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HAILS AND FAREWELLS

A major shock hit the Trust Office late last year. After five years of dedicated service Jo Anne Devenish (nee Etheredge) announced that she would be leaving us on 4 March this year. She is going off to work with her husband Justin in the family business, Home Hardware, in Queanbeyan.

Members who have been in contact with the office over the past five years will know how valuable she has been and how much work she has put into keeping the office running smoothly through two changes of Executive Officer and many other stresses and strains. Volunteers in particular will be aware of her thoughtfulness, efficiency and unfailing good humour. She will be greatly missed. Our heartfelt thanks and best wishes go to her.

After the Executive Officer had been revived from the shock of Jo Anne's announcement (tranquillisers, sympathy and copious amounts of strong coffee, plus lots of Kleenex tissues were required), the Council agreed that two people were needed to replace her—well, almost, in fact the Council agreed that work loads in the office had reached the point where two part timers (each at 80% of full time) were required. Hence the advertisement in the November Trust News.

The outcome of the process is two new faces in the Trust office, belonging to Leona Latcham and Kristine Bendall. Leona and Kristine are extremely competent and very keen to give the best service to members. Both have been members of the Trust for some time so they know, from the other side so to speak, what members expect from the office.

NEW MEMBERS

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) extends a very 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.

Dr S. Ahern, Hawker
Mr & Mrs G. Anderson, Canberra City
Mr J. Barnes, Queanbeyan
Ms J. Baskin, Manuka
Mr & Mrs P. Birch, Gowrie
Ms R. Blundell, Hawker
Mrs C. Bonnar, Hawker
Mr J. Cameron, Oxley
Mr N. Catchlove, Watson
Mrs R. Cavuoto, Higgins
Ms L. Cooper, Narrabundah
Ms J. Davis, Dalmeny (NSW)
Mr & Mrs M. Eggleton, Yarralumla
Miss C. Elliott, Wamboin
Mr B. Fitzpatrick, Rivett
Mr & Mrs D. Francis, Griffith
Miss S. Fry, Duffy
Mr H. Goode, Pearce
Dr M. Hartley, Rivett
Ms J. Hayhurst, Macquarie
Miss S. Howse, Deakin
Miss J. Kelly, Pialligo
Ms L. Lewington, Latham

Mr & Mrs C. Lomas, Chapman
Mr & Mrs N. Maxwell, Kaleen
Mr & Mrs J. Milthorpe, Narrabundah
Ms K. Nesser, Oxley
Miss S. Newman, Fisher
Ms J. Olah, Ainslie
Mrs P. Parrett, Bruce
Mr & Mrs K. Paule
Ms E. Perkin, Aranda
Mr P. Piggins, Corowa (NSW)
Mrs B. Pratt, Aranda
Mr & Mrs P. Robbins, Aranda
Mrs R. Rodda, Chapman
Mr & Mrs D. Royle, Yarralumla
Ms E. Ryan, North Lyneham
Mr J. Sandford, Garrahan
Mr & Mrs G. Shaw, Birkdale (QLD)
Miss J. Spalding, Watson
Ms S. Spurr, Griffith
Ms R. Stevens, Jamison
Ms C. Tintner, Monash
Mr R., Towns, Campbell
Ms H. Tregoning, Waramanga
Ms J. Willemsen, Red Hill
Mr & Mrs Willoughby-Green, Seven Hills (NSW)
Ms R. Wilson, Stirling
J. Wingfield, Waramanga

A NEW VENTURE FOR THE TRUST

On 15 December (in the middle of the Christmas Volunteers Luncheon at the Trust Office) we received a very welcome telephone call. It was Australian Estate Management (an offshoot of the Commonwealth Department of Administrative Services) calling to tell us that we had been successful with our tender for the licence to operate the Tourist Shop at Old Parliament House.

This new venture is, we believe, a major step forward for the Trust. Old Parliament House had 100,000 visitors in its first year of operation and the staff there tell us that many of the visitors asked whether there was a shop. The Trust has offered, on several occasions, to run a shop there so when public tenders were invited we reacted immediately and are delighted that we were successful with our bid.

