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Wishing all our members a  
**Happy Christmas**  
and a  
**Prosperous New Year**  
from all the staff at  
**The National Trust (ACT)**



We look forward to  
your continuing support in 1997



## NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr T & Mrs E Allen, Holder  
 Ms M Bartle, Chapman  
 Ms C Bayer, Page  
 Mr R & Mrs H Bear, Gowrie  
 Mr K & Mrs S Berresford, Monash  
 Ms J Cameron, Chifley  
 Dr E & Mrs R Carter, Red Hill  
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 Ms A Gaze, Giralang  
 Mr R & Mrs S Grahame, Monash  
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 Mrs A Jerogin, Hughes  
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 Mr K & Mrs P Keneally, Cook  
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 Ms S Manning, Page  
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 Ms A Meade, Kambah  
 Miss C Morton, Pearce  
 Ms S Nolan, Florey

Mr N Norris, Giralang  
 Mr A Oshyer, Bonython  
 Mr P & Mrs S Peters, Canberra  
 Miss K Phillips, Kingston  
 Dr V & Mrs C Pippett, Hawker  
 Mr R Polglaze, Turner  
 Ms S Pye, Fraser  
 Dr H & Mrs V Quinlan, O'Connor  
 Mr D Reedy, O'Connor  
 Mr B & Mrs M Regan, Theodore  
 Dr R & Mrs L Reid, Campbell  
 Mr A Richardson, Watson  
 Mr & Mrs M Roberts, Narrabundah  
 Mrs J Robinson, Farrer  
 Mr M Scott, Hackett  
 Mr R & Mrs H Searle, Reid  
 Mr & Mrs L Smith, Gordon Park, Qld  
 Mr M Street, Fraser  
 Ms E Wakefield, Watson  
 Mr T & Mrs K Williams, Oaks Estate  
 Dr I & Mrs M Willis, Wanniasa  
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## National Trust of Australia (ACT)

### Annual General Meeting



Tuesday, November 26th

7.30 pm. at

Eastlake Football Club,

Cnr Eyre & Oxley Streets, Kingston

**We hope to see many of you there.**

The Club is letting us have the room for a generous rate of only \$5!  
 They offer delicious meals in their bistro adjacent to the Players' Room.  
 Why not support them by having a meal before or after the AGM.

## CORRECTION

The August issue of "Trust News" featured an obituary on John Whelen, pioneer of the first branch of the New South Wales Trust located outside Sydney. Unfortunately, Mr Whelen's name was spelt incorrectly (as Whelan) and apologies are extended for this error.

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 • The National Trust (ACT) extends its thanks to all  
 • those who have donated a little extra to the Trust  
 • with their membership renewal. This is very much  
 • appreciated in these lean times.  
 • Special thanks must go to Mr John Gale who has  
 • made yet another very generous donation.  
 • .....

## 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 November. The following members of the Council will retire but are eligible for re-nomination if they so wish:

Professor Ken Taylor  
Mr Robert Akhurst  
Mr Barry Griffiths

Mrs Linda Beveridge  
Mr Lloyd Wrigley

Mr Shibu Dutta will also retire but will not accept re-nomination.

In addition, nominations have been received from Ms Karen Williams and Mr John Hyndes. Karen is a local historian with a particular interest in Oaks Estate, where she lives. She convenes the A.C.T. Regional Studies Network. John is a familiar face to members of the Trust from volunteering as a helper at many Trust functions.

## THE NATIONAL TRUST EXTENDS ITS TENTACLES— OR DOES IT?

Readers may have noticed the new heritage tourism directional signs on Kings Avenue, Constitution Avenue and Parkes Way installed in mid-September, showing the way to Blundells' Cottage. Visible from Parkes Way on the shore of the Lake, the Cottage is notoriously difficult to reach because the access road underpasses Parkes Way off Constitution Avenue. Would-be visitors can see the Cottage, but they can't get to it.

The new signs add the Trust gumleaf logo to the name 'Blundells' Cottage'. What? Has the ACT Trust taken it over? The answer is no. It seems that the sign-writing wallahs make an automatic connection that old houses = National Trust. This is definitely a good thing for the Trust's image, though the Cottage is actually owned by the Commonwealth, funded through the National Capital Authority and operated as a house museum by the Canberra & District Historical Society.

The Cottage Board of management decided it's so glad to get the signs up (it's taken years) that it doesn't mind the connection with the Trust - we're good friends all round in any case. Trust members who turn up at the Cottage flashing their membership cards for free admission will be met with a polite apology and a request for a donation to help keep the Cottage going. At least it's hoped that there'll be many more visitors arriving now they can find the way.

*Linda Young*

Chair  
Blundells' Cottage Board of Management

## HELP WANTED—YOUR TRUST NEEDS YOU!

### LANYON GUARDIANS

An appeal for guardians on Radio 2CN recently was most successful, but 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) if you would like to help.

### 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 during business hours, or Lorna Thomas on 282 1935 between 5 & 7.30 p.m.

### ATTENTION: ALL VOLUNTEERS !

Have you given the Trust 10 Years Service?

We have had several responses to the call for long time Trust volunteers to register with us. We know that there are many more people out there who should register with us after having put in a great deal of voluntary service. If you have put ten years of your life into working voluntarily for the Trust and have not yet registered, please do so. You deserve a measure of recognition for your efforts.



## LIBRARY NEWS

There have been a few new items placed in the Trust's library over the past few months. The new books are:-

Australian Council of National Trusts 1996, "*National guidelines for the conservation of cemeteries*",

Crittenden, Victor 1979, "*The Front garden: the story of the cottage garden in Australia*", Mulini Press, Canberra

Freeland, Guy 1995, "*Canberra cosmos: the pilgrim's guidebook to sacred sites and symbols of Australia's capital*" A.G.P.S., Canberra—donated by Michael Harrington

Reid, Richard & Mongan, Cheryl 1996, "*A Decent set of girls: the Irish famine orphans of the Thomas Arbuthnot 1849-1850*", Yass Heritage Project, Yass—donated by Michael Hodgkin

Willson, Robert 1996, "*Canberra cavalcade: tales of the people and legends of southern New South Wales*", Mulini Press, Canberra

The following reports and surveys have also been received:-  
"ACT Heritage Council annual report 1995-1996", ACT Heritage Council

"ACT weeds strategy: initiating a ten year weed control program for the Australian Capital Territory", 1996, ACT Department of Urban Services.

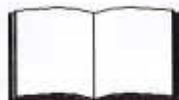
Berry, Sandra & Mulvaney, Michael 1995, "*An Environmental weed survey of the Australian Capital Territory: a report prepared for the Conservation Council of the South-East Region and Canberra*",

Higgins, Matthew 1996, "*Surveyors at the snowline: surveying the ACT-NSW border 1910-1915*", National Trust (ACT), Canberra

Lawrence, T & Boden, R 1996, "*The Trees of Manuka Circle*", Institution of Engineers, Canberra

National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory) 1995/96 annual report

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) annual report 1995-1996



Robyn Trezise

## CARING FOR CHANGI QUILTS

The Australian War Memorial is home to two quilts made in Changi Prison by people incarcerated there during World War 2. These quilts are fragile and need purpose-built display cases to slow any further deterioration.

On behalf of the AWM, the Quilt Study Group of Australia is raising funds to have suitable display cases made and would appreciate donations towards this end.

Donations should be sent to:  
Quilt Study Group of Australia,

c/- M. Rolfe, 84 Morgan Cres., Curtin ACT 2605.



## RATE INCREASES UNAVOIDABLE

Members will have seen from the recently published 1995/96 Annual Report of the Trust that our budget is very tight. The accounts showed that we made a loss of around \$8,000 after provision was made for annual leave, although in cash terms we had a small surplus.

Unfortunately the forecast for 1996/97 is even tighter - the cost of living has increased and with it the cost of running the Trust. At the same time possible government sources for funds have declined, with a major reduction in the National Estate Grants Program and a 2% reduction in the Commonwealth Grant-in-Aid.

In the circumstances the Council of the Trust has decided, most reluctantly, that membership fees will have to rise from 1 January. The new schedule of fees is shown on the membership form below.

Note: Elsewhere in this 'Trust News' is an article about the new national scale of fees to be charged from 1 January 1997 to people who join the Trust and travel overseas within twelve months of joining. This does not affect people who are already members of the Trust.

### TRUST MEMBERS!

- N** Do you value your Trust membership?
- A** Do you want the Trust's essential
- T** heritage preservation work to continue?
- I** Then encourage a friend to join, so
- O** they too can experience the benefits of:
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- S** National Trust membership.
- T**

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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TELEPHONE: (H) ..... (W) .....

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|---|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors Card               | <input type="checkbox"/> Pensioner/Student          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Single ..... \$ 33.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> - Single ..... \$ 25.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Household ..... \$ 45.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> - Household ..... \$ 40.00 |

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C/CARD No. .... Signature .....

