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The Festive Season, which only seems to have finished yesterday, is rapidly fading and 1991 is here with a vengeance. The theme for this year which comes to fruition during Heritage Week is Save The Bush.

Promoting the preservation of our heritage of man-made or natural things remains the prime objective of the National Trust. Much of this work, particularly identifying and recording significant sites is undertaken by the Classification Committee. As well as their ongoing work the Classification Committee has been collecting, reviewing and updating data to compile entries for a second edition of the Register of Classified Places.

The Register is acknowledged as a vital component in the field of heritage conservation and, with the help from the Publications Committee, it will be re-printed during 1991.

However, the efforts of those Committees would be fruitless without the support of the volunteers who give so freely of their time to promote fundraising or other activities to enable the Trust to meet its objectives.

OFFICE NEWS

1991 is already proving to be a busy year and the demands for service remain high. Nevertheless the Trust is being parsimonious and has decided to operate without a full time receptionist. We hope that there will be no noticeable drop in output. Notwithstanding all the other pleas for volunteers the staff would welcome help in the office. This could be either on an on call basis for busy times, such as helping to compile the News Letters, or to spending some time at Geils Court compiling the membership register, or answering telephones.

While still on the subject of volunteers, assistance is needed, as detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin, for the Antique Fair - 15 to 18 March 1991, our major activity during the Canberra Festival, and Heritage Week from 21 to 28 April 1991.

Finally, some excellent personal news : Congratulations to Mike and Anna Moreing who were married on 9 February 1991 and who managed to combine two single memberships into a household one, and also congratulations to Katrina Green who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl (who has been named Emily Jane) on 4 February 1991 - The newest and youngest member of the National Trust of Australia (ACT)!

MEETINGS IN TRUST BOARDROOM 1991

Wednesday 27 February.....EDUCATION & CULTURAL COMMITTEE
Meeting at 5.30pm.

Wednesday 6 March.....LANYON COMMITTEE MEETING at
12.15pm.

Thursday 7 March.....EXECUTIVE MEETING at 5.30pm.

Thursday 7 March.....PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE Meeting
at 12.15pm.

Thursday 4 April.....COUNCIL Meeting at 5.30pm.

Thursday 2 May.....EXECUTIVE MEETING at 5.30pm.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 14 March.....OFFICIAL OPENING, CANBERRA
ANTIQUA FAIR.

Friday 15 - Monday 18 March.....1991 CANBERRA ANTIQUA FAIR held
at the Albert Hall.

Saturday 16 - Monday 18 March....GIPPSLAND TOUR.

Thursday 4 April.....DAY BUS TRIP TO HISTORIC
BEDERVALE (BRAIDWOOD).

Thursday 18 April.....NEW MEMBERS NIGHT.

Sunday 21 - Sunday 28 April.....1991 HERITAGE WEEK.

Friday 3 May - Sunday 5 May.....HILL END/SOFALA TRIP.

Thursday 15 August.....CURRY SUPPER.

Thursday 10 October.....SPRING LUNCHEON.

Sunday 3 November.....COUNTRY SPRING FAIR.

Tuesday 5 November.....MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON.

Saturday 7 December.....CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY.

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 pastime.

For further information contact the Trust office on 281 0711.
Rosters are available on request.

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 P Allen, Cook	Mr & Mrs D Mackie, Forrest
Mrs E Bridge, Red Hill	Ms S McKay, Narrabundah
Ms L Barron, Cooma	P Miniken, Canberra
Mr & Mrs L Chandler, Fadden	Ms K Nichols, Cooma
Mr & Mrs B Caspersonn, Theodore	Ms M Nourse, Chapman
Ms L Coles, Mawson	Mr & Mrs N Pollard, Campbell
Ms N Coulthand, Mt Eliza	Ms R Peedom, Forrest
Mr & Mrs Casey, Griffith	Mr A Perry, Chisholm
Mrs A Churchill, Kambah	Mr & Mrs M Perry, Chisholm
Mr M Dwyer, Melba	Ms R Perkin, Aranda
Mr & Mrs C Fabricius, Cook	Ms F Quigley, Ballarat
Mr & Mrs D Fox, United Kingdom	Ms J Singh, Aranda
Ms E Groube, Weetangera	Ms O Sainsbury, Chapman
Mr P Giovanelli, Braidwood	Mr I Stockton, Latham
Mr & Mrs B Hotstone, Kambah	Ms L Titheridge, Williamstown
Ms S Hoebee, Milpo	Ms S Thwaites, Griffith
Ms J Hall, Fisher	Mr & Mrs N Thompson, Cooma
Mr & Mrs M Holmes, Murrumbateman	Mrs J Tanton, Curtin
Mr E Klim, Curtin	Mr & Mrs A Veilands, Fraser
Mr & Mrs J Low, United Kingdom	Miss M Williams, Red Hill
Mr & Mrs R Lambert, Monbulk	Ms B Wright, MacGregor
Ms M Leonard, Weetangera	Mr & Mrs G Williams, Fadden
Mrs J Langtry, Hall	Ms D Walls, Chapman
Mr & Mrs A Marinos, Chapman	