The project has, of course, taken an enormous effort to get off the ground, not the least because Australian Estate Management (AEM) asked us whether it would be possible to open during January. This faced us with fitting out the shop, staffing it and stocking it at a time when most of the suppliers (both shopfitters and the people who provide the stock we sell) had shut down for Christmas. Our response to AEM was that we would do our best but...; so we set ourselves the target of opening on Australia Day and "got stuck into it."

We have been helped tremendously by the loan from the W.A. Trust of Mr Robin Archer, their retailing manager. Robin's extensive experience in retail trade has been invaluable in helping us to equip, fit out and stock the shop and to recruit staff, including the new

manager Mr Michael Maloney. We also had a lot of help from the Australian Council of National Trusts (including a loan of \$35,000), the marketing managers from the N.S.W. and Victorian Trust and the Trust movement generally. In return we hope to use the shop to promote the National Trust movement throughout Australia.

Australian Estate management has been extremely cooperative. We have been allowed to "re-cycle" furniture from Old Parliament House to fit out the shop in a style which matches the rest of the building (this also, incidentally, has saved a lot of money) and staff at Old Parliament House have been most welcoming. The fit-out of the shop was designed by another Commonwealth business, Interiors Australia, which was very helpful because they knew the ins and outs of Old Parliament House and had the contacts to smooth out any bureaucratic bumps.

We met the target and Senator Bob McMullan, Minister for Arts and Administrative Services, opened the new shop at 10.30 am on 26 January 1994.

Now all we have to do is make the whole thing work!

Our contract requires us to have the shop open 364 days of the year, from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm each day. We will have paid staff on duty every day but will need lots of volunteers if the shop is to make money for the Trust. If you would like to volunteer to work in the shop regularly or occasionally, please call Michael Maloney on 2734744. Remember every hour you put in as a volunteer is as good as a cash donation to the Trust.

GOVERNMENT SELLS LANYON TO RESORT DEVELOPER!!

"The Minister for Urban Development announced today that the A. C. T. Government had accepted an offer from Ivor Lottabucks, managing director of a well known international holiday resort company, to purchase a substantial area of land south of Tuggeranong, including Lanyon Homestead, for the development of a new luxury holiday resort for overseas tourists".

Only joking, of course, but did you know that there were proposals at one time to sell Lanyon, before it was turned into a Museum and that it was the activities of the National Trust which were very largely responsible for making sure that Lanyon was kept for its present purpose. The National Trust is still, of course, actively involved in Lanyon and many other historic buildings and natural areas; actively trying to conserve Australia's heritage.

A recent Morgan survey indicated that the general public is aware of the National Trust and is supportive of its activities, but most people assume that the National Trust is a government agency. The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) constructed an advertising campaign, containing information similar to that shown above, based on the fictitious sale of Como. The advertising campaign aimed to highlight to the public that the National Trust is not a government agency but is a non-profit community organisation which needs public support. Maybe the National Trust of Australia (ACT) should do something similar to increase membership, sponsorship and donations.

You can help the Trust overcome this misapprehension by taking every opportunity to tell friends and acquaintances about the Trust and the benefits of membership, emphasising that it is NOT a government agency.

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ANNA MOREING—EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE

So much to learn, so much to see, so much to do. That is what the Educational and Cultural Committee is all about. Trying to expand the horizons of each of us by the use of a full and varied program of educational and cultural activities.

As chair of this Committee I hope to bring together the interests, background and expertise of not only Committee members but all Trust members, their families and their friends in formulating our program.

But who is this person—the Chair. Let me introduce myself. My name is Anna Moreing, I am married and by profession I am a bank officer. I am also a first generation Australian. My parents have called

Australia home since 1947. Like many, I am proud of the opportunities that I have had by growing up in this land; the chance to grow and expand as a person which I may not have had if I grew up elsewhere; the chance to choose, to learn, to explore not only about this sunburnt land but also about the cultural mix that is Australia.

The National Trust gives us all the opportunity to discover who we are and what we are entrusted to look after in Australia, so please, take the opportunity to be a part of the program planned by the Educational and Cultural Committee so you too can learn, see and do.

