

NATIONAL TRUST



BULLETIN

THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (A.C.T.)

The National Trust of Australia (A.C.T.) is a community organisation which seeks to conserve Australia's heritage of historic buildings and natural beauty.

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PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

After eight years as an elected member of Council, preceded by several years on Council representing the CSIRO, I am ineligible to continue under our present Articles of Association, soon however, to be amended. I shall therefore not be a candidate at the 1988 Annual General Meeting. For this reason, I should like to take this opportunity of wishing the incoming Council and all other members of the National Trust of Australia (ACT) a very Merry Christmas and a health, happy and prosperous 1989.

I am most grateful for the wonderful support you have given me over the years and for the magnificent work by so many Trust volunteers.

We are now comfortably settled into our new Headquarters in Geils Court, Deakin, and the major features of the landscaping are complete. Only the provision of adequate parking remains a problem. I believe that the Trust is excellently placed now to play an ever increasing role when the ACT becomes autonomous.

My warmest greetings.

DR D F WATERHOUSE

**Merry
Christmas!**





MEETINGS IN TRUST BOARDROOM 1988/89

Tuesday 6 December	Young Trust Committee Meeting at 5.30pm at 48 Banks St, Yarralumla
Monday 12 December	Executive Meeting at 5.15pm
Tuesday 13 December	Classification Committee Meeting 12.30pm
Wednesday 14 December	Lanyon Committee Meeting at 12.15pm
Tuesday 7 February	Young Trust Committee Meeting at 5.30pm
Tuesday 14 February	Classification Committee Meeting at 12.30pm
Wednesday 22 February	Education & Cultural Meeting at 5.30pm



COMING EVENTS

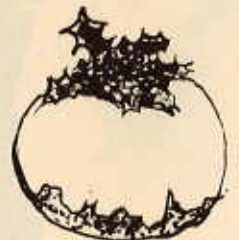
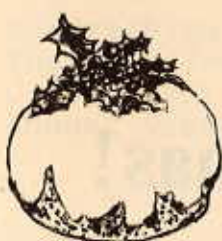
Monday 5 December	Volunteers Luncheon at Lanyon
Tuesday 6 November	Young Trust Christmas BBQ
Saturday 10 December	Christmas Cocktail Party at "Huntly"
Friday 17 February	Young Trust Tidbinbilla Tour
Saturday 25 February - Sunday 5 March	████████ Trip to Armidale
Saturday 4 March	Members' Night at Lanyon by Candlelight

OFFICE AND GIFT SHOP CLOSING TIMES

TRUST OFFICE : Closed from Friday 23 December 1988 at 12 noon. Re-opens on Monday 9 January 1989 at 9.00am. Please note that the Office will also be closed on Australia Day - Thursday 26 January 1989.

MANUKA GIFT SHOP : Closed from Friday 23 December 1988 at 4.00pm. Re-opens on Monday 9 January 1989 at 10.00am.

LANYON GIFT SHOP : Closed on Sunday 25 December 1988. Otherwise normal hours apply - Tuesday to Sunday, 10.00am to 4.00pm and closed on Monday, except where Monday is a Public Holiday.



REPORT ON THE 1988 COUNTRY SPRING FAIR AT LANYON

Our third Spring Fair has come and gone and as always a good time was enjoyed by all!

A very big thank you indeed to all the volunteers who helped out on the day by manning stalls, the gate, providing hospitality, donating cakes, slices and sweets etc, and to all the others who helped in dozens of other ways, too many to thank personally. Without you the Fair would not have been the success it was. A huge thank you as well to all the hardworking souls "behind the scenes" who over the past year have been preparing for the BIG DAY. Thanks also to June Edwards who stepped into the co-ordinator's shoes at a late date, a hard enough job at the best of times.

Last but not least, successful as the Fair was our profits were not good, especially considering the time and hard work involved. We are just not getting the "people power" to help us. We would hate to see it die at this stage, so hands to the wheel all you folk out there, this is your National Trust and it needs you!!



