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## IN THIS ISSUE . . .

Welcome to the August issue of "Trust News". You will have noticed that "Junior Trust News" has made a reappearance this issue. Paola Giurgola has kindly taken over this task. Paola's first issue deals with space exploration - hope you enjoy it. Many thanks Paola.

Following on from her article of the workers' settlement at Westlake last year, and the recent launch of her book on the subject, Ann Gugler has supplied poems written by a notable poet from Westlake, James O'Reilly, for inclusion in this issue.

The Trust has had a wonderful response to our recent questionnaire and would like to thank everyone who has responded. It was also gratifying that so many of you paid the postage as well!

Our formal response to the questionnaire will be some time in coming as we need time to tally the answers, but some suggestions will be adopted immediately. Although it has been tried before (without any responses), small ads will be accepted for 'Trust News' at a very reasonable rate.

Some respondents said they felt too shy to attend Trust events or thought them to be elitist. I know it can be difficult to attend an event alone but if you make the effort you will find people very welcoming. We are also happy to take suggestions as to tours or events you would like to see organised.

We now have details of the musical afternoon to be held at Huntly in September. Even before the details have been published we have several bookings so don't leave it too long before booking.

The Department of Communications and the Arts has notified us of another round of Tax Incentives for Heritage Conservation. If you own a heritage listed home this may be of interest to you. Pick up a brochure from the Trust, or contact the Department on 6207 2164 for an application form. The closing date for applications is 19 September.

The office and the shop have had some temporary voluntary help of late and this has been a boon with the large number of membership renewals in July. Thanks to volunteers Anna, Rebecca, Melanie and Fleur and to our school work experience girls Kelly and Erin.

Robyn Trezise

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FLOODING IN

Many thanks go to all those who have so promptly renewed their Trust membership recently. Special thanks must go to those who have included a donation to the Trust with their renewal, especially Mrs Margaret Weeden for her very generous donation.

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS— COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Article 39 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 year. The Councillors who retire are eligible to stand for re-election.

This election is to be held at the November AGM. The following members of the Council will retire but are eligible for re-nomination if they so wish.

Mr Garth Setchell	Mr John McDonald
Mr Eric Martin	Mr Michael Moreing
Ms Maura O'Connor	Mr Geoff Warren-Smith

Article 35 of the Articles of Association covers the election of members of Council and requires that:

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

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

*John McDonald*  
Honorary Secretary

**The AGM will be held on Thursday, 27 November 1997,  
7.30 pm, Players' Room, Eastlake Football Club.**

## NATIONAL OPEN DAY

Watch out for the Australia-wide National Trust Open Day on October 5th this year. Each Trust is to open properties free of charge as a promotional exercise. As the ACT Trust has no properties of its own, it has been negotiated with the ACT Government for Lanyon to be opened at no charge on that day.

As you are no doubt aware, the Trust has a special arrangement with Lanyon, providing volunteer guardians and helping with purchases of furniture and fittings for the house. This is an arrangement which works well for both the government and the Trust. The Trust is grateful to the ACT government for their co-operation, allowing us to participate and to make this a truly Australia-wide open day.



