

TRUST NEWS

THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)

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APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)

At the meeting of the Trust Council held on 1 March 1990, the President Associate Professor Ken Taylor, announced that it was with regret he had received an application from Colonel Jock Harvey for permission to retire from the appointment of Administrator from 31 July 1990.

The Trust Council resolved that the application for permission to retire be accepted with regret, and recorded their appreciation of the dedication to duty displayed by Colonel Harvey over the 10 years he had held the appointment of Administrator.

Colonel Harvey was to be congratulated for his attitude and the great work carried out to achieve the aims of the National Trust in the ACT.

A notice concerning the appointment is included in this Newsletter.

NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)

ADMINISTRATOR

The National Trust of Australia (ACT), a Company Limited by Guarantee is a voluntary community organisation which seeks to conserve Australia's heritage of historic buildings and natural beauty.

A vacancy has occurred for the position of Administrator in the National Trust (ACT) Office at 6 Geils Court, Deakin ACT 2600.

Reporting to the National Trust (ACT) Council through the President, the Administrator will be responsible for implementation of policies, liaising with Trust identities, government departments and the private sector, general administration, including board attendance, supervision of a small staff and assisting with public relations.

This is an ideal position for a self-motivated person who has high-level interpersonal skills and a relevant background of Administration including some experience and/or knowledge of conservation and preservation.

Conditions of employment including a renumeration package will be discussed on interview.

Written applications only in strictest confidence to: Colonel Jock Harvey- National Trust (ACT) PO Box 3173, Manuka ACT 2603.

Closing date for applications: 27 April 1990.

FAX: (06) 2853327

1990 ANTIQUE FAIR THANK YOU

The National Trust Council extends its warm thanks to the following people for the time and effort that they gave to

running the Antique Fair :

Mrs Marion Douglas for organising the catering; Mr and Mrs Jim McGregor, Mr Graeme Beveridge and Mr Michael Moreing for being the Fair Treasurers; Mrs Virginia Hole for co-ordinating the flower arranging; Mrs Jean Robertson for co-ordinating the Gift Shop; Mr and Mrs Les Moore for co-ordinating the Door Roster; Mrs J Rowsell for co-ordinating the Raffle Roster; the helpers on Thursday night at the Official Opening; the helpers over the four days at the Fair; those who donated flowers and food; and to everybody who contributed in one way or another.

NATIONAL TRUST ANTIQUE FAIR RAFFLE WINNERS

1st prize winner of a 19th Century Meissen Pierced Plate valued at \$300 in the 1990 Antique Fair is T Vallis with ticket number 2388.

2nd prize winner of the basket of Easter Eggs valued at \$100 is J Colman with ticket number 2617.

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.

Mr & Mrs G Horne, Kaleen Ms E Beech, Holder Mr & Mrs A Bennett, Wanniassa Mr M King, Campbell Mr C Mitchell, Kambah Miss H Bennett, Pearce Ms S Box, Mawson Mrs M Mitchell, Aranda Mr & Mrs M Bradbury, Weetangera Ms M Nagle, Gilmore Mr P Nicholls, Dickson Mr & Mrs Budd, Forrest Mr & Mrs M Nixon, Burra Ms P Burke, Campbell Mr & Mrs M Cole, Holder Mr & Mrs F Northey Mr & Mrs K Scotland, Nowra Mr & Mrs J Collis, Repton Mr & Mrs A Smith, Goulburn Mr P Farralley, Farrer Mr & Mrs J Flowers, Yarralumla Mr & Mrs C Smith, Via Temora Mr & Mrs Knight-Gregson, Galong Mr A Tregoning, Warramanga Mr & Mrs Hammersley, Yarralumla Mr & Mrs B Wallace, Hackett Mr & Mrs R Warner, Griffith Ms C Harper, Forrest Mrs Y Head, Watson Mr T Helms, Yarralumla Ms A Willoughby, Hawker Mr & Mrs B Yates, Kaleen

APPEAL FOR NEW GUARDIANS

Mr James, The Roster Organiser for Lanyon Guardians, wishes to make an <u>URGENT APPEAL</u> to Trust members and friends who are interested in becoming Guardians for Lanyon Homestead. If you are interested in becoming a Lanyon Guardian please contact Mr James on 2816245.

MEETINGS IN TRUST BOARDROOM 1990

Thursday 5 April	.EXECUTIVE Meeting 5.30pm
Tuesday 10 April	CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE Meeting at 5.30pm
Wednesday 2 May	.EDUCATION & CULTURAL COMMITTEE Meeting at 5.30pm
Thursday 3 May	.COUNCIL Meeting at 5.30pm
Tuesday 8 May	.CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE Meeting at 5.30pm
Monday 14 May	.FUND RAISING COMMITTEE Meeting at 5.30pm
Wednesday 16 May	.LANYON COMMITTEE Meeting 12.15pm

COMING EVENTS

rriday 6 - Sunday 8 AprilMOUNT BUFFALO TOUR
Saturday 21 - Sunday 29 AprilHERITAGE WEEK
Thursday 17 MayNEW MEMBERS NIGHT
Sunday 20 MayGIBRALTAR FALLS BUSHWALK
Thursday 24 MayNATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA TOUR

FAX MACHINE

Members are advised that a Fax Machine has been installed in the Trust Office. The Fax Number is : 2853327

SHOP FRONT

New stock has been arriving in our shops in time for Easter and Mother's Day. The range of teatowels and trays has been extended.