TRUST MEMBERSHIP OVERSEAS

Members planning an overseas holiday during the northern summer are reminded that reciprocal membership arrangements apply between the National Trust in Australian 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 SW1H 9AS, (071-222 9251)

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.

CONSERVATION WORK

MUGGA MUGGA

During 1990 the Trust received a grant of approximately \$17,000 to co-ordinate Phase One of a restoration project at the historic property of Mugga Mugga.

Mugga Mugga is a cottage of two structures: comprising a living area, of random rubble and stone, and a slab kitchen linked to the main building by a covered walkway.

Mugga Mugga was part of the Duntroon Estate and was built early last century for use by a shepherd. The cottage is simple in design and although it has deteriorated over the years its basic construction was solid. So, internally it remains largely unaltered and provides an important visual link with the past and shows how tough life must have been for all of its occupants.

Phase One, which mostly entailed stabilisation, is nearly completed and Mugga Mugga will be opened to the Public on Saturday 20 April for Heritage Week. Further details in the next Bulletin.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS HISTORY ESSAY PRIZE

From 1991 onwards the National Trust of Australia (ACT) is to administer an annual Primary School History Essay Competition. The Competition was conceived by Miss Sylvia Curley in 1990, and is open to all primary school children in Canberra.

Entries to the 1990 competition closed during January. Although the winners have not yet been announced it would not be presumptuous to say that the standard of essays have been extremely high.

For further information about the competition, which attracts small cash prizes to the winner and two runners up, contact your local primary school. Additional details, including the announcement of last years winners will be included in the next Bulletin.

VISIT TO BEDERVALE - HISTORIC BRAIDWOOD 4 April 1991

Catch a mini bus to Braidwood for a day trip to historic Bedervale. Depending on numbers it may be possible for those who wish to, to drive their own car.

As well as the visit to Bedervale there will be an opportunity to visit Braidwood and either browse through shops or visit some of the other historic places.

Tentative timings - depart office 9.00am, return by 5.30pm. Cost to be confirmed.

Indications of interest must be received by 18 March 1991.

VOLUNTEERS LUNCHEON

On behalf of the Trust special thanks to Ellen Gibbon for organising, preparing and doing the hard work to ensure a successful 1990 Volunteers Luncheon at Lanyon.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

The Fund Raising Committee met recently to discuss and make plans for the coming year :

1991 CANBERRA ANTIQUE FAIR - to be held at the Albert Hall from Friday 15 March to Monday 18 March inclusive. 11.00am - 6.00pm. Admission \$3 adults, \$1 Students and Pensioners and children under 15 free - this is the same as last year.

The Official Opening is on Thursday, 14 March, 6.00 - 8.00pm, tickets \$12, strictly limited to 100 people. Champagne, cordials and finger food will be served. Canberra's versatile actress, Kate Peters will open the Fair during the evening. Get your tickets in good time.

However, we need a variety of help to support the Antique Fair :

Flowers from your gardens, to be brought to the Albert Hall by 9.00am on Thursday 14 March.

Members to help with the serving and selling of food from 11.00am - 6.00pm over the weekend and contributions of food. (Please ring the Office on 2810711.)

Help to sell Raffle Tickets at the Hall during the same hours.

We are only asking for a couple of hours of your time and it is an opportunity to meet fellow members. Many thanks.

The annual CURRY SUPPER will be held once again at St John Priory, Canberra Avenue on Thursday 15 August 1991 (quite a while ahead, but our diaries fill up so quickly). More details later, but the format will be the same as last year with a Wine Auction, but the range of things to be auctioned may be widened. An enjoyable evening promised.

SPRING LUNCHEON at Burra Homestead on Thursday 20 October 1991. We have booked Peter Leonard of the ABC to be the speaker at this function. He was delighted to accept, hoping Parliamentary duties would not prevent his attendance. Further details later in the year.

