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NO APRIL "TRUST NEWS"

Please note that because the annual Heritage Festival has been extended from being Heritage Week to Heritage Month, there will not be a standard April issue of 'Trust News' published this year. Members will receive a program of Heritage Month activities some time in late March.

ACNT ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIRMAN.

A new Chair of the Australian Council of National Trusts has recently been announced. He is Mr Bob Piper, President (and former Chairman) of the National Trust of South Australia. The new Deputy Chair is Mrs Dianne Weidner, President of the Victorian National Trust.

APOLOGY

The Trust wishes to extend an apology to members for having cancelled our Christmas Cocktail Party last December. Circumstances conspired against us, and we were sorry to have to cancel what is always a popular event on the Trust calendar.

Our problems with 'Trust News' began when our regular desk-top publisher took time off to have a baby and our printers were working on the layout for the first time. I expected this part of the process to take the usual three to five days. Instead it took nearly three weeks.

Our sincere apologies must also go to David Musgrave of Stanmore in Sydney who was the winner of the poetry competition held to coincide with the Lanyon Fair: a few lines of text went missing during publishing, and David's name was omitted. The names of those highly commended were also omitted: they were Lorne Parker-Doyle and Anne Edgeworth.

Also, in our last issue, the photographs accompanying the interstate and overseas National Trust properties were transposed.

Our apologies must also go to Mrs V. Felgenner and any others who may have been inadvertently listed as new members. At one time several records were mistakenly wiped from our database and, when restored, appeared as new records.

Our most humble apology must go to Jill Downer and the Canberra Church of England Girls' Grammar School who relied on 'Trust News' being delivered on schedule to help advertise their Early Music Fayre in November. We are very sorry to have let them down so badly, especially when Ms Downer and friends so generously prepared the last issue of 'Junior Trust News' for us.

And now for some good news! Jenny Cox is back doing our desktop publishing. Things, hopefully, will now be back to normal.

Robyn Trezise, Editor

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 many activities.

Mr M. & Mrs A. Allen, Pearce
Mr J. & Mrs D. Bairstow, Hawker
Col. D. & Mrs M. Baker, Duffy
Ms N. Baker, Tenambit, NSW
Ms N. Churkovich, Kingston
Mr J. & Mrs M. Cleary, Farrer
Ms N. Clough, Fraser
Mr J. Crawford, Red Hill
Mr D. Cross, Pearce
Mr C. Crow, Fraser
Mr G. & Ms C. Davies, Kambah
Mr J. & Mrs O. Demetriou, Forrest
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Mr N. Dunn, Gordon
Mr & Mrs G. Ehsman, Downer
Miss M. Ford, Downer
Mr C. & Mrs M. Gibson, Yarralumla
Ms J. Gordon, Gordon
Mr K. & Mrs W. Gray, Weetangera
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Miss F. Tregonning, Waramanga
Mr D. & Mrs J. Trewin, Aranda
Miss J. Warren-Smith, Kambah
Mr E. & Mrs N. Whitehead, Torrens
Mr A. & Mrs L. Williams, Chapman
Mr C. Williamson, Cook

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR GLASSES?

A pair of thin-rimmed prescription glasses was left at the Trust's office in mid January.

VOLUNTEERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Thursday 14th December the Trust held a Christmas party for our volunteers to say "thank you" for helping out during 1995. To all who volunteered we extend our thanks once again, and to anyone who was unwittingly omitted from our invitations we extend our apologies. The weather was wonderful and the food divine. Those of you who have not been National Trust volunteers before may consider doing so for the pleasure of an invitation to this prestigious event alone.

DANIELLE'S MANGO CHICKEN

The highlight for many was the delicious chicken dish provided by Danielle. The demand for the recipe was so great that we have decided to publish it here. This amount feeds six.

- 1 chicken (cooked), in bite sized pieces
- 1/3 jar mango chutney
- 1 tin sliced mango (pureed without juice)
- 100mls. cream (or as little or as much as you like)
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise

Mix sauce ingredients together

Place a layer of chicken on a serving platter and cover with sauce. Keep layering the chicken and sauce. Garnish with macadamia nuts (roasted in oven), chopped chives and mango slices. This dish may be prepared a day before serving - gives a chance for the flavours to soak in.

Bon appetit!

NATIONAL TRUST FAIR IS ON AGAIN!

and we need your help.....

DATE: Sunday 28 April (Finale to Heritage Month)

PLACE: Lanyon Homestead

TIME: 10 am-4 pm

ACTIVITIES: Fair at Lanyon. Poetry readings and music (in conjunction with ACT Government & Fellowship of Australian Writers (ACT) Inc.)

STALLS:	Cakes/Biscuits	Jams/Jellies
	Books/Records	White Elephant
	Hospitality	Flowers
	Garden	Produce

Volunteers are also needed to supervise Parking and man the Gate.

There will also be several appropriate commercial stalls featuring heritage crafts and hopefully a Lanyon Staff Stall. A highlight will be the poetry readings and music conducted at Nolan Gallery from 2.30 pm, in conjunction with the Fellowship of Australian Writers.

The main thrust is toward a NATIONAL TRUST FAIR with proceeds all going to the Trust. So please. . .

- ❖ ring and volunteer which stall you would like to help on, or even better, convene.
- ❖ start making jams, jellies, mustards, cakes etc.
- ❖ start collecting up suitable items for books/ records/ white elephant stalls.
- ❖ take cuttings of plants and pot up ready for sale.

(With our limited storage space in the Griffith office we would be happier receiving any contributions for the above stalls after mid April).

If you have any further suggestions for stalls, please contact Danielle Hyndes on 239 5222.

Clean up



Day



Clean Up Australia Day will be held on Sunday, March 3rd.

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) is providing administrative support for Clean Up Australia Day and we are asking our members to become involved help on the day, or better still, nominate a site that you think desperately needs cleaning up.

In 1995 Clean Up Australia Day in the ACT attracted over 3,000 volunteers and collected in excess of 79 tonnes of rubbish. Imagine what we could do this year!

Clean Up Australia Day is a small step in the campaign to draw attention to the plight of the environment as a whole, and acts as an important catalyst for further action and long term change, a prelude to the Clean Up Australia

2001 Program. We are also involved in Clean Up 2001 and are currently providing the Committee with meeting space and secretarial assistance.

Don't forget that Clean Up Australia 2001 is about fixing our environmental problems at the source, so if you feel that there is a major problem - sewerage, water contamination or regeneration work to be done, just give the Trust office a call on 239 5222.

HELP WANTED—YOUR TRUST NEEDS YOU!

LANYON GUARDIANS / GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Lanyon is always in need of more volunteers to help out as guardians or gift shop workers. 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. Gift Shop duty involves a day (10–4) in the shop at Lanyon once a month. If you can make a commitment to three hours or more at Lanyon per month, please call Lorna Thomas on 282 1935 between 5 & 7.30 p.m. (Gift Shop roster) or Fred Roberts on 281 3681 (Guardian duty).

OPEN HOUSE & GARDEN, BOXFORD

Volunteers are needed in two-hour shifts to take money at the gate, provide snacks and drinks and mind the house during the day (Sunday, March 3rd). Contact Phyllis Montgomerie on 281 4036

ANTIQUE FAIR

Please consider helping out at this prestigious event on the Trust's calendar. Volunteers are needed on the door, organising refreshments and selling raffle tickets. Also needed are donations of gourmet foods for a hamper to be raffled. Those of you who will not be available to help on that weekend may consider baking a cake or making sandwiches or biscuits which can be served with afternoon teas. Please contact Robyn at the Trust office (239 5222) for further details, or to let her know what assistance you can give.

NATIONAL TRUST FAIR, LANYON

Don't forget that volunteers will be needed to run and work on a wide range of stalls at this major Trust fundraising event. The pleasant atmosphere and peaceful setting will enhance the day and you could make many new friends while helping out. Phone Danielle Hyndes on 239 5222.

STAY IN STYLE AT AN HISTORIC HOTEL

The fifth edition of the Historic hotels of Australia accommodation directory has recently been published and is available for perusal at the Trust office. If you are thinking of getting away, why not enhance your enjoyment of the break by staying in a heritage building full of charm and character.

Tariff rates are listed and many are quite reasonable.

Discount rates apply to National Trust members. To find out more, consult the directory (which is available free to Trust members), or call 1800 65 8880.

HERITAGE ALERT

We thought that you, the members, would like to know of some proposed changes to buildings which are of great heritage value to Canberrans. The Trust has expressed its concern over these proposals.

NATIONAL FILM AND SOUND ARCHIVE

An addition is to be built at the rear of the Archive by Australian Construction Services. The Trust submitted comments on the lack of a landscape plan for the site and as a result the President, Ken Taylor, has been actively involved in the discussion of landscape proposals.

DUNTROON HOUSE

A final sketch plan indicating that the historic building envelope of Duntroon House is to be virtually doubled in size is of concern to the Trust. It is our contention that the character of Duntroon House, its setting and gardens will be substantially changed by the building additions and car parking.

