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3L Plastic Bottles



For the month of **JUNE** we are collecting

3 LITRE PLASTIC BOTTLES

to use to display Female Convict Bonnets at the Lovett Gallery at Newcastle Library in August.

We are collecting them at

"The Barracks"

17 Lindesay St, East Maitland.

We are open on

Wednesdays & Saturdays from 9.30am to 3pm

*Did you know that between 1788 and 1868 about 25, 000 **FEMALE CONVICTS** were transported to Australia. They endured a harrowing six month sea journey before landing at Port Jackson to begin their sentence of 7 years, 14 years or Life sentence. Over 9, 000 of these women and young girls were sent north to Newcastle, Maitland, and further up the Valley for their assignments.*

*Our **Female Convict Bonnet Project** is part of the **Christina Henri's "Roses of the Heart"** Project which she started in Tasmania. We are paying tribute to these remarkable and courageous women, who were the "founding mothers" of this colony, by making a bonnet for each and sharing their stories.*

Thank you for your support,
Vicki Osborn and Mel Woodford