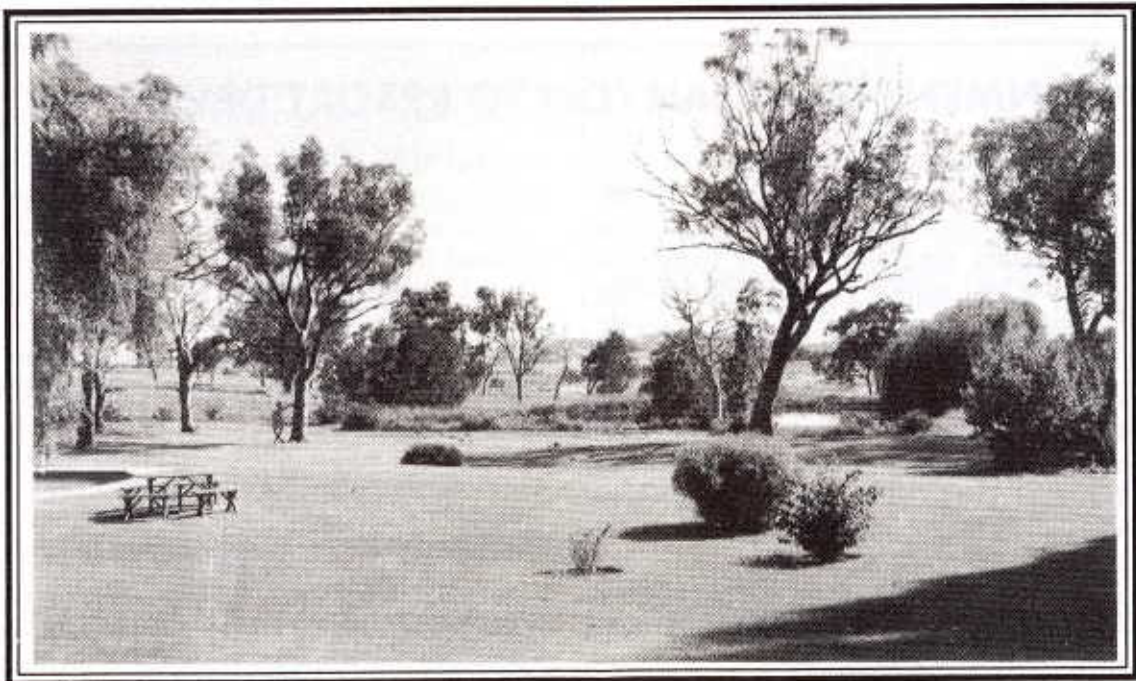
CLASSIFICATION NEWS

The Trust Council has recently classified the homestead garden of Huntly, owned by John Gale. Many members will be familiar with the garden as through the Gale's hospitality it has traditionally been the venue for the Trust Christmas cocktail party.

The block, (block 426 Stromlo) was first owned by Captain E.H. Cliffe, an owner and master of trading ships. He took up the land in the 1830s at about the same time that Captain Charles Sturt took up 5000

acres of land opposite Huntly which is overlooked from the Huntly garden. Sturt's land was given to him in recognition of his work in exploring the Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers.

Cliffe's land, known as Cliffe's paddock, was acquired by Frederick Campbell in the 1880s together with other land in the area not already owned by Yarralumla. The land was resumed with other parts of Yarralumla in 1913 by the Commonwealth Government.



The area was given over to soldier settlement after the First World War and subsequently Block 426 was leased by L W G Lee. Lee was instrumental in having soldier settler grants extended for himself and eleven other soldier settlers after the system had wound down. They were the last to receive such grants in the ACT for that war. Mr Lee is also known for having experimented with liver fluke treatment on his holding.

The leases of the soldier settlers in this area were determined in the early 1930s. Many found their blocks too small for economic operation; this may have been the case in this instance.

In 1932-3 several soldier settler blocks were leased by N & K Milson and consolidated into the property now known as Huntly, the name of a town in Aberdeen shire. Three Milson brothers had formerly operated Uriarra property with their father. Block 426, then Block 7, was leased by N Milson who with his wife built the house, since enlarged by Mr John Gale, and moved Lee's original house from a ridge to the west down to a site next to the main house. This is now known as the cook's house. A small garden was developed by Mr Milson, of which only remnants remain.

