

NATIONAL TRUST



BULLETIN

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1989 CANBERRA ANTIQUE FAIR

The National Trust (ACT) in co-operation with the Antique Dealers' Associations of NSW and Victoria will be presenting the seventh Canberra Antique Fair during Canberra Festival Week from Friday 17 March to Monday 20 March 1989 at the Albert Hall. As in the past a special Official Opening will be held on Thursday 16 March at 7.00pm. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please find ticket application form included in this Bulletin. Numbers are limited.

This is one of the major fund raising activities for the Trust, and we need volunteers willing to help with the following items :

- . On the CATERING ROSTER - contact Mrs Marion Douglas on 956730
- . With donations of SANDWICHES, BISCUITS ETC - as above
- . On the RAFFLE STALL
- . On the GIFT SHOP STALL
- . With donations of FLOWERS (to decorate the Hall. Arrangements can be made to collect the flowers).

Thousands of Canberrans and visitors to Canberra have visited the Fair in the past. Items on display and for sale include furniture, china, silver, jewellery, & rare prints. ENTRANCE to the Fair will cost \$3 Adults; \$1 Students & Pensioners; Children under 15 free. The Fair will be open from 11.00am to 6.00pm daily. If you can help, or would like further details, please ring Amanda Myers at the Trust Office on 810 711.



A scene from the 1988
Antique Fair.



MEETINGS IN TRUST BOARDROOM 1989

Monday 6 February	Fund Raising Discussion Group at 5.30pm
Tuesday 7 February	Young Trust Committee Meeting at 5.30pm
Wednesday 8 February	Lanyon Committee Meeting at 12.15pm
Tuesday 14 February	Classification Committee Meeting at 12.30pm
Wednesday 22 February	Education & Cultural Committee Meeting at 5.30pm
Thursday 2 March	Council Meeting at 5.30pm
Tuesday 7 March	Young Trust Committee Meeting at 5.30pm
Tuesday 14 March	Classification Committee Meeting at 12.30pm



COMING EVENTS

Monday 20 February	Guardian Tour to Nowra
Wednesday 1 March	Young Trust Tidbinbilla Tour
Saturday 11 March	Members' Night at Lanyon by Candlelight
Thursday 16 March	Official Opening Antique Fair at Albert Hall at 7.00pm
Friday 17 - Monday 20 March	1989 Antique Fair at the Albert Hall
Sunday 16 - Sunday 23 April	Heritage Week
Saturday 29 April - Saturday 6 May	Armidale Field Trip

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 D Cuthbertson, O'Connor
Mr & Mrs R Crabb
Mr & Mrs J Flynn, Evatt
Mr & Mrs Fairley, Duffy
Mrs M Hickson, Yass

Mr & Mrs A Moore, McGregor
Mr & Mrs Pidgeon, Garran
Mr E Rudge, Queanbeyan
Mr I Whisker, London

LANYON BY CANDLELIGHT



By arrangement with the Museums Unit, Office of ACT Administration, a special Lanyon by Candlelight evening, organised by the Education and Cultural Committee, will be held at Lanyon Homestead on Saturday 11 March 1989 from 6.00 - 9.00pm. The ticket price of \$10 for Members and \$12 for Non-members includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Take this opportunity to venture back in time with a tour of the elegant homestead by romantic candlelight. This function will also provide an opportunity for new members to learn more about the work of the Trust. Please find ticket application form included in this Bulletin.

ARMIDALE FIELD TRIP 29 APRIL - 6 MAY 1989

Preliminary enquiries indicate that enough people are interested in a Field Trip to the historic town of Armidale and surrounding NSW districts, for planning to proceed.

The National Trust Branch in Armidale is presently drafting an interesting programme of visits to historic homes and buildings and some sightseeing.

