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Message from the Chairman

Dr Graeme L. Blackman OAM

Welcome to the November VicNews, our final edition for 2013.

This month sees our 57th Annual General Meeting on 16th and I am delighted that we are once again holding it at Como House, this year in the gardens. The papers for the AGM and the full audited financials are available on the National Trust website.

As the year starts to draw to a close and summer beckons I am delighted to see so many National Trust properties coming to life like Como with a range of fantastic events and programs. It is really great to see Como House and Gardens once again becoming a bustling part of the community, with the new Stables at Como cafe drawing huge numbers and the reopening of the original Trust shop in the courtyard adding to the atmosphere. Events like the Paris to Provence Festival bringing its taste of France to Como later this month are also becoming increasingly popular.

Exciting Trust initiatives like the Miss Fisher's Exhibition at Rippon Lea, in partnership with the ABC, saw thousands of new visitors and many of our members enjoy the site in a new and exciting way. Gulf Station is also set to reopen after Christmas and over the summer months with a new maze attraction to add to the already excellent experience which has been developed there ahead of its relaunch. We look forward to delivering many more of these exciting initiatives in future.

This new season has indeed started very well at the Trust. However we never forget that our core mission is to preserve and protect heritage and make it accessible to all. In investing in our sites we do so to ensure that they are sustainable for the future and that they can contribute to supporting our wider conservation advocacy role in the community. In this we are supported by 16 branches and hundreds of volunteers working at grassroots community level fighting to preserve our local communities and our states special character. I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout 2013 and wish you a great summer.

Please endeavour to get out and support Trust properties and events on your travels. It is only through member engagement that we are able to make so many of the projects we take on possible and are able to invest in a strong voice for advocacy.

Message from the CEO

Martin Purslow

Well after many years of planning and three attempts to secure the funding, I am delighted to be able to report that we have finally seen the completion of the major restoration of all the main house roofs at Rippon Lea.

As most of you will be aware this major undertaking costing \$1.3m in total has included the renovation of the whole house above its gutters – all chimneys, ironwork and timberwork have been restored and the original form of the house roof reinstated for the first time in over half a century.

In addition the installation of the first solar panels on any of the 300+ Trust properties in Australia is a sea change in how we address long term sustainability. The project is a credit to all staff involved, to our contractors lvy Construction and Architects Lovell Chen who have done a great job keeping the project on time and budget and to our funders, The Andrews Foundation, The Commonwealth Government, friends of Rippon Lea and several hundred individuals who purchased individual roof tiles.

Also, just in time for Christmas and the reopening of the Como shop and expansion at Rippon Lea, the National Trust has a great new range of National Trust branded retail products. Partnering with iconic Victorian brands like Yarra Valley Produce and Tea Tonic has allowed us to bring you a quality range of products that would make ideal gifts for your loved ones and support our wider activity and advocacy. You can see some of these on pages 14 and 15.

We have invested in a number of new staff at the Trust to enhance our core conservation personnel in recent months and I am pleased to welcome Felicity Watson who has joined the conservation team following the retirement of Ann Gibson after 28 years of service, along with Emily Piper who has taken the position of Heritage Programs Advocate. The conservation team now includes a number of specialist staff covering the whole range of Trust advocacy and delivering a range of exciting programs over the coming year.

Thank you for your support this year and on behalf of all of our staff I wish all members of the Trust a great holiday period.

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Grand Lady gets a \$1.3 million makeover

Rippon Lea's \$1.3 million makeover, which commenced in late March, has now been completed and with this the mansion's external facade once again looks just as the property's original owners intended.

The roof renovation has revived the original terracotta tile pattern which was discovered through a number of 1880s photographs found at the State Library. The orange terracotta replaces the cement pre-cast tiles added from the 1950s

"The cement tiles were very, very heavy, ugly concrete tiles. They have caused problems with water ingress over the years," Martin Purslow, CEO, National Trust of Australia (Victoria) said. "They are a very dark grey and make the house look heavy, but when Sir Frederick Sargood built it, he built it in Italianate-style, similar to buildings in Venice. It was made to have a terracotta roof. With the orange, the whole house looks lighter and its design makes sense."

As well as improving the look of the building and fixing drainage issues, the new roof also provides a very practical solution for the future sustainability of the building with 30% of the new roof being made up of solar tiles - an Australian first for a National Trust property.

Martin Purslow said: "the solar tiles will cover 30 per cent of the roof's inner valley, with the outer valley obscuring them. "It is not about sticking big pickets of solar panels out the front of historic buildings, but about being imaginative and innovative in the ways we look after our historic buildings, so they are cared for well into the future."

Over 500 National Trust members and members of the public have also cemented their place in Rippon Lea's history with their signed tiles making up a proportion of the new roof.

Rippon Lea House and Gardens is open daily from 10am – 5pm throughout the summer months.



Picture: Working on Rippon Lea's new roof





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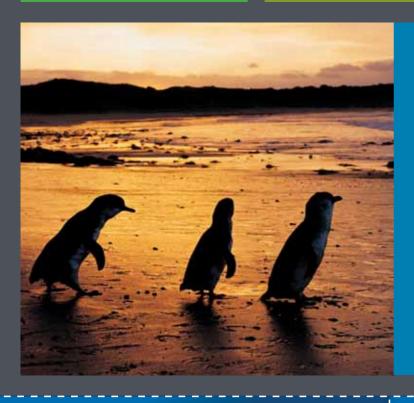
Looking for that perfect gift this Christmas? Why not call into the Tasma Terrace, Old Melbourne Goal or Rippon Lea gift shops? Not only will you be spoilt for choice, as a National Trust member you will also receive a 20% discount on all purchases between 2nd – 6th December. Just remember to bring along your membership card to enjoy this special offer.