The addition is to be sited on the south-western sloping lawn and is to be a kitchen/dining room for 100, plus a residential wing. Details of the proposal are at the Trust office.

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RECENT CLASSIFICATIONS

NORTHBOURNE OVAL

When Burley-Griffin first designed Canberra he designated Section 30, on which Northbourne Oval stands, as green space. Tree plantings surrounding the oval had been established before Thomas Weston left his position as Superintendent of Parks and Gardens in 1926. The oval was officially opened on 2 October 1925 by Mr H. R. Waterman, Assistant Secretary of the Federal Capital Territory Commission. Cricket, rugby league and Australian rules football clubs have all shared the oval. It was first used by Northbourne Cricket Club whose first match was played against Queanbeyan on 10 October 1925. Some notable international cricketers have played on the oval, including Arthur Mailey.

Northbourne Oval was also the first home ground of the Ainslie Football Club, Australian rules being first played there in 1927. The North City Rugby League Club shared the ground with the Ainslie Football Club for a while in the 1920s and 1930s. By this time it was the major sports ground on the north side. The oval has now been allocated to the ACT Rugby League for its exclusive use.

Statement of Significance

Northbourne Oval is North Canberra's earliest enclosed public recreational reserve and has been used continuously since 1925. Its status was enhanced by the construction of the caretaker's cottage. It is an important site associated with the history of cricket, rugby league and Australian rules in the A.C.T. It has strong links with

the local community which helped, through voluntary labour, to develop the Oval and surrounds. Its present use continues these links.

The location of the site derives from Walter Burley-Griffin's original design for Canberra. The perimeter plantings were the work of Thomas Weston.

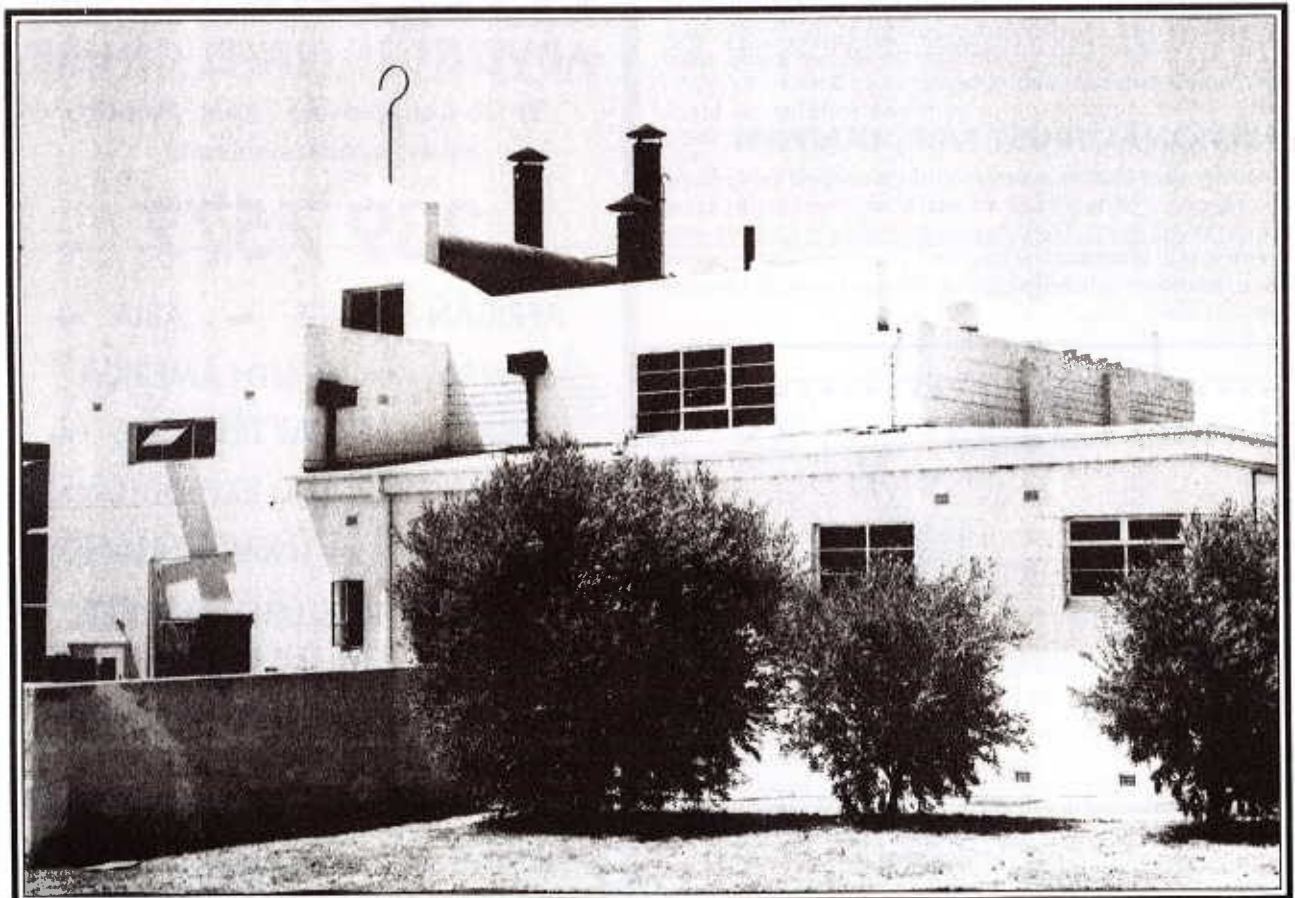
The plantings and the open space of the oval are the most significant aspects of the site. They provide a strong complementary link to the adjacent national heritage sites of Ainslie Public and Ainslie Primary Schools, the Braddon Urban Conservation Area and the National Trust classified Salvation Army Hall, and thereby enhance the value of the precinct.

DAIRY FARMERS (COOPERATIVE) COMPLEX

This complex has provided milk to the people of Canberra on a continuous basis since 1937. The house on site was originally built as a manager's residence in 1940. The dairy has always been a major landmark for the Kingston/Griffith area, and the complex remains the only industrial site dating from the 1930s still operating at its original location and performing its original function in the ACT.

Statement of Significance

The original Dairy Farmers dairy is an example of industrial architecture, and the only purpose built industrial processing building of the Inter-war



Dairy Farmers CoOp

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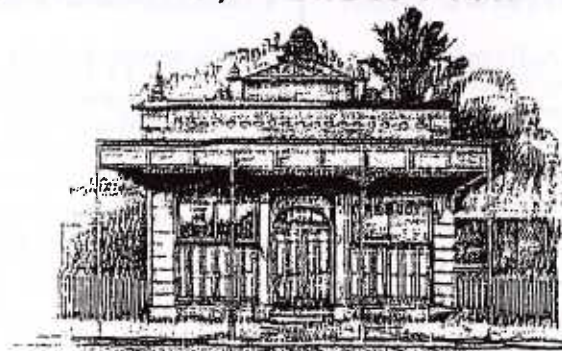
Functionalist style in the ACT retaining strong links with its original function. It illustrates a way of life and an industrial process of milk production that is no longer practised. The adjacent manager's cottage also demonstrates a way of life and employment no longer customary. The 1952 building is in sympathetic style to the original dairy and continues the original function of the site. It is important as a part of the whole which continues to develop and change. The complex as a whole shows a continuity of use for milk processing within the ACT for nearly 60 years, the greater part as the sole milk supplier to the community.

GOLD CREEK HOMESTEAD

It has been decided that this homestead does not warrant Classification by the Trust. It was considered that "its architectural value and original integrity has been severely compromised through a series of alterations and additions over the past fifty years." The adjacent shearing shed is of interest however, and it has been recommended that further research and a photographic record be made of this structure.

INTERSTATE NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

BRENNAN & GERAGHTY'S STORE, MARYBOROUGH



This store was opened in 1871 by Patrick Brennan and Martin Geraghty, and operated by descendants of Geraghty until 1972. Brennan and Geraghty were very successful, expanding into several other business ventures which included ownership of a hotel, brickworks and orchards. They became some of the wealthiest people in the district and actively participated in civic affairs. Competition, debt, floods and the 1893 depression saw the partners reduce their business interests until only the store remained. In 1972 the deteriorated store was acquired by the National Trust, and in 1975 the store re-opened to the public after grants, donations and voluntary labour by Trust members stabilised and cleaned the building and its contents. The building is timber with a masonry

facade. An awning extends over the Store's front, supported by cast iron columns. Few alterations to the building, inside or out, have been made since 1871.

Brennan and Geraghty's Store is the only grocery store museum in Australia. Some original stock from the 1890s is still on display, as well as a great deal of advertising material dating from the early 20th century. This unique Trust property reveals much about local commerce in Australia over the past 125 years.

Located at 64 Lennox Street, the Store is open from 10 to 3 each day except Good Friday and Christmas Day. Wheelchair access is available and there are parking spaces and toilets provided.