The timetable will be :

- . Depart Trust Office at 6 Geils Court, Deakin at 8.00am Saturday 29 April 1989 (take own picnic lunch).
- . Stay overnight at a motel yet to be selected in an interesting town en route. It is planned to arrive at this destination at about 3.00 - 4.00pm to allow relaxation and/or sightseeing.
- . Depart for Armidale at 8.00am Sunday 30 April 1989. Arrive Moore Park Moter Inn, Armidale approx. 3.00pm. Remainder of day free.
- . Monday 1 May to Friday 5 May - Stay at Moore Park Moter Inn. Programme details and background material will be advised to participants before departure date. Depart Armidale Friday 5 May (a leisurely start).
- . Stay overnight at a motel yet to be selected. Arrive at this motel about 4.00pm on Friday 5 May
- . Depart for Canberra at 9.00am on Saturday 6 May. Plan to arrive back in Canberra at about 2.30pm on 6 May.

The tour will cost \$790 per person for Members and \$810 per person for Non-members who are guests of members. This covers all TRANSPORT, ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND LIQUID REFRESHMENTS WITH LUNCHESES.

THE PARTY WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 and if applicants do not exceed 30 the trip will be cancelled. A deposit of \$30 per person is payable with application form included in this Bulletin or full amount may be paid now. Seating will be allocated from the front of the bus in the order applications are received. THE FULL AMOUNT DUE IS TO BE PAID BY 10 APRIL 1989. Thank you for your support for this most interesting journey. REMEMBER the party is limited to a total of 40 people.

REPORT ON THE CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

The 1988 Trust Christmas Cocktail Party was held at Mr John Gale's property "Huntly" on Saturday 10 December. It was a very wet night and the function was held inside the elegant homestead.

During the evening three School Education Kits, co-ordinated by the Education and Cultural Committee, were launched by Ms Roz Brunkhorst from the Australian Bicentennial Authority. The School Kits, each comprising teacher's and student's notes, maps and a video, will be made available to schools free of charge.

Delicious savouries and a selection of beverages, including champagne cocktails, were served. During the function the weather cleared and some guests ventured into the spacious garden (please see photograph below).

It was a very successful evening and I would like to thank Mr Gale for allowing the Young Trust access to his home for the night, to Jon Claoue-Long for organising the function, and to members of the Young Trust for their assistance.

MICHAEL MOREING



TRUST STORAGE SPACE

If you have an empty garage or a large empty room with outside access, then the Trust Office would like to hear from you. We are unable to continue to use our current storage space (for old files, catering equipment etc) and are looking for lockable space in the Deakin/Yarralumla/Curtin/Hughes area (close to our Office). If you can assist us with this matter, please contact Colonel Jock Harvey at the Office on 810 711 to discuss arrangements.

FOR SALE

The following items are for sale : 2 Vulcan upright WALL HEATERS, model 65-01, thermostat controlled, fan, mock timber finish, approximately 435 x 770 cm. \$100 each. Carrier AIR CONDITIONER (very efficient), window mounted. \$300 or best offer. Please ring the Trust Office on 810 711 for further details.

GUARDIAN TOUR TO NOWRA - MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1989

TO : THE TICKET SECRETARY, PO BOX 3173, MANUKA ACT 2603

NAME: Miss/Ms/Mrs/Mr.....

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NO : Home..... Work.....

I enclose a cheque for \$ _____ being _____ tickets for Lanyon Guardians at \$16.00 each. I have also enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

YOUNG TRUST TIDBINBILLA TOUR - WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 1989

TO : THE TICKET SECRETARY, PO BOX 3173, MANUKA ACT 2603

NAME: Miss/Ms/Mrs/Mr.....

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NO : Home..... Work.....

I enclose a cheque for \$ _____ being _____ tickets for Members at \$8 each and _____ tickets for Non members at \$10 each. I have also enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

LANYON BY CANDLELIGHT - SATURDAY 11 MARCH 1989

TO : THE TICKET SECRETARY, PO BOX 3173, MANUKA ACT 2603

NAME: Miss/Ms/Mrs/Mr.....

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NO : Home..... Work.....

