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Message from the Chairman

Dr Graeme L. Blackman OAM

This edition of Trust News is characterised by investment in building the future of the Trust. The Board of the National Trust has overseen significant developments in recent months which will have a positive impact for years to come.

Our new National Trust of Victoria Foundation creates a secure fundraising vehicle that is focused on the long term sustainability of our properties is perhaps the most visible indication of the Boards commitment for the future.

I am very proud to be able to report to members that all my fellow Board members have made a personal donation to the Foundation. I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of our Annual Appeal 2012. We have had a wonderful response and your donations will make a significant difference to our properties.

I recently welcomed Michael Danby MP Member for Melbourne Ports to Rippon Lea to mark the announcement of \$353,000 in Commonwealth Government funding for the replacement of the main house roof and an associated sustainability project to reduce our carbon footprint. This grant also unlocks matched funding from the Trustees of the Rippon Lea Endowment Fund, making the project one of the largest single investments ever made at Rippon Lea.

I can also report that the Trust has now formally adopted our first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) during NAIDOC week, less than a year after starting its formal Commitment to Reconciliation through the Reconciliation Australia process.

I would like to pass on our congratulations to the Wimmera branch on its first birthday in June and to the Casey-Cardinia Branch on its 10th anniversary. In this edition of Trust News we can announce the formation of another new branch for the North East of Victoria centred on Beechworth. The success of community heritage events such as the 2012 Festival is only possible thanks to our strong branch network and considerable effort by local members. It is therefore gratifying to see this grass roots growth.

Message from the CEO

Martin Purslow

This last year has been challenging in the current uncertain economic climate, but as this issue shows our considerable investment in time and funding across the Trust here in Victoria continues unabated.

Conservation and celebrating our efforts is vital to ensuring the fabric of buildings is retained for future generations to enjoy. However, our heritage sites and the stories they hold are "pickled" if we don't bring them to life by using and interpreting them.

Managing the Trust legacy is a huge challenge for us but it's a challenge which - as our Chairman has indicated - we are planning for and delivering on. We've demonstrated over the past few years a commitment to restoration, as well as education, events and other projects which enable visitors to enjoy and celebrate their heritage.

The Heritage Festival and the expansion of the Trust Awards coordinated by our Advocacy team with our branches and numerous partners illustrates that there is a huge desire to celebrate our cultural heritage in our communities across the State. This issue of Trust news celebrates that reengagement with our core values and expansion of our role.

Now that the Trust has ratified our first Reconciliation Action Plan it has enabled me to sign our first Memorandum of Understanding with the Barengi Gadjin Land Council (BGLC) as partners in the development of the Ebenezer Mission in Antwerp - a site the Trust has been steward over since the 1970s.

I thank CEO Jim Golden-Brown and Traditional Owner Raymond Marks for working in partnership with us on our first MoU and I look forward with some anticipation to the many such agreements still to come.



Our commitment to native title

In June the Trust turned good intentions into actions and adopted a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Our Commitment to Reconciliation was started in August 2011 through the Reconciliation Australia process. A cornerstone of this process is the development and implementation of the RAP, a tool to help build positive relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

After consultation with the Victorian Registered Aboriginal Parties and Aboriginal Heritage Council, native title holders and traditional owners, our RAP was reviewed and formally ratified by the Board.

The RAP confirms our commitment to facilitate the involvement of Aboriginal peoples in the custodianship and interpretation of their heritage at Trust places and in our heritage programs and projects in order to:

- recognise and respect Aboriginal culture and heritage;
- build a mutual understanding of our shared heritage; and
- work towards reconciliation.

There is a detailed Implementation Program as part of the RAP which outlines the ways in which the Trust will fulfil this commitment.

Of these is to undertake Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with the Victorian Registered Aboriginal Parties.

The National Trust has developed a strong working relationship with the Barengi Gadjin Land Council (BGLC) as partners in the development of the Ebenezer Mission in Antwerp.

The BGLC is a registered Aboriginal Corporation, a Prescribed Body Corporate and Registered Aboriginal Party for the Wotjobaluk claim area. It represents Traditional Owners from the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawajali, Wergaia and Japagulk family groups, who were recognised in the 2005 Native Title Consent Determination, the first in south-eastern Australia.

A first for both the BGLC and the National Trust, a MoU was signed by Martin Purslow and Jim Golden-Brown on the eve of National Reconciliation Week in May.

Under the MoU, the National Trust and BGLC have agreed to start discussions around preserving the built and natural landscape at Ebenezer Mission, including exploring options for the future transfer of ownership to Traditional Owners.

The Ebenezer Mission was established by Moravian missionaries in 1859 on what, in 1861, was gazetted as the Lake Hindmarsh Aboriginal Reserve on Wotjobaluk country along the Wimmera River.

The National Trust and the Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative now own the old Ebenezer village area. The stone church has been rebuilt and preservation work is under way on other existing buildings and the cemetery.

Above Top: National Trust meeting in Nhill with the BGLC; Above Left: The National Trust of Victoria CEO, Martin Purslow and Barengi Gadjin Land Council CEO Jim Golden-Brown.

Welcome

Welcome to the new look Vic News.

The redesign of Vic News is a work in progress and we hope to bring you new features over the coming editions. If you have any feedback let us know at media@nattrust.com.au.



New John Varley Acquisition

Link to Georgiana McCrae



John Varley (1778-1842) was an artist, writer, teacher and astrologer. As a friend of William Blake's he shared some of the poet's mystical beliefs but as an artist he made a significant contribution to English watercolour painting and wrote an influential treatise on landscape art.

A donation of a watercolour landscape, attributed to John Varley, has been offered to the Trust by Mr Anthony Scott, a member of the McCrae family.

In 1815, 11 year old Georgiana Huntly Gordon started painting lessons with the Varley; she began her training not to acquire a ladylike accomplishment but to prepare for a profession.

In a diary entry, quoted in Brenda Niall's biography, Georgiana describes Varley's care and attention: '... He had a happy knack of imparting his instructions speaking rapidly and with a slight lisp, and he always took care to ascertain that these had been thoroughly understood.' (Niall, 1994)

According to family history, the artwork was presented to Georgiana by the artist and further research is needed to establish when and where this happened. Was it given to his young pupil during her lessons or was it acquired in 1831 when a recently married Georgiana McCrae visited an exhibition of Varley's work in London?

The McCrae family settled firstly in Melbourne and then at Arthur's Seat (McCrae Homestead) in the 1840s. Georgiana was a diarist and artist who documented the world around her, the landscape and the people of her new home.

Her proficiencies as an artist are well represented in the surviving sketches and watercolours in the Trust's collection at McCrae Homestead.

This new acquisition will be hung in the McCrae Gallery alongside Georgiana's early watercolours so visitors can see the influence of Varley on his pupil.

