



TRUST NEWS

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THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)

6 Geils Court
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FEBRUARY 1992

MEETINGS IN THE TRUST BOARDROOM

Thursday 5 March.

Executive Meeting at 5.30pm.

Tuesday 10 March

Classification Committee

Meeting at 12.30pm.

Monday 23 March

Fund Raising Committee

Meeting at 5.30pm.

Thursday 2 April

Council Meeting at 5.30pm.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 12 March

Official Opening—Antique Fair

Friday 13 March—Monday

16 March

Antique Fair

Thursday 9 April

Autumn Fair

25 April - 3 May

HERITAGE WEEK.

Saturday 2 May

Heritage Week Concert

Sunday 3 May

Autumn Garden Tour

Friday 14 August

Curry Dinner

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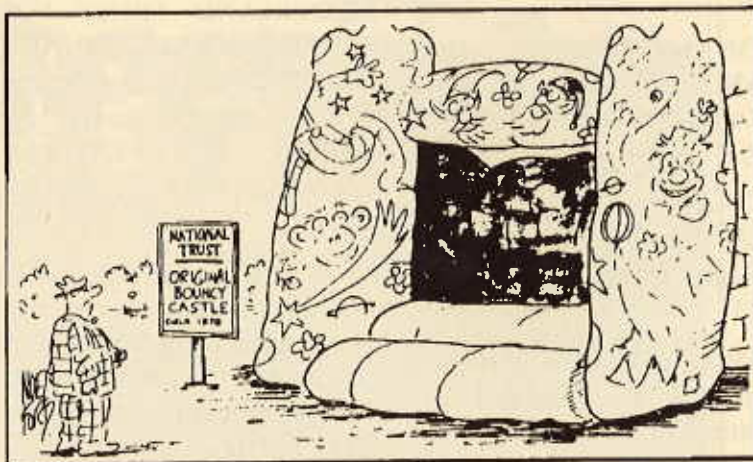
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You will recall that in my Christmas message I drew attention to Council's initiative to make awards to members who have made a significant contribution to the Trust. The award is to be in the form of a certificate. I have great pleasure in saying that Council unanimously accepted the nomination of Mrs. Jean Robertson. Mrs. Robertson has been a Trust Member and major supporter for many years and has served on Council. She is currently the convenor of the Gift Shop committee. I wish to add my personal congratulations to Mrs. Robertson. The award will be personally made at the Autumn Luncheon on 9 April. I shall, unfortunately, be in Perth and Dr. Doug Waterhouse as past president has agreed to make the presentation.

The next major fund-raising function is the National Trust Antique Fair, 13–16 March. THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS; PLEASE COULD WE HAVE VOLUNTEERS — TELEPHONE THE TRUST OFFICE ON 281 0711. The Antique Fair is our major fund-raising function. YOUR TRUST NEEDS YOU.

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.

Mrs M Daly, Flynn
Miss M Mills, Ainslie
Mr & Mrs B Friend, Civic
Mr & Mrs J Needham, Red Hill
Ms N Friend, Civic
Mrs R O'Brian, Kambah
Mr R Joseph, Farrer
Ms J Prosser, Chapman
Ms M Lissaman, Kambah
Ms R Smith, Farrer
Miss D Manning, North Lyneham
Ms S Tridgell, Spence

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

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.

NATIONAL TRUST IN ENGLAND: 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AS, (071-222 9251).

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NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN AMERICA : 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington DC

20036-20036-9979, (202-6734000).

BERMUDA NATIONAL TRUST: PO Box 61, Hamilton 5.

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

GELDERLAND TRUST FOR HISTORIC HOUSES, ARNHEM, HOLLAND: Stichting Vrienden der Geldersche Kasteelen, KASTELL ZYPENDAAL, Zypendaalsewegg 44, 6814CL Arnhem.

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.

NEWNES AND GLEN DAVIS TOUR.

SATURDAY 14 TO MONDAY 16 MARCH 1992.

Last year Garth Setchell operated a most successful car tour to East Gippsland over the Canberra Day Weekend. This year he has offered to lead a similar car tour to the spectacular Wolgan and Capertee Valleys to the north of Lithgow.