## NEW MEMBERS

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

Abell, Ms L, Kingston  
 Arculus, Mr R, Yarralumla  
 Armfield, Mr H & Mrs H, Curtin  
 Bartholomew, Mr B & Mrs C, Deakin  
 Beachley, Mr R & Mrs E, Garran  
 Beeby, Mr R & Mrs D, Scullin  
 Bessey, Mr P & Mrs H, Holt  
 Bunn, Mrs S, Watson  
 Brown, Ms R, Watson  
 Brunson, Ms R, Conder  
 Butler, Mrs E, Pialligo  
 Caine, Mr A & Mrs J, Morningside QLD  
 Cairnduff, Mr D & Mrs P, Duffy  
 Campbell, Mr I & Mrs E, Jindera NSW  
 Campbell-Brown, Ms E, Pearce  
 Carmody, Lady B, Weston  
 Carr, Mrs J, Page  
 Clark, Ms E, Woden  
 Clarke, Mrs J, Kambah  
 Craig, Mr D & Mrs, O'Connor  
 Crombie, Mrs F, Pearce  
 Croot, Ms K, Mollymook NSW  
 Dening, Miss C, Ngunnawal  
 Donohoe, Mr R & Mrs G, Farrer  
 Dorrough, Ms S, Hawker  
 Durkin, Ms J, Kingston  
 Englund, Mr R & Mrs J, Chapman  
 Farleigh, Rev G & Mrs J, Weston  
 Ferguson, Ms S, Lyneham  
 Ford, Mr D & Mrs J, Canberra  
 Franklin, Miss H, Farrer  
 Freeman, Mr P, Manuka  
 Gabbittas, Mr O, Queanbeyan NSW  
 Gower, Mr R & Mrs R, Torrens  
 Greenwood, Ms E, Florey  
 Handley, Mr C, Lyneham  
 Harris, Mr & Mrs J, Hawker  
 Harris, Mr M & Mrs C, Manuka  
 Hatch, Mr C, Belconnen  
 Healy, Ms A & Mrs M, Macquarie  
 Hendry, Mr R & Mrs M, Queanbeyan, NSW  
 Hiern, Mr R & Mrs A, Campbell  
 Hilton, Ms J, Manly NSW  
 Hitchick, Mr S, Ngunnawal  
 Hogan, Ms K, Lavington NSW  
 Holden, Mr I, Campbell  
 Hood, Mr D & Mrs L, Fraser  
 Hoy, Mr S & Mrs J, Cook  
 Huf, Miss J, Belconnen  
 Huta, Mr P, Monash  
 Jensen, Mrs M, Kambah  
 Johannes, Ms J, Ainslie  
 Jones, Ms A, Surry Hills NSW  
 Kennedy, Mr P & Mrs J, Mawson  
 Kirkegaard, Dr J, Cook  
 Kilby, Mr J, Chifley  
 Laduzko, Mrs J, Watson  
 Leslie, Mr S, Hughes  
 Lester, Ms L, Narrabundah  
 Lilley, Dr J, Cook  
 Livermore, Mr & Mrs R, Orange NSW

Lockey, Ms C, Ngunnawal  
 Loof, Mr P & Mrs Y, Red Hill  
 Lowe, Mr J & Mrs M, Hughes  
 Lyons, Mr K & Mrs W, Fadden  
 McCue, Mr & Mrs W, Griffith  
 Macdonald, Mr I, Red Hill  
 McDonald, Ms C, Weetangera  
 McDonald, Mr R, Weetangera  
 McDonald, Mr W & Mrs J, Weetangera  
 McGregor, Mr P, Mawson  
 Mallinson, Mr M & Mrs L, Monash  
 Marks, Ms E, Kambah  
 Matthews, Mr J & Mrs R, Manuka  
 Matthews, Mr R & Mrs K, Sutton NSW  
 Meares, Mr K, Watson  
 Monday, Mrs M, Yarralumla  
 Morris, Mrs R, Chifley  
 Morton, Ms P, Yarralumla  
 Mulquiney, Mr P, Kambah  
 Murrell, Ms E, Kambah  
 Nelson, Ms C, Cook  
 O'Brien, Ms J, Chifley  
 Osbourne, Mr & Mrs S, Deakin West  
 Parker, Mr J & Mrs B, Campbell  
 Paske, Mr R & Mrs J, Higgins  
 Peerboom, Mrs E, Narrabundah  
 Perron, Ms C, Greenway  
 Peters, Ms D, Belconnen, Curtin  
 Pidgeon, Ms E, Pearce  
 Prustock, Mr J & Mrs P, Holt  
 Read, Mr & Mrs R, Ainslie  
 Richardson, Ms P, Weston  
 Robey, Mrs A, Deakin  
 Robinson, Ms A, Giralang  
 Rosenbauer, Miss G, Fraser  
 Russell, Mr J & Mrs J, Nth Lyneham  
 Scutter, Mr R & Mrs M, Latham  
 Sewell, Ms M, Bungendore NSW  
 Sharp, Mrs N, Yarralumla  
 Shelton, Ms J, Yarralumla  
 Sloan, Mr & Mrs C, Fadden  
 Smith, Mrs B, Hawker  
 Smith, Mr M & Mrs C, Kambah  
 Spurgin, Mr B, Kingston  
 Staples, Ms B, Scullin  
 Thompson, Miss H, Hughes  
 Tilse, Mr F & Mrs M, Torrens  
 Tormey, Ms A, Campbell  
 Tyhuis, Ms P, Lyons  
 Udy, Mr C & Mrs V, Narrabundah  
 Usher, Mr S, Hawker  
 Van Heuzen, Mr & Mrs H, Waramanga  
 Walter, Mr R & Mrs F, Kambah  
 Whitsed, Ms A, Rivett  
 Wilkinson, Mr T & Mrs J, Hawker