For opening hours please check our website
www.nattrust.com.au



A tale of two cities

Government House tours to resume

Combined tours of Government House and La Trobe's Cottage are now available for bookings on Mondays and Thursdays.

The tours provide a tangible link between the pre-gold rush and "Marvellous Melbourne", giving a fascinating insight into the contrast between the two properties and the eras they represent.

The pre-fabricated La Trobe's Cottage was the home of Charles Joseph La Trobe, Victoria's first Governor, and his wife Sophie and their children from 1839 to 1854.

Still a working house today, Government House was built in the years 1872-76, under the direction of renowned architects William Wardell, J.J. Clark and Peter Kerr. These three men were responsible for landmark buildings St Patrick's Cathedral, the Treasury Building and Parliament House (respectively).

As well as the elegant State Rooms, Government House is opening more of the property so visitors will have the opportunity to look behind the scenes at areas such as the old kitchens.



Above Top: Government House; Above Middle: National Trust Guides and Bookings Office staff at Government House; Above Bottom: La Trobe's Cottage.

La Trobe's Cottage has been refreshed with significant works undertaken to its roof, fence and garden.

Tours commence at La Trobe's Cottage at 10am and conclude at Government House around midday.

Contact our Bookings Office on (03) 8663 7260 for more information or to book a tour.

What lies beneath our feet?

Christian Pearson Exhibition 'Art of the underground'

What lies beneath our feet? Commissioned by Melbourne Water to document the construction of the Northern Sewerage Replacement Project, Photographic artist Christian Pearson ventured where few of us will ever tread – deep below Melbourne's city and suburbs.

On display in the Trust's Tasma Gallery is an exhibition of Christian's latest body of work 'Art of the underground'. His images capture the surprising beauty of Melbourne's sewer infrastructure; bold and colourful, like scenes from science fiction.

The images were shot in the most challenging environments of Christian's career. The conditions were extreme; up to 65 metres below ground, requiring him to shoot in mud, water, high humidity, cramped spaces and very low light.

Each shoot was an exhaustive process both mentally and physically as well as creatively.

This collection is a glimpse into a world that once put to use won't be seen again in our lifetime. It offers a unique perspective into what lies beneath our feet.

**Tasma Terrace 4 Parliament Place
East Melbourne**

Tuesday 17 July – Friday 17 August 2012

Images from Art of the Underground





Restoration triumphs

Rippon Lea works reimagining Frederick Sargood's vision for the estate

A range of major projects are working towards restoring Rippon Lea House and Gardens to its original glory and developing it as an environmentally sustainable site.

Rippon Lea is one of the best examples nationwide of a 19th century mansion in its original landscaped setting. The property is recognised for its significance to the Australian community as one of only 70 sites on the National Heritage list.

The property was constructed in 1868 and was the subject of a groundswell of community support to save it in the 1960s.

A rolling program of works is continuing, with major upgrades in facilities and accessibility helping the estate open up to the community.

A number of projects have been undertaken in the house and gardens over the past five years:

- A new irrigation system and windmill
- Reopening the Grotto which had been closed for 25 years
- Restoration of the Conservatory including a return to the original Victorian paint scheme
- Restoration of the stunning Porte Cochere
- Stone work on the north facade has been repaired
- The roof of the Ballroom has been completely repaired and restored
- The Attica garden has continued to expand on site

Currently, the fence on Hotham Street is

being converted back to the style of the original 1890s fence.

The next phase of works will see a roof restoration and carbon neutral project (see following page).

The funding will also help the Trust honour the pioneering spirit of Frederick Sargood who planned the estate based on sustainable environmental outcomes.

Planning is well underway for the development of a Sensory Education Garden. This hands-on sensory garden will be built within a currently underutilised area of the garden.

The work is timely with the recent 40th anniversary of the official bequest of Rippon Lea to the Trust by Mrs Louisa Jones, who passed away on 27th July 1972.



Andrew Horne, Membership Coordinator at the Trust with the "Loved and Lost" exhibition at Rippon Lea



Hotham Street fence restoration in progress.



Supporters pave the way for Rippon Lea's future

The restoration of Rippon Lea would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers, and the property is fortunate to have the support of four main groups.

The fundraising group Friends of Rippon Lea was first formed in the mid 1970s and in 1991 the Garden Party was established to work in the gardens.

Volunteers also provide extremely important services for our visitors at the Gatehouse and as Guides for tours of the house.

Admission and guiding was first established in 1974 when Rippon Lea was opened to the public.

Your Community Heritage - Carbon Neutral and Restoration Project

The National Trust is moving towards a carbon neutral future for Rippon Lea with a three phased project to repair the roof and introduce other sustainable works.

The Carbon Neutral and Restoration project has been funded by the Federal Government under its Your Community Heritage Program.

The grant has unlocked a further \$350,000 of external matched funding thanks to the Andrews Foundation bringing the total project allocation to \$703,000.

The first element of this project will see major restoration works to the roof. This will include replacing the 1960's Marseille pattern glazed terracotta roofing tiles with reproduction terracotta shingles in keeping with the original design intent for the building.

In undertaking the roof tile replacement works major repairs will also be undertaken to the roof structure which has significantly degraded in recent years, leaving Rippon Lea's significant interior vulnerable to water ingress and damage.

The second element will be to reinstate the site's original water harvesting system which represents one of Australia's earliest, most complex and relatively intact examples of nineteenth century underground engineering works for the maintenance of a private garden.

The infrastructure for the original water harvesting system still exists but is only partly operative. Its restoration will vastly improve the sustainable use of water in Rippon Lea's 14 acres of gardens, and will also service the herb and vegetable gardens cultivated by Melbourne's award winning restaurant Attica.

The third element of the project will see the installation of solar photovoltaic panels which will greatly improve the environmental sustainability of the property and substantially reduce its carbon footprint.



Martin Purslow, Member for Melbourne Ports Michael Danby MP and Trust Chairman Dr Graeme Blackman

Other works

Mulberry Hill

Works are well underway to significantly improve public access to Mulberry Hill with the construction of a new carpark.

This space has been designed to include disabled parking and coach parking for the first time.

In 1925 Joan and Daryl Lindsay purchased a 29 acre property in a rural setting with charming views of the surrounding countryside and Western Port and added to an 1880s cottage which became Mulberry Hill.

The Lindsays left their beloved Mulberry Hill and its significant collection of Australian art, fine Georgian furniture, glassware and Staffordshire ceramics to the Trust so that others could enjoy the collection.

Endeavour Fern Gully

The recent \$150,000 grant from the Department of Sustainability and Environment for the site has begun to deliver practical benefits to the volunteers.

A Kobota tractor has been purchased, which is making a huge difference to the work being carried out on site including planting 25,000 trees.

Labassa

The Garden Masterplanning process is underway to help address the need for urgent works to Labassa's exterior and grounds.