GUIDE BOOK TO AUSTRALIAN TRUST PROPERTIES

Hot off the presses at last is the long-awaited "*Australian National Trust Properties Guide Book*", produced by the Australian Council of National Trusts. This book lists all National Trust properties in Australia. Sites open to the public are first listed by State, then town, in alphabetical order. Each entry includes a photo, a brief historical note, and other information relevant to visitors such as opening hours, cost and a contact number. Symbols indicate the facilities and services available at each location. Those properties not open to the public are listed under State or Territory at the back of the book. To ensure the guide book stays relevant and useful for some years, the ACNT has included both current telephone numbers and new area codes and phone numbers which are due to come

into effect within the next few years.

The guide book is easy to use and the text is well written. The book's print is small but this helps to keep it a manageable size. Strangely, the Old Parliament House Gift Shop is not listed along with other National Trust shops which are not attached to Trust properties. Apart from such small criticisms this is a long overdue resource which will be of great value to travellers. The retail price is \$15.95—less 10% to Trust members of course!

To complement the guide book, the ACNT has also published a map. The \$4.95 map shows where Trust properties are located in Australia and gives addresses and contact phone numbers for properties.

OVERSEAS NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

A LA RONDE, EXMOUTH, DEVON

This intriguing house was designed by the Parminster sisters, Jane and Mary, in 1795, and built the following year. It has sixteen sides, with all rooms opening onto a small central ballroom which the Parminsters frequently used for entertaining. A second story contains the bedrooms and a walkway which overlooks the ballroom below. Each of the ground floor rooms connects with the next.

The sisters travelled to Europe on a grand tour during which they collected much of the house's contents. One of the rooms has been lined with shells; another features

a frieze made of feathers. The house remains under family ownership.

The house is open daily from April 1 to October 31 (except Fridays and Saturdays) from 11–5.30 p.m. Devon cream teas are available during opening hours and there is also a souvenir shop. Wheelchair access is available to most of the house and guided tours are also available.

A La Ronde is situated two miles north of Exmouth on A376. It can be reached by the Devon General Exeter-Exmouth bus. For enquiries, phone (01395) 265514.

14TH ANNUAL ANTIQUE FAIR

The Trust will hold its 14th annual Antique Fair this year from Friday 15th until Monday 18th March. Dealers will be in Canberra from far and wide to show their wares at the Albert Hall. On display will be quality jewellery, furniture, artwork, china and miscellanea.

The Fair will be officially opened by noted architect Dr Enrico Taglietti. Dr Taglietti has been granted a string of awards for projects both in the ACT and interstate, and has had articles published in journals and monographs in Australia and throughout Europe. The official opening will be held from 5.30 to 7pm., with doors open to the public after seven. See the ad. elsewhere in the newsletter for further details.

Volunteers Wanted

Again this year the Trust is seeking keen workers who can help out at the Fair. This is a wonderful opportunity to either catch up with some old friends or make some new ones. People are needed who can either help with refreshments on the weekend for a few hours, or can provide a plate of sandwiches or cakes during the Fair. If you would like to help, please phone the Trust office on 239 5222.

TAX INCENTIVES FOR HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Closing date for the next round of applications for tax incentives for heritage conservation work is July 8th 1996.

For more information, contact the Department of Communication and the Arts, GPO Box 2154, Canberra ACT 2601. Phone 1 800 064 048

HERITAGE FESTIVAL 1996

(All the month of April)

The Trust has always been one of the major participants in Heritage Week—now Heritage Month, in the ACT. This year is no different, and our draft programme includes:

Wednesday 3 April, 10 am. Walk around Commonwealth Park with Robert Boden

Saturday 6 April (Easter Saturday), 2 pm. Cuppacumbalong Cemetery stroll with Maura O'Connor

Tuesday 9 April, 10 am. Walk around Braddon & Ainslie heritage sites with John Gooch

Saturday 13 April, 11 am. Walk/drive to see scarred tree sites in Tuggeranong with Peter Dowling

Sunday 14 April. Day trip to gardens of the Monaro with Garth Setchell

Wednesday 17 April, 10 am. Eddison Park walk with Robert Boden

Sunday 21 April, 2 pm. Cuppacumbalong Cemetery with Maura O'Connor

Tuesday 23 April, 12.30 pm. Braddon/Ainslie walk with John Gooch

Wednesday 24 April, 8 pm. Talk by Matthew Higgins - 'Tidbinbilla before the Nature Reserve'

Thursday 25-Monday 29 April. Five day pack saddle trip organised by David King

Saturday 27 April, 11 am. Walk/drive to see scarred tree sites in Tuggeranong with Peter Dowling

Sunday 28 April, 10 am. National Trust Fair at Lanyon. Poetry readings and music at Nolan Gallery

A full programme, including possibly a concert and a tour of Tuggeranong heritage sites by car, will be mailed to members in mid March. Any ideas for further activities would be appreciated. Are there any members out there who would like to contribute their skills and organise another activity?



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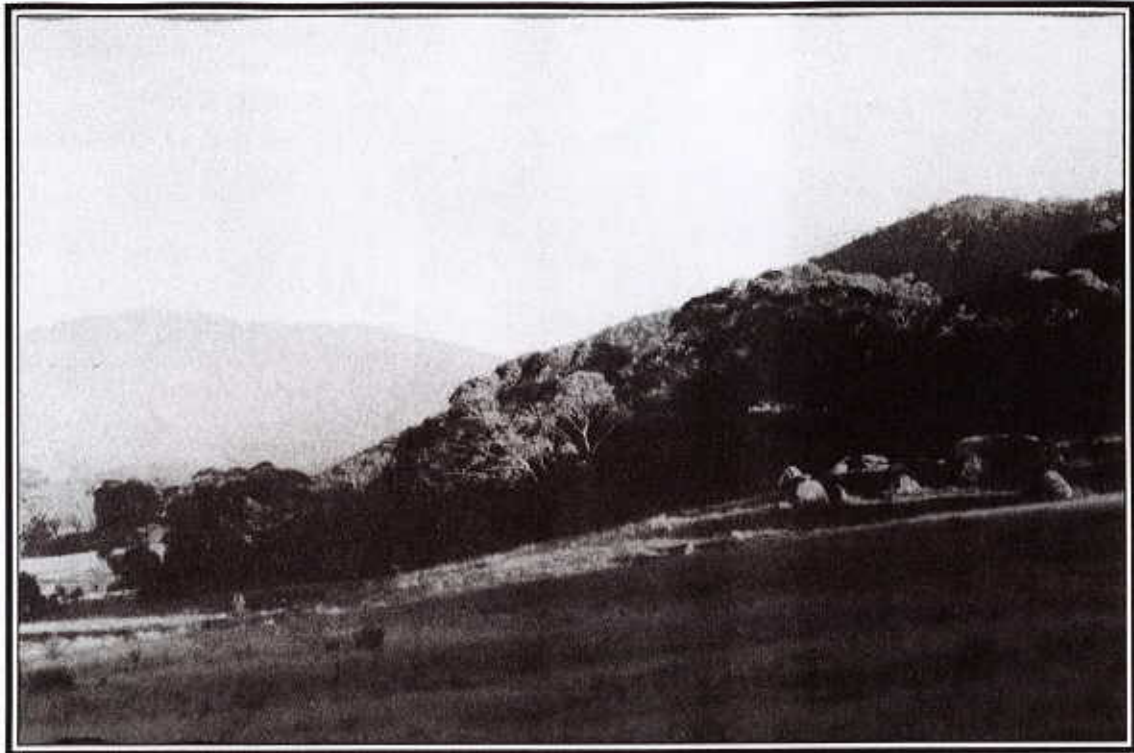


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MORE COMING ATTRACTIONS



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RECENT TRUST TOURS



Portfolio on Port Phillip - Portarlington Mill



Bathurst and Tarana Weekend - Blair Athol

NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)
WALKS AND TOURS PROGRAM

THE BLUE WATERHOLES AND BEYOND - Saturday 24 and/or Sunday 25 February 1996

Participants can choose between the Saturday or the Sunday activity or undertake both, with DBB accommodation provided on Saturday night in Tumut.

On Saturday we will visit both Coolamine Homestead and the Blue Waterholes, where several underground streams gush to the surface from the Coolerman Cave system. We will do a 2km return walk to the downstream falls on Cave Creek, followed by a 6km round walk through the upstream limestone gorge. The scenery is great and the walks, although a little rough underfoot in places, are reasonably level. Situated a mere 55km from Civic as the crow flies, the drive is a different story - 218km of bitumen through Kiandra to Rules Point, then 16km of fair gravel across the Long Plain, then 9km of bush track. Taken slowly, the latter track is regularly negotiated by conventional vehicles with good ground clearance, but participants in unsuitable cars could be shuttled over the last part. The day will involve a 7.00am departure, the usual party and the probable need for those returning to Canberra to eat en route.