ABOVE: Lanyon Homestead [redacted] 1979. Classified by the Trust in 1979.

HYATT HOTEL CANBERRA RAFFLE

Tickets are still available in our Hyatt Hotel Canberra raffle. The winner will receive ONE NIGHTS ACOMMODATION FOR TWO PEOPLE at the luxuriously renovated Hyatt Hotel Canberra in Commonwealth Avenue. The prize must be taken before the end of January 1989, meals are not included. TICKETS at \$1.00 each are available from the Trust Office at 6 Geils Court, Deakin, and from the Gift Shops in the Style Arcade, Manuka and at Lanyon Homestead OR apply by self-addressed and stamped envelope to the Trust Office. THE RAFFLE will be drawn at the Christmas Cocktail Party on 10 December 1988, come along and join in the fun!

ARMIDALE FIELD TRIP

A Field Trip to the historic Armidale area in NSW is being planned for National Trust members and friends from 25 February to 5 March 1989. An outline of the itinerary includes :

- . DAYS 1 & 2 Depart Canberra and travel to Armidale by luxury 40 seater coach
- . DAYS 3-7 House visits and social activities in the Armidale area
- . DAYS 8 & 9 Depart Armidale - return to Canberra

Please advise expressions of interest to the Office on 810 711 if you would like to participate in this opportunity to explore one of Australia's most picturesque and historic areas. Further details, including programme and cost, will be featured in the January 1989 Bulletin. Seats will be allocated in order of booking. Maximum number in the group will be 40.

SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

Sharing with people of similar interests enriches your holiday...

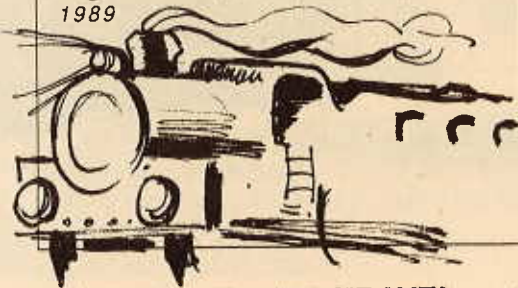
STEAM TRAINS - MARCH 1989

China is closing its steam train plants. This is a last chance to visit the factories and see the classic engines being built.

Other highlights include the Steam Loco Museum at Shenyang, which houses 12 classic engines dating from 1907, and extensive trainrides to various locations.

Also includes sightseeing in Beijing, Guilin, and Shanghai.

Tour arrangements are not finalised. Cost, est. \$3,750 twin share. 22 days
Register your interest by 15 Jan 1989



GARDENING - APRIL 1989

Graham Ross of ABC fame will escort a tour to China.

See rural and city landscapes parks, ornamental plants and entombed warriors, Great Wall, magnificent scenery of Guilin.

21 days \$3992 share twin



ROBERAMMERGAU - 1990

Plenty of time to plan for a visit to see the once-a-decade performance of the Passion Play.

Combined with a visit to Rhine region, Bavaria and Austria for some of the world's loveliest scenery, castles, art galleries.

