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Message from the Chairman



DR GRAEME L. BLACKMAN OAM WITH TONY BURKE, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR WATSON, MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT, WATER, POPULATION AND COMMUNITIES AT BARWON PARK OPENING

We were honored to welcome Federal Member for Watson the Honorable Tony Burke Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities to formally open the restored Barwon Park Mansion.

The Minister commended the Trust for ensuring local tradespeople and others were fully employed during the restoration work, made possible by the Job's Fund stimulus grant the Trust received.

The Minister also emphasized the Commonwealth's support for the National festival of celebration for our Heritage, which we in Victoria are proud of.

You may also have seen increased media coverage in recent months as the Trust calls for leadership and action by both Melbourne City Council, and the Government to ensure greater planning certainty. The Trust warned that the granting of a permit for the Windsor Hotel tower would lead to further applications in the Bourke Hill precinct and elsewhere. There are now several schemes under consideration which continue the development trend in our capital city ever upwards smashing the current discretionary controls and threatening to make mockery of the planning system. Our engagement with the new government and Minister has been very positive. We have urged them so as to ensure that open, transparent processes are in place and to restore confidence in our planning system.

I was delighted in February to launch the Trust's newly branded city circle W Class tram created thanks to the support of Yarra Trams, to run on the Free City Circle loop. Celebrating the opening of Polly Woodside and the Old Melbourne Gaol's induction into the Victorian Tourism Hall of Fame in 2010.



DR. GRAEME L. BLACKMAN OAM WITH MARTIN PURSLOW AT THE LAUNCH OF THE OLD MELBOURNE GAOL & POLLY WOODSIDE FREE CITY CIRCLE TRAM

It combines our support for conservation: our long running successful campaign to preserve the W Class tram fleet, and sustainable development at Polly Woodside and Old Melbourne Gaol. We hope that the Free City Circle tram spreads the word about the Trust and what it does to a wider audience whilst ensuring that more people visit Trust sites.

Thank you for your continued support of the National Trust.



Dr Graeme L. Blackman OAM
Chairman
The National Trust of Australia (Vic)

Message from the CEO

The Trust *Steam to Surf* Heritage Festival has been extremely successful this year.

The event has been generously supported by the Commonwealth, local Government and dozens of companies of whom deserve our thanks. The event clearly illustrates what the Trust can do at its best. The annual festival has grown significantly since we reintroduced it with the support of our Branch in Geelong as a trial two years ago. I hope that members enjoyed participating in many of the events. Major operators such as Sovereign Hill and Puffing Billy alongside major city councils at Central Goldfields Shire, Ballarat and Geelong and a host of smaller heritage operators have ensured that this has been our most successful event for many years. Next year's event will once again be supported by the Commonwealth Government and we look forward to it growing into a truly National, National Trust annual celebration.



CEO MARTIN PURSLOW WITH SAMANTHA ARMYTAGE AT THE OPENING OF MANNEQUIN

We have seen a record year at Old Melbourne Gaol in 2010/11 and over 7000 people visited the re-launched Polly Woodside in her first month of opening alone. The reintroduction of theater in the gardens at Rippon Lea from January saw over 15000 visitors visit the site generating a significant profit to benefit the property. Gulf Station open day on 14th March was attended by over 800 people who witnessed the completion of the staged restoration, facilities improvement and the return of a number of rare breeds to the site. These works have included the restoration and reinterpretation of the farm homestead,

significant improvements to fencing, paths and garden areas, the construction of a new visitor centre and reception. A shop and cafe are now being planned. Further opening is planned for the Spring.

The recent opening of *Mannequin* at Como saw Samantha Armytage a member of the Como Armytages (and Channel 7 star on *Dancing with the Stars*) gave her time freely to the National Trust of Australia.

Over the Winter we will continue to develop our sites and our conservation advocacy role. On October 27-30 the First National Conference of the National Trust coordinated by the Victorian Trust on the theme *Water's Heritage* will be held at Melbourne's new Conference Centre. Members can find full details on our website and are of course welcome to register for a delegate's discount.



Martin Purslow
CEO
The National Trust of Australia (Vic)

PLEASE GIVE TO THE NATIONAL TRUST 2011 ANNUAL APPEAL, SEE PAGE 10 FOR DETAILS.

A new way to see Gulf Station

Another ordinary day on the farm?



LOCAL CHILDREN ENJOYING THE RESTORATION WORKS AT GULF STATION

The pigs were squealing, the horses neighed, the blacksmith hammered, the shearers clipped, the weavers wove and the fiddlers fiddled.

But this was certainly no ordinary day on the farm. It was an open day to show the community the restoration works at Gulf Station.

Victoria's Labour Day holiday provided a great opportunity to hold a special open day unveiling to the local community, friends and supporters the new presentation of the pioneer farm and the story of the Bell family told in a new and surprising way.

Conserving the property has been a challenge because of the way it was built and constructed. Fortunately a recent Federal grant made it possible to do essential works to revitalize the property using traditional materials and methods replacing like with like. Visitors now enter the site at a new visitor centre made from a 1870s portable

timber building erected with the assistance of the Heritage Council of Victoria.

Project Manager Nicola Stairmand with a team of local Healesville designers met the challenge with a unique approach that has resulted in an exciting and engaging visitor experience. Visual communicators from RedFish Bluefish Creative, Claire and Mike Emmett developed a special printing technique and printed stories and full size graphics of the original furniture onto new calico lining hung from the walls.

The homestead was particularly challenging. The original Hessian used to line the walls was in many places patched, insect ridden and damaged. It supported layers and layers of successive wallpapers the family used to redecorate their home over the century. Each layer shows the family's fluctuating fortunes as more and more elaborate and expensive wallpaper was used.

Visitors can touch the stringy bark logs used as floor joists. "Rather than walking into reproduction rooms of furniture with rope barriers we hope visitors explore the property with a sense of discovery. Trace the Bell family tree painted by a local artist to replicate the wallpaper patterns and uncover their stories of hardship and humour", Martin Green, Interpretations Manager.

**By Martin Green -
Learning & Interpretation Manager**



Domaine Chandon Sparkling Offer

Domaine Chandon, Australia's premium sparkling wine producer, has been crafting traditional method sparkling wines in Victoria's Yarra Valley since 1986.

We are proud to partner with the Victorian National Trust in providing a special wine offer to its members, volunteers and staff.

The **Chandon Collection** includes six of Chandon's finest sparkling wines. A Chandon for every taste and occasion.

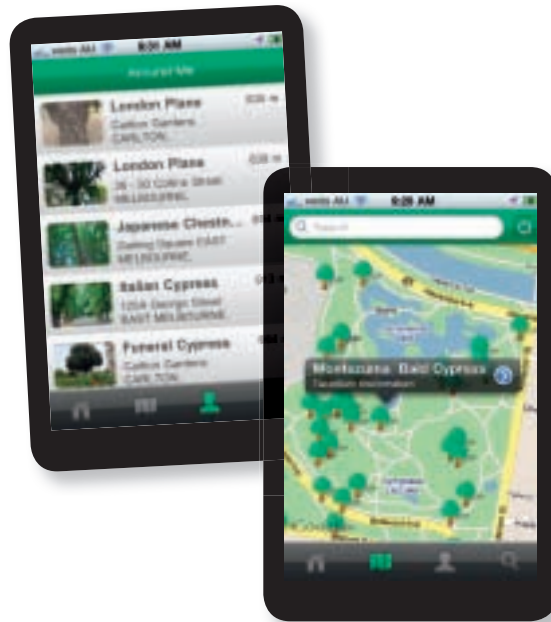
The **Chandon Experience** features three unique sparkling wines and three still wines that capture the diversity and quality of Chandon's wine styles.

Visit www.natstrust.com.au/membership for more information on these two fantastic six pack selections.



Trust Trees officially launched!

The world renowned Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show (MIFGS) saw The Hon. Bruce Atkinson MLC, President of Victoria's Upper House officially launch the National Trust of Australia (Vic) very first iPhone & iPad 'App', Trust Trees. Kristin Stegley, Deputy Chair of the Board of the National Trust of Australia (Vic) and Greg Moore, Chair of the Victorian Significant Trees Committee also spoke at the launch about the ways in which the iPhone 'App' reflects our commitment to innovation and new approaches to inspiring the community to appreciate, conserve and celebrate our natural heritage. The launch was well attended by Local and State Government heritage and parks and gardens representatives



showing the value placed on preserving Australia's natural heritage.

