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Pictured above: Janine Coombs, the Chair of the Barengi Gadjin Land Council, Dr Graeme L. Blackman OAM, Chairman of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and The Hon Hugh Delahunty MP.

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Message from the Chairman

Dr Graeme L. Blackman OAM

Welcome to the first edition of Vic News for 2014.

I am delighted to be able to start the New Year with the news that on the 5th of December 2013, I was able to represent the National Trust at a formal ceremony with the Minister for Indigenous Affairs The Hon Jeanette Powell MP and representatives from the wider community, transfer the freehold interest in the Ebenezer Mission, Antwerp to the Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation - Traditional Owners, Registered Aboriginal Party and Native Title Holders. I am delighted that such a significant event has flowed directly from the adoption of our Reconciliation Action Plan in 2012. I look forward to more actions flowing from our reconciliation process in the future.

The National Trust of Victoria is once again proud to be hosting the Victorian Heritage Festival which will take place from 18th April to the 18th May on the theme "Journeys". The event is being coordinated nationally by the Trust here in Victoria thanks to funding support from the Commonwealth Government. This year will see some great new events added to the calendar including the intriguingly named "Edible History: A Culinary Journey with Mr Wilkinson", and the incorporation of more existing heritage events under the festival banner, including South Gippsland Railways Heritage Festival. Over 200 events are now confirmed. More information about this years festival can be found on page 11.

Finally I am pleased to report that the Trust has secured the administration of a new government grant stream for heritage in Victoria called the Victorian Heritage Register grants program. This program will provide financial assistance to custodians of publicly owned heritage places and objects on the Victorian Heritage Register. This new scheme backed by funding of \$2.7 million up to 2015 from the Victorian Government will be delivered by Victoria's Heritage Restoration Fund (VHRF) which the Trust administers. VHRF has been formed to provide a Victorian wide focus from the Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund (MHRF) which the Trust will also continue to administer. This is a very exciting opportunity for the Trust and for heritage which we have worked hard to secure. Applications for the first round of grants close 28 February 2014 with successful applicants announced in May 2014.

I would like to encourage all members and supporters to get out, encourage you friends and families to join you and utilise your membership and enjoy and celebrate our amazing heritage.

Message from the CEO

Martin Purslow

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Vic News.

As always at this time of year there are a huge range of events taking place at National Trust properties throughout Victoria. Events have taken off at Trust sites and benefit the Trust through increased visitation, revenue and membership. Over 40,000 people attended the Miss Fisher Murder Mystery exhibition last year. Trust staff are now finalising what comes next, with two major blockbuster exhibitions in negotiation and set to be announced as this magazine hits your doormats. This year also saw the Trust bring all of our summer events together in a brand new 100 days of Summer website. I hope that you have had an opportunity to get out and sample some events with more to come including Wuthering Heights at Rippon Lea with the Australian Shakespeare Company which I am personally looking forward to. More information about the 100 days of summer campaign and website can be found on page 3. Our new winter exhibitions will be announced on our website and by email as soon as they are confirmed and will feature in the May edition of Vic News.

I am pleased to be able to advise members of the reopening of two of our key regional properties. Gulf Station has recently re-opened to the public over summer. It will now be open at weekends and during the holidays to autumn as we re-establish the site. Mulberry Hill will also be opening to the public at Easter with an inaugural Easter Fun Day. Nehill Brothers Living Heritage Reserve at South Purumbete which was closed for restoration and facilities improvement for the site prior to Christmas will reopen at Easter.

Finally I would like to pass on our thanks to all of you who have supported the Trust over the past few months, particularly representatives of our hard working Branches and over 500 volunteers across Victoria. Visitation, revenue and membership are all up this year. This is good news as it means that we can put more resources into advocacy and into developing further activity at our sites. Thank you for your valued support.

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100 days of Summer

Families are invited to soak up the sun and enjoy summer with over 200 events taking place at National Trust properties throughout Victoria as part of the National Trust's 100 Days of Summer program taking place until the end of March 2014.

Chief Executive Officer of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Martin Purslow, said the 100 Days of Summer initiative provides Victorians with a huge range of summer entertainment options.

"From Australia's largest annual Teddy Bears Picnic at Rippon Lea in Elsternwick, to the re-opening of the historic Gulf Station in Yarra Glen, until March 2014 not a day will go by when there isn't an activity on offer," Martin said.

Victorian residents can log on to www.100daysofsummer.com.au and search by date or category to find events that are right for them.

Many of the events are free to National Trust members, providing families with a cost effective way to entertain the entire family.

All National Trust properties are taking part in the campaign including iconic Melbourne venues such as Rippon Lea House and Gardens, Como House in South Yarra, the Old Melbourne Gaol and Polly Woodside, to regional buildings that play a significant role in Victoria's history, including McCrae Homestead, Portarlington Mill, Barwon Grange and the Federal Print Works.

For more information about 100 days of Summer or how to become a National Trust member visit www.100daysofsummer.com.au.



Ebenezer mission

In the true spirit of reconciliation, on Thursday 5 December 2013, the National Trust realised the vision of their Reconciliation Action Plan and Memorandum of Understanding with the Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BGLC) by formally handing back the Ebenezer Mission to Traditional Ownership.

The Hon Jeanette Powell MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, joined the Local Member for Lowan, The Hon Hugh Delahunty MP, as well as the Chair of the Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Janine Coombs, and the Chairman of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Dr Graeme L Blackman OAM, to formally hand back the land to the BGLC, the Registered Aboriginal Party, Traditional Owners and Native Title holders of the area.

Dr Graeme L Blackman OAM, Chairman of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), said the handback of Ebenezer Mission marks a significant event for both NTV and BGLC.

