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Above: Essie Davis in the Every Cloud Production
Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries.
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Message from the Chairman

Dr Graeme L. Blackman OAM

As we come to the end of our first 5 year Strategy period it is a credit to all those involved in the organisation how much of the plan has been realised. I was gratified to see that during May the National Trust welcomed 5600 children to its education programs across various NT properties - building for the future is nowhere better exemplified than in this figure.

Our key strategy of building new audiences and delivering greater community engagement has had a profound impact on the number of young people who can now engage with cultural heritage through National Trust properties and initiatives. By ensuring the relevance of our sites for young people we ensure their future sustainability.

I look forward to seeing the planned re-opening of Gulf Station this summer with the addition of a new family friendly attraction. There will be more on this in the next issue of VicNews.

The winter launch of our new major exhibition initiative, Underbelly: Squizzy at Old Melbourne Gaol has proven a great success in a traditional quiet period and will be closely followed by another innovative exhibition at Rippon Lea in conjunction with the producers of Miss Fishers Murder Mysteries.

The timing of this exhibition on the 7th September will coincide with the scaffolding coming down and the completion of our roof restoration project allowing us to truly showcase the beauty of this site both inside and out. During this time the house will be open daily for self guided tours that allow visitors to enjoy the exhibition and house at their leisure. More information on both these exhibitions is contained inside.

Message from the CEO

Martin Purslow

Welcome to the latest edition of VicNews. You will find enclosed with this issue, a complimentary teabag, from our friends at Tea Tonic, for you to enjoy.

This is just one of the many partnerships that our Membership team have been working to create over the last few months and I am pleased to be able to advise that we have been able to establish some great new benefits for our members with organisations such as Melbourne Aquarium, Sovereign Hill, the Arts Centre and the Diggers Club. More information about these can be found on page 5.

Thanks to funding support from Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities we are pleased to be able to offer our fourth iphone app which is now available FREE in the itunes app store. The Our City app gives visitors and locals alike a new view of some of our Melbourne icons with videos from well known Melburnians Ron Barassi, Tim Costello and Mirka Mora, to name a few. More information about how you can download this app can be found on page 4.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate planning Minister Matthew Guy who made the welcome announcement confirming the protection of 87 heritage places in the CBD in June. This is the first major amendment for heritage in the CBD in three decades and I personally would like to thank Mr Guy on behalf of National Trust members for taking much needed action on this. We now await a decision on the post war buildings included in his list, which were unexpectedly not afforded similar protection.

I would also like to thank everyone who has taken part in this year's Heritage Awards. The National Trust Heritage Awards program aims to celebrate the people who work tirelessly as advocates for cultural heritage within their communities. Well done to everyone involved!

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Underbelly: Squizzy comes to the Old Melbourne Gaol

The National Trust is proud to present the Underbelly: Squizzy Exhibition at the Old Melbourne Gaol. Running daily throughout August, the exhibition provides an insight into the fascinating life of Squizzy Taylor.

As one of Melbourne's first celebrity gangsters, Squizzy lived a bizarre and surreal life that captivated the Australian public for the first time in the 20th century. Squizzy is once again back in the public eye almost 100 years later due to Underbelly: Squizzy, filmed for the Nine Network.

Visitors will uncover the story of this gritty underworld figure through a series of customised Squizzy cells that unveil the many loves, friendships and enemies that shaped his life and unending quest for power.

The exhibition features police records, images and newspaper reports from Squizzy's reign, combined with original

costumes and footage from Underbelly: Squizzy, currently showing on the Nine Network.

To connect with Squizzy's experience inside of one of Melbourne's most fearsome jails, visitors will have a unique opportunity to experience the gruelling life of a prisoner by being arrested and locked up in the same cells that once held this infamous character.

The Old Melbourne Gaol is one of Melbourne's most iconic buildings of the period and filled with unspeakable stories of Melbourne's bloody underworld rivals.

National Trust Members can visit the exhibition which runs daily until the 1st of September for free. Visit nationaltrust.org.au/vic to book your tickets.

Costumes, images and footage courtesy of Screentime, a Banijay Group company, and the Nine Network.



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The National Trust is thrilled to join with Ron, Mirka and Tim as well as Shannon Bennett, Tony Wheeler, Nadia Tass, Lillian Frank, Dr Kia Pajouhesh, Rod Quantock, Anson Cameron, Barry Jones and Robyn Archer.

This fantastic new iPhone app will walk you to 50 sites in the CBD, each with a very special and personal story. So, if you want to know why Robyn Archer is permanently embedded in the concrete behind the Comedy Theatre or what Shannon Bennett's connection to the first celebration of American Independence in 1776 is, this is the app for you... and about you. We want to hear your stories of experiences in the city and you can tell us through the app! Upload your story and it will appear as a permanent part of the app as a recorded social history of all Melburnians' experiences!

Download the app from the iTunes store or through www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic/OurCity

National Trust online shop is open for business

In May 2013 the National Trust of Australia launched its first National Trust branded online shop.

Customers now have the ability to browse a selection of handpicked products in the comfort of their own home. Products listed on the site are linked to a National Trust State and to a specific character, identity or story connected to our very special properties. Customers will also find a range of products that are linked within the core philosophies of the Trust being Heritage, Conversation and the Arts.

Offering a range to suit the most discerning customer the National Trust online shop is a great gift buying resource and remember 100% of our retail profits are reinvested and help us look after the special places you love.



New Member Benefits

Whether you adore the arts or love the great outdoors, Victoria has something for everybody. We have recently partnered with organisations throughout the state to offer National Trust members some unique discounts and offers.

Exclusive Access to Arts Centre Melbourne Members Lounge & Dining Room, plus invitations to selected Arts Centre Melbourne member only events

Sink into a booth and soak up the atmosphere at the Members Lounge & Dining Room at the Arts Centre Melbourne - Victoria's flagship performing Arts venue. Enjoy a drink and a bite to eat from pre-theatre a la carte dining before heading out for a show. As a member of the National Trust you will also be invited to Arts Centre Melbourne member's only events - from a pre concert talks and lectures to behind the scenes tours. They will no doubt inform and entertain you. Please call 9281 8184 to book the lounge and dining room, stating that you are a National Trust member.

20% off Adult & Children's tickets at Melbourne Aquarium

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The Diggers club is happy to offer National Trust members 20% discount on retail price entry to Diggers Club workshops and 20% discount on entry to Heronswood and St Erth Gardens properties.

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Step back in time and get gold rush fever with this great offer! Sovereign Hill re-creates Ballarat's first ten years after the discovery of gold in 1851. Explore the

streets and meet costumed characters eager to show off their new found wealth or venture underground on a fully-guided gold mine tour - who knows you might strike it rich as well. Why not go back at night and enjoy 'Blood on the Southern Cross' light and sound show, which tells the dramatic story of the 1854 Eureka Uprising.

As the year progresses there will be more offers for you to enjoy so don't forget to check our website for more information and full terms and conditions. We also offer members special offers via our member newsletter so don't forget to sign up so you can take full advantage of some great offers. Please call the membership department on 03 9656 9830.