### CORPORATE MEMBERS

- ❖ ACT Landscape
- ❖ Goddard and Partners
- ❖ Besselink Bros. (Protective Coatings) Pty. Ltd.
- ❖ Clayton Utz
- ❖ Elect Printing

### BENEFACITOR MEMBERS

- ❖ Justice Rae Else-Mitchell

YOU ARE INVITED to place small advertisements in "Trust News".

Ads may be up to five lines  
@ \$1/line (or part thereof).

A \$2 non-member surcharge applies.

Ads of 1/8 of a page may now be  
placed at a rate of \$15 each.

Payment must accompany  
advertisement.

## 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 6282 1935 between 5 & 7.30 p.m. (Gift Shop roster) or Fred Roberts on 6281 3681 (Guardian duty).

### Musical Afternoon at Huntly

The Antique Fair Committee would appreciate the donation of some volunteers to provide cakes or slices for this function on September 7th. Please contact the Trust office on 6239 5222 if you are able to assist.

## SCHOOLS HISTORY COMPETITION WINNERS

On 2 August Mr Bill Stefaniak, ACT Minister for Education, announced the winners of the National Trust Schools History Competition at a presentation in Civic Library. Winners at the Year 9/10 level were: 1st, Holly Hutton; 2nd, Claire Inder; 3rd, Penny Hayden - all from Canberra Church of England Girls Grammar School. Merit certificates were also awarded to Alex Stevenson, Karina Harvey and Samantha Ezra.

At the Year 7/8 level there was only one entry and no first or third prizes were awarded. Jana Mayo from Trinity Christian School was awarded the second prize for her presentation on the History of Mugga Mugga.

## LIBRARY NEWS

"Australia's guide to good residential design" 1997, National Office of Local Government, Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories, Canberra

(if you are interested, this book is available free of charge from the Planning & Land Management shopfront, Dame Pattie Menzies House, 16 Challis Street, Dickson)

Howie-Willis, Ian 1997 "Canberra and the Scots: The Canberra Highland Society and the Burns Club - its first 71 years", Canberra Highland Society & Burns Club, Kambah

"Cemetery vegetation management: the use and abuse of fire" 1997, Conservation Division, National Trust of Australia (NSW)

"Gardens of heritage significance: a collection of essays on the history, conservation and management of our garden heritage" 1996?, Parks and Gardens Conservation Committee, National Trust of Australia (NSW)

Baskin J, Riboust P & Martin J, *Rural Properties* Vols. 1 & 2

Garth Setchell has recently donated the following books to our library: -

"A Voyage from Plymouth to Melbourne in 1839: The shipboard and early Melbourne diary of Jonathan Binns Were", 1964

McArthur, K. 1981 "Bread and dripping days: An Australian growing up in the 20's"

Younger, R.M. 1963 "The Changing world of Australia", Franklin Watts Inc. New York

"Historic Blackheath" 1976, Rotary Club of Blackheath

Australian Garden History Society 1990, "Open to view: historic gardens and the public"

Many thanks Garth. These will be useful additions to our library.

Mrs Marion Douglas has recently donated a copy of the book "Not without my corsets" to the Trust library. This book was compiled by her daughter, Fionna using information gained from interviews conducted with people who settled the land at Woden after WW1. These interviews were conducted by Marion and Fionna Douglas. The book was published in 1996 with the help of an ACT Heritage Grant. It is available from the National Trust Gift Shop.



Robyn Trezise

## WHITE GARDEN CASE UPDATE

The Administrative Appeals Tribunal has closed the case relating to the White Garden in Red Hill with the decision being reserved until a later date. You will be notified of the final decision when an announcement has been made.