The 'App' is part of the Trust's initiative to use new technologies to preserve our heritage and communicate our message using new social media tools. Along with governments, we are increasingly using the Facebook and Twitter social networking tools to gauge public sentiment about conservation issues. Trust Trees promises to engage a wider audience and will assist Local Governments to identify significant trees in their area and apply appropriate planning controls to provide protection for this important part of our living heritage.

Download the Trust Trees free app from iTunes today.

Mannequin Launch



Channel 7 celebrity Samantha Armytage officially launched the highly anticipated Mannequin Exhibition at Como House.

A descendent of the Como Armytages, Samantha was joined by some of the models featured in the exhibition including Coral Knowles, Diane Masters, Natalie Woodley, Chris Farrell, and board member Kristin Stegley.

The Exhibition is using space at Como House, transforming the rooms into environments replicating a dressing room, photographers' studio and a cat walk.

This is the first time the Armytage furniture has been removed from the house, with the historic collection being safely packed into storage for the duration of the show.

A full public program of events will accompany the exhibition, including our partnership with Madame Brussels. Make your Sunday "Cool for Cats" at Como, where Madame Brussels and her team delight in serving glamorous snacks and fashionable pink bubbles from Jansz. Cool Cats may slink down to the rat pack bar or curl up and purr in the sun on the veranda.

There will also be workshops designed to inspire and bring out your 50s and 60s style and glamour.

For full program details, please visit our website at www.comohouse.com.au



MODELS ARRIVING AT COMO FOR OPENING OF MANNEQUIN.
TOP: DIANE MASTERS, NATALIE WOODLEY, CORAL KNOWLES, CHRISTINE FARRELL, SAMANTHA ARMYTAGE.
PHOTO BY CAROLINE HOLMES

La Trobe Family Life at 'Jolimont'

Story by Helen Armstrong, FOLTC (Friends of La Trobe's Cottage)



FAMILY ENJOYING CROQUET AT LATROBE'S COTTAGE

On Mother's Day the Friends of La Trobe's Cottage will pay tribute to Sophie La Trobe, wife of our pioneering governor, Charles Joseph La Trobe.

Madame La Trobe of Swiss noble background was brought up in a large and imposing house in Neuchâtel and was accustomed to staying at family properties in the picturesque Swiss countryside. One of these was a manor house named 'Jolimont', where she and Charles spent their honeymoon in 1835.

Four years later she accompanied her husband, the newly appointed Superintendent of the Port Phillip District, to take up residence in their small but charming prefabricated home, which they named 'Jolimont'. Their eldest daughter, Agnes, was two years old when they arrived and three other children were subsequently born here: Nelly, Cécile and the youngest, son 'Charley', on Christmas Day 1845.

Sophie was of a delicate constitution and found the heat and dust of early Melbourne very difficult. In one of her letters to Agnes, who had been sent back home to her Swiss relatives to be educated, she said: 'Just now the weather has been so hot and suffocating that it makes one shrink from the very thought of it' (15th December 1850).

Learn more at La Trobe's Cottage on Mother's Day, 8 May from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. All Mothers will receive a flower.



MADAME LATROBE READING LETTER TO AGNES

Mother's Day at Rippon Lea

What better way to spoil mum this Mother's Day than by enjoying High Tea in the magnificent ballroom at Rippon Lea.

Mums can enjoy live entertainment, play croquet on the lawn and take a stroll around the grounds.

High Tea will be served in the Grand Ballroom at 11am and in the afternoon at 2pm.

Book now by visiting www.natrust.com.au/events or phoning 03 9523 6095



RIPPON LEA SITTING ROOM

CBD height limits

Do they stack up?



BIRDSYE VIEW OF BOURKE HILL PRECINCT SHOWING HEIGHT LIMITS AND IMPACT OF NEW TOWERS (NATIONAL TRUST 2010)

Height limits are a hot topic, but what are they and why are they so important? The National Trust team explains.

Height limits are a good thing! Paris is an example of the early 20th Century 'City Beautiful' movement and a fear of the visual and physical congestion of places like New York, combined with a concern for maintaining light and air to the city streets, led to a height limit being established for Melbourne in 1916 of 132 ft (40m).

Until 1960 many buildings were constructed up to this limit, creating sections of uniform streetscapes. However through the late

1950s the limit was steadily abandoned in favour of a 'plot-ratio' formula, allowing taller buildings with open space at ground level. Some outstanding modernist towers were built from the 1950s – 1970s, but most were architecturally undistinguished, with, at best, only a small plaza (the best include BHP House and the National Mutual Building).

1982 Interim Development Order

Consideration of 'built form controls' in the CBD, such as reintroduction of height limits to ensure light and air reached city streets, as well as heritage precincts, were formalised in the 1982 'Interim Development Order'. The most fundamental and far-reaching control was the (re-) introduction of the 40m limit to the central retail area (all city blocks either side of Swanston Street, and one block of Bourke Street to the east). This is an area notable for its pre-Second World War buildings (many up to the 40m

limit), lanes and arcades, and few modern towers. Much of this area was also declared a heritage precinct. Planners describe this vision for a low-rise central 40m limit in the natural valley of Melbourne as a 'dish'.

Other areas were protected by much lower limits, reflecting the actual height of the large stock of older buildings. The height controls in the Bourke Hill Precinct and Little Bourke Street (Chinatown) overlapped heritage precincts. The height limits around Bourke Hill match the heights of the Windsor Hotel and the Princess Theatre. The controls were largely successful with substantial areas of historic buildings protected one way or another.

New format planning schemes

The value of these limits was seen as more or less self evident until the late 1990s when all Victorian Planning Schemes were overhauled into a new, regular format. All mandatory height limits (except the 40m control) were made discretionary. The Trust submitted at the time that this was acceptable so long as it was clear that only "minor variations to preferred heights would be entertained." The Panel Report (1998) agreed with this recommendation but this wording was not ultimately included in the planning scheme. Instead, assessments were to be guided only by often poorly worded one-line 'performance-based outcomes'.

The extent of the central 40m limit area was reduced (with more whittled away since); two blocks were also unexpectedly made discretionary. The block between Flinders and Collins east of Swanston was one, and a 77m tower is now under construction in Flinders Lane behind St Paul's Cathedral. The block between Collins and Little Collins east of Swanston was actually lowered to a 30m discretionary limit, and a 50m tower has been allowed behind Scots' Church on Russell Street. The Bourke Street 40m area has been reduced to a non-mandatory strip 20m deep, but fortunately has not as yet been seriously challenged.

Impact of discretionary height controls in the CBD

The recent proposal to partially demolish the Windsor Hotel and construct a 91m tower was challenged by the Trust through jurisdictions ending up in the Supreme Court. Despite the Trust's comprehensive efforts, a planning permit was issued by the Minister for Planning. The Trust objected to the proposal on a number of grounds. One of the major concerns was that 91m was



PRIME REAL ESTATE IN BOURKE STREET



almost four times the 23m discretionary height limit.

The Design and Development Overlay 2 (DDO2) in the Melbourne Planning Scheme covers all height limits in the CBD. The Bourke Hill precinct includes limits of 15m and 23m which may only be exceeded if specific outcomes and design objectives are met. The Trust was also concerned about the likely precedent this new tower would set in the Bourke Hill precinct. These concerns have now been realised with the reporting by *The Age* in March that a new tower six times the preferred height limit is mooted for the Metro site in Bourke Street.

Argument against performance based controls

The approval of the Windsor tower and others well beyond discretionary height controls demonstrates that the design objectives and outcomes set out in the scheme are not sufficiently strong or clear enough. They encourage developers to construct persuasive arguments for a broad interpretation of planning objectives to the detriment of a specific control.

For example, one of the design objectives of DDO2 is 'to ensure that the height of new buildings reinforces the built form character of unique areas.' The only outcome for the 23m height limit in the Bourke Hill precinct is that 'the parliamentary buildings remain dominant in vistas along Bourke Street.'

