



TRUST NEWS

THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)

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MEETINGS IN THE TRUST BOARDROOM

Thursday 23 January:
Executive meeting at 5.30 pm.

Wednesday 29 January:
Antique Fair Committee meeting at 4.00 pm.

Monday 3 February:
Fund Raising Committee meeting at 5.30 pm.

Thursday 6 February:
Council meeting at 5.30 pm.

Tuesday 11 February:
Classification Committee meeting at 12.30 pm.

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PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

This year has been an eventful one with a busy schedule of activities by the various Committees. Our classification work has continued apace and planning for the new edition of the Trust's Register of Classified Places is well under way. It is appropriate at this time of the year to draw attention to the operational grants we receive from the ACT Heritage Committee and from the Department of Art, Sport, Tourism and Territories. Without this funding we should have great difficulty in operating at all.

1991 has been a difficult year financially for all community organisations. Most of our fund raising activities have seen reductions in income. All other organisations have similar reductions. However, the immense amount of work and dedication by all volunteers is a major hallmark of the ACT Trust and I wish to extend Council's sincere Thank-you to everyone. Without your commitment the Trust could not function.

As part of this Christmas message I thought members would be interested in an item of news from Council. Council has decided that it is appropriate that awards be made from time to time to recognise the special contribution that people have made to the Trust. A sub-committee of Council has been appointed to look further into this. The format for an award certificate has been designed and printed. It was decided by Council to make the first award in September when it was realised that Dr. Josephine Flood was leaving Canberra. Jo Flood has been a member of the Classification Committee for many years and has given outstanding service to the Trust.

Finally I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ken Taylor



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NEW MEMBERS

The National Trust of Australia (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 C Bromhead, Rivett
Mr J Skinner, Holt
Mr & Mrs B L Clampton, Duffy
Ms C Smith, Ainslie
Mr & Mrs P Dowling, Wanniasa
Mrs M Shepherd, Red Hill
Mrs N Green, Red Hill
Mr G Taylor, Aranda
Drs K & V McCoy, Bonython
Mr & Mrs N Cox, Evatt

NATIONAL TRUST (NSW) MAGAZINE

Members are reminded that the National Trust (NSW) Magazine is available from the Trust Office. 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 per annum. Limited numbers of National Trust (Victoria) Magazines are also available from the Trust Office.

The National Trust (NSW) Magazine has now been reduced to four copies annually.

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STD facsimiles will be calculated on the number of pages and the time taken for the fax to reach its destination (as per telephone book).

All pages must be numbered and the machine must be operated by National Trust staff.

DONATIONS TO THE TRUST

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) wishes to gratefully acknowledge donations received so far this financial year from:

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HELP

APPEAL FOR NEW GUARDIANS & GIFT SHOP HELPERS.

We realise that most members are busy working, or leading full lives in retirement. But, if you have a free day and could help out at Lanyon or one of our Gift Shops it would certainly make the job of the roster organisers a little easier, the advertising of the National Trust more effective and more efficient whilst giving volunteers a relaxing and enjoyable past time.

For further information contact the Trust Office on 2810 711. Rosters are available on request.



TRUST MEMBERSHIP OVERSEAS

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

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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 which are open to the public.

NATIONAL TRUST (UK) HOLIDAY COTTAGES 1991

A booklet containing details and illustrations of holiday cottages for rent from the National Trust in the United Kingdom is available to Trust members for information purposes. As we have only the one copy, members are welcome to photocopy the relevant pages. The booklet contains the location, type, price and facilities offered for nearly 200 National Trust holiday cottages and flats throughout the United Kingdom, from the Isle of Wight to Northern Ireland. So if you are planning a holiday to Europe this year, visit the Trust office at 6 Geils Court, Deakin.

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HERITAGE FESTIVAL FOR YASS

April 20, 1892, was a very important day in the history of Yass. In the afternoon the long sought after Yass Tramway was opened, followed in the evening by the official turning on of the town's gas supply.

100 years later, to the day, these momentous events will be celebrated as the cornerstones of the Yass Shire Heritage Festival. It is fortunate that April 20, 1992, is Easter Monday and following approaches from the Yass Shire Tourism and Development Association the Yass Festival Committee has agreed to co-ordinate a series of heritage oriented, shire wide events over the four days of Easter.