Expiry Date ..... / ..... • Enquiries, National Trust. ph. (06) 239 5222; fax. (06) 239 5333 •  
The above rates apply from 1 January 1997

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## CHILDREN'S WEEK PICNIC AT LANYON

The picnic organised at Lanyon on Thursday 24th October was a tremendous success with 110 children attending from eight local Tuggeranong daycare centres.

We had wonderful weather and the children were very excited. There were six different activities and there was no doubt that seeing the flock of sheep at close quarters and the spinning were the shining events of the day. Many thanks go to the fantastic staff at Lanyon, especially Margaret Fleming who was incredibly organised and made me look good. Caroline Nott's spinning and her expert knowledge kept the children enthralled. Thanks also to Lainie Lawson, Lisa De Santis and her friend Liz who were tremendous group leaders.

I must make special mention of the wonderful Volunteers who were there on behalf of the National Trust.

Unfortunately the response from volunteers was not good, but those who came along (Carol Cosgrove, Margaret & Harry Dean, Fred Roberts, and John & Dorothy Bairstow) will testify to the experience as a unique and uplifting one. The children really enjoyed the chance to spend time with their elders and I know a lot of them made the most of this opportunity. Huge thanks to Katrina Green and JoAnne Devenish, who added a 'youthful' touch to the day. A special thanks also to the gentlemen who visit Lanyon every Thursday with the Tuggeranong Community Service. The children were very keen to watch them at work making and repairing toys and other wooden objects.

I hope that next year's event will be bigger and that more volunteers will jump at the chance to become involved.

*Helen Peade*



Fascinated faces! Finding out about fleece with Caroline Nott.

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## SHORT CUTS

### PROPOSED CHANGES TO CIVIC

The following proposals were highlighted in "Sustainable Times", August 1996, the newsletter of the Environment Centre and Conservation Council

The ACT Government is considering removing the ACTION bus control tower and the toilet block from City Walk to provide a clear line of sight. The design and location of replacements for these buildings has yet to be decided.

Also on the drawing board is another apartment block/commercial centre planned for a site opposite the Boulevard and the Park Royal.

Another proposal which has been suggested is to move the bus interchange altogether, to the car park between the Griffin Centre and the City Markets, making it more accessible to the growing population of Braddon.

#### A Less Reserved Government

The August edition of "Habitat Australia" recently notified that the new federal government is to reduce the national target of pre-1788 forest from 15 to 10%. It has also signalled a review of environmental legislation which could see some protected areas opened up for exploration & mining.

#### Ringling Out The Bells

As reported in the November 1995 edition of "Trust News" the Cathedral Church of St Francis Xavier in Adelaide has been having its bell tower built, more than a century after the body of the Church was built. This project is now complete after ten years work. To fill the tower, the late Miss Lena Lewis bought seven mammoth bells from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney and had an eighth bell cast in England in 1992. These, and a further five bells, were installed in the newly completed tower and on June 29th this year, bells rang out for the first time in the Cathedral Church of St Francis Xavier.

#### UK Trust on the Net

Those about to travel to the UK may be interested to know that the UK National Trust handbook is now available on the Internet. Open 24 hours a day, the Trust's web site address is: <http://www.ukindex.co.uk/nationaltrust>

#### AusHeritage Launched

In September, Senator Richard Alston launched Australia's network of heritage services, AusHeritage. AusHeritage aims to promote export opportunities for professionals working in the heritage field—conservation architects, museum curators, conservators, educators etc. AusHeritage is sponsored by the Department of Communication and the Arts and the Australian Heritage Commission.

#### In Trust

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) has turned forty and has marked the occasion with the publication of a book of their history to date. Called "In Trust: the first forty years of the National Trust in Victoria 1956-1996" the book was written by Mary Ryllis Clark and is available at a cost of \$24.95 to Trust members (plus \$3 postage). Contact the National Trust (Victoria) on (03) 654 4 711 or write to them at 4 Parliament Place, Melbourne Vic. 3002

## CAN YOU HELP?

A request for assistance has been received from Graham Wilson, Lecturer at the University of New England, who is researching the work of travelling photographer Joseph Check. Check, who travelled Australia from 1884 until 1936, photographed local scenes and people wherever he went and always placed his name and the date on his work. Wilson says

At present I have located him in many towns throughout Australia. Once I have details of his photographs, I then check the local newspapers for information on his work. At times he informed the newspaper where he had come from and where he intended to travel.

Mr Wilson still has many years unaccounted for, and says "I was hoping that members of your society or family history group might 'check' the photographs held in their possession."

If you have any photos taken by Check, please contact Mr Wilson on (067) 733 868—BH, (067) 727 586—AH, or write to him c/o Faculty of Arts, Department of History, UNE, Armidale, NSW 2351

Another plea for photographs was made in the latest edition of the Fiji "National Trust News". The Fiji Trust is collecting pre-1945 photographs, drawings or maps of the Sigatoka Sand Dunes to aid in the Sigatoka Sand Dunes Research Project. This project aims to reconstitute the paleogeographic history of the dunes. Write to the National Trust for Fiji, 3 Ma'afu street, Suva if you have any relevant documents you would like to share with them.

### HERITAGE: YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW

Yesterday we did not care.  
Today it is a major challenge.  
Tomorrow will it be a nightmare?

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The National Trust is holding a major conference in Brisbane from Thursday evening, 29th May, to Saturday 31 May, 1997.

Adopting the theme "Heritage: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" the conference will address topics ranging from heritage in Australia post 1788 (from European and Aboriginal perspectives), the sensitive areas of owners' rights versus posterity, the ethics of listing heritage properties, to the fascinating questions of Tomorrow's Heritage and what will be our future listed sites.

There will be an optional tour of the Currumbin Sanctuary on Sunday 1 June.

Travelworld is the official agent for all bookings. Registrations of Interest are required by 1st December, 1996 and can be made to Mr Ed Brannigan at the National Trust of Queensland, either by phone on (07) 3229 1788 or by fax on (07) 3229 0146.

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## AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF NATIONAL TRUSTS

### 'HERITAGE EXPLORER'

#### MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION THROUGH THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY

An initiative to promote membership and raise the profile of the National Trust movement has been developed by the Australian Council of National Trusts (ACNT) and endorsed by the ACNT Board. The travel industry will be targeted in order to join up new members who are intending to travel overseas and wish to take advantage of the comprehensive reciprocal rights program. The partner in the initiative is South Pacific Express, a major wholesaler in the European carrier market with strong links with travel agents throughout Australia.

The major points associated with the initiative are:

- ❖ The membership initiative commences on 1 January 1997.
- ❖ *Current National Trust members are not affected in their overseas reciprocal rights or other membership entitlements.*
- ❖ Persons wishing to join the National Trust but not wishing to travel in the first year of membership *are not affected*, and will be able to enjoy overseas reciprocal rights in the second year of their membership. They will enjoy free entry to Trust properties throughout Australia, all other usual membership benefits, and pay the current membership fees from year one onwards.
- ❖ Persons wishing to join the National Trust for the purpose of travelling in the first year, taking advantage of the considerable benefits of overseas reciprocal rights, will be provided the opportunity to join the National Trust through a travel agent for a membership fee (in the first year only) as follows:

Household	\$190
Single	\$ 95
Student/Youth (to 26 years)	\$ 60

*From year two these members revert to the current rates of membership and enjoy the normal membership benefits, including overseas reciprocal rights.*

- ❖ On joining the National Trust through a travel agent, members will receive from South Pacific Express, their National Trust membership card and a booklet containing details of all properties around the world, including Australia, which recognise the reciprocal rights agreement. These booklets will also be available for sale at National Trust shops, with the normal member discount applying.

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## OVERSEAS PROPERTIES

### ANTRIM HOUSE, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Antrim House is the administrative headquarters for New Zealand's Historic Places Trust, and was formerly the home of Robert Hannah and family. Hannah was born in County Antrim, Ireland but travelled to New Zealand via Australia as a young man. He became a successful businessman, making his money first by operating a casino on the New Zealand gold fields, then with a boot repair shop in Charleston. The latter blossomed into a successful shoe manufacturing business in Wellington. In 1875 Hannah married Hannah Ferguson. The couple had several children, seven of whom survived childhood.

To house his large family, Hannah had Antrim House designed by architects Thomas Turnbull & Son and built by builders Davis and Browman in 1905. The architects were known for designing many significant public buildings in Wellington. Antrim House borrows its look

from the Italianate style then popular in San Francisco. Verandahs surround the weatherboard house, and a central tower room with a cupola dominate the facade. Inside the house the rooms are paneled in solid kauri and totara wood and have embossed metal ceilings, stained glass windows and elaborate fireplaces. The harbour could originally be seen from all levels of the house, although high rise development has curtailed some of the original view.

After Hannah's death in 1930 the house was used as a guesthouse, then a public service hostel until, in 1978, it was presented to the Historic Places Trust. Several outbuildings remain from the days when there were a team of servants to cater to the Hannah family. The grounds and some of the rooms are open for inspection. Visitors may view Antrim House from 9-5, Monday to Friday. Enquiries may be made on (04) 724 341.



