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PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As outlined in my report to the 1989 Annual General Meeting, the Trust has recorded a most successful operational year. The success is due to the enthusiastic support and work of the members of Council, of members and volunteers of the various Committees, of general members and the essential day to day input of the Office Administration.

> As members of Australia's largest conservation organisation, you are all playing a vital role in the recognition and protection of Australia's heritage in the ACT.

I am most grateful for the support you have given to the Trust, which makes belonging to such a community organisation so rewarding.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a most happy Christmas and prosperous 1990.

KEN TAYLOR



Merry Christmas!

OFFICE & GIFT SHOP CLOSING TIMES

TRUST OFFICE : Closed from 4.00pm Friday 22 December 1989. Re-opens on Monday 8 January 1990 at 9.00am. Please note that the Office will also be closed on Australia Day - Friday 26 January 1990.

MANUKA GIFT SHOP : Closed from 12 noon Saturday 23 December 1989. Re-opens 10.00am on Monday 15 January 1990.

LANYON GIFT SHOP : Closed on Monday 25 December, open on Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January 1990.

MEETINGS IN TRUST BOARDROOM 1989/90

Tuesday 12 December..... CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE Meeting at 12.30pm

- Thursday 1 February..... EXECUTIVE at 5.30pm
- Tuesday 13 February.....CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE Meeting at 12.30pm
- Wednesday 28 February.....EDUCATION & CULTURAL COMMITTEE Meeting at 5.30pm

Thursday 1 March.....COUNCIL Meeting at 5.30pm

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 29 November	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at Forestry House, Yarralumla at 7.00 for 7.30pm
Monday 4 December	.TRUST VOLUNTEER'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON at Lanyon Homestead at 12.30pm
Saturday 9 December	.CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY at Huntly by kind permission of Mr John Gale 5.30 - 7.30pm
Thursday 15 March	OFFICIAL OPENING CANBERRA ANTIQUE FAIR
Friday 16 - Monday 19 March	.1990 CANBERRA ANTIQUE FAIR at the Albert Hall
Sunday 22 - Sunday 29 April	.1990 HERITAGE WEEK
Friday 6 - Sunday 8 April	MOUNT BUFFALO TOUR

NEW MEMBERS

The National Trust (ACT) extends a warm welcome to the following new members. If any of our current members know these new members, perhaps you could encourage them to attend one of our activities.

Mrs C Czerw, Red Hill Miss C Carter, Dhaka Ms L Connor, Latham Mr & Mrs D Evans, London Mr & Mrs K Flynn, Aranda Mr & Mrs C Green, Hughes Mr & Mrs D Harper, Forrest

Mrs I Hamilton, Forrest Mrs K Lochhead, Red Hill Mr S Malloy, Hughes Mrs E O'Brien, Dickson Mr M Proud, Warramanga Miss S Reeves, Forrest Mrs E Shillington, Griffith

MOUNT BUFFALO TOUR Friday 6 - Sunday 8 April 1990

\$25 deposits are now being sought for this trip to one of Victoria's grand old resorts. We will be travelling by luxury coach and staying at the Mount Buffalo Chalet. Perched near the edge of a stupendous bluff, the Chalet commands magnificent views and evokes the grace and charm of yesteryear.

The all-inclusive cost for this trip (which is NOT during Easter) is \$250. This covers travel, two night's accommodation in self-contained rooms and all meals except a picnic lunch on Friday. Some morning and afternoon teas are included and additional costs will only arise if you become tempted by the desire to stock your wine cellar or get carried away with other purchases, photography etc.

Our itinerary will allow ample opportunity to stretch your legs and will include visits to such historic towns as Yackandandah, Beechworth, Bright, Chiltern and Rutherglen. We intend to visit a strawberry winery and one or more of the traditional variety. The Saturday program will include some short walks in the Mount Buffalo National Park (waterfalls, views, granite outcrops etc) with an afternoon bus tour to Bright. Alternatively, those who prefer the call of the wild may choose to undertake a longer day walk.

Don't regret your decision! Reserve your place now! Full payment will not be required until February 1990. Ticket application form in this newsletter.

CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

Members are reminded that the annual Christmas Cocktail Party will be held on Saturday 9 December 1989 in the beautiful gardens of Mr John Gale's property Huntly. Members and their invited guests are welcome to attend. This function WILL NOT BE CANCELLED. In the event of rain, the Cocktail Party will be held in Huntly woolshed. Please find invitation and ticket application form included in this newsletter.





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1989 COUNTRY SPRING FAIR REPORT

The morning of Sunday 12 November dawned grey and wet - not the best start to the 1989 Country Spring Fair - and stallholders scurried for cover from passing showers in the hours leading to the official opening time of 11.00am. 33 stalls participated in this year's Fair, selling and displaying items ranging from silver jewellery and aprons to craftwork and plants. The Trust operated a number of stalls including cake, sweets, white elephant, raffle, flower, sandwich and scone, and information stalls. Many thanks to the co-ordinators of these stalls and their helpers.