"In May 2012 we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the BGLC to ensure the NTAV could assist in preserving the Ebenezer Mission for future generations and we are delighted to now be in a position to hand back the Mission to the Traditional Owners," Dr Blackman said.

For more information about this momentous event please see the article in the National Trust News.



Teddy Bears' Picnic returns for a 24th Year

The National Trusts Annual Teddy Bears Picnic will return to Rippon Lea on the 23rd of February with a whole host of fantastic new activities for the whole family to enjoy.

The feature event this year will be the Australians Biggest Treasure Hunt which will send kids and adults alike on an epic adventure through the Rippon Lea garden to uncover the hidden treasure. There are over \$30,000 dollars worth of prizes available to the lucky winners with a grand prize of a family trip to Coffs Harbour.

There will also be circus workshops, Storytime told by the Gruffalo, a children's market, magic shows and craft workshops plus lots, lots more to enjoy throughout the day so bring along a picnic or grab a tasty treat from one of our popular food trucks and join in the fun.

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Just add Kids!

The first stage of the Rippon Lea Children's Garden has been launched to a great response. The garden has been a collaboration between the National Trust's garden team and Yackandandah based Agency of Sculpture, headed by one of Australia's leading civic sculptors Benjamin Gilbert.

The garden was conceived as an opportunity to engage children with nature in an urban environment while fostering a connection with heritage spaces in a tactile and imaginative way. It is the first of its kind at a Victorian Trust property. The design sought to minimise impact on the site and to sit in harmony with the existing 144 year old garden. Design queues are taken from nature and give children the opportunity to experience and engage this, without the heavily designed or constructed feeling of typical children's play spaces. Gilbert's huge Long-Necked-Turtle sculpture is the central feature of the garden and he has donated this to the Trust. It is

simultaneously a cubby, sandpit, climbing frame and 360 degree slide.

Large mature Fig trees, with their unique sculptural forms, frame the garden. Other trees that were in decline and unsafe have been utilised as elements in their own right. The largest of these, a Red Oak, has had part of its canopy inverted to form the entrance to the garden, while its trunk has been left where it was felled, as a climbing tree perfectly designed by nature.

Sustainability was also a key design objective. The build utilised as many existing resources from on site as possible, including soil, plants and mulch salvaged from elsewhere in the gardens. Recycled apple crates and potting mix have been used to build an educational veggie garden, tended by local restaurant Attica. Upcoming works will further expand on artistic and sculptural elements, so we encourage you to watch this space!

National Trust and Victoria's Heritage Restoration Fund

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) has taken on a significant new direction in the protection of some of the state's most significant heritage places and objects. In November 2013, the Victoria's Heritage Restoration Fund (VHRF) was launched and the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) announced as the administrator for the new funding program.

The VHRF is a partnership between the City of Melbourne, the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure and the National Trust. VHRF offers grants to restore eligible heritage places and objects, and retains the existing grant programs, the Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund and the Yarra Heritage Restoration Fund. The Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund was developed in 1988 and has been successfully operating in Melbourne for the past 25 years.



From 1 November 2013, the VHRF will also provide financial assistance to custodians of publicly owned and accessible heritage places and objects through the Victorian Heritage Register Places and Objects Fund. The program provides funding for conservation works to the state's most significant and important heritage places and objects.

The National Trust will be represented on the VHRF committee by its Chairman and CEO and will use its expertise to achieve the best results for heritage across Victoria. As the premier heritage and conservation organisation in the state since 1956, the administration of the VHRF is a welcome new direction for the National Trust, and one that will continue the Trust's mission to preserve and promote Victoria's rich built, cultural and natural heritage now and into the future.

The National Trust will be administering the first three rounds of funding. Round 1 of funding opened on 1 November 2013 and will close to applications on 28 February 2014. Successful first round applicants will be announced in May 2014. Round 2 of funding will open on 6 May 2014, and will close to applications on 22 August 2014. Successful applicants for Round 2 will be announced in November 2014.

Please encourage eligible or interested parties to apply, or to seek more information, on the VHRF website www.vhrf.org.au, or to contact the administrator at 03 9656 9870 or admin@vhrf.com.au.





40 years at Endeavour Fern Gully

Endeavour Fern Gully was given to the National Trust in 1973 through the generosity of Mr John Douglas. The National Trust newsletter in October 1973 described it as 'a shallow fern gully, of which only four near-natural examples survive on the (Mornington) Peninsula'. Over the four decades since, the bushland was fenced, the cattle were removed, walking paths and boardwalks were installed and over 20,000 trees and shrubs were planted by volunteers.

The Friends of Endeavour Fern Gully celebrated 40 years of National Trust involvement at the Mornington Peninsula property with a mass planting day. Over 40 people (including 14 students from Red Hill Consolidated School, Franklin Scholar students, and passionate volunteers) came together to lend a hand and plant over 400 trees in just a few hours, despite the wet and muddy conditions.

These days, the Gully is one of the few places on the Mornington Peninsula where Austral Mulberry (*Hedycarya angustifolia*) can still be found. Kangaroos, wallabies, possums and rare Powerful Owls are all in residence, and eagle-eyed visitors can spot orchids and colourful fungi. With the help of Trust for Nature, we are researching what other types of shy animals are currently using this wonderful habitat. The National Trust's Indigenous Heritage Advocate, Rueben Berg, has also been researching the Indigenous significance of the Gully. A new self-guided tour is being installed in the Gully and will be launched during Heritage Week on Saturday April 19th. Visitors can use their smartphone to read QR codes and follow the trail around the boardwalk.

