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## NEW MEMBERS

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) extends a very warm welcome to the following new members. If any members know these new members, perhaps you could encourage them to attend one of our many activities.

Miss B Allen, Page  
 Ms L Ansell, Garran  
 Mr M & Mrs F Atkins, O'Malley  
 Mr B & Mrs V Ayers, Yarralumla  
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 Ms M Korting, Albury, NSW

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 Mrs D Lloyd, Campbell  
 Miss P Logan, Campbell  
 Mr D Lovell, Latham  
 Mr J & Mrs V McGuire, Nth. Lyneham  
 Mrs M McLeod, O'Connor  
 Mr S Masterman, Garran  
 Mr B Miller, Lyneham  
 Mrs J Million, Weetangera  
 Mr C & Mrs M Millis, Duffy  
 Ms G Morgan, Lyneham  
 Mr R Morgan, O'Connor  
 Mr L & Mrs G Osborne, Hawker  
 Mr D Parker, Wanniasa  
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 Mr M Peade, Tuggeranong  
 Mr J & Mrs M Pedersen, Higgins  
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 Ms K Smith, Bendigo, Vic.  
 Mr & Mrs J Spencer, Weston  
 Ms A Sullivan, Sutton, NSW  
 Ms C Swifte, Gowrie  
 Mr A Sykes, Murrumbateman, NSW  
 Mr R & Mrs Thain, Hawker  
 Dr & Mrs R Thompson, Hughes  
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 Mr S & Mrs M Whittle, Macquarie  
 Mr T & Mrs E Wilder, Fisher  
 Mr S Williams, Wanniasa  
 Dr P Wood, Woden  
 Mrs H Young, Weetangera

The National Trust (ACT) welcomes Anne Lewis of Curtin who has recently joined as a Life Member.



### National Trust of Australia (ACT) Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 26th

Details in November "Trust News".

**Make a note in your diary now!**





## NOTICE TO MEMBERS— ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

Articles 49 and 50 of the Trust's Articles of Association require that one half of the elected members of the Council must retire at the annual general meeting every two years. The Councillors who retire are eligible to stand for re-election.

This year is an election year and the Trust will hold an election at the Annual General Meeting in October/November. The following members of the Council will retire but are eligible for re-nomination if they so wish:

Professor Ken Taylor	Mrs Linda Beveridge
Mr Robert Akhurst	Mr Lloyd Wrigley
Mr Shibu Dutta	Mr Barry Griffiths

Article 36 of the Articles of Association covers the election of members of Council and requires that:

- each candidate for membership of the Council must be a member of the Trust and be nominated by two members;
- the names of all candidates, together with the names of their nominators, must reach the Honorary Secretary at least one month before the Annual General Meeting;
- each nomination must be accompanied by the consent in writing of the candidate, or such other evidence of consent as may be accepted by the Honorary Secretary.

Nominations are invited. Nomination forms are available from the Trust office.

Mr John McDonald  
Secretary

### DONATION THANKS

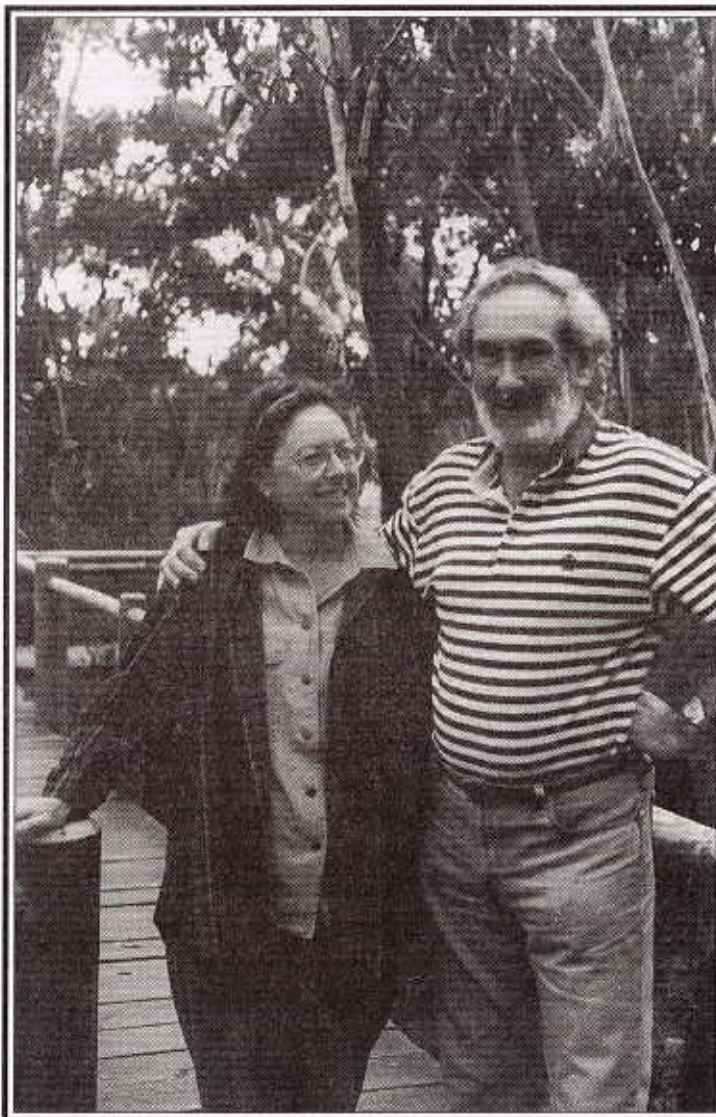
*The Trust would like to extend thanks to all those who have generously given a little (or a lot) extra as a donation when renewing their memberships recently. In these lean times, when funding is constantly being whittled away and grants are increasingly hard to get, these donations really are a help.*

*Thank you!*

## Congratulations Garth & Robin!



*On Saturday July 6th, Garth Setchell and Robin McGrath were married in a small ceremony in Melbourne's Old Mint Building. Melbourne was chosen so that most of their family members could attend. Garth's daughter, Fiona, interrupted her overseas trip to be there.*



*The happy couple on a Trust tour!*





## HELP WANTED—YOUR TRUST NEEDS YOU!

### LANYON GUARDIANS

Lanyon is always in need of more volunteers to help out as guardians. Guardian duty involves attending the occasional training session and learning about the history, furnishing, interpretation and presentation of Lanyon. An outgoing personality is a help, as you must be able to talk to strangers of all ages. Please call Fred Roberts on 281 3681 (Guardian duty).

### GIFT SHOP DUTY

Have you, like Liza Doolittle, been nurturing a wish to be a lady in a flower shop? Well, we don't sell flowers and we will accept gentlemen, but we can give you an opportunity to sell gifts and books as a volunteer in one of our gift shops. Remember, a day or half a day as a volunteer in one of the shops is equivalent to a substantial donation to the Trust.

Both shops need more volunteers:

—if you would like to work in the Old Parliament House shop you will need to commit, at least, half a day each fortnight. This is because it is a busy shop with a wide range of goods and the stock changes rapidly.

—the Lanyon shop is a little different (smaller and with a different clientele) and we only need you to be prepared to offer an average of 1 day (10 am to 4 pm) per month. Because of the distance out to Lanyon, it's easier for us and the other volunteers if people go there for the whole day. If you would like to volunteer for either roster, please contact Jill Muldoon at the Old Parliament House shop on 273 4744, or Lorna Thomas on 282 1935 between 5 & 7.30 p.m.

### FINE FURNISHINGS & FABULOUS FLOWERS

Helpers are needed on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 & 29 to mind this exhibition, serve refreshments to the public, and to bake cakes or biscuits for the occasion. Phone Danielle on 239 5222 if you can help out.

## DIRECTORY OF CONSERVATION TRADES, SUPPLIERS AND PROFESSIONALS



As mentioned in previous editions of "Trust News", the Trust, with the assistance of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (ACT Chapter), is in the process of developing a directory of trades, suppliers and professionals working in the heritage field. Our intention is to produce a reference document which can be accessed by those working in the area, and by Trust members (and others) restoring and extending their period properties.

The response to the directory has been excellent, but there are still some areas of expertise in which we would like more entries. The furniture section, which will include furniture restorers, french polishers, cabinet makers and upholsterers, is being sponsored by a local upholstery company with experience in traditional techniques.

We believe that the directory is a worthwhile and valuable addition to the activities of the Trust. We would be grateful for any comments or assistance that Trust members are able to provide. If you know someone who you think should be in the directory, please tell them to contact me at the Trust office.

David King



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## HERITAGE UPDATE

*This column is to make you, the members, aware of any known proposed changes to heritage properties in the ACT.*

### **PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT OF EAST BLOCK**

The Classification Committee of the Trust was briefed by architect Eric Martin from Cox Architects & Planners, and Nick Forostenko of Australian Estate Management (AEM) on this project.