## INTERSTATE PROPERTIES

### WOODBIDGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Located on the banks of the Swan River is a parcel of land once owned by Captain James Stirling, the State's first Governor. While navigating the river, Stirling found a piece of land which reminded him of the countryside near his wife's family home in Woodbridge near Guilford, Surrey. He named the property Guilford and built a home on the site as a retreat from Government House. He called this home 'Woodbridge'. Stirling spent little time at Guilford however, and leased the property when he left the colony to return to England in 1839.

Several years later Mr Charles Harper, Member of the Legislative Council for the North District took up the lease. Harper finally bought the land in 1883 and set about building a more stately home for himself and his family. Harper kept meticulous records of the building and furnishing of his new home. Detailed records remain of the materials, costs and labourers required to build every stage of this house. Invoices for the furniture purchased for the house remain, and amongst the furniture and fixtures ordered from England, there was even a two-story, 24 column ornamental verandah.

The Harper family and descendants lived at the new 'Woodbridge' until 1921 when it was converted into a school. The school remained until 1942 when the building was converted into an aged women's home. A lot of damage to the building was done at this time - unsympathetic alterations and additions etc. In the 1960s the Education Department had gained control of the house again and was considering demolition. The National Trust stepped in at this point and spent several years removing extensions, strengthening floors, unbricking fireplaces, repairing cracked brickwork etc.

The house is now an elegant example of a late Victorian/early Edwardian residence. Some of the furniture and fittings are those originally owned by the Harper family, others have been donated or purchased to be in keeping with the times and style of the house.

Located 20kms from the GPO, 'Woodbridge' is accessible by road, rail and ferry. The Coach House Tea Rooms serve light refreshments and sell gifts. Visitors will need to contact (08) 9274 2432 or (08) 9321 6088 for opening hours as these are subject to change.



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## RECENT NATIONAL TRUST CLASSIFICATIONS

Recently there have been several updates to the citations of sites which the Trust has previously Classified. Updates have been made to citations on the Burns Memorial, the Captain Cook Memorial and the National Film & Sound Archive building. While changes to the memorial citations are small, the changes to the NFSA building's citation are more wide-ranging.

### THE NATIONAL FILM AND SOUND ARCHIVE.

This Art Deco building was originally Classified by the Trust in 1979, significant for its architecture and as part of the Federal Capital Commission's initial stage of the development of Canberra. The surrounds and the adjoining official residence were not then included however, and Council has recently approved the inclusion of these features in the Trust's classification.

**Statement of Significance** -The place is significant for its original role in housing the Institute of Anatomy. The collection housed became a significant record of Australian fauna and aboriginal life. The Institute also played a role in researching various aspects of national health.

The buildings and grounds combine with their setting to create a place with considerable aesthetic value, and the buildings are evocative reminders of the era in which they were designed and constructed.

The main building is a fine example of the Inter-War Stripped Classical style. This is due to its strongly symmetrical plan, elevations in a vertically-proportioned simplified classical design and innovative Art Deco decorative elements with distinctive Australian fauna and aboriginal motifs. The interiors are important for their even stronger Art Deco character. In the extent of

the use of Australian nationalistic Art Deco elements and their intactness, the building is unrivalled. The residence is a good domestic example of the Art Deco style.

The National Film and Sound Archive main building and residence have strong associations with significant people involved in their design and development, and the administration of the Australian Institute of Anatomy. They are the architects W. Hayward Morris, who designed the buildings; J. S. Murdoch, who oversaw the design process; E. H. Henderson, who was involved in the detailed design of the interiors of the main building; A. E. Bruce, who designed the landscaping; Sir Colin MacKenzie, the Institute's founding director and driving force in its creation; Sir John Butters, Federal Capital Commission Chairman, who had a strong influence on the planning of the main building; and Sir Neville Howse, Minister of Health and Defence, who was instrumental in getting Cabinet approval for the project. The place is important for its associations with the Australian Institute of Anatomy and the National Film and Sound Archive, which have played significant roles in Australian history.

The construction of the ground floor of the main building was technically advanced for its time, in its use of the Innes-Bell Hollow Block system. The building is a rare example of the use of this technique, which was the predecessor of the modern waffle slab.

The buildings have strong social links with the community through their original occupancy by the Australian Institute of Anatomy and currently as the repository for the National Film and Sound Archive collection.

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## AHC POWERS UNDER THREAT

The Sir Edward Pellew Islands lie off the coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria and are home to many endangered or rare species such as the green turtle, the dugong and the flatback turtle. The islands also harbour many undisturbed plant communities - saltmarsh, sandstone heath, open forest and tidal mangrove forest. Made up of 8 islands and over 50 small islets, reefs and rocks, the Pellew Islands have been listed on the Interim Register of the National Estate since 1988 because of their significance in maintaining the ecosystems of the Gulf.

Mount Isa Mines (MIM) however, is planning the development of a zinc mine and export loading facility in the area and has opposed the listing of the island group on the Interim Register and objected to having to abide by the conditions imposed by an earlier Environmental Impact Statement. In 1994 the company took its objections to the courts under the Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1975.

In a decision which could have serious ramifications for many such listed sites, Justice Drummond found that places which the Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) intends to place on the Register must meet the definition of "national estate" as defined in the Act. This definition reads "those places being components of the natural or cultural environment that have aesthetic, historic, scientific or social significance or other special value for future generations as well as for the present community." An appeal to the full federal court upheld Justice Drummond's decision and there is now great uncertainty about the decision-making powers of the AHC.

This ruling puts under threat many past and future decisions of the AHC, with entry on the Register being open to legal challenge.

At present Commonwealth departments and authorities cannot take action which might adversely affect a place on the Register, or on the Interim List, unless the Minister believes there are no reasonable or prudent alternatives and there are ways in which adverse effects can be minimised. This includes State decisions affecting the national estate where the Commonwealth is financially assisting the project. Entry in the Register can also trigger other Commonwealth legislation such as the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act 1974. This can lead to environmental impact assessment by the Environment Protection Agency.

As a result of the Federal Court decision the AHC has

sought and been granted leave to appeal to the High Court. The grounds for its action may well be influenced by the Federal Court minority judge's decision; Chief Justice Black held that the final determination of whether a place is part of the national estate is committed to the Commission by the Act and cannot be legally challenged.

The case has far reaching consequences for heritage in Australia and its outcome will be keenly awaited by both sides in the debate.

## ACT BORDER PROJECT

Matthew Higgins has recently completed work on a survey of the ACT's border. Funded by the National Estate Grants Program and aided by the ACT Land Information Office, *Surveyors at the snowline* is the latest National Trust project to be completed by Matthew.

The first part of the report looks at the personnel involved in the original survey project, how they did the job, and their experiences along the way. Part 2 of the report is an inventory of the remaining border markers found by Matthew during field work for this project. Matthew walked along one third of the ACT's border and interviewed descendants of the surveyors in compiling this report. It is hoped the report will eventually be published in book form. In the mean time, members may view the report at the Trust office.

## INPUT SOUGHT FOR HERITAGE GUIDELINES

The Australian Heritage Commission is inviting local communities to help create a comprehensive guide to recognising and caring for natural, historic and indigenous heritage places.

As part of its Heritage Guidelines Project, the Commission is calling community groups and interested individuals to contribute their expertise to the formulation of the guidelines.

If you know of existing guides or case studies of successful community-based heritage projects or have ideas or suggestions to offer, please contact the Commission's consultants, Context Pty. Ltd. on phone (03) 9380 6933, fax. (03) 9388 2496 or at P.O. Box 193, West Brunswick, Victoria 3055.