The Gully is an easy 1 hour drive from Melbourne and is open daily (excluding high fire danger days) at 187 Arthurs Seat Road, Red Hill. The Friends meet at 8.30am on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month. Access is free – just close the gate behind you!

Historic "Tay Creggan"



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29th March
10 am - 4 pm

A unique opportunity to see inside one of Melbourne's significant Queen Anne style properties. For one day only Tay Creggan will be open for guided tours of the original house.

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Cost: \$30 per adult including high tea.

Group sizes will be limited and bookings can be made at <http://www.trybooking.com/DTFI> Enquiries: Diana Little (03) 8779 7517

Strathcona Fair

Before or after the tour, go back in time at Tay Creggan with Strathcona's vintage fair. Author and political activist, Anne Summers will open the fair and recount stories of her time as a former resident of Tay Creggan.

Enjoy your visit with craft, cakes, plants, books, produce and variety stalls, rides, haunted cellar, vintage games and activities for all ages. Entertainment and refreshments all day. Free entry to grounds and fair.

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Compost Farming at Barwon Park

The National Trust in conjunction with the Surf Coast Shire and Camperdown Compost has entered into a pilot program to produce compost on the Heritage listed Barwon Park site in Winchelsea.

The Compost has been earmarked to help improve the nutrient deficient soils of the gardens at the Winchelsea site with use also targeted for the exciting re-planting of a Heritage orchard funded by a Surf Coast Shire Community Grant.

'We hope this exciting trial will not only provide Barwon Park with much needed compost to support the Heritage Orchard and the rest of the property but also operate as a pilot site to educate local farmers about the importance of composting,' said Trudi Toyne, Property Manager at Barwon Park.

Soil tests have been conducted on site and the composting is underway with an estimated completion time of Autumn 2014.

Six years ago Camperdown Compost pioneered On Farm Composting on dairy farms in the South West of Victoria. Setting up a system that utilises the waste created on a dairy farm and turning these waste streams into compost that is spread over the pastures in place of many of the chemical fertilisers typically used on a dairy farm.

The results achieved through this process have been outstanding with not only cost savings on chemical fertiliser inputs but also a dramatic improvement in the structure and quality of the soil and pastures grown on these farms.

Through independent measurement there has also been a significant reduction in the greenhouse gas emissions on these farms.

The dairy success story has led to many non-dairy farms asking about how to compost on farm despite limited on farm waste resources.

From this demand Camperdown Compost has developed a system of bringing the waste resources to the farm. The raw materials are formed into rows and mixed with tailor made compost turner and closely monitored for dust, odour and leachate, moisture and temperature to ensure top quality compost is produced and any weed seeds and pathogens are destroyed.

The project will act as a catalyst for healthier soils for the Barwon Park grounds and is a step towards environmental sustainability. It is hoped that farmers in the Surf Coast Shire will be interested to see first hand at Barwon Park how on farm composting works.



Return of Labassa servants' bell

Labassa's Social History Project continues to uncover new information about its residents and the mansion's missing decorative features. The most recent return to Labassa is an amber glass servants' bell from the Drawing Room which was taken by a family who lived there between 1947 and 1956.

This bell, one of two being returned, became a much loved doorbell on their new home in Caulfield where the family lived for the next 53 years. The bell is now back at Labassa due to information provided by a descendant of the tenants and the current owners of the Caulfield house. It is a timely rescue as the current owner was unaware of the history of the bell and was planning to replace it.

Labassa Special Events

At the end of last year, two special events held at Labassa marked the 25th anniversary of the Friends of Labassa and to celebrate all that has been achieved in that time. Local government dignitaries together with the Board Chairman, Dr. Graham Blackman, CEO Martin Purslow and professionals with previous connections to the house attended the lavish afternoon tea supplied by the Friends.

Former volunteers were well represented too and enjoyed the opportunity to catch up and to view the latest improvements to the house, in particular, the new front garden.

Martin Purslow presented Felicitie Campbell and Bronwyn Worrall with flowers and Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of the 25 years each has worked at Labassa.

Advocacy Update

(From top left to right) Houses on Bent Street, Kensington that will be lost for the East West Link, Monterey Cypress demolished at Worrell Reserve, Emerald (photo by A.Foley), Hanging Rock, viewed from East Paddock (photo by A.Foley), Save the Palace Theatre group at Parliament following the Minister for Planning's rejection of the Palace Theatre redevelopment, 12 December 2013 (photo by P.Roser).



Plan Melbourne

The Metropolitan Planning Strategy defines the vision for Melbourne to accommodate more than 6.5 million people by 2050. The Advocacy Team made a detailed submission on the draft Plan in December. We welcome a commitment to mandatory height controls in key CBD precincts. Four key observations were made:

1. Retention of heritage fabric in areas of urban renewal should be strongly encouraged, by incorporating adaptive reuse principles.
2. Adequate due diligence in areas of urban renewal and growth should be undertaken by completing heritage studies prior to the Precinct Structure Planning phase. Heritage reviews of Urban Renewal Areas should be publicly exhibited as part of this pre-planning phase.
3. Creating a greener city should combine new tree planting with conservation and maintenance of the existing urban forest.
4. Identification and protection of significant landscapes should be undertaken across metropolitan Melbourne and peri-urban areas.

East West Link

The National Trust has made a submission suggesting that the East West Link Comprehensive Impact Statement has underestimated the impact to heritage, landscape and significant tree assets, and

in particular has not adequately addressed or reviewed the cultural and heritage values of Royal Park. The loss of nearly 50 heritage-listed buildings and structures, at least 70 heritage trees and impacts to over 20% of Royal Park amounts to one of the most heritage-adverse projects of the last few decades in Melbourne.