I enclosed a cheque for \$ _____ being _____ tickets for Members at \$10 each and _____ tickets for Non Members at \$12 each. I have also enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

1989 ANTIQUE FAIR OFFICIAL OPENING - THURSDAY 16 MARCH 1989

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HONORARY TREASURER

Members are advised that the office of Honorary Treasurer, National Trust (ACT), was not filled at the Trust Annual General Meeting held on 30 November 1988.

The Trust Council would be pleased to receive from our members or their friends a volunteer to fill this important appointment.

We would need a person who could take the Trust Accounting records through to draft Accounts and Directors Report ready for Auditor (as per Trust Annual Report for 1987/88).

Further details from Colonel Jock Harvey at the Trust Office on 810711.

RAFFLE

The winner of the Hyatt Hotel Canberra Raffle was Mr Jim Goodspeed, with blue ticket number E96. The Raffle was drawn at the Christmas Cocktail Party, please find a report on the Party included in this Bulletin.

Tickets may be purchased in our new Raffle - a limited edition book worth \$100 titled "AUSTRALIAN SILVER 1800 - 1900" by J Hawkins from the gift shops at Manuka and Lanyon, and from the Trust Office. The 140 page hardback book gives details of Australian silversmiths and illustrates examples of their work. An index of silversmith marks is also included. Tickets cost \$1 each. The Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 16 March at the opening of the 1989 Antique Dealer's Fair at the Albert Hall.

ARMIDALE FIELD TRIP - 29 APRIL TO 6 MAY 1989

TO : THE TICKET SECRETARY, PO BOX 3173, MANUKA ACT 2603

NAME: Miss/Ms/Mrs/Mr.....

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(Please print names of all participants covered)

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NO : Home..... Work.....

I enclose a cheque for \$_____ being a deposit for _____ people at \$30 each. I understand that the full amount must be paid by 10 April 1989.

I enclose a cheque for \$_____ being \$790 for Members and \$810 for Non-members.



A National Trust for our slang

THE AUSTRALIAN accent is cherished around the globe now. There was a time when all ABC announcers had to speak like relatives of the royal family and if any unfortunate Australian were to appear on the international stage he had to learn to speak all over again, doing awful things such as freeing his nasal passages and opening his mouth.

Not any more. Barry Humphries and Paul Hogan have helped to spread our culture. Since Hogan has been doing ads for the Australian Tourist Commission in the US, phrases such as "G'day" and "Putting a shrimp on the barbie" have crept into the American language.

I don't know whether elocution lessons are available in 1984 but, if they are, no doubt children are being taught to acquire the eloquent tones of Bob Hawke or the flat menace of Norm Gallagher as part of our new spirit of nationalism.

It is comforting that our language is being recognised in the loftiest places. Oxford University Press produced its first *Australian Pocket Oxford Dictionary* in 1976. This week it launched the second edition, revised and complete with all the latest Australian slang.

It is so up to date it includes "bottom of the harbor," which is described officially as "an Australian tax avoidance scheme." There are the latest illnesses such as tenosynovitis and AIDS.

Those rich Australian cultural events the trifecta, the quadrella and the quinella are there. What's more, the importance of the TAB is explained with lines on how to use it: "Totalisator Agency Board, branch or agency of the TAB (the TAB is opposite the Post Office, here are the TABs for race five)".

It was nice to see our deli win recognition. That's "a small shop open for long hours selling perishable goods, newspapers, etc."

They also have granted Oxonion blessing to pasty — not the Cornish variety but a "small round covering for striptease dancer's nipple." Funny, I would have spelt it p-a-s-t-i-e but then I didn't think the girls wore them any more.

Then there's ocker. This is a vital word, utterly descriptive of a certain genus Australian, but it has been in general use for little more than a decade

and its origins are explained inadequately. The *Oxford* says: "Boorish person; someone who is aggressively Australian in speech and behaviour, often for humorous effect. Orig. uncertain. Perhaps from character in a series of TV sketches by Ron Frazer."

