



**National Trust of South Australia
Annual Report 2011/2012**

JOINT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO



David Beaumont



Eric Heapy

It gives us both great pleasure to present the 2011/2012 Annual Report of the National Trust of South Australia.

Since 1955, the National Trust of South Australia (NTSA) has worked actively, as a not for profit organisation, to conserve and protect the heritage of South Australia. However, following the previous decision of the South Australian Government to withdraw funding support, we have now reached a critical point in our history.

Accordingly, the 2011/2012 financial year saw a strong focus on planning for our future which included numerous consultations with Branches, members and our stakeholders. As a consequence, significant changes and improvements are proposed that will improve our governance, operations, and culture.

With our new *Changing our Future – NTSA Strategic Plan 2012-2015* we have consolidated our efforts and made a start against each objective. In the next few years, we will be concentrating particularly on the areas of governance standards, improved financial reporting (including the development of a Finance and Accounting Manual for Branches), fundraising and membership growth. This past year saw work commence on the development of these important initiatives.

Several city heritage tours were run by the Trust and were very well attended. We were a significant contributor to Australian Heritage Week and the About Time History Month conducted by History SA, ran the Heritage Now lecture series and conducted a large Innovation & Invention in Biodiversity Conservation seminar in conjunction with The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre at UniSA.

We can not speak highly enough of the staff of the NTSA. They contribute professionally and unstintingly, often operating in demanding and difficult circumstances. Then there are those members of the Council who give generous support to our work, providing essential resources in specialist areas such as collections, finances, property management, legal

opinion etc. Without the unselfish donation of their considerable time, experience and expertise we would not achieve to the extent we do.

And of course, we are forever grateful for the work undertaken by our hard working, passionate and skilled band of volunteers who contributed 112,000 hrs of their time valued at a staggering \$2.8M.

CORE PROGRAMS

ADVOCACY

Our principal NTSA State Office advocacy event for each year is the release our Heritage@Risk list. This is the 13th year of our Endangered and At Risk program. The event was very professionally enabled by the Adelaide and Inner Suburbs Branch at Ayers House. Alexander Downer was our guest speaker for the release of our 2011 Heritage@Risk list. Alexander presented, to a very receptive audience, challenging ideas for preventing prominent Adelaide City heritage buildings from remaining vacant and falling into disrepair and a public state of disgraceful dilapidation.

Some key advocacy issues led by the Trust

During the past twelve months, the Trust and its Branches ran a number of very effective advocacy campaigns and made submissions for heritage listings. Some examples include:

- Brownhill Creek Recreation Park, a significant heritage Reserve, which faces the threat of construction of a massive concrete dam.
- The Beresford Arms Hotel
- Murray Bridge Internodal
- The White House (Woodville Road)
- The Royal Adelaide Hospital Site
- The Islington Railway Works (below)



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The Trust manages some 31 open spaces, many of which have significant natural heritage value, since they retain a valuable diversity of flora and fauna.



The new walking trails at Wilabalangaloo Reserve were officially re-opened by the Mayor of Berri Barmera at a launch held at the Reserve in September 2011.

Wilabalangaloo is home to a variety of native flora and fauna and the walking trail leads to a beautiful view of the River Murray. (see front cover) and a quirky iron spiral staircase on top of the cliff face. This gives access to a platform with stunning views either way along the river. The Reserve takes its name from the Aboriginal name for the spectacular red, yellow and brown river cliffs.

Natural Heritage Events included a presentation on Koonamore station vegetation monitoring by Dr Russell Sinclair at Beaumont House in April, a Biodiversity Conservation Forum held at the Hawke Centre, University of SA in May, and an Australian Register of Significant Trees Workshop (with interstate participants) in May at Urrbrae House.

COLLECTIONS 2012

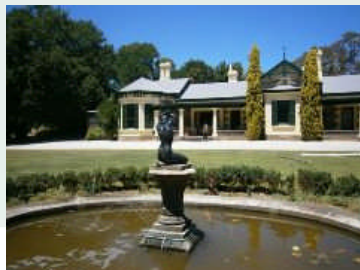
In October 2011 a very successful fire engine rally was held at the *Redruth Gaol* in Burra in conjunction with the Burra Branch's Craft Fair. Fire engine enthusiasts from afar brought their vehicles to join the three engines belonging in the Burra collection and visitors were able to take a ride in the historic machines.