Sunday 3 November 1991 - our COUNTRY SPRING FAIR at Lanyon once again. The profit from this event continues to increase. Although the format is basically the same we try to have something new and/or different each year - (you will recall how successful the second hand books stall was last year, making over \$1,000).

What about a Crafts Stall this year? We are sure there is much talent amongst our membership; why not use it to the benefit of the Trust? We are mentioning this early in the year as time is needed to produce these splendid articles and the dark winter months are approaching when handicrafts come into their own. Other ideas would be welcome.

The Trust would so much appreciate your support and response which is so important to enable us to continue with our work in Canberra.

Joan Rowsell
FUND RAISING CHAIRMAN

CLASSIFICATION

The Trust's Classification of Lake Burley Griffin and its foreshores has recently been revised and re-defined. Below is a precis of the new classification, and the full classification can be obtained from the Trust Office.

IDENTIFICATION -

NAME & TITLE Lake Burley Griffin and Foreshores.

CURTILAGE (as on accompanying map).

DESCRIPTION

Lake Burley Griffing is the largest sheet of water artificially created in Australia primarily for ornamental reasons. It has a surface area of 664 hectares,

length 9kms

width up to 1.2kms

shoreline 40.5kms and is bounded by
314 hectares of lakeside parklands.

Formed by damming the Molonglo River with Scrivener Dam, the Lake largely follows the natural flood plain in the west. In the central area extensive earth works formed three formal basins while a wetlands area is to the east, on the flood plain of the Molonglo River.

The lake together with its foreshores and parklands are an integrated whole creating an open space system in the centre of Canberra. It is central to the plan of Canberra with the water axis being the second of the great axes of the city used by Walter Burley Griffin to generate his plan.

HISTORY

An ornamental feature on the flood plain of the Molonglo River had been suggested in 1909 by Charles Scrivener, the surveyor for the site of the National Capital. This was recommended to entrants in the competition for the design of the National Capital.

In Walter Burley Griffin's design there were three formal basins, surrounded by boulevards and two informal lakes set in parklands of similar character. Burley Griffin envisaged formal gardens between Regatta Point and Aspen Island as they are now known. In the West Lake area there was to be a large scale continental arboretum, with separate areas planted with species from Europe, Africa, Asia and North and South America on the north side, while Australia and New Zealand and the South Sea Islands were to be represented on the southern side. Griffin also initiated establishment of plantings at Westbourne Woods.

Griffin's plan for the lake was endorsed in 1916 by a Parliamentary Standing Committee while at the same time recommending postponement of construction. From 1926 onwards other lake schemes were suggested mainly centred around reducing cost. It was not until 1955 that Parliamentary support was strongly in favour of commencement.

Little of Burley Griffin's plan for Central Canberra was constructed by 1958 when the National Capital Development Committee (NCDC) came into existence. This Commission saw the Lake and its foreshores as a primary objective in order to give Canberra an atmosphere and individuality worthy of the National Capital. The Lake was created in 1963 when the waters of the Molonglo were held back by the construction of Scrivener Dam below Black Mountain. The lake was filled by April 1964.

Landscaping began in 1959, with London based architectural and town planning firm of William Holford and Partners responsible for the general landscape principles of the Central Basin environment. Design for the setting of the other parts of the lake were undertaken by the NCDC and implementation was the responsibility of Parks and Gardens Section of the Department of the Interior. It was a two stage project, with Stage 1 as well as the engineering construction of the Lake also entailing the establishment of major plantings on an area of over 500ha of lakeside parklands. Stage 2 involved the detailed landscape treatments appropriate to future use.

With the increasing use of the Lake and its foreshores, and the pressure for development of new areas, a plan was issued from the NCDC in November 1987, to balance conservation and development.

In 1988 construction commenced on the Lakeshore promenade on the southern side of Central basin, and a major initiative on the development of the infrastructure of the Parliamentary Zone.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lake and its adjacent foreshores possess historic, scientific, social and aesthetic importance.

It was an integral part of the early design for Canberra, and adopted by Burley Griffin as an essential landscape element of his plan. It provides the centre-piece for the National Capital and also forms the immediate background of the national and parliamentary areas. The lake and its foreshores form the central part of a larger area, known as the National Capital Open Space System.

It provides an important freshwater ecosystem of scientific and public interest, and a major wild life refuge. There is a valuable habitat for many species of waterbird and aquatic mammals while landbirds are located within the landscaped areas.

In addition rare and endangered plants and native grassland communities are to be found on the foreshores.

The whole area of the Lake and its parkland foreshores are a major recreation area, heavily used by residents and tourists, for active and passive enjoyment.