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Phillip Island Offer

Explore your wild side this Christmas!

National Trust (Victoria) has teamed up with Port Phillip Parks and are offering you 'one child free' when you buy the 3 Parks Pass - that's a saving of \$19.20! This allows you to visit The Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Centre and Churchill Island Heritage Farm at one discounted price. All you need to do is present the enclosed voucher when you buy your tickets.

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Cakes at a canter at Como Stables

Blending an elegant fusion of past and present, 'The Stables at Como', affectionately nicknamed 'the Stables', is the new café set against the stunning Como House and Gardens in South Yarra.

The Stables at Como' is run by renowned Hospitality Management Group ICKE & IGBY, the driving force behind a number of iconic Melbourne cafes including Porgie + Mr. Jones, Snow Pony and Friends of Mine. Within a short period of time, with over 2,000 people a week visiting The Stables, it has become a much-needed refuge from the hectic Melbourne city lifestyle, without needing to travel outside of the city fringe.

The Stables at Como is open 7 days a week for breakfast, brunch, lunch and afternoon tea. Private dining and functions are available in the Pavilion and

Como House Open Days

Following a period of closure to the public, Como House will re-open for public visitation on the following select Open Days in 2013;

Wednesday 11 December 2pm and 3pm tours

Saturday 14th December 10am-4pm

There will be no tours running in November due to the Bonhams Auction viewing and Paris to Provence. the grounds, or why not pre-book a picnic basket and rug and enjoy a gourmet lunch in the grounds. Bookings are available for the café mid-week but not on weekends. Monthly High teas and Ballroom Soirees will be on the social calendar of Como once again, along with Gourmet food events with leading chefs.

The Stables has taken over the veggie patch to grow produce for the cafe, "the clucky girls" are moving in to the back yard chicken coop with a chook cam in the café, and things feel decidedly homely and welcoming. Jason Jones from ICKE & IGBY says: "We want the cafe to become the heart of the property, to make Como feel alive again – for people to wander, dream, love and live in the classic estate."

Encapsulating the inspiring and aristocratic history of the 160 year old Como property, the nostalgic menu features timeless treats, including old fashioned cakes, sweets, Devonshire teas and lemonade scones and even homemade musk sticks, all made with the purpose of complementing the elegant space. Martin Purslow, CEO of National Trust of Australia (Victoria) said, "We are delighted that the opening of the new Stables at Como café has seen the Como gardens open to the public on a daily basis, and that Como is once again an active part of the local community."

For details of The Stables at Como visit: www.thestablesofcomo.com.au

Paris to Provence

Friday 22-Sunday 24 November

The crème de la crème of France visits South Yarra at the Paris to Provence Festival

Returning bigger than ever for its fourth year running, Melbourne's beautiful Como House and Garden will host the extravagant Paris to Provence French Festival from Friday 22 to Sunday 24 of November 2013. This year the Festival has extended opening hours to start earlier from midday on Friday running through to 8pm, for those who cannot make the weekend event and to enable groups to attend at a quieter time.

Reminiscent of a French market village, the gardens of Como House will be lined with enchanting white marquees of 70 French retailers and producers – bursting with Melbourne's finest mouth-watering French inspired food, wine, fashion, books, music, children's clothing and toys, classes and home décor. Bring along a picnic rug and take in the sights and sounds of these historic grounds in the warm spring air and sunshine. Play a friendly game of petanque, laugh at the roaming French characters or be serenaded as the beautiful voices of French singing trio Les Mademoiselles drift through the gardens.

There's a lively Parisian feel with the orangeflavoured liqueur sponsor, Cointreau, as well as Pommery pop-up bars in the Stables courtyard where the new café, the Stables of Como has found its permanent home. Coffee

Au plaisir de vous y voir!



connoisseurs will be warmed by the aromas in this sit-down café brought to life by the team behind Madame Sou Sou and Porgie + Mr Jones.

For families, the whimsically designed children's courtyard allows 'les petits' to transform into little Picassos, painting on scattered easels. This delightful children's area will see the return of free art classes with Petit Atelier, which proved a huge hit for kids at last year's festival. An Elmer the elephant mural will overlook the animal farm, lavender-scented play dough and French story time.

Guest presenter in the Main marquee on Friday at 2pm is John Patrick, one of Gardening Australia's presenters, famed for his knowledge and insights in to everything gardening which stretches to the gardens of France and Europe.

Join The Champagne Dame on a magical journey into the colourful world of Champagne at the Paris to Provence Festival. Kyla Kirkpatrick, aka The Champagne Dame is a champagne expert who will guide you on a fascinating visual journey back in time to uncover the history of the bubbles, you will learn proper champagne etiquette and indulge your senses with a side by side champagne tasting of the Pommery range of exquisite champagnes. Kyla will also teach you the ancient art of sabrage - how to open a champagne bottle with a sword! Places are strictly limited. Book now to take a little voyage to this special place in France, Champagne.

Book an absolutely once in a lifetime experience, join French executive pastry chef Monsieur Pierrick Boyer for a 2 hour masterclass in the original 1800's kitchen of historic Como House which will transform all your French pastry fantasies into reality. Join Pierrick on the Saturday for the secrets of macaron making, or indulge in a Sunday class for a Croquembouche master class.