These valleys were the scene of Australia's most productive efforts to extract oil from shale. Newnes, in the Wolgan Valley, produced oil intermittently from 1910 until 1932 and the town reached a population of 3000 in its heyday. Substantial evidence of the original workings remains. More remarkable is the 50km railway which connects Newnes to the Great Western Railway

between Lithgow and Mount Victoria. It descends some 600 meters into the Wolgan Valley through a narrow break in the towering cliff line at Bell's Grotto (with its glow-worm tunnel) and was completed in an amazing 13 months! We will climb up to, and walk along, the best part of this abandoned railway.

Glen Davis, in the adjoining Capertee Valley, was the only indigenous source of petroleum during the Second World War. Part of this abandoned refinery remains, somewhat reminiscent of a Tibetan monastery in a vast amphitheatre. On the return to Canberra, we may soften our senses with a visit to Abercrombie Caves.

This activity may not be everyone's cup of tea. There will be lots of driving on winding on winding gravel roads of reasonable surface. There will also be a moderate amount of walking, including the reasonably stiff climb up to Bell's Grotto. The price (\$30 per adult) only covers guidance and organisational costs. Participants will need to pay for their own accommodation and meals, although we will endeavour to arrange a block booking at a Lithgow motel for those who request it by 7 March. Others may wish to camp at Newnes.

An application form is at the back of this newsletter.



A group of intrepid explorers braving the Budawangs on one of Garth Setchell's previous tour.

GRANTS RECEIVED FOR 1991/1992

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) gratefully acknowledges support from the Commonwealth Government through the National Estate Grants Program and the Grant-in-aid and the ACT Government through the ACT Heritage Grants Program.

Recent grants received by the Trust were:

- Grant-in-aid for 1991/92 from the Commonwealth (Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories)— **\$63,000**

ACT Heritage Grants for 1992:

- To subsidise costs of general operations— **\$28,000**
- For a survey to determine the occurrence of two rare plant species in the ACT (Geranium Obusisepalum and Parantennaria Uniceps)— **\$3,800**



"We should be able to preserve our resources. As they grow less there are more of us to preserve them."

Drawing by F. H. Brummer; Preservation News, December 1970

SHOP FRONT

GIFT SHOP NEWS reports a successful period of sales during the holiday season and thanks are conveyed to all who assist especially during this time, at Manuka, Lanyon and Jonathon's (Mezzanine level Woden Plaza).

New supplies include:

- Brass Tea Caddy Spoon
- Lanyon Notelets
- Carry Bags - PVC many

designs and colours

- National Trust Emblem Playing Cards
- Book "OLD BUNGENDORE - Changing Times in an Australian Village" (\$15) written by Graham Barrow - Illustrated by Margaret Carr
- Honey
- Polish - Como
- Handcream
- Pillowcases.

Gift Shop assistance is required for the **ANTIQUE FAIR** Friday 13 to Monday 16 March inclusive between the hours of 10am to 6 pm - Albert Hall. Those who already help with Manuka and Lanyon Shop are asked to phone the Trust Office on 2810711 if you are able to assist.



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.

TASMANIA— 350 YEARS OF HERITAGE

1992 is the 350th anniversary of Abel Tasman's sighting of the West coast of Tasmania - an area deemed exceedingly rugged and inhospitable. Indeed, location in relation to the trading routes to modern day Indonesia, and poor appraisals of the land's potential were major factors in European settlement in Tasmania being delayed by 160 years or so.

How strange then that Tasmania today is renowned for its hospitality, bountiful farming lands, quality produce and crafts, and the richness of its heritage.

Tasman, through his discovery of the West coast, laid the first stone of the historical European heritage upon which so much of Tasmania, the land, and Tasmania, the people, is built.

This heritage, from 1642 down through the years, via the exploits of a variety of European adventures and explorers is today highly treasured by all Tasmanian; a fact reflected in the day to day affairs of our State. Conservation and preservation is not just something we'd like to

see happen in Tasmania; it's a whole way of life.

For an island community with a relatively low density population, Tasmania has entrusted to her care a remarkable number of heritage treasures - not only in the form of historical structures and artefacts but natural wonders like the Franklin and Gordon rivers, the Central Highlands, our mountain ranges and varied coastlines, and, most subtly of all, our cultural inheritance of an easy-going nature - a quiet appreciation of our good fortune in being part of the Tasmanian existence.

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PERIOD HOME RENOVATOR MAGAZINE

This magazine now includes a regular National Trust page, plus articles on National Trust properties to reflect the authority of the National Trust in restoration matters. The magazine has recently been revised in format and content.