East Block is significant as part of a group of buildings (with Parliament House & West Block) which formed the essential facilities in the early development of Canberra. It is a fine example of Federal Capital architecture, designed in 1924 by Government Architect, J. S. Murdoch. It was also the original location of the Post Office and Telephone Exchange associated with the move of Parliament to Canberra.

The Telephone Exchange facility has already been re-located, and Australia Post has indicated it now wishes to re-locate.

The policy for the future of the building is that it should be conserved and used primarily for Government offices. Until there is commitment from interested tenants no design details of the refurbishment are available. The Trust has been assured by AEM that Trust input into the design would be considered.

## OBITUARY—MARY TRELOAR (NEE LANG)

The National Trust (ACT) would like to extend our condolences to the family of long standing Trust member, Mary Treloar, who passed away on April 26th. Mrs Treloar was a family historian, grazier and poet. Two books of her poetry were published in the 1930s. Mrs Treloar was well travelled, visiting England many times and also journeying to Scandinavia, Eastern Europe and the United States. A bad fall during a trip to Chile last year led to the illness which precipitated her death.

After the Trust sent a letter of sympathy to the family, Mrs Treloar's daughter, Anne Spencer responded with the following words to the Trust—

"Thank you so much for your letter and kind words about mum. She certainly was devoted to the preservation of Lanyon, and enjoyed her days there."

## OBITUARY—JOHN WHELAN

On May 19th, the National Trust of Australia (NSW) lost one of its pioneers. John Whelan established the first branch of the Trust outside Sydney when, in 1968, he set up the Southern Tablelands Division based in Goulburn. Mr Whelan served on the committee for six years, worked at public education on heritage issues and on the preservation of heritage buildings. It was the fund-raising Ladies Committee of this branch which eventually led to the formation of the ACT Trust.

*Our thanks to Pam Rothwell for bringing this news to our attention.*

## DON'T MISS FINE FURNISHINGS & FABULOUS FLOWERS

27, 28 & 29 SEPTEMBER

ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, REID

The Trust will be hosting its annual Floriade exhibition of fine furnishings, this year adding an accent on fabulous flowers.

Trust members and guests are invited to the opening on Friday 27th September, 6 pm. \$5.00 per head. Bookings essential.



Volunteers are needed to provide cakes/biscuits etc. as refreshments for the public on Saturday and Sunday, to act as guardians and to assist with serving the refreshments.

Please phone Danielle at the Trust office on 239 5222.



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## COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARDS ATTRACT WIDE INTEREST

Australia-wide interest has been shown in the two Community History Awards which are to be presented at the State History Conference which will be held in Adelaide on September 21st and 22nd. These awards are the only ones to be offered in Australia for Community History—a rapidly growing genre—and are being organised by South East Book Promotions, a group of writers and historians from the South East of South Australia, who in 1994 won the ABC Economic Development Award.

Over a hundred books have been nominated and they are fascinating selection dealing with a wide range of subjects from the Convict Timbergetters of Pennant Hills to The Dreaming of a remarkable Aboriginal lady, Ruby Hammond. Among other books submitted for judging is an illustrated history of Colonial Crime by Katoomba writer Edgar Penzig and a book telling the story of emigration after World War II through letters by Victorian writer, Edith Torokfalvy. As well there are a number of district histories from such diverse places as Spring Bay in Tasmania to Capel in Western Australia. There are also accounts of Women in Destitute Asylums, early homestead gardens, tales of the Corong and the first swimming pool in Canberra.

Known as the BankSA Christina Smith Award and the Australian Council of National Trusts Ebenezer Ward Award, the awards commemorate two remarkable figures from early South Australia and aim to increase the standard of Community History writing and also its standing among historians, retailers and readers. The first Christina Smith Award, which is for a book over 30,000 words, was presented two years ago and was won by *An All Consuming Passion*, by a young writer named William Lines. It is the account of the work and life of a young Englishwoman, Georgiana Molloy, who migrated with her husband to Western Australia in the early nineteenth century and lived in the Australian bush, whose beauty she learned to love.

The second award, which will be given for the first time this year, was set up to give prominence to the number of valuable small histories that are being written. It has met with an enthusiastic response from writers and from the State History Trust of South Australia who are backing the South Eastern group. All books are currently being judged by a panel of well known historians and writers.



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## OVERSEAS NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

### ARDUAINA GARDEN, ARGYLL, SCOTLAND

In 1897 James Campbell bought this piece of land (then known as Asknish Farm) on a promontory between Loch Melfort and the Sound of Jura, to set up his home. He re-named the estate Arduaine (meaning 'green headland') and after building a new farmhouse, began work on the gardens in 1903.

One of the first things Campbell did was to plant a belt of 2,000 larch seedlings to shelter the property from the damaging salt laden winds. These form cover for the magnificent 18 acre gardens there today. After his death in 1927 his son Bruce continued work on the gardens, but after the first World War, Bruce's son Iain struggled to keep up its maintenance. By the 1960s things were at a

standstill and the house was sold in 1964. A severe gale felled many mature trees in 1968.

New life was breathed into the gardens at Arduaine when the property was acquired by Edmund and Harry Wright in 1971. The Wright brothers spent over twenty years restoring the gardens, making them into the magnificent display of rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias on show today. In 1992 the Wright brothers donated the property to the National Trust for Scotland.

The gardens are open all year round from 9.30 until sunset. Meals and refreshments are available from the adjacent Loch Melfort Hotel.

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## INTERSTATE PROPERTIES

### OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE, PARRAMATTA

Governor Phillip first established a farm on this site at Parramatta in 1788. Part of the present house dates from 1799, and between 1812 and 1818 Governor Macquarie made additions and alterations which dramatically transformed both the farm and the house. Renowned architect, Francis Greenway designed the house's front portico.

The land on which Old Government House stands was the first piece of cleared land at Parramatta and was where the first successful crops were grown. Governor Macquarie entertained visiting foreign dignitaries in this house, including French Captain Louis de Freycinet.

For several years from 1878 the building was used as a boarding house. In 1910 the house was repaired and leased by the King's School until they found new premises and it was taken over by the National Trust. Since this time extensive restorations have taken place revealing much about the property's history.

Old Government House contains the nation's most comprehensive collection of early colonial furniture, including a chair made especially for Governor Macquarie which has a kangaroo hide seat cover.

Facilities include a restaurant, theatre, garden and park. Access is by rail, ferry or car, with parking provided. There is ample room for picnicking and there are also barbecue facilities. Guide dogs are permitted.

The house is located at Parramatta Park, Parramatta, 28 kms from Sydney. It is open to the public from 10.00 to 4.00 each Tuesday to Friday and from 11.00 to 4.00 each Saturday and Sunday. Enquiries may be made on (02) 9635 8149. Experiment Farm and Elizabeth Farm are both close by. Why not make a day of it and visit all three properties!



## MT PAINTER SET TO GET A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

On Saturday 20 July Mr Ian Kiernan Chair and Founder of Clean up Australia came to Canberra to launch the first ACT Clean Up Australia 2001 project. Mr Gary Humphries, the Minister for the Environment, was on hand to help unveil the sign promoting the work of groups such as the Friends of Mt Painter, Canberra Nature Parks, Clean Up Australia 2001 and ACTEW.

The sign acknowledges the kind support of the Sponsors such as Mac Spread, Oz Farm, ACTEW, FOMP, Vital Signs and The National Trust of Australia (ACT). Without such support the project would not be possible.

The Launch took place in very cold conditions. Fortunately though, the rain stayed away. Approximately 90 people turned out and organisers were impressed with their enthusiasm. Wonderful displays were set up and Westfields Belconnen generously donated morning tea for the many who braved the weather.

I must acknowledge the incredible effort to make this such a great event, Odile Arman—Canberra Nature Parks, Phillip Bell—FOMP, Barry Griffith—Landcare, and Len Tomkins—ACTEW.

National Trust members should take a stroll up this fabulously beautiful hill, in the suburb of Cook, and see why the National Trust is proud to be involved in the restoration work of this unique treasure.

Helen Peade

## LIBRARY NEWS

New to the Trust library is a book called "*As I remember*" by Ivy Clarke. The author grew up on a property north of Canberra and worked at the Trust property 'Riversdale' at Goulburn for a time.

The Trust now has a copy of the 5th edition of the "*Style manual for authors, editors and printers*"—an essential tool for those who want to adhere to correct form when undertaking research projects.

As the library had no funds for quite a while before the end of the financial year, purchases have been few. Hopefully there will be many more new library items reported in the next edition.