The Gale family became the owners in 1956. Mr John Gale and his uncles were, with other family members, the main members of the company under which



Huntly is operated. Since the death of his uncles Mr John Gale has become the major shareholder. He has lived on the property since 1956.

As the garden has developed it has been in increasing demand for events. As a matter of policy Mr Gale has made it available for fund raising activities for charitable organisations since his occupation, many of which have held functions in the garden and house. A number of cultural events take place there on an ongoing basis. The garden is now open regularly as part of the Open Garden Scheme.

The beauty of the garden, set in a lovely landscape, is such that the Commonwealth Government uses it to entertain visiting dignitaries. The heads of Government visiting Australia for CHOGM lunched there and Prince Charles has been entertained. Mrs Hawke entertained there in her official capacity as the

Prime Minister's wife on a number of occasions.

The statement of significance on the classification is 'The garden and surrounding paddocks of the homestead represent the gardener's art at its best merging the developed garden into its surrounding cultural landscape in such a way that they seem one at the edges. The garden is representative of the best of twentieth century gardening. It is designed by John Gale the present owner, with some elements of the earlier 1930-50s Milson garden still apparent. It is valued by the community being the locale for many community and government events.'

The full nomination, plus a comprehensive garden plan prepared by Miss Judith Baskin, is available from the Trust office.

Classified—in the Trust's opinion the site is ESSENTIAL to the heritage of Australia and MUST be preserved.

ARE YOU 18-40?

Are you concerned about the conservation of Australia's heritage? Would you like to do something about it, and have fun at the same time? You would, then the Young Trust is for you.

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) currently does not have a Young Trust, but we are very keen to get one started. Most states have a Young Trust that provides activities directed at younger members such as bushwalking, winery tours, theatre outings and other social gatherings. The members of the Young Trusts are also important contributors to working bees and fund raising activities.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Young Trust please let us know by writing or ringing Leona at the National Trust office on (06)281 0711.

HELP WANTED—YOUR TRUST NEEDS YOU!

The next few months are going to be busy for the Trust with both the Antique and Heritage Fairs. There is also the running of our new Old Parliament House Gift Shop. So the need for volunteer workers is not diminished.

OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE GIFT SHOP

1994 heralds a new era for the National Trust (ACT) with the opening of Old Parliament House Gift Shop. A more detailed article on this venture is contained in this edition of Trust News. However we need volunteers to keep the shop operational. The work should be interesting with the constant flow of both national and international tourists. Anyone who would be interested in volunteering some of their time please call Michael Maloney on 273 4744.

ANTIQUE FAIR

The Antique Fair is on again from Friday 18 March through to Monday 21 March. A separate flyer included in this edition of Trust News provides more detail. BUT as always we need volunteers to help with:

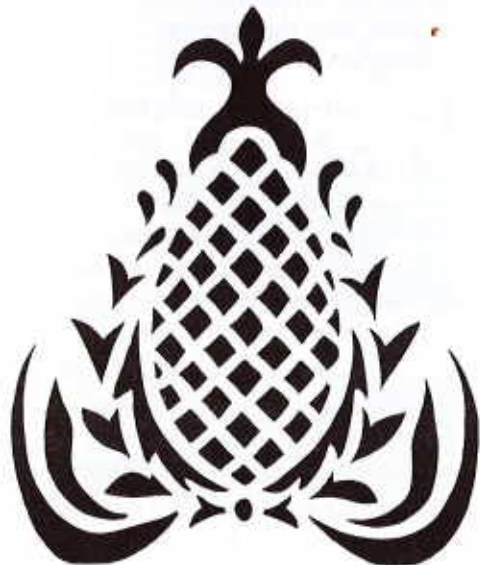
- ❖ Catering (providing some of the food and/or working in the canteen)
- ❖ working at the Gift Shop display
- ❖ selling raffle tickets
- ❖ the official opening (serving drinks and food, etc.)

If you can spare an hour or two during those four days. Contact the Trust Office (281 0711) and tell us what you would like to do and when.

ACT ALIVE

The Trust will also be manning a stall at ACT Alive on Monday 21 March. ACT Alive is run by the Canberra Festival and is an opportunity for clubs and societies in the Canberra Region to promote their activities. The Trust has participated each year with a display organised by the Education and Cultural Committee.