The Canberra Blue Bell mugs and ever popular hand creams are back on the shelves.

There is a good supply of 'The Heritage of Jervis Bay' and 'The Historic Houses of Australia', reviewed in this issue.

BOOK REVIEWS by a "Book Worm". (The books are available from the Trust Gift Shops.)

THE HERITAGE OF JERVIS BAY

For the Jervis Bay Committee of the National Trust (ACT) \$10.00

In 1911 Jervis Bay was selected as a suitable site on which to develop a port for the new Australian Capital, Canberra. An area of forest and heathland and white beaches on the Southern side of the Bay was transfered from NSW to the ACT and construction as a cottage for the newly formed Australian Navy began almost immediately.

Today 60% of the land area of its Jervis Bay Territory is Nature Reserve, 12% is used for Naval, institutional and residential purposes and the remaining area is 'managed' in sympathy with the Reserve. 700,000 people visit each year. There are three simple camp sites but no motels. The ACT Parks and Conservation Service does a great job providing recreational and educational facilities without upsetting the way things which give this internationally recognized conservation area it's interest and charm. All would seem to be well.

Why then this immaculately produced book on the history, geography and world life of the Territory? Does the area need more visitors? The esquisite drawings by Shibu Dutta and superb photographs by Rodney Garnett would, on their own, have readers packing their bags to see it for themselves. But too many visitors can pose a threat. It seems more likely that other pressures on the area require us to be alert, informed and caring. Through this book the National Trust has given the public a very good lead.

A NATIONAL TRUST INVITATION TO VISIT THE HISTORIC HOUSES OF AUSTRALIA

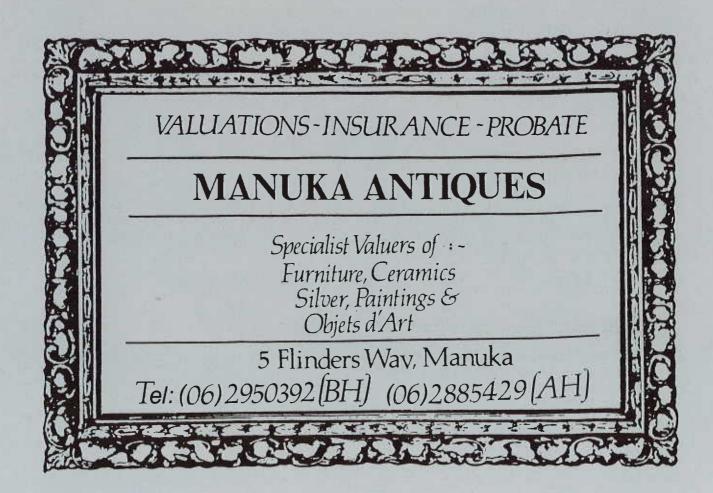
In association with Australian Home and Garden Magazine. \$8.00

Of the twenty-seven buildings beautifully photographed and described in this publication, thirteen were open to the public during the Bicentennial year; they were a "gift to the Nation" from the National Trust movement in Australia. The "Gift" represented the largest community based heritage programme ever undertaken in this country. Cherished houses, grand mansions, humble tradesmens cottages, observatories and mills are all represeted in the cross section of buildings which can now be studied and enjoyed.

How the properties came into the care of the National Trust and what is being done to restore or maintain their authenticity makes fascinating reading and it would be well worth popping this book in the map pocket of the car when travelling interstate. It includes a comprehensive listing of all National Trust properties and the fascilities available in them and just enough background information to whet your appetite and make you detour if neccessary.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA TOUR

There was an overwhelming number of members wishing to attend the National Museum of Australia Tour. The Registrar, Caroline Sampson, has kindly offered to conduct a second "behind the scenes" tour for National Trust members and their friends (who were on the waiting list for the first tour) at the Mitchell Respitory. The second tour will be held on on Thursday 24 May, 1990, commencing at 7.00pm and will take approximately 2 hours. Due to the delicate nature of the exhibits stored in the Repository, numbers are limited to 30 and the tour will probably split into two or three groups. People who will be attending the second National Museum Tour have already been notified. Entrance by ticket only.



ITEMS RECENTLY CLASSIFIED BY THE NATIONAL TRUST (ACT)

ETHOS (CIVIC SQUARE) BY TOM BASS 1961. - This work of art is important for its symbolism since Ethos was conceived as embodying "the spirit of the community" and signifies an important period of growth in the Federal Capital.