Aesthetically the Lake and its foreshores provide an area of beauty and interest, highlighted by the changing colour of seasons.

A number of sites with special significance are contained within the overall boundary of Lake Burley Griffin and its foreshores. Short statements of significance follow :

ACACIA INLET WELANDS (1)

A valuable habitat for waterbirds and platypus. Bird species include the *Podiceps cristatus* (Great crested grebe), *Ixobrychus minutus* (Little bittern), *Megalurus gramineus* (Little grassbird) and the migratory *Gallinago Hardwickii* (Latham's snipe).

ACTON PENINSULA (2)

The landscape element of the Peninsula provides a backdrop for the Lake and forms an integral part of the Lake's environment.

ACTON GEOLOGICAL SITE (3)

The site is the only accessible, clear and continuing exposure of limestone remaining in the suburban part of Canberra, giving reference to the early naming of the area as the 'Limestone Plains'.

BLACK MOUNTAIN PENINSULA (4)

Here a remnant population of Casuarina Cuebmannis (Bull's Oak) rare to the region demonstrates its limits of range and climatic change. The site also provides a valuable habitat for Egerma Cunninghammiona (Cunningham's skink). Evidence exists that the site was used by local Aboriginal tribes as a medium lowland camp.

COMMONWEALTH PARK (5)

The significance of Commonwealth Park lies in its social and aesthetic qualities. It is widely used for private recreational purposes and has also become the venue for major community activities.

The Park has horticultural interest although it was primarily designed to provide continuous seasonal display and a variety of contrasting water flow effects for public enjoyment. The landscape of informal paths, lawns, water features and garden beds successfully creates an urban park in the best tradition. Within the Park is a geological site, which is an easily accessible example of the common sedimentary bed-rock of City Hill and Central Canberra.

JERRABOMBERRA WETLANDS (6)

This is the only extensive area of floodplain with palcochannels in the ACT. It is also an important wetland habitat for waterbirds including trans-hemisphere migratory species protected under international agreement.

STIRLING PARK RUTIDOSIS LEPTORHYNCHOIDES HABITAT (7)

The site provides the largest known population of the nationally rare and endangered Rutidosia Leptorhynchoides (button wrinklewort). The area is also the largest remaining area of natural habitat around the shores of Lake Burley Griffin.

WARRINA INLET WETLANDS (8)

The inlet is a habitat supporting rich waterbird fauna and is an important breeding area for the Porphyrio porphyrio (purple swamp hen), Megalurus gramineus (little grass bird) and the Aerocephalus stentoreus (clamorous reed warbler).

WESTBOURNE WOODS (9)

Wesbourne Woods is considered to be one of the most outstanding arboreta in the southern hemisphere. It relates strongly to Canberra's history and early landscape development, as well as having considerable scientific importance as a botanical collection including many exotic species rarely planted in Australia.

WESTON PARK/YARRALUMLA NURSERY COMPLEX (10)

Weston Park exhibits a richness of historic plants significant as individual specimens and as examples of horticultural experiments. The site contains the rare species Eucalyptus michaeliana.

The Yarraulomla Nursery is significant for its association with the landscape development from this site.

Weston Park has associations with Walter Burley Griffin, Thomas Weston, Lindsay Pryor, David Shoobridge and Robert Boden - individuals who contributed markedly to the landscape planning and horticultural development of Canberra and horticultural experimentation generally.

The Park has considerable aesthetic appeal with a variety of vistas, colour, forms of vegetation and spatial characteristics. It provides a habitat for a wide variety of birds and has groups of trees important for on-going education and research.

YARRALUMLA GRASSLAND (11)

This area is the most representative of the original grassland of the region.

YARRAMUNDI INLET WETLANDS (12)

This is a secluded habitat for water birds, and in particular provides a breeding ground for the Biziuva Cobata (the musk duck).

The area contained by the curtilage of Lake Burley Griffin encompasses a number of sites of significance not relevant to the open space/landscape theme of this classification.

These sites are :

- Canberra Incinerator (Westbourne Woods)
- Tudor House (Westbourne Woods)
- Forestry School (Westbourne Woods)
- Captain Cook Memorial and Jet (Central Basin)
- Blundell's Farmhouse (King's Park)
- Carillon and Aspen Island (Central Basin)
- Pencil Pine from Moore's Homestead (Acton Peninsula)
- Part of Acton Housing (Acton Peninsula)
- ANU Staff Centre (Acton Peninsula)

They have been classified separately by the National Trust and their full nominations are available from the Trust Office.