The piece de resistance will be Marie Antoinette's LET THEM EAT CAKE! competition where one lucky winner and a guest, will be transported to Paris with return tickets flying Qatar airways, the world's number one airline. The grand prize also includes lunch and macarons at the famous Laduree on the Champs Elysees, then going on to explore France with a TGV rail pass. To win, festival visitors need to vote for the most delicious looking cake out of the creations of 20 bakers, two of which are secret cakes lovingly crafted by Masterchef experts Adriano Zumbo and Pierrick Boyer.

Amateur bakers should register their interest to prepare one of the 18 other lavish French cakes featured in the competition. The cake with the most votes will win a Professional Series Bosch Mixer for the home of its masterful baker.

For those wishing to hone their cooking skills, intimate master classes for eight will run in Como's magnificent servants' kitchen, featuring a large antique table and 1800's stone flooring. Thanks to first time sponsor and small appliance partner BOSCH, larger crowds of up to 100 will be pleased in the

Chefs Garden Marquee where Jane Webster will be headlining amongst a selection of other handpicked Chefs (Caramelicious, Spirits of France and Choukette) in free cooking demo's.

If the festival has inspired you, and you can be assured it will, journey on to the Grand Ballroom with talks and presentations on how to plan your trip, Jane Webster's adventures in Normandy and language 101. If you wish to make a more permanent migration to the beautiful country, the editor of French Provincial Magazine will be in attendance, along with talks on how to approach purchasing property in France.

Between now and the much anticipated weekend in November, the Paris to Provence Facebook page will be giving away an incredible array of prizes from every participating festival exhibitor. Visit Melbourne French Festival on Facebook for further details or the website for a full list of exhibitors and up to date activities. The festival will run this year in November with the following extended opening hours:

Friday 22, 12pm – 8pm Saturday 23, 10am – 6pm Sunday 24, 10am – 4pm

Further details for Melbourne's most exquisite French festival can be found on the festival's new website or Facebook page, see links below.

http://www.paristoprovence.com.au/

Welcome to the new members of the conservation team

Felicity Watson has joined our team as the Community Advocate. Felicity has stepped into the shoes of Ann Gibson who, much to the loss of the Trust, retired in August after 28 years sterling service. Felicity will bring a wealth of heritage and administrative skills to the role with former positions at the Dictionary of Sydney, NSW History Week and as a Heritage Consultant with Godden Mackay Logan.

Emily Piper is our new Heritage Programs Advocate within the Advocacy and Conservation Team. Emily originates from New Zealand with a Bachelor of Architecture, via New York with a Masters in Historic Preservation, where she also worked for DOCOMOMO International (a not-for-profit group that advocates for 20th century heritage). Emily will work on our advocacy agenda and programs, heritage festival, heritage awards program and Reconciliation Action Plan.

We are delighted to have secured Emily and Felicity's services for the Trust.





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Printed program registrations close 31 October 2013

Digital program registrations close 01 April 2014

We look forward to seeing you at the 2014 Heritage Festival!





HISTORY IN PLACE

New project strengthens ties between school students and their local community history

Picture: Winner of the Winchelsea Primary School Preps drawing competition: William Larcombe, 2013.

Winchelsea Primary School was one of six schools across the state that were given the opportunity to engage with their local history as part of the History in Place pilot program.

Winchelsea Primary School was paired with Barwon Park to give Years 5 and 6 students the chance to develop short films about local history, using new technology and drawing on items from the museum's collection.

The students' work explored local stories such as life and times of Thomas and Elizabeth Austin who built Barwon Park in 1871 as well as the lives of their servants and their daily tasks.

"The program enabled Barwon Park to reach younger members of our community. It was fascinating and exciting to explore our collection through their eyes" said Trudi Toyne, Barwon Park Property Manager.

The short films made by Winchelsea Primary School students can be viewed on online at the Culture Victoria website (www.cv.vic.gov. au/stories/history-in-place)

The program, funded through the Telematics Trust and Arts Victoria, is a collaborative initiative of the Heritage Council of Victoria, the History Teachers' Association of Victoria and Arts Victoria.

It was officially launched at Federation Square Melbourne and is now being extended to schools and community museums across the State through a free Project Toolkit which contains everything schools and museums need to successfully run a History in Place project.

For more information, to access the History in Place Toolkit or view the short films visit www.cv.vic.gov.au/stories/history-in-place





(left) Lincoln Junior and Locks the Barwon Park Lincolns grazing. (below) Winner of the Winchelsea Primary School Preps drawing competition: William Larcombe. 2013.

Lincoln Sheep return to Barwon Park



'Lincoln Junior' and 'Locks' are the latest additions to Barwon Park. The one year old sheep are Lincolns and descended from the sheep imported by Thomas Austin in the 1860's and 1870's.

Thomas Austin built his wealth on wool. Thomas increased his wealth substantially by importing this traditional English breed increasing the productivity of his flocks and exporting wool back to England. Now nearly 150 years later the Lincoln sheep have returned to Barwon Park.

Three Victorian flocks founded in 1873 are still in existence and the Barwon Park sheep were sourced from one of these early flocks owned by the Christie family near

Hamilton. Their names were chosen from a 'naming' competition at the Winchelsea Primary School. 'Lincoln Junior' shows the connection to the earlier breed brought to Barwon Park by Thomas Austin and 'Locks' reflects the distinctive long, wavy wool of the Lincoln sheep. The Prep grade took part in a competition to produce the best drawing of Lincoln Junior and Locks. The winning drawing is shown above.