The National Trust contributions for the first two issues in the new format were provided through the Victorian Trust.

The December issue was an excellent production, with major emphasis on, and outstanding photography of, National Trust properties - the Lindsay properties "Mulberry Hill" in Victoria and "Springwood" NSW,

and restoration of Dundullimal, Dubbo, NSW. In addition, Ian Wight of the Victorian National Trust contributed an article on classification and heritage controls of the National Trust, and the National Trust page generally introduced the National Trust to readers and included a membership coupon. (A membership form is to be repeated in each issue.)

The February issue is to highlight the Victorian Trust's latest publication "Our Inter-War Houses", as there is currently great interest in housing of the 1920's and 30's. There will be a general extract on the housing

styles and appropriate extensions, with more details and book order and membership coupons on the National Trust page.

The magazine wishes to plan the next three issues for 1992 and would welcome major contributions or news items. They would also be pleased to learn of particularly fine restoration work in the general community which could be highlighted. Apparently favourite topics with readers are colour schemes, kitchens, bathrooms and front fences.

HELP THE TRUST BY FINDING A NEW MEMBER

To apply for membership, complete this form or make a gift to someone (see the form at the back of this newsletter), enclose correct sum and post to:

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
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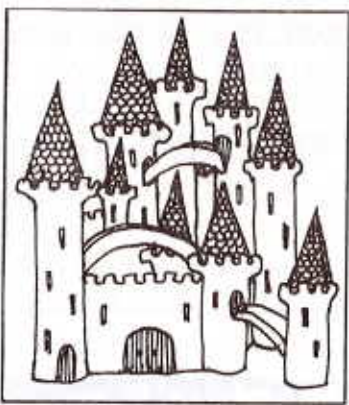
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HELP!

We are looking for any body who may be available to help with capping the parapets of the National Trust Office at 6 Geils Court, Deakin (EXPERIENCE NOT NECESSARY).

We will be starting at 8.00 am on Saturday 14 March 1992.

If you can spare any time at all, please ring John McDonald on 2886142 (H).



1992 CANBERRA ANTIQUE FAIR

This year is the 10th anniversary of the National Trust Canberra Antique Fair. The Fair is being held, as usual, during Canberra Festival Week on Friday 13 to Monday 16 March inclusive at the Albert Hall from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm each day.

On the evening of Thursday 12 March the Fair is being officially opened by Mr Melvin Sembler, the Ambassador of the United States of America and, since it is the 10th Antique Fair, we've decided to make it a special occasion - dress black tie, musicians in the foyer, sparkling wine, conversation, delicious finger foods and of course superb antiques!

An invitation to the opening is enclosed with this Newsletter **BUT** you will need to book **ASAP** since there is a limit to the numbers we can fit into the Albert

Hall. You **must** contact the Trust Office on 2810711 by 4 March so we can cater properly but the sooner you ring/write/call in the better.

HELP IS NEEDED WITH THE SERVING OF DRINKS AND PROVISION OF FOOD FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 10TH NATIONAL TRUST CANBERRA ANTIQUE FAIR. If you can spare some of your valuable time to help with either of these could you please ring Mrs Phyllis Montgomerie as soon as possible on 2814036

HELP IS ALSO NEEDED WITH THE PROVISION OF FOODS THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE FAIR. If you are able to help with this please contact Mrs Marion Douglas on 2956730.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REVISITED — AUTUMN GARDEN TOUR

SUNDAY 3 MAY 1992

Magnificent in springtime, perfect in autumn, the Southern Highlands of New South Wales. In response to popular demand following our very successful spring outing, we have arranged another chance for those who missed out last time. But you will need to book early as many of those folk who were on the spring trip are already lining up for a seat.

The program includes transport by chartered luxury toilet equipped coach, three course lunch in the beautiful dining room at Milton Park followed by

Limit - 41.

a guided tour of the gardens. We will then visit Normandie Farm for a garden inspection and afternoon tea on the way home.

The coach will depart Manuka Olympic Pool at 9.30 am and return around 6.00 pm There is plenty of free parking in the vicinity of the pool.

The coach will make a morning tea stop in Goulburn, however we will need to cater for ourselves. A flask of hot or cold drink and a few nibbles are suggested.

The price is \$45.00, all inclusive (except morning tea).

Please forward booking requests and payments to the Trust Office early, to avoid disappointment.

Tour co-ordinator - Bob Akhurst.
Telephone 2956612.