KEY

1. ACACIA INLET WETLANDS
2. ACTON PENINSULA
3. ACTON GEOLOGICAL SITE
4. BLACK MOUNTAIN PENINSULA
5. COMMONWEALTH PARK
6. JERRABOMBERA WETLANDS
7. STIRLING PARK HABITAT
8. WARRINA INLET
9. WESTBOURNE WOODS
10. WESTON PARK/YARRALUMLA NURSERY COMPLEX
11. YARRALUMLA GRASSLAND
12. YARRAMUNDI INLET WETLANDS





The benefits of maintaining native vegetation also apply to small towns and metropolitan areas. Vegetation in more densely settled areas acts as a visual and sound barrier against the stresses of unwanted noise of traffic, machinery and urban complexes. The quality of daily life is also enhanced by the variety of pleasing effects that natural vegetation gives to humans. As Australia's cities grow, so too do the problems facing the remaining bushland and wetlands. The few areas of bush that do survive urban development are under enormous stress from surrounding land use and human impact. Alien weed growth, the dumping of refuse, pollution from stormwater and sewage, introduced animals and off-road vehicles, are just some of the pressures upon remnant vegetation in urban locations.

The role of National Trust members in promoting the Save the Bush message throughout the ACT in 1991, is crucial. Addressing the need for all Australians to seriously value remnant native vegetation requires leadership and co-operation across the community. In these times of economic pressure, it is more important than ever to maintain trust in our capacity to work together as a nation. The responsibility to conserve our rapidly diminishing bush heritage belongs to everyone, rural and city dwellers alike. No matter which way it is looked at, either scientifically, economically or culturally, it makes sense to act now to protect local native vegetation.

Callum McEachern
Education and Public Relations
Save the Bush

HILL END AND SOFALA COACH TOUR

3 - 5 MAY 1991

Garth Setchell has now completed arrangements for this three day tour by luxury coach in autumn. He has even threatened that it will exceed last year's Mount Buffalo tour for interest and enjoyment.

The itinerary will include Guided tours, on foot and wheels, of such delightful historic town as Carcoar, Millthorpe and Canowindra. We will have a full day exploring the goldfields at Hill End and Sofala, followed by pre-dinner drinks at Miss Traill's Cottage, a National Trust property in Bathurst. The Sunday will include an early morning tour of the orchards surrounding Orange plus visits to two fascinating houses:

"Cliefden", via Mandurama - by courtesy of the Misses Rothery;

"Fairview", via Canowindra - by courtesy of Mr & Mrs W Finn.

Other features will include Wyangala Dam, Richard Wigglesworth's remarkable private collection of old working engines at Sofala and last of all, the Cartobe Winery near Boorowa - to give you that final glow and to enable you to restock your cellar.

Double, twin and single accommodation (all with facilities) have been booked at the Hotel Canobolas, Orange, on both the Friday and Saturday nights but the best news is that the all inclusive price for the tour has come down. Contingent upon fuel and other prices remaining stable, it will be possible to provide all travel, accommodation, meals, refreshments (excluding dinner drinks) and guide/entrance charges for \$300 per person (double or twin accommodation) and \$320 per person (single accommodation).

Full payment (less \$50 deposit if previously paid) is now required as available places are filling quickly. Cancellation with full refund, will be available up to 3 April 1991.

HERITAGE WEEK - ADVANCE NOTICE

Heritage Week Activities will take place from April 20 to April 28 1991, and will include :

- . Open Day at Mugga Mugga Saturday 20 April.
- . Walk through Duntroon Grounds and Garden with Eric Martin and Dick Ratcliffe, Sunday 21 April.
- . Walking Tour through endangered bush, with identification of native plants.
- . Regeneration/Clean-up, Red Hill 2.00pm-4.00pm Sunday 28 April, followed by Bush Picnic.
- . Aboriginal tour, scarred trees and relics with Dr Jo Flood Saturday 27 April.
- . Concert - with the theme of Save our Native Bush, Tuesday 23 April at the Embassy of Poland.

For further information ring the National Trust office on 2810711. Official programmes for Heritage Week will be available in early April.

ACT HERITAGE

Preparations for an enticing National Trust programmed for Heritage Week 20 - 28 April are gaining momentum and it reminds me of a major Heritage project that the Education and Cultural Committee undertook a couple of years ago. The Trust won a special Bicentennial Grant to develop school kits on the heritage sites in the ACT. the aim of the project was to increase the awareness of Primary School children of their diverse natural and cultural heritage in the ACT.