Those remaining for the Sunday walk will have only an 80km drive on good bitumen from Rules Point to Tumut. Those on the Sunday walk alone will need to drive to Tumut on the Saturday afternoon. The proposed walk involves 18.5km of the Hume and Hovell Track between Micalong Swamp & the Goobarragandra River. The walk is mainly downhill - nearly 800m! The price includes a bus shuttle from the finish (where cars will be left) to the start, plus a party. It will be 9.00pm before you get home.

BOOKINGS CLOSE 20 FEBRUARY (PHONE 06-2514674). SUNDAY LIMIT ABOUT 35.

EQUESTRIAN BRIEFING - 5.30pm Thurs 29 February 1996 See the segment in the body of Trust News.

LET'S CROAJINGALONG - Canberra Day Weekend - Night of 15 to 18 March 1996

The sweep of the East Gippsland coast from Cape Conran to Mallacoota, much of it in Croajingalong National Park, is the venue for this self-drive walking weekend, leaving Canberra late on Friday. The first two nights will be spent in secluded cabins (with hot showers and fully equipped kitchens) at Cape Conran Foreshore Reserve (BYO food, bedding and towels). Pre-dinner drinks will be provided on Saturday evening after our 15km walk along the beach and back through the hinterland to lovely and otherwise inaccessible Dock Inlet. Lazier persons may swim or fish. Sunday will allow time for swimming and/or short walks before driving to our Sunday night accommodation (only two rooms en suite) at historic Karbeethong Lodge, overlooking Mallacoota Inlet. En route, we will divert to idyllic Wingan Inlet, to Genoa Falls and also to the lookout on Genoa Peak. A full restaurant dinner with wine is included on the Sunday night but you will need to prepare your own Monday breakfast in the Lodge kitchen. There will be further short walks on Monday morning. Lunch can be bought at Mallacoota, before commencing the 350km drive back home.

Accommodation is quite mixed. We can accommodate one group of 14-16 persons. The rest will need to share cabins (4-6 each in pairs of twin beds/bunks at Cape Conran) with mainly twin or double rooms at Karbeethong. The single rate (subject to space) will require cabin (but not room) sharing at Cape Conran.

BOOKINGS CLOSE AND FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 28 FEBRUARY 1996. LIMIT 35.

BOUND FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA - Saturday 23 March to Monday 1 April 1996

Following the reconnaissance, there is so much of heritage and scenic interest in western Victoria and southern South Australia that it has been decided to fly to Melbourne and fly home from Adelaide. This will permit 8 days of leisurely coach travel where the interest is greatest. Properties and gardens to be visited include "The Heights", "Barunah Plains", "Turkeith", "Warrock", "Narrapumelap", "Cave Hill" and "Padthaway House". The tour will also include the Great Ocean Road from Apollo Bay to Port Fairy, extinct volcanoes and caves, the Maritime Museum at Warrnambool, a cruise on the Glenelg River and a sunset visit to the mouth of the Murray. Notable towns include Geelong, Port Fairy, Hamilton, Coleraine, Portland, Mount Gambier, Penola, Robe, Willunga, Strathalbyn, Victor Harbour and Goolwa. You will also marvel at the Serra Range in the Grampians, taste wine at Padthaway and McLaren Vale, bird watch at Bool Lagoon and explore the scenic Fleurieu Peninsula. The tour ends with a ferry crossing from Cape Jervis to Kangaroo Island, a further day's coach tour to Seal Bay and Flinders Chase, and a night at Kingscote before flying to Adelaide. The price includes all plane, coach & ferry travel, three star or better accommodation, all meals, wines & refreshments and all entry charges.

MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL TOUR! Travel insurance recommended.

BOOKINGS CLOSE AND FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 1 MARCH BECAUSE OF COMMITMENTS TO SUPPLIERS. LIMIT 26.

SEDUCED BY THE STIRRUP - Sunday 31 March 1996

Details of this introductory horse riding activity are in the separate segment in the body of Trust News.

BOOKINGS CLOSE AND FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 22 MARCH. 5-15 HOMBRES.

MONARO SHADOWS - Sunday 14 April 1996

This one day coach tour will focus on the autumn splendour of the Monaro. The program includes visits to the gardens of three historic properties:

- "Coolringdon" by courtesy of Mrs Betty Casey Litchfield;
- "Kiah Lake" by courtesy of Mr and Mrs John Allen; and
- "Kiah Lodge" by courtesy of Stirling and Suzannah Plowman.

The latter two gardens are being opened under the ABC Open Garden Scheme. Both properties have charming limestone homesteads built in the 1850s. "Coolringdon" is one of the oldest properties in the Monaro. It is being opened exclusively for the Trust. You will also be able to inspect the original homestead and schoolhouse. The ticket price includes all entries, morning tea at Past Times Country Craft Centre (some time to browse), a tour of Dalgety (once favoured as the site for the national capital), lunch (smoked trout) with wine at the Snowy River Winery and afternoon refreshments. Coach pick-ups and set-downs at Civic (7.45am) and thence at Deakin, Woden and Calwell. Return between 6.30 and 7.00pm to same points.

BOOKINGS CLOSE AND FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 9 APRIL. LIMIT ABOUT 60.

SHAPED BY THE SADDLE - Thursday 25 to Monday 29 April 1996

Details of this 5-day horse riding adventure (starting Anzac Day) are in the body of Trust News.

\$50 DEPOSIT REQUESTED ASAP. BOOKINGS CLOSE AND FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 12 APRIL. MINIMUM 8 - MAXIMUM 14.

BRAIDWOOD WEEKEND - Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May 1996

This weekend, the Women's Committee of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) has arranged a program of house inspections in the Braidwood district for its own members. These country weekends are immensely popular and will probably already have been sold out, apart from the block of 36 tickets pre-purchased by this Trust for on-selling to ACT members. Our price covers all entry charges plus a small mark-up to cover advance purchase and administrative costs. You will need to drive from Canberra each day, following instructions in the leaflet we'll supply, and to bring your own picnic lunches. Regrettably 1-day tickets are not available but you could arrange your own exchange of tickets to others if you wish.

Properties to be visited between about 10.00am and 4.00pm on Saturday include "Mona", "St Omer", "Yately", "Pindari" and "Coobajah". On Sunday, two properties at Majors Creek and "Bedervale" will be visited.

TICKETS ISSUED IN ORDER OF REQUEST, SUBJECT TO PAYMENT IN FULL.

BLUE MOUNTAINS AVENGED - Night of Friday 10 to Sunday 12 May 1996

As a consequence of the fact that the Drought decided to break on the very weekend of our visit last September, we are setting out to prove that mid May is always perfect in the Mountains. This is therefore the promised replacement self-drive tour, with its two great half-day walks along the National Pass and through the Grand Canyon. Good knees and lungs are essential as both walks involve many steps. Accommodation has again been reserved for two nights at Jemby-Rinjah Lodge, Blackheath, and the ticket price also includes 2 cooked breakfasts, a BYO dinner on Saturday night plus an early post-walk Sunday lunch. This will get you home in time for a Mothers Day dinner if relevant. Each of the three lodges can sleep up to 20 persons in 4 bedrooms and a loft. Each lodge has two bathrooms and a lounge. Linen and towels are supplied. Meals are served in the main dining/lounge area with its sunken log fire! A 2 course BYO pasta dinner will be available between 6.30 and 9.00pm on Friday night for \$18pp. Indicate if interested - pay on night.

\$25 DEPOSIT REQUESTED ASAP. BOOKINGS CLOSE AND FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 19 APRIL. PROBABLE LIMIT 45, DEPENDING ON ROOM UTILISATION.

MURRUMBIDGERIDOO - Sunday 26 May 1996

It was last Leap Year when we previously tackled the wonderful 14km track walk from Cotter to Kambah Pool along the east bank of the Murrumbidgee. The exercise involves car shuttles and hence the 8.30am start. The day will end about 5.00pm, after our usual party. This is a reasonably strenuous walk, with a number of ups and downs - therefore you will need to be reasonably fit.

The activity will be postponed to Sunday 2 June in the event of wet weather.

BOOKINGS CLOSE AND FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 20 MAY. NO LIMIT.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

22-23 June 1996: Yulefest in the Southern Highlands. Details in the May Trust News. Limit 27. \$25 refundable deposit will reserve a place.

11 July 1996: Departure from Canberra for our Alaska/Western Canada tour.

27 July 1996: Departure from Canberra for our Western Canada tour.

14-26 September 1996: Our previously foreshadowed Flinders Ranges tour by mini-coach. Details in the May Trust News. Limit 15. Numerous expressions of interest already received. Likely cost about \$1725 dbl/twin \$2050 sgl. \$50 refundable deposit will reserve a place.

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. Where indicated, places will be reserved on receipt of the nominated deposit, 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 most evenings between 7.30 and 8.00pm (ph 06-2514674).