The 1994 ACT Alive, sponsored by Grace Bros, will be held on Monday 21 March (the Canberra Day Holiday) on the lawns near Old Parliament House, from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Combine a visit to the Trust's Antique Fair (Albert Hall, Friday 18 March to Monday 21 March) with a visit to ACT Alive and chat to our hardy band of volunteers—or, better still, volunteer an hour or so of your time to help on our stall. Please call the Trust office on 281 0711 to volunteer.



HERITAGE FAIR

The Heritage Fair is on again on 17 April 1994. More detail will be contained in the special Heritage Week edition of Trust News, however as always we need LOTS of help. If you are interested in providing some of your time and energy please contact the Trust Office on 281 0711.

ANY OLD IRON, ANY OLD IRON

What have you got that might be useful for the 'Almost Antique' stall at the Lanyon Heritage Fair?

Also books? The Trust Book stall at the Fair is a very popular stall and raises a lot of money for the Trust.

If you can help by donating items for either of these stalls please contact the Trust Office on 2810711.

ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE

Do you have any potted plants that could be sold at the 'Plant Stall' at the Lanyon Heritage Fair?

April is not the greatest month for flowers, but herbs, geraniums or any other potted plants would be appreciated.

If you think you may be able to supply some plants please contact the Trust Office on 2810711.

SINCE WE KNOW YOU ARE COMING, COULD YOU BAKE A CAKE?

Jo Collins is, once again, coordinating the cake stall. This is a great money earner for the Trust but we need the cakes to sell, so how about it?

Drop cakes, biscuits, etc. off to the Trust Office in the two or three days leading up to the Fair or notify the Office that you are bringing them out to the Fair itself (that way we know how much we will have to sell on the day.)



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SITES UNDER THREAT—TUGGERANONG HOMESTEAD

Tuggeranong Homestead holds an important niche in Australia's history as it is entwined with the writing of a large and important piece of Australian literature, the official history of Australia in the Great War of 1914–18; a legacy to the nation of twelve volumes containing over four million words.

The significance of this historical tome alone justifies the maintenance of Tuggeranong Homestead and its environs even without the significance of the homestead as part of the rural cultural history of the ACT. It should be noted that the ambiance of the homestead is as important as the homestead itself. C.E.W. Bean chose Tuggeranong Homestead thinking the quiet rural environment would allow the writing team to live and work as a unit without outside disruptions. His choice was justified as five volumes were completed in the five years at Tuggeranong. It took another fifteen years to complete the remaining seven volumes at Victoria Barracks in Sydney.

At the time of writing this article the ACT government says it is committed to maintaining the house, but the maintenance of the environs is not as assured. The Planning, Development and Infrastructure Committee had two sittings at the end of 1993 at which a number of interested parties detailed their recommendations for Tuggeranong Homestead. The Committee's report is expected to be tabled at the next parliamentary sitting which starts on 22 February 1994.

The following excerpts from an article, "Bean at Tuggeranong" published in the September 1993 edition of the Canberra Historical Journal provide further insight into the history of Tuggeranong Homestead.

"... By the end of October 1919 the official history team was in residence at Tuggeranong, accompanied by the crates and boxes or records and maps need to start its mammoth task. Initially, Bean had a staff of four clerks and four draughtsmen.

...The homestead was soon found to be ideal for the team's purposes. It was large (eighteen rooms with separate servant's quarters attached) and in relatively good condition, having been renovated and extended only in 1908... At the back of the house was a 60 acre paddock where the team's horses were run along with a few sheep for meat and a cow or two for milk. Water was pumped from the willow-fringed Tuggeranong Creek which ran past on corner of the homestead. While the homestead provided living quarters, as well as offices, for most of the staff, two of the married men lived with their families in small cottages located 400 metres away down the 60 acre paddock, in what was dubbed the 'suburbs'.

...The official history team remained in residence at Tuggeranong until May 1925, when consideration's of Bean's health necessitated a move."

Before finishing it would be remiss not to mention the rest of the significance of Tuggeranong Homestead.