The 1976 edition said "Orig. uncertain; perh. orig. a nickname for persons with such surnames as O'Connell & O'Connor, or alt. of Oscar."

Ocker is so new it did not make any of the famous works on the Australian language by Sidney J. Baker. Yet a year

bundle and Bluey is the compulsory name for anyone with red hair.

Many of the words in the dictionary come under the "Quaint" heading. Australians tend to use them when they are being aggressively ocker in London or at the Munich Beer Festival. They belong to an era two generations ago and some go back to C. J. Dennis.

For some time I have been urging that such words should be part of the responsibility of the National Trust. They should receive gradings: A, to be preserved at all costs; B, an endangered species; C, noteworthy.

Bonzer and bobby dazzler are not in general use by the young. They should receive an A grading at once.

Bosker, a variation of bonzer, is in the dictionary but, alas, bosker — like boshter — is extinct; very early *Sentimental Bloke* and, I fear, beyond repair.

But turps is there; a wonderful word and an endangered one. So too is "Come the raw prawn," one of the most gloriously descriptive lines in the ocker repertoire. The *Oxford* defines it nicely: "Attempt to deceive someone, esp. by pretending innocence or lack of knowledge."

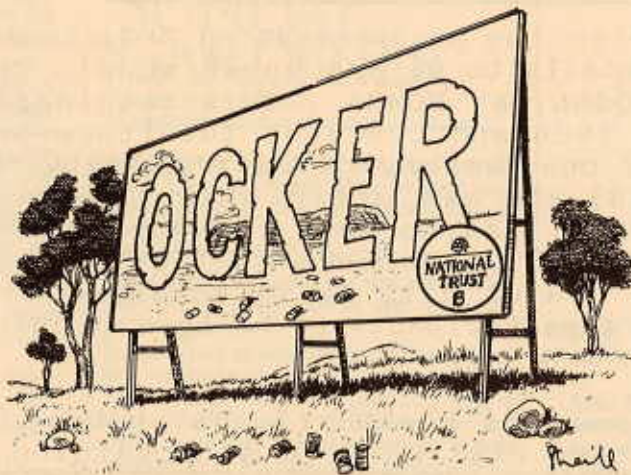
Chunder made it. I don't think I want to give a grading to chunder but how about "Drinking with the flies" for drinking on your own; I mean "On your Pat Malone." Surely it is worth a C.

Perve is there — "an erotic gaze" — and so too is togs. We must do something to preserve togs. There is a dreadful tendency to refer to them as swim suits. And they have honored ging, a catapult. Heavens above, we used to adore our gings but no kid under 30 would know what one was. An A.

The *Oxford* found some good old names for prostitutes: a chromo or a Mallee root. Save those. Then there's going butcher's hook and getting lemony. I haven't heard anyone get lemony for years but I like it.

Oh, we could go on about whinge, stoush, shivoo, sheila and even the town bike. Or how about the subtleties of grouse? You can have a grumbling grouse or things can be extra grouse, which means — in true *Oxford* terms — "absolutely first class."

Another A. Form a branch of the Ocker National Trust now. □



before he died I called Baker to ask him what he knew about ocker. He was in favor of the Oscar theory. He said in the 20s and 30s Oscar came into vogue as a trendy name to give a child, maybe in honor of singer Oscar Asche.

But the young peers of all those Oscars found the name just too much, maybe even a bit pansy, so it got converted to Ocker. It shocks one, doesn't it? The thought that ocker might have gay overtones.

All the classic Australian words are in the *Oxford*, from bonzer to cattle duffer. Regrettably, only the modern version of screw is printed. It has been destroyed by the Americans. The dictionary says: "Screw: act of copulation." When I was a child screw was money, the salary you earned. In my innocence I remember asking an American girl what screw she earned. She burst into tears.

Blue, of course, is there. What a wonderful, subtle word is blue. It can be a summons, an error of judgment or a fight. You can bung on a blue. On the other hand, a bluey can be a swagman's

ARE YOU GUARDIAN MATERIAL?