The Lincoln had the heaviest carcass and yielded the longest, strongest and heaviest weight of wool. Lincolns crossed with Merinos produced more wool and more meat than any other Merino combination, making them very profitable and, specifically, useful in carpet manufacture.

A century ago the Lincoln was by far the most popular British sheep in Australia. But by 1920 Europe wanted better quality meat and wool: Lincoln wool was too strong and its meat too fatty. It declined as its progeny, the Lincoln-Merino cross or the Corriedale, became the staple breed in Australia.

Now a rare breed worldwide there are nine Lincoln flocks and under 400 breeding ewes in Australia.

Lincoln Junior and Locks are a must see attraction for families and children can hand feed oats to the sheep.

First aid for significant trees

Vandalism attacks at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne have sadly been high profile news stories in Victoria this year. Following an attack on the Separation Tree in 2010, vandals have struck again twice. First, during the night of June 4, vandals lopped 80 per cent of the columnar cacti in the Arid Garden as well as some specimens in the nearby Guilfoyle's Volcano collection. Just six weeks later, on July 19, another attack damaged eight trees in the Gardens, including three trees of state significance on the National Trust's Register of Significant Trees.

Since the 2010 attack, Gardens staff have learned much about applying first aid to a ringbarking wound. The most damaged trees were immediately wrapped in cling film to stop the wounds from drying out further. Shortly after, an inch-thick layer of wet Sphagnum Moss was packed onto the wounds to help hold moisture which was recovered in cling film and hessian to protect the wound from UV exposure. It is hoped that the trees will form calluses over the damage and repair

their vascular systems by regenerating new tissue. In October, the healing will be assessed, and a repeat of the grafting techniques successfully used in 2010 will be considered.

The Gardens published this response in their biannual magazine, *Floreo*:

"We have been heartened by the public response to these outrageous attacks, which has demonstrated what we've known for a long time: Melburnians do indeed cherish their Royal Botanic Gardens. Our arboriculture staff are now working with experts to do what they can to help the trees recover."

Greg Moore, Chair of the National Trust Significant Tree Committee, has provided ongoing advice to the Gardens for the recovery process of these significant, and much-loved, specimens.

With thanks to the Royal Botanic Gardens for their generous contribution to this article, which was informed by a feature in the Spring 2013 issue of Floreo. Separation Tree – River Red Gum, Eucalyptus camadulensis

One of only two trees in the Gardens that pre-date European settlement. In 1851, Melburnians celebrated the separation of the Victorian colony from NSW under the tree. The Separation Tree bordered the swampy billabong that would later become the Ornamental Lake, and an iron pin is driven into the back of the tree marking the water level of the record 1863 Yarra flood. Although it was too early to tell if the tree was recovering from the 2010 attack, this second attempt at severe ringbarking firmly puts the Separation Tree in grave risk.

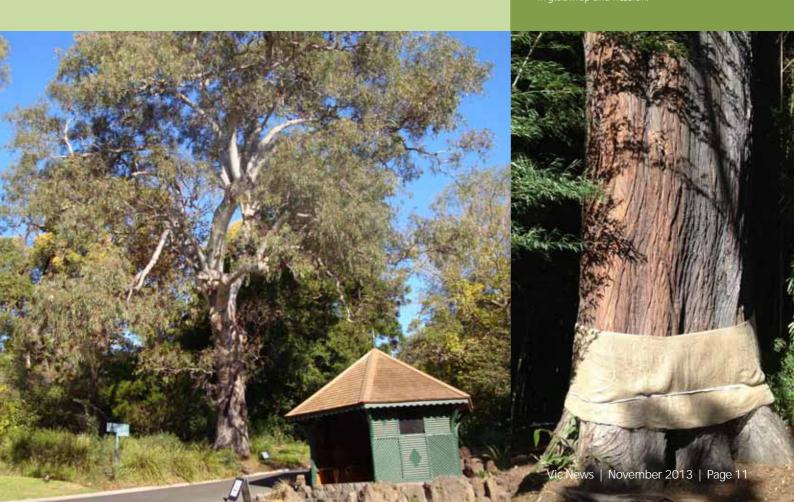
Montezuma Cypress, *Taxodium* mucronatum

Located at the northern end of Fern Gully, this 140-year-old tree has developed an enormous trunk, and at 44 metres is the tallest tree in the Botanic Gardens. This giant suffered a burn mark, and bark removal in four spots.

Durmast Oak, Quercus petraea

Standing sentinel on the corner of Alexandra Avenue and Anderson Street (Gate A), this tree shades puffing joggers as they round the corner of the Tan track. A rare species in Victoria, and approximately 120 years old, this tree had some bark stripped.

(below from left to right) The Separation Tree in 1999, Montezuma Cypress trunk wrapped in gladwrap and hessian.



Advocacy Update



Landscape Lab 2013

A half-day forum hosted by the National Trust was well attended by twenty handpicked landscape planning experts on Thursday 22 August at Clarendon Terrace. The Landscape Lab put Significant Landscape Overlays (SLOs) under the microscope. A 50-page discussion paper produced by the National Trust and our volunteers showed that the application of SLOs (as the primary tool for landscape protection) has been inconsistent across the state. After examining case studies, the experts confirmed the need for a Practice Note for local government planners (in preparation) and grass roots advocacy as a critical element in communities embracing the implementation of SLOs.