Palace Theatre

Planning Minister Matthew Guy was quoted as saying in early December that he would not approve the development of the Palace Theatre site. After signalling his intention to introduce mandatory building height limits around Parliament House he confirmed that he would reject any application in the Bourke Hill Precinct that tried to flaunt current planning restrictions. At time of writing no decision has been made. The National Trust continues to support the introduction of the mandatory height controls to this part of Melbourne's CBD.

Uniting Churches

The Trust has been closely tracking the current property divestment by the Uniting Church, liaising with the Church, fielding many phone calls from distressed parishioners and relaying the concerns from our Public Art and Pipe Organs committees. Over 50 properties were originally proposed for sale, including active churches listed on state, local and National Trust registers. At the December auction, the Trust was pleased to note that

the Uniting Church concluded the auction once the Church's financial target was met, after the sale of only 28 properties which were mainly vacant land, tennis courts, halls and residences. Only one church of state significance was sold, St George's at 4 Chapel Street in St Kilda. We will monitor future development of the sold sites and continue to liaise with the Uniting Church.

Planning scheme amendments

The National Trust appeared in November, with industrial heritage expert Gary Vines (NT Industrial Heritage Committee) as expert witness before the Planning Panel Hearing to support the City of Melbourne's C207 Arden-Macaulay Heritage Review Amendment. The Amendment seeks to introduce approximately 40 new and amended heritage controls to the Kensington and Macaulay industrial precinct. 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. Five key observations were made:

1. Heritage Reviews are currently being triggered by Precinct Structure Plans. The National Trust believes this arrangement should be reversed.
2. The complexities associated with Industrial Heritage and the questions of 'Conservation by Use' were front and centre of the debate.



3. The City of Melbourne Heritage Places Grading system was further challenged by sites of Industrial Heritage significance.

4. The October 2013 Amendment to the Planning and Environment Act which makes the consideration of social and effects in the preparation of a planning scheme amendment mandatory is now being used as an argument against application of a heritage overlay.

Along with the Inner West Branch, the National Trust made a submission at the Planning Panel Hearing in December supporting the City of Maribyrnong's Amendment C125. The Amendment 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.

The C198 planning scheme amendment for Melbourne City North will go before a panel in February 2014. The amendment considers implementing Heritage Overlays in parts of Carlton, Melbourne, North Melbourne and West Melbourne.

The National Trust was pleased to note in the November release of the City of Melbourne's Heritage Strategy 2013 that a comprehensive review of the City's Heritage Places Grading System (in place since 1984) will be undertaken in accordance with the Practice Note 2012 – an action the National Trust has strongly supported.

Cypresses in Emerald

We were disappointed recently by Cardinia Shire Council's lack of consultation with the National Trust in demolishing a row of 50 mature Monterey Cypress trees at Worrell Reserve in Emerald. The trees had been identified by a Cardinia heritage study in 2005, and had been nominated to the National Trust Register of Significant Trees. Before the nomination could be assessed,

the trees were removed to enlarge the area available for a new bushfire Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort. Council cited an arborist report stating the trees were structurally unsound, however the report was not released to the National Trust until after demolition had commenced. Thirty trees will be replaced in due course by a species with a lower fire rating.

Hanging Rock, Woodend

Members of the local community have voiced their concerns over Council's proposal for tourism development adjacent to Hanging Rock, in East Paddock on Council-owned land. The entire site is protected by a Significant Landscape Overlay. The National Trust has inspected the site and met with Macedon Ranges Shire Council staff, and will be consulted closely during the several stages of planning yet to be undertaken before any permits are sought. At the time of writing, the study that informed this masterplan was about to be released by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Brutalist buildings in CBD

In November, we nominated the former Hoyts Cinema Complex in Bourke Street for the Victorian Heritage Register. Designed by Sydney architect Peter Muller in 1969, it is one of Melbourne's outstanding (and difficult-to-categorise) post-war buildings. Additionally, we will be appearing at a hearing before the Heritage Council for the Bogle & Banfield designed (1965) Total Carpark in Russell Street.

For regular updates on all conservation and advocacy issues, visit www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic

National Trust Branches

The National Trust has a branch network across rural and metropolitan Victoria. Branches engage in a range of activities, including:

- conducting regular meetings and communicating with local Trust members;
- providing advocacy on local heritage issues,
- conducting heritage festival and other events
- partnering with local government to provide a heritage awards program

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National Trust Heritage Festival

Journeys, Friday 18 April – Sunday 18 May 2014

Pack your suitcase, fill your rucksack and shove a jumbuck in your tuckerbag... you're coming on a journey.

You are invited to join the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) to celebrate our nation of travellers through the National Trust Heritage Festival 2014 Journeys. Together with our sponsors, National Trust branches, expert committees and properties, the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council as well as the participation of community organisations and support from the government, we are able to present a jam-packed festival program of talks, tours, exhibitions and events across Victoria.

Our 2014 program of events encourages us to celebrate all aspects of what makes Victoria unique. Throughout the month, we will celebrate diverse historic sites, special heritage places, unknown hidden gems, traditional methods of working industry and agriculture, our rich indigenous heritage, historic pathways and journeys, traditional crafts, diverse landscapes, and much more.

We hope you enjoy viewing the many and diverse events listed in the festival program and encourage you to check our online event calendar on the festival website for even more events and activities, to make your own festival itinerary, for additional event information, competitions, photos and more! Additionally, sign up to the Victorian Festival eNews to receive up-to-date, region-by-region event information to your inbox.