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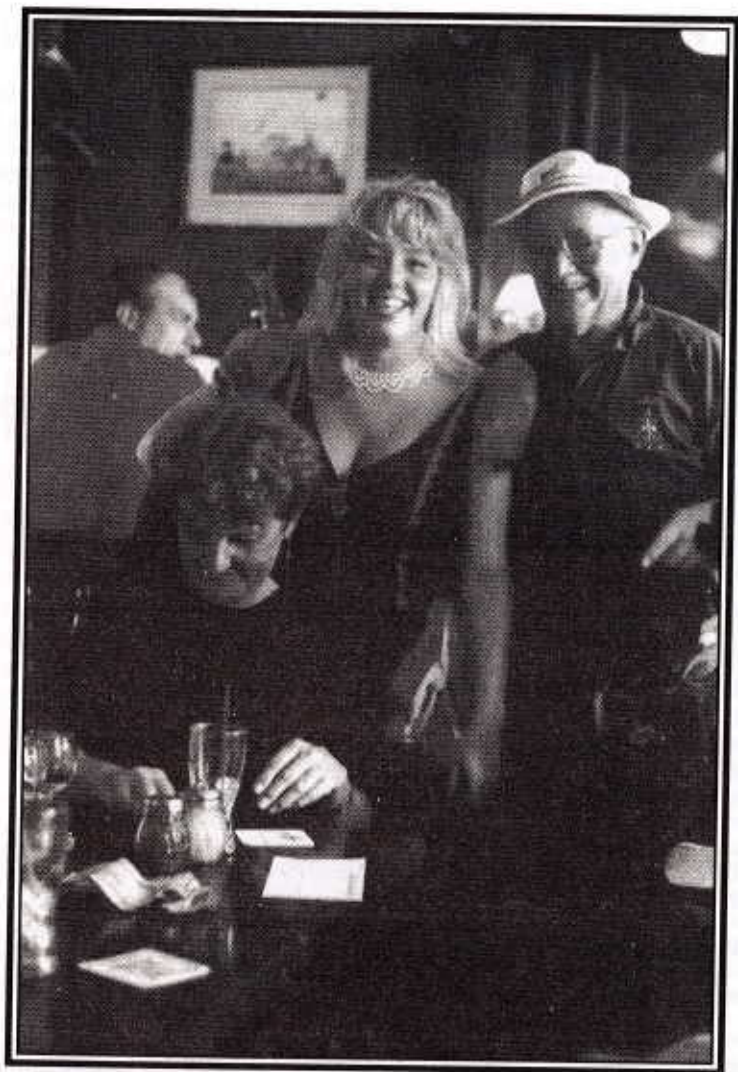
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### ALASKA & WESTERN CANADA



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

**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 22 NOVEMBER. NO LIMIT.**

**NEW YEAR IN NEW ENGLAND - Saturday 28 December to Thursday 2 January 1997**

This new offering may appeal to those seeking a way to celebrate the New Year. The tour is being promoted by Adventure Wildlife and Park Treks, whom we chartered for our recent tour to the Flinders Ranges and for an earlier tour to Lake Mungo. In this instance we have sought to reserve a number of places for ACT Trust members, as we did previously on their tours to Fraser Island and to the Grampians. Our price includes the extra cost of return train travel to Sydney plus Saturday night accommodation. Accommodation on the coach tour will be at one of three properties in the Tamworth area - "Lalla Rookh", "Laramie" or "Mellowood". You will travel up via Scone and Nundle, returning via Quirindi, Merriwa and the Rosemount Estate! Highlights of your stay will include tours of the Tamworth and Nundle area, New Year's Eve at the Longyard Hotel and the Wallabadah Picnic Races on New Year's Day. Single accommodation is limited. Commercial conditions apply and travel insurance is recommended. Contact Garth Setchell (ph 06-2901100) for further information.

**EARLY APPLICATION TO THE TRUST OFFICE, WITH \$150 DEPOSIT, IS ESSENTIAL.**

**CRADLE MTN / LAKE ST CLAIR WALK - 18 - 26 February or 4 - 12 March 1997**

If you are interested in this classic 6-day 60km lodge accommodated walk (with hot showers, foam mattresses and prepared meals), then don't dither! The total package also includes return economy airfares, 3 nights twin share accommodation in Launceston (23 before the walk and 1 after) and a celebration dinner on the last night. Commercial conditions apply and travel insurance is recommended. Contact Garth Setchell (ph. 06 2901100) for further information.

**LIMIT 6 (FEB) & 10 (MAR) WALKS. TWIN ACCOM. ONLY. BOOKINGS CLOSE 29 NOVEMBER.  
FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 18 DECEMBER.**

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

Details of this luxury coach tour, Canberra to Canberra, have now been finalised. We are already holding 17 deposits. The tour includes two overnight crossings of Bass Strait (in your own cabin) on the "Spirit of Tasmania". The forward coach journey to Melbourne includes a night at Lakes Entrance. The Tasmanian itinerary includes Deloraine, Launceston, Evandale, Ross, Swansea, Port Arthur, Richmond, Hobart, New Norfolk, Queenstown, the lower Gordon River, Cradle Mountain, Stanley, Devonport and many other attractions. We will be visiting such heritage treasures as "Brickendon", "Woolmers", "Symmons Plains", "Franklin House", "Clarendon", "Runnymede" and "Home Hill". The costs stated on the Application Form assume we achieve 30 bookings. If we receive less bookings, it will probably be necessary to seek an additional \$55 per person, because of the pricing structure applying to the two Bass Strait crossings. Travel insurance is recommended.

**A FULLY REFUNDABLE \$100 DEPOSIT NOW WILL RESERVE YOUR PLACE. FULL PAYMENT WILL BE REQUIRED BY 24 JANUARY.**

**NAMADGI HUTS - Saturday 5 or Sunday 6 April 1997**

We have enlisted the services of noted freelance historian, Matthew Higgins, to bring to life the history of that hardy band of pioneer pastoralists who formerly occupied the southern extremity of what is now Namadgi National Park. Matthew will introduce you to the ruins of Bobeyan Homestead and of Lonesome Pines and he will also tell you about Waterhole, Westerman's and Brayshaw's Huts. The 16km round walk is fairly level and well worth it for the scenery alone. In order to ensure that the group stays together (for Matthew's talks), Garth Setchell is offering two dates, with a limit of 25 each day - Saturday for slower walkers and Sunday for those who prefer to step it out. Each walk will end with the customary party. If one day is wet, Saturday 12 April is the proposed alternate date. Transport is by private cars.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE AND FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 2 APRIL. LIMIT 25 EACH DAY.**

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

Over 20 deposits have now been received for this great adventure. Departing Canberra by air on the morning of Weds. 21 May, we seem to have sufficient bookings for an exclusive Trust camping safari from Cairns to Cape York and a strong contingent for the fully-accommodated tour. Some will be flying back to Cairns from Cape York, but many have selected the 4-day cruise/fly option and some the 7-day cruise back to Cairns. Inclusive prices range anywhere from \$2525 to \$4950pp dbi/twin, depending on the duration and degree of comfort chosen. Further details were in the August Trust News or can be obtained from Garth (ph 2901100). You will need to move FAST if you don't wish to miss the boat! Commercial conditions will apply and travel insurance is recommended.

**\$200 DEPOSIT REQUIRED BY 22 NOVEMBER TO ENSURE A PLACE. BALANCE PAYABLE MID MARCH.**



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

a letter sent to Mr Humphries detailing concerns over the sudden closure  
of the Canberra Brickworks, Yarralumla

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ustralia (ACT) is concerned by the recent closure of the old Canberra Brickworks site at

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Register of the National Estate and are included in the Royal Australian Institute of  
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e old Canberra Brickworks site and buildings could provide an opportunity for an  
hich would, nevertheless, preserve their heritage significance. We believe the matter is  
e longer the buildings are vacant the greater are the opportunities for vandalism and the  
n to the rumours of a re-development agenda. The Trust urges you to find and announce,  
appropriate and publicly acceptable use for the site and buildings.



**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 239 5222 during office hours) or to Garth Setchell (ph 06-290 1100).

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**NEW YEAR IN NEW ENGLAND** - Saturday 28 December to Thursday 2 January 1997

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**CRADLE MTN / LAKE ST CLAIR WALK** - Evening Tuesday 4 to Wednesday 12 March 1997

Interest in being placed on Wait List \_\_\_\_\_pers  
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**COACH TOUR TO TASMANIA** - Sunday 23 February to Wednesday 5 March 1997

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**NAMADGI HUTS** - Saturday 5 or Sunday 6 April 1997

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Juniors + guidance/celebratory party	_____junr	@ \$ 9pp	= \$ _____
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## COMMUNITY HISTORY BOOK AWARD WINNERS

The winners of these awards, advertised in the February edition of 'Trust News', were announced in Adelaide on 21 September. They are as follows:

### CHRISTINA SMITH AWARD

#### Winner

*'Hard Yakka: the story of a mid-north town in S.A.'* - Julie-Ann Ellis

#### Runner Up

*'Beecroft and Cheltenham: the shaping of a Sydney community to 1914'* - Beecroft Cheltenham History Group

#### Short Listed

*'Just a horse ride away: a history of the Shire of Capel and its people'*—Diana Chase & Valerie Krantz

*'Home of the east wind: Hornsdale'*—Teresa Donnellan

*'The Convict timber-getters of Pennant Hills: a history and biographic register'*—Ralph Hawkins

*'History of Waikerie: gateway to the Riverland'*—Jean Nunn  
*'At the end of the road: government, society and the disposal of human remains'*—Robert Nicol

*'The Mosquito fleet: Hawkesbury River trade and traders 1884-1994'*—Jean Purtell

*'Kiedaudai: sketches from Cape York'*—Edwina Toohey

### ACNT EBENEZER WARD AWARD

#### Winner

*'Lauriston Park: the forgotten village'*—Georgina Keep & Genie Wilson

#### Runner Up

*'Bringalbert South: a community continues'*—Bringalbert South Historical Society

#### Short Listed

*'Their sacrifice: Australia remembers 1945-1995'*—Rob Linn

*'The Glandore story: from hulk to haven'*—Charles Morley

*'Victor Harbour horse tram: the story of tourist trams to Granite Island'*—Kim Bird, Tom Wilson & Doug Bunker

## NEW LISTINGS ON THE INTERIM REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE

The AHC's newsletter (Heritage News, Vol. 16, No. 4) reports that 57 new listings on the Register of the National Estate were announced on 28 May this year. New to the list are Mawson Station in the Antarctic, Australia's longest continuously occupied scientific station; Ashmore Reef north of Broome in the Timor Sea; and Luna Park and the Showgrounds in Sydney.