C186 follow up

The National Trust was pleased to announce in the last issue of VicNews, Planning Minister Matthew Guy's confirmation of additional controls to 87 heritage places in the CBD as part of amendment C186. However, as consideration was postponed to ten post-war places citing, "more work needed," the National Trust is ensuring that discussion of these places persists. We are continuing to collate material from C186 and previous heritage review surveys of the area (1984, 2003, and 2012). From a list of around 100 possibly significant post-war modernist buildings in the CBD, a short-

list of buildings deemed architecturally significant from the period 1950-1975 is being collated into a comparative list for further discussion.

Demolition by neglect

The report now available on our website aims to produce a model methodology and policies for local governments to deal with locally significant properties threatened by neglect. Our investigation into demolition by neglect seeks to strengthen and utilise planning and local law processes to address the issue. The research undertaken by Renee Muratore into the issue has shown that it is a complex issue that lacks a single universal solution. The recommendations proposed are guidelines only, and need to be tested. As issues of sustainability, embodied energy and the life cycle of buildings become more important, finding positive outcomes for heritage properties may become easier. Changes within community opinion may contribute to easing change and implementing recommendations. We will be following up on this issue with local government through

Heritage planning scheme amendments

City of Maribyrnong Amendment C125 introduces the Activity Centre Zone (ACZ) into the planning scheme and updates

the Heritage Overlay to provide individual heritage protection to 17 sites, and makes consequential changes to the local heritage policy. With our Inner West Branch we have made a submission supporting the heritage amendment and questioning some of the proposed development controls that we believe will conflict with the intent of the heritage provisions.

Melbourne Amendment C212 introduces permanent controls (Environmental Significance Overlays and Heritage Overlays) to protect trees that have been identified in 2012 by the City of Melbourne Exceptional Tree Register as being important to the municipality. The National Trust assisted City of Melbourne in developing the register, and it is pleasing to see City of Melbourne translate their work into statutory controls protecting 114 trees (or groups of trees) with overlay controls as important landscape features that contribute so much to the livability, sustainability and heritage character of Melbourne. Amendment C212 has been exhibited and we await a decision. meanwhile the Minister has approved interim planning controls to protect the trees while the amendment progresses.

The City of Melbourne's C207 heritage amendment seeks to introduce approximately 40 new and amended heritage controls to the Kensington and Macaulay industrial precinct. We will be supporting the Council at the planning





(From left to right) Total Carpark Russell Street 1966 Bogle and Banfield, Younghusband wool and grain warehouses, Kensington

panel in November against a number of objections. The precinct is of economic, social, historical and architectural significance as it represents the height of the growth of Victoria's wool and grain industries.

We also wrote a submission in support of Banyule Amendment C80, which looks to make permanent existing controls protecting Substantial Trees by requiring a permit for their lopping or removal. A Substantial Tree is any tree more than 12m tall or 40cm in diameter, and the protection of these mature specimens across the district will provide substantial benefits including preserving the environmental value of Banyule's natural heritage.

Palace Theatre

We have objected to the permit application for demolition of the Palace Theatre (at the top of Bourke Street) and construction of a 31 storey hotel. The Trust has always strongly supported the planning controls that ensure that the Bourke Street Hill precinct retains its heritage character and low scale. It is also the only theatre to survive on Bourke Street, once the home of entertainment in Melbourne. If permitted, the hotel would join the Windsor redevelopment in smashing through the low height limits for the Parliamentary precinct. Meanwhile a nomination for the interior of the theatre is being dealt with through the Heritage Act.

Heritage Act matters

Total House at 170-190 Russell Street, Melbourne, has been recommended by Heritage Victoria for the Heritage Register. The recommendation has been contested by the owner and a hearing will be made by the Heritage Council in February. Built in 1966 to a design by architects Bogle Banfield, Total House was recently classified by the National Trust at State Significance as one of the most significant examples of Brutalist architecture in the Japanese manner. Additionally, it is potentially the first building of its type in Australia to combine a multi-story car park with a relatively small office building above, and a picture theatre in its basement.

Meanwhile, the Heritage Council handed down their decision to not place Lake Marma Reserve in Murtoa on the Heritage Register.

VicSmart planning provisions

In September the Victoria State
Government released the draft VicSmart
planning provisions, whereby simple
planning applications will be subject to
a separate permit application process.
The National Trust made a submission
acknowledging that the objective to
improve the application process without
a reduction in the quality of development
outcomes has merit, however we

are concerned by several of the new regulations proposed, with regard to tree removal, fence construction, and external alterations to buildings under a Heritage Overlay. Further, all Victorians should be concerned that the new process means that Councils will not be required to advertise any VicSmart permit applications, Councils will lose their right to request additional information from an applicant, and that third party rights for review will be removed, excluding the community from objecting to Council or at VCAT.

National Parks Regulations 2013

Legislation to allow leases of up to 99 years in National Parks has been passed. In a positive move, the National Parks Regulations were reviewed in August, and a key change has been that many regulations will no longer apply to members of Traditional Owner Groups undertaking an Aboriginal tradition, which brings the National Parks Regulations 2013 in line with other land management regulations in Victoria. The National Trust has made a submission in support of this proposed change.

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Maize Maze at Gulf Station

The Maize Maze at Gulf Station is a great new tourist attraction opening this summer . The Maize Maze will open to the public during the Summer and will be the largest maze of its kind in Australia. Open daily until 27th April 2014, the Maize Maze provides a great activity for the whole family to enjoy, in addition to the popular historical farm precinct on the same site.