Robyn Trezise

## ARBOR WEEK ACTIVITIES

If you purchase one newspaper a day, over a lifetime you will have been responsible for the felling of twenty trees! Become involved with Arbor Week and put something back. The older you are, the greater your obligation. Choose from either of these activities:

### Greening Australia 'Seedathon'

Yarralumla Nursery, Weston Park  
Wednesday, 11 September, 9.30am–3.30pm

This is a propagating marathon aiming to establish 30,000 trees and shrubs for Greening Australia's revegetation activities.

### Greening Australia Community Tree Planting Project

Illoura Community Horse Holding Paddocks, Curtin  
Thursday, 12 September, 10am–12 noon

In co-operation with the ACT Agriculture & Landcare Section of the Department of Urban Services, Curtin Primary School and interested residents are to plant a shelter belt and conservation corridor of 200 trees and shrubs.



The Trust is organising volunteers to help with these projects. If you can spare a half an hour, please contact the Trust office on 239 5222 and put your name down.



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## RECENT NATIONAL TRUST CLASSIFICATIONS

### NASA GROUND STATIONS

Recently Classified by the National Trust are the NASA Ground Stations encompassing the CDSCC Tidbinbilla Tracking Station, and the sites of the former Orroral Valley and Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Stations. As part of Namadgi National Park the latter two are already listed on the Register of the National Estate. The Orroral Valley and Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Stations have been demolished but the slabs remain of the various buildings which once dotted the sites.

Since the 1940s Australia has participated in missile development programmes and deep space exploration. In 1947 Australia became only the third country in the world to build and launch its own satellite. Since the 1960s Australia has worked with the United States as part of the US world wide tracking network. Under this arrangement Australia has been involved in the Apollo and Skylab programs, and continues to play a part in space exploration.

#### Statement of Significance

All three sites have played a major part in the exploration and study of Deep Space. They represent the international co-operation required for space tracking and the facilities that remain still demonstrate a high degree of technical innovation and achievement. Honeysuckle Creek was involved in the first crewed landing on the moon, relaying the initial television broadcast of Neil Armstrong's words as he stepped onto the moon's surface.

The gardens exhibit an interesting example of late 20th century landscaping of scientific establishments. These sites show the transition of an isolated grazing area in the A.C.T. becoming an essential link in the global space tracking network. The sites are of value to the community for their educational role as a prime Australian source of readily accessible information about Australia's role in space activities, and our understanding of the solar system.

The Trust hopes that by Classifying these sites, their numerous heritage values will be considered in their future site management.

### KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL

This memorial was previously listed by the Trust but the Classification Committee has recently updated this Classification, this time using the standard criteria for heritage classification which were not in place when the previous classification was done.

#### Statement of Significance

The memorial commemorates King George V, monarch at the time of the opening of Old Parliament House, and symbolises the link between this monarch and the formative years of the Federal Parliament of Australia. It demonstrates Australian loyalty to the British Crown and the unity of the British Empire under the Crown.

The memorial is the work of Rayner Hoff, Australia's premier public sculptor of the inter war period. It is an Art Deco work of considerable merit.

There are no other comparable memorials within the A.C.T. Its siting is symbolic in constitutional and historic terms and significant in terms of urban planning.

### GINNINDERRA OLD VILLAGE PRECINCT

This precinct covers the area which was the social and religious centre of Ginninderra Village until the early 20th century, and which is now a thriving tourist and craft centre. Still remaining from the 19th century are a schoolhouse and attached residence built in the Victorian Georgian style, a Roman Catholic Church and several outbuildings. The schoolhouse and residence retain their original fireplaces, windows, mantelpieces etc..

A windbreak of pines was planted to the west of the school in the 1920s.

Some of the old buildings now on the site were imported from other areas and are therefore not significant to the heritage of the site. Blocks 319 and 329 now house car parks and the George Harcourt Inn. Although the Trust recognises their importance as part of the original village precinct, these two blocks have been Recorded only.

#### Statement of Significance

The Ginninderra Old Village Precinct represents the most important remaining evidence of the 19th century rural village of Ginninderra before the establishment of the Federal Capital Territory.

The precinct has a strong social and religious significance as the centre of the once prosperous village.

The buildings are set on land associated with interactive neighbour buildings (i.e. Deasland Homestead and Curran's Blacksmith building).

St Francis RC Church, built in 1872 for both school and church, became the first Roman Catholic church in the area which has since become the A.C.T.

The schoolhouse, designed by architect William Kemp, is significant as an intact example of a late 19th century school building, and of the then current masonry techniques.

#### CARD LAMINATING NOW AVAILABLE

The Trust has recently purchased a card laminating machine. Now you may get your Trust membership card (or other cards) laminated for the low price of \$2 each. Please feel free to drop in at the office at any time to make use of this new facility.

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## WORLD HERITAGE NOMINATION—SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

In July 1995, the Commonwealth and New South Wales governments together issued a brief to prepare a World Heritage Nomination of the Sydney Opera House in its setting. Joan Domicelj was appointed as principal consultant. The project is funded by the Commonwealth with support in kind by the State. The first stage of the work was the assessment of World Heritage values and the definition of the boundaries of the area to be nominated.

The management implications of the nomination were also considered and stakeholder groups were identified. A reference group was formed to co-operate with the two governments in the project, represented by the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Sport and Territories and the NSW Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. The group consist of twenty-four representatives of relevant special interest and stakeholder groups, of which the principal stakeholder is the Sydney Opera House Trust. The National Trust movement is represented by Professor Ken Taylor, President of the ACT Trust.

The results of the evaluation show that the Sydney Opera House in its harbour setting has outstanding universal value and justifies inscription on the World Heritage List under three of the six cultural criteria for World Heritage places. A property need only meet one criterion to be included on the World Heritage List. The boundaries determined, after much discussion, follow the high water mark from Blues Point to Cremorne Point to the north and from Dawes Point to Mrs Macquaries Point to the south, enclosing the waters of the inner harbour, Fort Denison, Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House site on Bennelong Point south to the Tarpeian Cliff.

The Sydney Opera House is identified as a masterpiece of creative genius which is inextricably tied to its harbour setting. The inner harbour, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Fort Denison are all integral parts of the nomination. Together they form an outstanding evolving landscape which, through the sequence of physical markers of fort, bridge and opera house, illustrates significant stages in 19th and 20th century history. This cultural landscape is both directly associated with the extraordinary cultural encounter between Aboriginal people and British colonists, and is enriched by the quality of artistic and literary works it has inspired.

An important test of the evaluation is the 'authenticity' of the nominated property. The Guidelines to the World Heritage Convention require that nominated properties 'meet the test of authenticity in design, material, workmanship or setting'. In the case of the Sydney Opera House, most of the building's exterior was constructed according to Jørn Utzon's design, but the interiors and glass walls were completed to the design of a later Australian team of architects. This controversial change of designer remains a source of continuing public debate. An archival research project to address this issue has been initiated by the New South Wales and Commonwealth governments. Its brief seeks to collate a consolidated catalogue of Utzon's drawings and related papers held in public collections and to assess and study that material. It will both provide an accurate historical record and

assess the design intentions revealed and the extent to which those intentions have been technically resolved. The results of the research will be included in the 1997 review of the Opera House's current Interim Conservation Plan, as matter to be taken into consideration for any future modifications of the building.

The Nomination document is well illustrated with maps showing location and management arrangements and with related artworks and photography to support the arguments justifying the World Heritage listing on the site. With the approval of State and Commonwealth governments, it is to be forwarded to UNESCO's World Heritage Centre in Paris before the administrative deadline of 1 July 1996. It will then follow a process of international evaluation before the World Heritage Committee's final decision in December 1997 as to whether the property should be included on the World Heritage List.

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*Bunya Pine in King's Avenue planted by the Duke of York  
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**NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)**  
**WALKS AND TOURS PROGRAM**

**RETURN TO THE BUDAWANGS - Sunday 8 September 1996**

This activity will introduce our many new walkers to a truly great piece of country - the dramatic edge of the Southern Tableland in the Budawang section of Morton National Park. It is six years since we last undertook the 20km return walk to Corang Peak, which commands stunning views over Pigeonhouse, the Clyde Valley and the South Coast. Although long, the walk is relatively level and the track is good. A 7.40am start from a check point in Queanbeyan will be needed for the 115km drive from there to the start of the walk near Nerriga. The ticket price includes the usual revival party. September is great for wildflowers. The activity will be postponed to 29 September if wet.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 4 SEPTEMBER. NO LIMIT.**

**THE FLINDERS RANGES - Saturday 14 to Thursday 26 September 1996**

At the time of writing, it is expected that all available places on this tour will have been filled. Those who have only paid deposits will need to pay the balance by 30 August. If you have not paid a deposit but wish you were going, the Trust Office is maintaining a wait list in case of late cancellations.

