



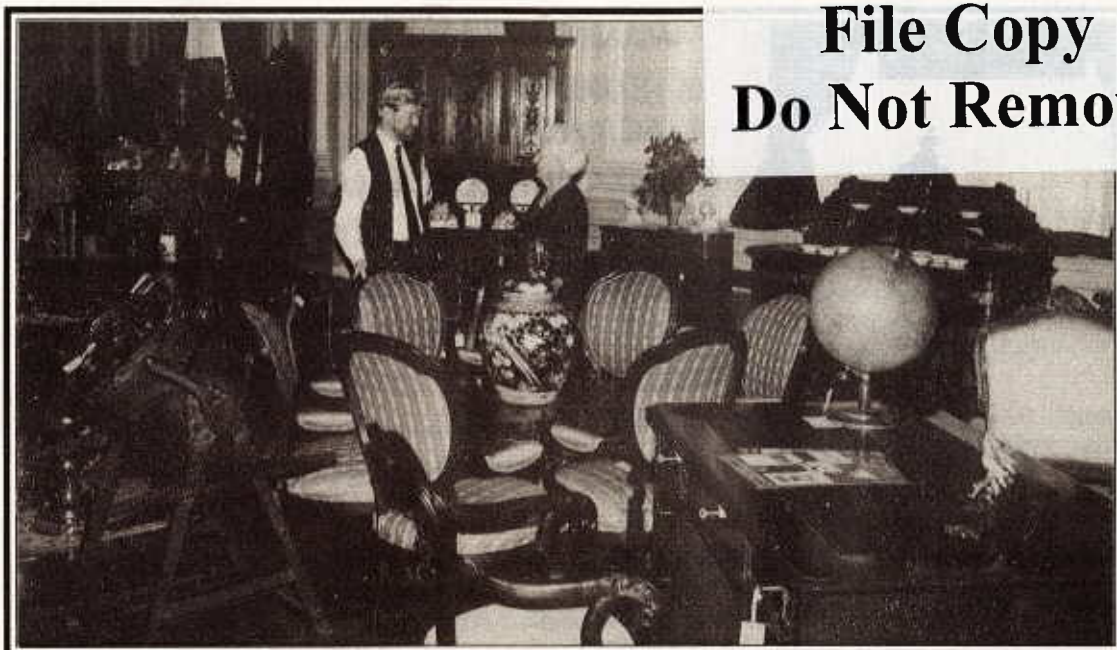
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NEW MEMBERS

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.

Mr & Mrs E & M Arney, Belconnen
Mr & Mrs P & K Bailey, Red Hill
Ms E Begbie, Bungendore
Ms S Begbie, Bungendore
Mrs M Benzie, Fadden
Mr & Mrs A & C Black, Devonport
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Miss H O'Callaghan, Palmerston
Ms V O'Neill, Calwell
Mr E J Oriel, Narrabundah
Mrs E Pelling, Waramanga
Mrs A Phillips, Lyneham
Miss M Pitt & Miss K Britcliffe, Cook
Mr M Proud, Cook
Mrs E E Quinlivan, Ainslie
Mr W Readford, North Ryde
Mr & Mrs R & C Richards, Hawker
Mr & Mrs S & J Robertson, Dickson
Mr & Mrs L & D Scully, Eraring
Mrs A & Dr G See, Macarthur
Mr & Mrs M & B Simpson, Kambah
Mr & Mrs B & E Smillie, Duffy
Mr & Mrs R & R Stainer, Torrens
Mr & Mrs R M & R Stewart, Forrest
Mr P Taft, Ngunnawal
Mrs B Thearle, Red Hill
Mr & Mrs J Trebeck, Forrest
Miss B Wilkin, Kurrajong
Mr & Mrs J & D Williams, Deakin
Mr & Mrs A & M Williams, Weetangera
Ms E Wilson, Red Hill
Mr J Wilson, Mawson
Miss E Woolford, Braddon



SALE OF 6 GEILS COURT

Visitors to the Trust office will have seen the "For Sale" sign outside the front of the building. Yes, we are selling the building.

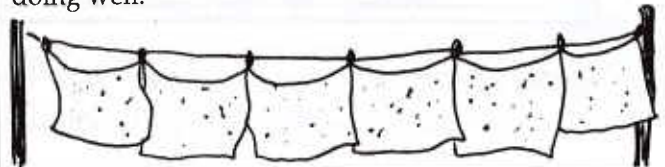
The Council of the Trust decided in December last year that we could no longer afford to live with a mortgage which has been consuming a disproportionate amount of our cash flow. We were, in effect, paying around \$40,000 per year to "rent" our office space, and had, over the past seven years, only managed to pay off \$3,000 of our mortgage. Even though the membership numbers have grown rapidly in recent years the consequent increase in income has been offset by a considerable decline in income from other sources.

Where are we moving to? We don't know yet, but are considering a range of options from renting space, buying a unit or even a house somewhere, or hopefully, persuading the ACT Government to find us some

space. The President has met with the new Minister, Mr Gary Humphries, and we are hopeful that suitable space can be found in a "recycled" building in a reasonably central location. Watch this space. We'll keep you posted.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jo-Anne Devenish (and her husband Justin) are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl on 19 March 1995. Danielle Joan Devenish arrived a little early weighing in at a petite 4 lb 4oz. Both mother and daughter are doing well.



1995 NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS' CONFERENCE— 27-30 APRIL

In April 1995 the National Trust movement in Australia will celebrate the achievement of conserving Australia's heritage for the past 50 years. To celebrate this milestone, the National Trust (NSW) is proud to be hosting the first ever national Members' Conference in Sydney.

A number of provocative and prominent speakers have been invited. They will include: Phillip Adams, Andrew Andersons, Helen Armstrong, Virginia Chadwick, Jacques Dailbard, Maria Delores Almeida da Cunha, Robert Hughes, Peter Garrett, Wolfgang Grimm, Prime Minister Paul Keating, Clive Lucas, John Mant, Caroline Meadows, Noel Pearson, Sir Ninian Stephen, Sharon Sullivan, Howard Tanner, Helen Temple, David Yenken, plus prominent speakers from National Trusts throughout Australia.

HELP WANTED—YOUR TRUST NEEDS YOU

LANYON GIFT SHOP

Lanyon Gift Shop is desperately in need of volunteers, particularly during week days and on Sundays. If you can help PLEASE call the Trust Office on 281 0711 or Marjory Gallagher on 281 4284 between 5.00pm and 8.00pm.

LANYON GUARDIANS

After the article in the November Trust News a number of people volunteered to be Lanyon Guardians, however there is still a need for more. All that is involved for guardians is a willingness to learn about the history, furnishing, interpretation and presentation of Lanyon and to attend an occasional training session; an outgoing personality (ie. being able to talk to total strangers of all ages!); and a commitment to a three

hour slot on the roster once a month (or more—your choice). In return for providing Guardians, the Trust receives a share of the admission charges to the Homestead. This income is used to buy furniture and other items for the homestead and is now the only source of finance for the enhancement of the display. If you are able to help please contact the Trust office on 281 0711 with details as to which days/hours you could be available.