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Heritage Walking Tours

It's a perfect, crisp Melbourne morning when we meet for a Heritage Walk. The walk promises to take us to some of Melbourne's most prominent and majestic buildings, as well as some hidden gems. For the past five years, I've lived and worked in Melbourne and I'm pretty sceptical about there being any remaining nooks I haven't seen.

Isabel is an experienced and chatty tour guide, and she engages us with some basic Melbourne history. We're away! After a potted and charming history of Tasma Terrace, we move north towards St Patrick's cathedral. I have to admit I've never been

inside, and I'm in awe of the vaulting ceilings. As Isabel describes the building process, I can practically feel the hammers and chisels carving out the marble.

As we move west, my fellow walker learns a fact about fences that upon reflection, is his most memorable moment of the walk. Making fences fascinating is no easy task, but Isabel manages with ease.

We wander at our own pace through the city, our friendly guide allowing us to ask questions and providing us with some eye-opening anecdotes.

We linger in laneways and loiter for photographs, and explore a Melbourne I've never seen.

I'm pleasantly surprised that even for a local, the best way to see Melbourne really is up close and on foot.

National Trust Heritage Walks are available on 6th and 10th of October. Bookings are essential, and your ticket includes morning or afternoon tea. Private group bookings are also available on request.

Please call (03) 9656 9804 to reserve your spot on the next Heritage Walk.

Building our Future through our People

"The National Trust's vision for the community to understand, value and enjoy the built, natural and cultural heritage that creates our national identity is today realised," Martin Purslow said on Mabo Day, 03 June. The occasion was the appointment of the National Trust's first Indigenous Heritage Advocate, Rueben Berg. This position is solely for engagement with Indigenous cultural heritage and management of the Reconciliation Through Place Project. *"This is the first time we've appointed someone in the role of Indigenous Heritage Officer and we're lucky to have someone with Rueben's impressive skill set on board."*

Rueben, a Gunditjmara man and one of only ten Indigenous Architects/architectural graduates in Australia, said he was honoured to be appointed the inaugural Indigenous Heritage Advocate. *"I am committed to using my skills and expertise to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This is a great opportunity to share Aboriginal culture with the broader community,"* Rueben said. As a founder of Indigenous Architecture Victoria and the Indigenous Ultimate Association, Rueben maintains strong relationships to community and peak sector bodies and will contribute significantly to the growth of the National Trust.

Rueben will oversee the *Reconciliation Through Place* Project the first targeted, rather than incidental, research into Indigenous cultural heritage at National Trust sites. The project, supported by the Federal Government, will explore the Indigenous cultural heritage at National Trust properties McCrae Homestead and Endeavour Fern Gully on the Mornington Peninsula and Mooramong in Skipton. The project will enable the development of new interpretation in consultation with traditional owners and the creation of shared heritage sites.

The National Trust's Reconciliation Action Plan has helped develop programs and appointments such as these that will continue to strengthen our engagement with shared heritage. Watch out for some of the most significant undertakings the Trust has ever made later in the year.

Continuing to strengthen the National Trust's commitment to environmental heritage, we welcome our new Environmental Heritage Advocate, Anna Foley. The Trust has always been in the vanguard of advocacy for, and conservation of, our natural sites. Anna's background is in botany and ecology, having previously worked at the Department of Sustainability and Environment (Port Phillip Region) and Arthur Rylah Institute, and as an ecological consultant in Victoria and NSW. Anna's focus at the National Trust is advocacy and community engagement



Rueben Berg, New Indigenous Heritage Advocate at the National Trust.



Anna Foley, New Environmental Heritage Advocate at the National Trust.

on environmental conservation; a broad mandate encompassing trees, landscapes, parks and reserves - essentially heritage places 'without a roof'. Her responsibilities include advocating for environmental heritage at VCAT, Planning Panels and Heritage Council hearings. She is passionate about engaging the community in conserving Victoria's environmental heritage, and looks forward to working closely with the Branches, Significant Tree Committee and Landscape Committee to realise this goal.



Pauline Reid, Alexandra Hill, Cr Amanda Stevens, Bronte Alston, Martin Purslow, Pearl Harnath & Sally Nansen



Sally Nansen, Peter Quinlivan & Rosalind Price

Stories from the Iron Houses

Earlier this year National Trust of Australia (Victoria) was delighted to work with The City of Port Phillip on a short story writing competition about the Portable Iron Houses, South Melbourne.

There were 3 categories (adult, primary school and secondary school) and writers were encouraged to attend the free history tours and creative writing workshops with authors Tony Birch and Catherine Bateson on 9-10 March. The competition excited the imagination of many and our fabulous judges, Peter Quinlivan and Rosalind Price, had the difficult task of nominating the winning stories.

"We are fortunate in Melbourne to have many well preserved sites that help our imagination track back through history to the very start of white settlement in Victoria, and sometimes beyond. The Iron Houses in South Melbourne are particularly evocative places to glimpse the experience of those who came before us, and to contemplate a way of life that is a distant but clear ancestor of our more comfortable existence. That this window to the past is still open for all who care to peep through is a tribute to those who have preserved these Iron Houses, and we owe them our gratitude.

History can be used in any number of ways: as a curiosity, viewed in isolation from any contemporary relevance; as a map to show how we got to where we are now; as a lesson in how we might face the future.... It can also be a leaping-off point for us to ponder 'what would life have been like?', 'what might have happened next?', and 'what if'?"

On Saturday 18 May the winners were announced at the Presentation Ceremony at the Portable Iron Houses by City of Port Phillip Mayor, Cr Amanda Stevens, and National Trust CEO, Martin Purslow.

And the Winners are :

Sally Nansen *A House Speaks* (Adult)

Bronte Alston *The Girl with an Iron House* (Secondary School)

Pearl Harnath *Ghost* (Primary School)

Read more about their commentary on the stories here

www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic/StoriesfromtheIronHousesCommentary

We would also like to credit Dorothy Simpson as the author of the Looking back at 30 years of the Portable Iron Houses article which appeared in the May edition of VicNews.

National Trust partners with Bayside Men's shed to build a Traditional wooden skittles game

Men's Shed is a community-based, non-profit, non-commercial organisation that is accessible to all men and whose primary activity is the provision of a safe and friendly environment where men are able to work on meaningful projects at their own pace in their own time in the company of other men. A major objective is to advance the wellbeing and health of their male members.

The National Trust has partnered with the Bayside Men's shed to build an outdoor old fashioned wooden nine pin skittle game.

Traditionally Skittles or Nine Pins has long been played in the Inns of England. In general, players take turns to throw wooden balls down a lane at the end of which are several wooden skittles in an attempt to knock them all over. It has been thought that the game could have originally come from Germany as one of the earliest references is to a similar style of game originated from Germany. In the 4th century monks played a game with a kegel which was a club carried for self defence. In the game, the kegel represented a sin or temptation and the monks would throw stones at it until they knocked it over. The modern German term for skittles is Kegelen.