Arts, Alps and Antiques 14 days \$2840
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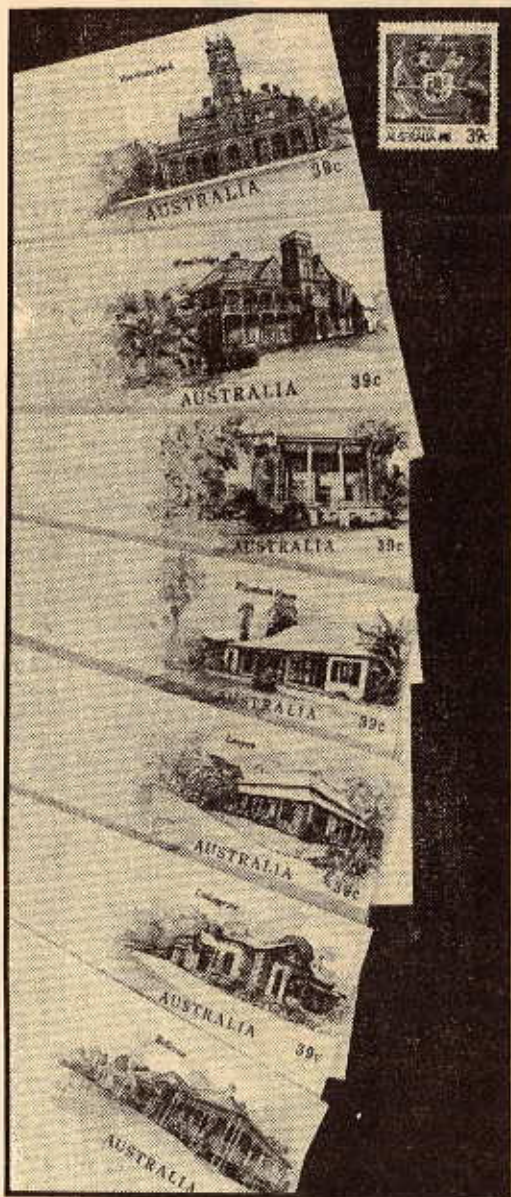
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Lanyon pictured by Australia Post

Lanyon homestead, just south of Canberra, has been immortalised by Australia Post in a series of pre-stamped envelopes depicting historic Australian homes.

Lanyon was built between 1835 and 1859. It was selected to join other homesteads such as Elizabeth Farm at Parramatta in the series because it provided a lasting record of the operation of a farm during the last 150 years. Lanyon, administered by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service with the help of the National Trust of Australia, is open to the public as a museum.

The series will be released on October 1 when the new 39c standard letter rate comes into effect.



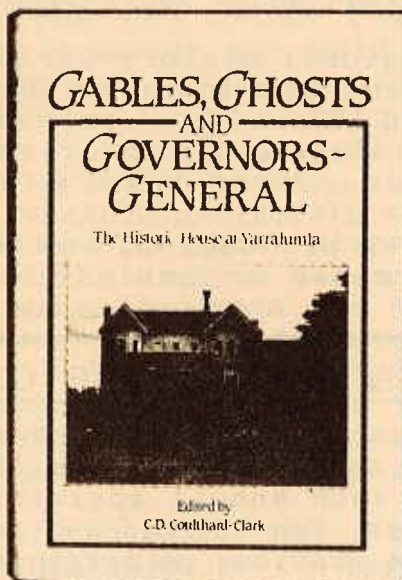
Pre-stamped mail series of historic homes

PRE-STAMPED LANYON ENVELOPES

Pre-stamped envelopes with Lanyon Homestead featured in a soft watercolour style are available from the National Trust Gift Shops in Manuka and Lanyon, and from the Trust Office at 6 Geils Court, at a cost of 46¢ each.

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME AT LANYON

One of the most important roles the National Trust in the ACT plays is to provide Guardians for Lanyon. The role of the Guardian is to assist in the safe-keeping of furniture and furnishings in Lanyon, and as their knowledge increases, answer visitors' questions. As a Guardian you would be entitled to attend special Guardian only house inspections, the most recent being a luncheon and tour of Cooma Cottage at Yass. We need members to help from 10.00am to 4.00pm (your choice of morning or afternoon) on weekdays and weekends. We also need people willing to be placed on an emergency list - this means you could be called upon for duty at Lanyon in the case of a regular Guardian being unable to fulfill their roster duty. If you are able to assist, please telephone the Trust Office on 810711.



GABLES, GHOSTS AND GOVERNORS-GENERAL

Edited by C.D. Coulthard-Clark

A look inside Australia's principal vice-regal residence, rarely seen by the majority of Australians.