ANY ARTICLES?

Have you been on a heritage walk, visited an interesting Trust site or attended a Trust function lately? If so, we would like to hear about it, and would appreciate reviews or comments for publication in the newsletter. Knowing how members feel about Trust activities means we can better plan future activities to please our members.



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SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1995 ACT HERITAGE WEEK ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY 22 APRIL, 'UNFOLDING BUSHFOLD'

Joint Kosciusko Huts Association/National Parks Association activity. A bushwalk for people with some walking experience, this trip will visit Bushfold near Mt Tennent, some of which has only recently become part of Namadgi National Park. We'll see two 1950s huts, and several hut ruins—some dating back to the 1880s. Impressive views, possible side trip to Blue Gum Creek. About 15 kilometres mostly on tracks, some level, some steep.

Bookings and details: Matthew Higgins 2477285 (numbers limited).

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL, 'THE BRINDABELLAS: A LITTLE HISTORY OF OUR BIG RANGE'

Joint National Trust/Kosciusko Huts Association/National Parks Association/Canberra and District Historical Society activity. Matthew Higgins, in a selection of slides and extracts from oral history interviews, looks at some of the major themes in the European history and heritage of the beautiful Brindabellas, including grazing, water catchment

protection, border survey, brumby-running, skiing and forestry.

Venue: National Trust rooms, 6 Geils Court, Deakin, 7.30pm; \$5 entry includes supper, proceeds to Trust, CDHS, NPA and KHA. May be repeated on the following night if sufficient interest.

Bookings: National Trust 2810711.

SATURDAY 29 APRIL, 'FOUR FORESTRY SITES IN THE NORTHERN BRINDABELLAS'

Joint National Parks Association/Kosciusko Huts Association activity. A leisurely drive/bushwalk visiting a 1932 arboretum, the ruins of a 1934 sawmill, the site of the ACT's highest former forestry settlement, and the remains of what was the ACT's most unusual firepower. Lots of history, beautiful trees and some very good views. Only about 5 kilometres walking (drive between sites).

Bookings and details: Matthew Higgins 2477285 (numbers limited).

Other activities are listed in the Heritage Week brochure which has been included with this copy of Trust News.

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HERITAGE TOUR TO ENGLAND

The National Trust of Australia (W.A.) is to conduct a 17 day heritage escorted tour to England, Wales and Scotland departing Perth on 1 August 1995. The tour has been arranged to celebrate the Centenary of The National Trust (UK). A special function will be arranged by the Trust in England to welcome the tour and to provide tour members with an understanding of the Trusts history, current activities and plans for the future. A Davis Tours Professional Tour Escort will be on hand to assist you throughout your holiday, ensuring that tour members get the very best from the stimulating weeks spent exploring, learning, sightseeing and relaxing in England, Scotland and Wales.

The all inclusive fare is \$4,213.00 per person twin share.

Included in this price is

- ❖ full English breakfast
- ❖ five table d'hote three course dinners in hotels
- ❖ highlight restaurant dinners in Glasgow and Harrogate (seven dinners in total)
- ❖ twin share rooms with private facilities
- ❖ travel bag and wallet containing comprehensive tour documents
- ❖ the services of a professional tour director
- ❖ direct flights to London and return flying Royal Brunei
- ❖ two nights accommodation in London pre tour
- ❖ two nights in London post tour
- ❖ eleven days coach touring

Brochures containing additional information are held at the National Trust of Australia (ACT) office at 6 Geils Court, Deakin.

EXPORTING HERITAGE EXPERTISE

From 'Smarts', a quarterly newsletter published by the Industry and Export Development Section of the Department of Communication and the Arts, comes news of an initiative to share Australia's expertise in materials conservation and cultural heritage management with our Asian neighbours.

In 1994 the Department of Communication and the Arts, in conjunction with the Australian Heritage Commission, developed the idea of a project designed to export facets of the Australian heritage industry to Asia. The first stage was managed by Kate Cowie of the Department, on secondment to the Australian Heritage Commission. Her brief was to assess the potential of the heritage industry for export, and to devise strategies for its development. Part of this work involved organising workshops for heritage industry representatives interested in exporting their expertise to Asia. These were held last October.

The heritage export program has initial funding for two years, and plans to export expertise in the fields of materials conservation, the built heritage, the museum sector, and archives. One possible plan is to establish a heritage industry database managed by the above two organisations, and to be eventually published as an international directory.

Two who attended in October were Guy Petherbridge, Senior Preservation Policy Advisor, Australian Archives and Graham Brooks of Schwager, Brooks and Partners, a firm of architects and planners. Guy Petherbridge provides heritage preservation advice to

governments, national cultural institutions, and non-government organisations. He works currently as a consultant to the National Archives of Fiji, Malaysia and Singapore, and his skills are increasingly being sought throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Professor Petherbridge advocates setting up training programs in Asian countries to eventually eliminate their dependence on others.

It is acknowledged that selling expertise can pose difficulties. The vendor's motives in selling this expertise can vary. Some want to aid third world countries; some to seek new markets; but the majority simply want to share best practices with others in their fields. Another difficulty is the diversity of Asian cultures and customs, and their varying attitudes to heritage conservation.

Graham Brooks is an specialist on the conservation of the built environment, and is actively involved with several groups concerned with conservation principles including the Asia-Pacific Network for Urban Conservation (AWPNUC), and both US and Australian ICOMOS. After attendance at the recent AWPNUC conference in Hanoi, and travels to several other Asian countries, he is happy to report that urban heritage conservation work is gaining an increasingly high profile in many of these countries.

It will be interesting to see how this project develops over the coming two years, and how the initiatives developed are accepted by our Asian neighbours.

INTERNATIONAL RECIPROCAL RIGHTS AGREEMENTS FOR NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS

Word has been received that more of the world's outstanding historic sites are now available free to Trust members through the Australian National Trust Movement's Reciprocal Rights Program. On presentation of your membership card, free entry to sites in the following countries is available.

BAHAMAS

The Bahamas National Trust, PO Box N4105, Nassau. The Trust has twelve National Parks, beautiful natural areas known world-wide including the Iguana National Park—the site of the world's largest breeding colony of West Indian flamingos. Visit the Exuma Cay Land and Sea Park to see the breathtaking marine environment, or adventure in to the longest known underwater cave and cavern system in the world at Lucayan National Park.

BARBADOS

The Barbados National Trust, Ronald Tree House, 10th Avenue, Belleville, St Michael. The Trust owns and operates five properties.

BERMUDA

The Bermuda National Trust, PO Box HM61, Hamilton 5 HMAX. View historic house museums, including Tucker House with its notable collection of Bermudian furniture, portraits and silver, or walk through nature reserves to unspoiled marshlands.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands, PO Box 10, George Town, Grand Cayman. The Trust owns eighteen natural and historic sites including the Mountain Reserve containing a rich variety of plant and animal species, the historic Walter Cemetery fascinating for its house-shaped grave markers, and the ruins of Fort George (c. 1790).