**WAIT LIST CLOSES 29 AUGUST. LIMIT 16.**

**SHAPED BY THE SADDLE - Thursday 3 to Monday 7 October 1996**

This 5-day equestrian trek incorporates the Labour Day long weekend and will traverse some of our most appealing bush scenery. Commencing at Countegany, east of Cooma, you will traverse both the meadows of the upper Tuross River and the nearby alpine ash forests before descending through temperate rainforest and giant tree ferns to the Belowra Valley. The cost includes horse hire, meals, drinks and tents. You will need to provide or hire your own sleeping bag, pillow and air mattress. Thrill to the superb scenery, the starlit night sky, the camaraderie of the campfire and possibly even the call of the mopoke! No riding experience necessary. Form a group if you prefer!

**\$50 DEPOSIT REQUESTED ASAP. BOOKINGS CLOSE & FULL PAYMENT  
REQUIRED BY 19 SEPTEMBER. MINIMUM 8, MAXIMUM 14.**

**BELCONNEN RAMBLINGS - Sunday 13 October 1996**

The Southwell family played a significant role in the 19th century development of the Canberra region. This self drive activity will begin mid morning with inspections of the historic Weetangera Cemetery (1873) and the Parkwood Chapel (1880). Well known historian Lyall Gillespie has offered to guide us and provide background information. The ticket price includes the \$5pp entry charge to Ginninderra Falls. You will need to bring a picnic lunch. In the afternoon we will view the spectacular Upper and Lower Falls and complete the 5km track circuit down the lovely Ginninderra Creek Ravine to the Murrumbidgee River and back (140m ascent). Our usual party will complete a relatively easy day. The activity will be deferred to Sat. 19 October if wet.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 9 OCTOBER. NO LIMIT.**

**SOME OLDER GARDENS OF YOUNG - Sunday 20 October 1996**

Renowned for its mild climate and reliable rainfall, the Young district also contains some imaginative gardens. Our coach tour will transport you to four quite diverse gardens being opened under the ABC Open Garden Scheme: "Clifton", by courtesy of Mr & Mrs Ken Wilson; "Jacaranda Hill", by courtesy of Mr & Mrs Bob Chandler; "Milong North", by courtesy of Mr & Mrs Norman Caldwell; and "Erowari", by courtesy of Mr & Mrs Don Caldwell. The coach will pick up from both Deakin (7.40am) and Jolimont (7.55am), returning between about 7.15 and 7.30pm. The ticket price includes garden entry fees (\$15), morning and afternoon teas, lunch and 400km of soft scenery.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 10 OCTOBER. LIMIT 46.**

**SYDNEY FAIR - Night of Friday 25 and Saturday 26 October 1996**

This activity is principally designed to allow members and friends to view the Third Interior Decorators' Show at "Lindesay", the National Trust of Australia (NSW)'s historic property at Darling Point. Each room will be decorated to their own taste by 16 of Sydney's leading interior decorators. Travel will be by coach, departing from Deakin at 5.00pm and from near the Canberra Rex Hotel at 5.20pm (to suit workers and to provide scope for free parking). The ticket price includes Friday and Saturday night dinners with wine, Friday night motel accommodation at Picton, and a \$28 morning tea, lunch and entry package at "Lindesay". You will have 2 hours to view the Show, including a short talk. After lunch, participants will be given several alternatives - transport included. In the early afternoon, you may browse at will through the many fine decorator shops in Ocean Street, Woollahra, or inspect "Elizabeth Bay House". Later, you may stop off or remain in Ocean Street, browse through the shops at Double Bay or inspect "Vaucluse House". Extra costs apply if you opt for the inspections. On the way home, we will pick up from Double Bay and Ocean Street and try to reach Canberra by 10.00pm. Sunday is for sleeping in!

**BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 8 OCTOBER. LIMIT 35.**

**BRINDABELLA CREST - Sunday 3 November 1996**

Our target for this self-drive expedition is Mount Gingera, the 1857m mountain, visible from Canberra, which most consistently carries a mantle of snow in winter. The walk from the roadhead at Mount Ginini is only about 11km return, but there is a 250m uphill scramble to the summit from Pryor's Hut. Weather permitting, the view is stunning. It is hoped to include an inspection of the Mount Franklin Chalet, Australia's oldest surviving club-built ski lodge. The price includes our traditional end-of-walk celebration. The activity will be postponed to 10 November in the event of wet weather.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE & FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 30 OCTOBER. NO LIMIT.**



**BATHURST-ORANGE WEEKEND - Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 November 1996**

Totally different from last year's very popular weekend in Bathurst, this coach tour focuses on three very special private houses being opened by the Central West Women's Committee of the National Trust **FOR TRUST MEMBERS ONLY**: "Avonbank", by courtesy of Mr & Mrs R Camplin; "The Lindens", by courtesy of Mr & Mrs N Thomas; and "Blackdown", by courtesy of Dr & Mrs K Neale. Sunday lunch will be served at "Miss Traill's Cottage". Our forward journey will be via Canowindra and Orange, with a lunch and garden inspection at "Luxulyan", by courtesy of Mr & Mrs C Hawke. On Sunday we will also visit historic "Abercrombie House" at Bathurst, by courtesy of Mr C Morgan, and the garden of "Rockfield", Boorowa, by courtesy of Mr J Corkhill. The tour price is all inclusive, with pick-ups from Deakin and from near the Canberra Rex Hotel. We will return via Newbridge and scenic Wyangala Dam.

**\$25 DEPOSIT REQUESTED ASAP. BOOKINGS CLOSE & FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 24 OCTOBER. LIMIT 35. TRUST MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE BROUGHT.**

**ADAMINABY ROUNDUP - Saturday 30 November 1996**

Because the 36 who ventured to last year's Adaminaby Races enjoyed it so much, we have decided to give them a second chance to recoup their losses! You too could become a first time loser! Join the Trust "lose bus" or risk the "booze bus" but have a great end-of-year celebration with your friends. Ticket prices for both self-drive and coach include a catered sit-down BYO lunch but only the coach package includes the race entry charge and breath test exempt transportation. There will be pick-ups from Jamison, Woden and Tuggeranong.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE & FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 20 NOVEMBER. NO LIMIT.**

**1997 OFFERINGS** - THE ACTIVITIES HEREUNDER MAY SEEM A LONG WAY OFF BUT THEY EACH OCCUR DURING PEAK SEASONS. REGRETTABLY WE MUST SEEK DEPOSITS NOW TO COVER OUR OUTLAYS IN SECURING GROUP RESERVATIONS. DEPOSITS REMAIN REFUNDABLE UNTIL YOUR PLACE IS CONFIRMED, THEREAFTER COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS WILL APPLY & TRAVEL INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED. THE TRUST CAN ARRANGE THIS. PLACES ARE ALLOCATED IN ORDER OF PAYMENT AND CANNOT BE HELD INDEFINITELY.

**CRADLE MOUNTAIN - LAKE ST CLAIR WALK - February or March 1997**

The initial response to this 6-day 60km lodge-accommodated (hot showers, foam mattresses and prepared meals) walk, under the expert guidance of Cradle Mountain Huts P/L, has been so good that the March walk (ex Canberra 5.00pm 4 March, returning 1.25pm 12 March) could soon be full. A second reservation has therefore been made. If there is sufficient interest, this will depart Canberra 18 February, returning 26 February. Both packages include return economy airfares, 3 nights twin share accom (meals extra) at the Colonial Motor Inn, Launceston (2 before the walk and 1 after), a celebration dinner on the last night and the \$1350 cost of the 6-day, twin share, guided walk (except liquor and any items of gear you may wish to hire). You will only need to carry a 10kg pack and you will have a blister-free day to explore Launceston before the big walk! Contact Garth Setchell AFTER 28 AUGUST if you need more information. The total cost will be \$1950pp (dbl/twin share only).

**\$200 DEPOSIT REQUESTED BY 10 SEPTEMBER TO ENSURE A PLACE. ONCE A PLACE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS WILL APPLY. BALANCE PAYABLE MID DECEMBER..LIMIT 10 / GROUP.**

**TASMANIAN HERITAGE TOUR - Sunday 23 February to Wednesday 5 March 1997**

Lack of time has precluded further development of this coach tour to places of heritage and scenic significance in Tasmania, involving two overnight crossings of Bass Strait (in your own cabin) on the "Spirit of Tasmania". The itinerary will include Deloraine, Launceston, the historic Midlands, Richmond, Port Arthur, Hobart, New Norfolk, Queenstown, the lower Gordon River, Cradle Mountain, Stanley and Devonport. The forward coach journey to Melbourne will probably include an overnight stop near Beechworth. On return, the coach will reach Canberra about 6.00pm. Full details in November Trust News. Probable cost about \$1700 pp dbl/tw, \$2050 sgl assuming we achieve 30 or more bookings.