Justin Buckley, The National Trust Horticulture Manager and Skittle game project leader said on the project *"It's been great working with the Bayside Men's Shed on this project. They've worked closely with us from the design process through to construction and we think the end result is fantastic. It will be enjoyed by kids at Rippon Lea for many years to come. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Men shed to create new and exciting projects for Rippon Lea Estate into the future".*

The skittle game will be housed in the garden at Rippon Lea Estate from the July School Holidays and will be free for the public to enjoy.





Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries comes to Rippon Lea

The popular ABC TV series Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries is returning to Rippon Lea with a major exhibition featuring the sumptuous costumes worn by the Hon. Phryne Fisher and her cohorts. The house and gardens, which features in the series as the home of Aunt Prudence, will again be transformed as the doors open to the Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Costume Exhibition on the 7th September.

More than 30 outfits worn by lead cast, including Miss Phryne Fisher (Essie Davis), Detective Inspector Jack Robinson (Nathan Page) and Aunt Prudence (Miriam Margolyes) from both series one and the soon to be broadcast series two of Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries will be showcased in the exhibition. Visitors will be taken on a journey into the creation of the many worlds of Miss Fisher with insight from Kerry Greenwood, the author of the Phryne Fisher mystery series of books, Fiona Egger and Deb Cox, producers of the popular ABC TV series, and Marion Boyce, the costume designer for the TV series.

The exhibition will be open daily and runs through until the 27th October. To book your tickets call 9656 9889 or visit riponleaestate.com.au

National Trust members are invited to be one of the first to experience the Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Costume Exhibition at our members only preview soiree on the 6th September.

Members will enjoy an exclusive evening viewing of the costume exhibition before it is opened to the general public. Light refreshments will be served. To book your soiree tickets call 8663 7260. Tickets to the members only soiree are strictly limited so book yours now to avoid disappointment.

The exhibition is complimented by two exciting public program events - Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Tea Dance and Phryne Fisher mysteries book series Author's talk and afternoon tea.

Above: Essie Davis in the Every Cloud Production, Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries. Photography: Ben King.

At the author's talk, Kerry Greenwood will be interviewed by Anita Barraud, acclaimed journalist, producer and presenter. Anita will be exploring Kerry's inspiration, characters and fashions for the books. Kerry will also be discussing her 20th and latest Phryne Fisher novel, Murder and Mendelssohn.

The Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Tea Dance will offer contemporary afternoon tea consisting of a variety of finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam, a selection of pastries and cakes, and your choice of many tea infusions.

For more information or to book your tickets visit nationaltrust.org.au/vic or call 9656 9889.

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Avenues of Honour Education and Awareness Pilot Project

By Paul Roser, Senior Manager, Advocacy & Conservation

Thanks to the support of The Albert George and Nancy Caroline Youngman Trust managed by Equity Trustees, we have recently developed a pilot program to assist local communities identify and appreciate the history of their memorial Avenues of Honour.

As we approach the centenary of the First World War, communities Australia-wide are looking for ways in which to remember and commemorate those who experienced the devastation of that war. By developing this project, we are establishing a framework for communities to recall this sacrifice and remember not just the soldiers of that war, but the experience of families and friends who were left behind in Australia.

Just like other war memorials that are present across the Australian landscape, Avenues of Honour were first planted to commemorate the sacrifice and service made by local volunteers during the First World War. The planting of these memorial trees was intensely personal, and for many towns across Australia acted as a focus of remembrance for a grieving community.

Today, many of Australia's Avenues of Honour have been lost or forgotten. In Victoria alone, there was once more than

325 Avenues of Honour, however today there is now believed to be less than 50 that are actively remembered and managed by local communities, and even less that are in a whole and undamaged state. It is the National Trust's aim, through this project, to bring awareness to these wonderful living memorials, both those that have been damaged or lost, and those that are thriving, and assist Victorian schools, RSLs, historical societies and heritage groups in celebrating their local history and heritage through the form of these memorial trees. Working with the History Teachers Association of Victoria, we have designed a number of activities to fit in with the school curriculum.

We have selected three Victorian towns to act as case studies for a pilot program to demonstrate the different states and experiences of some Victoria's Avenues of Honour: Sandringham, Bacchus Marsh and Eurack (near Winchelsea). A debate has now been raised in Sandringham about how to deal with an avenue that is now largely lost. In Bacchus Marsh and Eurack it is about establishing appropriate commemoration events, and a special awareness day for Bacchus Marsh has been created by the recently formed Great War Centenary Committee.

The National Trust can also assist local communities in achieving other commemorative objectives. The National Trust's tax-deductible appeal facility can be accessed for local appeals to raise funds for conservation and arboreal works to significant avenues of honour.

We will share the experiences of these three pilot towns with other interested communities. Photos, community blogs, media links and historical material will be available to use, as well as an educational section that will provide downloadable school activities PDF's for teachers, containing a range of educational activities that focus on Avenue of Honour remembrance.

Please contact Laura James on 0430 531635 for more information on this initiative, and to find out how your organisation can assist the community in the development of this project in your local area.

The inaugural Bacchus Marsh Great War Centenary Awareness Day will be held on Saturday 10 August, 10am-4pm, at the RSL, Main Street, Bacchus Marsh. More details at nationaltrust.org.au/vic



BACCHUS MARSH GREAT WAR CENTENARY COMMITTEE

Great War Centenary Awareness Day

Saturday 10 August 2013, 10am-4pm

Come and help us prepare for the centenary commemorations 2014-2018!

In partnership with the National Trust *Avenues of Honour Education and Awareness Program* and with the *Moorabool Weekly* who will write regular commemorative articles from 2014-18.

EVENTS: Talks | Schools Art display
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Experience all the magic of music at Barwon Park Mansion with three Springtime concerts. Featuring piano, chorale and mandolin.



Team of Pianists Sunday 1 September

The piano is one of the most exciting instruments, especially when in the hands of experts.

Kevin Suherman will perform one of the greatest French works of the nineteenth century, Prelude, Chorale and Fugue by César Franck, as well as the effervescent Sonata No. 1 by South American composer Alberto Ginastera, bringing a Latin American and Spanish influence to the concert. Whilst only eighteen years old Kevin is a seasoned professional already. Originally from Indonesia, he has played in Tokyo, Paris, Vienna, Bandung, Jakarta and Melbourne.

Kevin's teacher, Professor Max Cooke, one of Australia's best-known pianists and teachers, will perform exciting and colourful works for four-hands with Darryl Coote, his former student. Keeping in the French tradition, they will play a lively Sonata by Poulenc (which they have released on CD), the Barcarolle and Scherzo from Rachmaninoff's Six Morceaux Op. 11, Grieg's Norwegian Dances Op. 35 nos. 1 and 2, as well as two Hungarian Dances by Brahms.

Geelong Chorale Concert Sunday 20 October

The Geelong Chorale Group, a part of Geelong GAMA, has been singing together for decades. Following the chorale tradition and comprising some 40 singers the group will present songs from various eras and various countries for your enjoyment.

Conducted by Alistair Cox and accompanied by Kristine Mellens the concert will also feature a special guest artist.