FIJI

National Trust for FIJI, PO Box 2089, Government Buildings, Suva. The Fiji Trust issues permits to visit the Iguana sanctuary situated on a remote island, or why not see places like the archaeological site at Sigatoka Sand Dunes.

GUERNSEY

The National Trust of Guernsey, 26 Cornet Street, St Peter Port, Guernsey, GY1 1LF. Enjoy walks along wooded tracks and cliff-lands with magnificent views

to St Peter Port and the Islands of Herm, Jethou and Sark. The Folk Museum, dating from the late 18th century, and a virtually intact Victorian shop, on the ground floor of the Trust's headquarters, will also delight the visitor.

JAPAN

Japan National Trust, 414 Marunouchi Bldg. 4-1 Marunouchi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan. The Trust owns seven properties including the famous mediaeval Daijon Temple Gardens, the Shirakawa Village Gassho-style houses (a sample of Japan's traditional houses), and the Old Katsuragi Road Heritage Centre which is located on an ancient road abounding in history and romance.

MALAYSIA

Heritage of Malaysia Trust, PO Box 11432, 50746 Kuala Lumpur. Contact the Trust prior to your visit for locations of noteworthy historic sites.

NETHERLANDS

The Gelderland Trust for Historic Houses, Kasteel Zypendaal, Zypendaalseweg 44, 6814 CL Arnhem. Visit charming 18th century Zypendaal House, Arnhem and enjoy its 19th century park, or other historic sites like Cannenburch Castle, Vaassen, built by the notorious Fieldmarshal Marten van Rossem (1489-1555).

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Historic Places Trust, PO Box 2629, Wellington. Many historic sites await the traveller, like Mangungu Mission House—the location of the second big gathering for the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, and Antrim House built 1905-6, now the headquarters of the Historic Places Trust.

PUERTO RICO

The Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico, PO Box 4747, San Juan. View the hacienda Buena Vista (c. 1820s) or spend time at the Las Cabezas de San Juan Nature Reserve which features a Nature Centre in a Lighthouse, mangroves, a lagoon, coral reefs, sandy beaches and a dry forest.

UNITED KINGDOM

England, Wales and Northern Ireland—The National Trust, 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H9AS. There are many places to visit that are steeped in history

including Cartwell, home of Sir Winston Churchill from 1924; Hadrian's Wall & Housesteads Fort; Runnymede, where King John sealed the Magna Carta in 1215; and Bodiam Castle, built in 1385 against a French invasion which never came—'slighted' in the 17th century, the castle has been uninhabited ever since.

England—English Heritage. Historic treasures can be found in beautiful rural surroundings, like the majestic ruins on North York Moors of Rievaulx Abbey and atmospheric Stokesay Castle in Shropshire. Many are in dramatic, awe-inspiring locations, like Dover Castle commanding the White Cliffs, or Tintagel Castle, high above the crashing waves of the Cornish coast. Note that the Reciprocal Agreement does not extend to properties in Scotland and Wales as shown on the Map of English Heritage Properties available from Trust offices.

Isle of Man—Manx National Heritage, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 3LY, Great Britain. Discover 10,000 years of turbulent Manx history at the "Treasure House", then explore mediaeval Castle Rushen, the Laxey Wheel or Cregneash Village Folk Museum (a view of 19th century life in a Manx upland crofting community). Most sites open from Easter to end of September.

Scotland—The National Trust for Scotland, 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DU.

There are over 100 properties to view, from Culzean Castle and Country Park, a popular property and a major tourist attraction to Barrie's Birthplace, including an exhibition of J.M. Barrie's literary and theatrical works displayed in the house opposite where he was born.

OVERSEAS PROPERTIES—OSBORNE HOUSE, ISLE OF WIGHT

Osborne House, Queen Victoria's seaside home was built at her own expense in 1845 and designed by Thomas Cubitt. Here, she and Prince Albert sought peace and solitude, away from the affairs of state. At the request of their son, King Edward VII, this wonderful monument to Victorian family life has remained unchanged. The house itself is an Italianate villa with two tall towers. The apartments and rooms contain mementos of royal travels abroad, sometimes incorporated into the decor. You will see intricate Indian plaster decoration, furniture made from deer antlers and over 400 works of art, pictures and pieces

of furniture. The Royal Nursery on the top floor of the house, the miniature fortress built by 10 year old Prince Arthur in the gardens of the Swiss Cottage, and the Cottage itself, with fully furnished rooms set out as they were in 1854, are charming reminders of the early years of the royal children. An added bonus is the Victorian carriage ride which operates between the house and the Swiss Cottage area.

Osborne House is an English Heritage property open daily from 10am–6pm between 1 April and 31 October. Osborne House is one mile SE of East Cowes and can be reached by bus, car or steam railway.

INTERSTATE NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES—REDRUTH GAOL, BURRA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Built in 1856, Redruth is a splendid example of early gaols in South Australia with a central row of cells facing outside walled yards. It was closed in 1894 and later used as a girls' reformatory. The Gaol also has displays depicting prisoner's conditions and the making of the film 'Breaker Morant' for which the gaol was the setting.

The Redruth Gaol is located at Tregony Street, Burra and has 'unlimited' opening hours. Enquiries should be directed to the Burra Tourist Office on (088) 92 2154.

NORTH QUEENSLAND TOURS

—MINERS AND THEIR TOWNS: 1857 TO 1995

19 August–3 September. Not just a sightseeing tour—an experience of history that may be a once in a lifetime opportunity! This tour promises to be a satisfying experience for anyone with an interest in geology, mineralogy, history, sociology, native flora and fauna, or mining. The tour visits the site of the first Queensland goldrush at Canoona, a variety of open-cut and underground mines, historic buildings, several museums, fossil sites, and Australia's widest waterfall. Mine your own sapphires, pan for gold, search for dinosaur footprints, and see old tin mining methods demonstrated.

The tour price of \$2,495 includes twin-share accommodation, air-conditioned coach transport, meals, admission costs and guides during the tour. A deposit of \$200 per person is required before 1 July to confirm bookings. Further details may be obtained from the National Trust of Queensland on (07) 229 1788. Bookings can be made by contacting TravelLearn, Central Queensland University, Rockhampton on (079) 309 311.

PARMA CREEK COTTAGE

Situated 10 minutes from Jervis Bay, Parma Creek Cottage is a luxurious three-bedroom house at Parma Farm, a National Trust Classified property on the NSW coast. Built from bricks made on the property, the house comfortably sleeps up to eight people. Popular activities include bushwalking, swimming and birdwatching. Enjoy the peace and solitude of the unspoilt beaches and national parks nearby or wander through the eucalypt forests and bracken-strewn clearings on the property.