In an article in the December Bulletin we drew the attention of members to the Lanyon Guardian scheme. Now that the Christmas rush is over, we would like to remind you of the scheme and (if you are not already a Guardian) ask you to consider becoming a Guardian.

Provision of Guardians for Lanyon is an important Trust activity. They are an important part of the presentation of the house to the public and earn significant income for the Trust. Every time a Guardian is on duty the Trust receives a share of the admission takings. If two Guardians are on duty the Trust's share increases.

To ensure that Lanyon is properly staffed, we need more Guardians than we currently have. If you can help, even on an occasional basis, please contact the roster organiser, John Gooch, on 316 059 (evening).

SPECIAL NEWS FOR LANYON GUARDIANS

This year we are planning an interesting programme of activities for Lanyon Guardians (details to be announced soon). The first activity is a trip to MEROOGAL, at NOWRA. This fascinating gothic timber house was built in 1886 and contains furniture and memorabilia of four generations of one family. It was bought by the Historic Houses Trust of NSW in 1985 and was officially opened last year. The manager has kindly offered to open the house especially for us on MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 1989. Numbers will be strictly limited, so please book soon. Travel will be in an air-conditioned coach. It will be necessary for participants to bring a picnic lunch to eat in the Meroogal garden.

We appreciate the work of the Guardians at Lanyon, and this year's programme of activities will be both entertaining and informative. For further information, please contact myself on 462176 or 375136 (Lanyon). BOOKINGS may be made by telephoning the Trust Office on 810 711 BEFORE 10 February 1989. COST:(to cover bus hire) \$16.00. Please find ticket application form in this Bulletin.

ELAINE LAWSON
Lanyon

1989 NATIONAL TRUST DESK DIARY

A few of the 1989 National Trust Desk Diaries are still available from our shops in Manuka and Lanyon, and at the Trust Office at 6 Geils Court, Deakin. The theme - "Australian Goldfields" - is well represented throughout the Diary with both colour and black and white photographs, drawings and paintings illustrated on each page. The reduced cost of the Diary is \$5.00. Make sure you don't miss out on this lovely publication - stocks are limited.

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Trek to Green Hills reveals elegant Himalayan visitors

THERE is a place in Canberra where you can capture the spirit of Christmas in Himalayan, Mediterranean or Australian style.

Tootling along the Tuggeranong Parkway from Weston Creek take the city exit south of the junction with Caswell Drive.

During the past year signs have been erected to draw the attention of Canberrans to Green Hills.

Take the steep road immediately to your left among the stands of Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*).

The heavy rains of the past month have made the track bumpy with exposed sharp stones. Don't worry about your bones or the car tyres because the treat at the top of the hill is worth it.

The forest of Himalayan Cedars (*Cedrus deodara*) is outstanding. These graceful trees were planted in 1928 and it is believed original seeds came from the historic Deodar in the grounds of Government House. That tree was classified by the National Trust last year.

Deodars at Green Hills are a paler shade of green than their parent and I pondered whether their comparative youth contributed to a foliage freshness.

Walking beneath their fronds watch your step as large holes mark the entry to rabbit burrows.

An expert from the heritage section of the ACT Parks and Conservation Service explained that the colour difference was not unusual and was caused by site.

Poor soil at the northern end of Green Hills versus careful botanical care at Yarralumla. When established, deodars are drought resistant.

The tourist road at Green Hills ends in a loop facing Black Mountain. A sign states that it is a 350-metre walk to the Cork Oak Plantation.

Visitors should cross the fenced paddock on the gravel path. Grasses have been mown to reduce fire hazard.

They are predominantly exotics like phalaris, which is of use only as horse feed. Some native Kangaroo Grass and Wallaby Grass

does grow in the area and crickets chirp from their long strands.

Kookaburras sit and laugh from an old Yellow Box and a dozen flies will hover round your face. Quintessential Australia.

A rustic wooden bridge crosses an unnamed creek near which *Eucalyptus viminalis* saplings have been planted.