Melbourne Mandolin Orchestra Sunday 10 November

The Melbourne Mandolin Orchestra has thrilled and entertained audiences in almost all the capital cities of Australia as well as numerous cities in Europe and Japan during its overseas tours.

It performs a very wide repertoire of music spanning several centuries and numerous styles ranging from Renaissance to contemporary compositions, some of which were written specifically for this orchestra. Its ranks include professional and dedicated enthusiastic amateur musicians.

These electrifying, uplifting and romantic recitals offer a special opportunity to hear music in the stunning surrounds of Barwon Park Mansion, a National Trust gem. Audience members are welcome to look through the magnificent 1870's mansion before the concerts. Refreshments will also be available.

For bookings and information contact:

Team of Pianists : 03 9822 2959

Chorale concert : 03 5244 3280

Mandolin Orchestra : 0422 589 675

Do you have green fingers and enjoy spending time outdoors and in the garden? We need you!

Barwon Park is a magnificent 42 room bluestone mansion set in a sweeping rural landscape. Barwon Park was built for Thomas and Elizabeth Austin in 1871 and was bequeathed to the National Trust by Sidney Batson.

It goes without saying that Barwon Park is a big place and it takes many helpers to keep the mansion looking as good as it can for the thousands of people who visit each year.

We are looking for volunteers who can help in a 'hands on' way at Barwon Park with maintenance work, painting, clearing the grounds, gardening and burning a bonfire or two.

Barwon Park has an active garden volunteer group who meet each Wednesday. Only basic gardening knowledge is required



(From left to right) Chris Ryan, Helen Brown, Harry Kahle working in the Barwon Park garden

to undertake various gardening duties including planting, pruning, watering, weeding, mulching and maintaining garden beds, under the guidance of the gardening supervisor.

It's a great way to meet new like minded people, learn more about gardening and make a difference in maintaining this wonderful asset. All tools and materials needed are provided for you to use.

Barwon Park is open every Wednesday and Sunday and volunteers can be involved on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

Join the team who with a long line of volunteers has helped make Barwon Park the number one tourist attraction in the Surf Coast hinterland.

If this sounds like you please contact us, phone 52 67 2209 or email us your details : barwon.park1@bigpond.com.

Time Required: One Wednesday per week or fortnight
Property Location : Barwon Park, 105 Inverleigh Road, Winchelsea
Contact ; Trudi Toyne, Phone 52 67 2209 (Wednesday and Sunday)

HERITAGE PHOTOGRAPHY

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Advocacy Update

By Paul Roser, Senior Manager, Advocacy & Conservation

City of Melbourne Heritage Amendment C186 - the '99 Buildings'

Planning Minister Matthew Guy finally made a welcome announcement confirming protection for 87 heritage places in the CBD in June. We have been campaigning for several years for additional controls for CBD buildings and made submissions at an eight day independent Planning Panel last year. However ten post-war places were missed from the approved list pending further work and we continue to advocate for protection for those places.

The fate of the former National Mutual Building in Collins Street is becoming particularly contentious given the falling (but fixable) masonry and a recent application to demolish this very early example of tower and plaza combination. Notable places to be added to the heritage overlay include the 1924 Argus Building, corner of Lonsdale and Elizabeth Streets. The building has lain redundant for several years but in April the Melbourne Institute of Technology announced it would be converted to a campus in 2014.

Heritage planning scheme amendments

The National Trust appeared at the Planning Panel for City of Yarra heritage amendment C163 in early May with an expert witness from our Built Environment Committee. The amendment proposes a heritage precinct control for a row of 1870s-1880s shops on Victoria Street threatened with demolition. The former bank on the corner is not threatened. The Panel Report has just been released and consistent with our position recommends a heritage control for the entire row.

Meanwhile the report from the Boroondara C142 Panel, at which we appeared earlier in the year, has been released and consequently the City of Boroondara has now added heritage controls to a number of new precincts most importantly including the Yarra Boulevard.

The report from the Glenelg Shire amendment C55 has also been released and confirms protection for more than 80 individual properties. We were ably represented by our Branch President at the Panel hearing.

Proposed Red Hill landfill tip

The proposed tip at the Arthur's Seat Quarry is located in a Trust classified landscape, with statutory Significant Landscape and Environmental Significance overlay controls. At time of writing the application has not yet been given public notice. However the Mornington Peninsula Shire confirms that the quarry was identified some years ago as the preferred site for additional landfill capacity. We attended a packed EPA information session at Dromana in June and will make a formal submission objection. The entire process is expected to take up to a year to conclude.

We have concerns that the proposal may not comply with the objectives of the planning controls that apply to the site. Our classification report made in 1978 states that the "status of the Scenic Area is seriously endangered by the extent of development. The need for effective land-use controls is critical." At time of writing there is a lack of detail regarding the project's impact on landscape value, and the ecological impact assessment has not provided sufficient information regarding the proposed removal of native vegetation, and the potential impact upon threatened species and their habitat.



(From left to right) Victoria Street Abbotsford,
The National Mutual Building on Collins Street,
Sugar Gums at Lake Marma Reserve.

Protecting Significant Landscapes and Green Wedges

In April, we attended a VCAT hearing regarding a proposed 5 lot subdivision on a 30ha parcel of Green Wedge land on Glenfern Rd, Upper Ferntree Gully. It was the second time the matter had gone to VCAT, after the Tribunal upheld Council's decision to refuse a seven-lot subdivision in 2011. The site falls within the Lysterfield Valley, a significant landscape classified by the National Trust. The Significant Landscape Overlay covering the property directly quotes the Trust's Classification Report:

"Lysterfield Valley is an attractive pastoral landscape which forms part of a "green wedge" between the suburban areas of Rowville and Dandenong North and the urbanised Ferntree Gully-Belgrave ridge of the Dandenongs. For many visitors the Lysterfield Valley forms the major "gateway" to the Dandenongs from the metropolitan area."

The National Trust's Environmental Heritage Advocate, Anna Foley, attended the VCAT hearing. Knox City Council objected to the

proposal, and was supported at the hearing by the Friends of the Glenfern Green Wedge. The environmental impacts of the subdivision was argued by both sides, however all the ecological expert witnesses could agree that the gifting of the public reserve fronting the Creek to Knox City Council/Melbourne Water was a positive outcome for the local environment. The Planning Permit Application was approved by VCAT, subject to a series of conditions.

The National Trust continues to advocate for outcomes that conserve significant landscape values.

Lake Marma Reserve, Murtoa

We appeared at the Heritage Council Registration Hearing in Murtoa in May, represented by our Environmental Heritage Advocate, Anna Foley. Heritage Victoria recommended the place for the State Register but this was disputed by the local Committee of Management. The Trust's Advocate for Significant Trees, John Fordham, also appeared as an expert witness. Lake Marma Reserve in Murtoa in the Wimmera region is host to impressive avenues of around 400 Sugar

Gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) which were planted in c1890. These trees were the first mass planting of a single native species in a public park in Victoria, and the triple avenue along the lakefront is unique. The plantings were innovative for their time, as the use of Sugar Gums as a mass landscaping species did not gain wider popularity in Victoria until after the First World War. Lake Marma Reserve also includes the 1895 Sprott Fountain, the 1907 Queen Victoria Memorial Band Rotunda, and the 1920 World War I Memorial Gates and Arch. At time of writing the Heritage Council has not yet handed down their decision.