SURNAME OF APPLICANT _____ TITLE _____ INITIALS _____ M'SHIP NO _____

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT _____
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THE BLUE WATERHOLES AND BEYOND - Saturday 24 and/or Sunday 25 February 1996

Saturday program only incl guidance/party	_____ adlt @	\$ 15pp =	\$ _____
Ditto - adult non-member surcharge	add _____ nonm @	\$ 2pp =	\$ _____
Ditto - juniors	_____ junr @	\$ 8pp =	\$ _____
Sunday program only, incl DBB accom/bus/guidance/party, etc:			
Sgl accom	_____ adlt @	\$ 102pp =	\$ _____
Dbl/twin accom (please circle pref'nce)	_____ adlt @	\$ 77pp =	\$ _____
3-5 persons sharing	_____ adlt @	\$ 71pp =	\$ _____
Ditto - adult non-member surcharge	add _____ nonm @	\$ 3pp =	\$ _____
Ditto - juniors (any shared accom)	_____ junr @	\$ 60pp =	\$ _____
Combined program - complete relevant Sat & Sun categories above and add.			
Camping rate - on application.			
Names of others covered by this application:			

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Transport offered/requested _____ pers

LET'S CROAJINGALONG - Canberra Day Weekend 15 to 18 March 1996

Sgl accom (as described) + stated inclusions	_____ pers @	\$ 150pp =	\$ _____
Dbl/twin accom (please circle pref'nce)	_____ pers @	\$ 120pp =	\$ _____
Group accom (min 12 max 16 persons)	_____ pers @	\$ 110pp =	\$ _____
Ditto all above - adult non-member surcharge	add _____ nonm @	\$ 5pp =	\$ _____
Ditto all above - junior discount	deduct _____ junr @	\$ 20pp =	\$ _____

Names of others covered by this application:

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Transport offered/requested _____ pers

BOUND FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA - Saturday 23 March to Monday 1 April 1996

Sgl accom + all inclusions	_____ pers @	\$1900pp =	\$ _____
Dbl/twin accom (pl circle pref'nce) + all incl'ns	_____ pers @	\$1700pp =	\$ _____
Non-member surcharge	add _____ nonm @	\$ 25pp =	\$ _____
Travel insurance (recommended but optional)	add _____ pers @	\$ 42pp =	\$ _____

Names of others covered by this application:

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

SEDUCED BY THE STIRRUP - Sunday 31 March 1996

Horse hire and lunch _____pers @ \$ 75pp = \$ _____
Names of others covered by this application: _____
Transport offered/requested_____pers TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

MONARO SHADOWS - Sunday 14 April 1996

Coach tour + all inclusions _____pers @ \$ 68pp = \$ _____
Adult non-member surcharge add_____nonm @ \$ 2pp = \$ _____
Juniors + all inclusions deduct_____junr @ \$ 10pp = \$ _____
Names of others covered by this application: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____
Tick preferred pick-up point: Civic__ Deakin__ Woden__ Calwell__

SHAPED BY THE SADDLE - Thursday 25 to Monday 29 April 1996

Horse hire + all inclusions _____adlt @ \$ 575pp = \$ _____
Juniors _____junr @ \$ 500pp = \$ _____
Names of others covered by this application: _____ \$50 DEP or TOTAL ENCL = \$ _____
Transport offered/requested_____pers

BRAIDWOOD WEEKEND - Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May 1996

Entry ticket + leaflet _____pers @ \$ 35pp = \$ _____
Non-member surcharge add_____nonm @ \$ 4pp = \$ _____
Names of others covered by this application: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

BLUE MOUNTAINS AVENGED - Night of Friday 10 to Sunday 12 May 1996

Sgl accom + all inclusions _____pers @ \$ 190pp = \$ _____
Dbl/twin accom (please circle prefnce) _____pers @ \$ 160pp = \$ _____
Triple share accom + all inclusions _____pers @ \$ 145pp = \$ _____
Quad/quoin share accom (pl circle) + all inclusions _____pers @ \$ 140pp = \$ _____
Adult non-member surcharge add_____nonm @ \$ 5pp = \$ _____
Junior discount deduct_____junr @ \$ 20pp = \$ _____
Names of others covered by this application: _____ \$20 DEP or TOTAL ENCL = \$ _____
Transport offered/requested_____pers. Interest in Fri nt dinner Y/N (circle)

MURRUMBIDGERIDOO - Sunday 26 May 1996

Adults + guidance/celebratory party _____adlt @ \$ 12pp = \$ _____
Adult non-member surcharge add_____nmbr @ \$ 2pp = \$ _____
Juniors + guidance/celabratory party _____junr @ \$ 8pp = \$ _____
Names of others covered by this application: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____
Transport offered/requested_____pers to Kambah Pool

YULEFEST IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS - Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June 1996

Refundable expression of interest _____pers @ \$ 25pp = \$ _____
Names of others covered by this application: _____

THE FLINDERS RANGES - Saturday 14 to Thursday 26 September 1996

Refundable expression of interest _____pers @ \$ 50pp = \$ _____
Names of others covered by this application: _____

MORE RECENT TRUST TOURS



Wollondilly Spring - Riversdale



The Aaminaby Picnic Races - No comment!

WALKS AND TOURS PROGRAM

1995 RESULTS

1995 was a pretty successful year for the Walks and Tours Program. No less than 736 persons (up by 32% on 1994) attended the 22 wide-ranging activities on offer (up 10%). Had you attended all 22, the Program would have kept you occupied for 71 days of the year (up 23%). Total takings exceeded \$155,000 (up 87%) and the return to the Trust reached almost \$7,000 (up 75%).

TOUR TO ALASKA AND WESTERN CANADA

Lest there be any confusion, this Trust's own tour to Alaska and Western Canada remains alive and well! The rival tour by Travelstrength, as advertised in this Trust News under the agreement between Travelstrength and the Australian Council of National Trusts, is quite different in content and duration. It may suit many members but, when connecting airfares and extras are added to the rival offer, this Trust's tour remains very competitive. Our tour deliberately focuses upon the wilderness and the avoidance of large groups of tourists. We offer three fabulous train journeys, yachting, rafting and four internal flights over spectacular coastal scenery. We will approach our sea glaciers by small boat and we will walk in the woods. We visit most of the places mentioned and twice travel on Alaska Marine Highway ferries. Our Rockies segment is similar, but is approached by rail from Prince Rupert.

A FEW PLACES STILL REMAIN ON THE THREE BASIC TOURS ON OFFER. Prices, on a twin share basis, include return flights from Canberra, all local accommodation, travel and transfers, plus most meals in Alaska and some in Canada. Garth Setchell will be there to assist you. Single participants will be assisted to form compatible pairs before departure.

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WESTERN CANADA ONLY—15 DAYS—\$A4,000

All options can be combined with extensions or a round-the-world ticket. For further information, contact Garth Setchell on 06-2514674.

EQUESTRIAN TOURS

Following indications of prospective interest, the Trust has decided to offer two horse riding activities in autumn - nothing too hard, relatively short rides each day and well trained horses. Those interested are invited to attend a briefing AT THE TRUST OFFICE on THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY, from 5.30 pm to 6.15 pm. Wine and cheese will be provided. RSVP TO THE TRUST OFFICE. David King, who will lead the activities, will be present. DUST OFF YOUR JODHPURS OR JEANS FOR LEAP YEAR! Apply for the following activities on the Blue Form.

Seduced by the Stirrup— Sunday 31 March 1996

This four-hour ride will centre on the town of Berridale. You will see both pastoral and bush country and, if time permits, you may get to see historic Gedzerick Church and cemetery. There will be scope to accommodate all standards of riding but, if you are contemplating the following five-day trek, this may get you "into shape". The \$75 price covers horse hire and lunch only. Self-drive to Berridale. Lifts may be possible. We require 5 to 15 applicants.

Shaped by the Saddle—Thursday 25 to Monday 29 April 1996

This 5 day riding trek will take you through some spectacular bush scenery, from Countegany (east of Cooma) and the upper reaches of the Tuross River to the depths of the scenic Belowra Valley. No riding experience is necessary - just a sense of adventure and the desire to meet kindred spirits around the camp fire. The price includes horse hire, meals, drinks and tents. You will need to drive to Countegany (lifts may be possible) and you will also need to bring sleeping bags, pillows and air mattresses. We require 8 to 14 persons.



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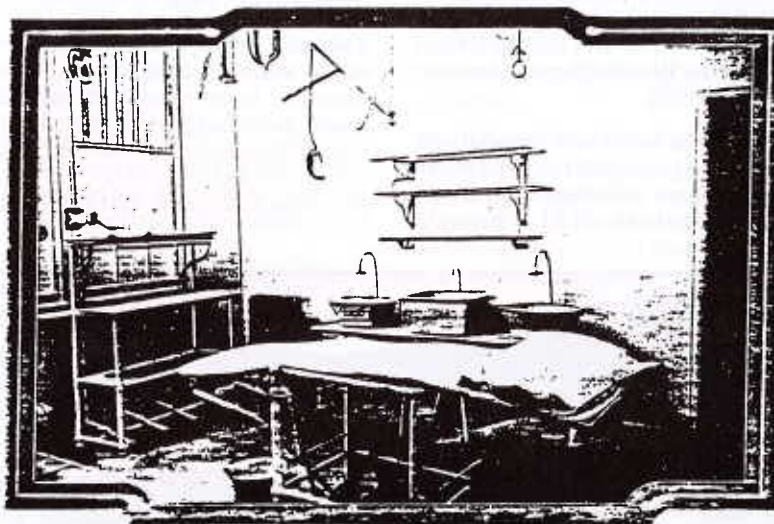
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LIBRARY NEWS

Since our last issue annual reports from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Australian Heritage Commission and the National Capital Planning Authority have been added to the collection.