Because local pubs and railway stations have been such an integral part of community life in small towns across Australia, two pubs and two railway stations have also been declared worthy of inclusion on the Register. The pubs are the Hotel Coronas in Charleville, Queensland and the Great Northern Hotel in Maree, South Australia. The railway stations at Trentham and Ararat in Victoria have also been placed on the Interim List.

In other news, the newsletter tells of attempts by the Heritage Commission to widen the scope of the Register to include more places of special significance to migrants. Already on the Register is the Bonegilla Migrant Centre near Wodonga, and places such as that where the first cappuccino in Australia was served etc. are now being considered for inclusion on the Register.

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## 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

One of the enduring pleasures of living in Canberra and having an interest in heritage matters is that one is close to the icons and symbols of national history connected with the making of Canberra as a national capital of Australia. One of the most elegant examples is Old Parliament House, which is not simply a beautiful building, but a place redolent with history, social value and meaning. Those members present at Old Parliament House (OPH) on 11 October, a magnificent Canberra spring day, to attend the official launch of the 70th Anniversary Celebrations were mindful of these sentiments. It was an occasion to celebrate the significance and meaning of an important part of our history, cultural connections and parliamentary democracy.

The ceremony marked the 70th anniversary of the occasion on October 11, 1926, when members of the UK Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association (EPA) formally presented the Speaker's Chair to the Australian Parliament and planted poplar trees in the Senate Courtyard. OPH in those days was known as Provisional Parliament House and was still under construction. It was regarded as a temporary building until a permanent Parliament House could be built. In fact it was assumed the temporary building would eventually be demolished.

The splendid Chair in OPH is a replica of the Speaker's Chair in the House of Commons, Westminster, designed by Pugin after the great fire which destroyed the Houses of Parliament in 1834. The Chair is made of elaborately carved oak. The Royal Arms are in oak taken from the original roof of Westminster Hall, built in 1399. The arm rests are of timber taken from Nelson's flagship *The Victory*.

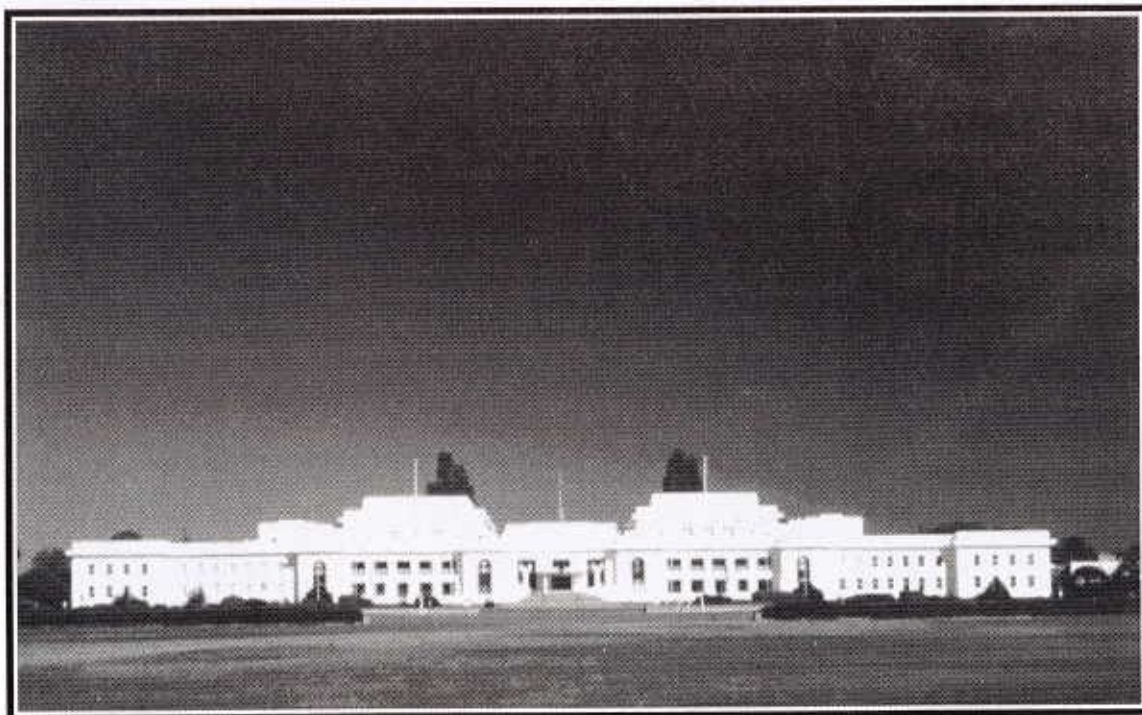
The presentation ceremony of 1926 was attended by 68 delegates of the EPA. Represented were the UK, Canada, Newfoundland, South Africa, the Irish Free State, Southern Rhodesia, Malta, India, Australia and New Zealand. Delegates stayed at the Hotel Canberra (Hyatt). Lord Salisbury, leader of the delegation, presented the Chair to

the then Speaker, Sir Littleton Groom who said the event would be one treasured in the historic memories of Canberra. *The Federal Capital Pioneer Magazine* of November 16, 1926 recorded that 'there was brilliant morning sunshine' just as on the same morning this year.

John Smith Murdoch, the architect of Provisional Parliament House, had objected to the acceptance of the Chair. He believed its ornate carving and elaborate design clashed with the simplicity of his design for the building. Fortunately the Speaker, Sir Littleton Groom over-ruled him.

Attending the commemorative ceremony were representatives of countries present in 1926, including a British delegation of the Commonwealth parliamentary association, Canada, India, Ireland, Malta, New Zealand, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Also attending were present and former Clerks of the House and their families, some of whom have memories of OPH from its beginnings. Amongst them was Mr Rupert Loof, who helped to bring the parliament from Melbourne in 1927, and family of the Clerk of the House, Mr Walter Gale, who arranged the 1926 ceremony and the official opening in May 1927. Mr Fred Johnson, who assisted with the construction of the building and in 1926 posed for a photograph sitting in a newly installed Chair, and Mr Russell Parkes, whose father and grandfathers were Clerks of the House, were also guests.

Following the 1996 commemoration of the Chair we moved into the Senate Courtyard for a tree planting ceremony. Originally two Lombardy poplars were planted in the Courtyard. The choice of species was made by Mr Charles Weston, Canberra's first chief afforestation officer and horticulturalist, and Mr John Murdoch. Charles Weston was the man who laid the foundations of Canberra's landscape by his innovative ideas, work and foresight. He established the tree nursery at Yarralumla and carefully selected trees which would grow on the Limestone Plains, many species of which are still used today. His grandson





was a guest at the 1996 ceremony. The two original trees, which had grown too large and were in a poor state, had to be removed in 1995. They were a familiar silhouette above the building by the late 1930s. This silhouette and their beautiful autumn colour meant they became a much loved feature of the House.

Senator Richard Alston, Minister for Communication and the Arts, invited Mr Bob Halverson MP, Speaker of the House, Margaret Reid, President of the Senate, and the leader of the British delegation to plant saplings cloned from the original trees. Senator Alston unveiled a section taken from one of the original poplars on which a timeline referring to various significant historic events has been superimposed. Margaret Reid presented another clone of the original trees to the British High Commissioner for planting in the grounds of the Commission. As part of the conservation work at OPH, the courtyards have been restored to the simple treatment originally designed by Murdoch.

David Lowenthal, a renowned author on people's attachment to places, has written that 'Awareness of the past is essential to the maintenance of purpose in life. Without it we lack all sense of continuity, all apprehension of causality, all knowledge of our own identity.' The past was vividly and simply brought alive through the ceremony. Each person present was part of a collective, shared past, redolent with memory and meaning. I am sure that everyone there felt a strong sense of continuity and purpose, and pride in our history and connections.

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# GLIMPSES OF EARLY CANBERRA

## KLENSENDORLFFE'S LAND (PART 1)

In the middle of Canberra encircled by Parliament House, embassies, the Hyatt Hotel Canberra, Canberra Yacht Club and Lake Burley Griffin, is a section of land in Yarralumla now called Stirling Park. During the last 157 years it has been used for sheep grazing, horse breeding, bee keeping, poultry farming, surface mining and the construction workers' settlement of Westlake. During those years numerous trees have been felled, houses and tents erected and gardens grown. Today the land has returned to the bush. A few of the old gums upon which the original settlers gazed still stand silently amidst the new growth and are home to wild bees and numerous native birds. Until this land was resumed by the Commonwealth in July, 1912 it was always known as Klensendorlffe's Land and was never subdivided.