Vistors to the Fair, which by lunchtime had cleared to blue skies and sunshine, were treated to a variety of entertainment - the RMC Duntroon Band; Skedaddle Bush Band; Brindabella Clog Morris Dancers; Canberra Antique & Classic Car Club; NSW Mounted Rifles and the Canberra Bicycle Museum. Children's entertainment featured Flaherty's Bouncing Castle; the Public Circus Juggling Team; Pony Rides and "Bunyips, Bunnies and Brumbles" by Michael Jackson.

Visitors to the Fair were kept up to date on all the Fair happenings by the public announcing of radio personality Richard Burgess, suitably attired in Akubra hat and Drizabone coat. Several Trust members and Fair visitors dressed in period costume which added to the country atmosphere of Lanyon and its lush green gardens.

This year, other organisations were invited to provide refreshments at the Fair, and visitors were able to taste pancakes, steak and sausage sandwiches, devonshire teas, hot chips and donuts and ice cream. Tea, coffee, milkshakes, soft drinks and fruit juices were also available.

The winners of the raffle drawn on Lanyon Homestead Verandah are: lst Prize Jan Howard; 2nd Prize S Middleton; 3rd Prize C & J Hogan; 4th Prize Mrs O'Brien; 5th Prize Handed over at the Fair; 6th Prize Mr & Mrs Denman. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to those people who sold raffle tickets during the weeks leading to the Fair.

Girls from the 1st Mt Majura Girl Guide Company dressed in costume paraded through the Fair selling lavender bags, pot pourri, sweets and biscuits, and members of the Scouting Association assisted Linda Beveridge with directing and parking cars.

Although final accounts have not yet been completed, it is expected that over \$2000 will be raised from the Fair.

Many thanks to the Fair Treasurers, Jim and Jenny McGregor; to the gate keepers; Elaine Lawson, Musuems Officer; members of the Young Trust and Education and Cultural Committee; and especially to Joan and Ken Rowsell and the Fund Raising Committee.



Flower Stall Co-ordinator Pat Bembrick Stall Co-ordinator Jo Goodspeed



ABOVE: Sweets Stall Co-ordinator Charlotte Archer and helpers









Fair





TOP: Happy Fair-goers : Ellen and Hugh Gibbon, Isobel Hayward and Audrey Harvey

ABOVE: Ride 'em cowboy!

LEFT: Trust Staff member Jo-Anne Etheredge with a car from the Canberra Antique & Classic Car Club

1990 CANBERRA ANTIQUE FAIR

The 1990 Canberra Antique Fair organised by the National Trust (ACT) and featuring the Antique Dealers' Associations of New South Wales and Victoria will be held at the Albert Hall from Friday 16 March to Monday 19 March.

This ever popular Fair, held during Canberra Festival Week, will open at 11.00am and close at 6.00pm daily. Admission : Adults \$3; Concession \$1 and Children Under 15 Free. A Trust Gift Shop will also operate in the foyer. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

As in the past, a Members Only Official Opening will take place on Thursday 15 March 1990. Further details will be advised in the February edition of Trust News.



CHRISTMAS THANK YOU'S

The Staff of the National Trust (ACT) extends its warm thanks to the following people who have given their time so generously over the past year:

- . Dr Eric De Salis our function ticket writer
- Mr Keith Harding our volunteer book-keeper
 Mrs Ellen Gibbon who helped with publicity and clerical work
- . Mr Eddie Hart who mows the Office garden grass and keeps the garden generally ship-shape
- All the volunteer Trust News ladies who fold, insert, package and band 1000 copies of the newsletter every few weeks.



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Members are reminded that Raffle tickets at 50¢ each or 3 for \$1 are available from the Office, and Manuka and Lanyon Gift Shops, for an oil painting of The Rocks kindly donated by Mrs Susan Colquhoun.

TOURIST INFORMATION

A wide selection of pamphlets on Australiawide National Trust properties, and places to see and things to do in the Canberra area, is available from the Trust Office.

BOOK REVIEWER

We would be grateful to hear from someone willing to review publications sold through our Gift Shops for Trust News. Please contact Amanda Myers on 810 711 during working hours.

HERITAGE WEEK 1990

The theme of Heritage Week 1990, held from Sunday 22 to Sunday 29 April, will be Industrial Heritage. Past themes have included World Heritage and Canberra's Journey. Trust members and their friends interested in joining a Heritage Sub-Committee (part of the Education and Cultural Committee) are asked to contact Amanda Myers at the Trust Office on 810 711.

Heritage Week is a week of discovery aimed at raising public heritage consciousness. Activities arranged by the Trust during past Heritage Weeks include bush dances, musicales, heritage walks and tours, exhibitions and bike rides. Heritage Week in Canberra is co-ordinated by the ACT Heritage Week Committee, comprised of community and government representatives, and a Heritage Week Co-ordinator appointed each year. This year's Co-ordinator, Mrs Danielle Hyndes, may be contacted on 825213 or 811413 after hours.