The Trust has recently copied and bound the Federal Capital Commission's 'Canberra : general notes for the information of Public Servants', first published in 1926. This is a very interesting document which, in 1926,

reassured prospective residents that the Territory was not infested with snakes, and showed them that there were a number of facilities already available to residents—modern housing, sporting clubs, department stores, hotels, etc. The book is full of photographs of every aspect of life then available in the Territory, including the up-to-date operating room at Canberra Hospital pictured below.



Other new additions which may be of interest are:

Australian Heritage Commission 1995, '*National Estate values in the southern forest region of south-west Western Australia*'

Marquis-Kyle P. & Walker M. 1992, '*The Illustrated Burra charter: making good decisions about the care of important places*'

Wright E. 1995, '*Soft furnishings 1830-1930*'

Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council 1995, '*Draft Murray-Darling natural resources management strategy*'

Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories 1995, '*Draft amendment No.12 (Russell) of the National Capital Plan*'

Higgins M. 1995, '*Remembering Tidbinbilla*'

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GLIMPSES OF EARLY CANBERRA

THE HOTEL CANBERRA

(The men who built it and the people who used it!)

In 1921 a decision was made by the Federal Capital Advisory Committee to build a hostel to accommodate visiting dignitaries, and members of the public service awaiting permanent accommodation. The architect who designed 'Hostel No. 1', later known as Hotel Canberra, has been attributed to J. S. Murdoch, although the working drawings in the Trust's possession are signed 'E. A. Anderson, Principal design Architect' and the gardens of the hotel were laid out by Thomas Weston, Superintendent of Parks and Gardens (1913-1928).

In 1922 work commenced on the hotel and foundations were dug by day labour probably selected from the ranks of 200 unemployed ex-servicemen (nominated by the R. S. S. and A. I. L. A.—forerunner to the R.S.L.) brought

from all states in Australia to do labouring work in the Federal Capital Territory. The hotel was completed by men employed by the contractor, John Howie & Son of Sydney, and the first section opened on 24th December, 1924. In 1925 five pavilions were added and work began on having the sewerage connected to the mains. The hotel continued to use a septic system until the sewer line was completed in 1927.

The hotel complex consisted of a series of pavilions with white stucco walls and red tiled roofs. These were arranged in an axial pattern, and set in a landscape of lawns punctuated with gravel paths, garden beds, tennis courts, croquet and bowling lawns. At the rear of the hotel stood Hunt's Garage and undercover accommodation for up to thirty-eight cars.



The Hotel Canberra as it looked in the 1930s

In 1926, on the flood plain either side of the Molonglo River at the rear of the hotel, an 18 hole golf course known as the Royal Canberra opened. The club house stood on the site of old Klensendorff's farmhouse, which was pulled down in 1924. The stone from the house was used in the foundations of Commonwealth Avenue which, like Wentworth Avenue, was one of the early experimental concrete roads laid in Canberra. The site of the house is still marked by a tall pine tree now situated in a car park at the rear of the hotel.

Prior to commencing construction work on the hotel, contractor Howie had his carpenters erected around 25, 2-3 bedroom timber cottages, 18 huts, 2 recreation halls and ablution blocks for his workmen on the hillside behind Hotel Canberra (now part of Stirling Park). These timber dwellings influenced the government architect, H. M. Rolland in his design of the portable timber workmen's cottages which were erected from 1924 in The Gap, Westlake and Acton, and from 1925 at the Causeway. Some time prior to October 1926, the remaining thirteen

Howie cottages were taken over by the F. C. C., and were removed around the end of 1931.

Howie's community held regular dances in the married quarters' recreation hall which was provided with a piano. The Hostel Cricket Club was formed and a pitch was laid on the flat land in front of where Lotus Bay stands today. In winter the field was used for football. The majority of children attended Telopea Park School following its opening in 1923, walking there via Capitol Hill. A number of the boys joined Charlie Guthrie's Scout Troop which was involved in the building of the Causeway Hall and took part in the opening ceremonies of the Provisional Parliament House.

Documentation about Howie's settlement is sparse. One reference from a July 1927 sanitation report mentioned only the cottages, suggesting that the single men's quarters had been removed by that time. The description reads in part:

[Cottages] will remain about five years longer—unsewered. 13 cottages of bungalow design (unpainted). Rooms 3–6 in each. natural lighting good; no external louver ventilation.

Ground site—fall good. Conditions clean generally, but waste water to earth channels—bad.

No baths or water troughs provided. Three small horse pens too near cottages...

Arthur Freeman Jr., now aged 85, lived at No. 13 Howie's cottages from 1927–1930. He states that the cottages, which were connected to electricity and water, were arranged on either side of a road which still exists as a track today, running parallel to Alexandrina Drive. The Freemans' house consisted of three bedrooms, kitchen, living area and a small bathroom/laundry combined, with a copper to heat water for both bathing and washing. The floor covering was a thin tar-backed lino. The Freemans had a good vegetable garden in the backyard and an outdoor privy, over which grew a vine. The vine still grows today. It, along with other remnants of occupation such as the earth scarred with sump holes and a drainage channel, neat stone edged garden beds, pieces of tin, rubble and a few flowers which bloom each spring, are all that remain on site to remind us of Howie's cottages.

In 1925 the Hotel Canberra was one of the few completed buildings in the emerging city of Canberra. The hotel and grounds were, in essence, small fragments of a western city set in sheep paddocks in the Australian bush. The neatly cut green lawns, garden beds, small shrubs and trees kept lush with water pumped from the Cotter Dam, formed a stark contrast to the native landscape. The dual concrete road in front of the hotel dwindled into single tracks on either side of the complex and on the northern side crossed the two Commonwealth Bridges, up over City Hill into the Civic construction area. Another road in front of the hotel led to the Provisional Parliament House and continued down to the Power House and Stores at Eastlake (Kingston).

The hotel gardens were held in high esteem by locals and tourists. Mr A. E. Bruce, Superintendent of Parks and Gardens (1928–37) spoke about them in an article in *The Canberra Times* on 16 July 1932 under a heading of "Canberra Roses—Feature of City Gardens".

In the year 1925 Mr Weston... laid out the gardens of the Hotel Canberra and, in addition to his piece de

resistance—tulips, planted a number of roses, among which were... Clara Watson, Papa Gontier, Marion Manifold, Betty H. Dickson, Madam Lambard, ... Crimson Rambler, Hiawatha and Dorothy Perkins... In the rose beds in Commonwealth Avenue (in front of Hotel Canberra), the outer line of roses is planted 18 inches from the edge of the bed and five feet apart throughout the bed, thus the larger beds contain 16 plants and the smaller beds 10 plants. Each bed is wholly planted with one variety, thus demonstrating to the fullest extent the advantage of group planting...

There were 20,000 roses planted in Commonwealth Avenue.

The sporting facilities in the hotel grounds provided an interest for both guests of the hotel and the locals, and were well used. The Federal Capital Pioneer Magazine dated 17 January 1927 had the following to say about the bowling facilities and the establishment of the first bowling club in Canberra:

As part of the scheme of providing facilities for the pursuit of all forms of sport in Canberra, the authorities laid down a bowling green in the grounds surrounding Hotel Canberra. Bowlers residing in Australia's capital were not slow in seizing the opportunity to make use of the green. During the summer of 1925–26, as soon as the green was fit for use, a small band of enthusiasts assembled one Saturday afternoon and had the honour of being the first bowlers to play the game in Canberra.

The article went on to say that a general meeting was held for all interested people at the Hotel Canberra on 27th October and at that meeting the decision was made to form a club called the Canberra Bowling Club. The opening of the Club season was carried out 'under most favourable weather conditions' and the first jacks were thrown by Mrs J. H. Butters, Mrs C. Francis, Mrs H. R. Waterman, Mrs W. Loughrey and Mrs T. Hope. Full membership was £3/5/- p.a., associate members £2/5/- and as at 29 November 1926 there were 29 full members.

The Club moved to new grounds at Forrest on 31st January 1931. The hotel bowling green remained and was probably used by guests. During the 1930s the bowling green was at times converted into a lawn tennis court on which exhibition matches were played by visiting overseas players and Australian National champions.

The Hotel Canberra's croquet lawn was situated on the State Circle side of the grounds and was available for use from around 1925 to provide 'amusement and recreation for the Parliamentary ladies' (1). However, it was not until 8th March 1928 that a ladies-only Croquet Club was formed following a meeting called by Lady Butters, wife of the First Commissioner (In 1975, gentlemen were admitted and the club's membership numbers increased markedly).