The Homestead is the historic core of one of the oldest properties in the Southern area of Australia. The original grant was given to Thomas McQuoid, Sheriff of New South Wales. His son Hiah became the first overseer and later the owner, but was drowned when the Dunbah was wrecked in 1857. The stone barn is a survivor from that era and the pise cottage is reputed to date from then as well. Both are considered significant vernacular structures worthy of preservation.

In 1857 the property was sold to A. Cunningham and the existing homestead was built prior to James Cunningham's wedding in 1889. It consisted of eleven rooms, part pise, part slab. The new homestead was built in 1908 and consisted of sixteen new rooms and seven old rooms were retained. In 1952 the homestead was renovated extensively which accounts for its brick facade. The evolution of the Homestead and outbuildings demonstrates the various stages in the rural development of the Canberra area.

The Tuggeranong Homestead site represents part of our pastoral heritage and the surrounding paddocks that remain are an integral part of that heritage. The landscape of the property has changed little since the 1920s when the pine plantation along Rohan and Mack Streets, Richardson were planted. The historic plantings and a reasonable area of land give the Homestead a sense of place.

It is hoped the ACT Government makes appropriate acknowledgement of the significance of the Homestead in its final decision.



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PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY CUSTODIAN REPLACEMENT SCHEME AT NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

State and Territory Trust occasionally need people to fill in as custodians at properties whilst the regular custodians take annual leave or such like. Where and when necessary State and Territory Trusts have advertised for replacements during the period of absence of the regular custodians.

The proposal to establish a replacement scheme emanated from Queensland. Staff were of the view that in addition to providing assistance to the Trust, the scheme also provided the opportunity to members to do "something different" for a short period of time. For example, a week or two spent in a rural Trust property could be done as part of a more extensive interstate trip. Or alternatively, it may provide the chance for people from the bush to spend time in a metropolitan area either intra or inter state.

The recent November 1993 Australian Council of National Trusts (ACNT) Board meeting resolved to support in principle the idea of establishing a custodian replacement scheme. It was recognised that whilst the details of any scheme still need to be "worked out", it would nevertheless be worthwhile, in the first instance, in ascertaining the interest level amongst national Trust members.

It is likely that any scheme that may ultimately be developed would aim to meet the costs only of those

who acted as temporary custodians. A register or interested parties and their suitability to take on the position would have to be established, as would other administrative matters.

In order to gauge whether it is worthwhile proceeding with the idea, could you please take the time to make your views known to either:

- ❖ your local branch who in turn can advise their respective State/Territory Trust office;
- ❖ direct to an employee of your State/Territory office (preferably the individual with responsibility for property management);
- ❖ by contacting the ACNT Office (details below).

If there is support for the idea the aim would be to try and get a scheme operational in 1995. Therefore it would be appreciated if you could register your views on the proposal as early as possible in order that the ACNT Office can work with the State/Territory offices to get something started.

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INTERSTATE PROPERTIES—THE MERCHANTS' HOUSE, SYDNEY

The Merchants' House is a new property operated by The National Trust of Australia (NSW), leased from the Sydney Cove Authority. The doors will be opened to the public on the 5th of January but the house was officially opened by HRH Charles Prince of Wales on the 28th January 1994.

The Merchants' House is a rare 1848 Georgian townhouse which operates as a home for the Trust's Australian Childhood Collection and as a museum with a focus on young people. The unique collection and special building, is the only museum of its kind in Australia and follows the best examples of hands-on children's museums in America and Europe.

The house will be a place where children, their families and tourists can come for education and entertainment, with a focus on heritage and conservation. The museum will operate an extensive guided tour program as well as a variety of education programs for schools. The exhibitions and activities cover the areas of History, Architecture, Visual Arts, English, Science and Geography.

The house has been restored by consulting architects Clive Lucas Stapleton & Partners, presenting a beautiful and sympathetic treatment of the interior to the period 1850–1860. Two of the rooms have been fitted out to this period, the 1st Floor Reception Room and the Kitchen, which has a fully operational 1840s stove. Both the rooms allow one the chance to escape into the past in style and elegance. The building is in the Greek Revival style and is a combined merchants' house and store, it is the only surviving example in Sydney. It has been continuously occupied from 1848 to 1985 and has been meticulously resorted over the past two years. The building is remarkable for its beauty, integrity, and historical significance being the only intact upper middle class dwelling left in The Rocks.