The new Corn-er store will be open for some refreshments after your journey through the maze and the Corn-ival will run once a month throughout the summer period

The Maize Maze will be open daily and entry is free for member trust members. For more information visit national trust.org.au/vic.



Vale ~ Barrie Wood

Sadly, Ship Volunteer and PWVA Member Barrie Wood passed away on Sunday 8th September after a battle with cancer. Barrie was a regular attendee at the Tuesday working sessions at the Polly and brought some lively conversations to the lunch table. We extend our deepest condolences to Barrie's family and friends

Vale ~ Bruce McBrien

It is with considerable sadness that we write that Bruce McBrien our longest serving volunteer has passed away. Bruce started as a volunteer 1959 and was the first manager at Rippon Lea when the Trust opened the property, living in what was Betty's bedroom in 1974. Bruce has done many amazingly generous things for the Trust over the years. He founded the Rippon Lea Garden Party which was established in 1991 and was still a regular participant both here and at other Trust events and activities. Bruce was full of stories and insight and will be greatly missed by everyone at the Trust.

Vale ~ Michael Willis

With the passing of Michael Willis, a man of deep commitment to the conservation of significant cultural landscapes has been lost. Michael, who was at that time Chief Environmental Planner in the Ministry for Planning and the Environment, was elected to Trust Council in 1987 after many years on the Trust's Landscape Committee. He was involved in the classification by the Trust of significant landscapes, particularly in the Dandenong Ranges where he lived and which he loved. Michael brought to Trust Council a quiet but determined voice. Michael served on Trust Council for more than seven years until his resignation in February 1995 due to ill health. He made a very valuable contribution to the Trust

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Visit nationaltrust.org.au/vic/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.

November 2013 - January 2014

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.

REGULAR EVENTS

Hangman's Night Tour

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

Where: Old Melbourne Gaol, 377 Russell Street

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

Time: 8.30pm (Please arrive at 8:15pm)

Prices: Adults \$38, Concession \$35 (Concession cards must be presented upon arrival).

Bookings: Bookings are required.

How to book: Online oldmelbournegaol.com.au, Email bookings@nattrust.com.au Call our Bookings Office 03 9656 9804

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.

Where: Old Melbourne Gaol, 377 Russell Street

When: Generally runs on Tuesday night 8.30pm (Please arrive at 8:15pm)

Prices: Adults \$38, Concession \$35 (Concession cards must be presented upon arrival).

Bookings: Bookings are required.

How to book: Online oldmelbournegaol.com.au Email bookings@nattrust.com.au Call our Bookings Office 03 9656 9804

Pirate Sunday at Polly Woodside

Arrrhg!!! Come and join us for Pirate Sunday on Polly Woodside!

Get your best pirate gear out and hop onboard to help us search for hidden treasure, play tug of war and have your face painted!

Where: Polly Woodside, 21 South Wharf Promenade, South Wharf 3006

When: First Sunday of the month 10am – 4pm

No bookings required.

Normal admission prices apply

Prices: Adult \$16, Concession \$13, Child \$9.50, Family \$43.00 (2 Adults and 2 Children), Single Family \$32.00 (1 Adult and 2 Children)

Old Melbourne Gaol - Crime & Justice Experience

Visitors can engage with the Old Melbourne Gaol -Crime & Justice Experience through one of our many programs exploring the dark and fascinating past of the Gaol.

Take part in the Watch House Experience which runs every 30 minutes (daily) in the former Police City Watch House & during the school holidays (and other selected times) get involved in one of four courtroom trials a day in the Old Magistrates' Court.

On Saturdays there are two performances a day of Such a Life in the Old Melbourne Gaol where the story of Ned Kelly is told through the eyes of his mother, Ellen.

Visitors can self guide in the Gaol and learn at their own pace – and they may just be .

Where: Old Melbourne Gaol, 377 Russell Street When: Daily, 9.30am – 5pm

Prices: \$25.00 Adult \$20.00, Concession \$13.50 Child (age 5 - 15 years), \$55.00 Family (2 Adults plus 2 children under the age of 15 years), \$40.00 Single Family (1 Adult plus 2 children under the age of 15 years), \$5.00 + Additional Child.

REGIONAL & BRANCH EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Trick or Treat Kidz Fest

Barwon Park Mansion invites you into its haunted halls. Watch the lost souls of the manor walk straight through the walls, the witches of the woods will sweep in on their brooms, and the mummies will break free of their cobwebbed tombs. A fabulous family fun day with heaps for the kids to do, proudly supporting the Winchelsea Primary School. Everyone is invited to dress up (adults included)!

Where: Barwon Park Mansion, 105 Inverleigh Road Winchelsea

When: Sunday 3rd November from 10am to 4pm

Prices: Adult: \$15, Child: \$15, Family: \$60 Bookings: For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.trickortreatkidzfest.org

Melbourne Mandolin Orchestra

The Melbourne Mandolin Orchestra will perform a wide repertoire of music at Barwon Park Mansion ranging from Renaissance to contemporary compositions. Its ranks include professional and dedicated enthusiastic amateur musicians.

Where: Barwon Park 105 Inverleigh Road Winchelsea

When: Sunday 10 November, 2.00pm Price: \$25

For bookings and info contact: 0422 589 675

Walk the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens with Baron Ferdinand von Mueller

The Castlemaine Botanical Gardens are on the National Estate and Victorian Heritage Register. Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne provided many plants. Horticulturalist and writer Kevin Walsh will re-create Baron von Mueller as he leads a walk of the gardens followed by afternoon tea.