A set of four kits were made and donated to every primary school in the ACT plus high schools, and schools outside the ACT which requested them. The four kits in each set are:

- . Southern Sites (Lanyon, Lambrigg and Cuppacumbalong)
- . Northern Sites (Gungahlin, Ginninderra, Wells Station)
- . The Campbells and Duntroon
- . Capital Buildings (Major buildings in the ACT)

Each kit covers its topic from aboriginal times to the present day and contains an introductory video, teachers notes, class activity sheets, a poster and relevant brochures, and an evaluation sheet.

More than 100 volunteers were involved in the production of these kits, coordinated by a small working party of great stamina: Linda Beveridge, Pat Reilly, Ellen Gibbon, Ann Darbyshire, and Marilyn Dooley.

Now that another Heritage Week is looming it is appropriate for all Trust members to take advantage of opportunities to remind our primary schools about these kits, and for this year's classes to use them. Have you seen the kits, have your kids or grandchildren seen the kits?

A set is available in the Trust Library for loan to Trust members. If you would like more information about the kits please contact the Trust Office.

GIPPSLAND ODYSSEY

16 - 18 MARCH 1991

A number of vacancies still exist for this three day exploration of some of the more remote parts of Victoria's eastern Gippsland.

We will be travelling by private car but, although all roads are suitable for conventional vehicles with reasonable clearance, there will be many narrow and winding sections of gravel and the activity is not suitable for those without good driving ability.

As previously advised, the itinerary includes the dramatic Lower Snowy gorge, Buchan Caves, the coastline at Marlo, Cape Conran and Wingan Inlet, patches of rainforest and history at Combienbar, Geroa Falls and the Towamba valley. There will be a number of easy walks at most of these places.

The ticket price covers guidance and operational costs only. Participants will be expected to pay for their own accommodation, meal and travel costs. Motel or serviced camping options exist and the National Trust will organise booking for those applications received by 1 March 1991. The joining instructions will not be issued until about 7 March. The route is feasible for small camper trailers but not for caravans. The tour will be led by Mr Garth Setchell. Children under 18 years of age are welcome and there will be no charge.

GIPPSLAND TOUR

16-18 MARCH 1991

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

NAME : MS/MRS/MISS/MR _____

ADDRESS : _____ P/CODE _____

TELEPHONE : (W) _____ (H) _____

MY APPLICATION COVERS _____ ADULTS AND _____ CHILDREN.

I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE FOR \$ _____ AT \$30 PER ADULT.

I AM SEEKING/COULD OFFER TRANSPORT FOR _____ PERSONS.

I AM PROPOSING TO CAMP (TENT OR TRAILER) _____ YES/NO.

I REQUIRE MOTEL ACCOMMODATION _____ YES/NO.

PLEASE SPECIFY WHETHER DOUBLE, TWIN, SINGLE OR OTHER _____

I WILL BE DRIVING THE FOLLOWING MAKE OF CAR _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE A LONG STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR JOINING INSTRUCTIONS.

NATIONAL TRUST ORGANISATIONS
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COUNTRY	ORGANISATION	ADDRESS	NOTES
Bahamas	The Bahamas National Trust	PO Box N4105 Nassau BAHAMAS	
Barbados	The Barbados National Trust	Ronald Tree House 10th Avenue Belleville, St Michael BARBADOS	
Bermuda	The Bermuda National Trust	PO Box HM61 Hamilton HMAX BERMUDA	
Cayman Islands	National Trust for the Cayman Islands	PO Box 10 Grand Cayman CAYMAN ISLANDS	
Fiji	National Trust for Fiji	PO Box 2089 Govt. Buildings Suva FIJI	
Malaysia	Heritage of Malaysia Trust	PO Box 11432 50746 KUALA LUMPUR	The Heritage of Malaysia Trust have few properties, but request that visitors write to them prior to a trip so they can point out noteworthy buildings/sites throughout Malaysia

RECIPROCAL RIGHTS cont'd

COUNTRY	ORGANISATION	ADDRESS	NOTES
Netherlands	Stichting Vrienden der Geldersche Kasteelen (Gelderland Trust for Historic Houses) and Stichting Het Geldersch Landschap (The Countryside of Gelderland foundation)	(both organisations) Kasteel Zypendaal Zypendaalseweg 44 6814CL Arnhem THE NETHERLANDS	
New Zealand	New Zealand Historic Places Trust	PO Box 2629 Wellington NEW ZEALAND	Long standing reciprocal rights arrangement
Puerto Rico	The Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico	PO Box 4747 San Juan PUERTO RICO 00902-4747	
Scotland	The National Trust for Scotland	Charlotte Square Edinburgh EH2 4DU SCOTLAND	Long standing reciprocal rights arrangement
United Kingdom	The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty	36 Queen Anne's Gate London SW1H 9AS ENGLAND	Long standing reciprocal rights arrangement
USA	National Trust for Historic Preservation	1785 Massachusetts Av NW Washington DC 20036 USA	Long standing reciprocal rights arrangement

