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Upcoming Events - March 4th Mooramong Pool Party

ADDRESS: 635 Mooramong Road Skipton 3361 VIC (Carranballac via Skipton)

PHONE: Bookings Office on 03 9656 9889 Mon-Fri

ENTRY FEES: Tour: \$12 National Trust members: Free

Pool party may incur an extra cost please check.



Claire Adams Silent movie star married to Scobie McKinnon, she was largely responsible for the re-modeling of Mooramong in the 1930's.

The Save Our Station Group (SOS)

An information session regarding the current plans for the rail precinct and alternatives is on Saturday 14th of Jan. at the Provincial Hotel at 9.30. All welcome.

Save Our Station SOS Ballarat

A Plan for Our Historic Station – A Plan for Our Transport

You may have heard about us: John Barnes, Anne Beggs-Sunter, Ron Egeberg, Lorraine Huddle, Gerald Jenzen, Hedley Thomson, in 'The Courier' or been on one of our station tours, checked out our web site <http://saveourstationsosballarat.weebly.com> and/or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/saveourstationballarat/>

NOW come and hear about and discuss our plans for **our Station** and **our Transport**; which proposes to use the \$25m being spent by the Government for greater public benefit than their proposal for 46 serviced apartments, an under-sized convention centre, some small retail shops, and a reduction of around 170 car parks on what is now available.

SOS Ballarat proposes Ballarat Station Precinct as a **true transport hub** with:

- Use of the former Ballarat Goods Shed & surrounds as a fully integrated **undercover** bus interchange: for local, regional & Airport buses – keeping this important heritage building for transport use and the heritage visible inside and out!
- Enhanced use of the Station's platform 2: without a modern additional bridge inside the historic train hall, we provide all-abilities accessibility for rail, bus and car patrons and safer linkages with the bus interchange & car parking areas through a tunnel and four lifts and stairs.
- Improved car parking: on both sides of the train station to almost 500 formalised places.
- Enhanced provision for cyclists and taxis: two parketeers, improved access arrangements.

Developing Ballarat Station as the key component of a **Transport Plan** for a growing Ballarat, we recognise:

- That a future, larger Ballarat will need options other than private cars to realistically be part of the transport mix - public transport being part of the deal, but *not* as a second class option.
- That building a well-integrated bus interchange into the station now makes cost-effective provision for this future.
- That in the interim, additional car parking needs to be provided on site to alleviate spillage onto neighbouring streets, and the loss of amenity and access this entails.

Protecting and celebrating our **nationally significant heritage precinct** (not that you'd know, looking at the neglected condition of many of the buildings and site) we propose to showcase and continue the use of the Goods Shed for public transport uses, and to ensure that our development leaves open options for further transport and community uses in future.

Want to hear more? SOS Ballarat is making a presentation of its proposal and invites you to attend at:

9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m., Saturday 14th January 2017
'Provincial Hotel'

Lydiard St Nth (immediately south of the Lydiard St railway crossing, opposite the Station)

Objections to the Pellicano Development in the Ballarat Rail Precinct

Objections to the Pellicano development can be made by going to a government site - engage.vic.gov.au to view concept plans. To make a submission on line email rdv@rdv.vic.gov.au

Objections must be made by the 22nd of January



Hepburn Graves Statement of Significance

Hepburn graves, Smeaton House, Smeaton, are important as an intact private cemetery, representative of a number of such cemeteries associated with pastoral holdings. The graves have historical associations with the Hepburn family and are an excellent example of the arrangement, elements and plantings of a small nineteenth century cemetery. Captain Hepburn's grave is a notable example of a tombstone of the period.

The Ballarat Branch of the National Trust will continue their work at the cemetery maintaining the graves and keeping the surrounding area in good order.



Former Gatekeepers Cottage. c. 1860.

The fate of the former Gatekeepers cottage Gregory street is unknown, with the site being auctioned on the 4th of February. Before relocation to Gregory street the cottage was in the area of the entrance to the Ballarat Botanic Gardens.

Heritage Weekend 2017 .

Council have decided to move Heritage weekend away from Mothers day and extend the Heritage theme over the entire month of May.

Ballarat Branch meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month 5.30 at Seymour's, Lydiard St. Ballarat.

Want to join the National Trust?

Keep informed of developments relating to our heritage PLUS you can come along with a vibrant local group on events and activities not usually available to the public.

Contact the National Trust Phone: BH 9656 9800 or email: membership@naatrust.com.au or ring the Ballarat Secretary on 5332 8223 for further information <http://www.naatrust.com.au/>