For Information, contact Julia Phelps
Parma Farm
RMB Nowra 2541
Phone: (044) 478 098

1995 ANTIQUE FAIR

Once again, the Antique fair was a great success. Thanks to great publicity and an enormous effort from volunteers, we will make (when the dust settles) about \$13,500 for the Trust. We had 600 more people through the door than at the 1994 Fair largely, we believe, because we scattered the publicity through a wider range of publications and, most importantly, because 'The Canberra Times' gave us an excellent front page story on Saturday 18 March.

We also have to gratefully acknowledge generous contributions to the raffle hamper from members and friends of the Trust. The hamper was ultimately worth far more than the \$100 advertised on the tickets, containing five bottles of champagne, four packs of delicacies from "Poacher's Pantry" of Hall, a host of other goodies, and it was gift wrapped by Jenny Lawrence from "Baskets With Love". Many, many thanks to all those generous people. If you did not see Wednesday's Canberra Times, the raffle winners were:- 1st. Jenny Windsor (ticket 1385); 2nd. P. Develin (ticket 0929); and 3rd. Backhouse (ticket 1478).

Thanks also to the Antique Fair Committee who, with the help of Trust staff, worked so hard to organise the Fair and to gather the rosters of volunteers to look after the door, the raffle, the catering, and the gift shop etc. Without this army of volunteers, we could not mount "extravaganzas" like the Antique Fair.

Finally, thanks also to the dealers—the essential component of the Fair. This year's display was one of the best we've seen, and there were many comments to that effect from the customers.

A.C.T. ALIVE

Many members might not realise that while the Antique Fair "extravaganza" was on at the Albert hall, the Education and Cultural Committee was beaver away at A.C.T. Alive, publicising the Trust and its activities alongside all the other community organisations in the A.C.T..

While the Trust's stall at A.C.T. Alive is, perhaps, not quite as spectacular as the collection of fine furniture and jewellery at the Albert Hall, it is still very important that we be seen at such events. A select band of volunteers looked after the stall all day, organised a competition, put together "show bags", sold the odd item from the Gift Shop, and told hundreds of people about the Trust. Valerie O'Neill of Calwell was the competition winner. Many thanks to Anna Moreing and her Committee.

WALKS AND TOURS PROGRAM

1994 proved to be a year of significant expansion for the Trust's Walks and Tours Program. No less than 557 persons attended some 20 activities, ranging from walks and garden inspections to a 9-day coach tour to the Far West of New South Wales. In aggregate, activities took place on no less than 57 days of the year and turnover almost doubled to nearly \$85,000! Although the direct return to the Trust, after meeting all expenses, was only a little in excess of \$4,000, indirect returns, resulting from new and retained membership subscriptions, are clearly significant. The program also helps to impress the economic benefits of heritage conservation upon the wider community and to expand the knowledge and awareness of members.

The 1995 program, which continues to represent excellent value for money, is even more ambitious. Whilst recognising the need to provide a wide mix of activities, including low cost local walks and tours, we are offering an increased number of extended tours. Following the success of our Western NSW and Victorian Goldfields tours, some of these will be based on small groups of up to about 15 participants. Others, like the impending Kimberley tour, will open up totally new horizons.

All of this of course involves greater organisational effort and risk. The more ambitious tours often require significant outlays at the planning stage, to reconnoitre and reserve accommodation or transport, etc. Others, such as those involving theatre, train or airline bookings, have specific cut-off dates by which the Trust must make full payment. MEMBERS ARE THEREFORE URGED TO APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND ARE ASKED TO NOTE CAREFULLY ANY SPECIFIC PAYMENT DEADLINES APPLYING TO PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES.

The general introduction of the deposit system for more expensive activities which are removed in time, whilst adding an administrative burden, provides the Trust with vital early insight into likely levels of response, thus enabling it to hold reservations and/or meet early payment obligations, whilst enabling members to spread payments.

Where the blue Application Form provides for deposits, PAYMENT NOW OF THE REQUESTED DEPOSIT (refundable less \$5 per person to defray early cancellation costs) WILL RESERVE PLACES IN ORDER OF RECEIPT. This may be important where limits apply. Cancellations after the Bookings Close date may, of course, involve much greater penalties, dependent upon the Trust's own ability to recover refunds from suppliers to whom it will have made commitments.

Another point worth noting is that whilst phone applications to Garth Setchell or the Trust Office are all noted, ACTUAL PLACES ARE ONLY RESERVED IN

the order that full payment (or deposits) are received.

Regarding the Questionnaire in the November issue of Trust News, 24 valued responses had been received at last count. These indicated the following mix of interests, with the asterisks indicating tours that will hopefully proceed in 1995:

Flinders Ranges in Spring	10
Grampians/Great Ocean Road in Spring	9 *
Tasmania in early Autumn	7
Queensland National Parks in Winter	10 *
Melbourne heritage tour by XPT	7 *
Short heritage tours to the Sydney area	9 *
The Cradle Mountain/Lake St Clair walk	5
The Milford (or other) NZ walking tracks	5

The other tours will also hopefully proceed within the next two to three years—so save your pennies and your leave! We might even attempt an overseas tour if sufficient interest exists. One under consideration is a three to four week tour to Alaska and the Canadian Rockies, including a cruise of the inland Waterway, in mid 1996 (Northern Hemisphere summer). An approximate cost of \$6000 to \$7000 is indicated. Persons who may be interested should indicate their interest on the Blue Application Form.