The story of the European settlement of Portion 7, Parish of Narrabundah, County of Murray on the Limestone Plains began in 1828 when it was offered to John Stephen Jr.. According to Ged Martin in his book *Episodes of Old Canberra*, Stephen 'was a member of an influential legal family (who) was trying to get formal control of Beard's land (Oak's Estate). . . However, Stephen could not describe his claim accurately and he was eventually offered a block south of (where) Commonwealth Avenue Bridge (now stands) which he did not take. . . ' This land was transferred to William Klensendorlffe, 'himself a refugee from the Gundaroo land battle. . . '.

William Klensendorlffe, a widower, arrived in the colony in 1818 from England on board the Ocean 2. The following January he married Elizabeth, the only daughter of Richard Guise of the N.S.W. Corps. There were no children of the union.

In notes prepared for a 1970 Canberra & District Historical Society tour of pre-Federation sites, Bert Sheedy wrote, 'The Klensendorlffes lived in Canberra from 1837 to 1847. With the help of the assigned convicts he was given as a landholder, a large rectangular stone house with loft and barred cellar was built on the east bank of the river'. This stone cottage was constructed around 1838 and named Elizabeth after Klensendorlffe's wife. The 66' by 22' cottage was usually referred to by the locals as Klensendorlffe's farmhouse, or in later years, Kaye's barn. Today, the tall old pine tree in Lennox Park at the rear of Hotel Canberra marks the site of the house.

On March 7th, 1839, William Klensendorlffe was officially granted this 2,560 acre piece of land on the Limestone Plains. (ed: During the land grab, men took over land and were assigned convicts to help work it. Official ownership was often not granted until several years later.) Shortly afterwards, however, he mortgaged the land to Peter Plomer for £3,700, failed to repay this debt and was officially declared bankrupt in 1846. Ownership of the land then passed to Plomer in May, 1847. Klensendorlffe's insolvency was probably caused by the disastrous effects of the great depression of 1843 which ruined many property owners. In March 1860 Plomer sold the land to George

Campbell for £100/acre, making the land part of the Duntroon Estate.

Luckily Klensendorlffe pursued activities other than farming to supplement his income. According to Bert Sheedy,

Klensendorlffe's other occupation besides farming was in the prolific and profitable business of inn-keeping. He would take over a grog shop or establish an inn, sell it at a good price and repeat the process. One of these buildings still stands, Tahmoor House, Hume Highway, Picton and is Classified on the N.S.W. National Trust Register of Historic Buildings, 1969.

According to J. M. Freeland in *The Australian Pub*, Klensendorlffe's inns 'were a byword of country travellers of the 30s and 40s'.

Other stories about Klensendorlffe have surfaced over the years. In his book *Canberra 1820-1913*, Lyall Gillespie records the details of a story from Canberra's bushranging era.

Convicts were treated harshly by some settlers, and many brought before the magistrate in Queanbeyan were sentenced to twenty-five or fifty lashes for their peccadilloes. . . Though those charged often gave plausible explanations for their misbehaviours, very few were acquitted. Harsh treatment induced a number to escape from servitude and take up bushranging. One who did so was William Westwood, better known as Jacky Jacky, who had been assigned to William Essington King of Gidleigh Station. Westwood began his bushranging career in 1840, robbing travellers on the Bungendore road in the Limestone Plains area. One of his victims was William Klensendorlffe. Westwood robbed an employee of Klensendorlffe, whom the latter had sent to Queanbeyan for supplies, on Kurrajong Hill (now Capital Hill, the site of the new Parliament House). Klensendorlffe pursued the bushranger and some four miles out of Canberra came upon a man carrying a swag. Not realising he was the bushranger, he asked him whether he had seen any suspicious person. The disguised Jacky Jacky pointed to an object in the distance and, having distracted Klensendorlffe's attention, seized his horse's bridle and pointed a pistol at him. Divested of horse, carbine, pistols and some of his clothes, Klensendorlffe was forced to return ignominiously to Canberra on foot. . .

The story must have been a popular one amongst the residents of the Limestone Plains and was also narrated by George Dick in an article which appeared in the December 4, 1974 issue of *The Courier* entitled "The Bushranger of Capital Hill". He added the following information:



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Klensendorlffe was forced to tramp back home in his long-john underwear, passing the spot where Parliament House now stands. No doubt his convict farm hands sniggered at his discomfiture. However his encounter with Westwood chastened him and caused him to reform. From that day forward. . . the sound of the flogging whip ceased entirely. . .

The first known leasing of the land occurred in June 1847 when Plomer leased his land to Terence Aubrey Murray of Yarralumla property. Murray sub-leased the property to his friend Stewart Mowle until 1852 when the Mowle family left the district. Two years after the departure of Mowle the old stone farm house and sixty-five acres of land were leased to tenant farmer, Joseph Kaye. When Kaye retired in the early 1890s his son, Charles took over the lease. Charles Kaye built a new cottage and the old farm house fell into disrepair. The Kaye family left the property in 1924 when the Commonwealth required the land for the expansion of Canberra. They moved to Springbank Farm where their dairy business continued until the Commonwealth required that piece of land also. The farm buildings were pulled down and the stone from the farm house was used in the foundations of Commonwealth Avenue. The fireplace in the new cottage was incorporated into the building of the Royal Canberra Club House which burnt down in 1963.

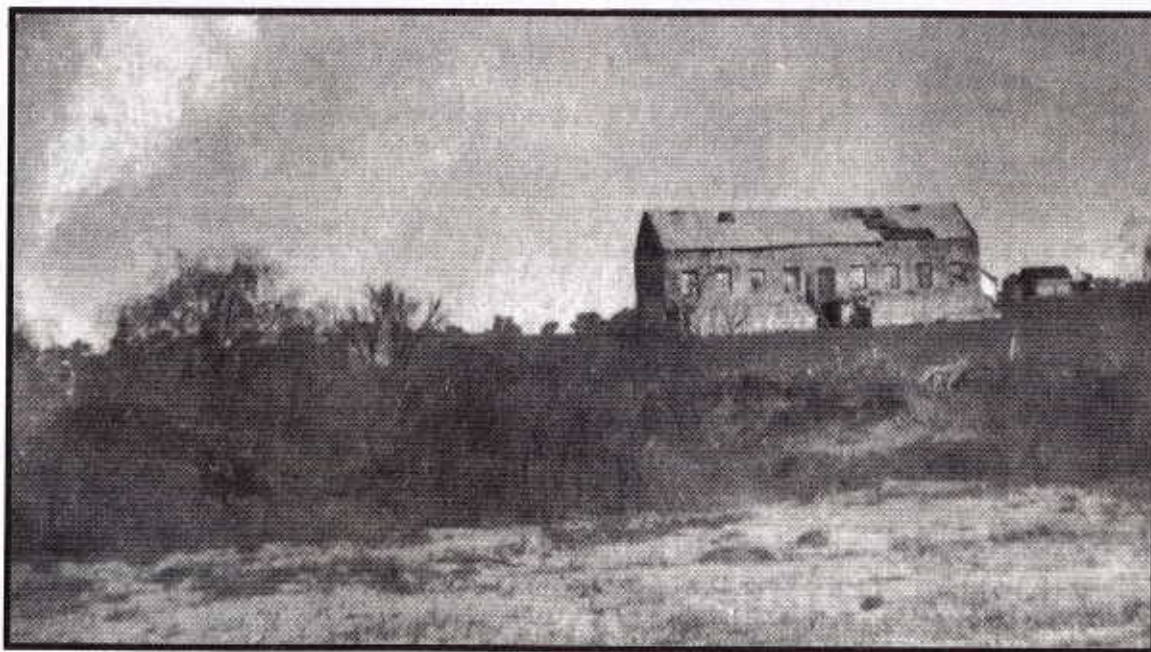
The Mowle occupancy of the farm commenced in June, 1847. Gwendoline Murray, in her book *Murray of Yarralumla*, described the arrival of the Mowles at Elizabeth Farm House:

When they reached their destination Mary must have contemplated the rectangular

stone farmhouse on the river bank above the flood level, with her large expressive eyes. The house was severely plain. There was no verandah; the front door was in the centre of the northern wall. On each side of it were four many-paned windows, making eight windows in all overlooking the river through the willows and catching the sunlight throughout most of the day. . . The house was partly two-storeyed, for it had a semi-basement with barred windows in which Klensendorlffe's assigned men could be locked at night. The area made a useful store and cellar. There were some outhouses including a dairy. The lane as it was called, that sloped down to the ford at the river, later known as Lennox Crossing, passed about thirty paces away from the eastern wall of the house. To the west there was an orchard with many established apple trees...

Mary and Stewart Mowle kept diaries in which they recorded daily life, which in Mary's case noted such details as times of arising and retiring, state of children's health, feeding the chickens and so on. One event however, was not mundane. It was the sad and unnecessary death on 20 August, 1851 of the Reverend George Gregory. His death becomes even more poignant when one realises that the young man was to be married the next month.