A Community Heritage grant enabled *Artlab* to conduct a Preservation Needs Assessment of the collection at *Collingrove Homestead*.

As a result of this an application for a further grant was successful and will enable some of the fragile works to be conserved.

The rollout of Mosaic continues slowly in Branches with volunteers meticulously recording their collections onto the database which will eventually document the whole National Trust collection.



Some Branches have followed the provisions of the Collection Management Policy and have disposed of items in their collections which are no longer relevant. The money raised may be used to contribute to the development of new displays telling more stories in our museums.

FUNDRAISING

Gail Chorlton was appointed Manager of Marketing & Development in September 2011, heading up a brand

new department focusing on Marketing (Branding, Communications, Events) Fundraising and Business Development for the Trust.

Gail brings extensive experience to the role, having previously worked in many senior positions such as CEO, Regional Management, Marketing Management and Commercial Management within each of the Corporate, Private, Government and Not-for-profit sectors. Gail has also served on many Boards and Industry Committees.

Gail's first task was to commence work on the development of The Trust's Fundraising Plan 2012-2015. This Plan is an extensive document outlining all the key elements required for successful fundraising and income generation. The recommendations and programs included are inline with the organisation's overall direction & Strategic Plan.

The Fundraising Plan has now been adopted by Council and the first programs implemented. The Trust has already raised funds through sales of the Entertainment Book, People's Choice Community Lottery books, an Appeal in June 2012 and has many more marketing and income generating plans in train.

Gail genuinely welcomes your suggestions, input and feedback and looks forward to your ongoing support of the National Trust. You can contact her on 08 8202 9217 or direct through her email at gchorlton@nationaltrustsa.org.au

NATIONAL TRUST PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

Each year, along with other National Trusts from around Australia, the NTSA receives funding from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. These funds are utilised on a variety of heritage related programs. This past year saw a focus on a number of activities including:

NATIONAL SIGNIFICANT TREE PROGRAM

The NTSA was the lead Trust for this very exciting project which began by conducting an analysis of a national survey about the status of individual Significant Tree Registers. Strong support was provided by the NTSA Significant Tree Committee, which met regularly to devise the format and discussion material for a National Workshop which was conducted at Urrbrae House, Waite Campus, Adelaide on the 3rd & 4th May 2012. This two-day intensive and highly successful workshop was a fundamental element of the project. Delegates representing each of the state and territory Trusts were able to scope proposed methods, logistics and responsibilities for the development, ongoing maintenance and promotion of a Australia wide Register. Key outcomes included:

- Clarification of the key benefits of a national register

- A revised Nomination Form reflecting nationally agreed and uniform criteria for assessing the merits of any tree(s) proposed for individual state or territory Registers and the process by which they may be included on the National Register
- Setting an achievable target for the implementation of the *National Trusts of Australia Register of Significant Trees*
- Establishment of a National Working Group to help progress the implementation of the *National Trusts of Australia Register of Significant Trees*, within the next two years
- A collective desire to utilise cyber-media (including Smart Phone apps), to better educate and engage with the broader community and to encourage their participation in this form of living heritage conservation.

The NTSA was a major driving force behind the move to establish the *National Trusts of Australia Register of Significant Trees* and we were extremely pleased with the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the other National Trusts

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

In line with the theme of this year's Heritage Festival (Innovation and Invention) conducted during April 2012, the NTSA developed a WIKI website (*Innoventionwiki*) as a creative way of providing an alternative pathway of participation for the community.

His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, the Governor of South Australia, launched the website at a function held at Ayers House in April 2012. *Innoventionwiki* celebrates some of the greatest innovations, inventions and stories that make South Australia special. The wiki website can be accessed at www.saheritagefestival.com.au. Many thanks to Sweet Technology for their technical help,

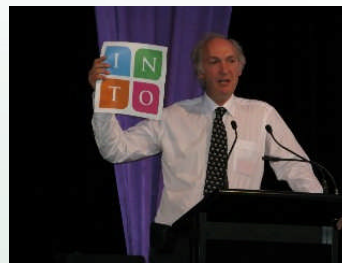


assistance and expertise.