NOTE - PLEASE DO NOT SEND PAYMENTS TO THE CO-ORDINATOR



NATIONAL TRUST CONCERT IN HERITAGE WEEK

SATURDAY 2 MAY 1992

TIME 8.00 pm ...SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED.

PRICE \$12.00Members and concessions.
\$14.00 Non-members.

VENUE Polish Embassy

PROGRAMME

The Oriana Chorale; Director, Christopher Lyndon Gee, will perform music selected from works, some of folk origin, of English, Italian, Spanish, Russian and American composers and arrangers.

The Oriana Chorale is a choir of about 30 voices which performs regularly in Canberra. Its concerts, mostly of un-accompanied choral music, are of a very high standard. In 1991 it was awarded an inaugural

Canberra Times Critics' Circle Award for its performance of works by Rachmaninoff, Palestrina and others in the Abercrombie Caves near Bathurst and of the magnificent Requiem by the contemporary Russian composer Alfred Schnittka. Note: the Chorale has another Abercrombie Caves recital coming up at the end of March.

Piano Recital; **Yitka Fischer**, is from Czechoslovakia and is a winner of the Chopin competition in Prague. Her

programme will feature the music of Chopin.

Piano and Violin Recital; Adam Piechocinski, violinist, accompanied by Andrew McGuiness, pianist, will perform Chopin works.

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A little item from the Bermuda National Trust newsletter...

Waste reduction is the most important piece of the waste management puzzle. Don't wait another day - resolve now to make less waste. It's up to all of us.	
USE CLOTH NAPKINS instead of paper	TURN DOWN BAGS AT STORES IF YOU DON'T NEED THEM
USE RAGS TO CLEAN instead of paper	TAKE GROCERY BAGS BACK WITH YOU TO THE STORE, OR CARRY A CANVAS OR MESH BAG WITH YOU
BUY FOOD IN BULK instead of single-serving packages	AVOID BUYING PRODUCTS THAT HAVE UNNECESSARY PACKAGING
PACK LUNCH FOODS IN RE-USABLE CONTAINERS	
BUY "ENVIRO-PACS" AND REFILLS FOR DETERGENTS AND CLEANERS	
DON'T FORGET, THOUGH, THAT THE BEST WASTE SOLUTION IS TO ELIMINATE IT IN THE FIRST PLACE!	

Just shows that the problems are the same the world over.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

At the recent Committee meeting dates were fixed and decisions taken regarding the fund raising events for 1992.

The National Trust Antique Fair at the Albert Hall - See separate report.

Autumn Luncheon. This is to be held in the Restaurant at the new Federation Complex on the Barton Highway at Gungahlin on THURSDAY, 9 APRIL, 12 for 12.30pm. Cost will be \$18 per ticket with a limit to 100 attending.

Speaker : Mrs Betty Churcher, Director of the Australian National Gallery who will speak on "Staging a Block Buster - The Rubens and the Italian Renaissance Exhibition from March 28 - June 8.

Those attending the luncheon, by production of their tickets, will be allowed 10% discount on any goods purchased in the **Federation** complex **only**.

You will note from the pro forma that there is the availability of a choice of main course.

The venue has a number of attractions in the vicinity; the Opal Museum, Cockington Green, the Art Gallery and specialist shops. Make a day of it!

Curry Supper. Will be held on Friday 14 August; this year at the St John's Reid Church Hall, 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets \$20 each. It is hoped that Mr Rick Forster will be able to act as the Auctioneer at our Wine Auction once again; he has the art of persuading us to part with our money.

Make sure that your friends know about this function - it is a good evening.

International Exhibition of Table Settings. This exhibition will be held during Floriade on 25/26/27 September. This year this will also be at St John's Reid Church Hall which has easy access to the Floriade. Further details in the next Trust News.

Country Spring Fair. This will be held on Sunday, 8 November in the grounds of the Lanyon Homestead, 10am - 4pm. All the

fun of the Fair, plus Arts and Crafts Stalls, Food galore, entertainment in plenty. **NO ENTRANCE CHARGE** this year - donations, (much noisy rattling of buckets).

Even at this time of the year we would be grateful to have news of members willing to help at the Fair - make cakes, help man National Trust stalls, help with getting the Fair set up (and taken down). There are 10001 jobs; if 10001 members volunteer it spreads the load and a good time had on the occasion. Watch this space for further details.