In the days prior to his death the Reverend Gregory travelled through his parish attending to the spiritual needs of his "flock". On the 20th of August he arrived at the Mowles' residence in time for the evening meal with Mary and children. Shortly after the meal concluded, Stewart Mowle arrived home in time to try to dissuade the Reverend Gregory from crossing the swollen



*The stone cottage built by Klensendorlffe and labourers around 1838.*



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Molonglo River to return to his home in Acton. He was not successful. Mowle recorded the events in his diary, part of which reads as follows:

James and I went down to the crossing place with him. We tried to get his horse across but did not succeed in doing, and he (the horse) ran up the lane, and James followed him. In the meantime poor Gregory stripped off his coat, waistcoat and boots, hat and kerchief and thus prepared, as it turned out, for death. I asked him to feel the water with his feet and see how cold it was (August is the coldest month of the year), but he would not, and the next moment plunged in. He swam well but could not get out of the current. I ran down the bank of the river and asked him if he was "all right", and he answered

that he was. I still followed him down the stream and hoped that he would catch my coat which I held out; but he seemed not to notice it. I called out to him to throw himself on his back, and he turned his face and seemed not to make any exertion- the next moment he was swept away from me and sank after making a faint exclamation "O save me." He rose again, but sank once more forever.

The body was recovered days later and buried in the cemetery of St John the Baptist Church. Years later the nave of the church was extended so that today his body lies in the crypt below the altar.

The Mowle family left the district in 1852 and Klessendorff's land was leased to other tenants. Their stories will appear in the February edition of "Trust News".

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## A BLOT ON THE LANDSCAPE!

You may recently have heard reports of local councils being in dispute with companies over the installation of telecommunications cables. The problems stem from federal government legislation which covers the setting up of cables and towers to service the mobile phone and pay TV networks. The Telecommunications National Code 1994 permits telecommunications carriers to install cabling without council approval under the Telecommunications (Exempt Activities) Regulation. It appears that Optus is installing overhead cables as a cheaper and faster alternative than negotiating with Telstra to allow the cables to be placed underground.

The President of the South Australian Trust, Ashley Watson, recently added his voice of concern about the increasing intrusion of overhead cables and telecommunications towers springing up around the city of Adelaide. His comments reflect the concerns of many others throughout Australia. State and local government authorities have little or no say in the location of the cables and towers, or the effect they will have on the environment. As Watson points out, 'I do not have to describe to you the capacity of this issue to intrude dramatically upon our heritage streetscapes and buildings.'

Mr Watson tells that South Australian councils plan to take the matter of the validity of this legislation to the High Court. Finally he says 'I urge you to read the Trust's policy. . . . The issue can easily be resolved by taking the cables underground. Certainly the costs of this are higher, but could we honestly say that technological gains of access to the like of "Pay TV" justify the type of long-term desecration of our landscape the overhead cabling will cause?'

Below is the National Trust's policy statement on telecommunications cables and towers. Each State/Territory Trust is free to accept or reject the statement in whole or in part. South Australia has omitted the tenth point from its policy, but the A.C.T. and New South Wales Trusts have adopted the following in its entirety.

### National Trust Telecommunications Policy Statement

1. The National Trust, a community conservation organisation, believes that the telecommunication companies should not be exempt from state and local planning approval for overhead cables, mobile telephone towers and related structures.
2. The National Trust believes that carriers should obtain approval from Councils for any installation of telecommunications infrastructure which has the potential for environmental depredation and all applications should be accompanied by an environmental and heritage statement as to its effects to allow effective comment.
3. The National Trust believes that all telecommunications cabling should be placed underground.
4. The National Trust believes that mobile telephone towers should not be placed in environmentally sensitive locations.
5. The National Trust believes that all proposed works must be open for public comment in a systematic way to allow for input from community bodies, such as the National Trust.
6. The National Trust believes that carriers must take a broader approach to the installation of infrastructure, taking into account Council planning policies, curtilages for heritage items, landscape considerations and other environmental concerns.
7. These considerations apply with even greater force to areas of both built and natural heritage.
8. The National Trust believes that carriers must be required to establish a strategic framework for their infrastructure networks to ensure that facilities are not unnecessarily duplicated.
9. The National Trust supports all endeavours and action by the Local Government Association and by Councils to take legal action against carriers who use overhead cabling.
10. The National Trust urges members not to subscribe, and to cancel subscriptions with, carriers which breach this policy until this matter has been resolved.



## HOUSEHOLD HINTS, REMEDIES & RECIPES

From "Cornish sayings, superstitions and remedies", 1975, Lodenek Press, Padstow, compiled by Kathleen Hawke, come these words of warning and words of wisdom.

Formula for Toothache;

Upon a rock St Peter stood, towards Jerusalem. And Peter prayed, forgive me my sins, and I shall be free. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. (Say three times a day, three days running, and drink powdered brimstone water between whiles).

Another cure is to catch a frog, open its mouth, spit into it, and cast the frog away. Pepper rubbed into the gums will allay the pain.

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Mortals are we and subject to diseases,  
We must all die, even and when God pleases,  
Into the world but one way do we come,  
A thousand ways from thence we are sent home.

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Clean the corners and the middle will clean itself.

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On All Hallows Eve in order to dream of your future husband, repeat aloud as you place your shoes in the form of a letter T at the foot of your bed - "I cross my shoes in the form of a T, hoping this night my true love to see". Then get into bed backwards and don't speak afterwards.

## EX ARCHIVA

From "The Federal Capital Pioneer Magazine", May/June 1927

### The First MP to reside at Canberra

Dr L. W. Nott, M.H.R. for the Herbert district, Queensland, has permanently taken up his residence at Canberra, therefore he becomes the historic pioneer member - as far as the first Parliament is concerned - to occupy a home within the Federal capital.

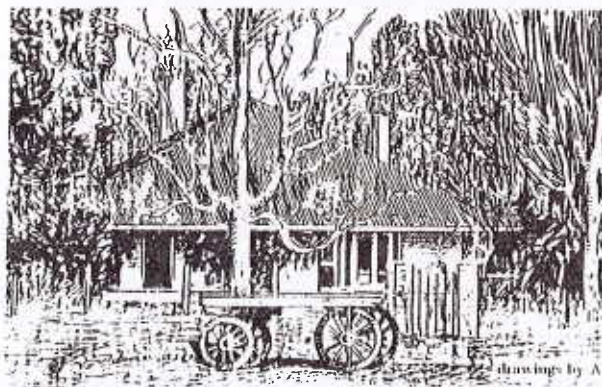
Dr Nott, who defeated Mr Theodore, ex-Premier of Queensland, in the latter's own electorate for the Herbert seat, has announced that he feels he can better serve the electors of his constituency right at the seat of Government (ed: our present PM might take note!), Canberra and periodically visit his electorate whenever duty calls or needs require it. Mrs Nott and family are quite settled down and, as Dr Nott has his nameplate out, he is also beginning his practice here.

Dr Nott will be one of the party to accompany the Prime Minister (Mr Bruce) at the end of June in his visit to Queensland including the Herbert.

### Is this a record?

Mr W. Hill in responding to the toast of "The Winners" at the September Agricultural and Pastoral Show at Young (N.S.W.) stated, "I have been an exhibitor for 53 years, winning in that time 4035 prizes, and this year adds another 60." Mr Hill's entries included horses, cattle, sheep and produce. Is this an Australian record?

## BRINDABELLA STATION HOMESTEAD



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Miles Franklin attended school in the homestead and her original family home site is within the boundaries of the property.

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## TALES OF EARLY CANBERRA

Charlie Russell's reminiscences of early Canberra, and of his father, who came to Canberra at the turn of the century.

Wentworth Charles William Octavius Russell, "WO", was born on 10 October 1860 at Mulgoa near Sydney, the eighth son and eleventh child of Captain William Russell, late of the 28th Royal Gloucestershire Regiment, and Jane Rebecca Jamison. Jane was the daughter of Sir John Jamison of Regentville, a naval surgeon, MP, large landholder, first president of the Agricultural Society and a founder of the Sydney Turf Club. He in turn, was the son of Thomas Jamison, surgeon on the Flagship of the First Fleet (Sirius) and later Surgeon General of N.S.W.

My father was educated at Fort Street High School whilst living with his aunt, Rebecca Chepnell at Hunters Hill. Upon leaving school he joined the NSW Lands Department and, in 1884, enlisted in the Australian contingent that served in the Sudan War. On the way back to Australia he contracted double typhoid and was forced to spend six months quarantined at North Head in Sydney before he could rejoin the Lands Department.

W.O. Russell worked in Hay, Bega, Cooma and later in Queanbeyan, where he was Clerk of Petty Sessions. Whilst serving in Cooma he married Rebecca, eldest daughter of Charles Solomon, founder of Solomon's Store in Cooma, and the town's first mayor.

My father had many interesting experiences in his long and varied career, the most notable of which was being shipwrecked when the "SS Bega" foundered off the South Coast of NSW. He spent two days in a lifeboat with three companions, one of whom died before they were rescued. My father came to Queanbeyan at the turn of the century and worked there until he was transferred to Canberra in 1913.