The works will help to protect the property from variable weather conditions, and create a curtilage which is more appropriate for an historic property of Labassa's standing.

Completed in 1890, Labassa is nationally significant for the relative completeness of the mansion's richly decorated interiors.

Motts Cottage

Following consultation with the community in Port Fairy the Trust has completed its conservation plan for Motts Cottage.

An architect has now been commissioned to prepare a scheme to allow great use of the property by the public which will include consideration for improved facilities.

One of the earliest surviving buildings in the region, the original two room wooden cottage dates from the 1840s.

Notice of board election, 2012

In accordance with the Constitution of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), three Directorships will become vacant in November 2012. Retiring directors are eligible for re-election.

Nominations are invited for Directorships and must be received by the Company Secretary by 5pm on Saturday 13 October 2012 at the Registered Office of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Tasma Terrace, 4 Parliament Place, East Melbourne, 3002. Nomination forms are available from the Registered Office.

Each candidate is required to lodge a background summary not exceeding 100 words and a photograph with their nomination. This summary should include age, academic

qualifications, awards, service to the National Trust, involvement in preservation and conservation matters, offices held and date of joining the National Trust.

If a vote is required ballot papers will be sent to members for a postal ballot. The completed ballot paper must be returned by 5.00pm Friday 16 November 2012, addressed to the 'Returning Officer' at the Registered Office of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Tasma Terrace, 4 Parliament Place, East Melbourne 3002 in the envelope provided.

The election results will be announced at the 2012 Annual General Meeting and published in the following edition of Trust News.

Close of Voting Roll

Please note that the voting roll will close at 5.00pm Monday 15 October 2012 and only members who are financial at that time will be eligible to vote.

56th Annual General Meeting

Members are advised that the AGM will be held on Saturday 24 November 2012 at Rippon Lea, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick.

Jane Macneil, Company Secretary



Vintage Collection

SALE

*Another
Opportunity in a
Ballroom...*

**Do you have fabulous designer or vintage clothing?
Quality donations are now being sought for the 2013
Vintage Clothing sale.**

If you have any items such as vintage or retro clothes, hats gloves, belts, handbags, scarves or designer outfits, we would be pleased to hear from you. Clothes from the 1930s, 40s and 50s are especially in demand.

We are looking for a range of clothing from simple, every day clothes of these eras to more formal clothes for our annual fundraising sale.

**Please contact Nance on 03 9882 6405 or
Libby on 03 9819 4831 if you can help.**

**All proceeds from the sale go to the National Trust
Costume Collection.**

The Armytage Society

The bequesting program of the National Trust in Victoria has been re-launched as The Armytage Society, in honour of the generous gift of the Armytage sisters of Como House and Garden.

Bequests to The Armytage Society will help to protect the places that you care about and help future generations to know, love and appreciate their rich heritage.

For information on the work of The Armytage Society or for a personal appointment with our Bequest Manager, please contact the Trust on (03) 9656 9800.

*Board member Kristin Stegley with guests at
The Armytage Society launch*



Advocacy Update

The latest news on our advocacy and campaigns is available at nattrust.com.au and via our Facebook page.

Former Palace Theatre, 20-30 Bourke Street

Built as a theatre in 1912, the former Palace Theatre is for sale again, with an international public tender campaign that closed in July. Located in a precinct protected by height controls and opposite the Windsor Hotel, developer and media interest has centred on a possible high density residential development. The building currently houses the Palace nightclub. There has been rumours of some interest from sympathetic purchasers for ongoing use as a live music venue.

Bluestone Laneways in Moreland

We are supporting the action group formed to fight destruction of bluestone laneways in the City of Moreland. The Council is proposing concreting over more than 40 per cent of its laneways. We have urged the City to undertake a proper assessment of the significance of all its unprotected laneways and provide heritage overlays to significant laneways before enacting any work entertained in its replacement policy.

DPCD South West Victoria Landscape Assessment Study

We have formed a working group from the Landscape Committee and relevant Branches to make a submission on significant landscapes of the south-west region of Victoria. This is a major project and presents the best opportunity since the Coastal Landscape Strategy in 2004 for the Trust to contribute to landscape protection in Victoria.

Shire of Baw Baw Heritage Amendments C86 & C90

In June we appeared at the Planning panel in Warragul convened to consider submissions and objections to these amendments. We appeared in support of the Shire to ensure that an additional 300 properties and five heritage precincts are added to the planning scheme. This is the first major review of heritage in the Shire since before amalgamation in 1995, and to date only Walhalla and Warragul have had comprehensive heritage controls.

CBD facades

The CBD is currently witnessing a number of major heritage redevelopments. The more unfortunate ones include the Myer redevelopment between Little Bourke and Lonsdale Street and the 1930s Russell Street carpark next to Scots Church. Teetering facades have been left propped up by steel scaffolds. Facading is generally a poor heritage compromise, and this is clearly illustrated by retention of the 1939 carpark façade at the expense of demolition of the true significance behind its facade, the first multi-storey carpark in Melbourne.



*Victoria carpark Facade
Little Collins Street*





Former Palace Theatre, Bourke Street



Left to Right: Liesl Pacher and Samantha Cowell

Staff profile

Congratulations to Liesl Pacher, Leading Hand in the gardens at Rippon Lea for her success in her Masters of Horticulture for 2011 from which she recently graduated.

Liesl won the Dean's Honors Award for students in the top five per cent of the Masters in Horticulture course. She was also named as the highest achieving student in her year of the Masters in Horticulture course.

Our Gardens apprentice, Samantha Cowell has also recently been recognised for her achievements in her field. Samantha was selected as NMIT's Best First Year Apprentice - Parks and Gardens.

This is another fantastic achievement and we congratulate Samantha for such a great success in the first year of her apprenticeship.

Vale Greg Binns

The Trust was saddened to hear of the passing of Greg Binns. Greg joined the Trust in 1966 and he became an active member of the Ballarat Branch, the first Trust Branch in Victoria outside Melbourne, being at various times President and Treasurer.

Greg was given Honorary Life Membership of the Trust in 2000 and in 2005 was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the community of Ballarat, particularly through environmental, arts and heritage organisations.

Greg's depth of knowledge, his passion for history and heritage and willingness to always help, will be sorely missed, not only by the Trust but by the wider community.

Castlemaine Gaol for sale

The Gaol is owned by Mount Alexander Shire and it has sought expressions of interest its sale and development. The agent for the sale promoted the 1.7ha site as ripe for development for townhouses and dwellings. Since the early 1990s it has been variously used for tours, functions, conferences, school camps and backpacker accommodation. The agent also listed potential sympathetic uses including restaurant, gallery, museum, festival centre, community hub for environmentalists, market, exhibition space and micro-brewery. With the Mt Alexander Branch, we are advocating for the gaol to be retained as an integral part of the social framework of the community, and that it be developed economically for community use and not be subdivided within the perimeter walls. The eastern slope should be retained undeveloped, no dwellings be built within the walls and no sections of perimeter wall removed.