**A FULLY REFUNDABLE \$50 DEPOSIT IS REQUESTED BY 10 SEPTEMBER TO CONFIRM PROBABLE NUMBERS. A FURTHER \$150 WILL BE REQUESTED BY MID DECEMBER. FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY MID JANUARY. LIMIT 45.**

**THE CAPE YORK WILDERNESS - 21 May 1997 to various return dates**

There has also been a strong initial response to this, our adventure tour for 1997. Although final arrangements will depend on the number of firm bookings for each option, it is intended that the tour will depart Canberra by air on the morning of Wednesday 21 May. 2 or 3 nights (with a one day rail/4WD tour to Kuranda included) will then be spent at Palm Cove before departing on one of two forward journey alternatives with Cape York tour specialists, Oz Tours:

- a 9-day 4WD safari tour to Cape York and Thursday Island; or
- an 8-day fully-accommodated 4WD tour to Cape York and Thursday Island.

The last three days, depending on your chosen return option, may include some common features (so that the "softs" can pity the "hards" and vice versa). The return options on Saturday 31 May are:

- fly back to Cairns, one night at Palm Cove, fly home on 1 June; or
- cruise for 3 days to Lizard Island, fly to Cairns, one night at Palm Cove, fly home on 4 June; or
- cruise the whole way back to Cairns, Palm Cove, fly home on 7 June.

Probable costs, Canberra to Canberra all inclusive (except for drinks throughout and meals at Palm Cove), are:

- 3-nights Palm Cove plus 9-day safari/air tour - \$2525pp tw share or \$2775pp (if requiring sgl accom at Palm Cove only);
- 4-nights Palm Cove plus 8-day accommodated/air tour - \$3300pp tw share or \$3875pp sgl throughout;
- extra cost 3-day cruise/air from Lizard Island to Cairns - \$800-1100pp tw share depending on cabin;
- extra cost 6-day cruise right back to Cairns - \$1150-1600pp tw share.

Contact Garth Setchell AFTER 28 AUGUST if you require more information.

**\$200 DEPOSIT REQUESTED BY 10 SEPTEMBER TO ENSURE A PLACE. ONCE A PLACE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS WILL APPLY. BALANCE PAYABLE MID MARCH. MINIMUM 12 ON SAFARI.**



**NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)**  
**WALKS AND TOURS PROGRAM**  
**APPLICATION FORM**

Please post this form to the Ticket Secretary, National Trust of Australia (ACT), PO Box 3173, Manuka ACT 2603, together with one long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for each activity being applied for. Make cheques payable to The National Trust of Australia (ACT). Please note that activity details are not normally posted out until a few weeks before each activity.

EARLY APPLICATION IS APPRECIATED AS IT ASSISTS US WITH ARRANGEMENTS. Places can only be reserved in order of payment. Where indicated, deposits are acceptable, provided full payment is received by the "Bookings Close" date. The junior (junr) rate, where offered, applies to all children and full-time students, including non-members. A surcharge applies to adult non-members (nonm) to encourage membership. Commercial conditions apply to cancellations on tours where travel insurance is recommended. Because of the costs involved, a minimum fee of \$2 (at cost after the "Bookings Close" date) will be retained on all other cancellations. Queries may be addressed to the Trust Office (ph 2395222 during office hours) or to Garth Setchell (ph 06-2901100).

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**RETURN TO THE BUDAWANGS** - Sunday 8 September 1996

Adults + guidance/celebratory party

Adult non-member surcharge

Juniors + guidance/celebratory party

Names of others covered by this application: \_\_\_\_\_

add \_\_\_\_\_ adlt @ \$ 13pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ junr @ \$ 9pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Transport offered/requested \_\_\_\_\_ pers TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FLINDERS RANGES** - Saturday 14 to Thursday 26 September 1996

I wish to be entered on the Wait List in case of cancellations:

Names of others covered by this application: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHAPED BY THE SADDLE** - Thursday 3 to Monday 7 October 1996

Horse hire + all inclusions

Juniors

Names of others covered by this application: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ adlt @ \$ 575pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ junr @ \$ 500pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Transport offered/requested \_\_\_\_\_ pers \$50 DEP OR TOTAL ENCL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**BELCONNEN RAMBLINGS** - Sunday 13 October 1996

Adults + entry/guidance/celebratory party

Adult non-member surcharge

Juniors + entry/guidance/celebratory party

Names of others covered by this application: \_\_\_\_\_

add \_\_\_\_\_ adlt @ \$ 13pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ nonm @ \$ 1pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ junr @ \$ 9pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Transport offered/requested \_\_\_\_\_ pers TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SOME OLDER GARDENS OF YOUNG** - Sunday 20 October 1996

Coach tour + all inclusions

Non-member surcharge

Names of others covered by this application: \_\_\_\_\_

add \_\_\_\_\_ pers @ \$ 68pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ nonm @ \$ 2pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick preferred pick-up point: Deakin \_\_\_\_\_ Civic \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## PREPARING THE MEMORIAL FOR THE NEXT CENTURY



Over the next decade the Memorial will be undertaking an extensive program to revitalise all its galleries and to conserve the historic building in which the galleries are housed. The aim

is to present the Memorial's message of commemoration and understanding of Australians' service and sacrifice in war in the most effective and memorable way possible. This will draw on the traditional strengths of the Memorial and also result in some major changes to the existing galleries and exhibitions.

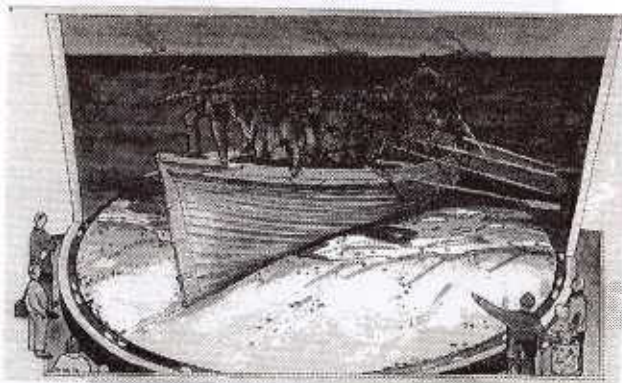
Since the 1980s, the Memorial has been analysing data to develop a clearer picture of who comes to visit and why, so that the new gallery development program will offer every visitor a relevant and meaningful experience. The research clearly emphasises that the Memorial enjoys a very diverse range of visitors. There are people who are related to Australians who have died in war, veterans, service personnel, their friends and families, school students (more than 80 000 visit per year), groups of families and friends (particularly domestic tourists to Canberra) and a large number of coach tour visitors. A large proportion of our one million visitors, around 27%, are under 16 years of age.

The new gallery development program is focused on effectively meeting the needs of this diverse range of people. Physical changes to the floor plan, for example, will make it easier for visitors to find their way around. In the new design, galleries and other facilities will branch out from a centrally located information space. This will make it easier for visitors to choose what to see, what order to see it in, how to get there, and, when they need a rest, where to get that much needed cup of coffee.

The galleries will also be transformed. There will be a new Orientation Gallery, which will be a place of transition for the newly arrived visitor. It will foster an awareness of the special commemorative aspect of the Memorial, and will provide the visitor with an understanding of what a tour of the Memorial will mean and the possibilities it will offer.

There will be a new reference area, integrated with the galleries, which will provide ready access to the Memorial's vast collection of war records and related material for family history searches and other more specialised needs. Redevelopment of the exhibition galleries will draw on modern exhibition techniques and the Memorial's rich collection to effectively express the story of Australians at war. Among the first of these will be the gallery covering the period 1942-45, and a major exhibition on the Pacific air war. At the same time the Memorial will be careful to ensure that its special heritage is preserved. Icons such as the famous dioramas which Australians have come to love will be integrated with many items which have never been seen before. Old favourites, such as the Gallipoli boat, will be on show again.

The redevelopment program will demand a large commitment of resources over the coming years, and this cannot be achieved without the continuing support offered by the Australian community. The program has already benefited from donors' generosity in supporting restoration projects such as the Gallipoli Plan Model, and the Mosquito aircraft which will be a major element of the new Pacific air war exhibition. In later articles we will include updates on the program to give you a fuller idea of how your support is making a difference.



*An artist's impression of the proposed Gallipoli Boat display.*

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS, REMEDIES & RECIPES

From "A New book of knowledge: treating of things wherefore some are profitable, some precious, and some pleasant and delightful", 1697, London, come these handy hints.

❖ Coffee ought to be used only in a physical way, by them that are troubled with fumes and dulling vapours that fly into their heads: it is likewise good after hard drinking, weariness, labour and fasting: but for others, I think it best to forbear it: yet a dish will do no man harm.