Demolition by Neglect

This is an ongoing issue particularly at local government level and with places on the heritage overlay. We have commissioned a detailed study to follow up on earlier work by some Councils and to investigate case studies to recommend measures of how local government may respond. The final report will produce a model methodology and policies for local governments to deal with locally significant properties threatened by neglect. More details on our website.

For all details of our advocacy work visit: www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic/conservation



2013 Heritage Awards

The National Trust Heritage Awards program is a keystone in the strengthening of relationships with councils and communities across Victoria. As a statewide program, we encourage all communities to celebrate their heritage and the people who have committed to its conservation and preservation. Congratulations to all participants!

Ballarat Heritage Awards

Presented by the National Trust Ballarat Branch and City of Ballarat at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, 10 May



Creative/Adaptive Reuse of a Heritage Place	Ballarat Premier Apartments, 2 Lyons Street South, Ballarat
New Work/Development within a Heritage Area	39 Victoria Avenue, Ballarat
Conservation of a Heritage Place or Historic Collection	24 Webster Street, Ballarat
Special Heritage Trade Skills	Angelo Christofi & Chris Christofi, Buttoning Upholstery
Heritage Innovation	The Wadawurrung Dya Baap Ngobeeyt Cultural Heritage & Mapping Management Project
Greg Binns Award for Outstanding Community Contribution to Heritage	Ballarat Premier Apartments, 2 Lyons Street South, Ballarat
Special Commendation	Mitchell Harris Urban Cellar Door, 38 Doveton Street North, Ballarat and Ballarat & District Industrial Heritage project, University of Ballarat, Ballarat
Special Recognition for Long-Term Commitment to Heritage Conservation	Ballarat Mechanics Institute, Ballarat - Building Restoration, and Ballarat Mechanics Institute, Ballarat - Restoration & Preservation of Nineteenth Century Collections
Special Recognition for Contribution to a Heritage Streetscape	Jackson's & Co, 201 Mair Street, Ballarat

Bendigo Heritage Awards

Presented by the National Trust Bendigo & Region Branch and City of Greater Bendigo at the Bendigo Town Hall, 14 June



Restoration/Conservation of a Heritage Place - Residential	Glenara, 85 Brougham Street, Bendigo 14 Harkness Street, Quarry Hill (Special Commendation)
Restoration/Conservation of a Heritage Place - Commercial	Eaglehawk Courthouse, Eaglehawk Beehive Building, Bendigo (Highly Commended)
Creative Adaptation/Re-Use of a Heritage Place	The Stables, 437 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo
Development (Infill) within a Heritage Area	Howard Place Safe Transport Space, Bendigo
Additions to a Heritage Place	49 Hamlet Street, Quarry Hill
Specialist Heritage Trade Skills	Period Building Conservation Pty. Ltd. GA & PA Pilcher, Mal Dyall and Patrick Flood (Highly Commended)
Heritage Advocacy	Friends of Bendigo Cemeteries Inc. Bendigo Historical Society Inc. (Highly Commended) Terry Davidson (Highly Commended)

Bass Coast Heritage Awards

Presented by the National Trust Bass Coast Branch at the Corinella, 27 April



Restoration of a Heritage Place	Yoorhooga Homestead, Coronet Bay
Creative Reuse of a Heritage Place	Wonthaggi Railway Museum, Wonthaggi
Sustainability and Greening of a Heritage Place	Corinella Foreshore Revegetation, Corinella
Community Heritage Advocacy	Corinella Jetty Reconstruction, Corinella

Geelong Heritage Awards

Presented by the National Trust Geelong & Region Branch and City of Greater Geelong at the Former Brown Brothers Iron Store, 23 April



Restoration and Repair of a Heritage Place	Geelong College, 20 Talbot Street, Geelong West
	17 Candover Street, Geelong West
	Uniting Church, Moorabool Street, South Geelong
	Geelong Customs House, Brougham Street, Geelong
Environmental Sustainability of a Heritage Place	2 Culbin Avenue, Belmont
Alterations and Additions to a Heritage Place	Funeral Chapel, 2-4 Murradoc Road, Drysdale
Infill Development in a Heritage Area	294 Myers Street, East Geelong

Indigo Heritage Awards

Presented by the National Trust North East Branch and Shire of Indigo at the Beechworth Courthouse, 10 May



Junior Heritage Award	Rutherglen Primary School & St Mary's Primary School, Rutherglen
Restoration of a Heritage Place	Rutherglen Gold Battery, Rutherglen
	Christ Church, Beechworth (Commendation)
	St Andrew's Uniting Church, Beechworth (Commendation)
Specialist Heritage Trade Skills	Colonial Style Drystone Walls, 78 Gibson Street, Chiltern
	Beechworth Railway Model Display, Beechworth (Commendation)
New Work / Development within a Heritage Area	7 Albert Road, Beechworth
Open Heritage Award	Indigo U3A Family History Group & Bourke Museum, Beechworth
	Wooragee Community Centre Committee of Management (Commendation)
Gold Heritage Award	Wishbone Road, an album of gold rush inspired songs of Yackandandah

Mornington Peninsula Heritage Awards

Presented by the National Trust Mornington Peninsula Branch and Shire of Mornington Peninsula at the Mornington Park Pavillion, 24 May



Restoration of a Heritage Place	Mornington Primary School, Vale Street, Mornington
	Sylvan Park, Ivanhoe Street, Sorrento
Creative Re-use of a Heritage Place	Counting House Restaurant, 787 Esplanade, Mornington
	Currawong Community Centre, 5-17 Currawong Street, Mornington
	3460 Frankston Flinders Road, Merricks
Sustainability / Greening of a Heritage Place	Friends of Williams Beach, Mt Eliza
	The Briars, Nepean Highway, Mt Martha
	Jarrold Ruch & Kevin Gibson, The Briars, Nepean Highway, Mt Martha
Excellence in Heritage Interpretation	Settlement Action Group - Collins Settlement Site, Sullivan Bay, Sorrento
	Friends of Collins Settlement - Collins Settlement Centre, Leggett Way, Sorrento
	Crib Point RSL - Crib Point War Memorial, Stony Point & Park Roads, Crib Point
Excellence in Heritage Conservation	200 Ocean Beach Road, Sorrento
Professional & Trade Heritage Skills	Bruce McComb - Stonemason
	Mick James - Stonemason
	Tim Dobson - Plumber
	Aaron Wilson - Carpenter
	Daniel Brindley, Environmental Restorations P/L
	Steve Hofer, Williams Kaye Hofer Architects
	David Hampton, Mornington Peninsula Shire
Individual Heritage Award	Valerie Wilson - research and development of web publication Mornington Peninsula Pioneer Graves
	Phil Robinson - artistic representations of threatened species being reintroduced to the Briars



National Trusts of Australia Conference, Cooktown



by Martin Purslow

From Tuesday 21 until Friday 24 May, National Trust bodies from around Australia gathered together in Cooktown, far north Queensland. Cooktown is both significant for being where James Cook beached the Endeavour for repairs in 1770 and for being the site of first reconciliation with the Gungarde peoples.