National Heritage Strategy

After a year of consultation the Commonwealth released a discussion paper in April on the Australian Heritage Strategy. Submissions have been made from Victoria and at the national level through the Australian Council of National Trusts.

Lysterfield Valley Subdivision

We are supporting our Dandenong Ranges Branch in ongoing objections to subdivision of a 75 acre lot within significant landscape overlay and green wedge protected landscape. We appeared at the public forum on the matter with 90 concerned locals at City of Knox in July. The Trust classified this Lysterfield Valley in the early 1980s and subdivisions on the northern and eastern boundary have been eroding into this incredible landscape.

City of Yarra

We are supporting a major review of heritage precincts and places in the City. Councillor Stone will also be auspicing a public meeting to discuss heritage issues at Fitzroy Town Hall on Wednesday 15 August at 7pm and we welcome our members to attend. For more details contact Senior Manager Paul Roser on 9656 9802.

Heritage Precincts in Boroondara

Following our appearance at the Planning Panel for amendment c99, we continue to make submissions to Boroondara supporting further amendments, including crucial and long overdue amendments affecting the Kew area (including one of the best post-war housing precincts in Melbourne) and Camberwell Junction. Planning panels are expected to follow later this year.

Over Top: Ballarat Heritage Awards Group Award Winners; Middle Left: Geelong Heritage Awards Group Award Winners John Briggs, Catherine Webb, Brendan Marshall, Dyllan Shea, Mick Cole; Middle Right: David Rowe, Jennifer Bantow and Cr Cameron Grainger; Bottom Left: Mornington Peninsular Heritage Awards - The Briars - Mayor Frank Martin, Jarrod Ruch, Steve Yorke & Dr Grame Blackman (NT Board Chairman); and Bottom Right: Oak Hill Gallery - Mayor Frank Martin, Yvonne Watson and Dr Grame Blackman.

Heritage Festival Review

After four weeks of celebration, the Heritage Festival finished with a performance of the play *In Sickness and in Health* at the Point Nepean Quarantine Station on Sunday 20 May, facilitated by the Mornington Peninsula Branch.

The 2012 Heritage Festival was a great success, almost doubling the number of participating Victorian events to 170. There were more local council partners participating in our Heritage Awards program this year, which achieved outstanding local media coverage

The hard work and dedication of our Branches and properties, the support of our members and the interest of the wider community in our unique Victorian heritage all helped to deliver our biggest Festival yet.

Heritage Awards 2012

The National Trust Heritage Awards are a keystone of the Heritage Festival. The Awards recognise those in our community who have demonstrated excellence in retention, restoration and reuse of our heritage places.

Our commitment to celebrate and promote heritage expanded this year to include partners at the Cities of Ballarat, Greater Bendigo, Greater Geelong and Shires of Bass Coast, Indigo and Mornington Peninsula.

More than 50 awards were presented at five gala Awards evenings across thirteen categories including alterations and additions to a heritage place, creative reuse of a heritage place and sustainability and/or greening of a heritage place.

Of particular note are the new categories focused on advocacy and community contribution including junior heritage advocacy, Lifetime achievement awards and outstanding community contribution of a heritage place.

For information on individual award recipients please see our website at www.nattrust.com.au

Register your events for the Heritage Festival 2013

The theme for the Heritage Festival 2013 is the development of government, systems of governance and the planning of communities in recognition of the centenary of the founding of Canberra.

The festival in Victoria will be launched on the ICOMOS International Day for Monuments and Sites on April 18 and conclude on Sunday 12 May.

Event Registration has opened and we are seeking any interested groups or individuals to help us celebrate in 2013.

Registration online at www.nattrust.com.au/heritage_festival/heritage_festival_2013 or call the Heritage Festival Coordinator on 03 9656 9834.



Casey-Cardinia Branch Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Casey-Cardinia Branch celebrated a milestone this year with a Gala Dinner in June for the 10th anniversary of its establishment.

The event at Clover Cottage in Berwick recognised the achievements of the Branch including preservation of the Avenues of Honour and saving the old Berwick Primary School, which now houses the Heritage Information Centre and Trust Shop.

The contribution of Branch president Ruth Crofts, who has held the position for the entire decade, was also recognised.

Chairman of the International National Trust Organisations, Simon Molesworth AO, Deputy Chair National Trust Board Kristin Stegley AO, Ruth Crofts AO, Rob Pritchard and Ian Good.



Members Update



Endeavour Fern Gully

The Great Escape Competition

Escape the shackles of winter and burst into spring with a visit to one of the many Victorian National Trust attractions.

Our members enjoy the benefits of National Trust membership when they travel abroad; however, with over 20 attractions spread throughout Victoria, it's time to explore your own backyard.

Our suggestions include:

- Barwon Park – a 42 room bluestone mansion, it looks incredible as it rises gracefully from the surrounding farmland
- Rippon Lea House and Gardens – you may have been here many times before, but Rippon Lea in spring is something special
- Endeavour Fern Gully – stretch your legs and explore this protected and rare indigenous bushland located on the Mornington Peninsula

Tell us about your great escape to one of our attractions and go in the draw to win a trip to the top of Melbourne with the Eureka Sky Deck. Send your entries to media@nattrust.com.au by August 31st 2012.

Don't forget that entry to all National Trust properties is free with your membership. So sign your friends and relatives up to the National Trust by simply calling 03 9656 9830 or online at nattrust.com.au

Kids Run Free at Rippon Lea

After a terrific night out at the Old Melbourne Gaol in June, Trust Kids! is launching into spring with another great activity.

The Trust Kids! – Kids Run Free at Rippon Lea event takes place on Sunday 28 October 2012. It includes four different treasure hunt activities, face painting, BBQ and food stalls, boat rides, a balloonologist and 14 acres of garden to explore.

To celebrate Children's Week - and for this one day only - we're opening the gates to all kids (up to 12 years) to enter for free.

So tell your friends and come hunt for treasure at Rippon Lea.

Avoid the queue and pre-book your tickets by calling (03) 8663 7260.

Trust kids! members get free entry to all properties, special events and giveaways. Sign up to Trust Kids! at www.nattrust.com.au/trustkids or call (03) 9656 9830.

This Children's Week event is presented by The National Trust in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.



Member offer at Tasma Terrace Gift Shop

The National Trust gift shop is rewarding its members by offering an additional 10 percent off all store merchandise for the month of August. That's a total of 20 per cent off - it saves being a member.

Visit us at Tasma Terrace or call 03 9656 9814. Keep an eye out for our online store coming shortly.