'HERITAGE WITH HEARTBEAT' CONFERENCE



heritage experts to talk about all aspects of heritage buildings.



Simon Molesworth from the International National Trust Organisation gave a passionate speech about the value and importance of heritage to every human being, no

matter where they live.

OTHER EVENTS

- Heritage@Risk Gala Event held at Ayers House on 19 August to launch the exhibition of SA Heritage@Risk 2011
- High Tea at Ayers House to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of South Australia in September 2011
- David Beaumont ran several successful heritage walks throughout the year around the city centre, revealing his wide knowledge of the lesser known buildings and spaces of Adelaide
- A Seminar in conjunction with the Don Dunstan Foundation on building re-use and promoting development with heritage, *ACTIVATING OUR BUILT HERITAGE*, was held in October 2011 at Mary Martin Bookshop and Café in Norwood
- Adelaide & Inner Suburbs Branch ran a walking tour of the West Terrace Cemetery, called *The Living and the Dead*
- Many Branches supported Heritage Month organised by History SA by running special programs and events which contribute to the promotion of the Trust.



OUR PEOPLE

Our Volunteers

A HUGE 'THANK YOU' FOR YOUR WORK

Our team of volunteers all over the State are indispensable, donating thousands of hours to organising events, caring for properties, collections and reserves, serving on committees, keeping a watchful eye on potential threats to our heritage, and in countless other ways. NTSA could not function without our committees and volunteers and we are indebted to them all. During the past year many Branch Committees have given up their time to attend Strategic Planning Workshops, which the CEO, the President and Mr Ray Dundon have held throughout the Regions. Branch feedback has been of great value and we thank all Committee members for taking the time to attend these meetings.

News 2011-12

At the 2011 AGM Sue Scheiffers (Regional Councillor Eyre Peninsula) received the Mocatta Award, to acknowledge the significant



contribution that she has made to the National Trust of South Australia. Sue has continued her valuable work on many Committees, applying for grants and working tirelessly for the "NTSA wiki website."

The Beaumont House Garden Committee recruited a



new team of volunteers who have transformed the garden over the last year.

The aviary was given a 'spring clean' and a major upgrade, and a herb and vegetable

garden has now been established.

A mother Koala with her baby took up residence during the summer and became known by staff as the "Beaumont House koala".



Strategic Planning Workshops took place throughout the State, with the CEO, President and Ray Dundon clocking up many kilometres in travel to the Regions. The Trust would like to acknowledge the extraordinary effort made by Ray to steer the Council through the process of designing a Plan for the Trust for the next three years. As a result of all this hard work the Strategic Directions 2012-15 was formally adopted by Council in April 2012. An Interim Management Board (IMB) was appointed by Council to oversee the implementation of the Strategic Directions and the business affairs of the Trust. The IMB has begun to meet fortnightly to begin the task of putting the Trust back on a sound financial basis.

The Trust said farewell to Vice-President and Chair of the Natural Heritage Committee, Carlsa Carter, in April 2012. Carlsa has worked as a volunteer in Natural Heritage since 1989 and served on NTSA Council for almost 8 years. She continues as a key volunteer in Lenger and Engelbrook Reserves. Her experience and expert knowledge will be sorely missed by Council, and we wish her well with her busy family pursuits.

Our members

The National Trust is a member based not-for-profit organisation and our members play a crucial role in protecting and caring for heritage. Our sincere thanks to all our Branches for providing ways of involving members, while caring for regional heritage.

Your staff 2011-2012

- ❖ Mr Eric Heapy (Chief Executive Officer)
- ❖ Mr Glenn Williams (Natural Heritage Manager)
- ❖ Ms Ellen Martin (Finance Manager)
- ❖ Ms Gail Chorlton (Manager Marketing & Development)
- ❖ Mr Mario Russo (Built Asset Manager)
- ❖ Ms Helen Cartmel (Executive Administrator)
- ❖ Ms Joss Visentin (Senior Administration Officer)
- ❖ Ms Janine Hook (Ayers House Manager)