Members of the Croquet Club held regular social events and worked to raise funds for charitable organizations and causes. The Tasmanian Relief Fund benefited from the proceeds of the first Croquet Ball, held in the Albert Hall in 1929.

A link with the 1927 opening of parliament is to be found in the club grounds in the form of a flag pole which was one of the numerous ones erected in front of the Provisional Parliament House for the event. The pole was

donated to the club by Mr Callander to replace an old bush pole (2).

Stories about the men and women who stayed in the Hotel Canberra are numerous, and glimpses of this past can be gleaned from newspaper articles and oral histories. One story stated that the Federal politicians of non-drinking persuasion stayed at the Hotel Kurrajong and the others at the Hotel Canberra. This story may be supported by an article in The Canberra Times written by Jacqui Rees in 1974, which in part reads:

One (incident) which remains in Mr Fraser's memory was that of 1939, attended by the then Mr Menzies in his first Prime Ministership. "I have a lovely recollection of Alan Dawes, a brilliant journalist and writer, slipping, full of food and wine, to the floor and sleeping," he said. The Prime Minister rose in his place, picked a flower from a vase and led a procession dropping flowers on the recumbent body.

Mr Fraser, who was for many years the Labor member for Eden Monaro, also drew attention to a more sober period in the history of the Hotel—

...Prime Minister James Scullin stayed at the Hotel Canberra. And while every non-labor Prime Minister the nation has had since 1927 has lived there at one time or another, what made Mr Scullin exceptional was that he chose it in preference to The Lodge during his term of office... Mr Fraser remembers the beleaguered Prime Minister requesting from the hotel cash register 20 shilling pieces whenever he set out in his official car for Melbourne or Sydney. "He was elected in 1929 on a great humanitarian program but was absolutely unable to take any action because of a hostile Senate and a hostile Commonwealth Bank Board", Mr Fraser said. He was a great Labor Prime Minister reduced in his endeavours to throwing shillings to people on the roadside as his car went by.

The hotel was well used by the Canberra public for important occasions such as wedding receptions and dinner parties, and it was the venue chosen by J. B. Young in 1925 to hold the first Christmas Party for his Kingston staff to celebrate the opening of the store.

On 31st May 1974 the Hotel Canberra ceased operating as a hotel, and for a decade from 1978 was used as an annex to the Provisional Parliament House. By the late 1980s the hotel was in danger of being demolished. Fortunately the Hyatt decided to buy it and have restored, refurbished and added to the complex in such a manner that the original character of the Hotel has not been lost. This recent work was designed by Hirsch/Bedner, architects were Daryl Jackson Pty Ltd, and construction work was done by Concrete Constructions (A.C.T.). An article in the journal Corporate & Office Design, Spring/Summer 1988 had the following to say about the restoration and refurbishing work:

Because the building had been kept in reasonable condition, extensive renovation was not required. Externally, architectural work involved removing any additions which had been made over the years and cleaning up the existing facades. Glazing, which had been added to the sleepouts, was discarded and verandahs were restored to their original open state. Window patterns were made uniform, while french windows on the ends of the single storey pavilions were reinstated. Other changes to the exterior included removing the 1949 back bar and servants quarters at the rear of the hotel... Treatments original to the building's interior were virtually kept intact. Jarrah floors, ceilings, walls, fixtures and public spaces were maintained or restored. A major part of the restoration involved reinstating the former northern loggia where the tea room had been built. Important details such as fireplaces were identified and placed in areas such as the writing and drawing rooms...

In 1988 the Hotel reopened with a new name, The Hyatt Hotel Canberra, thus a link with the historical past of Canberra has been kept!

Ann Gugler

(1) & (2) "Canberra Croquet Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations".



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TRAVELCLUB PRIZE WINNER

Mr & Mrs V & J Woods of Blackwood, South Australia were the lucky winners of the Travelclub prize. Congratulations to the winners and commiserations to all who, like me, missed out on a wonderful holiday.

FOR SALE

Two person school desk with bench seat and sloping, lift-up desk top—to suit ages 5–12. \$25. Phone Robyn on 247 7137 (AH).

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*High quality merchandise from local and interstate vendors
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SHORT CUTS

FURNITURE ON LOAN

The ACT Trust has now lent a drawing room suite, a set of dining chairs, and some china to the Berrima Branch of the National Trust (NSW). The ACT Trust has had this furniture in storage and in the office for several years and the loan frees up space in the Trust office and saves storage costs. More importantly, it will make these items visible to the public, and place them in a far more sympathetic and complementary setting—Harpers Mansion.

TAX EXEMPTIONS PLEASE?

In an article published in October, Robert Rosen called for tax incentives for private land owners who endeavour to keep their land in its natural state and preserve its biodiversity. At present, tax exemptions apply to land being used for primary production, but land set aside for conservation seldom qualifies. Mr Rosen has called for a rethink on the part of governments to encourage land owners to take responsibility for maintaining at least a portion of their lands in their natural state. *Habitat* Vol 23, No. 5, p.35

ATTEMPTED COUP BY QUT!

After converting what was once almost a ruin into a building Queenslanders can be proud of, and occupying Old Government House in Queensland for twenty-three years, the Queensland National Trust faces the prospect of losing the use of this historic building. The Queensland University of Technology has made a claim on the building which is surrounded by university land. After the work, money and expertise which has gone into restoring the building by Trust volunteers and committed professionals, justice will not be served if the QUT can simply take over what the Trust has made into a State asset. One may wonder why, if the QUT felt strongly that the building should be theirs, they did not undertake the necessary work themselves, and fund the building's restoration from their own treasury?

REVIEW OF "THE VIEW" ISSUE 3

"The View" appeared three times during 1995. The first issue in March, the second in June and the third, now being reviewed, in October. Published by Mark Wang for Designs Australia Pty. Ltd., Victoria, "The View" aims to cover activities in the arts, heritage and science in Australia. It includes a major section "Heritage Australia" by arrangement with the Australian Council of National Trusts.

To launch a new magazine is an ambitious undertaking at any time. This one is printed in full colour, with this issue running to 116 pages at \$8.95. There are several specialist magazines in various aspects of the arts, science and heritage fields already around, and only time will tell if there is a place for this new compendium-style magazine.

The magazine is beautifully produced in A4 format on good paper and would grace any occasional table or waiting room. Not only that, the articles in the first three issues have a great deal of inherent interest.

The first issue in March suffered from being too much of a pot pourri, perhaps not surprisingly given the range of activities covered by the arts, heritage and science. Not only that, the publishers would have been feeling their way a little in that first issue. As they have settled down, and perhaps been able to gauge their readership better, the magazine has been built around a number of coherent themes. Issue three has improved vastly over the first issue in this regard. Of the eighteen major articles almost half are connected to a maritime theme for instance.

Issue three begins with a sweep of the regional art galleries in Victoria and New South Wales, giving just enough about each one to whet the appetite. It is to be hoped that this will be followed by a similar overview of regional galleries in the rest of Australia.

Then follows an interesting story on Sally Cooper, the young Adelaide violinist who won the ABC Quest competition and was a finalist in the ABC's Young Performer of the Year Awards. While Sally is clearly, at thirteen, a rare talent, the article treats her very sympathetically. The use of photos of many of the other finalists in Quest is puzzling; that is all there is about them, and one is left with the impression that the article had started out to tell about Quest, but became locked in on Sally Cooper.

Melbourne's Southside gets good coverage and in a way prepares the way for the future—in the longer term a similar coverage could be given to the cultural geography of each of the capital cities around Australia. In this issue, because the Southside runs around Port Phillip Bay, we are prepared for the articles which follow, all with a nautical theme.

These articles include the cleaning of Port Phillip Bay by the filtration systems of sea animals, and the series on maritime museums and history. Altogether this is a fascinating coverage of a topic which ought to be close to the heart of all Australians, as "Australia is a maritime nation and scarcely knows it", as the first writer says.

The final general magazine section includes a very fine article on Tasmania, and another which appears to be a cross between a touring guide of Tasmania and a series of advertisements for restaurants and accommodation in that State. Perhaps one should not be too critical of this aspect, but it does seem to fit better into a traveller's guide

than the magazine which "The View" sets out to be.

The "Heritage Australia" section includes a most interesting article on Runnymede, continuing the Tasmanian theme. It suffers a little because the writer could not make up his mind whether the seafarers were Bayleys or Baylys, and uses both interchangeably. The article, however, is fascinating and the photos are first class.

The stories about the Cape Jaffa Lighthouse and the Old York Gaol provide a nice historical balance around the shorter, more technical articles. Noel Pearson's address from the National Trust Conference, reproduced in full, covers the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and suggests ways in which the Trust might help in its preservation.

To sum up, by linking the Trust's activities with a commercially produced magazine, the Trust hopes to bring its message to a wide audience. "The View" shows promise of catering for a readership interested in the arts and everyday science as well as stories that highlight our heritage. The development of a theme, or themes for each issue will need to be continued to ensure that the magazine does not fall into an incoherent collection of material. With such a wide field to cover, the magazine will need to be disciplined in its approach.