Make sure to check the Australian Heritage Week 2014 website for additional events to raise public awareness of the importance of conserving and protecting our heritage. Together, our goal is to encourage all communities and organisations to use this time to celebrate their local history through participation in Heritage Festival events and activities.

Here are a few events to encourage you to get involved!

Endeavour Fern Gully Nature Trail Opening

Saturday 19 April, Red Hill

Take a tour with the Mornington Peninsula Branch, National Trust of Australia (Vic) at the Trust's property Endeavour Fern Gully with guided walks and the opening of the nature trail with permanent signage featuring artwork by Peter Strickland and incorporating a QR code trail.

South Gippsland Railway Heritage Festival

Sundays 20 April – 4 May, Korumburra

The South Gippsland Railway will be running heritage trains with former VR vestibule carriages, from Korumburra to Leongatha. Explore the heritage-listed Korumburra Station before boarding the train and explore historic notes about the journeys as the trains travel through South Gippsland. At Leongatha, join the Leongatha Historical Society for a walking tour of historic town buildings.

Edible History: A Culinary Journey with Mr Wilkinson

Wednesday 23 April, Brunswick East

The National Trust's inaugural Edible History event will take you on a culinary journey, hosted by chef Matt Wilkinson, from the Michelin starred kitchens of Britain to Melbourne's hatted restaurants. Four courses and matching wines will showcase Victoria's finest producers and the restaurant's kitchen garden.



Western District Landscape Tour

**Saturday 3 May – Sunday 4 May,
Camperdown - departs**

A scenic and surprising tour of the historic Western District, visiting volcanic peaks, stony rises, hidden caves, historic farms and beautiful period gardens. Join us and enjoy the engaging commentary provided by National Trust of Australia (Vic) experts.

City of Casey Journeys Festival

Sunday 4 May, Berwick

Enjoy a weekend of celebration and experience the rich heritage Casey has to offer, presented by the City of Casey and the Casey Cardinia branch, National Trust of Australia (Vic). Bring the whole family and enjoy a day full of events. This year, visitors will journey to the past and enjoy unique performances set in the Old Cheese Factory.

"Are We There Yet?"

Sunday 4 May, Mount Alexander

Dr Fred Cahir recounts true stories of journeys taken with Aboriginal Guides during the Victorian gold rush. The illustrated presentation sets out to reveal the role and significance of Aboriginal guides and their journeys showing new goldfields, rescuing, providing food, liaising, warning, trading and naming features in the landscape.

Go West – Down the Beaten Track

Sunday 4 May, Geelong

Journey down the track where drays and bullocks, wagons and journeymen once wandered as they ventured west beyond Geelong into the Western District's grazing lands and the majestic Otways. Be part of the launch of the National Trust of Australia (Vic) self-drive guide brochure which gives a glimpse into the history of four such townships.

The World Heritage Community Day: Celebrating Democracy at the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens

Friday 9 May, Carlton

On 9 May 1901, the Royal Exhibition Building hosted the opening of the first Federal Parliament. No other public building could accommodate such a large group and the organisers were eager to make the occasion spectacular and memorable. Come during the day to see stories and creations by local primary school students. Watch a public forum on Federation, Democracy and The Royal Exhibition Building and take a tour of the building.

Our History: More Than Rocks

Saturday 17 May, Melbourne

Join us on a journey to explore the cultural heritage of the Koorie community in Victoria. This exciting youth-driven and Koorie-led event will focus on hands-on activities such as traditional crafts, cultural mapping, storytelling, music and a tour on Country. This free festival workshop and tour is an opportunity for Koorie Youth - aged 18 to 25 years - who are interested in Aboriginal cultural heritage.

What does cultural heritage mean to you? Why do you think it is important? How do you want to be involved?

Hidden Gems

Saturday 17 May – Sunday 18 May, Bendigo

Ever wondered what is behind that building's facade, that high wall or hedge? Join the Bendigo and Region Branch, National Trust of Australia (Vic) to discover some of Bendigo's hidden gems. Explore Bendigo's very own Open House and see parts of our heritage undiscovered to the public eye!

For more information about all Heritage Festival events please visit nationaltrustfestival.org.au or scan the QR Code.





The Heights - Geelong's Affair to Remember

by Christine Stevenson

Just how long can a girl wait for her fella? Quite a while it seems, if the love affair between Lou Whyte and Marnie Wyett is anything to go by.

A visit to the National Trust property in Newtown, Geelong reveals the fascinating story of Lou and Marnie who transformed The Heights from a dark, rambling house into an elegant home with a charming garden.

Lou's grandfather, Charles Ibbotson, bought the house as a 'flatpack' imported from Germany in the 1850s and had it erected on the three acres (1.21 ha) of land he'd purchased on Newtown Hill. Ibbotson, one of Geelong's early settlers, was a squatter and wool-broker, a partner in the growing Dalgety company which became an international success within his lifetime.

Minna Ibbotson, the youngest of Ibbotson's children, inherited the property in 1883 and came to live there in the 1890s with her second husband, Louis Australia Whyte and her small son, Louis Melville Whyte. Louis Snr was a keen sportsman, an amateur champion tennis player and golfer, he even had a golf course laid out at the property.

Tragedy struck the family in 1911 when Louis Snr died, aged fifty-nine, by his own hand, after a bout of depression brought on by some years of suffering from the painful condition, neuritis. His son, Lou, was a young man of twenty-one at the time. One's heart goes out to Minna Whyte, daughter of a prominent Geelong family, suddenly the subject of local gossip. How keenly she must have felt not only anguish at the loss of her husband, but also humiliation at the subsequent publicity. Small wonder she became an excessively possessive mother to her only son.