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## AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION



*Ken Taylor addresses guests at the Evening of Celebration*

*As you will be aware, Old Parliament House turned 70 in May and grand celebrations marked this fact. The House was open to the public for no charge, cake was distributed, veteran cars were on display and speeches were given. But the grand finale to the festivities was a Reception, Dinner and Ball held on the night of Friday, May 9th. The National Trust (ACT) was privileged to be asked to help the management of the Old Parliament House organise this special event. Trust representatives on the Committee were Ken Taylor, Mike Hodgkin and Dorothy Moore. Others on the Committee shared Trust membership with an insight into the building from having worked there - Tony Eggleton and Kevin Newman.*

*A very successful night was the result. On a limited budget (despite the seemingly high ticket price) all aspects came together (due in large part to the wonderful work of the staff at Old Parliament House) a small profit was made. This will be used by the House to help in framing some of their collection of Mildenhall photos of the building.*

*This building has a place in the Australian psyche that, I believe, the new House can never achieve: it was an accessible building (in a way that no modern parliament building can afford to be) - built in simple lines but with strength, grace and dignity.*

*Below Mrs Joan Rowsell describes the evening as she saw it. It is reproduced here for all of us who were unable to attend this very special evening. Ed.*

Towards the end of March my husband and I received a letter from the Commemorative Dinner & Ball Committee enclosing an invitation to the Reception, Dinner and Ball being held to mark the seventieth anniversary of Old Parliament House on Friday, 9th May, 1997. The style of

the invitation was based on the original invitation issued for the opening of the provisional Parliament House by the Duke and Duchess of York on 9th May, 1927. The entire evening reflected the 1927 theme.

We were informed that numbers were limited and entrée cards would be issued on a 'first come, first served' basis! Tickets would cost \$100 each.

As members of the National Trust (and I am a volunteer guide at Old Parliament House) I felt it was a function we had to attend, so we "afforded" two tickets. These duly arrived in the form of entrée cards - an etching of Old Parliament House thereon - informing us that all would be open from 6.30pm to "enable all guests to assemble before the arrival of the official party at 7pm."

I retrieved my lovely long "floaty" dress from its protective covering and let out a strategic dart or two, having no qualms that it would be adequate for the night.

So, with our friends Pat and Darrell, we duly arrived well before 6.30pm. It was a chilly night with a strong, cold wind that could play havoc with one's hair-do. We mounted the red-carpeted flight of steps to the entrance of Kings Hall.

Kings Hall is the centre of this building with entrances to the House of Representatives (left) and the Senate (right) positioned either side. Architecturally we were immediately in the 1920s and the pure lines and the feeling of uncluttered space was obvious. The statue of George V in his Garter Robes at the end of the Hall opposite the entrance added its own dignity. (I forbore to tell our friends the reason for His Majesty having a shiny toe-cap to his left shoe!).



Already there was a large gathering of guests; waiters and waitresses moved amongst us offering pre-dinner drinks and delectable canapes. This was a time for observing WHO was there. "Hallo, how nice to see you!", "Good evening" (Heavens, what are their names?), "Oh dear, she shouldn't be wearing that colour" etc. etc. - great fun.

So, time passed until there was a fanfare of trumpets (Royal Military Band) and the 'Special Guest' arrived in our midst. The Prime Minister and Mrs Howard, the Governor-General and Mrs Deane and many other important guests. I had the pleasure to meet and shake hands with Mr Howard, explaining that we had come from England but 14 years ago, but were "dinky-di" Australian citizens! We were grateful to our daughter for marrying an Australian causing us to come and live here! I wished him well.

The Master of Ceremonies then requested that we depart to the Members' Dining Room for the dinner. We made our way down one of the elegantly carpeted wide corridors entering this splendid example of interior architecture of 70 years ago. Seating was in 10s at rectangular tables and having perused the table plan we had no problem in finding our table. Guests had been individually positioned with their own place cards - again elegantly printed. We four were together but knew others at the table, so conversation flowed. I requested our fellow guests sign my menu card to add to my memorabilia. Around the room had been placed TV screens of gargantuan size, together with loud speakers. Right beside our table was such apparatus which ensured unrestricted vision, but caused our ears to be assailed by excessive volume from time to time!