FATHER & SON (GAREMA PLACE) BY J S DOWIE 1964. - This privately commissioned work is significant as an art piece in the public space of Civic. The father/son subject matter reflects the commemoration of Sir John Downer, member of Australia's first Commonwealth Parliament, by his son Alexander Downer, also a member of Parliament.

Its significance also commemorates service to the nation and celebrates Canberra's role as National Capital, home to Parliament, and the members who serve in it.

TRUST MEMBERSHIP OVERSEAS

Members planning an overseas holiday during the northern summer are reminded that reciprocal membership arrangments apply between the National Trust in Australia and the National Trusts in the United Kingdom, United States of America, Bermuda and New Zealand.

NATIONAL TRUST IN ENGLAND: 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London SWIH 9AS, (01-2229251).

NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND: 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DU, (031-2265922).

AN TAISCE (National Trust) in Ireland: Have left former address. No further information available at this stage.

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN AMERICA: 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington DC 20036-20036-9979, (202-6734000).

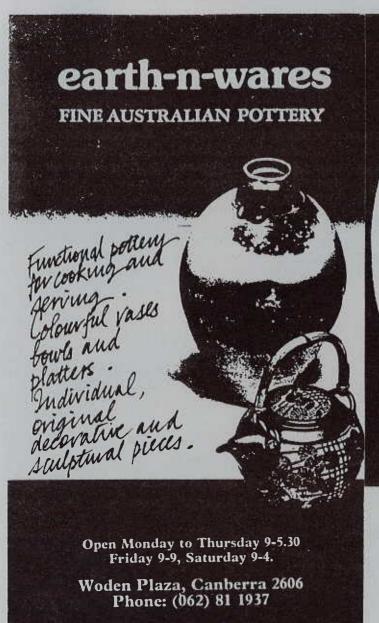
BERMUDA NATIONAL TRUST : P O Box 61, Hamilton 5.

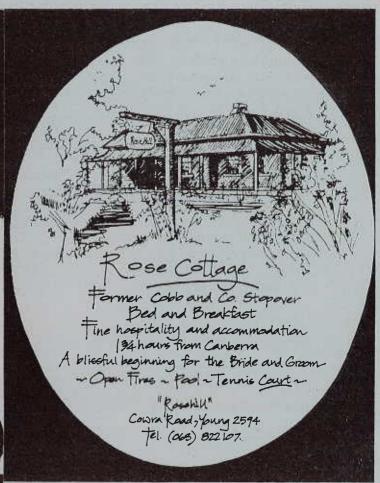
NEW ZEALAND HISTORIC PLACES TRUST: Antrim House, Boulcott Street, Wellington, (04-724341).

Members who call will receive helpful advice about properties open for inspection. Your current National Trust (ACT) membership card entitles you to FREE ADMISSION to those properties owned by the National Trust and which are open to the public.

NATIONAL TRUST (NSW) MAGAZINE

Members are reminded that the National Trust (NSW) Magazine is available from the Trust Office and the Manuka Gift Shop. There are five issues per year and arrangements can be made with the Trust to post the magazine to members at a cost of \$8.00 p.a. Limited numbers of National Trust (Victoria) Magazines are also available from the Trust Office.





GIBRALTAR FALLS AND SQUARE ROCK - Sunday 20 May 1990

The return to autumn weather should make this activity a delight. It will start at 10.30am with an exploration of the cascades below Gibraltar Falls. We will then retreat to a quiet place for a picnic lunch before commencing our main walk to Square Rock.

This is along a good track and concludes with a spectacular view over the upper Cotter Valley. The return distance is 10km and there is a steady climb of a short 150m at the start. The cost is \$3.00 for adults and children free, this price includes some cheese and drinks at the end of the day. New members and friends of members are welcome.

SOFALA - AUSTRALIAS OLDEST GOLD TOWN

Sofala, nestling on the bank of the Turon River north of Bathurst, is Australia's oldest surviving gold town. It is classified by the National Trust (NSW) and the Trust has also either classified or recorded several other sites on the old goldfield. ACT Trust member Matthew Higgins has written the first book to cover the goldfield's history in depth from the rush of 1851 through to the twentieth century. Titled Gold & Water: a history of Sofala and the Turon Goldfield, the book is due for release in April and can either be obtained from bookshops or direct from the publisher, Robstar Pty Ltd, PO Box 141 Bathurst NSW 2795. The fully illustrated paperback volume is \$19.95.

Matthew will be presenting a paper about the goldfield at the Canberra District Historical Society's monthly meeting on 12 June, at 8.00pm at the Griffin Centre, Civic. Trust members will be most welcome!

TRUST OFFICE OPEN TIMES

The Trust Office is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Closed on Public Holidays and from 12.30pm - 1.00pm for lunch.

PLEASE NOTE - The National Trust (ACT) office will be closed on the Public Holidays:

EASTER from 13 - 16 April 1990

ANZAC DAY - 25 April 1990

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