The Yass Shire is rich in history and it is hoped that displays, talks and historic rambles from all over the Shire will be held to give locals and visitors a greater appreciation of the fascinating history that surrounds us.

While plans are in the early stages, such functions as a Heritage Ball, Old Yass movie night, walking tours of the town and villages, an archaeological dig and the history of local grape growing are under active consideration. At this stage, the hardest part might be fitting in everything in four days.

Jerrawa Show "The Little Royal" will be held on Easter Monday and will afford visitors the opportunity to attend a true piece of rural tradition.

The Festival's main event will be the official opening of the Australian Railway Historical Society's Yass Railway Museum, timed on Monday afternoon to replicate the original opening ceremony.

Yass Shire Council has agreed to support the centenary of gas supply and various ideas to commemorate this event are being considered at present.

While plans will develop over the next few months the message, is out already : If you have an interest in history, Yass Shire is the place to be next Easter.

From the Yass Truth.

SHOP FRONT

GIFT SHOP NEWS reports items of interest for sale throughout the year. Now for Christmas and New Year, members are encouraged to support the Trust by shopping at the Manuka, Deakin office, Jonathon's (Woden) and Lanyon outlets. Listed below are some gift ideas to assist :

- Stationery, gift wrap, Christmas cards (from 40c each) holly napkins, Christmas gift cards (20c each).
- National Trust Diary 1992 and pocket diary.
- Books
- Tablecloths, Mats, Gum Leaf Mats.
- Trays for Patio Parties (Ask for \$4 off marked price, excepting for small size).
- Aprons, canvas and PVC.

• Tee Shirts, new designs—wombat, possum etc. Including some children's sizes (Not available at Jonathon's).

- Canberra bluebell tea towel—new design.
- Mugs.
- Canvas Totes.
- Winter gifts to send overseas—beautiful wraps in wide range of colours and scarves.

AND MUCH MORE!!

(Special note to all Volunteer helpers: When circumstances prevent shop roster duty please advise the office (2810711) immediately. Especially at this time of year, it is imperative to be able to open the shop. Your continued co-operation is greatly appreciated.)

**Best wishes for
the Festive
Season.**



CAMPBELLS RUTHERGLEN WINES

Members are advised that the National Trust (ACT) now receives the periodic Newsletter from the Campbells Rutherglen Wines.

The Newsletter contains information on current vintages and the latest selection available from the cellar door.

This Newsletter is available from the Trust Office for viewing by members. Please ask the receptionist for the Newsletter when you visit the Trust Office.

1991 COUNTRY SPRING FAIR

Sunday, November 3rd, 1991, held in the grounds of Lanyon

Let's deal with the debit side first— not enough PEOPLE. Why not?

The present financial situation can rightly take some of the blame— the public is looking very carefully where to spend THE DOLLAR. Our money raising event is one of many this year that has had a reduced profit.

Although we notified and used the various publicity outlets as we did last year, comment has been made that the impact was not sufficient. To remedy this in 1992 we shall be using the expertise of someone who is familiar with the methods

necessary for a positive publicity campaign. New lines of communication will be sought and different contacts made.

Now that the Fair commences at 10.00am (to coincide with the opening of Lanyon Homestead) we shall be having entertainment as from 11.00am, possibly a school band or a school dance team; this could well increase the number of families attending.

It has been agreed that no entrance will be made at the 1992 Fair— donations only.

Now to the Credit side— with a capital "C".

The weather was perfect. The setting was perfect. The commercial and display stalls and demonstrations were of a high standard.

The Trust's own stalls— the Book Stall, the White Elephant, the Cakes and Produce Stall looked good and did splendid business. The very attractive flower stall lent colour and made a good profit for the Trust.

The Refreshment Stall had plenty for hungry and worked in conjunction with the Canberra



The Duntroon RMC Band

Ginninderra Rotary Food Van once again. The entertainers were particularly grateful for the hospitality offered to them on behalf of the Trust in the Lanyon stables.

The Raffle with a quantity of diverse prizes was the reason for

many people parting with their money.

The entertainment was much enjoyed and the public sat around listening to Skedaddle, watching the Morris Men perform with great energy; were persuaded by the Monaro Folk Music Society

to participate in country dancing. The chance to hear the Royal Military Band from Duntroon performing our favourite tunes was much appreciated.