Where: Castlemaine Botanical Gardens

When: Sunday 17th November, 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Prices: Non-members \$15, Members: \$10

Bookings essential: Contact Brian Tresidder on 0354721108/0429450055 or at tresidderbrian@yahoo.com.au

Overlooking Swan Bay towards Queenscliff

Meeting in the Conference Centre will be followed by a two course Christmas lunch in the Conservatory.

Where: 2135 Bellarine Highway When: 26th November 2013

Price: \$35 (includes lunch)

Bookings essential by 22nd November To book call Margaret Tembo on 5221 5130 or email m.tembo@bigpond.com

Mooramong Open Day

Mooramong invites you to attend their November Open Day which will feature the Lalique collection of Claire Mackinnon.

The property will be open for everyone to view. Built in the early 1860s and remodelled in 1938, this homestead elegantly echoes the lifestyle of D.J.S (Scobie) Mackinnon and his Hollywood screen star wife Claire Adams.

Outstanding features of this house are the Homesteads pool garden, the quaint outbuildings, including the chauffer's hut, the dairy, the baggage room, large outside laundry and the meat house.

Where: Glenelg Highway, Skipton

When: 10th November, 12pm - 4pm Prices: Adult \$12, Concession \$8, Child \$6,

Family \$30 Bookings not required

DECEMBER

Christmas at Arthurs Seat

Step back in time and experience Christmas in the 1840's. Explore the homestead and galleries with a guided tour and then enjoy a light Christmas supper.

Where: McCrae Homestead, 11 Beverly Road, McCrae, 3938

When: Saturday December 14 from 7pm – 9pm Prices: Adult \$20, Concession \$18, Family \$45.

Bookings: To book contact the National Trust Bookings Office on 9656 9804 or email bookings@nattrust.com.au

Carols by Candlelight at Barwon Park

Come and join this community celebration of Christmas in the expansive grounds of Barwon Park.

Where: Barwon Park 105 Inverleigh Road Winchelsea

When: Saturday 7th December at dusk

Price: Free event. Half price entry to the Mansion for a short tour. Adults \$5, Children \$2 and Families \$10.

Refreshments available.

Bookings: For details phone : Yvonne $52\ 67\ 2630$

JANUAR\

Celebrating Robbie Burns

Celebrating the life of Scottish poet Robbie Burns at McCrae Homestead. Take a tour of the Homestead and Galleries. Join in the pipping in of the Haggis and a true Robbie Burns night supper!

Where: McCrae Homestead, 11 Beverley Road, McCrae 3938

When: Friday 25 January, 2014 from 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Prices: Adult \$25 (Nat Trust member \$23, Concession \$23, Family \$45 (Family is 2 adults and up to 2 children)

Bookings required: Call 9656 9804, email bookings@nattrust.com.au or online on www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic/events

Attitudes - Art Exhibition - Portarlington Mill

The old Portarlington Mill will be the venue for "Attitudes" annual art exhibition which features work by local artists.

Close to the beach and with free parking facilities, this venue has something for every member of the family.

Where: Portarlington Mill, Turner Court, Portarlington, VIC 3223

When: Every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday during January 2014 from 12pm – 4pm

Prices: Adults \$5, Concession \$4, Family \$12 (Family includes two (2) adults and up to two (2) children)

Bookings not required. For enquiries regarding the exhibition please phone Dresley Robins on (03) 52482737

METRO EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Story time with Adele

Come and enjoy Story time with Fairy Dele as she takes through an adventure of make-believe and fun! Activities can include: stories, dances, games, face painting, balloon art.

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

Where: Rippon Lea House & Gardens, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

When: Friday, November 1, 2013, 11am to 12pm

Prices: Adult \$10, Concession \$7, Child \$4 (Children under 3 are free), Family \$20 (Family includes two (2) adults and up to two (2) children).

Admission includes entry to the Gardens and participation in Story time (does not include entry to the mansion).

No bookings required. Contact Rippon Lea House & Gardens on 03 9523 6095 or visit ripponleaestate.com.au for more information

Open Day at Portable Iron Houses

The Portable Iron Houses Open Day is an opportunity to explore the three portable iron houses on site; which are among the few pre-fabricated iron buildings remaining in the World. During the gold rush thousands of portable buildings were imported from Britain – shops, houses, churches and even a hospital and an iron theatre. Very few such buildings remain in the World so this is a unique opportunity for you to explore these original 'kit' homes. The visit includes the opportunity to view an informative DVD on importation of prefabricated buildings during the 19th Century.

Where: Portable Iron Houses, 399 Coventry Street, South Melbourne, 3205

When: Sunday November 3, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Prices: Adult \$5, Concession \$4, Child \$3, Family \$10 (Family includes two (2) adults and up to two (2) children)

Bookings not required. Private groups of 6 or more can be accommodated by appointment Contact 03 9656 9889 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic

Open Day at Labassa

Visit the mansion that provided the extravagant setting for the Channel 9 series Underbelly: Squizzy and Miss Fishers Murder Mysteries! Tours of the house are included in entry, with tours of the interior at 11.00 am and 2.30 pm. There is also an external tour at 12.30pm. Tea rooms operate throughout the day.