Left: Cast members Anna McGahan, Oliver Ackland and John Waters; Right: The filming outside the Tasma

New ABC Series Filming At Tasma Terrace

The new ABC TV production *The Mystery of a Hansom Cab* spent time filming at Tasma Terrace and Old Melbourne Gaol in May this year.

A period murder mystery set in Melbourne in the 1880s, the Hansom Cab production has been adapted from the Fergus Hume novel of the same name.

First published in Australia in 1886, *The Mystery of a Hansom Cab* became an international bestseller and outsold the worldwide 1887 publication of the Sherlock Holmes novel, *A Study in Scarlet* by Arthur Conan Doyle.

What's on?

Visit www.nattrust.com.au/events for new events and additional information on events listed below. 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.

September - November 2012

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.nattrust.com.au before purchasing tickets or attending the events.



Barwon Grange

25 Fernleigh Street Newtown 3220

Seniors Week Open Days

When: Sunday 7 Oct and Sunday 14 Oct 2012

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Cost: \$3 for Seniors

As part of Seniors Week, Barwon Grange will have discounted entry to the property and gardens for seniors. Guided tours run at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm throughout the day.

Contact: 03 5221 3906 for more information

Bookings: not required



Barwon Park

105 Inverleigh Road, Winchelsea (off the Princes Highway, Winchelsea, Melway Ref X911B8).

Seniors Week Open Day with Devonshire Tea

When: Wednesday 10 Oct 2012

Time: 1.30pm – 4pm

Cost: \$13

Be Inspired...Visit Barwon Park, the magnificent 42 room bluestone Mansion and discover the highs and lows of the early pastoralists, the Austin's. Engross yourself in the 1870's surroundings and hear about their lives and their impact on the Victorian community. Enjoy a guided tour of the Mansion followed by a delightful Devonshire tea and music.

Contact: (03) 5267 2209

Bookings: essential

Melbourne Cup Trophy Tour

When: Sunday 14 Oct 2012

Time: 11am-4pm

Cost: Free

A family fun day, focusing on the early days of horse breeding and racing including horses in the stables, a reenactment of the 1863 Melbourne Cup and a happy birthday to honour the birthday of all horses.

Contact: (03) 5267 2209

Bookings: Not required. Tickets available on the day.

Trick or Treat Kidz Fest: Celebrating All Things Spooky

When: Sunday 28 Oct 2012

Time: 10am – 6pm

Cost: Single \$15, Family \$55 (2 adults and 3 children)

Come along dressed in your Halloween costumes for a fun filled day with lots of activities for the kids including entertainment, spooky mini golf, pumpkin bowling, craft activities, spooky fashion parade and much more!

Contact: (03) 5267 2209 for more information.

Bookings: Not required. Tickets available on the day.



Como Historic House and Garden

Corner Williams Road and Lechlade Avenue, South Yarra (Melway: 58 G2)

Spook Spotters Twilight Tours

When: 6 Sept and 4 Oct 2012

Time: 6.30pm – 8pm

Cost: Adult \$35, Concession \$30, Member \$25

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

Contact: Booking Office 03 8663 7260

Bookings: www.comohouse.com.au or 03 8663 7260

Paris to Provence

When: Friday 23 Nov – Sunday 25 Nov 2012

Time: Friday 23 November 4pm-8pm

Saturday 24 November 10am-6pm

Sunday 25 November 10am-4pm

Cost: Entry fee applies. Please see website for details.

Come and express your inner French side at Paris to Provence this Nov! Paris to Provence will see three days of fabulous French culture on Melbourne's doorstep when Como House and Gardens is transformed into a quaint French village complete with live music, French food and a huge array of French inspired shops and stalls for you to enjoy.

Contact: 03 8663 7260

Bookings: www.comohouse.com.au or 03 8663 7260



The Heights Heritage House and Gardens

140 Aphrasia Street, Newtown, Geelong

Seniors Week Open Days

When: Sunday 7 Oct 2012 and Sunday 14 Oct 2012

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Cost: \$3 for Seniors

As part of Seniors Week, The Heights will have discounted entry to the property and gardens for seniors. Guided tours run at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm throughout the day.

Contact: 03 5221 3510 for more information

Bookings: not required



La Trobe's Cottage

Cnr Birdwood Avenue & Dallas Brooks Drive,
Melbourne (Melway: 2L A1)

Seniors Week Open Days

When: Sunday 7 Oct 2012, Tuesday 9 Oct 2012,
Wednesday 10 Oct 2012 and Sunday 14 Oct 2012

Time: Sunday 2pm – 4pm and
Tuesday and Wednesday 10.30am – 12.30pm

Cost: \$3 for Seniors

La Trobe's Cottage will have discounted entry for Seniors for their Open Days in Seniors Week. Discover how Charles Joseph La Trobe, Victoria's first Governor, and his family lived in early Melbourne. Enjoy their simple yet elegant home with many pieces of original furniture and a garden containing many plants of the 1840s.

Contact: 03 9563 6363

Bookings: not required

La Trobe and his Swiss Connections

When: Friday 19 Oct 2012

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Where: Swiss Club of Victoria, 89 Flinders Lane,
Melbourne

Three guest speakers will examine Charles and Sophie La Trobe's Swiss connections and the Swiss influence in early Melbourne. The evening will commence with drinks and canapés. It will then be addressed by: Dr Marguerite Hancock, Dr Dianne Reilly and Mr Roland Isler.

Contact: Dianne Reilly on 03 9646 2112 or via email at dmreilly@optusnet.com.au for further information.

Bookings: essential and close 9 Oct 2012

La Trobe's Geelong Revisited

When: Friday 9 Nov – Sunday 11 Nov

Time: 6pm Friday to 3pm Sunday

Join a weekend tour of the Geelong District, to which Charles La Trobe made many journeys on horseback and by steamer from 1840 to 1854. Reception Friday evening, tours Saturday and Sunday. Dinner will be at the Geelong Club on Saturday evening. Further details will be advised to participants.

Contact: Dianne Reilly on 03 9646 2112 or via email at dmreilly@optusnet.com.au for further information.

Bookings: essential and close 25 Oct 2012

Open House at La Trobe's Cottage

When: Last Sunday of the month during
June to Sept
Every Sunday during Oct to May

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Cost: General: Adult \$5, Concession \$3, Child \$3,
Family \$10. Members (NT, La Trobe Society,
Friends of La Trobe's Cottage): Free

Tours will focus on Charles Joseph La Trobe 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 9563 6363

Bookings: not required



Labassa

2 Manor Grove, North Caulfield (Melway: 58 H11)

Open Days

When: 19 Aug, 16 Sept, 21 Oct and 18 Nov

Time: 10.30am – 4.30pm

Cost: General: Adult \$8, Concession/Child \$5.50,
Family \$20. Member: Free

Enjoy sumptuous surroundings, a glass of sparkling wine or juice on arrival and delicious food. Tour of the house included. Tours of the house will run at 11am and 2pm.