Louis Jnr was a dashing young man, educated at the prestigious Geelong College, he was a keen swimmer and one of Australia's early surfers. He introduced the sport to Lorne after returning from Hawaii where he had spent six months learning from the experts. He also embraced the growing obsession with the motor car and the stables, once the domain of the carriage horse and perhaps a hack or two, became garaging for a succession of sporty automobiles. Wealthy, handsome, fun-loving—Lou Whyte must have been every girl's idea of a good catch!

But the young ladies of Geelong were destined to be disappointed as Lou's mother had no intention of approving any liaisons of that nature. In fact, when Lou, at the age of thirty, fell in love with the vivacious Marnie Wyett, daughter of R W Wyett of Merchiston Hall, his mother, who had lost her husband so tragically, was not planning on losing her son also. Love, however, was not so easily denied. Lou and Marnie courted for fifteen long years. Then, possibly thinking that Minna may live forever, they married secretly in 1936 only announcing the fact two years later after Minna died at the age of eighty-five.

The house that Lou (and Marnie) inherited was laid out much as it was when Minna herself inherited it in 1883. It was large, dark and old-fashioned. Lou called in the experts.

'Pull it down,' they said, 'it's 1938, the world has moved on.' (Or words to that effect.)

But Lou was attached to the old place, and Marnie, brought up in the stately Merchiston Hall, had a sense of history too, no doubt. They decided to give The Heights a make over while retaining its architectural integrity, bring it into the twentieth century.

The house had grown over the years from its original fourteen rooms to a rambling twenty-nine rooms. Architect, Harold Bartlett, was engaged to redesign it. Superfluous rooms were pulled down opening up the courtyard and verandahs were removed allowing light to flood into the reworked interior.

Marnie Whyte was a lady with flair and style and she wanted their home to reflect the more relaxed tastes of the twentieth century. With the help of the up-to-the-minute Melbourne interior designer, Reg Riddell, a gracious sparseness replaced the claustrophobic Victorian clutter of Minna's era.

The Whytes had live-in domestic staff which was unusual after WWII. Marnie, therefore, could devote her time to planning and implementing a makeover of the garden, the foundations of which had been laid some eighty years earlier with the assistance of Scottish gardener, Robert Hughes. Her desire was to create a garden that would be constantly in bloom. The extensive lawn, which is the breathing space of the garden, was constructed and the rose walk built, the terrace and the courtyard remodelled and the pond and fountain installed.

Seeking inspiration Marnie would, no doubt, have been influenced by Australia's greatest landscape gardener, Edna Walling. Her gardening and design advice had appeared in the Australian 'Home Beautiful' from the mid 1920s. Walling's love of strong design elements and rumbustious plantings complimented the less formal world of the twentieth century. Exit formal rose beds and carpet bedding, enter drifts of lavender and long-flowering perennials. Roses jostled in beds with penstemon and salvia, annuals self-seeded in wall crevices and flagstones. Ladies loosened their stays and so did their gardens.

This romantic, breezy style was what Marnie wanted for her garden. She planted an abundance of flowering shrubs, perennials and bulbs, filling the beds close to house with year-round colour. The existing trees and shrubs provided a backdrop and she carefully retained views to the north of the garden in her new scheme. The river and the bay are no longer visible from the property as they were in 1855 when Charles Ibbotson sited his new home, but, thanks to Marnie's careful planning, the prospect of the You Yangs to the north is as true today as it was then.

Lou and Marnie had no children and lived on at The Heights until their deaths within months of each other in 1975. The property, which grew to ninety-six acres (38.1 ha) in Ibbotson's time, was much reduced by subdivision during Lou's tenure. The house and garden, which today covers two and a half acres (1 ha), was left in the care of the National Trust.

A garden is an ephemeral thing, constantly in need of rejuvenation and replanting. The essence of the garden at The Heights remains in the stately trees, the flowering shrubs, the winding paths and rock walls. The flowers that Marnie so lovingly tended have long since faded, the bulbs and perennials succumbed to drought and natural attrition but National Trust volunteers ensure that the garden remains a year-round cornucopia of colourful flowers planted in the spirit of Marnie Whyte's vision of an oasis of floral delight.

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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: Check www.oldmelbournegaol.com.au for current dates and times.

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

Bookings: Bookings are required.

How to book: Online oldmelbournegaol.com.au

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Pirate Sunday at Polly Woodside

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

Get your best pirate gear out and hop on board 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.

EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Window Shopping on Emerald Hill – Historical Guided Walk at the Portable Iron Houses

The influx of migrants during the gold rush led to a rapid growth in the commercial life of Emerald Hill – the original name for South Melbourne. Come along and discover how they lived, a pub on every corner, shops, health services and even a drapery emporium. You will also have the chance to view the three iron houses on site and learn about the importation of portable buildings.

The guided tour takes approximately 1.5 hours.

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

When: February 2, 2014, 1.45pm – 4pm

Prices: Adult \$20, Concession \$18, Child \$10. National Trust Members. Adult \$15, Concession \$7, Child \$7

Bookings essential. Please contact 9645 7517 or 9699 2172 or email at pih@nattrust.com.au

Open House at the Portable Iron Houses

Open House at the Portable Iron Houses is a great 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 also includes the opportunity to watch an informative DVD on importation of pre-fabricated buildings during the 19th Century.