The applicant in the Windsor case argued that the inflexibility of a mandatory height control for the Windsor site would 'result in a gross underutilisation of what the Capital City Zone has to offer.' The argument clearly

The previous Minister for Planning appointed an Advisory Committee to provide recommendations about the Windsor development, and in the Terms of Reference also asked for comment on whether discretionary height controls in the precinct should be made mandatory. The Committee reported:

It is no longer clear (if it ever were clear) how the specified heights in DDO2 related to the objectives and outcomes to be achieved.

The DDO2 height controls are a mix of mandatory, preferred, and 'trigger' heights for a more detailed analysis against objectives. They do not always express a height that relates to the objectives or outcomes to be achieved.

It is also clear that it is possible to exceed the 'maximum' height (even by a lot) and still meet the objectives of the Clause. Discretion has been included because there is no clear or unswerving relationship between the height limits set and the objectives or outcomes to be achieved in all areas.

(Report of Advisory Committee, February 2011)

expresses the objectives of the Capital City Zone with little regard for the detailed heritage objectives and built form objectives of this part of the City.

The Bourke Hill precinct is also protected by a Heritage Overlay (HO500). The statement of significance for the Bourke Hill precinct notes the importance of visually dominant heritage buildings and low-scale Victorian buildings that contribute to the character of the area. In the Windsor case this control was trumped by the economic provisions in the *Heritage Act* and the (again)

discretionary requirement of the Executive Director to consider heritage precinct values.

Mandatory height controls in the central City

The Trust believes that mandatory height controls (or controls allowing only very minor deviation) should be re-established in areas previously protected by such controls.

In its report, the Windsor Hotel Advisory Committee considered that there are conflicting controls in the CBD with different objectives that preclude the application of mandatory controls. It argues that mandatory controls over height may limit appropriate development opportunities in the CBD which seek to achieve other economic, design, or tourism outcomes. It concluded that the introduction of mandatory height controls in the Bourke Hill precinct would be contrary to the broader objectives of the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

The Trust has major concerns with this finding. If the objective to encourage economic growth in the City is key to the City's future, then the height controls for Melbourne's skyline will always be a secondary consideration in any planning decision and the discretionary height controls will continually be pushed and subsequently breached.

Mandatory height controls would ensure that the priority of protecting the low-scale built form of parts of Melbourne cannot be misinterpreted. Mandatory height controls can provide clear guidance to developers about what is considered an appropriate height in key areas of the City. The planning scheme should be strengthened to protect the low-scale heritage-rich areas that the discretionary controls are now failing to do.

Heritage advocacy update



QUONSET BUILDING, BENDIGO (ELAINE DOLING, MARCH 2011)

Auto Workshop and Petrol Station (3 Quonset Huts), Golden Square, Bendigo

This structure in Golden Square, Bendigo is historically significant for its connection with the Second World War, and the post-war shortage of building materials. It is constructed from three Quonset huts, manufactured by the thousand by the US during the war, and the elements of this particular structure probably come from Manus Island, the largest US base in the Pacific. The base was later occupied by the Australian Army, and many structures were dismantled in the 1950s and shipped to Australia for sale or government purposes, especially migrant hostels.

Now operating as a workshop, it is under threat of demolition, and the Bendigo Branch has greatly assisted the Buildings Committee and Industrial History Committee with the compilation of a classification report. The Trust has objected to its demolition, and led by the Branch we are having discussions with the City of Greater Bendigo about the future of the building.

Stop press

Minister for Planning Matthew Guy has announced that he will make the final decision on the proposed roundabout and tree removal at the Bacchus Marsh Avenue of Honour. In his media release on 8 April, Minister Guy said "The Heritage Council will hear from relevant parties on all issues regarding this proposal and will provide a report to me. I will then seek advice from the Department of Planning and Community Development prior to making a determination on this matter." The Trust is still scheduled to appear at the Heritage Council hearing on 3 June with expert witnesses.

Community Bank proposal - National Trust and Save Maldon Streetscapes appeal upheld by VCAT

Maldon was recognised by the National Trust in 1966 as Australia's first Notable Town due to it being a remarkably intact historic

town. That award was based on work done by a group of architecture students in 1964. One of those students was Miles Lewis, now Professor Miles Lewis, whose expert evidence was central to the VCAT case.

In 2010 the Mt Alexander Branch of the Trust was very active lobbying Councilors of Mt. Alexander Shire to seek a better outcome on the design proposal for a new community bank in High Street, Maldon. The heritage overlay in Maldon triggers an assessment against the objectives of the *Maldon Design Guidelines*, and our objections were that the proposal did not meet the *Guidelines*.

The Trust subsequently appealed the Shire's decision to issue a permit. VCAT heard the matter in January and its principal finding was that the bank proposal is unacceptable and it can be modified to result in an acceptable outcome in terms of heritage considerations.

VCAT ordered that a permit be issued for the building but with numerous conditions to modify it so that:

- the walls of the building be lowered;
- the parapet be lowered and extended across the frontage;
- a traditional hip or gable roof form be incorporated;
- materials, colours and finishes to be modified, including deletion of the controversial corrugated concrete walls;
- the window design be altered;
- the details of the signage be clarified and the location of signs altered.

The value of the National Trust's employment of Barrister Julie Davis, who largely worked *pro bono* for the Trust, was highlighted by legal argument over interpretation of the mandatory provisions of the scheme. VCAT found that there is discretion in the *Design Guidelines* to allow materials and they cannot constitute mandatory requirements.

Whilst a common sense approach by the Community Bank to design could have saved the trouble of VCAT determining the matter, we are thrilled for Maldon and the local community that the decision satisfies everything that the National Trust and the Save Maldon Streetscapes Group sought at review.

Ms. Jan Warracke for Save Maldon Streetscapes (SMS) said: "VCAT has recognised the extraordinary value of Maldon and the Order acknowledges that a purist approach, rather than interpretive, is appropriate for the town. The extensive

list of conditions imposed on the permit addresses the grounds for review as presented. The SMS group is very pleased with the decision and is looking forward to the next phase."

Cattle grazing in Alpine regions

The Victorian Government's so called 'scientific trial' of cattle grazing in the Alpine National Park could set a precedent that would open the gate for cattle grazing and other damaging activities in National Parks around the Country. In January we wrote to the Federal Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, The Hon Tony Burke MP, expressing our strong opposition to the reintroduction of cattle and calling on him to protect the park by enforcing National heritage provisions, and National environmental laws (e.g. *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*). We also prepared a joint statement with the Victorian National Parks Association and 13 other leading international, National and State-based environment and heritage groups calling on Minister Tony Burke to intervene and halt the trial.



Since then Minister Burke has publicly stated his personal opposition to grazing and on 18 March announced: "The Victorian Government was wrong to reintroduce cattle to the Alpine National Park and I have now determined that it needs to be fully scrutinised under National environmental law."

Coordinated by the VNPA, more than 500 people including Federal environment Minister Tony Burke attended the Box Hill Town Hall on 6 April in a strong show of public opposition to the State Government's alpine grazing trial. Dr Greg Moore, Chair of the Trust's Significant Tress Committee, was among the speakers. Tony Burke told

the crowd that if existing federal laws do not prove strong enough to prevent damaging activities like cattle grazing, he will examine ways to amend the laws to give the Federal Government greater powers to protect national parks for future generations.

More at: <http://www.nattrust.com.au/campaigns>



Deer Park Explosives complex, City of Brimbank

The Trust classified the Deer Park Explosives Complex in 2010. However, the Executive Director Heritage Victoria determined not to add it to the Victorian Heritage Register on the grounds that few of the 19th Century buildings remain, and that the former Explosives Factory

Maribyrnong is a more significant example of explosives manufacturing. Together with the City of Brimbank, the Sunshine & District Historical Society, and the Friends of the Black Powder Mill, we appealed that decision to the Heritage Council on 11 February.

The Heritage Council has ruled against the appeal by the Trust and other parties for inclusion of the site on the Register. The Registrations Committee of the Heritage Council determined that no individual elements at the site were of State significance. The matter now moves back to Brimbank Council.