Soon we were requested by the Master of Ceremonies to be upstanding to receive our honoured guests and our attention was drawn to the TV screen to watch a film which was taken at the 1927 opening ceremony. We heard Dame Nellie Melba sing a verse of "God Save the King", for which we stood and joined in. We then had a picture of Peter Dawson (wearing a version of an Able Seaman's round hat) singing "Advance Australia Fair".

More films followed, some of which had been taken from the planes that flew overhead. We saw mounted troops taking part in the ceremonies and a poor lone dog wandering hither and thither on the parade ground. There is always a lone dog!

We were informed that the dinner menu for the night had been based on the luncheon that had been served following

the 1927 opening. We commenced with mock turtle soup (originally turtle soup), then had hot chicken and ham, straw potatoes and green peas. Our menu then said "Canberra Pudding" which had raised queries and odd suggestions as to the recipe and final result. Would you believe a rather stodgy bread and butter pudding? No comment! However, an excellent cheese platter followed and then good coffee or tea and mints.

At 9.30pm John Howard spoke, reminding us that this was a night of nostalgia and the magnificent old building contributed greatly to the atmosphere of times past. So much of Australian history and events had taken place within these walls and famous people had come and gone - all adding to the memories surrounding us. He said that whilst in this Parliament House it would be well for us to give thanks for the democracy that ruled our government and Canberra, the capital, was indeed at the head of the nation.

During Mr Howard's speech he delighted us by reading a letter he had received from the Queen Mother at Clarendon House, London recalling her memories of the special day in 1927. She was particularly aware of the endless miles of open land around Canberra; now, of course, filled almost to capacity with human occupation.

The Vote of Thanks was given by Professor Ken Taylor, President of the National Trust (ACT), who also reminded us that we were also celebrating the 21st anniversary of the founding of the National Trust in the ACT.

Gradually we all drifted back to Kings Hall where delightful waltzes and Viennese music were being expertly played by the Canberra Youth Orchestra. My husband, Ken, and I joined the revolving couples on the dance floor until midnight when, in obedience to the request from the Master of Ceremonies, we all sang "Happy Birthday". It was then the turn of the Swing in Style band to provide music for the rest of the evening.

We four decided that, as it was well past midnight, it was time to leave Old Parliament House after a fascinating and happy evening - an event in which we were proud to participate.

"The Canberra Times" has given good coverage for this anniversary and I have saved the cuttings to add to my "recollections".

*Joan Rowsell*



Members are invited to attend the  
**1997 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

on Thursday, 27 November 1997 at  
7.30 pm, Players' Room, Eastlake Football Club.

*Put this date in your diary now!*





## RECENT TRUST CLASSIFICATIONS

Council recently approved the new or updated classification of seven sites in the A.C.T. Summaries of the reasons for four of these sites being Classified, or having their status upgraded, are given below.

### Haig Park

Canberra was laid out on a bare plain, hardly a tree in sight when construction began. Little natural protection was available to shield residents from harsh dust storms in summer, or from the freezing winds of winter. Such conditions prompted a programme of amenity plantings of which Haig Park is a fine example. Developed as a northerly windbreak, the Park defined the northern edge of Canberra and was a welcome landmark to those travelling to the new Capital across the barren plains. Throughout the years locals have grown to also appreciate the recreational aspects that the Park has to offer.

*Statement of Significance* - Haig Park is a significant landscape feature in Canberra with origins in the 1920s efforts to establish plantings in the new city for beautification and protection from climate extremes. An important element of Canberra's garden city amenity, the park is associated with T. C. G. Weston who played a seminal role in the national capital's early planting programme.

The design of the planting as a fourteen row windbreak of mixed evergreen and deciduous tree species extending over 1780 metres in length is unusual within a developed urban area.

The staged management/rejuvenation programme, begun in 1984 to ensure the planting continues in perpetuity, is a notable example of sound arboricultural practice.

### Colverwell Burial Site

The classification of this site on the west bank of Dirty Swamp Creek in the Kowen Forest has now been updated, due to changes in the criteria used to assess possible heritage sites.