External tour at 12.30pm

Tea rooms operate throughout the day.

Contact: 03 9527 6295 or 03 9509 6596
for further information.

Bookings: not required

Adelphi Players Theatre Company Plays

When: Tuesday 28 Aug – Sunday 2 Sept 2012

Time: Evening Performances: 8pm – 10pm
Matinee Performances: 2pm – 4pm

Cost: Adult \$18, Concession \$15

Quartet: a season of 4 short plays. We meet Abraham Lincoln, have a speech lesson, visit the devil, and discover the paralleled stories of two families living a century apart.

Contact: Barbara Barrett on 03 9690 1593 for
bookings and information

Bookings: essential as places are limited



Old Melbourne Gaol

377 Russell St, Melbourne

Seniors Week

When: Sunday 7 Oct to Sunday 14 Oct

Cost: Seniors \$14.40

During Seniors Week, receive 20 percent discount off the regular senior's price for entry to the Old Melbourne Gaol.

Contact: 03 8663 7228
or www.oldmelbournegaol.com.au

Ghosts, What Ghosts? – Night Tour

When: NEW weeknight program – Tuesdays

Time: During daylight savings 8.30pm – 10pm,
non daylight savings 7.30pm – 9pm

Cost: Adult \$35, Concession \$30
NT member 20 percent discount

(not recommended for children under 12 yrs of age).

This Gaol is a grim place. It has a dark history. Stories abound of an unexplainable presence. Over many years, these stories come from visitors and staff alike. None have been proved. Many are compelling.... 'GHOSTS...WHAT GHOSTS?'

Contact: 03 8663 7228 or
www.oldmelbournegaol.com.au/events for more
information and online bookings. Tickets also
available from Old Melbourne Gaol gift shop.

Bookings: essential

'Such a Life' performance at OMG

When: Saturdays throughout year;
Wednesdays during school holidays

Time: 12:30pm and 2pm (Closed Christmas Day)

Cost: General: Adult \$23, Concession \$18,
Child (5-15yrs) \$12. Member: Free

Witness this powerful performance that takes you inside the life and legend of Ned Kelly.

Contact: 03 8663 7228 or
www.oldmelbournegaol.com.au/events
for more information

Bookings: not required

Hangman's Night Tour

When: Most Monday, Wednesday, Friday
and Saturday nights

Time: During daylight savings 8.30pm – 10pm,
non day light savings 7.30pm – 9pm

Cost: Adult \$35, Concession \$30, NT member
20% discount (not recommended for children
under 12 yrs of age).

What stories would a hangman tell you if he was guiding you around the Gaol, where he was the master of the rope? What other stories from the dark side will find their way into this performance? Book the Hangman's Night Tour and find out. if you're game?

Contact: 03 8663 7228 or
www.oldmelbournegaol.com.au/events for more
information and online bookings. Tickets also
available from Old Melbourne Gaol gift shop.

Bookings: essential



Polly Woodside

2A Clarendon Street, South Wharf (Melway: 2E K9)

Seniors Week

When: Sunday 7 Oct to Sunday 14 Oct 2012

Cost: General: Adult \$15, Concession \$12, Child \$8, Family \$42. Member: Free

During Seniors Week, all seniors will receive a complimentary tea/coffee at the Boat Builders Yard Café when they visit Polly Woodside.

Contact: 03 9699 9760;
www.pollywoodside.com.au

Pirate Sundays

When: First Sunday of the month

Time: 10am – 4pm

Cost: General: Adult \$15, Concession \$12, Child \$8, Family \$42. Member: Free

X marks the spot at Polly Woodside on the first Sunday of each month Dress as a pirate and head to Polly Woodside to search for elusive buried treasure, walk the plank, join in pirate arts and crafts and have your face painted.

Contact: 03 9699 9760;
www.pollywoodside.com.au

Story Time

When: Every Thursday

Time: 11am – 12pm

Cost: General: Adult \$15, Concession \$12, Child \$8, Family \$42. Member: Free

Fun and interactive storytelling with a wide variety of stories, songs and activities. Stories are read on the deck of the Polly Woodside or, in inclement weather, down below!

Contact: 03 9699 9760;
www.pollywoodside.com.au



Portarlington Mill

7 Turner Court, Portarlington (Melway: 239 E2)

His Mother's Son

When: Sunday 16 Sept 2012

Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Cost: Adult \$20, Concession \$15, Child \$10.

The story of Ellen Kelly, Mother of our most famous Bushranger Edward "Ned Kelly".

"A Riveting, Poignant Drama" written and performed as a tribute to the Pioneering Bush Women who shaped this country with their Vision, Courage, Tradgedies, Devotion, Hard Work and Resilience". Devonshire tea included.

Contact: Andrew Mason on 03 5259 3202 or 0408 172 770

Bookings: essential and close Saturday 15 Sept 2012

Bellarine Quilting Exhibiton

When: Opening night Friday 12 Oct 2012
Exhibition runs Saturday and Sunday from 12 Oct – 18 Nov 2012

Time: Opening night 7pm
Exhibition 12pm – 4pm

Cost: Adult \$5, Concession \$4, Child \$3, Family \$12

A display of quilts made by residents of the Bellarine Peninsula.

Contact: 03 5259 2804

Bookings: not required



19th Century Portable Iron Houses

399 Coventry Street, South Melbourne (Melway: 2J K2)

Open Day

When: First Sunday of each month (except January)

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Cost: General: Adult \$5, Concession \$3, Child \$3, Family \$10. Member: Free

Opportunity to explore the three portable iron houses on site, which are among the few pre-fabricated iron buildings remaining in the World.

Contact: Pauline Reid 03 9645 7517

Bookings: not required

Historical Guided Walk

Tents to Terraces

When: Sunday 16 Sept, 2012

Time: 1.45pm for a 2pm start – 4pm

Cost: General: Adult \$20, Concession \$18, Child \$10. Member: Adult \$15, Child \$7

The campsite designated by the local authority to house the early migrants became known as Canvas Town. Join us for a 1.5hr guided walk to hear how those migrants moved out of their tents to prosperity – or not!

Contact: Pauline Reid 03 9645 7517 or 9699 2172

Bookings: essential and close Thursday 15 Sept 2012

Seniors Week Open Day and Morning Tea

When: Wednesday 10 Oct, 2012

Time: 11am

Cost: Seniors \$5, Accompanying non-seniors \$7.50

Visit these three unique examples of kit homes constructed of corrugated iron and timber which were imported from Britain to provide temporary accommodation for the influx of migrants during the Gold Rush. Morning tea included.