Peregrine

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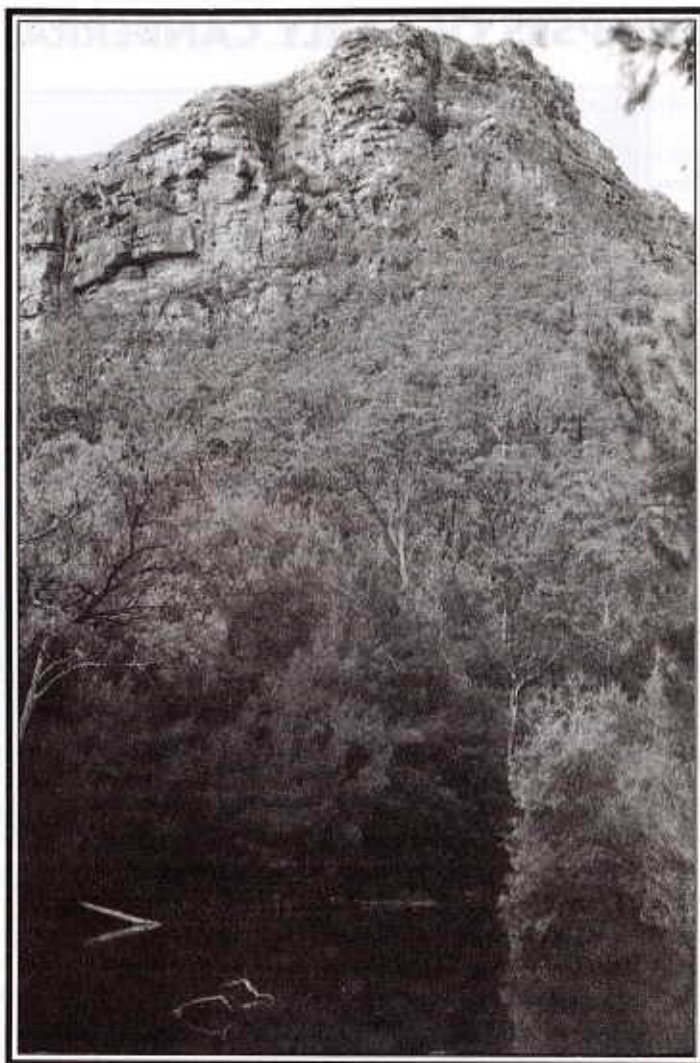
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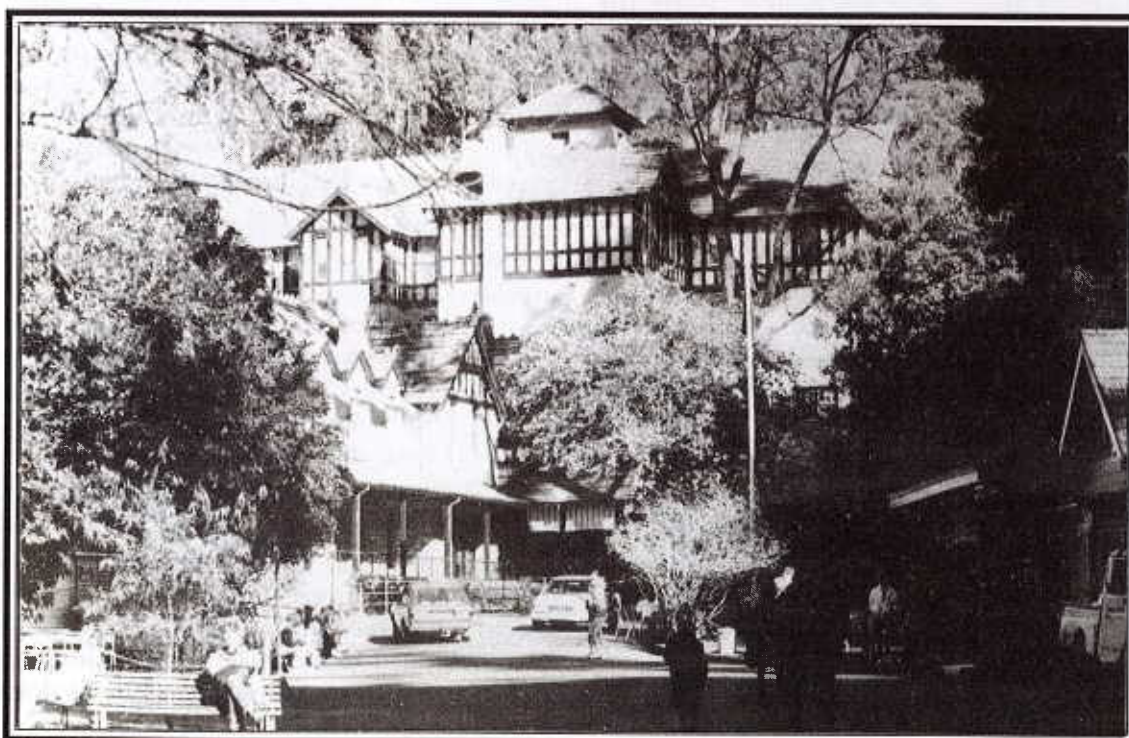
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

The Nattai Gorge and Cave Creek ▶



Yulefest at Jenolan



GLIMPSES OF EARLY CANBERRA

by Anne Gugler

This is part one of a two-part article on the life and times of Harry (Ermino) Cappello—an Italian migrant who first came to Canberra in 1913.

From the earliest days of settlement in Australia, a handful of people were of non-English speaking backgrounds. In the late 18th century, they included people from Europe, South-East Asia, and the West Indies, and one Italian convict, Guiseppa Tusso, arrived on the First Fleet in 1788. Nevertheless, the numbers of people of non-English speaking backgrounds was small until after World War Two, however, when our immigration policy aimed to swell Australia's population under the catch-cry "populate or perish".

Early this century, particularly immediately before and after World War One, the Australian Government strongly encouraged British immigrants. Despite the success of this campaign, workers for domestic and farming occupations were still in short supply, and these were brought in from Mediterranean countries.

Harry (Ermino) Cappello, born in Cavaso del Tomba near Venice, was one of these early immigrants. He was followed to Australia some fifteen years later by his brother, Henry (Enrico). Four other Cappello brothers emigrated to America. It is not known why all the Cappello brothers left Italy, but the cause was probably political or economic.

Although this story is Harry's, in many ways it reflects the lifestyle and movements of the working class in Australia in the first half of this century. Harry left school at thirteen to serve as an apprentice bootmaker to his uncle, but he did not want to pursue this trade and moved to Switzerland where he worked as a bricklayer's labourer prior to migrating to Australia. He landed at Port Adelaide on January 26th 1913, where he worked for a few weeks on the wharf shovelling sulphur before making his way to Broken Hill where he was declared too young to work in the mines. Although his birth certificate showed his date of birth as February 2nd, 1897, his actual birthdate was January 1896. Family history suggests that his mother had altered the certificate to protect him from National Service.

From Broken Hill Harry travelled to the Federal Capital Territory, and it was then that his love of Canberra began. During the next two decades he and his family moved around New South Wales in search of work, returning to Canberra from 1925 to 1928 before returning for good in November 1934.

Harry's first job in Canberra was as a labourer working on the construction of the Power House—the first

concrete building erected in Canberra. During this time Harry probably lived in a tent in the single men's camp which was in a site near Brisbane Avenue. This camp was known as No.1 Labourers' Camp, and in later years as Daniel's No.1 Camp. The December 1913 census noted that there were around a hundred people living in the Power House area, in a total F.C.T. population of one thousand.

In 1914, Harry walked to Cooma and found work on the construction of the Burrinjuck Dam. From family photos, it can be assumed that Harry stayed working on the dam until at least August 1914 before returning to Broken Hill to work in the mines.

In 1918 Harry and other Italians were rounded up and transported to Italy via the Panama Canal. Italy fought with the allies in WW1, and Australians of Italian origin were required to fight in the Italian Army. Following the end of the war, Harry returned to Australia.

Prior to leaving Broken Hill, Harry had met the young woman who was to become his first wife—Hazel Emma Handberg. The couple had three children—Veronica Hazel (known as Hazel), born 23.12.1918, Regina (who died as a baby), and Glen, born 8.10.1923. By the time Glen was born, the family had moved to Griffith in search of work digging irrigation channels. When this work finished the family moved to Corrimal, south of Sydney, where Harry again worked in the mines. In 1925, while at Corrimal, Hazel contracted T.B. and died. At the time of her death, the mine workers had been on strike for an extra 2d per week. When the strike was over and the men were eventually paid the extra 2d, the coins were thrown down the mine. This event, coupled with the death of his wife, prompted Harry to return to Canberra.