❖ Asparagus boiled and eaten with bread, butter and salt, is a most dainty food, and affords a clean nutriment, and is friendly to the stomach, loosens the belly, powerfully purges by urine, and opens obstructions.

❖ To cure the farcy or scurf in a horse—hang a toad about the neck of a horse, in a little bag, and it will infallibly cure him.

From "The Down Under Calendar" of 1972 comes this In Memorium notice—

❖ "We have lost our little Hannah in a very painful manner"

From "This England", Winter 1974 comes the following epitaph—

❖ Here lies the body of Emaline Fowler,  
who burst while drinking a Sedlitz powder,  
She entered into her Heavenly Rest,  
before the mixture effervesced.



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## RECENT TRUST WALKS & TOURS



*Special tour for Lanyon Guardians*

*Elizabeth Farm, Parramatta*



*Blue Mountains Avenged*

*The Grand Canyon*



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## RECENT TRUST WALKS & TOURS



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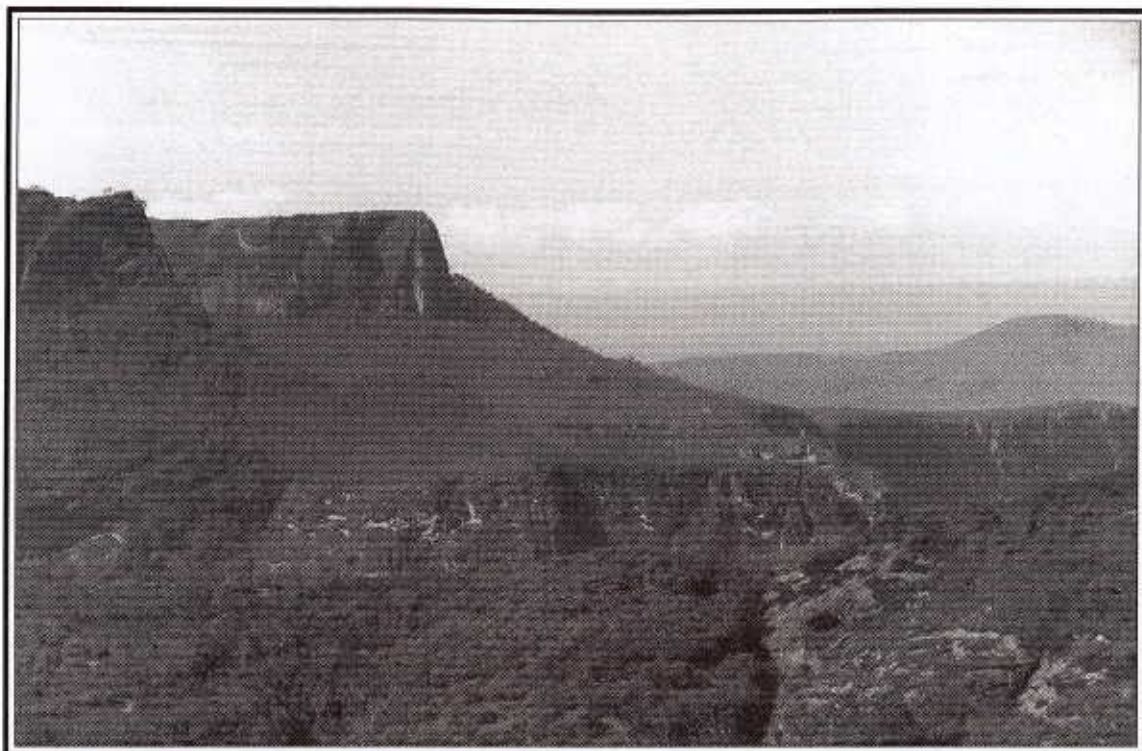
*Yulefest at Ranelagh*

*Festing!*



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## COMING ATTRACTIONS



*Return to the Budawangs*

*View from Corang Peak*



*Bathurst-Orange Weekend*

*Public buildings, Bathurst*

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## SHORT CUTS

### A JOB WELL DONE

Restoration of Brayshaw's Hut in the Namadgi National Park was completed earlier this year. Undertaken by the Kosciuszko Huts Association with the assistance of the Parks and Conservation Service, work on the project spanned five years. To celebrate the completion of the restoration project, members of the Brayshaw family were among those who attended an open day and official ceremony presided over by Gary Humphries MLA.

### BEWARE THE DANGERS WITHIN

Tilbury Fort in Essex was built as a coastal fortification for Henry VIII in 1539, however, there was never any threat to these defences. Indeed, the most violent event in its history occurred in 1776 at a cricket match which left three men dead and many wounded! *Heritage Today*, June 1996, No. 34

### KURRAJONG LEADS THE WAY

From "Project", a newsletter produced by the Environment Protection Agency, we hear that the Hotel Kurrajong has effectively reduced its waste by a third following the introduction of several strategies. These include using refillable dispensers for soaps and detergents, using detergents and soaps without animal and vegetable fats and recycling everything from glass to corks. Each week a 240 litre bin of food scraps is sent to a worm farm instead of to the tip.

### INROADS INTO EUROPE?

The UK National Trust Magazine reports that there is to be a Trust-like body formed in France to look after those buildings which are not at present commercially run. The first properties under consideration for the new body to administer are the former homes of Zola and Voltaire.

The magazine also reports that a group of Polish horticulturalists have been visiting gardens owned by the UK Trust with the aim of setting up a similar heritage body in Poland.

We are, as yet, unable to say whether there will be any reciprocal arrangements made with these new organizations.

### FACELIFT FOR LUNA PARK

The Victorian National Trust reports that work is proceeding on restoration of some of the most notable features of Luna Park. Before the end of the year it is hoped that restoration work on the 1913 carousel, the entrance face and towers and the scenic railway will be completed.

### HARPER'S MANSION

This charming house in Berrima is steadily gaining in character with the addition of furniture, fittings and incidental items. The ACT Trust's three piece drawing room suite was the first furniture lent to the Berrima District Branch for this house. This, and several other items since lent or donated, are making Harper's Mansion into a charming home which is well worth a visit.

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## EX ARCHIVA

From "Canberra Community News", 12 July 1926

### PARLIAMENT HOUSE ON FIRE

That silent incendiary, Old Sol, recently gave Canberra's countless early risers a start that nearly jolted their Canberra calmness out of them. It was a misty morning and a snow-like blanket was lazily rolling itself over the face of things, muffling everything in a mantle of so thick a texture that only the dimmest of outlines pierced the veil. The great parliamentary pile itself seemed but a mass of mist, when, without a word of warning, the great edifice burst into flame, crimson and lurid, as a vast city conflagration. It seemed for a second or so that the beautiful white building would soon be but a handful of black ashes; then the mind adjusted itself to the phenomenon, and one realised that the sun had just climbed the peak of Mount Ainslie, and was crimsoning all outstanding objects with his ruddy torch, that we looked at reflected flame and not at real fire. Early rising citizens breathed again and went into breakfast.

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### HEARD ON THE 'BUS

Lady to neighbour: "We are so pleased we are going to live in a better neighbourhood."

Neighbour: "Yes, and so are we."

Lady: "What, are you moving too?"

Neighbour: "No, we are staying here."

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### CANBERRATOMS

The following are the rugby fixtures for the season:-

Hall v. Canberra  
Canberra v. Hall  
Hall v. Canberra  
Canberra v. Hall  
First semi-final  
Second semi-final  
Grand final  
Cup final (if any)

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## GLIMPSES OF EARLY CANBERRA—THE STIRLING PARK STORY

Marjie took me to school. I was five years of age and the year, 1942. The school was Telopea Park Infants and we had to walk from our homes in the Westlake valley over the hill past the American Embassy and down to State Circle where we caught the school bus at a cost of one penny each way. In bad weather we could take shelter in the old bus shed (which during the 1954 Queen's visit was painted pink!). As soon as I learnt to ride a push bike my parents bought one for me and I rode to and from school via the track which passed through the Capitol Hill Hostel, the site of which is now covered by the new Parliament House.

I lived in one of 61 unlined green coloured timber box-like cottages erected between 1924–1926 for tradesmen working on the Provisional Parliament House and its surrounds. I lived with my parents, Violet and Leonard Austin, at 27 Westlake, and Marjie lived with hers, Florence and Andy Hawke, at number 36. Marjie's Hawke grandparents also lived at Westlake—at number 18. The Hawkes had come from Araluen in the 1920s and both breadwinners worked as **engine drivers**. We came from Collarenebri in 1940 and Dad worked at Brodie's garage in Wentworth Avenue.