Contact: 03 9699 2172 or 9645 7517

Bookings: essential

Lanes and Byways

When: Sunday 21 Oct, 2012

Time: 1.45pm for a 2pm start – 4pm

Cost: General: Adult \$20, Concession \$18, Child \$10. Member: Adult \$15, Child \$7

South Melbourne is fortunate to have retained an extensive network of lanes where you will discover hidden treasures and learn a little about the harsh realities of life for the 19th century migrants. Come and explore the bluestone lanes of South Melbourne on a 1.5hr guided walk and discover their secrets

Contact: Pauline Reid 03 9645 7517 or 9699 2172

Bookings: essential and close Thursday 18 Oct 2012

Mansions and Gardens

When: Sunday 18 Nov, 2012

Time: 1.45pm for a 2pm start – 4pm

Cost: General: Adult \$20, Concession \$18, Child \$10. Member: Adult \$15, Child \$7

A delightful walk around the grander streets of South Melbourne focusing on the wealth of Victorian architecture and on the people who lived in the Mansions around St Vincent Gardens, which was based on a London Square, and the surrounding area.

Contact: Pauline Reid 03 9645 7517 or 9699 2172

Bookings: essential and close Thursday 15 Nov 2012



Rippon Lea House and Gardens

192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick (Melway: 67 F2)

Kids run free at Rippon Lea

When: Sunday 28 October 2012

Time: 10am to 4pm

Cost: Adult \$12, Concession \$9, Child \$6.50, Family \$30. National Trust Members free. For one day only free entry for all children aged up to 12

Kids run free is a family friendly event which includes four different treasure hunt activities, face painting, BBQ and food stalls, boat rides, a balloonologist and 14 acres of garden to explore.

To celebrate Children's Week we're opening the gates to all kids (up to 12 years) to enter for free.

Contact: (03) 8663 7260 for information and bookings.

Fathers' Day

When: Sunday 2 Sept 2012

Time: 10am – 4pm

Cost: Adult \$12, Concession \$9, Child \$6.50, Family \$30. National Trust Members Free

Dads and their families are invited to celebrate Father's Day at Rippon Lea. With vintage cars on display, boat rides (weather permitting), croquet, mini golf and lawn bowls lessons on the tennis court courtesy of The Elsternwick Club it is anticipated to be a great day. Dads and families can also enjoy the food from the vendors on site, the National Trust sausage sizzle or bring a picnic on the lawn and relax.

Contact: 03 8663 7260 for more information and bookings

Bookings: essential close date Tuesday 31 Aug 2012

Seniors Week Devonshire Tea

When: Monday 8 Oct – Friday 12 Oct 2012

Time: Two sessions per day: 10.30am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 4pm

Cost: General: Adult \$20, Concession \$15 Member: Adult \$10, Concession \$10

Make Seniors Week special this year with a visit to one of Melbourne's best loved historic properties; Rippon Lea House and Gardens. Your visit will include sumptuous Devonshire Tea provided by the ladies from the CWA on the mansion's verandah followed by a guided tour of the beautiful gardens and a special "Open House" of the mansion. During tea (or coffee, if you choose) you will be entertained by beautiful live music as you look out across the rolling western lawn and gardens.

Contact: (03) 8663 7260

Bookings: essential

Spring School Holiday Program

When: Tuesdays 25 Sept and 2 Oct 2012

Fridays 28 Sept and 5 Oct 2012

Time: Sessions run 10.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Cost: Child \$10 (ages 5-12)

Rippon Lea House & Gardens presents a School Holiday Program that will immerse participants in a Victorian era childhood experience. Primary school aged children (strictly 5-12years) will play old fashioned fair games such as tug-of-war, an egg and spoon race and croquet. There'll be boat rides on Rippon Lea's beautiful lake, exploring the Historic Mansion and finally all the fun of our Creature Catcher discovery trail. After all the excitement, children will be able to join their families for a relaxing picnic on one of the many spacious lawns at Rippon Lea.

Contact: (03) 8663 7260 for more information and bookings

Bookings: essential

Twilight Christmas Carols

When: Monday 3 December 2012

Time: 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Cost: Adult \$12, Concession \$9, Child \$6.50, Family \$30. Members FREE

Families are invited to celebrate Christmas at Rippon Lea House and Gardens. Local school choirs and bands will perform Christmas Carols, families will have the opportunity to purchase food from various vendors, bring their own picnic and sit in the gardens enjoying Rippon Lea in the Twilight. Santa will be making a special appearance, in addition to boat rides on the lake and Open House viewings of the Mansion.

Contact: (03) 8663 7260

Bookings: essential

Seniors Week Discounted Entry

When: Sunday 7 Oct – Sunday 14 Oct 2012

Time: Regular Opening Hours

Cost: Seniors \$7.20

Make Seniors Week special this year with a visit to one of Melbourne's best loved historic properties; Rippon Lea House and Gardens. During Seniors Week, entry to the house and gardens will be discounted by 20% for Seniors. Please note this discount is not valid for the Devonshire Tea.

Contact: (03) 9523 6095

Bookings: not required

BRANCH EVENTS

Activities Committee National Trust of Australia (Vic)

Luncheon and Exhibition in Kyneton

When: Sunday 19 Aug

Time: 12pm

Cost: National Trust Members Adult \$10, Child \$5 General Admission Adult \$15, Child \$5

Venue: RSL, 37 Mollison Street, Kyneton

Stroll along historic Piper Street and meet up at the RSL Club, Mollison Street for lunch. Following lunch visit the photographic exhibition of Mr Dominic Romeo – a National Trust Board Member – at gallery Exhibit Artist Space. Exhibition theme, "Where Thistles Grow", telling how we are shaped by where we come from. Lunch at own expense. Directions and map with application.

Contact: Lesley Barnes on (03) 9735 5772 for further details.

Bookings: essential before Friday 10 Aug 2012. Send booking details, cheque (payable to National Trust) or credit card details, stamped self addressed envelope to Lesley Barnes, 21 Winnetka Drive, Lilydale, 3140

A tour and hospitality at the William Angliss Institute

When: Wednesday 12 Sept 2012

Time: 11am – 3pm

Cost: National Trust Members Adult/Child \$38 General Admission Adult/Child \$43

Venue: 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Join us for a tour of the William Angliss Institute specialist centre for food and hospitality. Following the tour of this amazing place, a three course gourmet luncheon in the William Angliss Restaurant. Map with application.

Contact: Lesley Barnes on (03) 9735 5772 with any dietary requirements and for further details.

Bookings: essential before 29 Aug 2012. Send booking details, cheque (payable to National Trust) or credit card details, stamped self addressed envelope to Lesley Barnes, 21 Winnetka Drive, Lilydale, 3140

A visit to Healesville Glass Blowing Studio

When: Thursday 4 Oct 2012

Time: 11am

Cost: National Trust Members Adult/Child \$15, General Admission Adult \$20 Child \$15

Venue: 410-420 Maroondah Highway, Healesville

Tim Bassett and Tali Dalton glass artists, will open their studio for us to see their glass blowing techniques and to learn something of this ancient art. Following our visit lunch at our own expense has been booked at the Healesville Harvest Café. On the way home, stop off at Gulf Station for afternoon tea and a walk through the garden. Map with application.