Back in Canberra, Hazel and Glen were boarded separately in Queanbeyan, and visited by Harry every weekend. Glen lived with Bridget and 'Old' Charlie Sacagio at the Union Club (Kent Hotel), and Hazel was boarded at St. Gregory's Convent School. The Sacagios owned the Union Club and Bridget ran it as a boarding house. Since those days, the Cappello and Sacagio families have remained very close.

Harry worked on the construction of the provisional Parliament House, then following its completion, at the Mugga Quarry. In 1928, Harry's brother Henry (Enrico) arrived from Italy and began working as an electrician at the Quarry. Buildings from Molonglo were relocated to the quarry and refurbished to be used for housing. Australian Archives documents



Harry (left) and Henry Cappello at Mugga Quarry c1925



Harry Cappello (in the foreground) on a break while working at the Mugga Quarry

indicate that the living quarters in the complex included a Mess (kitchen, dining room, pantry, store rooms), and a sleeping barracks comprised of six rooms. The accompanying photograph shows Harry and Henry at Mugga Quarry in 1928, indicating that some men lived in huts which replaced the tents of a decade earlier. As early as the 1920s there was concern about diseases caused by the quarry's dust, and in the mid 1920s each man working there was examined by the Commonwealth Medical Officer.

Following the opening of the Provisional Parliament House in 1927, construction work slowed to a standstill, and many workmen were forced to leave the F.C.T. This decline in numbers of workmen continued until the height of the depression in the mid 1930s. An eligibility scale was put into place for the selection of workmen to be employed in the Territory. Despite this exodus, the 1928 the Electoral Roll listed the population of the F.C.T. as over 8,000—an eight-fold increase in

just fifteen years. Harry was not registered on the 1928 roll, and may have already left to find work in Sydney at a Matraville quarry. Before leaving Canberra to take up this position, Harry remarried. His new wife was Maria Ursula (Nina) Triaca, and their marriage took place in St Gregory's Church, Queanbeyan. There were no children born of this union.

After the completion of the Provisional Parliament House, construction work slowed to a standstill in Canberra, and an eligibility scale for selection of workmen was introduced in the Territory. To be considered for employment, men had to live in the F.C.T.. First priority was given to married ex-servicemen, then single ex-servicemen with dependent families. Married men were the next selected, followed by single men. Government contract documents indicate that employment eligibility rules remained in force until at least the late 1930s.

To be continued in the next Trust News.

1994-95 RIVER MURRAY CORRIDOR GREEN PROJECTS

From 'Bushlines', the newsletter of the Australian Nature Conservation Agency, comes the following article notifying of grants made to conserve the areas surrounding Australia's longest river.

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment, Senator John Faulkner, has announced new grants totalling \$780,000 for community vegetation projects under the 'River Murray Corridor of Green' Program. The grants will go to twenty-eight consortia which have formulated plans to develop linking webs of vegetation by fencing remnants and stream frontages, and by strategic revegetation. Vegetation established and fenced in these corridors will provide benefits including farm shelter, reduced soil salinity and erosion, improved water quality, fuel, timber, and habitat for native animals.

The groups receiving grants were selected by a community consultative panel, on the basis of recommendations from regional advisory groups. Projects funded are:

- ❖ Bowna Catchment Corridor Team
- ❖ Redlands Mulwala Catchment Landcare Group
- ❖ Finley Tidy Towns/Fullers Road Landcare
- ❖ Loddon Corridor Network
- ❖ Wodonga Community Corridors Project
- ❖ Murray Campaspe—Biolink
- ❖ Broken Middle Corridor Network

- ❖ North Mallee Corridors Committee
- ❖ Paringa District Tree Growers
- ❖ Lake Bonney Corridors Network
- ❖ Monarto and Rock Gully Revegetation Project.

The grants will enable seventeen projects commenced in 1994 to continue for a further twelve months. Senator Faulkner said the Government is impressed by the effort and support demonstrated for the program by the people of the Murray. "The development of these projects is the result of people working cooperatively together and dedicating considerable time, materials and land to this task of restoring and managing native vegetation near the Murray", he said. "Despite the tough conditions imposed by the drought, River Murray communities are progressing this work to restore vegetation corridors and their benefits to farmland, water quality and wildlife".

The River Murray Corridor of Green Program is administered by Greening Australia under contract to the Australian Nature Conservation Agency. GA is a voluntary organisation dedicated to the restoration and better management of vegetation. It employs eight part-time regional facilitators along the Murray to assist groups plan and execute these projects.

For further information contact: Greening Australia
(06) 281 8585

MANUKA ARCADE AND THE LAWNS

Between 1921 and 1924, development for building the Federal Capital was under the control of the Federal Capital Advisory Committee (FCAC). The Committee, chaired by (Sir) John Sulman, was appointed to oversee the completion of sufficient administrative buildings and permanent housings, to enable Parliament to move from Melbourne. Provision of shopping centres was part of this plan.

A first master plan "Proposed Shopping Centre at Manuka Circle, Canberra" was issued on the 2nd September, 1924, signed by J S Murdoch, Chief Architect, Works & Railways Department. This decision to establish a shopping centre at Manuka was in keeping with the general pattern of Canberra under construction. It was the application of John Sulman's concept of small self-contained shopping centres included into a suburban garden town design, and contrasts with Walter Griffin's fairly urban concept of shopping centres plus ribbon development along the main avenues. Nevertheless, Griffin had marked "initial city" for the Manuka site in his 1913 Preliminary Plan.

The FCAC "was anxious that the unsightliness which is so often found in respect of the provision of retail shops in Australian towns should be eliminated, if possible, at Canberra". The plan laid out the essential principles of a compact symmetrical design made up of twenty four blocks. The town planning concept of the proposal consisted of a group of "residential shops" forming the bulk of the Centre and a group of "lock-up shops" organised around a "garden" (today The Lawns). A "site for arcade" (today the Manuka Arcade Building), was planned to face the proposed location of an "institute" (the site on which the Capitol Theatre was erected in 1927) and two symmetrical adjacent buildings, including a "post office" (on the site of the present Post Office) and a "branch Bank" on the other side.

The most important feature of the Centre was the construction of the Manuka Arcade Building in 1926 and 1927. It emerges above the building line on Franklin Street, its rectangular-shaped two storied construction an echo to the former Capitol Theatre, demolished in 1980. The Arcade Building remains generally intact, although the original open space above the internal pathway has been covered with a transparent roofing. The original balcony surrounding the upper floor office spaces has been removed.