The conference theme of Milestones: Community Heritage at the Crossroads celebrated community heritage organisations in Australia and their significant achievements over many decades. It also recognised the very difficult position many find themselves currently in as we search for a sustainable future for community heritage.

As the largest non-government, heritage advocacy group in the country, it is important

that the National Trust can come together and discuss issues across the organisation and broader sector. Sustainability not only on economic and environmental levels but also on relevance and community engagement is a key strategic direction discussion across all Trusts.

'The Victorians', as we came to be known in Cooktown, are at the forefront of use of new technologies in engagement with audiences and integration into our daily advocacy work. Martin Purslow chaired the Victorian presentation on Innovation and New Technology, showcasing our position as the lead Trust in this area. Martin Green explored audience engagement through new technologies and how to best encourage audiences to engage with sites and projects using them; whilst Paul Roser and Alexandra Hill looked at the use of new technologies in our advocacy role, particularly apps, open source, social media and crowdfunding.

The conference was a valuable opportunity for us to meet colleagues and work together on projects. It was also a rare chance to explore a fabulous part of Australia. We were fortunate to be able to participate in a tour of rock art sites with our charismatic tour guide, Willie Guurrbi, and hear of the engagement of the Gungarde people with Cook around the town's significant areas with Alberta Hornsby. Reconciliation and recognition of Indigenous cultural heritage at our sites and in our organisation are core directions for the Trust and experiencing other understandings across Australia is invaluable.

Trusts from each State and Territory presented papers talking to a range of topics, the program of which can be found here:

www.nationaltrust.org.au/Assets/10615/1/ConferencePROGRAMWEBSITE.pdf



Top left: Flying into Cooktown.
Top right: Rock Art
Left: Conference Delegates 2013

Notice of board election, 2013

In accordance with the Constitution of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), two Directorships will become vacant in November 2013. Retiring directors are eligible for re-election.

Nominations are invited for Directorships and must be received by the Company Secretary by 5pm on 5 October 2013 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 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 12 November 2013, 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 2013 Annual General Meeting and published in the following edition of VicNews.

Close of Voting Roll

Please note that the voting roll will close at 5.00pm 7 October 2013 and only members who are financial at that time will be eligible to vote.

57th Annual General Meeting

Members are advised that the AGM will be held on 16 November 2013 at Como House & Garden. Cnr Williams Rd & Lechlade Ave South Yarra, Melbourne.

Jane Macneil
Company Secretary



Left: The cast of Waiting for Swire writer/director Doug Mann. Right: Presentations to Mr Rob Jennings and Mrs Emmy McKenzie, John Swire and Sons, from Jonathan Porter O'Brien ((Ubalduino Mantelli) and John Samuel Swire (Russell Kline).

Foundation News

Generous Endowment

In April of this year Barwon Grange was the setting for a delightful 1854 re-enactment that saw a young John Samuel Swire arrive on horseback to be met by his cousin, Jonathan Porter O'Brien.

The connection between the founder of Barwon Grange and the founder of John Swire and Sons in Australia has been cemented some 160 years later through a generous gift to the National Trust of Victoria Foundation by John Swire and Sons. The \$100,000 Swire gift establishes a sub-fund within the Foundation specifically for the preservation and conservation of Barwon Grange. Held in perpetuity, this gift will support the long term sustainability of this important Geelong property.

We sincerely thank John Swire and Sons for their generosity and for their commitment to Victoria's heritage.

The Armytage Society

The bequesting programme of the National Trust in Victoria was re-launched last year as The Armytage Society.

Bequests are now a critically important way to build the corpus of the Foundation.

By leaving a bequest to either the National Trust(Vic) or to the Foundation you automatically become a member of The Armytage Society. Members enjoy a number of special Trust events throughout the year.

We would appreciate hearing from those that are planning to make a bequest, or have already done so as you are now valued members of The Armytage Society.

By leaving a bequest to the Foundation you can be certain that all your funds will be securely held, in perpetuity, by the National Trust of Victoria Foundation.

Please contact 9596 5754 for details.

Want to know...

- What is the difference between a 'will' and an 'estate plan'
- What are the outcomes and key considerations for passing wealth to future generations
- How to create an effective legacy through a charitable trust and supporting community causes (eg National Trust and Foundation)

An upcoming presentation by ANZ Trustees, legal and philanthropy specialists in wealth management and wealth transfer for individuals, families and companies, will explain it all.

This is a great opportunity to hear from the leading experts and we thank ANZ Trustees for their kind support.

For all details, date, venue and booking: contact 9596 5754.

Thanks to you....

Since the Foundation was launched, last October, we have received over a quarter of a million dollars in gifts and pledges. This is a wonderful show of support from generous members and others. Numerous donors also like the idea of supporting particular properties through the Foundation and to date sub-funds have been established for Como, Barwon Grange, La Trobe's Cottage and Labassa.

Our thanks to everyone that have generously contributed to this exciting growth. If you would like to make a tax deductible gift and be a part of making history through saving it, then give us a call on 9656 9800.



Private functions at Polly Woodside

Situated in the heart of Melbourne's South Wharf precinct Polly Woodside has panoramic views along the Yarra River.

This enchanting tall ship, built in 1885, is one of the most significant and last remaining tall ships in the world.

Hiring Polly Woodside for your function gives you exclusive use of the ship comprising of the award winning interactive gallery, the theatrette and the beautiful surrounding wharf.

Polly Woodside gives you the ability to self cater, select your own caterer or hire one from the list we recommend.

This amazing venue is perfect for birthday parties, corporate cocktail parties, pirate Christmas parties, corporate family fun days or a unique wedding venue.

Venue hire prices begin at \$1500 plus security.

For further information for functions in Polly Woodside visit www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic or contact Jo Beshara 9656 9815



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What's on?

Visit nationaltrust.org.au/vic/events for new events and additional information on events listed below. Entry fees apply for Trust members for special fund raising events at Trust properties. 'Members' prices listed are for Trust members only and some events require pre-bookings.

Until September 1st

Underbelly: Squizzy @ Old Melbourne Gaol

The Underbelly: Squizzy Exhibition takes you on a journey through the highs and lows of the bizarre and sometimes surreal life of one Melbourne's first celebrity criminals. As you explore the series of customised Squizzy cells you will uncover the story of this gritty underworld figure and colourful character as it is brought to life through police records, images and newspaper reports from the time combined with the costumes and images and footage from Channel 9's Underbelly: Squizzy series

Open Daily from 9.30am - 5pm

Price: Free for National Trust Members.

August 4th

Pirate Sundays @ Polly Woodside

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Price: Free with normal admission

August 4th

Open Day @ Portable Iron Houses

During the gold rush thousands of portable buildings were imported from Britain - shops, houses, churches and even a hospital and an iron theatre.