Contact: Lesley Barnes on (03) 9735 5772 for further details.

Bookings: essential before 26 Sept 2012. Send booking details, cheque (payable to National Trust) or credit card details, stamped self addressed envelope to Lesley Barnes, 21 Winnetka Drive, Lilydale, 3140

Casey Cardinia Branch

Casey Cardinia Branch Meeting – Guest Speaker Fred Elliott

When: Monday 20 Aug 2012

Time: 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Cost: Gold Coin Donation or Bring a Plate

Venue: Function Room, Berwick Heritage Centre & Trust Shop, Pioneers Park, Peel Street, Berwick 3806

Members & Friends are cordially invited to attend our friendly interesting quarterly Casey Cardinia Branch Meeting with Guest Speaker Fred Elliott. Fred's anecdotes about people, places and his own experiences will guarantee a fascinating and enjoyable evening.

Contact: 9707 1518 or 9769 5653 for more information

Bookings: essential

Geelong & Region Branch

August at Torquay AGM

When: Tuesday 28 Aug 2012

Time: 6.30pm – 10pm

Cost: \$30 (includes two course meal)

Venue: Torquay Golf Club House, 1 Great Ocean Road, Torquay

An opportunity to view the new RACV resort development in the picturesque dune setting of the Torquay Golf Course. Annual General Meeting and guest speaker, Spencer Leighton President Torquay and District Historical Society.

Contact: RSVP by Friday 24 Aug, payment and apologies to Margaret Tembo P: 5221 5130, Geelong and Region Branch NTVIC, P O Box 1512 Geelong 3220

September at Beec

When: Tuesday 25 Sept 2012

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Cost: Gold Coin

Venue: Meet at windmills Main Street, Beec

Our host Bob Millen will explain the history of his early Western District bluestone homestead Braeburn near Beec. Beec is located on the shore of the hyper-saline Lake Beec and from 1860, the area opened for selection. A Post Office opened in 1862 and a town site was surveyed in 1864.

Contact: Pauline Walker on 03 5289 1569 for further information.

Geelong has the Edge

When: Thursday 11 Oct 2012

Time: 10am – 2.30pm

Cost: \$40

Venue: Depart from and return to Geelong Railway Station, Railway Terrace/Mercer Street, Geelong

Coach tour along Corio Bay edge, a beautiful crescent harbour, viewing Eastern Park, Eastern Beach, Royal Geelong Yacht Club, Waterfront, Cunningham Pier, Deakin University, Geelong Woolstores Precinct, Western Beach Mansions, Osborne House, Geelong Port and Geelong Grammar. Morning tea, light lunch, detailed notes included. Free V/Line train to Geelong. This is a Victorian Seniors' Festival event.

Contact: National Trust Bookings Office (03) 8663 7260

Bookings: essential and close Wednesday 3 Oct 2012

October at Rokewood

When: Tuesday 30 Oct 2012

Time: 11am – 3pm

Cost: Gold Coin

Venue: Meet at Uniting Church Skipton Road, Rokewood

Rokewood is an old goldfields town. Compton Gerard Ferrers held the Wardie Yallock Chain of Ponds run from 1844. The Post Office opened in 1857 and the classified Presbyterian Church was built in 1866.

BYO lunch, self drive tour, includes churches, cemetery and bridges.

Contact: Ros Lewis on 5241 5889 for further information.

Inner West Branch

Carinlea Heritage Trail

Where: Black Powder Mill, Grassy Point Drive, Cairnlea, Melway 25 F6

When: Sunday 23 Sept 2012

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

Join the Inner West Branch as they complete 4.6km the southern circuit of the Cairnlea Heritage Trail. The trail offers walks through the site of the former Albion Explosives Factory. The walk will include the Black Powder Mill, along Kororoit Creek, through the site of the former Albion Explosives factory. Includes entry to the Black Powder Mill.

Contact: Enid Hookey via email at ehokey@netspace.net.au or on 0414 637 439

Bookings: essential and close Friday 21 Sept 2012

Mornington Peninsula Branch

Branch Open Meeting

When: Saturday 15 Sept 2012

Time: 10.15am – 12pm

Cost: Free

Venue: Edwardian Room, The Briars,
Nepean Highway, Mt Martha

The Mornington Peninsula Branch Committee invites all Peninsula Trust Members to an open meeting featuring a showcase presentation by the committee members of the diverse range of heritage matters it addresses throughout the Peninsula. This is an invitation for members to meet the committee and view first hand the heritage advocacy work it undertakes and an opportunity to raise any matters of interest members may have. Morning tea will be served.

Contact: the Mornington Peninsula Branch Secretary on (03) 03 5976 1538 or email herrinew@satlink.com.au for enquiries

RSVP appreciated for catering purposes.

Mount Alexander Branch

Afternoon Tea in Yandoit

When: Sunday 23 Sept 2012

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Cost: Adult \$15, National Trust Member \$10

Venue: Details provided upon booking

Yandoit was once a rich gold mining town with a population of 5000 in 1857. Today its population is about 50 and only a handful of stone and timber cottages remain along the long main street, almost unchanged in a hundred years. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon tea in the picturesque old Uniting Church and a self drive tour with commentary and anecdotes by a life long Yandoit resident.

Contact: Brian Tressider on (03) 5472 1108 or 0429 450 055

Bookings: essential and close Sunday 16 Sept 2012

Branch AGM

When: Saturday 20 Oct 2012

Time: 10.30am – 12pm

Cost: No Charge

Venue: Details provided upon booking

Members please note The Branch AGM will take place on 20th Oct – venue to be advised.

Contact: the Mornington Peninsula Branch Secretary on (03) 03 5976 1538 or email herrinew@satlink.com.au for enquiries

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National Trust Heritage Walking Tours

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2pm Thursday

Cost: General \$35

Member: \$30

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Would you like to know the stories, people and places that helped shape Melbourne? Join us on the National Trust Heritage Walking Tour where we show you some of Melbourne's majestic buildings. With a qualified tour guide and small groups, the best way to see Heritage Melbourne is up close and on foot.

Contact: 03 8663 7260

Bookings: essential bookings@natstrust.com.au
by 48 hours before departure date.



**Christian Pearson -
Art of the Underground Exhibition**

Christian Pearson – Art of the Underground Exhibition

When: Weekdays until Friday 17 Aug 2012

Time: Weekdays 9am – 5pm

Special Open House Melbourne opening Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 July 2012 10am – 4pm

Cost: Free

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Bookings: not required

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