Ampol House

VCAT has granted a permit for demolition of Ampol House. Unfortunately the debate has been cast into the public eye as an 'either-or' situation - demolish a heritage listed building or lose the opportunity for a new medical research facility for the University of Melbourne. Those were the circumstances that VCAT had to decide upon ("net community benefit") and therefore the decision was somewhat inevitable, despite the City of Melbourne putting up a fight at VCAT. The real problem was that the University selected and acquired a site they knew had a heritage listing and went ahead despite the availability of other land and buildings close by. Read report in *The Age*. View report on ChannelTen news.



Annual appeal is upon us

This year the emphasis is on improving wheelchair, pram and disabled access at our properties.

We have already had great success with access improvement at Gulf Station and Mulberry Hill with ramps and improved landscapes.

Last year saw major restoration at many of our sites including the grotto and porte cochère at Rippon Lea, major restoration of the whole house at Barwon Park, restoration work at Mulberry Hill and at LaTrobe's Cottage.

This year the Trust is seeking to provide for our first lift installation at Portarlington Mill. Access at Portarlington Mill will allow all visitors to enjoy the increasingly

successful art exhibitions held there by our dedicated volunteers. LaTrobe's Cottage has been extensively restored recently and is benefiting from our partnership with the LaTrobe Society and Melbourne City Council. Finally Como and Rippon Lea both have ongoing maintenance requirements that we urge you to support. At Rippon Lea we are busy raising \$750,000 to replace the degraded 1960s cement tile roof with original terra cotta roof. At Como we are in the next phase of securing the redecoration of the exterior and interior, a major project that first calls for some structural work. The Trust needs to raise \$800,000 to complete this work.

Every dollar over \$2 donated is tax deductible, and we thank you as always in advance for your continued support for our stewardship which has seen significantly increased contributions from members in recent years.



IMPROVED WHEELCHAIR AND PRAM ACCESS IS NEEDED AT OUR PROPERTIES.

Obituary

Captain Chris Gordon,
Honorary Member

Mrs Kelsey Gordon,
Honorary Member

The Trust was saddened in early February by the news of Kelsey Gordon's death. Only sixteen days later came news of the death of her husband, Chris, a double blow to bear.

Chris and Kelsey Gordon, an inseparable husband and wife team, were each members of the National Trust for nearly fifty years. They were individually awarded the distinction of Honorary Membership (Chris in 1992 and Kelsey in 2009) for outstanding service to the Trust and the cause of heritage protection in the Geelong region.

Chris and Kelsey were active members of the National Trust in Geelong before the local Branch was even established, and were influential in its formation in 1972. These early members helped to build the reputation for integrity enjoyed by the National Trust which in turn motivated



ordinary citizens to bequeath properties to the new organisation. (Four historic places in the Geelong district were left to the Trust in the years 1969 to 1975.)

Kelsey Gordon was an inaugural Branch Committee Member and later Branch Secretary. An effective participant in innumerable activities, fundraising events and working bees at the Geelong properties, she also assisted in the development of the Women's Committee and Geelong Young Trust.

Chris Gordon too was an inaugural Branch Committee Member, later serving with distinction for many years as Branch Chairman. His determination and devotion to heritage conservation inspired many of those who subsequently became involved with the National Trust, and his term of office saw many positive and lasting heritage outcomes in the Geelong area.

Chris and Kelsey Gordon will be remembered with great affection by all their friends at the Trust. We extend our deep sympathy to their family.

Bargains Galore – A Great Day Out!

Vintage Clothing Sale

A second very successful 'Vintage & Retro' Clothes Sale was held in early April as a fundraiser for the Trust. Thanks to members who took the opportunity to reduce the number of 'pre-loved' clothes in their wardrobes, and also to the tireless work of our Collections volunteers over many months, the National Trust made a profit in excess of \$7,000.

Following the success of last year's sale, the ever-gallant Nance Houen offered her garage once again and spent the better part of the ensuing year, in company with fellow Collections volunteer Libby Howcroft, amassing an amazing array of vintage dresses, suits, evening wear, belts, millinery, scarves, shoes, and much more, for sale. Their sterling work paid off and two beautiful autumn days in April saw large numbers of buyers crowding through the gates to snatch up the bargains.

We extend a huge thank you to Nance, Libby and the many other volunteers who worked tirelessly over those days. Our thanks also go to the management of Schumachers Shoes who generously donated many items of vintage footwear for the sale, and to Paris Kyne, Milliner, for his invaluable support.

We hope to make our Vintage & Retro Clothes Sale an annual event. Please watch these pages for details of how to contribute in 2012.

Heritage Festival Launched!



PICTURED CHRIS MEDDOWS-TAYLOR, MAYOR OF THE CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE, STEVE GIBBONS, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BENDIGO AND PAUL ROSER CONSERVATION MANAGER, THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (VIC)

The Grand Duke Mine at Timor 8kms north of Maryborough was the setting for the launch of the 2011 National Trust *Steam to Surf* Heritage Festival. Hosted by the Shire of Central Goldfields, the festival program was officially launched by Steve Gibbons, Federal Member for Bendigo.

FEDERAL MINISTER TONY BURKE, DARREN CHEESEMAN MEMBER FOR CORANGAMITE, WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL TRUST DR GRAEME BLACKMAN BEING PRESENTED WITH A BOOK FROM LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN



TRUST CHAIRMAN DR GRAEME BLACKMAN, FEDERAL MINISTER TONY BURKE, DARREN CHEESEMAN MEMBER FOR CORANGAMITE WITH SOME OF THE PLASTERERS WHO HAVE WORKED ON THE BARWON PARK RESTORATION.



MILITARY DAY AT BARWON PARK

Barwon Park Military History Festival officially opened by Simon Ramsey MLC Member for Western Victoria, kicked off the Heritage Festival events. Organised by The Military Historical Society Geelong and the Geelong Military Re-enactment Group, in association with the National Trust the event was a spectacular presentation of Australian Military History and Memorabilia from the 1800s through to Vietnam. Over 80 reenactments in authentic military camps and with vehicles and equipment from their individual eras gave presentations and brought history very much to life for all those attending the largest event of its type in Australia.



SIMON RAMSEY MLC MEMBER FOR WESTERN VICTORIA, WITH TRUDITOYNE BARWON PARK PROPERTY MANAGER, MARTIN PURSLOW CEO NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (VIC)



PYROTECHNIC DISPLAY AT BARWON PARK FOR THE MILITARY HISTORY FESTIVAL

In a show of support for the National Trust and our cultural heritage, Tony Burke, Federal Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, officially opened the restoration works at Barwon Park and the 2011 Heritage Festival *Steam to Surf*.

The Minister was also joined by Dr Graeme L Blackman OAM Chairman of the National Trust of Australia (Vic) and Darren Cheeseman Member for Corangamite.



Treasures in Chiltern

On March 18, 2011, Anita Donnelly, Marketing and Partnership Development Manager with Cassandra O'Brien, Media and Communications Coordinator visited the North East Branch in Chiltern where three Trust properties are located.

On the day we met with some great characters, and were lucky enough to have a demonstration by Merv and Barbara at The Federal Standard Printing Works. This is one of the few substantially intact provincial newspaper printeries remaining from the gold mining era.

As the Chiltern area attracted gold prospectors, the first edition of the newspaper appeared on 24 August 1859.

Beryl showed us through the enchanting Lake View House. Lake View was the childhood home of distinguished Australian author Henry Handel Richardson.

The charming red brick house is furnished in period style and contains a small collection of Richardson memorabilia.

Cheryl took us back in time with an exploration through history at Dow's Pharmacy.

Built in 1859, the Pharmacy remained open until 1968 and was operated by Hilda and Roy Dow from 1929. You will find many original shop fittings, records and pharmaceutical equipment. The extent to which retailing and the science of pharmacy and medicine have changed is well highlighted at Dow's Pharmacy.

We hope you can visit Chiltern soon, and experience this lovely town.

For more details visit www.nattrust.com.au

Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership is awarded each year to no more than two people who have rendered distinguished service to the National Trust over many years. In 2010 only one person was so honoured.



MR KEN SCARLETT OAM

Mr Ken Scarlett OAM was elected to Honorary Membership at the Annual General Meeting in November in recognition of his sterling service to the preservation of public art in Victoria and his long contribution to the National Trust's Public Art Committee.