Upon arrival in Canberra, he was appointed Chief Clerk of the Lands and Survey Department and was a member of the first Board dealing with the planning of the fledgling capital.

### The Scouts, Church and School

I was a member of the first Scouts Group in the ACT, established by my father in 1915 which attended the funeral of General Bridges in 1916. During the early War years my father, in his role of lay preacher, took over the conduct of church services at St John the Baptist, allowing the Rector to enlist. I had the job of pumping the organ.

From 1917 until 1921 I attended Kings School at Parramatta. Thereafter followed a period of jackerooing and rugby playing—I represented NSW Country against City in 1925. In 1930, I took over the 2,000 acre property known as "Narrabundah" from my cousin "Dick" Russell.

During those depression years, I supplied a large clientele with mutton on the hoof for ten shillings a head in the yard.

### The Naming of Russell

The Canberra district of "Russell" has its origins in the population expansion that followed the ending of the 1914-1918 War. As the heat of the War wore off there was an employment boom and several settlements were begun in the A.C.T.—Acton, White City, Molonglo and Westlake were allocated their quotas of residents. At the same

time, a request was submitted for a residential area around the low hill between what is now the War Memorial and Duntroon. This was granted with, however, very firm provisions as to the type of accommodation that was acceptable and a stipulation that it would be temporary, pending the construction of permanent accommodation elsewhere.

The establishment and administration of the new area was a task assigned to my father, who was at that time, Chief Clerk at the Lands and Survey Branch, and it soon became known as "Bill Russell's Hill".

Subsequently, the temporary residences were replaced by the defence complex of today. The last of the original residents to depart was a man named "Sox", who left in the mid-seventies.

### An Interesting Resident

One of the more interesting residents of very early Canberra was Scott Robinson. Robinson had come from England, reputedly as a remittance man, and worked for a time at Duntroon as a tutor to the Campbell family. Later, he took up residence by himself in a shack on the southern side of Black Mountain. Scott was very interested in flora and fauna, and one day rescued a fledgling crow that had fallen from its nest in a stringy bark tree beside his shack. Despite the long drop, Joe, which was the name given to him (or her) had no injury except for a split tongue. Joe was soon nursed back to normal and quickly assumed membership of the family, which included Tom the cat and Wag the Old English sheep dog.

To everyone's amazement, instead of cawing in crow-like manner, Joe became a wonderful mimic and could take off Wag's bark perfectly. He would herald the approach of any stranger, either person or animal.

### Accommodating the Early Migrants

A big help to early Canberra's accommodation problems was the release for sale—at five pounds each—of the small, wooden cubicle huts with iron roofs, that had been used for workers on the Molonglo camp. I purchased 10 of them in the mid-forties, putting two up on Red Hill for my shepherd and the other eight on my lease, Woden 153. They were occupied by three families—two Latvian and one Yugoslav—plus a single English migrant who was employed in the nearby Mugga Quarry. I never charged these newcomers any rent, and occupancy changed quite a few times.

Unfortunately these cubicles were destroyed in the disastrous bushfire of 1952, but by then all but one of the tenants had been allocated permanent residences elsewhere.

### The V.D.C.

At the beginning of World War Two, having had my offer to enlist rejected because of age, I joined the Voluntary Defence Corps (VDC) with the rank of corporal, attending regular drill and manoeuvres. These latter were sometimes held on my lease, with the homestead used as the headquarters for night exercises.

I assisted the war effort by supplying free firewood to legatees, as well as to schools and hospitals at a minimal charge.

*by Charles Croft Russell*



## TREES IN THE A.C.T.

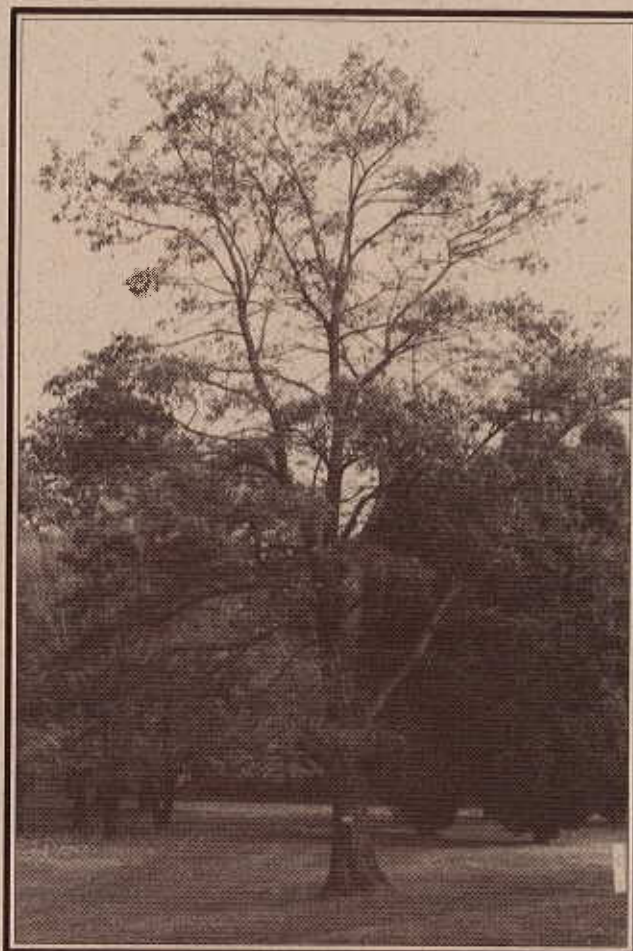
### Extract from the Register of Significant Trees

**Species:** *Robinia pseudoacacia*  
**Common Name:** Black Locust  
**Age:** 34 years in its present site; age when moved is unknown  
**Measurements:** H: 14m; D (at 1.25m): 0.6m; Crown spread: 12m  
**Condition:** Healthy  
**Location:** Royal Canberra Golf Course, Westbourne Woods on the northern side of the 18th green about 50 metres west of the Clubhouse  
**Category:** unclassified  
**Features:** A plaque on this tree reads 'This tree was transferred from the old Acton Course in 1962'. The golf course at Acton was flooded with the filling of Lake Burley Griffin.

### Species

**Characteristics:** Black Locust is a hardy deciduous tree native to the mid-west of the USA. It was introduced to Canberra in the early days of European settlement and often planted as a shade tree around farmyards. It bears sweetly scented, white, pea-like flowers in early summer followed by dark brown seed pods. Ultimate large size, thorns and suckering habit limit its use in home gardens.

**Reference:** Pryor L. D. & Banks J. C. G. 1991, *Trees and shrubs in Canberra*



*Robinia pseudoacacia*, Royal Canberra Golf Course

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## WHAT'S ON, IN AND AROUND CANBERRA

### NATIONAL TRUST (ACT)

- ❖ Wednesday 20 November 8–10pm. Spotlight walk at Tidbinbilla with Linda Beveridge. Bookings essential.
- ❖ 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 16–Sunday 17 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 by local artists Jean Brindley and Fay Virtue and a static display and sale of antiques will be held over November.  
Contact Cooma Cottage on (06) 226 1470 for details.

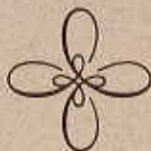
### OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Scene Stealers: Australian Theatre 1870–1955. October 1996–March 1997.  
A collection of theatre memorabilia presented by the Australian Archives.
- ❖ Dreaming Country - October 1996–March 1997.  
Examples of how indigenous peoples are linked to their land. Presented by the National Museum.
- ❖ Garden History Tours. 17 & 24 November.  
See the gardens and courtyards of Old Parliament House - \$3 plus building entry fee. Bookings 256 1115

### NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

- ❖ William Morris & Friends—Until 1 December. A commemoration on the centenary of Morris' death.

*Before you travel interstate you may like to drop into the Trust office to find out what events are scheduled where you will be. Interstate events are far too numerous to be mentioned here, but the range of events is always fascinating.*



## WHAT'S ON—TRUST ACTIVITIES

### MEETINGS IN THE TRUST BOARDROOM

- Council Meeting at 5.30 p.m.  
Thursday 21st November  
Thursday 16th January
- Executive Meeting at 5.30 p.m.  
Thursday 19th December  
Thursday 20th February
- Publications Committee at 12.30 p.m.  
Monday 18th November  
Monday 16 December
- Education & Cultural Committee at 5.30 p.m.  
Wednesday 18 December
- Classification Committee at 12.15 p.m.  
Tuesday 10 December
- Lanyon Committee at 12.15 p.m.  
Tuesday 19 November  
Tuesday 17 November
- Antique Fair Committee at 12.30 p.m.  
Tuesday 12 November  
Tuesday 10 December

### 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.

- 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



*The Face and Neck Rest Strap, made by Primrose House, New York, in pink satin 1924*

From "Antique personal possessions to collect"  
by Silvia Druitt, 1986, Peerage Books, London