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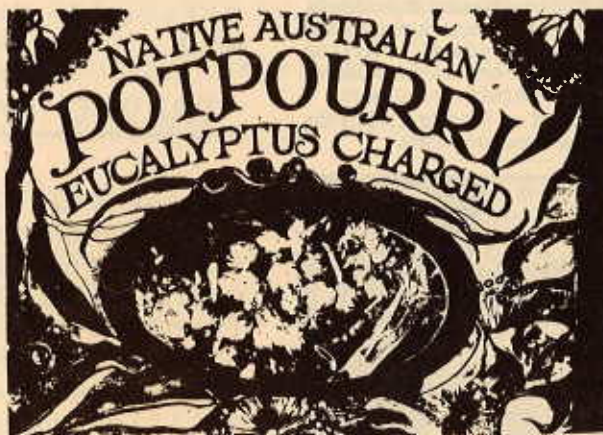
NATIONAL TRUST WINE LABEL

The National Trust in co-operation with Richard Farmer has its own labels on two wines - an Eden Valley Rhine Riesling Vintage 1987 and an Eden Valley Soft Claret, a blend of shiraz and cabernet from the 1986 and 1987 vintages. These two wines are available to Trust members at \$5.00 per bottle or \$55 per case, if collected from the National Trust office at 6 Geils Court, Deakin. Your orders may be made by telephone to the Trust office - all profits to the National Trust Building Fund. Support the Trust Wine Project.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH THE TRUST

For that special Christmas present, visit one of our shops where a variety of high quality Australian made goods can be found. Reasonably priced gifts may be purchased from the Trust shop upstairs in the Style Arcade, Manuka; from Lanyon Homestead; or call in to the Trust Office at 6 Geils Court where selected items may also be found :

- .CHRISTMAS CARDS.
- .WRAPPING PAPER.
- .TAGS & RIBBON.
- .1989 DESK DIARY.
- .1989 CALENDAR.
- .CHRISTMAS TINS.
- .SWEETS.SOFT TOYS.
- .BOOKS. PEWTER.
- .PLAYING CARDS .
- .TAPESTRY KITS.
- .HERB PILLOWS.
- .FRAGRANT OILS.
- . & MUCH MORE !.



AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL HERITAGE AWARD

The joint winner of the Australian Bicentennial award is the ABC Natural History Unit for the documentary NATURE OF AUSTRALIA, and Fairfax Syme and Weldon Associates for the publication AUSTRALIANS: A HISTORICAL LIBRARY. The joint winners of the Award share a cash endowment of \$10,000.

The Australian Heritage Award Secretariat reports that :

"The ABC's Natural History Unit in conjunction with with BBC and the Australian Heritage Commission have skilfully and effectively used the film-maker's craft to bring to a world audience a picture of the unique natural treasures of Australia. The publication AUSTRALIANS: A HISTORICAL LIBRARY is a collection of eleven volumes produced in Australia by Australians. The project shows an ambitious and enthusiastic approach to the documentation of our history".

NATIONAL TRUST FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Members will have noted the effect of not having an active Fund Raising Committee on our Trust finances in 1987/88. We have had to cancel or defer such annual activities as Field Trips, House Inspections, Luncheons, Exhibitions and Garden Walks for lack of support and which on previous performances would have realised an additional net income of nearly \$5000.

If help is not received and if the Fund Raising Committee is not re-activated this year then the Curry Dinner and Field Trips will be cancelled and the loss of income from such activities will severely affect Trust finances in 1988/89.

We need a nucleus of 9 or 10 volunteers to re-activate the Committee. Please help the Trust restore the income so necessary in this day of rising costs. If you wish to help, please telephone me on 810 711 or come and have a cup of coffee while we discuss how you might help. Best wishes to all.

JOCK HARVEY
Administrator

REPORT ON THE HUME & HOVELL WALKING TRACK WEEKEND

On a fine Canberra morning, sixteen intrepid explorers met at the junction of the Uriarra Road and Coppins Crossing to commence three days of discovery on a series of half day walks in the Tumbarumba area.