THE NATIONAL TRUST DINERS CLUB CARD
PRESTIGE AND PRESERVATION GO HAND-IN-HAND

In 1950, New York was in an expansive mood. World War II was over, the economy was booming and people were having fun. A successful businessman, Mr Frank McNamara was entertaining several guests at an exclusive New York Restaurant, when the bottom dropped out of his world; he found he had left his wallet at home and had no cash to pay for the meal.

We can imagine the acuity of his embarrassment, although history doesn't recount how he got out of his predicament. His was the last laugh, however, because his situation led to one of those remarkable pieces of lateral thinking that change the way we live.

Forty years ago, Frank McNamara founded Diners Club, the world's first charge card (in fact, the first card system of any kind). It wasn't even plastic money; the first Diners Club card was, in fact, made of paper.

Today, Diners Club is still the world's leading and most prestigious charge card.

Two years ago, Diners Club made another innovative move in joining with the National Trust to offer Trust members their own National Trust Diners Club card. This exclusive card is available only to National Trust members and gives them all the benefits of owning a Diners Club card while, at the same time, they are helping the Trust.

A percentage of all membership fees are paid directly into National Trust funds. More importantly for the Trust, a portion of every dollar that a Trust member charges on their Diners Club is also paid directly to the Trust. If more Trust members support this initiative, the potential benefit to the National Trust could total some \$1,000,000 over the next three years. This is money that comes directly from Diners Club; it doesn't cost members a cent.

Of course, being a charge card means there is no interest to pay; members can enjoy interest-free credit for an average 45 days and Diners Club have also waived the normal joining fee of \$30.

If you use a charge card, why not change to a National Trust Diners Club card and help the National Trust at the same time. To apply, or for more information, just call 008 331 346 toll-free right away.

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INDICATION OF INTEREST

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

NAME : MS/MISS/MRS/MR _____

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I/WE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE VISIT TO BEDERVALE - HISTORIC
BRAIDWOOD ON 4 APRIL 1991.

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

DEVELOPMENT AND QUEBEC

Is development always a dirty word? This will be an issue at the next Members' Night which is being organised by the Education and Cultural Committee. The guest speaker will be Mr Shibu Dutta who will present an illustrated talk on the impact of development in Quebec, a city which has been designated a Heritage City by the United Nations.

The National Trust Members' Night is an excellent opportunity for new members to learn about the role of the Trust and for other members to be brought up to date on our activities, and of course for old and new members for meet each other.

So enter Members Night in your diary for Thursday 18th April 1991 at 6.30 for 7pm at the National Trust Office, 6 Geils Court, Deakin. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to the Trust Office 2810711.

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WHERE	National Trust Headquarters 6 Geils Court, Deakin.
WHEN	8.30am Saturday 9th March 1991 (for a maximum of 3 - 4 hours)
WHY	General Clean-up and Maintenance of grounds.
HOW	If you can help, please ring the Trust Office on 2810711, or John & Priscilla McDonald on 2886142.
WHAT	Bring a yard broom, rake, spade, pruning shears etc. and a cold drink & hat.

THE LODGE AND PARLIAMENT HOUSE

More than 100 members and friends of the Trust attended the special visits to the Prime Minister's Lodge and Parliament House organised by the Education and Cultural Committee. The Lodge and its grounds were looking splendid and the items acquired by the Australiana Fund for the Lodge were particularly interesting. At Parliament House members were impressed by the facilities available behind the scenes and with the works of art especially commissioned for the building. We were also amused by the football final fever bunting that was decorating some of the Parliamentarians' offices. The Education and Cultural Committee wish to thank the Australian Fund for their assistance with the visit to the Lodge, and Senator Margaret Reid for hosting the behind the scenes visit at Parliament House.

SAVE THE BUSH

One of the greatest challenges facing Australians in the 1990's is the task of adequately protecting and managing our natural resources. The Australian landscape has undergone dramatic changes during the lives of only a few generations. The 'bush' that once dominated our environment has all but disappeared in many areas. In its place grows a legacy of land degradation and the irreplaceable loss of biological diversity. The time has arrived for all Australians, rural and urban alike, to take stock of our remnant native vegetation.