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

When: February 2, March 2, 2014, 1pm – 4pm

Prices: Adult \$5, Concession \$3, Children \$3. Family \$10 (2 adults + 2 children)

Bookings are not required but private groups of 6 or more can be accommodated by appointment. For more information please call 03 9645 7517 or 03 9699 2172, or email pih@nattrust.com.au

Summer Sessions at Rippon Lea House & Gardens

Every Sunday from January through to March, Rippon Lea House & Gardens will be holding their Summer Sessions weekends. Come and relax on the lawn, listen to the band play and let us entertain the kids! Have a picnic, wander through the grounds or take a tour through the mansion.

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

When: February 2, 9, 16, March 2, 9, 16, 23 2014 1pm – 5pm

(Summer Sessions will not take place on Sunday Feb 23 due to the Teddy Bears' Picnic event)

Prices: Adult \$15, Concession \$12, Child \$9, Family \$35 (2 adults & 2 children). National Trust Members Free.

February 2014 - April 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.

Open House at Barwon Park

Visit Barwon Park and be transported back in time as you explore this magnificent 42 room bluestone mansion and stables built in 1871 and largely in their original condition. As you tour the mansion you will uncover the fascinating story of the Austin family, the original owners of the property.

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

When: February, March & April - Wednesday & Sunday, 11am – 4pm

Prices: Adult \$10, concession \$7, child \$4, family \$20 (2 adults and 2 children)/ National Trust members – free

Wuthering Heights at Rippon Lea

A new production of Wuthering Heights will be staged in the majestic estate of Rippon Lea House & Gardens presented by the Australian Shakespeare Company.

Wuthering Heights will sweep audiences into a world of desperate romance, beauty and rebellion. Vince Foxall has created a sense of untamed, yet innocent, and very different children who have become impossible, monstrous young adults. They are sexually attracted and emotionally repulsed with super charged feelings in every inch of their lives. Cathy and Heathcliff are probably two of the most romantic and felt for characters in literature.

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

When: 17 February 2014 – 6 March 2014, Monday to Thursday at 7pm (no show Thurs 20 February 2014)

Prices: From \$35.00

Bookings required. Call 1300 122 344 or visit shakespeareaustralia.com.au

McCrae Summer Market at McCrae Homestead

Join us at McCrae Homestead for our first Market Day!

Enjoy a delicious Devonshire tea or a sausage from the sausage sizzle! You can also explore the homestead and wonderful galleries.

Where: McCrae Homestead, 11 Beverley Road, McCrae 3938

When: February 16, 2014, 10am – 4pm

Prices: Adult \$10, concession \$7, family \$20 (2 adults and up to 2 children). National Trust members are free.

No bookings required

Open House at Labassa

Labassa is a stunning heritage property noted for its opulent 19th century interiors.

Tours of the house are included in entry, with tours of the interior at 11am and 2.30pm. There is also an external tour at 12.30pm. Tea rooms also operate throughout the day.

Where: Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North

When: February 16, March 16, April 20 2014, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Prices: Adult \$10, concession \$8, children \$4, family \$20 (2 adults & 2 children), National Trust Members free

For more information contact 03 9527 6295

Teddy Bears' Picnic at Rippon Lea House & Gardens

Teddy Bears' Picnic is back and in 2014 the event will be celebrating its 24th year.

The iconic event will be bigger and better than ever with the addition of Australia's Biggest Treasure Hunt where both young and old can explore the extensive gardens in search of hidden treasure!

Held at Rippon Lea House & Gardens on Sunday 23 February, 2014 the event will include entertainment, performances and an array of activities that all the family will enjoy.

Pack a picnic, roll out a rug, bring along a teddy friend and enjoy a great fun filled day!

There will be plenty of fun activities and entertainment to keep kids and bears alike occupied for hours.

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

When: February 23, 2014

Prices: Adult \$15, concession \$10, children \$10, children aged 4 and under \$5, family (2 adults and up to 2 children) \$45.

National Trust members: Adult \$10, child \$5, family \$30 (2 adults and up to 2 children).

Bookings recommended

Call the National Trust Bookings Office on 03 9656 9804 or email bookings@natrust.com.au. Bookings also available on the National Trust (Vic) website.

MARCH

From Tents to Terraces: Historical Guided Walk at Portable Iron Houses

Until land sales occurred in 1852 early migrants were living in tents in "Canvas Town". Take a walk back in time where you will hear about the orphanages in the area, the growth of schools, churches, community services and about the influence of the local Chinese community of the time. You also have the opportunity to view the three pre-fabricated corrugated iron houses which date back to the gold rush years.

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

When: March 2, 2014, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Prices: Adult \$20, concession \$18, child \$10, National Trust members: Adult \$15, concession \$7, child \$7

Bookings required. Please call 03 9645 7517 or 03 9699 2172 or email pih@natrust.com.au

The Two Roberts (piano and Cello)

Hear classic music performed at historic Barwon Park Mansion.

An electrifying recital by 'The Two Roberts' renowned members of the Team of Pianists at Barwon Park, a National Trust gem. Audience members are welcome to look through the magnificent 1870's Mansion before the concert. A special country-style afternoon tea, included in the ticket price is not to be missed!

Where: Barwon Park, 105 Inverleigh Road, Winchelsea

When: Sunday 23rd March, 2pm

Prices: Adults \$40, NT members \$35, Pensioners \$30, Children \$20

Bookings Required: Visit www.teamofpianists.com.au to book your tickets

La Trobe's Birthday Celebrations at Domain House (next to La Trobe's Cottage)

Join us for talks about the early and later life of Victoria's first Governor, Charles Joseph La Trobe - followed by refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere at La Trobe's Cottage.

Guest speakers on the day will be John Barnes and Loreen Chambers.