Percy Worsnop

Ed. Feedback from you, the members of the Trust, would, I am sure, be welcomed by the magazine. Trust members receive a discount on subscriptions.

SELF-GUIDED TOUR BROCHURES

The ACT Trust has published two self-guided tour brochures. These brochures are compact, yet full of interesting information. The first takes the user on a tour of the significant features of Commonwealth and Kings Parks, giving details of the memorials, lookouts, sculptures etc. in the area. The second brochure takes the user through the heritage suburb of Reid. A brochure covering the Ainslie/Braddon area will come out this year. At \$1 each these brochures are a bargain. Use them yourselves or keep them for your interstate or overseas visitors to use. Available from the Trust office and Gift Shops.



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RSVP 10 March 1996
Phone 239 5222

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HAMPER DONATIONS NEEDED!



Have you any spare Bollinger, beluga caviar or Swiss chocolates???

The National Trust is looking for donations of food and wine to be made into a hamper and raffled at our 14th Canberra Antique Fair in March. All donations of specialty foods, fine wines or spirits would be greatly appreciated.

Donations may be left at the Trust office any time after March 1st.



BankSA Prize - Christina Smith Award

(Community history books from 30,000 to 100,000 words)

ACNT Prize - Ebenezer Ward Award

(Community history books under 30,000 words)



These biennial awards commemorate the above writers and encourage others to document their local history. Entries must have been published after 1 January 1994.

Christina Smith Award - \$1,000 plus the Christina Smith medal

Ebenezer Ward Award - \$500 plus the Ebenezer Ward trophy

Entries close March 29, 1996.

Send three copies plus \$5 entry fee to -
Judy Murdoch,

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For further details, contact Robyn at the Trust office on 239 5222.

TRUST OFFICE SERVICES

Photocopying

The Trust owns an all singing all dancing photocopier.

This machine allows users to save both trees and money with its ability to photocopy both sides of the paper (for example, one double sided A4 sheet costs 20 cents whereas two single sided A4 sheets costs 30 cents). We can copy from books, erase edges and much, much more. Moreover this miracle machine prints on recycled paper.

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Fax

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

We charge:

- Incoming correspondence
20 cents per page.
- Outgoing correspondence— \$2.00
plus 20 cents per page.

Overseas charges are based on the overseas STD rates.

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

WHAT'S ON, IN AND AROUND CANBERRA

NATIONAL TRUST (ACT)

❖ Open House & Garden at Boxford

Sunday 3 March, 10 am–4 pm. \$4 per person. The house is well-known for its early American furniture and historical artefacts. The grounds are laid out in six separate gardens - Italian Parterre, Chinese, Japanese, Elizabethan Knot, Brazilian and Indian. Enquiries and offers of assistance on the gate etc. to Phyllis Montgomerie on 281 4036

❖ Film Night—Picnic at Hanging Rock

Wednesday 6th March, 7.30 pm, National Film & Sound Archive

Peter Weir's acclaimed film "Picnic at Hanging Rock" will be screened. Light supper will be provided.

\$10 (\$11 non-members). Book at Trust office by c.o.b. 28 February.

❖ Drinks at Mugga-Mugga

Tuesday 12 March 5.30–7.30 pm. \$5 per person, new members free. Tours of Mugga-Mugga Homestead and a look at the new education centre.

❖ 14th Canberra Antique Fair

Friday 15 to Monday 18 March, Albert Hall. Details in the ad. elsewhere in "Trust News".

❖ ACT Alive!

Monday 18 March, 10 am–4 pm. Held on the lawns in front of Old Parliament House.

❖ Tidbinbilla before the Nature Reserve

Wednesday 24th April, 8 pm, Room 1, Griffin Centre, Civic

We all know and love Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, but what was the area like before gazettal of the reserve in the 1960s? Matthew Higgins presents an insight into the life of some of the people who once called Tidbinbilla 'home'. Using slides, a tape of illuminating oral history interviews and atmospheric bush sounds, the show traces the life and times of the Tidbinbilla district from the turn of the century.

\$5 entry, supper included.

NATIONAL TRUST (NSW)

❖ Faces of Ireland

Thursday 21 March to Sunday 21 April, Cooma Cottage, cnr. Old Hume & Barton Highways, Yass. Open 10–4 pm. Closed Tuesdays. Lunch and tea rooms on site. Enquiries Jenny Cocks on (06) 226 1470.

A photographic exhibition by Jeff Atkinson depicting the people and places of Ireland. Associated workshops and seminars will be held through to the end of March.

YASS HERITAGE PROJECT

❖ Pride of Erin Festival

Saturday 23 March–Sunday 24 March

Yass celebrates its Irish roots with this Celtic festival. It will begin with a re-enactment of the 1851 arrival of 105 Irish orphan girls at Riverbank Park. Saturday also offers

displays, market stalls, and Irish music and dancing. On Sunday there will be genealogical workshops and seminars, art and photographic exhibitions and a production by the Yass Repertory Society all on offer. Call Yass Tourist Information Centre (06) 2262557 for more information.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

❖ The Rubbery Years, Hyde Park Barracks

Sydney to 10 March 1996

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.

❖ Canberra Festival Balloon Fiesta

9–18 March, 6–10 am

Balloons take off in front of OPH each morning. Hot breakfasts available from 6.30 am.

❖ Lighting of Old Parliament House

9–18 March, from sunset. OPH will be lit with over 1,000 lights.

❖ Trial by jury in the old Senate Chambers

9–10 & 16–18 March, 1, 2, & 3 pm.

A half hour operetta highlighting the work of Gilbert and Sullivan.

❖ Tolerance, Old Parliament House to 26 May 1996

Highlights Australia's rich cultural diversity. Includes youth theatre programs and performances, community arts projects, music, comedy, interviews with school students and access to the Internet.

For details of Old Parliament House exhibitions and events, phone 207 6477

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❖ C.E. Lane-Poole Memorial Bushwalk

Saturday 27th April

This day walk commemorates the pre-Franklin Road 1930s bushwalks along the Brindabellas by C. E. Lane-Poole, head of the Australian Forestry School and the inaugural President of the Canberra Alpine Club which built Mt Franklin Chalet. We shall scale Mts Aggie, Franklin, and the skiers' Little Ginini. About 10kms on and off track. short car shuffle. Numbers limited—book with leader Matthew Higgins on 247 7285 after hours.

CANBERRA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

❖ Capital Classics—Classical influences in Canberra

Tuesday 12 March. Talk given by Dr Ann Moffatt. Room 1, Griffin Centre, 8 pm.

❖ A Medical History of the Canberra Region

Tuesday 9 April. Talk by Dr Tony Proust. Room 1, Griffin Centre, 8 pm.

❖ **Workers of Canberra**

Saturday 13 April. Excursion led by Ann Gugler

❖ **Historic Goulburn**

Saturday 4 May. Excursion led by Jill Downer

❖ **A History of the Police Force in Canberra**

Tuesday 14 May. Talk by Mr Peter Dawson. Room 1, Griffin Centre, 8 pm.

For further details contact Helen Digan on 248 8401 Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 10–3 pm or Weds. 1–6 pm.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

❖ **Private Lives Revealed: letters, diaries, history**

Saturday 23 March

How does a knowledge of the private world of the public figure enhance our appreciation of our heritage? How does the social historian use personal letters and diaries? What ethical considerations should be taken into account? Renowned speakers will present their views at this one-day seminar.

Enquiries: Lynette Pullen, Cultural & Education Services, NLA, ph. 262 1271, fax. 273 4493

WHAT'S ON—TRUST ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS IN THE TRUST BOARDROOM

Council Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday 21 March 1996

Thursday 16 May 1996

Executive Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday 15 February 1996

Thursday 18 April 1996

Publications Committee at 12.30 p.m.

Monday 19 February 1996

Monday 18 March 1996

Monday 15 April 1996

Education & Cultural Committee at 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday 28 February 1996

Wednesday 3 April 1996

Classification Committee at 12.30 p.m.

Tuesday 12 March 1996

Tuesday 9 April 1996

Lanyon Committee at 12.15 p.m.

Tuesday 12 March 1996

Tuesday 9 April 1996

Tuesday 14 May 1996

Antique Fair Committee at 9.30 a.m.

Monday 11 March 1996

Monday 8 April 1996

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.

February

24–25th—'Blue Waterholes and Beyond'

March

3rd—Open House & Garden, Boxford

6th—Film Night "Picnic at Hanging Rock", NF&SA

12th—Drinks at Mugga-Mugga

15th–18th Antique Fair, Albert Hall

15–18th—'Let's Croajingalong' tour

23rd–2nd April—'Bound for South Australia' tour

April

Heritage Month—see draft 'Heritage Festival' programme

14th 'Monaro Shadows'

24th—Tidbinbilla before the Nature Reserve

28th—National Trust Fair, Lanyon

May

4–5th 'Braidwood Weekend'

10–12th 'Blue Mountains Avenged'