Ken Scarlett is founder, former Chair and stalwart member of the Trust's Public Art Committee. Ken is a well-known and distinguished author, lecturer, curator and tireless advocate for sculpture and art in public places, and a regular contributor to journals both here and abroad.

Ken Scarlett was awarded an OAM in 1996 for services to the arts and in particular to the promotion of Australian sculpture. We congratulate him on his election to Honorary Membership of the National Trust.

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Sarah Stegley

owner of The Inspired Traveller will personally lead and host each of these tours.



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Upcoming Events

MAY 2011 –
NOVEMBER 2011

Following on from a very successful start to the 2011 events calendar across all Trust properties and branches, we have another bumper issue of events for you to get involved with.

Visit www.natstrust.com.au/events for additional information on events. Entry fees apply for Trust members for special fundraising events at Trust properties. 'Members' prices listed are for Trust members only and some events require pre-bookings.

Please note: The event details below are correct at time of printing, but are subject to change. To confirm information, the Trust recommends, phoning properties or visiting www.natstrust.com.au, before purchasing tickets or attending the events.

National Trust Property Events

COMO HOUSE AND GARDEN

Cnr Williams Road & Lechlade Ave, South Yarra

Nicole Jenkins Vintage Presentation Series - Melbourne Fashions of the 1960s

WHEN: 14th May
TIME: 3-4pm
COST: \$25.00. Purchase a Nicole Jenkins Series ticket for \$70.00 for all 3 shows.

Include a ticket for Mannequin exhibition for \$10 extra adult, \$8 concession, NT members no extra charge. Viewing of Mannequin exhibition prior to the presentation.

Presentation on Melbourne fashions of the 1960s, illustrated with garments from Nicole's personal collection.

CONTACT: 03 9827 2500
BOOKINGS: essential on 03 8663 7260

Nicole Jenkins Vintage Presentation Series - Dressing Up: Accessorising in the age of couture

WHEN: 25th June
TIME: 3-4pm
COST: \$25.00. Purchase a Nicole Jenkins Series ticket for \$70.00 for all 3 shows.

Include a ticket for Mannequin exhibition for \$10 extra adult, \$8 conc, NT members no extra charge. Viewing of Mannequin exhibition prior to the presentation.

The final presentation in the series is on how to create the vintage look for different occasions with fashions and accessories of the 1950s and early 1960s.

CONTACT: 03 9827 2500
BOOKINGS: essential on 03 8663 7260

The Glamorous 1950's. A stunning salon showcase of vintage fashion as it was meant to be seen

WHEN: June 19th 2011
TIME: 4:30pm for 5pm start – finishes at 6.00pm
COST: For prices please see our website www.comohouse.com.au

Step back into the golden years of glamour and fall in love with the beauty of authentic 1950's fashion. Immerse yourself in the romance of an intimate salon show, such as was seen in the houses of the great couturiers of the time. This not to be missed opportunity is a vintage dream come to life, hosted by Candice DeVillie.

CONTACT: Julie Dal Pra on 03 9827 2500
BOOKINGS: 03 8663 7260

Meet the Mannequin. Diane Masters - Those were the Days.

WHEN: Thursday April 14th, Thursday May 5th, Thursday June 9th
TIME: 11:00am-12noon
COST: \$ 25.00. Includes entry ticket to Mannequin exhibition for \$10 extra full, \$8 concession, NT members no extra charge. Viewing of Mannequin exhibition prior to and after the presentation.

Diane Masters, joined by Laurie Carew, recalls the Fashion World and personalities of the fabulous Fifties, sharing many marvellous memories.

Contact: Julie Dal Pra 03 98272500
Bookings: 03 8663 7260

The Lindy Charm School for Girls. Vintage Glamour Makeovers

WHEN: Saturday May 7th
TIME: 1pm-4pm
COST: \$60.00. Include a ticket for Mannequin exhibition for \$10 extra, \$8 concession, NT members no extra charge. Viewing of Mannequin exhibition prior to and after the workshop.

If you have ever wanted to become a pin-up girl or you hold a divine interest or penchant for recreating or learning to recreate the vintage beauty of days gone by, then let us *Charm* school you.

The Lindy Charm School for Girls will teach you how to create hairstyles from the 30's to the 50's using traditional and modern methods and how to apply make-up to give a classic, beautiful finish.

Contact: Julie Dal Pra 03 98272500
Bookings: 03 8663 7260

The Lindy Charm School for Girls – Mother's Day Special

WHEN: Sunday May 8th
TIME: 12:00-12:30
COST: \$15.00

Include a ticket for Mannequin exhibition for \$10 extra, \$8 concession, NT members no extra charge. Viewing of Mannequin exhibition prior to and after the presentation.

Join the Lindy Charm School for Girls and have a chuckle during this half hour show, sharing tips, tricks and quirky information about the 30's 40's & 50's whilst witnessing the transformation of a modern day girl chosen from the audience to a glamorous star reminiscent of the golden years of Hollywood.

Contact: Julie Dal Pra 03 98272500
Bookings: 03 8663 7260

Madame Brussels: Cool for Cats at Como

WHEN: Sundays from 10th April
TIME: 1:00pm & 3:00pm sittings
COST: \$44.00, Member: \$34

Accompanying the Mannequin exhibition at Como House Madame Brussels has comprehensively themed two hospitality environments celebrating drinks, design and large personalities of the 50's and 60's.

Contact: Madame Brussels,
phone: 03 9662 2775;
Email: pearls@madamebrussels.com

Mannequin Exhibition – Curator Talks

WHEN: 6 April, 13 April, 20 April, 27 April,
4 May, 11 May, 18 May, 25 May, 1
June, 8 June, 15 June, 22 June, 29 June
TIME: 11:00am -12noon
COST: Adult \$20, Concession \$17,
Child \$14.50, NT Member \$8

Delve behind the scenes of Mannequin and get a glimpse into Melbourne's 1950s and 1960s fashion history.

CONTACT: Julie Dal Pra 03 98272500
BOOKINGS: 03 8663 7260
Web: www.comohouse.com.au/what_s_on
Email: como@nattrust.com.au

Spook Spotters

WHEN: 7 April, 15 May, 2 June, 7 July,
4 August, 4 August
TIME: 6:30pm-8:00pm
COST: \$35 Full, \$30 Concession,
\$25 National Trust Member

Ghost tour of Como House is back by popular demand. In cooperation with Spookspotters, Ghost tours this winter will be more exciting than ever. Not suitable for children under 18 years.

CONTACT: 03 9827 2500
BOOKINGS: 03 8663 7260
Web: www.trybooking.com/Booking/
BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=6977
Email: como@nattrust.com.au

BARWON PARK

105 Inverleigh Rd, Winchelsea

Autumn Concert

WHEN: Sunday 15th May, 2011
TIME: 2:30 pm-4:30 pm
COST: Adult \$ 22.50, Concession \$ 17.50

Light Classical music in the delightful Enclosed Courtyard. View the Mansion from 1.30pm and enjoy the recital followed by refreshments.

Contact: Kristine 03 52 44 3280

Elizabeth Austin – Life & Legacies Display

WHEN: From March – July 2011
COST: Adult \$ 8.50, Concession \$ 6.50,
Family \$ 20.00

A display to commemorate the life and legacies of a most remarkable woman – Elizabeth Austin, pastoralist and philanthropist.

Contact: Trudi Toyne 03 52 67 2209

RIPPON LEA HOUSE AND GARDEN

192 Hotham St, Elsternwick

Night Tours

WHEN: Wednesday evenings throughout
June & July
TIME: 6:30pm- Approx 8:00pm
COST: \$25 or \$21 for NT members and
concession

Themed night tour of Rippon Lea and departs from the gatehouse at 6.30pm sharp. It is not suitable for children under 15 years of age.

CONTACT: Nicole Nolan 03 9519.9005
Bookings are essential and limited to 12 places per night. Call 03 9519.9005

Heritage Festival – Water useage in the Rippon Lea garden

WHEN: Sunday 1st May 2011
TIME: 11:00am – 4:00pm
COST: Adult \$12, Concession \$9, Child \$6.50,
Family \$30

Visitors are given the rare opportunity to experience a tour of the 120 year old irrigation & drainage system lead by the Rippon Lea gardeners.

There will also be 2 open houses for guests that would like to explore the Mansion.