I started school after my birthday in June. My mother dressed me in the daffodil yellow dress which was the Infants' School uniform. She had great difficulty in obtaining it because during the war many items were in short supply and clothing rationing was in place. I only wore the dress a few times because the uniform dress code was suspended for the duration of the war; in later years I wore a dark navy coloured tunic with white

blouse. Both girls and boys were supposed to wear a tie. Mind you, now that I think back to that time, I remember that few children wore the full school uniform and many came to school without shoes.

Telopea Park's school song was written by Molly Dunn who lived in Kennedy Street, Kingston. Molly's maiden name was McKissock and before her marriage she lived with her parents at 4 Westlake. Molly had been a member of the Westlake Women's Cricket Club, some members of which represented the Federal Capital Territory in the 1935 match held at the Manuka Oval against the visiting English team (we won!).

At the beginning of 1996 I was awarded a Heritage Grant to write a history of Westlake and mark the sites of the old camps and settlements on a modern map. I have been aided in the task by people who lived in the area. Amongst them are Dorrie and Arthur Maxwell, Colin Smith and his parents, Doris and Tom, Marjie Rundle (nee Hawke), Stan Brill, Ken Dinnerville and Arthur Freeman.

The Westlake settlement had a hall, which had started life as a Mess for the men of No. 3 Sewer Camp. The hall was central to the life of the community and in it were held dances, **engagement parties**, **children's Christmas parties**, **meetings**, **smokos** and **church services**. During the **early years of the Social Service Association (1925–1929)**, which replaced the Westlake Progress Association, a tennis court near the hall and **children's playground** in the reserve area in front of cottages 22–29 were built using the 50/50 system—that is, if the Federal Capital Commission supplied the materials, the men of the community would



*Ann "Austin" at side of No. 28. Houses shown—51–62*



supply the labour. By the time we settled at Westlake in 1941 both facilities had been replaced with trenches and the previous tenant of No. 27 had provided us with an air raid shelter dug deep into the earth backyard. All suburbs and schools had trenches and it was common for our daily routines to include air raid drill which commenced with the wailing sound of the air raid siren.

Whilst researching the construction era of Canberra (1909-1929) I came across numerous documents on Westlake Settlement in the Australian Archives. Amongst them were complaints which ranged from concern about the overflow from the septic to the plea for plugs for the kitchen sinks.

During my research I discovered that my Westlake was only one of many and that in 1925 the population of the area had been around 700, which represented approximately one fifth of the population of the Territory at that time!

The residents were accommodated in 51 (later 61) Westlake cottages, 3 government single men's tent 'camps' (No. 3 Sewer 1922-1925, Old Tradesmen's 1923-1928 and No.1 Labourers 1924-1927) and Contractor Howie's settlement. This settlement consisted of around 18 timber huts for single men—known as the Hostel Camp (1922-circa June 1927), and 25 two-three bedroom timber cottages for his married tradesmen—known as Howie's Cottages (1922-1931). All were connected to electricity and water.

Ken Dinnerville and Arthur Freeman lived at Howie's Cottages. Ken's father was plumber in charge of work on the Hotel Canberra. Arthur lived at several Westlake sites, the first being No. 3 Sewer Mess where his father commenced work as Mess Caterer in 1923. The following year the family moved into a tent "cottage" which had timber sides and floor. It was erected on site between the Old Tradesmen's camp and Howie's Cottages. It was here that the youngest child, a son, was born in November 1924. Mrs Ruth Freeman was blind and one wonders how she managed. In 1927 the family moved into No. 13 Howie's Cottages where they remained until 1930 before moving to Causeway to be near Mr Freeman's work as night watchman at the Power House.

Each camp was provided with a Mess which was also used for recreational purposes and, in addition, Contractor Howie erected a hall which was used regularly for church services and dances.

The men who lived in timber dwellings fared much better than those in the government camps where two men were crammed into each 10 x 8ft. canvas tent. The men of the Old Tradesmen's camp had the added comfort of timber floors and sides to their tents. Bathing facilities were primitive, and for those not hardy enough to brave the unheated water in the colder months, a wood-fired copper was installed to heat the bath water.

By the end of 1928 all the 'camps' had gone, some of Howie's cottages were dismantled around 1925 and the remaining 13 were taken over by the F. C. C. before October 1926 but disappeared by the end of 1931. In the early 1960s the Westlake settlement cottages were, with the exception of two which burnt down, sold and relocated to new sites. Only the timber section of each house was moved.

The former sites of cottages 1-20, with the exception of the site of No. 17, are covered by buildings in Empire Circuit and Darwin Avenue. The site of No. 17 is now a vacant block of land opposite the Finnish Embassy.

Left behind on sites occupied by cottages 22-26 are the concrete slabs of the combined laundry, bath and lavatory areas, along with numerous other relics. Some of these have been photographed, including a 1926 ceramic gully trap, a garden bed edged with Canberra Tiles, a concrete slab with "1944 A. Campbell 1944" scratched into its surface and a concrete path lined with Canberra pavers. Some of the old trees and hedges remain, such as the four tall pines which lined the back fence of 28 and now stand near the intersection of Perth Avenue and Empire Circuit. In the valley is a tall old gum tree which stood in the backyard of 36. Hanging from one of its branches is a length of wire put there in the 1940s by Andy Hawke for use as a wireless aerial.

In the area where cottages 29-52 stood, numerous concrete pipes break through the surface of the ground. They may be pipes which connected cottages to the septic tanks. Some appear to lead to a channel which joins the creek. In the area between, the heavy machinery used in the recent process of removing the non-native plants from the sides of the creek and nearby areas has exposed one of the two reinforced concrete Westlake septic tanks. The thrill of finding the tank (which may be the only one left of the many put in place near every major settlement prior to 1927) was diminished by the destruction of two old willows planted over a century ago on the creek bank. The trees may have been part of the consignment of willow cuttings brought out "in potatoes" from St Helena in the 1830s. They were planted along the banks of the Molonglo River.

Arthur Freeman told me about the Sewer Camp. The majority of miners hailed from Captains Flat and the camp numbered around 100 men who were accommodated in two rows of tents which stretched across the base of the hill where, in 1926, cottages 53-62 Westlake were constructed. To prevent water from flooding into the tents at times of heavy rain, a ditch was dug above the tent line. Later, the rear fences of the cottages ran just below this ditch and the small section which remains is in the area above the sites of cottages 57 to 59. On one occasion young Arthur was lowered in the cage down the 200ft. deep concrete-lined shaft to the tunnel below and walked through the tunnel from Westlake to Westridge. Power for the cage and mullock buckets was provided by a wood-fuelled, steam-driven traction engine.

The mullock from the tunnel was loaded into skips which were pushed along a small rail track before being disposed of over the side of the hill. When the sewer work at Westlake was completed two mullock dumps remained - one next to the Sewer Vent and another between cottages 28 and 53. Each was known as "The Dump" and we children made slides down their sides. Both dumps were cleared away some time following the removal of the Westlake cottages. However, numerous reminders of the sewer workers remain on the hill, such as old, dead gums cut at waist level, rusting kerosene tins, slabs of concrete with rusting cut-off bolts, a concrete trench, river rocks





*No. 1 Camp at Westlake. C 1924.*

and the Sewer Vent, which is referred to on modern maps as "Monument".

On the Westlake hills there is evidence of an earlier period of mining—surface mining which took place some time between the early 1860s (when mining first came to the district) and the turn of the century. Two of the Westlake hillsides where the early miners worked are scarred with old mullock heaps, numerous holes, channels which zig-zag down the hillside and trees left high on islands of earth.

What did the men mine? A silver load was found by sewer miners some 40ft. below ground level. But this metal was not on the surface and it is likely that the miners sought gold or copper. There is no oral tradition of mining at Westlake, but this is not surprising because from around 1911 land owners were dispossessed and replaced with a population of construction workers, the majority of whom came from other states.

What about the sites of Tradesman's and No. 1? The men who lived in them are now dead, hence positive identification of sites and stories are difficult to find. Arthur and Ken remembered calling at No. 1 where they were joined by other workmen's sons on their way to Telopea Park School. Ken and Arthur pointed out where they thought the camps had been. Armed with this information I set out to find traces of each camp which meant walking the hillsides with one eye almost glued to the ground and the other making sure that I did not surprise one of the current residents sunning on a rock or in the long grass.

One day I saw a neat row of rocks almost hidden in the grass and remembered an old photograph which showed the cooks of No. 1 leaning against a wire fence which confined a garden bed. The base of the fence was held down by a similar row of rocks. On closer examination of the area I noted at right angles to the rocks a trench about 15 inches wide and 12ft. long. Nearby is part of a concrete pipe. I cleared the long grass which revealed several channels leading to the pipe from whence the water was directed into the nearby creek. In the channel and trench are circular garden beds each ringed with thirteen large stones. I next looked up the hill towards the Singapore High Commission and noted two piles of earth. Closer examination showed that each consisted of numerous Canberra half bricks which were most likely used for an ablution block floor. Nearby were more channels and a few irises and hyacinths. I had found part of the Tradesmen's Camp!