A large dam only a stone's throw from traffic on the highway is a watering place for birds.

Twelve months ago the paddock was open

**SUNDAY
GARDENER**
SUSAN PARSONS

to stock. Cattle from the grazing lease up the hill can enter no longer. They compounded soil around young trees and ate down young bushes of Sweet Briar. Now the wild roses are covered in simple pink flowers.

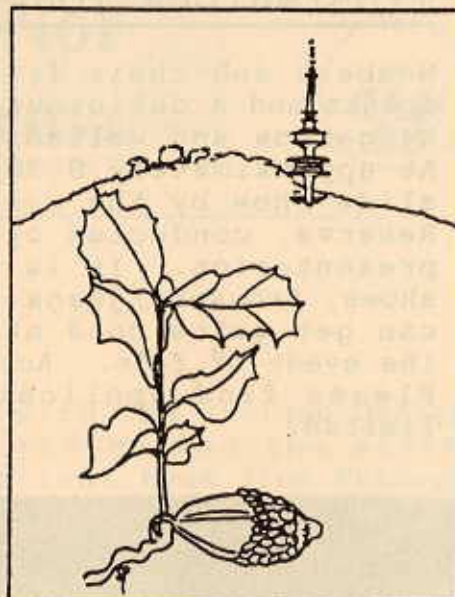
The Cork Oak Plantation was planted between 1916-17 with acorns sent from the Mediterranean basin.

It was to be a productive part of an international continental arboretum planned by T. C. G. Weston but at that particular time in history international cooperation was not running high and one shipment of acorns consigned from Portugal were torpedoed on the way to Australia.

Lichen and mosses cover the base of trunks facing the lake. Chunky pieces of cork lie on a thick carpet of fallen brown leaves. Some acorns have taken root and shoots with new green leaves rise from the ground.

By 1920 there were 8580 Cork Oaks (*Quercus suber*) in this area. The only harvest was in 1954. A trial stripping took place six years ago but weather conditions were unfavourably dry. Trunks of trees tapped then are dark and recessed.

During the peeling-off process, axes cut



Canberra's cork oak plantation.

through the cork to the cambium layer that transports food and moisture to the top of the tree.

After harvesting, the cork grows back at a faster rate and catches up with earlier growth. It should be almost impossible to see scars if the job is correctly done.

The Cork Oak Plantation is a "site of significance" on the heritage register. Its listing on the National Estate means that harvesting must be acceptable to the Heritage Commission.

Plans to do thinning and stripping during December have been placed on hold awaiting scientific support.

If the cork is ever harvested again it would be sold in Australia. All our cork is presently imported at high prices.

Visit the historic site this week and have a botanically beautiful Christmas.

From The Canberra Times

LOST PROPERTY

The following items have been left at various Trust activities, and may be collected from the Trust Office :

One black BOW TIE

One large PLASTIC BOWL

A package containing GREEN THREAD, NEEDLE, THIMBLE & SCISSORS

One medium sized BEIGE TRAY

One small blue COTTON CLOTH



YOUNG TRUST NEWS

Our first activity for the year will be a BBQ and spotlight tour at the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. Please find details below. Other activities coming up include a Bike Ride during Heritage Week in April and a walking tour of the ANU including inspections and history of specially selected areas on the campus, also in April.

TIDBINBILLA TOUR - Wednesday 1 March 1989

Members and their friends will meet at the Reserve at 6.30pm for drinks and a delicious BBQ. Take this opportunity to meet the kangaroos and wallabies as they return to the reserve at dusk. At approximately 8.30pm members will be treated to a talk and slide show by the resident Ranger. A spotlight tour through the Reserve, conducted by the Ranger, will take place after the presentation. It is recommended that participants wear walking shoes, trousers/jeans and bring a jumper/sweater as the valley can get quite cold at night. The activity will be cancelled in the event of rain. Activity price : \$8 Members, \$10 Non members. Please find application form in this Bulletin. Numbers are limited.



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