Our next meeting of the Fund Raising Committee is on Monday, 23 March at 6 Geils Court, Deakin, commencing at 5.30pm. If any member wishes to attend please ring the Trust Office on 2810711. There is always a welcome for anyone with ideas and offers of help!

JOAN ROWSELL

Chairman- Fund Raising Committee

CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE.

The National Trust is to receive a National Estates Grant to research and document the existence in the A.C.T. of two rare and endangered plants. The plants are *Geranium obtusisepalum* Carolin and *Parantennaria uniceps* (F. Muell.) Beauverd.

Geranium obtusisepalum is a decumbent or erect perennial herb with a turnip-shaped tap root. Its flowers are pale pink, and occur during January and February.

Parantennaria uniceps is a dwarf prostrate perennial herb which usually forms mats or dense swards. Its flowers are cream and occur from January to February.

The Trust has been very fortunate to engage Dr John Beggs, CSIRO, as consultant and he will conduct field studies in their last-known habitat, the Brindabella Range.

Work will begin almost immediately as both plants would currently be in flower.

REGISTER OF CLASSIFIED PLACES

Work towards the publication of the Register "The Heritage of the A.C.T." is proceeding apace. We are still planning to have the register published during Heritage Week.

The Publications Committee is still accepting donations toward the cost of the publication. All donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged in the publication.

Canberra Day

Thursday 12 March 1992.

*The A.C.T. Heritage Week Committee
together with*

*The A.C.T. Churches Council
invite you to*

*An Ecumenical Church Service during the Canberra Festival
to commemorate the naming of the city of Canberra
to be held at*

*St Paul's Anglican Church, Manuka
at 8:00am.*

*Preacher: The Reverend Dr. D'Arcy Wood
President, Uniting Church of Australia.
Choir: Canberra Grammar School.*

Also to celebrate the birthday of our city the A.C.T. Heritage Week Committee invites you to The Canberra Day Ovation at 12 noon.

Light lunch will be served.

R.S.V.P. and further details;

A.C.T. Heritage Week Committee: 2825213

THE SOLDIERING COLLECTOR AND DEALER.

If the attendance figures at the recent two-day Bimbaya Museum clearance, reported at two-thousand a day, are an indication of collector interest, then this section of the market looks strong for 1992. On offer were masses of beer and whiskey bottles, safety razors, tobacco tins, flat irons, kitchen gadgets, a Japanese-made Bradman Toby-Jug, rabbit traps and a Hecla stove. Truly something for everyone, the old dairy section housing perhaps the real treasures.

On our visit a month prior to the sale, my pulse-rate raced away at the sight of a perfectly splendid nineteenth century iron double cheese press. My perfectly splendid wife, alerted to the avaricious leer of her partner, quietly suggested that the item in question was not joining all the half-buried, rusty, iron "objects" in our backyard. I grudgingly retreated, not wishing to raise the contentious topic of "my" precious backyard. Goodness, any serious collector will tell you that they would fade away and die if deprived of a tidy little shed or two with the odd corner reserved for neat piles of "things" that will benefit mankind and surely come in handy some day!! All collectors must be alerted to the threat within of the "don't walk on the grass" and "manicure or bust brigade" of backyardists. If the brave collector is set upon and cornered by a group of these nihilistic types, the defender can retaliate and do a "Mollison" which is becoming an acceptable way of vegetating the backyard. The ensuing jungle will then provide lots of hidey-holes for the collector's treasures.

Good news! All but a handful of the Bimbaya Museum's one-

thousand, six-hundred and forty-nine (approximately) lots were sold.

The Bimbaya bottle collection reminded me of a recent winter business trip to Tasmania. Within seven hours of driving off the ferry in Devonport we had visited no less than twelve "antique" shops on our rather zig-zag route South. At least nine of these establishments had large collections of bottles - beer, cordial and whatever - and very little else. Now this may be a heavenly place for the avid bottle collector, but it is one area of collecting of which I have absolutely no knowledge. Some dealers have tried to educate me in the complexities of the medium, but I leave it to the esoteric few.

The absence of even "middle-of-the-road" stock startled us. Most shops were padded out with craft items in local timbers, woollens, and the ubiquitous felt mice. Items in Pine, both new and oldish, were plentiful, as were the lower-order container items. Several dealers confirmed that containers of shipping-goods from the U.K. were their life-blood as the supplies of good colonial items had dried-up after the boom!