John Barnes will speak on an aspect of his newly completed biography of Charles Joseph La Trobe. Loreen Chambers will speak on the period following La Trobe's return to England in 1854. Their presentation will be followed by a ceremonial cutting of a birthday cake and champagne in celebration of Charles Joseph La Trobe's 213th birthday.

Where: Domain House (next to La Trobe's Cottage), Dallas Brooks Drive, The Domain, Melbourne

When: March 30, 2014, 4pm - 6pm

Prices: Free

Bookings required. Please contact Dianne Reilly on 03 9646 2112 or email secretary@latrobesociety.org.au.

APRIL

Special Open Day at the Portable Iron Houses (Part of the 2014 Heritage Festival)

View the three properties on site which have interpretative material available and friendly volunteers to assist with information regarding life in the 1850's, particularly in relation to the gold rush years. At 11.30am and 2.00pm there will be guided historical walks (subject to demand) to the See Yup Temple at a cost of \$5 per person. Refreshments will also be available for purchase throughout the day.

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

When: April 6, 2014, 11am - 4pm

Prices: Adult \$5, concession \$3, children \$3, family \$10 (2 adults & 2 children)

For more information please call 03 9645 7517 or 03 9699 2172, or email pih@natrust.com.au

Trust Kids - Detective Agent!

Who wants to help us to solve a hundred year old crime at the Old Melbourne Gaol? Here's your chance at the Trust Kids! Detective Agent Program. The children will arrive at the Old Melbourne Gaol dressed in their best detective outfit and ready to follow the trail to solve the hundred year old murder mystery.

The event will begin in the Old Magistrates' Court where they'll be given a list of clues from the judge. They'll rotate through each activity in the Old Melbourne Gaol and the old Police Watch House in search of evidence to the 'who done it' crime mystery. Once completed, they'll race back to the Old Magistrates' Court to report their findings to the judge and find out if they've solved the hundred year old murder mystery. 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 hundred year old crime mystery.

Where: Old Melbourne Gaol, 377 Russell Street, Melbourne

When: 7 - 11 April 2014

Prices: Check website for prices

Bookings required

Trust Kids - Polly Pirate Day

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

This event is divided into 6 fantastic activity areas that include Treasure Hunts, Pirate Classes, Pirate Movies, Interactive Quiz and Pirate Games. Kids will be allocated a team and at the conclusion of each activity they will receive a pirate stamp.

Where: Polly Woodside, 21 South Wharf Promenade

When: 14 - 17 April 2014

Prices: Check website for prices

Bookings required

Easter Fun Day at Rippon Lea

Join us this Easter Sunday for our annual Easter Fun Day Easter Egg Hunts through the gardens, visit the open house then relax and enjoy some of the delicious treats from the food market or bring your own picnic.

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

When: 20 April 2014, 10am - 4pm

Prices: Adult \$15, Concession \$12, Child \$9, Family \$35. National Trust Members: Free

Bookings Recommended

Easter Fun Day at Barwon Park

Join us this Easter Sunday for our annual Easter Fun Day Easter Egg Hunts through the gardens, visit the open house then relax and enjoy some of the delicious treats from the food market or bring your own picnic.

Where: Barwon Park, 105 Inverleigh Road, Winchelsea

When: 20 April 2014, 10am - 4pm

Prices: Adult \$15, Concession \$12, Child \$9, Family \$35. National Trust Member: Free

Bookings Recommended

Easter Fun Day at Gulf Station

Join us this Easter Sunday for our annual Easter Fun Day Easter Egg Hunts through the gardens, visit the open house then relax and enjoy some of the delicious treats from the food market or bring your own picnic.

Where: Gulf Station, 1092 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen

When: 20 April 2014, 10am - 4pm

Prices: Adult \$15, Concession \$12, Child \$9, Family \$35. National Trust Members: Free

Bookings Recommended

Easter Fun Day at Mulberry Hill

Join us this Easter Sunday for our annual Easter Fun Day Easter Egg Hunts through the gardens, visit the open house then relax and enjoy some of the delicious treats from the food market or bring your own picnic.

Where: Mulberry Hill, Golf Links Road, Langwarrin South

When: 20 April 2014, 10am - 4pm

Prices: Adult \$15, Concession \$12, Child \$9, Family \$35. National Trust Members: Free

Bookings Recommended

GEELONG AND REGION BRANCH

FEBRUARY at Inverleigh proclaimed in 1854

Meeting at historic Inverleigh - gateway to the west, where the winding rivers Leigh and Barwon meet.

Where: Inverleigh Public Hall 71 High Street Inverleigh

When: Tuesday 25th February, 2pm - 4pm

Followed by afternoon tea, a history talk by the Inverleigh Historical Society, and then Inverleigh Heritage tour.

Gold coin donation.

Bookings and further information RSVP Lyn Pierotti by phone: 5281 5043 or email rhinehog@hotmail.com

MARCH at The Heights

Meeting at The Heights, built in 1855, this unique prefabricated dwelling is the largest of its kind in Victoria.

Where: 140 Aphrasia Street Newtown

When: Tuesday 25th March, 2pm - 4pm

Gold coin donation.

Guest speaker will be Anna Foley, National Trust Environmental Heritage advocate.

Bookings and further information RSVP Pauline or David Walker 5289 1569

APRIL at the Old Barwon Paper Mill complex

Where: A Piece of Cloth, Studio 9, 100 Lower Paper Mill Road Fyansford

When: Tuesday April 29th, 2pm - 4pm

A Piece of Cloth travels the world to find interesting antique textiles.

After the meeting our host has arranged access to some of the historic buildings on this site.

Gold coin donation. Please bring your own chair.

RSVP Lyn Pierotti P: 5281 5043 or E: rhinehog@hotmail.com

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