additional nurses at the first secular nurse training facility in the colony.

In 1884, suffering ill health, Lucy resigned and returned to England. She had spent a total of 16 years and eight months working in Sydney. Despite all her difficulties, she had



reformed nursing at Sydney Hospital; trained nurses who spread the Nightingale system of nursing to other hospitals; established that it was necessary for nurses to be trained rather than just learn

from experience; and had validated a system of nursing that put the patient's welfare as the central concern of a nurse.