CONTACT: Nicole Nolan 03 9519 9005
BOOKINGS essential as there is a limit of 25 people per tour. Please call Rippon Lea House and Gardens on 03 9519 9005

Mothers Day High Tea

WHEN: Sunday 8th May 2011
TIME: 10:30am-4:00pm
COST: Please visit our website for more details www.ripponleaestate.com.au

What better way to spoil Mum this Mothers Day than by enjoying High Tea in the Grand Ballroom at Rippon Lea House and Gardens. Mums can enjoy a cuppa and fresh scones whilst listening to the beautiful sounds of the harpist, visit the historic mansion and stroll around the gardens.

CONTACT: Nicole Nolan 03 9519 9005
BOOKINGS essential as there is a limit of 150 people per seating. For further information please log onto www.ripponleaestate.com.au

Beleura Twilight Chamber Music at Rippon Lea House and Gardens

WHEN: Sunday April 17
Sunday May 15
Sunday June 19
Sunday July 17
Sunday August 21
Sunday September 18
TIME: 6:30pm-8:30pm
COST: Single Tickets \$40
Single Tickets for NT members \$35
Subscription for any 6 concerts \$210
Subscription for any 4 concerts \$140
Full time students under 25 years,
children and pensioners \$25

CONTACT and BOOKINGS: Team Of Pianists
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Email: info@teamofpianists.com.au
www.teamofpianists.com.au

LABASSA

2 Manor Grove, North Caulfield

Adelphi Players Theatre Company presents Time To Speak by Sylvia Rayman

WHEN: Tuesday 23 August
Thursday 25 August
Friday 26 August
Saturday 27 August
Sunday 28 August
Sunday 28 August

TIME: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 8pm,
Saturday 2pm and 8pm, Sunday 2pm
Approx. 2 hour show
COST: Adult \$15, Concession \$12,
Member \$12

An exciting thriller for the winter season at Labassa. A doctor arrives to find his home occupied by a couple on the run from police. A tense and suspenseful play to keep you on the edge of your seat!

CONTACT: Barbara, Phone: 9690 1593

Open Day

WHEN: Sunday 15 May & Sunday 19 June
TIME: 10:30 am-4:30 pm
COST: Adult \$ 8, Concession \$ 5.50, Child \$ 5.50, Family \$ 20.00, Members Free

Fragments of Time – found under floorboards and in rubble, fragments relating to the Drawing Room, Hallway, Dining Room and Boudoir tell of previous decorative schemes.

Evidence of changes to Labassa's interior decoration prior to its period of interpretation of 1890, have come to light. Not since 1992 have these fragments of wallpapers, mouldings, plaster and glass remnants been on display. More recent garden work has also revealed original tiles, terracotta edging and various glass containers.

Open Day

WHEN: Sunday 17 July
TIME: 10:30am - 4:30pm
11:00am Internal Tour
12:30pm External Tour
2:00pm Internal Tour
COST: Adult \$8.00, Concession \$5.50,
Child \$ 5.50, Family \$20, Members free

Tea Room operates throughout the day.
Bookings not required for tours.

Contact: Labassa 03 9527 6295

LA TROBE'S COTTAGE

Cnr Birdwood Avenue & Dallas Brooks Drive,
Melbourne.

Open House at LaTrobe's Cottage

WHEN: Every Sunday during October to May
TIME: 2:00pm-4:00pm
COST: Adult \$5, Concession \$3, Family \$10,
Members free

Tours will focus on Charles Joseph LaTrobe as the visionary administrator of the Port Phillip District in the early years of the settlement of Melbourne and will provide a fascinating glimpse into family life at his "Jolimont" estate, with his wife Sophie and their children.

Contact: 03 9656 9800

Open House at LaTrobe's Cottage

WHEN: Last Sunday of each Month –
June to September
TIME: 2:00pm-4:00pm
COST: Adult \$5, Concession \$3, Family \$10,
Members free

Tours will focus on Charles Joseph LaTrobe as the visionary administrator of the Port Phillip District in the early years of the settlement of Melbourne and will provide a fascinating glimpse into family life at his "Jolimont" estate, with his wife Sophie and their children.

Contact: 03 9656 9800

Mother's Day at LaTrobe's Cottage

WHEN: Sunday 8 May 2011
TIME: 1:00pm-4:00pm
COST: Adult \$5, Concession/Child \$3,
Family \$10, Members free

Tours will focus on Sophie LaTrobe's role as wife and mother. All mothers will receive a flower.

'We have such splendid chrysanthemums in flower you would say it was a pity to leave home.'

Charles LaTrobe to daughter Agnes, 7 May 1849.

CONTACT Helen Botham 9583 1114 for further information. No bookings required

The Music of Christian Ignatius LaTrobe and His Circle

WHEN: Friday 27 May 2011
TIME: 6:00pm-8:00pm
VENUE: Lyceum Club
Ridgway Place, Melbourne
COST: \$35

Under the direction of Professor Max Cooke, talented pianist Kevin Kanisius Suherman will perform works of Haydn, Mozart and Christian Ignatius LaTrobe. Cocktails and canapés.

BOOKINGSL: Dianne Reilly 03 9646 2112

LaTrobe and the Vignerons A G L Shaw Lecture: LaTrobe Society and Royal Historical Society of Victoria

WHEN: Tuesday 14 June 2011
TIME: 6:00pm-8:00pm
VENUE: Royal Historical Society of Victoria,
239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne
COST: \$25.

Dr David Dunstan will talk about Charles Joseph LaTrobe's relationship with the pioneering Swiss vignerons and the early development of the Victorian wine industry. Refreshments will be served. A warm welcome is extended to Trust members and their friends.

**Bookings to Royal Historical Society of Victoria
on 03 9326 9288**

LaTrobe Exhibition

WHEN: Wednesday 20 July 2011
TIME: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
VENUE: Kay Craddock's Antiquarian Book
Shop, 56 Collins Street, Melbourne
COST: Free admission

Opening of an exhibition of portraits and related memorabilia of Lieutenant-Governor Charles Joseph LaTrobe.

Bookings to Dianne Reilly 03 9646 2112

'Melbourne Open House' at LaTrobe's Cottage

WHEN: Saturday 30 – Sunday 31 July
TIME: 10:00am-4:00pm
COST: Free admission

Visitors will be able to gain an insight into the role played by prefabricated housing for the early colonists in Melbourne, and of family life at the Jolimont estate of Charles Joseph LaTrobe, his wife Sophie and their children.

CONTACT: Lorraine Finlay 03 9563 6363 for further information. No bookings required

PORTABLE IRON HOUSES

399 Coventry Street, South Melbourne VIC 3205
Mel Ref. 2J K2

Guided Historical Walk "From Tents to Terraces"

WHEN: Sunday 15 May
TIME: 1:45 for 2:00 pm start - 4:00 pm
COST: Adult \$ 20, Concession \$ 18,
Member Adult \$ 15

A guided walk around one of Melbourne's earliest suburbs. See how the 1850's gold rush led to an influx of migrants and the rapid development of society.

Contact Pauline Reid, 03 9645 7517

Bookings due by Friday 13 May, 03 9645 7517

Branch Events

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Heritage Hill, Museum and Garden

WHEN: Wednesday 20th July 2011
TIME: 1:30pm-3:30pm
COST: Adult \$ 29.00, Member Adult \$ 24.00
Take a trip back in time and discover Dandenong's unique history. A tour has been arranged to visit Heritage Hill, Historic Precinct Museum and Gardens. Following the tour, enjoy a delicious Devonshire Tea.

Contact: Lesley Barnes 03 9735 5772

Fax: 03 9735 5336

Bookings DUE BY: 12 July 2011

Luncheon

WHEN: Wednesday, 17th August 2011
TIME: 12:30pm-3:00pm
COST: Adult \$ 55, Member Adult \$ 50

Join us for a luncheon at one of Melbourne's prestigious ladies clubs. Enjoy a scrumptious two course lunch with wine. Dietary requirements catered for with prior knowledge. Bookings limited.

Contact: Lesley Barnes 03 9735 5772

Fax: 03 9735 5336

BOOKINGS: essential before 12th August 2011.

Send booking form, cheque or credit card details and stamped, self addressed envelope to Lesley Barnes, 21 Winnetka Drive, Lilydale, 3140.