Walks in the area between the Tradesmen's Camp and Hotel Canberra have revealed numerous stone defined garden beds established by the men of No. 1. Here and there are other signs of occupation which include small pieces of rusting tins, wire left around a tree trunk, a few fragments of pottery and glass, and the now familiar drainage channels.

From the small fragments of glass found at Westlake I have discovered that the majority of men, and perhaps some ladies, preferred to drink beer, which came in brown glass bottles marked with the words "N.S.W. BOTTLE COMPANY LIMITED", and favoured amongst the cordials were "Commonwealth Cordial Company, Capital Cordial Company" and "Schweppes".



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There were two bottle surprises which indicate to me that a study of local cordial companies should be undertaken before this knowledge is lost. The bottles (broken) are a George Morton of Queanbeyan's "E. W. O'Sullivan Key Stone" which has a portrait of the man in a key stone shape. It was produced from 1910 in

memory of O'Sullivan, a local politician who worked to get the local area chosen as the site for the nation's capital. The other bottle, which dates from around the 1920s, has, in a circular motif, the words "PHILLIP RODIS - CAPITOL - QUEANBEYAN".

It is now fifty-four years since Marjie took me to school and over thirty since the last Westlake dwelling was removed. The area has been relatively untouched and presents a unique opportunity for those interested in the early history of our Territory to study the remains of over a century of temporary occupation.

Ann Gugler 31/4/96

*Information about mining in the Canberra District surfaces in books written by Lyle Gillespie, Rex Cross and Barry McGowan. The latter author has written a series of articles which are published in Canberra & District Historical Society journals. The series is called 'Lost Mines: Historic mining sites in the Monaro-Southern Tablelands Districts of New South Wales'.*

### HERITAGE AWARD TO ANN GUGLER

*The Trust's congratulations must be extended to Ann Gugler who was awarded an ACT Heritage Council Award earlier this year. The award was granted in recognition of her outstanding achievement in researching, writing and promoting the history of the builders of Canberra.*



### Children's Week

#### A Picnic at Lanyon Homestead

The National Trust of Australia (ACT)  
and  
Lanyon (Museums & Galleries Section)  
will be holding a  
picnic at Lanyon  
on Thursday 24 October 1996, 11 am to 1.30 pm  
for 4 and 5 year old children  
from local Daycare Centres.

Activities planned include games and stories that reflect the era of Lanyon.

There will be storytelling, walks, activities such as spinning and demonstrations of toy making.

**We need your help** to make this a truly memorable day. A workshop will be held with Margaret Fleming-Education Officer, and Lainie Lawson-Curator, to organise the events.

Contact Helen Peade at the Trust office on 239 5222 for further information.



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



A SIGN OF THE TIMES?

Seen on the Braidwood trip.



# WHAT'S ON, IN AND AROUND CANBERRA

## NATIONAL TRUST (ACT)

- ❖ Sunday 8 September  
'Return to the Budawangs' walk
- ❖ Saturday 14–Thursday 26 September  
Flinders Ranges tour.
- ❖ Friday 27–Sunday 29 September  
Fabulous Flora
- ❖ Thursday 3 to Monday 7 October  
'Shaped by the Saddle'
- ❖ Sunday 10 November  
Film afternoon, 'Gallipoli', NFSA
- ❖ Sunday 15 December  
Anniversary Lunch, Huntly

Contact number for A.C.T. Trust activities—(06) 239 5222

## NATIONAL TRUST (NSW)

### COOMA COTTAGE, YASS

- ❖ Portraits of the Aborigines of NSW by William Fernyhough—on permanent display.
- ❖ Saturday 15–Sunday 16 November  
Cooma Cottage's garden is part of the Open Garden Scheme, and an antique auction will be held concurrently. An exhibition of garden paintings and a static display and sale of antiques will be held over November. Contact Cooma Cottage on (06) 226 1470 for details.

## NATIONAL TRUST (VICTORIA )

- ❖ Sunday 15 September, 11 am–4 pm.  
To celebrate 40 years of operation in the state, the Victorian Trust will hold a free open day to all its properties. Contact (03) 9654 4711 for further details.

## OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

- ❖ About the House: the story of Old Parliament House  
9.00–4.00 daily.  
National Museum exhibition about the people and events that have made this building a significant part of Australian history.
- ❖ Bringing the House Down, 12 months of Australian political humour.  
9.00–4.00 daily.  
Political satire in cartoons, video and audio. Another NMA exhibition.
- ❖ 5 July - 16 September, 9.00–4.00 daily.  
Houses, Huts and Hostels: living in Canberra 1911–1933.  
Exhibition looks at the living conditions of Canberra's early residents and how the city was shaped by that experience. Organised by the R.A.I.A.
- ❖ To 3 November, 9.00–4.00 daily.  
The Clever Country—Scientists in Australia.

National Library exhibition celebrating the achievements of Australian scientists.

- ❖ October 1996–March 1997.  
Scene Stealers: Australian Theatre 1870–1955.  
A collection of theatre memorabilia presented by the Australian Archives.
- ❖ October–March 1997.  
Dreaming Country.  
Examples of how indigenous peoples are linked to their land presented by the National Museum.
- ❖ 29 Sept, 6 & 13 Oct, 3, 10, 17 & 24 Nov.  
Garden History Tour.  
Entry plus \$3. Contact (06) 256 1115

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

- ❖ Until 22 September.  
Between the Bush and the Boudoir .  
An exhibition of paintings by Roberts, McCubbin, Fox and Nerli.
- ❖ Until 1 December.  
William Morris & Friends.  
A commemoration on the centenary of Morris' death.

## MARKDALE HOMESTEAD, NSW

- ❖ August 23–25, 1996  
Glimpses of History Weekend.  
An Edna Walling garden, fine food and wine and three speakers giving talks on figures from, and aspects of, Australian history. There will also be field visits, and historian Rev. Tom Frame will give a service in the nearby ruins of the old Markdale School on the Sunday morning. Contact Libby or David Bright for further information on (048) 353129.

## BOXFORD INTERNATIONAL GARDENS

- ❖ 21 Scarborough Street, Red Hill.  
Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October, 10am–4pm.  
Cost: \$4.00. Contact no: 295 2709

### NATIONAL TRUST QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

Many ACT Trust members frequently visit, and like to keep up to date with events in, surrounding New South Wales. An excellent way of doing this is to subscribe to the 'National Trust Quarterly' published by the National Trust of Australia (NSW).

Subscriptions to the magazine are only \$12 per year —enough to cover printing and postage costs. For this nominal fee, find out about the range of tours and events the NSW Trust offers, and also read interesting articles on heritage sites in New South Wales.



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## WHAT'S ON—TRUST ACTIVITIES

### MEETINGS IN THE TRUST BOARDROOM

Council Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday 19th September  
Thursday 21st November

Executive Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday 15 August  
Thursday 17th October

Publications Committee at 12.30 p.m.

Monday 19 August  
Monday 16 September  
Monday 21 October

Education & Cultural Committee at 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday 28 August  
Wednesday 18 September  
Wednesday 16 October  
Wednesday 20 November

Classification Committee at 12.15 p.m.

Tuesday 10 September  
Tuesday 8 October  
Tuesday 12 November

Lanyon Committee at 12.15 p.m.

Tuesday 20 August  
Tuesday 17 September  
Tuesday 15 October  
Tuesday 19 November

Antique Fair Committee at 12.30 p.m.

Tuesday 12 November

### 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.

Sunday 18 August  
Musical afternoon at 'Huntly'

Sunday 8 September  
'Return to the Budawangs' walk

Saturday 14–Thursday 26 September  
Flinders Ranges tour

Friday 27–Sunday 29 September  
'Fine Furnishings & Fabulous Flora'

Thursday 3–Monday 7 October  
'Shaped by the Saddle'

Sunday 13 October  
'Belconnen Ramblings' walk

Sunday 20 October  
'Some older gardens of Young' tour

Friday 25–Saturday 26 October  
'Sydney Fair'

Sunday 3 November  
'Brindabella Crest'

Sunday 10 November  
Film afternoon, 'Gallipoli', NFSA

Saturday 16–Sunday 17 November  
Bathurst/Orange weekend

Saturday 30 November  
'Adaminaby Roundup'

Sunday 15 December  
Anniversary Lunch, Huntly

February or March 1997  
Cradle Mtn. & Lake St Clair

Sunday 23 February–Wednesday 5 March  
Tasmanian Heritage Tour



Opera Bag 1905  
From Sylvia Druitt's  
"Antique personal possessions to collect"