Administered by the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Save the Bush program is one of several national initiatives concerned with ensuring biological diversity and the sustainable management of land, water, and vegetation. Complementing the efforts of Landcare and Greening Australia, the Save the Bush program seeks local solutions to the problems of protecting and appropriately managing areas of remnant native vegetation.

Many species of Australian plants and animals are not adequately conserved within national parks and reserves; existing instead in small rural and urban areas of remnant native vegetation. Roadside verges, railway lines, farms, stock routes, school and hospital grounds, industrial sites and cemeteries, are now the only places in many parts of Australia where indigenous plants survive. Without adequate protection and management, these natural habitats of original woodlands, grasslands, heathlands, coastal dunes, mangroves and seagrasses, will continue to disappear.

Of the 18000 different species of indigenous plants that have been identified in Australia so far, over 85% are endemic to Australia, living nowhere else. Yet within two hundred years, the human impact upon this genetic pool has been dramatic. While 100 species have become extinct, nearly another 1000 species are endangered and at risk of being lost for all time. In many regions of Australia, including areas within the ACT, up to a quarter of all locally endemic species are under serious threat of extinction.

Taking action to preserve the diversity among plants is essential if humans are to continue to benefit from the development of new medical drugs and disease resistant food crops. Much of our current standard of living has been built upon the utilisation of the genetic characteristics of only a small fraction of the world's plant species. Failure to reverse the accelerating loss of plant diversity will undoubtedly have some significant and negative impact upon the lives of future generations.

One of the immediate costs of failing to safeguard the biological diversity of Australia's native vegetation is the economic impact upon the agricultural and fishing industries. As a direct result of overclearing in the dryland agricultural areas alone, thousands of square kilometres have been badly degraded by salting and from water and wind erosion. We are only beginning to find out about the positive economic role played by indigenous plants and animals, and it would be a great pity to lose species before their potential is realised.

MOUNTAIN HUTS AND VISTAS

Mountain Huts and Vistas is a new five day course being run by Dean Turner through the Centre for Continuing Education at the Australian National University in Canberra.

Dean, a member of the Kosciusko Huts Association, has been taking people on tours of discovery in the Snowy Mountains for the last two years.

His first course was called 'A Living History of the Snowy Mountains' and it has proved to be popular with a wide age group.

As with the first course, which will be run again in Spring, the new course aims to encourage learning by doing! And that means getting people out on walks and meeting people in the great outdoors rather than spending much time in a lecture hall.

Dean describes the new course as a walker's course which will examine both cultural aspects and the photogenic beauty of the Snowy Mountains. The course will feature the mountain huts with on-site photographer Pieter Arriens.

Pieter has recently held an exhibition of winter snowscape photography in the Raglan Gallery at Cooma and a permanent display of his work can be found at the Raglan throughout the year.

The course will also include film and slide presentations depicting many different facets of the mountains' beauty. Participants will spend a day walking on the roof of Australia with a high country stockman as well as meeting with Park Rangers and enjoying a barbeque on an historic mountain property.

The course will be held from 18 to 22 April and cost approximately \$300 which includes four nights accommodation and all meals. Any profits realised from the course will be directed to the maintenance of the Mountain Huts.

For further details contact the Centre for Continuing Education on (06) 2492888 or (06) 2493856.

NATIONAL TRUST FACSIMILE MACHINE

The National Trust has a FAX machine. The number is (06) 285 3327. Members may use the machine and support the National Trust at the same time.

COSTS ARE :

- * Incoming correspondence - \$2.00
Plus 20¢ per page.

- * Outgoing correspondence - \$2.00
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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.

HILL END/SOFALA

3-5 MAY 1991

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ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND CHEQUE AS FOLLOWS :

_____ PERSONS REQUIRING DOUBLE ACCOM @\$300/PERSON	\$ _____
_____ PERSONS REQUIRING TWIN ACCOM @\$300/PERSON	\$ _____
_____ PERSONS REQUIRING SINGLE ACCOM @\$320/PERSON	\$ _____

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DEPOSIT FOR _____ PERSONS (ONLY IF PREVIOUSLY PAID)
@\$50.00/PERSON \$ _____

TOTAL THIS CHEQUE \$ _____

NAMES OF OTHER PERSONS COVERED BY THIS APPLICATION :

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____

OFFICIAL OPENING CANBERRA ANTIQUE FAIR - 14 MARCH 1991

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