Upcoming Events (continued)

The Percy Grainger Museum

WHEN: Wednesday 15th June 2011

TIME: 10:00am-11:30am

COST: \$20, Member \$15.00

To celebrate his anniversary, a tour of the Percy Grainger Museum has been arranged. Light refreshments will follow.

Contact: Lesley Barnes 03 9735 5772

Fax: 03 9735 5336

BOOKINGS: essential before 8th June 2011.

Send booking form, cheque or credit card details and stamped, self addressed envelope to Lesley Barnes, 21 Winnetka Drive, Lilydale, 3140.

The Costume Collection, Yarra Park (Bulleen)

WHEN: Tuesday 31st May 2011

TIME: 10:45 am-12:30 pm

COST: Adult \$ 15.00, Child \$ 5, Member Adult \$ 10.00

Meet at the collection for a brief talk by the owner, Loel Thomson at 11am. The tour of this fascinating collection, showing the history of Australian costume from 1788, takes about an hour and a half. There are stairs but they are easy ones. Car parking is available at the sides and back of the building. Join us for lunch at the Old England Hotel – 459 Lower Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg, where the food is great. Lunch at own expense.

Contact: Margaret Walker, 9836 2783

Bookings essential before 26th May 2011. Send booking form, cheque or credit card details and stamped, self addressed envelope to Margaret Walker, 1/8 Winmalee Rd, Balwyn, 3103.

The Victorian Tapestry Workshop Tour

WHEN: Thursday 26th May 2011

TIME: 2:00pm-3:30pm

COST: Adult \$ 20.00, Member Adult \$ 15.00

An opportunity to see works in progress at the well respected Victorian Tapestry Workshop.

Contact: Lesley Barnes 03 9735 5772

Fax: 03 9735 5336

BOOKINGS: essential before 18th May 2011.

Send booking form, cheque or credit card details and stamped, self addressed envelope to Lesley Barnes, 21 Winnetka Drive, Lilydale, 3140.

Built on Gold

WHEN: Wednesday, 1st June 2011

TIME: 2:00pm-3:30pm

COST: Adult \$ 15.00, Child \$ 7.00, Member Adult \$10.00

Visit the Old Treasury Building in Spring Street – considered one of the finest 19th Century buildings in Australia – to discover documents and artefacts from the State's Archives. Visit where the care-taker, John Maynard and family, lived from 1916-1928.

Contact: Lesley Barnes 03 9735 5772

Fax: 03 9735 5336

BOOKINGS: essential before 23rd May 2011.

Send booking form, cheque or credit card details and stamped, self addressed envelope to Lesley Barnes, 21 Winnetka Drive, Lilydale, 3140.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE / PIPE ORGANS COMMITTEE -TASMA

'Splendid Sights & Sounds' A Tour of Melbourne's Stained Glass and Pipe Organs

WHEN: Saturday 16th July 2011

TIME: 1:00pm-4:30pm

COST: Adult \$35, Concession \$30, Member adult \$30, Member concession \$25

The tour will visit churches built from the 1840s to the 1870s for English, Scottish, Welsh and German congregations. Each building was designed by prominent local architects Charles Laing, Reed & Barnes, Charles Webb and C.H.R. Blachmann and each contains a wealth of stained glass, mainly by local makers. The organs include the work of local and overseas firms. At each venue there will be a commentary on the history of the building, its architecture and its stained glass, and each of the pipe organs will be displayed in brief demonstrations. A light afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the tour.

Contact: Reception at Tasma 03 9656 9800, reception@nattrust.com.au

BOOKINGS: due by Monday 11 July 2011

NORTH EAST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Eldorado Tour and AGM

WHEN: Monday 9th May, 2011

TIME: 10:00am for 10:30am start- Mid afternoon

COST: \$30.00

Morning Tea followed by AGM and Quarterly Meeting and 2-course meal. Visit to Gold Dredge and Museum early afternoon.

Contact: Charney Hunt 03 5744 1671

MORNINGTON PENINSULA BRANCH

Burke and Wills

WHEN: Wednesday 20th July 2011

TIME: 12:00noon-2:00pm

COST: Adult \$ 20, Concession \$15

Fireside Luncheon in the Edwardian Room, The Briars Homestead. Glass of wine and Basket Lunch with media presentation and talk Dr Ray Holmes, ex Surveyor General of Victoria will give a presentation on the twenty year search for the navigation equipment of Burke and Wills.

Contact: Elizabeth 03 9580 9617

Judy 03 5988 9853

BOOKINGS: essential

MOUNT ALEXANDER BRANCH

Newstead Guided Walk

WHEN: Sunday 19 June 2011

TIME: 2:00pm-4:30pm

COST: \$10

A guided walk of Newstead led by Derek Reid followed by afternoon tea and a viewing of exhibits related to Newstead history and significant events. Notes will be provided on points of interest.

Contact: Brian Tresidder 03 5472 1108 / 0429 450 055, Email: tresidderbrian@yahoo.com.au

CASEY CARDINIA BRANCH

Branch Meeting with Guest Speaker Marcia Ryan – Manager Polly Woodside

WHEN: Monday 16th May. Followed by a visit to Polly Woodside – Sunday 22nd May

TIME: 7:30 pm for 8:00 pm start - approx. 10:00 pm

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend the Casey Cardinia Branch Meeting to discuss current local heritage related issues and to hear our Guest Speaker. Supper will be served following the presentation. The following Sunday, 22nd May - Members are invited to join a group of Branch Members to visit Polly Woodside to enjoy the National Trust's latest heritage experience.

Contact: National Trust Reception or Ruth Crofts 03 9769 5653 or A.H: 9707 1518

BOOKINGS / RSVP requested for catering purposes by 12th May

ViewThe Cardinian Embroidery – HeritageTalk, and Lunch with friends

WHEN: Sunday 26th June
TIME: 11:00 am
COST: Lunch \$30.00 per person

Meet at the Pakenham Cultural Centre at 11am to view the Cardinian Embroidery and hear the Guest Speaker talk about the historic properties depicted in the embroidery. Then travel to enjoy lunch with friends.

Contact: Ruth Crofts Phone: 03 9707 1518
BOOKINGS: due by 17th June 201. Send Payment to - The Secretary, 25 Brisbane Street, Berwick 3806. Please enclose a stamped self addressed envelope to receive the receipt and further details about the lunch.

"Showcase Morning Tea" - Members Monday

WHEN: Monday 18th July 2011
TIME: 10:00am - approx. 12:00pm

Members, Volunteers and Friends are invited to join us for a Morning Tea. Bring along an item of heritage interest and share its story with the group. Talk about your collections or passion for any heritage item, or just come along and chat with friends with similar interests.

Contact: Ruth Crofts, 9707 1518
BOOKINGS / RSVP: requested for catering purposes by 14th July, Phone: 9769 5653 - AH Phone: 03 9707 1518

GEELONG AND REGION BRANCH

May at Osborne House

WHEN: Tuesday 31st May
TIME: 7:00pm-9:30pm
COST: Gold coin Donation

Tour of Osborne House, meeting and supper
Contact: Liz Bates 03 5243 1986

June- Regional Railway Remnants

WHEN: Tuesday 28th June
TIME: 10:00am-2:00pm
COST: Adult \$2.00 (money goes to the Birregurra Railway Society)

Self drive tour of the Rail remnants and history between Marshall and Birregurra hosted by Michael Menzies (President of Geelong & South Western Rail Heritage Society) followed by meeting and BYO lunch at Birregurra Railway Station.

Contact: Liz Bates 03 5243 1986

July at Tasma Terrace, National Trust Headquarters

WHEN: Tuesday 26th July
TIME: 11:30am-2:30pm

Tour of some parts of the building and information about the history of Tasma Terrace followed by meeting and BYO lunch.

Contact: Liz Bates 03 5243 1986

August atThe Beach House, Eastern Beach Reserve Geelong

WHEN: Tuesday 30th August
TIME: 6:30pm-9:30pm
COST: Adult \$ 30.00 for a two course meal and drinks at bar prices

AGM followed by our special guest speaker, Professor Hisham Elkadi, School of Architecture and Building, Deakin University. Two course meal.