The Merchants' House museum is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. The Museum/National Trust Shop is open 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm. For further information about the exhibitions, or for bookings in regard to the touring exhibition program, please contact the Curator Mr Jim Logan on (02)2415099.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION—PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee prepares, publishes and markets all the Trust publications, ranging from brochures to books. Volunteers with relevant research, editing, publishing and/or marketing skills are being sought. The Committee meets monthly (first Monday) 12:30 pm at the Trust Office, for approximately 1–1.5 hours.

If you are interested, have the time and the relevant skills please phone Danielle Hyndes at the Trust Office on 2810711.

EXPLANATION OF AN ITEM SHOWN IN THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Miss Sylvia Curley has asked the Trust to publish an explanation about an item which appears in the Trust's 1991/92 and 1992/93 Annual Reports. The item is shown in the Reports as "Project—Oral History (Miss Sylvia Curley).

This item refers to a grant received by the Trust to employ a consultant to make a series of tape recordings and a transcript of Miss Curley's recollections.

Miss Curley feels that the annual Report reference is open to an interpretation that the grant funds were paid to her. The Trust wishes to make it quite clear that the funds were paid to the consultant. No moneys were paid to Miss Curley.

HERITAGE TAX INCENTIVES PROPOSED

Parliamentary approval is expected soon for a new taxations incentives scheme, to be capped at \$1.9 million a year, which the Government has proposed to encourage the owners of heritage listed properties to carry out approved conservation work.

Under the scheme, private owners of heritage listed properties will be able to apply, through a competitive selection process, for income tax rebates of 20 cents in the dollar. Preference will be given to conservation work on heritage places that are visible or accessible to the community.

Conservation work carried out under the scheme must be valued at \$10 000 or more. This is expected to generate heritage conservation work to the value of \$9.5 million each year. The scheme will encourage more conservation projects to get underway, creating increased demand for the skills of workers from a number of traditional trades.

The eligibility criteria will be:

- ❖ Private owners of historic buildings and structures listed in the Register of the National Estate or a State/Territory statutory heritage register.
- ❖ If the building or structure is part of a precinct listing, the owner will need to demonstrate that it is integral to the cultural significance of the area.
- ❖ Conservation works (as defined by the Burra Charter) estimated to cost more than \$10 000. This could include preparation of conservation management plans provided that they are part of a proposal which includes conservation works.

Conservation works financed by a government grant or low-interest loan will be excluded from the scheme.

Priority will be given to:

- ❖ projects which are highly visible or accessible to the public;
- ❖ projects which are integral to a precinct;
- ❖ projects which show evidence of conservation planning;
- ❖ conservation works estimated to cost up to \$300 000 with an emphasis on smaller scale projects or ongoing maintenance programs;
- ❖ properties with legal protection under State/Territory legislation;
- ❖ demonstration projects which will have a significant impact and encourage others to undertake conservation works;

- ❖ applicants who can demonstrate appropriate project management;
- and
- ❖ applicants who can make substantial progress on their projects within 12 months of approval to enter the scheme.

Further information is available on the scheme from:

Alex Marsden
Australian Heritage Commission
(06) 271 2111

In last February's edition of Trust News we highlighted this project noting that the National Trust movement was keen to get it approved. It is good to see that the Government is doing something positive (even if it took some persuading) to conserve our heritage and at the same time reduce the unemployment problem.

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You can relive the experience (particularly if you visit Northern England in Winter!) by visiting Hadrian's Wall and Housesteads Fort in Northumbria. As a member of the National Trust of Australia (ACT) you have free access to both Hadrian's Wall and Housesteads Fort and Museum, through our reciprocal visiting rights with National Trust (UK) and English Heritage.

The National Trust (UK) owns 6 miles of Wall including the stretch from Steel Rigg to Housesteads and Housesteads itself and the Fort and the Museum are in the Guardianship of English Heritage. Housesteads Fort is the best preserved of the Roman Wall Forts

with areas such as the latrines (and associated plumbing) and the Roman floor heating system still in place.