The purpose of this trip was our interest in two estate auction sales in Hobart and Launceston and as luck would have it, both were to be held within a week of each other.

Our view day in Hobart of the late Martin Roosma collection was one of excitement and great optimism. The offering was of good quality and my confidence grew as the day progressed, as no other mainland dealers in our particular

field had shown. The local dealers were swarming around the furniture, showing little, if any, interest in the oriental wares. The advent of sale day was another story. Yes, you guessed it; if a band had been present they would have played "Hey, hey, the gang's all here". Not everyone had made the trip, but the presence of two well-connected commission buyers and assorted Melbourne "heavies" kept everyone honest.

A small place, Tassie, and news travels fast, especially amongst the trade, who on our return to the North welcomed us into their back stock-rooms to view their summer tourist stock. After all, we were the mainland couple who paid a small fortune for a strange Chinese bowl!!

Now that more and more people are collecting antiques for useful furnishing and decoration of their homes, they have the additional benefit of an enjoyable alternative investment. Lower interest rates and our aerobic dollar will ensure an increase of collectors into a market with not enough quality items to satisfy demand. The clever buyer in 1992 will ignore the ample supply of dull, lesser items and patiently search for quality. In doing so, the clever buyer will become a clever collector and reap the benefits and joys of the brilliance, colour, feel, original eccentricity and mastery of the past.

Happy collecting.

Michael Jones
Manuka Antiques

Member of the Antique Dealers Association of N.S.W.

MEMBERS NIGHT AT THE NATIONAL FILM AND SOUND ARCHIVE

In 1938 Ken Hall produced a popular and profitable film which has been described as a family entertainment and satire on social values. It was called "Mr Chedworth Steps Out". The role of Chedworth was written specifically for Cecil Kellaway who interrupted his Hollywood contract with RKO to return briefly to Australia to make this film. His portrayal of Chedworth is done with a pathos and genial sense of humour which give the film a strong and endearing quality.

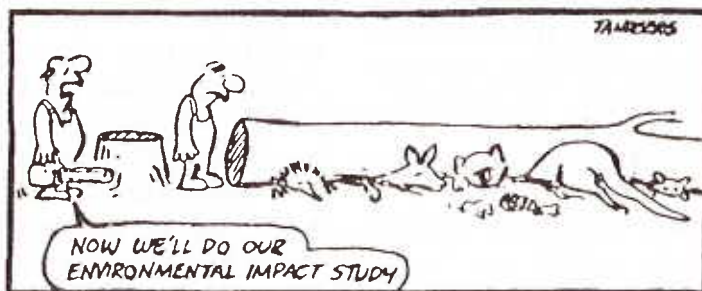
This film will be shown at a Members night for the National Trust at the National Film and

Sound Archive on Thursday 26th March 1992, at 6.30 pm. Light refreshments will be served in the National Film and Sound Archive courtyard. It will be an excellent opportunity for new members of the National Trust to meet other members of the Trust and to find out more about the

roles of the National Trust and the National Film and Sound Archive.

There will be no charge for the evening for members and guests.

Please phone acceptance to the National Trust (281 0711) by 23 March 1992.



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WALKING TOURS IN EUROPE

Sherpa Expeditions, represented in Canberra by Adventure Travel (Harvey World Travel – Canberra Arcade), corner of Alinga and Marcus Clarke Streets, Civic, have

copies of their new brochures which include walking holidays in France and several other areas of Europe. If you would like to join a Sherpa Walking Holiday here are some helpful suggestions.

Sherpa suggests that this is a holiday for people who regularly walk or take exercise. It is as well to ensure you are fit beforehand by taking some challenging walks at home.

Baggage is transported between accommodation stops by taxi for you. Breakfast

and dinner is included but lunch is at your own arrangement. Personal equipment should include a lightweight day-pack for lunch, water, spare sweater, map etc. and a lightweight water bottle (say one litre). Boots, trainers, or walking shoes are acceptable. Also essential: a torch, a good compass, waterproof trousers or over trousers, an anorak or raincoat. Sweater, warm shirts, and soft shoes for evenings. Your checklist will probably include camera, binoculars, bird and flower books and a diary. Inquiries to 247 3899.

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\$45.00 Each (All Inclusive, Except Morning Tea).

Total Enclosed \$

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Please specify whether double, twin single or other

I will be driving the following make of car

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