The visit includes the opportunity to view an informative DVD on importation of pre-fabricated buildings during the 19th Century.

Bookings are not required for Open Day but private groups of 6 or more can be accommodated by appointment.

Times: 1pm - 4pm

Prices: National Trust Members FREE, Adult \$5, Concession \$4, Children \$3, Family \$10 (2 adults + 2 children)

For more information contact 03 9645 7517 or email pih@natrust.com.au

August 18th

Open Day & Vintage Fashion @ Labassa

Visit the mansion that provided the extravagant setting for the Channel 9 series Underbelly: Squizzy and view some exquisite vintage fashion from the National Trust's Costume Collection. Also, vintage inspired hats by Paris Kyne and informal vintage appraisals by expert Nicole Jenkins: 11 - 11.45am; 1 - 1.45pm (\$5 per item). Tours of the house are included in entry, with tours running at 11am and 2pm. There is also an external tour which runs at 12.30pm. Tea rooms operate throughout the day.

Time: 10.30 am - 4.30pm

Prices: National Trust Members FREE, Adult \$10, Concession \$8, Children \$4, Family \$20 (2 adults + 2 children)

September 1st

Wondrous Works For Two and Four Hands @ Barwon Park

Wunderkind Kevin Kanisius Suherman will perform the dynamic 1st Piano Sonata by Argentinian composer Alberto Ginastera followed by music for two pianists by Poulenc, Rachmaninoff, Grieg and Brahms.

Time: 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Prices: Adult \$40, National Trust members: Adult \$35, Concession (pensioners, not seniors' card) \$30 Children & full-time students under 25 years \$20

For bookings and information contact 03 9822 2959.

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September 6th

Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Preview Soiree @ Rippon Lea

National Trust members are invited to be one of the first to experience the Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Costume Exhibition at our members only preview soiree. Members will enjoy an exclusive evening viewing of the costume exhibition before it is opened to the general public.

Times: 6pm - 8.30pm

Prices: \$35

Bookings required and places are limited.

Visit nationaltrust.com.au/vic to book your tickets.

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Storytime with Adele @ Rippon Lea

Come and enjoy Story time with Adele as she takes through an adventure of make-believe and fun.

Activities can include:

- Stories
- Dances
- Games
- Face paintings
- Balloon art

Please note activities vary each week and may not always include all of the above.

Times: 11am - 12pm

Prices: Adult \$10, Concession \$7, Children \$4 (children under 3 are free), Family \$20

**Family includes two (2) adults and up to two (2) children*

***Admission includes entry to gardens and participation in story time (does not include entry to mansion)*

For more information: call 03 9523 6095 or visit riponleaestate.com.au

August - October 2013

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.nationaltrust.org.au/vic before purchasing tickets or attending the events.

September 7th - October 27th

Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Costume Exhibition @ Rippon Lea

Rippon Lea House & Gardens has the privilege of exhibiting costumes from the very successful ABC TV series Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries. This exhibition runs daily until October 27th.

Time: 10am - 5pm

Price: Adult \$15, Concession \$12, Child \$9, Family \$35 (2 adults + 2 children)

No booking required.

September 8th

Discover Guildford - Guided Tour and Afternoon Tea

A guided drive and walk around the historic and picturesque village of Guildford covering some eighteen heritage sites and buildings followed by an archival and pictorial display and a presentation on the Chinese on the goldfields and the later Swiss-Italian settlers, followed by afternoon tea in the Guildford Hall.

Times: 2pm - 5pm

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

Bookings essential: To book call 0354721108 or 0429450055 or tresidderbrian@yahoo.com.au

September 13th

The Phryne Fisher mystery series of books - Author's talk @Rippon Lea

As feature of the public program for the Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Costume Exhibition, Rippon Lea House & Gardens is hosting an Afternoon Tea with Kerry Greenwood, author of the Phryne Fisher mystery series of books.

ABC's award winning journalist, producer and presenter, Anita Barraud, her inspiration for the characters and fashions of the books.

Guests will enjoy an afternoon tea inspired by Phryne's favourite afternoon delights including a variety of finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam, a selection of pastry cakes and your choice of the many tea and infusions from the delicious Tea Tonic.

Hosted in Rippon Lea's magnificent Ballroom, this one off experience is not to be missed!

Times: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Price: Adult \$55, Concession \$50, National Trust Members: Adult \$50, Concession \$50

September 15th

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September 23rd - October 6th

Trust Kids! Detective Agent (Old Melbourne Gaol)

Help solve the hundred year old murder mystery at the Old Melbourne Gaol, Police Watch House and the Old Magistrates' Court. Follow the clues given to you by the judge and crack the murder mystery to receive a certificate from the mayor. There will be 6 different activity zones, interactive prison photo opportunities

(mug shots, Ned Kelly outfits etc.), a kids movie, Ned Kelly mask making and a certificate from the mayor for solving the murder mystery.

Times: During school holidays
Morning Session: 10am - 12:30pm
Afternoon Session: 1pm - 3:30pm

Prices: Adult \$25, Child \$20
National Trust members: Adult \$20, Child \$15
Ages: Recommended for 8 to 12 years. However ages 5 to 7 are also welcome to attend.

Bookings required. Visit nationaltrust.org.au/vic/TrustKidsDetectiveAgent or contact the National Trust Bookings Office on 03 9656 9889 or bookings@nattrust.com.au

September 23rd - October 6th

Trust Kids! Great Day Out @ Rippon Lea House & Gardens)

Get ready for a massive day of activities, games and treasure hunts in Rippon Lea House & Gardens.

Children's will spend 2 hours rotating through various activity zones. These activities may include the following:

- Paper airplane master class
- Slimy snail race
- Marble madness
- 2 x massive treasure hunts
- Sack race
- Egg & spoon race
- Melbourne's biggest tug-a-war
- Nine-pin skittles
- Mini golf
- Mud pie madness
- and lots more

At the end of the activity zones, all participating children will receive a certificate to show that they've completed Rippon Lea's Great Day Out!

**Time for lunch in the gardens will be available from 12:30pm - 1:30pm (lunch not included).*

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September 22nd

Miss Fishers Tea Party @ Rippon Lea

Ripponlea is to host a 1920's inspired Tea dance. Guests will enjoy a traditional high tea whilst having the opportunity to dance the afternoon away with a five piece band.

Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

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October 6th

Seniors Week - Heritage Walking Tours

As part of Seniors Week celebrations, join us to discover the secrets of the city - from majestic and prominent buildings to some hidden gems, the best way to see Melbourne is up close and on foot.

The tour departs from Federation Square, and will take a mystery route through the city. Expect to discover some new buildings, and rediscover some old favourites.

Where will the tour conclude? There's only one way to find out! Bookings essential.

Times: 1pm - 3pm

Prices: \$25

October 6th

Spring Opening at La Trobe's Cottage

Enjoy a special spring opening of La Trobe's Cottage, celebrating the 174th anniversary of the arrival of Charles Joseph La Trobe, Victoria's first Governor, and his family in early Melbourne.