Contact: Liz Bates 03 5243 1986
Booking with payment essential by Friday 26th August.

September atThe Geelong Botanic Gardens

WHEN: Tuesday 27th September
TIME: 1:00pm-4:30pm

Guest speaker Sue Hughes, the Natural/ Environment Heritage Specialist with the National Trust. Followed by a meeting and afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share.

Contact: Liz Bates 03 5243 1986

BASS COAST BRANCH

Bass Coast Branch Heritage Festival Event Day 1

WHEN: Saturday 7th May
TIME: 10:15 am-4:00 pm
COST: \$25.00 including light lunch

Escorted Bus Tour of significant Phillip Island properties and sites commencing with photographic display and morning tea at Parish Hall Thompson Avenue Cowes at 10.15am.

Contact: Julie Box 03 5952 3484
BOOKINGS: due by 31st April contact National Trust Reception

Bass Coast Branch Heritage Event Day 2

WHEN: Sunday 8th May
TIME: 10:15am-3:00 pm
COST: Free (lunch at own expense)

Talk on Churchill Island History, Inspection of Homestead and Garden, self drive tour of significant sights.

Contact: Julie Box 03 5952 3484
BOOKINGS: due by 31st April, contact National Trust Reception

Bass Coast Branch Heritage Festival Dinner

WHEN: Saturday 7th May (Evening)
TIME: 6:30 pm-9:30 pm
COST: \$30.00

Presentation of Heritage Award. Dinner and guest speaker Mike Cleeland.

Contact: Julie Box 03 5952 3484
Bookings due by 31st April contact National Trust Reception no 03 9656 9800

INNER WEST BRANCH

A stroll through Historic Kensington

WHEN: Saturday May 28th
TIME: 2:00pm-3:00pm

An introduction to the architecture of historic Kensington.

Contact: Hugh Basset 03 9689 7973

Old Pubs of Williamstown

WHEN: Saturday June 25
TIME: 3:00pm-4.30pm

The walk takes about 1½ hours. It begins and ends at the Williamstown Railway Station, where parking is available on Hamner Street near the Rotary Park playground and the 471 bus stop. The first pub on our list is right across the road

Contact: Hugh Basset 03 9689 7973

National Trust Events

WALKING TOURS

Stroll along Smith Street, Collingwood

WHEN: Sunday 15th May
TIME: 2:00 pm
COST: \$25 National Trust members;
\$30 non-members

Experience the history of Smith Street in this pleasant stroll with Kenneth Park. View the fine shopfronts, department stores, grand buildings and, tucked down the side streets, reminders of our manufacturing heritage long past. A cup of coffee at the conclusion of the walk is included in the price.

Bookings essential. Please phone 03 8663 7260

North Richmond and Victoria Street

WHEN: Sunday 10th July 2011
TIME: 10:00am
COST: \$25 National Trust members;
\$30 non-members

Continuing our discovery of Melbourne's inner suburbs, join Kenneth Park to explore the historic streets of North Richmond. This walking tour offers everything from grand mansions to the most humble abodes, bringing to life the story of the growth of early Melbourne. A cup of coffee at the conclusion of the walk is included in the price.

Bookings essential: Please phone 03 8663 7260



Upcoming Events (continued)

East Melbourne Stroll

WHEN: Sunday 14th August 2011
TIME: 10:00am
COST: \$25 National Trust members;
\$30 non-members

Join this meandering walk with Kenneth Park and experience one of Melbourne's finest suburbs, noted for its superb streetscapes and beautifully preserved historic buildings. A winter treat. A cup of coffee at the conclusion of the walk is included in the price.

Bookings essential. Please phone 03 8663 7260

North Carlton Walk

WHEN: Sunday 4th September 2011
TIME: 10:00am
COST: \$25 National Trust members;
\$30 non-members

Discover more of the heritage of inner northern Melbourne on this lengthy walk with Kenneth Park through the fine residential area of North Carlton. Admire historic streetscapes offering a wide selection of buildings from colonial and Edwardian times. A cup of coffee at the conclusion of the walk is included in the price.

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Richmond Hill Ramble

WHEN: Sunday 30th October 2011
TIME: 10:00am
COST: \$25 National Trust members;
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This fascinating walk with Kenneth Park delves further into the architectural and social heritage of Richmond. Explore the prime residential area of Richmond Hill with its grand Victorian mansions and fashionable cottages. A cup of coffee at the conclusion of the walk is included in the price.

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Roundabout the Parliamentary Precinct

WHEN: Sunday 27th November 2011
TIME: 10:00am
COST: \$25 National Trust members;
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This interesting walking tour with Kenneth Park will literally circle Parliament House and the Parliamentary Precinct. Enjoy the beautiful sight of some of our city's best open spaces and gardens juxtaposed with the magnificent public buildings of the Victorian Government. A cup of coffee at the conclusion of the walk is included in the price.

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HERITAGE TRAVEL TALKS

Great World Cities - Istanbul

WHEN: Monday 23rd May 2011
TIME: 9:45 am
COST: \$20 National Trust and RSL members;
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Founded as Byzantium and later called Constantinople, Istanbul is one of the most extraordinary cities of the world, boasting an incredible history. Serving as the capital city of the Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantium) and the later Ottoman Empire, it is the city where East meets West on the Bosphorus. Our lecture will introduce you to many of the major historic sites such as the Topkapi Palace, the Grand Bazaar, Hagia Sophia and many more. A delicious morning tea is included in the price.

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Travels through Tuscany

WHEN: Monday 18th July 2011
TIME: 9:45 am
COST: \$20 National Trust and RSL members;
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Visit this ancient region famous for its stunning landscapes, beautiful towns, charming villages, simple and elegant culinary traditions, and of course its rich historical legacy. Tuscany was at the forefront of the cultural rebirth known as the Italian Renaissance. This illustrated lecture will transport you to one of the most appealing destinations in Europe. A must for lovers of the good life!

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The Romantic Rhine – a river of history

WHEN: Monday 15th August 2011
TIME: 9:45 am
COST: \$20 National Trust and RSL members;
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Journey into the heart of a continent as you follow the majestic Rhine River, one of the great highways and trading routes of European history. The longest river in Europe, the Rhine travels through six countries before reaching the North Sea. Along the way, stop to admire the romantic feudal castles, fascinating cities and quaint towns that have witnessed the course of history.

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Havana, a Cuban holiday

WHEN: Tuesday 13th September 2011
(please note different day to usual)
TIME: 9:45 am
COST: \$20 National Trust and RSL members;
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Enjoy a whirlwind trip to the exotic city of Havana. The graceful architectural heritage of this once-grand capital is rich in colonial Spanish influence and mirrors its vibrant social history. Cuba's turbulent political history in the twentieth century has also left its mark on the city's landscape, with monumental public buildings and tower blocks dotting the skyline. A delicious morning tea is included in the price.

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The Grand Tour

WHEN: Monday 31st October 2011
TIME: 9:45 am
COST: \$20 National Trust and RSL members;
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The Grand Tour flourished in Europe from the 17th century until the advent of large-scale rail travel in the 1840s. The Grand Tour was regarded by polite society as a rite of passage, allowing young men (and sometimes women) to benefit from exposure to the cultural inheritance of classical antiquity and the company of fashionable European society. Follow the route of the Grand Tour in this lecture, and enjoy the sights and places experienced by these early "tourists." A delicious morning tea is included in the price.

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Journey to Budapest

WHEN: Monday 28th November 2011
TIME: 9:45 am
COST: \$20 National Trust and RSL members;
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Budapest is the capital and largest city in Hungary. It became a single entity, occupying both banks of the Danube River, in 1873. Regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, it boasts an extensive World Heritage area and a rich architectural legacy. Once part of the Ottoman Empire, Budapest is home to diverse and fascinating streetscapes that blend historic and modern styles.

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Polly Woodside – Melbourne's Tall Ship

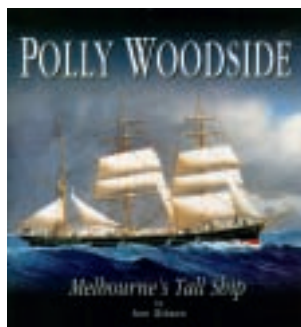
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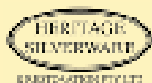
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