Housesteads Fort is located 6m NE of Haltwhistle, 4m N of Bardon Mill railway station; 0.5m N of B6318; best access from car parks at Housesteads and Steel Rigg. Buses are available via the Rochester & Marshall 890 Hadrian's Wall summer service. The nearest rail station is Bardon Mill which is 4m from the site.

Further details on Hadrian's Wall and Housesteads Fort are contained in the National Trust (UK) Handbook (copies are available from the National Trust Office at 6 Geils Crt, Deakin). If you require more information on Hadrian's Wall, visit or ring the Trust Office on 2810711.

LASSETTERS COMMERCIAL REVIEW, 1902

REPRODUCTION NOW AVAILABLE

The volunteers of The Cottage, Canberra & District Historical Society, have made a master photocopy of the 1902 Lassetters shop catalogue in our collection. This illustrated catalogue of a 'universal provider' is a brilliant insight into the goods available for all purposes from eating to sleeping, working to entertaining, and living to dying in Australia at the turn of the century. We use a copy for school group and visitor interpretation in The Cottage, as well as for research into historic objects in our collection—thus making this fascinating document accessible while conserving the increasingly fragile original.

The original catalogue is 1112 pages; the photocopied version (A4 size, 2 original pages/A4 page, doublesided) has been spiral-bound into three volumes for easy use. Further copies can be produced for \$110 each, plus postage. Postage in the ACT costs \$6.

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Musically minded members will remember, with great pleasure, the Capella Corelli concert held in Kings Hall, Old Parliament House in January 1993.

A Capella Corelli C.D. is now available and it includes the program from the Kings Hall concert.

The special price for National Trust members is \$25 (shop price \$29). Copies can be obtained from the Trust office, Trust gift shops or direct from Capella Corelli by phoning Mrs Jill Downer on 295 1683.

Postscript: As noted previously, at the January recital some members of the audience approached the maker of the harpsicord to investigate the possibility of purchasing one of his instruments for Canberra. If you were one of these persons, or know who they might be, could you please ring 2951683.

WALKS AND TOURS PROGRAM

The Walks and Tours Program continues to grow from strength to strength.

Last year, total attendance at the 13 activities held was 454 and the National Trust benefited to the extent of over \$4000. Significant additional benefits obviously accrue to the Trust from sustained and new membership subscriptions.

Following the enthusiastic response to the Montague Island and the South-East Victoria tours, the 1994 program will attempt to offer a greater number of extended tours than in 1993, whilst still retaining low cost walks and one day tours. Discussions are being held with a number of travel agents which could enable more ambitious tours to be offered in due course.

In addition to bookings for planned tours, the enclosed Application Form seeks positive expressions of interest, by payment of a refundable deposit of \$10 per person, for three potential tours:

Sun 14 to Sun 21 August—Heritage Tour of Southern Queensland, being organised by Travellers for the After-Hours Committee of the NSW National Trust (the same group who went to Yass last June and are coming to Dubbo this April). The itinerary ranges from Coolangatta through Brisbane to Gympie and Maryborough, with time for whale watching at Hervey Bay. Details next Trust News. 15 places reserved for this Trust. Indicated cost by air ex Sydney approximately \$2100 per person plus \$400 single supplement.

Sat 3 to Sun 4 September—Charter flight by DC3 from Canberra to Lake Mungo, World Heritage site to the west of Hay. The indicated cost of \$625 per person twin share (\$650 for a maximum of 4 singles) includes comfortable overnight motel style accommodation, all meals and refreshments, an aboriginal guide and all ground transport to archaeological and photographic sites. 20 to 25 deposits required by end March to establish viability.

26 November to 2 December—a repeat of the recent highly successful South-East Victoria tour for those who missed out or wished they had gone.

Some other dates to reserve:

Weekend 4/5 June—first of several planned tours to the historic parts of Sydney.

Sunday 3 July—a walk to Red Rocks Gorge.

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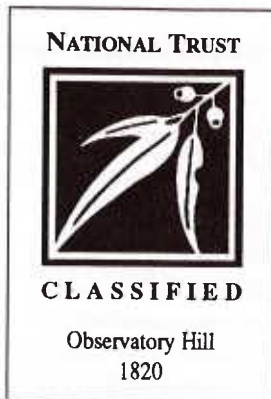
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Six Victorian, high back Jacobean style chairs.

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