This special spring opening launches the weekly Sunday afternoon openings of the Cottage, which continue until April 2014.

La Trobe's Cottage was the home of Charles Joseph La Trobe, the visionary, pioneering first Governor of Victoria. The cottage today includes remnants of the small prefabricated house that La Trobe brought with him by ship from England in 1839 to produce a home for his family. The original parts of the cottage are one of the oldest surviving timber structures in Victoria. It contains many original furnishings and other artefacts belonging to the family.

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The visit includes the opportunity to view an informative DVD on importation of pre-fabricated buildings during the 19th Century.

Bookings are not required for Open Day but private groups of 6 or more can be accommodated by appointment.

Times: 1pm - 4pm

Prices: National Trust Members FREE, Adult \$5, Concession \$4, Children \$3, Family \$10 (2 adults + 2 children)

For more information contact 03 9645 7517 or email pih@nattrust.com.au

October 10th

Glorious Geelong Buildings Coach Tour @ Geelong Rail Station

Starting and ending at Geelong Rail Station, sample a selection of iconic residential, ecclesiastic and commercial architecture.

Time: 10am - 2.30pm

Price: \$40. Price includes morning tea, a light lunch and comprehensive notes.

Bookings essential. To book please call the National Trust Bookings Office on 03 9656 9804 email bookings@nattrust.com.au, or book online. When booking please specify if you have any special dietary requirements.

October 10th

Seniors Week - Heritage Walking Tours

As part of Seniors Week celebrations, join us to discover the secrets of the city - from majestic and prominent buildings to some hidden gems, the best way to see Melbourne is up close and on foot.

The tour departs from Federation Square, and will take a mystery route through the city. Expect to discover some new buildings, and rediscover some old favourites.

Where will the tour conclude? There's only one way to find out! Bookings essential.

Times: 1pm - 3pm

Prices: \$25

October 13th

Miss Fishers Author Talk and Afternoon Tea @ Rippon Lea

Rippon Lea House and Gardens is hosting Kerry Greenwood, Author of the Phryne Fishers Murder Mystery books over an Afternoon Tea.

Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Prices: Adult \$55, Concession \$50,
National Trust Members: Adult \$50

Bookings required.

You can also contact our Bookings Office on 03 9656 9804 or email bookings@nattrust.com.au

October 20th

Geelong Chorale Concert

The Geelong Chorale Concert, a part of Geelong GAMA, has been singing together for decades. Following the chorale tradition and comprising some 40 singers the group will present songs from various eras and various countries for your enjoyment.

For bookings and information contact 03 5244 3280.

October 20th

Open day @ Labassa

Labassa welcomes you to visit during their monthly open day! Tours of the house are included in entry, with tours running at 11am and 2pm. There is also an external tour which runs at 12.30pm. Tea rooms operate throughout the day.

Time: 10.30am - 4:30pm

Prices: National Trust Members FREE
Adult \$10, Concession \$8, Children \$4,
Family \$20 (2 adults + 2 children)

October 31st

Geelong Landmarks: Tall tapering industrial chimneys @ Barwon Grange

Coach tour viewing ten surviving tall, elegant chimneys. These great industrial artifacts were significant structures as essential parts of factories providing employment and underpinning prosperity.

Time: 10am - 2.30pm

Price: \$15. Price includes morning tea, a light lunch and comprehensive notes.

The tour will start and finish at Barwon Grange.

Bookings essential. To book please call the National Trust Bookings Office on 03 9656 9804 email bookings@nattrust.com.au, or book online.

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On-going Events

Story Time @ Polly Woodside

Fun, interactive sea - faring storytelling and songs for the little ones aged 2-7 years. Stories are read aboard on deck or down below when the weather blows!

When: Every Thursday

Time: 11am

Prices: Free for National Trust Members, Adult \$16, Concession \$13, Children \$9.50, Family: \$43 (2 Adults and 2 Children) Single Family - \$32.00 (1 adult + 2 children) Additional Children \$5 per child.

For more information:

Call 03 9699 9760 or 03 9656 9800 or visit pollywoodside.com.au.

Ghosts What Ghosts Night Tours

Experience Australia's most haunted building by candle light. Ghosts...What Ghosts? Over many years, staff and visitors have experienced an unexplainable presence in the Gaol. Do ghosts still roam the cells? Discover for yourself with the Ghosts...What Ghosts night tour.

When: Generally runs on Tuesday night 7.30pm (Please arrive at 7:15pm)

Prices: Adults: \$35 Concession \$30 (Concession cards must be presented upon arrival).

Please Note: Tours are not recommended for children under 12).

Bookings are required. Book online at nationaltrust.org.au/vic or contact the National Trust Bookings Office on 03 9656 9804 or at bookings@nattrust.com.au

Hangman's Night Tour @ Old Melbourne Gaol

What stories would the master of the rope tell you if he was guided you around the Gaol where he was one the master of the rope? - Find out on the Hangman's Night Tour

When: Generally held 4 times a week, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Price: Adults: \$38 Concession \$33 (Concession cards must be presented upon arrival).

Bookings are required. Book online at nationaltrust.org.au/vic or contact the National Trust Bookings Office on 03 9656 9804 or at bookings@nattrust.com.au

Geelong & Region Branch

August Annual General Meeting and Luncheon at Davidson Restaurant Gordon Institute of TAFE Fenwick Street Geelong

Wednesday 28th August 2013, 12 noon to 2.30pm

Guest Speaker Paul Roser Senior Manager Advocacy & Conservation National Trust of Australia (Victoria). Cost of Lunch \$20.00

Bookings essential by 21st August Margaret Tembo on 5221 5130 or m.tembo@bigpond.com

September Branch Meeting

at Sacred Heart College, Retreat Road Newtown

24th September 2013, 2 - 4pm

Beginning with the meeting followed by a guided tour of historic precinct and chapel. Afternoon tea included. Gold coin donation.

RSVP David & Pauline Walker on 5289 1569

October Branch Meeting

at United Services Memorial Hall, Reserve Rd Grovedale

29th October 2013, 2-4pm

Followed by afternoon tea and a self drive tour of historic places in Grovedale area identified in the Geelong Outer Areas Heritage Study.

Gold Coin Donation. Notes provided.

RSVP Ros Lewis on 5241 5889

Casey/Cardinia Branch

Saturday 7th September - Sunday 8th September
Tour to Castlemaine / Maldon & Surrounds

Trust members & friends are welcome to join the Casey Cardinia Branch on this not to be missed week-end away in the central goldfields. Meet the Mount Alexander Branch. Visit the goldfields and many heritage buildings, including Buda, and several historic sites. Travel by steam train to Maldon in a first class recently restored carriage tour. Return home in touring coach comfort.

Prices: \$225 per person twin share (\$55 single supplement). Cost includes: All travel, accommodation, dinner Saturday evening, continental breakfast Sunday morning. All entry fees and cost of guides.

Deposit \$25 by 31st July to confirm your booking, balance \$200 by August 31st.

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