The lease was owned by Canberra Shops Ltd., the first retail business consortium in Canberra. The building was completed by J G Taylor, builder, under the supervision of architects Flink and Pottel. With the

completion in 1927 of the two identical lateral one storey buildings facing The Lawns (blocks 5 and 6) the shopping centre became a reality, integrating shops, cottages and open green space for pedestrian access, full application of Griffin's and Sulman's concept of the Garden City. The two lateral Arcade buildings and the Lawns together make an harmonious and pleasant pedestrian area, providing an open view to Bougainville Street and the 1930's Mediterranean style housing.

The Manuka Shopping Centre is bounded to the north-east by Franklin Street, to the south-west by Bougainville Street, to the north-west by Furneaux Street and the south-east by Flinders Way. It is compactly laid out in an axial composition oriented north-east/south-west. The Manuka Arcade Building and The Lawns, provide a pedestrian route through the Centre. A lane continues the axis across the housing Section 2 leading to Murray Crescent.

The present shopping centre conforms generally to the 1924 planning organised around the main axis. It provides three blocks symmetrically adjacent to the Arcade Building and a larger corner block, on Franklin Street. Each block was originally planned with a shop and adjacent residence set back to allow a front garden. This unusual form of planning was replaced by a continuous standard shop frontage in 1951 to satisfy increasing expansion of the Centre. During the last two decades, important alterations to the appearance of the Centre have occurred due to a relaxation of the old restrictions, allowing a kind of uncoordinated expansion of the strict original design. Today it suffers from having been significantly remodelled, and the facade treatments present a discontinuity of design which detracts from the original intent.

The Trust feels that the Manuka Shopping Centre has significance in several ways. It has an historical association with the first area selected for initial settlement, under the Federal Capital Advisory Committee. The development for a local shopping centre at Manuka implements Griffin's plan of an "initial city" at the site in his 1913 Preliminary Plan. It also represents the application of John Sulman's concept of self-contained shopping centres in a garden city design.

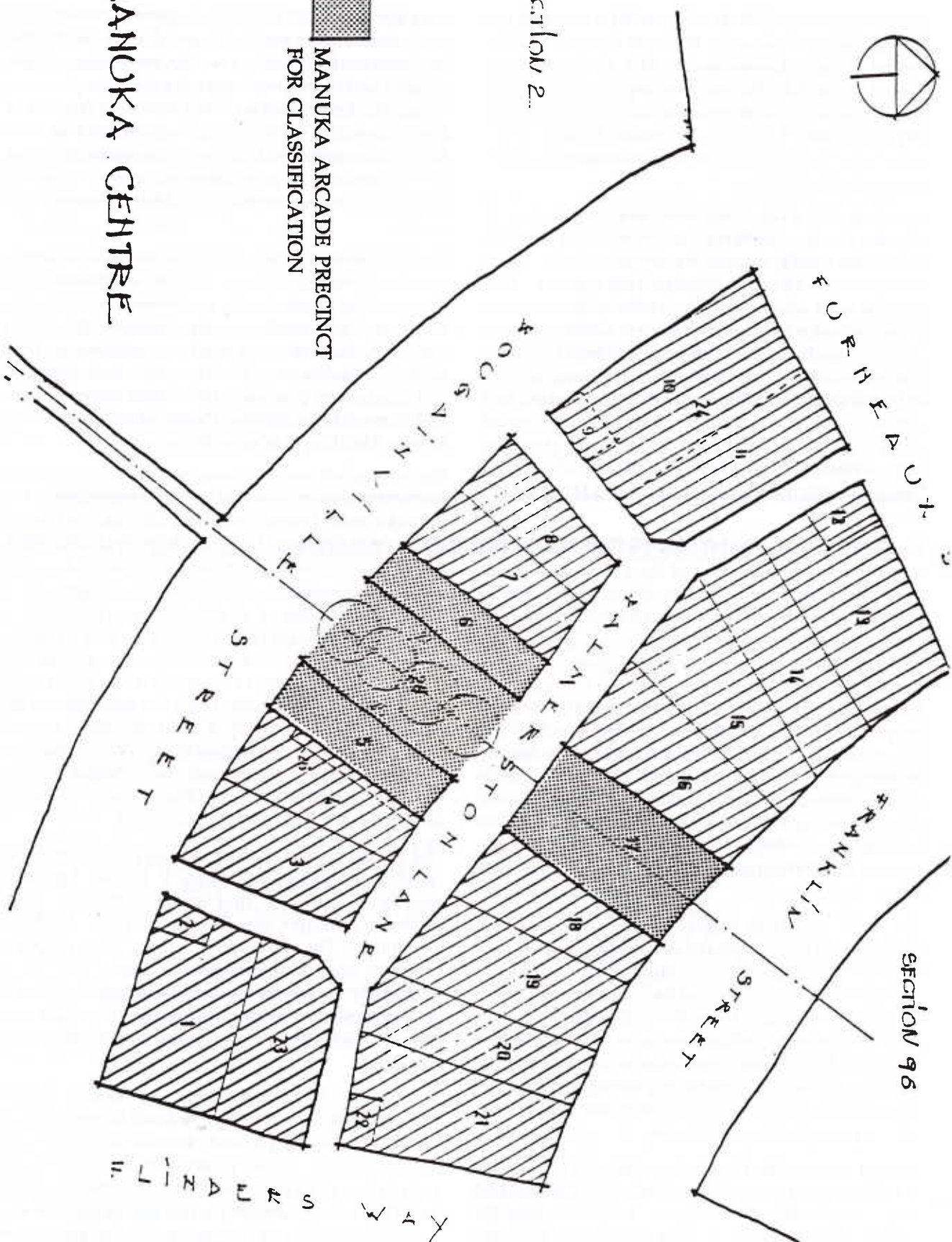
The unusual form of planning provided a compact massing of shops and adjacent residences symmetrically organised around a strong axis accentuated by a two storey arcade building and pedestrian open space (the Manuka Arcade Building and The Lawns). Despite the fact that street frontages have lost the alternate cottages and shops, the present



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 MANUKA ARCADE PRECINCT
FOR CLASSIFICATION

MANUKA CENTRE



modified shopping centre conforms generally to the original layout. The core of the Centre features simple and effective elements of the Mediterranean architecture of early Canberra.

The precinct has a strong association with early social life in the formative Capital City. It was major nucleus in Canberra and produced cultural and social expansion in its vicinity. The place is today one of the most attractive and lively centres in Canberra. It is to be hoped that what remains of the original Manuka Shopping Centre is protected, especially the strong

axis expressed by the "Manuka Arcade Building", "The Lawns", the two symmetrical buildings framing the open space and the four remaining brick cottages.

Manuka Arcade was Classified by the Trust in December and forwarded for listing on the interim ACT Heritage Register. The remainder of Manuka shopping precinct is being photographed for Recording and for consideration for Classification.

MANUKA SWIMMING POOL

This piece was prompted by an article which appeared in the January–February 1995 edition of the 'Canberra & Region Visitor' magazine.