TRUST TOURS - VIVA ESPAGNE!

Trust Tours, the travel section of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) is now a licensed Travel Agent. Trust Tours offers a service to Trust members at reduced airfare and accommodation rates.

Trust Tours will be organising a trip to Spain in March/April 1990 especially for Trust members. The tour - The Heritage of Spain - will cost \$4390 (includes airfare). Travel in Spain will be by private coach and public transport. Participants will be accommodated in 3 star tourist hotels with private facilities. Lunch and evening meals are not included. The itinerary includes visits to Madrid, Segovia, Avila, Toledo, Granada, Cordoba and Seville. Features include Holy Week in Seville, religious processions, visits to pleasure palaces, fortresses, mosques, art galleries, musuems (including Picasso, El Greco, Velasquez and Ribera), aqueducts, monasteries, cathedrals and gardens.

For reservations and deposit, please contact Sandra Vannetti of Trust Tours in Melbourne on 03/654 4562. A full intinerary may be obtained from the Trust Office at 6 Geils Court, Deakin.

JOB VACANCY - ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) currently has a position vacant for Environment Director. This position is responsible for the implementation and presentation of the Trust's environmental policies in NSW. Qualifications and/or wide ranging experience in the field of conservation are essential. Further information and duty statement are available from the Trust Office on 062/810 711.

NSW TRUST TOURS

The Tours Co-ordinating Committee of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) is arranging the following tours in 1990 :

THE NATIONAL TRUST WAY TO KENYA, IRELAND, ENGLAND March 19 - April 18

Members will spend time in the large game parks of Samburu, Lake Nakuru and Maasai Mara, view the stunning sight of millions of flamingoes on the Rift Valley lakes, and undertake an en route orientation interlude in Harare, Zimbabwe. Members will then fly to Dublin and tour the city, visiting mansions and the Book of Kells. Other Irish towns to be visited include Limerick, Killarney, Bantry and Enniskillen. Following arrival in England, members will visit Trust properties south of London, Norfolk and Suffolk.

THE NATIONAL TRUST WAY TO BALI AND BEYOND September 1990

This four week tour contains an exciting mixture of air, sea and road travel. Features of the tour include a tour of old houses built by the Dutch in Jakarta, a visit to the old port, the world famous Bogor Botanical Gardens, a night amongst clove and tea plantations, a visit to an eighth century temple, the Sultan of Yogyokarta's Golden Pavilion, a sunset visit to the smoking crater of Mt Bromo and a two week cruise round the remote islands of Nusa Tenggara.

Detailed itineraries and reading lists for the above tours are available from Ailsa Chandler of Chandler Alexander Travel in Sydney on 02/241 3312.



Weeds in Canberra's urban bushland

A meeting to raise public awareness about the problems caused by ornamental garden plants which are'escaping' into urban bushland was held in August. Areas particularly affected are Mount Ainslie, Red Hill, O'Connor Ridge and Black Mountain. The main danger is that certain garden plants are aggressive in their growth habits and can hybridise quickly. Cross pollination between these ornamental plants and native species results in a loss of local plant genes and eventually, the possible extinction of some endangered native species. Mr Andrew Carter, president of the ACT Council of the Australian Institute of Horticulture, said that he would like to see people who live adjacent to Canberra Nature Park become caretakers of the bushland. People should not extend their backyards into Canberra Nature Park areas, and certainly not dump compost there, because this is an ideal place for seeds to germinate. Those interested in more information or willing to volunteer to care for an area of bushland, should contact Mr Carter on 49 4158, or Mr Brownley on 86 1346. The Chronicle, August 8 1989

ENVIRONMENT '90

WHO IS DOING WHAT TO REPAIR THE ENVIRONMENT? Environment '90 is Australia's first specialised exhibition devoted solely to the protection and conservation of the environment. It will be held at Darling Harbour, Sydney, from May 2-5 1990.

Growing community awareness of serious probems facing the environment has led to a deep concern. Environment '90 will show the general public solutions to many of these problems. Many exhibitors displaying new products and technology are companies and government authorities not widely known as being environmentally conscious but which have quietly invested significant amounts of money in a search to save the environment.

Some of these developments have an export potential :

SCRIMBER - a hardwood made from pine prunings ULTRA CLEAN BURN COAL AIR POWERED AEROSOLS BRICKS MADE FROM GARBAGE NON POLLUTING FUEL GAS made from water ABSORBERS to mop up oil spills



Peter Crisp is a glass sculptor of world reknown. His work is represented in public and private collections in the United States, Canada, Japan, Germany, Denmark, England and Australia.

Exhibition on show 2nd Dec. till 10th Dec. Cooma Cottage, Cnr. Hume & Barton H'ways, Yass Ph: (06) 226 1470

See the exhibition — see the Cottage!

A three day international environment conference will be held concurrently with the exhibition. Members of the public are welcome to attend the exhibition free of charge. For more information, ring Faye Cameron on 02/449 5279.

TRUST PHOTOCOPYING SERVICE

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