Neither were the children forgotten; there was face-painting and "hands-on" pottery, the pony

rides and Mr Jellybeans, the Clown, who was constantly followed by a happy train of young ones.

The Classic Car Club made the Fair one of their programmed outings and their splendid cars added colour to the scene.

The adequate car-parking facilities were most efficiently handled by the Venture Scouts. This is organised each year by a member of the Trust who also spends the day "car parking attending". Makes for a relaxed start to visiting the Fair.

A very big THANK YOU is extended to all the very hard working volunteers, who, prior to the day and on the day gave their time and energy to the benefit of the Trust. The date of next year's Fair will be Sunday 8 November 1992 we would like more members to participate—it can be fun—IT WAS FUN. It is

not too soon to let the office know if you would like to become part of the WORKFORCE!

JOAN ROWSELL

Fund Raising Chairman

REFRESHMENT STALL

I would like to sincerely thank members of the National Trust who helped to make the Refreshment Stall at the Spring Fair on Sunday 3 November a great success.

To my team of sandwich makers, to all members who donated home made biscuits and to the helpers who manned the stall selling sandwiches, biscuits and wine - Thank you.

AUDREY HARVEY

CAKE BAKE AND WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Well, its that time of year again! Firstly I would like to thank all

the many many people who so generously provided cakes, slices, buns, etc; and some wonderful confections for our annual Cake and Provision Stall at the "Spring Fair". I know how much hard work goes into baking decorating and presenting for display the huge selection we had to offer, half the selling point is in the presentation, you all had lots of compliments from our "great and glorious" public (though not to great in numbers as in years past). Still everything was sold out which says it all.

Secondly, I would like to thank all the people who donated items to our White Elephant Stall. We were very pleasantly surprised with the amount and range of items we had for sale.

Thanks also goes to all you good folk who helped set up the stalls and throughout the day were on roster duty and some who were not and gave up some of your valuable spare time. A lot of people that day were wearing many hats, if you want a job done ask a busy person!!

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful, safe and healthy New Year.

JO GOODSPEED



Morris Dancers in front of Lanyon Homestead.



OPERATION CONSERVATION

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) is collaborating with St John's Church, Reid on

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St John's Anglican Church has been identified with Canberra for over 150 years. It has been the central focus for many history making events as the Canberry District grew from pioneer settlement and the National Capital.

The Church and school house have been classified by the Trust and are listed on the Register of the National Estate.

Repairs to the church and precincts are vital to conserve this integral piece of Australian history. Honorary Architect John Goldsmith, a long time member of the Trust, has completed a detailed conservation plan for this historic and beautiful church and precincts.

Some of the more urgent conservation work has commenced - the foundations have been stabilised, the spire re-shingled and some windows restored - yet so much more is needed and time is running out.....

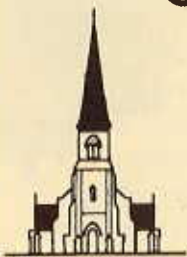
Conservation of external stone walls and mouldings, internal stonework and plastering, stained glass windows, pews, graveyard, landscaping, electrical and other projects, including the school house, must be completed.

An appeal for \$500,000 has been launched for urgent works needed to conserve these landmarks of our nation's heritage, and to start a trust for the future.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES

"Could you go out to Lanyon early to take the wine and orange juice for the Volunteer's Luncheon and on the way pick up the cups and saucers from St John Priory?" This is how my tenth week at the Trust Office began; and it seemed to me to be a fairly typical start to a week at the Trust Office - being caught up in the organisation for yet another function before we had time to open the morning mail.

My nine weeks so far have been a fairly bewildering maze of events and activities: Spring Luncheon, Spring Fair, a three day seminar at Jindabyne, four days at the Australian Council of National Trusts meeting plus seminar on classification, our Annual General Meeting, applications to organise next year's Heritage Grants, Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Southern Highlands Garden Tour, a Member's Night, the Budawangs Revisited bush walk and many meetings. I didn't get to all of them but they all impinge on 'a day in the life of the Trust Office', all while I have been trying to learn the ins and outs of how the Trust functions. I have to take my hat off to Jock Harvey and Peter Michelson! I thought I had a fair idea of what it was all about from my time on the Council and the Executive, but I find it's a different story from the other side.