Many Canberrans have fond memories of hot summer days spent cooling down at the Manuka Swimming Pool. This building was one of Canberra's first built for pleasure alone and was opened on Australia Day, 1931. As far as was possible, all materials and equipment used in its construction were Australian made. The pool was well-built, and in the more than sixty years since its construction, it has never leaked—unlike many more modern and expensive pools built since.

The Manuka site was chosen because the south side had the largest population of school children at that time. During the pool's construction, local lads would play around the site when the workers were not around. One of these boys was Gough Whitlam, who with his mates found fossilised specimens of extinct arthropods among the excavations. When the pool opened the admission charges were 6d for adults and 3d for children. Lockers were for hire, and even towels and bathing costumes could be hired!

The pool is Classified by the Trust, is on the Australian Heritage Commission's Register of National Estate, and is also on the Royal Australian Institute of Architects' Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture.

Manuka pool certainly was a focal point of activity in those early years, bringing all sections of the community together regardless of social position etc. Many memories of good times at the pool have recently been brought together in a book entitled "*That's where*

I met my wife: a story of the first swimming pool in the National Capital at Canberra" by Clive Harvie. Anyone interested in this historic building may purchase this book from the Trust Gift Shop at Old Parliament House.

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NEW SPECIES DISCOVERED AT WOLLEMI

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The newly discovered species is in the Araucariaceae family. Although related to other native 'pines' of Australasia such as the Bunya, Hoop and Norfolk Island pines, its closest relatives appear to be fossil pines known from the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. The discovery was described by the Royal Botanic Gardens as 'one of the outstanding botanic finds of this century on a world basis'.

The Wollemi pine discovery hints at the biological riches we are likely to lose through government-sanctioned logging operations—many of which are carried out with no prior environmental impact assessment. It also emphasises the folly of indiscriminately applying artificial fire regimes to natural bushland.

This article was taken from the 'NPA Bulletin' of March 1995 (Journal of the National Parks Association ACT), from information originally cited in the newsletter of the Nature Conservation Council, 'Environment NSW'.

KEEPING WARM

—THE AUSTRALIAN QUILT DOCUMENTATION PROGRAM

The Pioneer Women's Hut near Tumbarumba, New South Wales is a small non-profit museum which aims to preserve the heritage of rural working class women. The museum has a collection of functional quilts, and volunteers are currently undertaking the documentation of all such quilts and waggas made in Australia prior to 1960. Their interest is in recording women's heritage through the items they made to keep their families warm. According to the Director of the Pioneer Women's Hut, Wendy Hucker, these quilts "reflect attitudes of thrift and choices women have always made". Anyone who has a quilt handed down through their family may be interested in having it listed on this register.

Copies of the documentation form may be obtained from the Trust office. For further details, please contact Wendy Hucker on (069) 216565, or write to her at P.O. Box 192, Tumbarumba, NSW, 2653

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WHAT'S ON—TRUST ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS IN THE TRUST BOARDROOM

Tuesday 11 April 1995
Classification Committee at 12.30 p.m.

Wednesday 19 April 1995
Education & Culture Committee Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday 20 April 1995
Lanyon Committee at 12.15 p.m.

Thursday 20 April 1995
Council Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

Monday 1 May 1995
Publications Meeting at 12.30 p.m.

Tuesday 9 May 1995
Classification Committee at 12.30 p.m.

Thursday 18 May 1995
Lanyon Committee at 12.15 p.m.

Thursday 18 May 1995
Executive Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

The Trust offers a wide range of activities for its members. Participating is a great way to meet new people and gain new experiences, so please take the time to peruse the list below and join in the activities that interest you.

April

22-30 April Heritage Week
23 April Gibraltar Falls and Square Rock Walk
30 April Autumn Drift Tour

May

6-21 May The Kimberley Tour
28 May Nattai Gorge and Cave Creek Walk

June

11 June Four Weddings and a Funeral Tour
25-27 June Yulefest at Jenolan

July

19-27 July Palms, Pines and Epiphytes Tour

August

August Film Night

September

9-10 September Blue Mountains Escapade Walk
24 September Camden Park and Cobbity Tour

October

14-24 October The Grampians and the Great Ocean Road Tour
Mid October Melbourne Tour by XPT

November

4-5 November Bathurst Houses Coach Tour
November Open Garden at Boxford

The following titles deal with aspects of the history of the Canberra region, and are available from the Old Parliament House bookshop.

"Lost mines" by Barry McGowan

Historic mining sites in the Monaro - Southern Tablelands Districts of New South Wales. \$24.95

"Stories of the Inner South" edited by Anne Bolitho & Mary Hutchison

Brief stories told and written by visitors to the Southside Community Festival. \$9.95

"My first home in Canberra" collected & edited by The Canberra Stories Group

Canberra residents' memories of their first homes 1920-1990. \$12.50

"Royal Canberra Hospital" compiled by Arthur Ide

An account of its origins and development over the first forty years - 1914 - 1954. \$29.95



WHAT'S ON, IN AND AROUND CANBERRA

COOMA COTTAGE

HERITAGE WEEK EASTER EXHIBITION

This exhibition features paintings done by well-known heritage artist Bruce C. King.

King recreates life as it may have been around Australia's heritage icons, including some in the Yass district.

April 1-16, 1995

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF THE A.C.T. EXHIBITION

By popular demand, this exhibition has been brought to Cooma Cottage. It brings together a fine selection of classic embroidery from this highly acclaimed group.

April 19-May 1, 1995

Contact Jim Hutchins (06) 226 1470 for further details.

OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

HIGH SOCIETY

Exhibition ends 27 June

Society portraiture and photographers 1920-1960. Some of Australia's most distinguished photographers immortalised a world of glamour and high fashion.

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Exhibition ends late 1995

A fascinating look at some of the people and events that made Old Parliament House a significant part of Australia's history.

THE PRESS GALLERY

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A special exhibition and tour of the House of Representatives Press Gallery, leaves Kings Hall at 11.15am and 1.15pm daily

OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE—THE HOUSE BELOW THE HILL

A continuing exhibition

In the video lounge, a 12 minute video of classic moments in the past of this grand old building.

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Exhibition ends August 1995

Explores some of the different approaches to political action taken by Australian women.

NATIONAL TRUST (NSW)

Berrima District Branch

BLACK TIE DINNER AND FASHION PARADE AT BOWRAL

Friday 21 April

To assist in raising funds to preserve Harper's Mansion, Berrima, the Berrima District Branch in conjunction with Adrienne and the Misses Bonney of Double bay are holding a Black Tie Dinner and Fashion Parade at 'Craigieburn', Bowral, 7pm for 7.30 pm. The three course dinner includes wine. \$50 per person. Weekend packages \$185 per person. Enquiries to Karen Hoskison (048) 691 207

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Illawarra Shoalhaven Region

FITZROY FALLS WALK

Sunday 28 May

Easier than our own Nattai walk, this early afternoon activity starts with a 'soup and damper' lunch and concludes with afternoon tea. The 90 minute walk is along the level West Rim Track. \$15 per person. Enquiries for the above to Carolyn Banting (042) 287 692