Your Committees

- ❖ NTSA Council
- Interim Management Board
- ❖ Audit, Finance & Governance
- ❖ Ayers House Advisory
- ❖ Beaumont House Garden
- ❖ Collingrove Advisory
- ❖ Communications
- ❖ Cultural Heritage
- ❖ Collections
- ❖ Education Working Party
- ❖ Natural Heritage
- ❖ Significant Tree
- ❖ Fundraising & Membership
- ❖ Roachdale Advisory
- ❖ Watiparinga Management
- ❖ Regions & Branches

Our Branches

Adelaide & Inner suburbs	Moonta
Auburn	Mount Barker
Beachport	Mount Gambier
Barmera	Mount Lofty
Burnside	Naracoorte
Burra	Overland Corner
Ceduna	Penneshaw
Central Yorke Peninsula	Penola
Clare	Port Elliot
Cleve	Port of Adelaide
Coromandel Valley	Port Pirie
Gawler	Renmark
Goolwa	Robe
Hahndorf	Strathalbyn
Jamestown	Streaky Bay
Kadina	Tea Tree Gully
Keith	Tumby Bay
Kingscote	Victor Harbor
Kingston	Waikerie
Koppio	Wallaroo
Millicent	Whyalla
Minlaton	Willunga

Our Patron

His Excellency Rear Admiral K. Scarce AC
CSC RANR Governor of South Australia.

Your Council

President



David Beaumont

Vice President



Carlsa Carter
(resigned April 2012)

Council members



Marcus Beresford



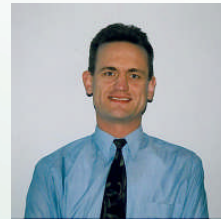
Deborah Morgan



Chris Perriam



Robyn Wight



Michael Loffler
(resigned December 2011)



Prof Norman Etherington

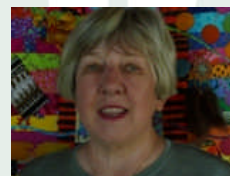
Regional Representatives



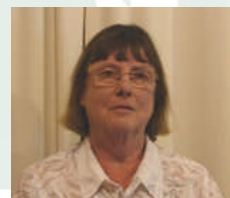
Richard Stewart (Riverland)



Brian McMillan (Southern & Hills)



Marilyn Tucker (Central)



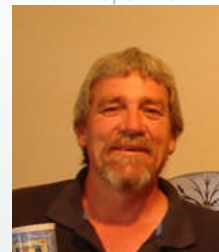
Sue Scheiffers (Eyre Peninsula)



**Darryl Morley (South East-
from Jan 2012)**



John Stafford (South East)



**Neil Nicholson
(Mid-North)**

**COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT
COUNCIL MEETINGS
2011 – 2012 (TOTAL OF 8)**

Name	July 2010 to Dec 2011 (5)	January 2012 to July 2012 (3)
Mr David Beaumont	5	3
Mrs Carlsa Carter	4	2
Mr Michael Loffler	5	3
Mrs Robyn Wight	4	2
Mr Chris Perriam	5	3
Mr Darryl Morley (<i>South East</i>)	-	3
Mr Richard Stewart (<i>Riverland</i>)	3	2
Mrs Sue Scheiffers (<i>Eyre Peninsula</i>)	5	3
Mr Marcus Beresford (<i>Southern/Hills</i>)	3	3
Mrs Deborah Morgan	4	3
Mrs Marilyn Tucker (<i>Central Region</i>)	4	3
Mr Brian McMillan (<i>Southern & Hills</i>)	3	3
Prof Norman Etherington	-	2
Mr John Stafford (SE Region)	2	-

**PORTFOLIO HOLDERS ATTENDANCE AT
INTERIM MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETINGS
APRIL 2012-JULY 2012 (TOTAL OF 5)**

Name	April 2012 to July 2012 (5)
Mr David Beaumont	3
Mr Marcus Beresford	4
Ms Deborah Morgan	4
Mr Brian McMillan	5
Mrs Sue Scheiffers	5
Mrs Marilyn Tucker	5

GRANTS

- Department for Environment and Natural Resources
- History Trust of South Australia
- Adelaide & Mount Lofty Natural Resources Management Board
- National Library of Australia
- General Motors Holden

SPONSORS

We would like to thank the following businesses for their support over the financial year 2011-12.



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