I also take my hat off to the volunteers who turn up at the office or other events, make food, wash up, type things for us, write things, run the Gift Shops, Chair meetings, make phone calls, organise other people doing things etc. etc.—the list is endless. Many, many thanks.

I must make special mention of one person without whom I, and the Trust Office, would be in deep trouble—Jo-Anne Etheredge. She has led me by the hand through the maze. She *always* knows where things are, how they were done last time,

where the papers were filed, who to ring up, how much it cost, etc. etc. She is *always* pleasant to callers and visitors and kind to her new-chum boss. Thank you Jo-Anne.

Finally, I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Here's hoping that 1992 will be happy and successful for the Trust and all its members.

MIKE HODGKIN
ADMINISTRATOR



The Administrator getting his hands dirty at the Spring Fair

BOOK REVIEW, LIMITED EDITION - BEYOND THE BORDERS

BY GOULBURN HISTORIAN THE LATE STUART HAMILTON HUME, 1904-1985

The long awaited history of the Hume family by the late Stuart Hume has now been published and was publicly launched at the Trust's property "Cooma Cottage" on 16 November 1991. Stuart Hume was a great-grandson of Francis Rawdon Hume, brother of Explorer Hamilton Hume. Through intermarriage with its great pioneering families Mitchell, Dight, Barbar, Hassall, Huon de Kenileau and others - the Hume family wove itself into a huge family conglomerate controlling a vast pastoral empire in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. This book traces the rise and fall of that empire from 1790.

Stuart Hume liked to record the 'human' side of history and wove his anecdotal record through the historical framework of the time. Some of his stories come down from 'old' people who were on visiting terms with the earliest settlers in the Yass and Boorowa districts, and a few family skeletons emerge for a 'long overdue dusting'.

What troubled the mind of the wild Frank Hume? Why did the

Explorer disinherit his favourite nephew 'little Hamilton Hume'? What caused the feud between the two Hume brothers on Tarengo and Castlesteads? who are the Aboriginal people who claim to be Hume descendants? How did the family survive the murder of John Kennedy Hume at Collingwood?

In turning his lively pen on this old Australian family and its allied families, Stuart Hume not only records their achievements, but brings them back to life as people. The book is therefore an important contribution to the social and pastoral history of Australia.

Long respected as a prominent historian in the Goulburn district Stuart Hume died in 1985, aged 80. He spent much of his young life on the Hume family properties at "Hardwicke" and "Everton" before settling with his family at historic "Garroorigang", Goulburn. He contributed to the "Bulletin" in the 1940's and 1950's and some of his early verse was described by Editor Douglas Stewart as

some of the finest ever submitted.

Illustrated with a fine collection of over 200 photos "Beyond the Borders" focuses on first three generations of the Hume family in Australia. A moving tribute to the Author in the prologue and on the dust jacket attests to the regard in which Stuart Hume was held.

"His humour and gift of anecdote will be remembered by those who knew him well."

— Dame Mary Durack
Miller OBE

"He was a man who lived history and had a remarkable knowledge of the past. His death marks the end of an era."

— Goulburn Post, 1985

Stuart Hamilton Hume's gift to prosperity is "Beyond the Borders". A limited edition of 2000 was printed and after only two months only half remain. Softback \$25, Hardback \$35. Editor J Macdonnell, 8 Pudney Street, Farrer ACT 2607. Phone (06) 2862665.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Two outstanding events will take place at Throsby Park Historic Site, Moss Vale in the New Year. Dates to make a note of!

Sunday 29th March, 1992

10 am— 4 pm

John Ramsey Memorial Veteran and Vintage Vehicle Day— over 50 V.V.V. Clubs from all over the State combine to bring together restorers and enthusiasts of the motor vehicle a spectacular display at the Historic Homestead of these well loved vehicles!

Sunday 26th April, 1992

10 am— 4 pm

Garden Fair - Horticulture Day. Coinciding with the Sydney Garden Festival, this is a first for the Southern Highlands. To be opened by MISS VALERIE SWAIN, the participants will include manufacturers of garden accessories and ornaments, horticultural experts, wholesale and retail nurseries, water garden and plant suppliers, gazebo and glasshouse kits plus permaculture information. For garden and plant lovers, a day not to be missed!



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