When the weather turned cold and showery later that day, our leader - Garth Setchell - changed the itinerary to enable us to satisfy our longing for discovery. So after lunch at Henry Angel Flat, we set off to walk along Burra Creek to Tumbarumba Creek junction. The afternoon was a delight. We were rewarded with evidence of the achievements made by people in the goldmining days. The most spectacular sight was a tunnel used to divert the creek underground for about 70 metres. Nature provided us with a series of waterfalls which were first described (and seen) by Hovell in his journal.

The more adventurous of our group took a track to Big Hill near where Hume and Hovell first sighted the Snowy Mountains. For us, cloud hampered our view and we could only imagine the vista Hume and Hovell were presented with in 1824.

By the time we arrived at McPhersons Plains Resort, our home for the next 2 nights, a shower and a good feed was on all our minds. Garth had certainly organised great accommodation and our hosts had provided a wonderful meal with good wine and a roaring log fire for the weary explorers.

Day 2 of our trip dawned fine and sunny, perfect for further exploration. Our walk centred on the Paddy's River dam area. Here we were able to see the human influence in the area, particularly in the use of water for gold sluicing and for saw mills. Paddy's River Dam was constructed in 1936 by the Eurabbie Power Company to supply water to the hydro-electric power house at Tumbarumba. The day ended with another pleasant evening in front of the fire at our mountain resort.

On day 3 we were again rewarded with clear skies and sunshine to explore Buddong Falls and the area to Buddong Hut. We were able to see Gurkeroo Ridge from the Falls, as well as glimpses of the Tumut River Valley. We had lunch at Buddong Hut in the midst of an impressive forest. Buddong Hut was originally used by those who took stream flow measurements between 1921 and 1977 for the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission. The hut was restored for the use of walkers by the Department of Lands.

Our three days of exploring small parts of the track which runs from Gunning to Albury allowed us to appreciate many of the changes that have occurred since Hume and Hovell's expeditions in the summer of 1824 - 25. We were also able to admire the achievements of the pioneers and explorers in one of our most spectacular mountain areas.

To Garth, who planned this wonderful weekend, we say thank you very much for a great time. To those who were unable to share this experience with us - see you next time!

ANNA ENGLAND

YOUNG TRUST NEWS

I would like to open this Christmas issue of the Young Trust News by thanking the Young Trust members who assisted so ably on the Drinks Van, Ice Cream Trolley and Sausage Sizzle at the recent Country Spring Fair. Although the weather was unco-operative and quite cold in the morning, things brightened up in the afternoon, and the hamburgers, sausages and ice creams sold particularly well.

As mentioned in the September Bulletin, I represented the Young Trust (ACT) at the recent Australian Council of National Trust's Young Trust Meeting held in October in Brisbane. Young Trust delegates from Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and of course Canberra met over several days and discussed items ranging from the formation of a Young Trust in New South Wales, to ways in which the Young Trust could become more involved with the environment. To this end it was decided to hold a National Young Trust Clean Up Day on World Environment Day, 4 June 1989. Young Trusts across Australia will use this day to "clean up" an area of our environment, not necessarily National Trust property, in order to increase public awareness that the National Trust is involved with more than just buildings and monuments. I'm glad to report that this idea came from a member of the Young Trust (ACT) Committee.

The Young Trust Committee discussed various ideas for our future programme at the last meeting, and came up with what we hope are a variety of activities that will appeal to a cross section of the membership. We will be organising a Tour of Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve by night, complete with barbecue, in February next year (look for details in the January Bulletin). This will be followed by a Bike Ride Around Historic Queanbeyan and a Walking Tour of the ANU, both in April.

Don't forget the CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY on Saturday 10 December. Come along and enjoy cocktail nibbles and a choice of beverages in the beautiful gardens of "Huntly", by kind permission of Mr John Gale. As an added attraction, a raffle consisting of one nights accommodation for two people at the Hyatt Hotel Canberra will be drawn during the evening.

Finally, I wish all members of the Young Trust a Merry Christmas, and look forward to a full year packed with interesting Young Trust activities.

AMANDA MYERS
Chairman

Merry Christmas!

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