Where: Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North When: Sunday November 17, 10.30am – 4.30pm Prices: Adult \$10, Concession \$8, Children \$4, Family \$20 (2 adults + 2 children)

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Bookings not required. Private groups of 6 or more can be accommodated by appointment. Call 03 9656 9804 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic

Rippon Lea Christmas Market

Celebrate this Christmas on Friday the 13th of December at Rippon Lea House and Gardens. The gates will open at 5pm for visitors to enjoy special evening access to Rippon Lea, a chance to look around the market place for Christmas presents and an opportunity to bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the house and gardens while listening to carolers and enjoying a bit of Christmas spirit.

Where: Rippon Lea House & Gardens, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

When: Friday 13 December 2013, 5pm – 8pm Prices: National Trust Members Free, Adult \$15

Candlelit Carols at La Trobe's Cottage

Celebrate Melbourne's first Christmas tree with special guest artist Merlyn Quaife AM and acclaimed accompanying choir.

Swiss-born Sophie La Trobe introduced the European idea of the Christmas tree to the antipodes in the early 1840s. Visitors will see the Cottage illuminated and decorated in the traditional way. Light refreshments with a festive flavour will also be served.

Why not make a day of it and bring a picnic to enjoy beforehand in the charming Cottage ground that will open at 6pm!

Where: La Trobe's Cottage, Cnr Birdwood Avenue & Dallas Brooks Drive, The Domain, Melbourne (near Royal Botanic Gardens & the Shrine)

When: Monday December 16 from 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Prices: Adult \$15, Family \$30 (2 adults + 2 children)

Bookings: No bookings required. For further information please call 0422 857 939 or (03) 9778 4222 or email enquiries@club3004.com.au

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Activities can include: stories, dances, games, face painting, balloon art.

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Where: Rippon Lea House & Gardens, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

When: Friday, December 20, 2013, 11am to 12pm Prices: Adult \$10, Concession \$7, Child \$4 (Children under 3 are free), Family \$20 (Family includes two (2) adults and up to two (2) children)

Admission includes entry to the Gardens and participation in Story time (does not include entry to the mansion)

Bookings: No bookings required. For more information contact Rippon Lea House & Gardens on 03 9523 6095 or visit ripponleaestate.com.au

JANUAR'

Trust Kids! Great Day Out

Get ready for a massive day of activities, games and treasure hunts at Rippon Lea House and Gardens!

Kids will be divided into smaller groups and spend 2 hours rotating through 6 activity zones. These activities may include: Paper plane master class, Creature Catcher, Tug-of-War, Egg and Spoon races and lots more!

At the end of the 6 activity zones, all participating children will receive a certificate to show they have completed Rippon Lea's Great Day Out!

Where: Rippon Lea House and Gardens. 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick 3185

When: January 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2014. Morning Session: 10am-12:30pm, Afternoon Session 1:30pm-4pm.

Prices: Children \$20, Adults \$25, National Trust Members - Adult \$20, Concession \$20, Child \$15

Bookings essential: Call the National Trust Bookings Office on 9656 9804 or email bookings@nattrust.com.au. Bookings also available online nationaltrust.org.au/vic

Trust Kids! Polly Pirate Day

Who wants to be part of a big pirate party at Polly Woodside? Well here's your chance at the Trust Kids! Polly Pirate Day.

This event is divided into 7 fantastic activity areas that include Treasure Hunts, Pirate Classes, Pirate Movies, An Interactive Quiz, Pirate Workshop, Sailing Classes and Pirate Games. You'll be allocated a team and every 20 minutes a bell will ring and you'll race to your next activity. If you complete an activity within 20 minutes, you'll receive a pirate stamp.

Once you have successfully completed 6 activities and received 6 pirate stamps, you'll enjoy a theatrical pirate performance and take part in a pirate parade where you'll receive your very own pirate certificate.

It's going to be an action packed event filled with games, adventure and a whole lot of pirates, come join the party!

Make sure you book ahead and please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the event start time.

Where: Polly Woodside, 21 South Wharf Promenade, South Wharf

When: January 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17, 2014. Morning Session 10am - 12:30pm, Afternoon Session 1pm - 3:30pm

Prices: Adult \$25, Concession \$25, Child \$20, National Trust Members - Adult \$20, Concession \$20, Child \$15 Bookings essential. Call the National Trust Bookings Office on 9656 9804 or email bookings@nattrust.com.au. Bookings also available online www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic

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Where: Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North When: Sunday January 19 from 10.30am – 4.30pm

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

Bookings not required. For more information contact 03 9656 9800 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic

Australia Day at La Trobe's Cottage

Visit the homes of both the first Victorian Governor and the current Victorian Governor this Australia Day!

Join us at La Trobe's Cottage, home of the first Governor of Victoria Charles Joseph La Trobe and his family. There will be guided tours of the Cottage, flag raising ceremonies and rifle salutes with the Victorian Colonial Infantry Association.

Light refreshments will also be served in the garden.

Where: La Trobe's Cottage, Birdwood Avenue & Dallas Brooks Drive, the Domain, Melbourne (near Royal Botanic Gardens & the Shrine)

When: Sunday, January 26, 2014 from 1pm – 4pm Prices: National Trust Members FREE, Adult \$5, Concession \$3, Children \$3, Family \$10 (2 adults + 2 children)

After an afternoon in La Trobe's Cottage why not take a short walk and enjoy Open Day at nearby Government House. This is a unique opportunity to visit the private residence of the Governor and tour the extensive grounds and garden.

Gates will open at 9.30am and the house is open from 10am to 3pm. For more information about Open Day at Government House please visit the Government House website governor.vic.gov.au/ government-house/open-day

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