Luke Colverwell moved to the area in 1828 and married Mary Danahy a few years later. They farmed at Kowen between 1831 and 1849 and lost two children while residing there. Although they moved away in 1849, resistivity studies lead experts to believe that Luke and Mary were brought back to Kowen for burial.

*Statement of Significance* - The Colverwell Burial Site is significant in being the oldest example of post-settlement rural burial in the ACT prior to the establishment of church and community burial grounds. Such burial practices are no longer commonly continued. The burial ground demonstrates the simple adaptation of local resources to provide a burial site, through the use of rough sawn timber for a slip rail fence and carved headstones for graves. The site also represents the last resting place for members of the Colverwell family, pioneer settlers of the Kowen Valley, one of the earliest rural areas of the ACT to be settled. It also serves as an excellent example of burial of the dead in the early 19th century.

### Lees Creek Sawmill Ruin

In 1934, timber was needed to help build the infrastructure of the burgeoning capital. This need sparked Mr C.

Rayner and Mr D. Peterson to begin a sawmilling operation at Lees Creek in what is now Namadgi National Park. This site is a reminder of those early days in the Territory, a vulnerable site consisting of remnants of the thriving sawmill which once operated there - wheels, cables, firebox bars, a meat safe, sawn timbers, bottles and pipes are just some of the pieces which remain.

*Statement of Significance* - The Lees Creek Sawmill, despite its vestigial nature, is highly significant as a rare surviving sawmill site in the ACT. It is associated with the era of steam-powered machinery and the use of draught animals for log hauling. It reflects the isolated nature of life in the mountain mills earlier this century and is associated with the small-scale hardwood milling industry which no longer exists in the Territory. The mill's history also reflects concerns about protecting the Cotter water catchment, a major influence on development in this substantial part of the A.C.T.. Lees Creek Sawmill is the highest and oldest known sawmill site in the ACT.

### Canberra Services Club

Previously Recorded by the Trust, the Canberra Services Club's status has now been upgraded to 'Classified'. This building came about following the outbreak of war in 1939, when the Canberra Volunteers' Welfare Association was formed to provide comforts for local service personnel. In 1940 there was a proposal to build a rest hut for their use which was supported by Lady Gowrie, wife of the then Governor General, who played a major role in helping to raise the necessary funds. The hut was opened in March 1941, Lady Gowrie serving as the Club President until 1944.

*Statement of Significance* - The Canberra Services Club, dating from 1941 and understood to be Canberra's only surviving purpose-built wartime services recreation facility, is historically significant for its association with the provision of hospitality to service personnel by Canberra volunteers during the Second World War. The building is also directly associated with the then Governor General's wife, Lady Gowrie, who played a major role in raising finance for construction in the early 1940s.

Reflecting the characteristics of Inter-war Georgian Revival architecture, the building, with its surrounding planting, is an important element of the Canberra Avenue streetscape in Manuka.

Having provided a recreational venue for the ex-service community for over fifty years, the Club is socially important to that group.

### IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE TRUST!

The Heritage list prepared by the ACT Government was recently enlarged when many new sites were placed on the list. Members may be interested to know that, of these new sites, most had been nominated by the National Trust of Australia (ACT).



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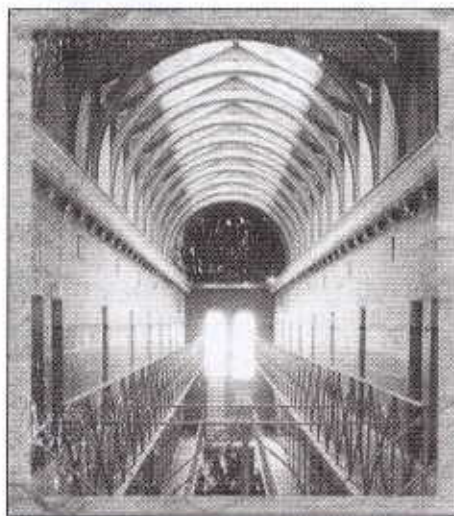
## INTERSTATE NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

### OLD MELBOURNE GAOL

As the door clanged shut, our small group of expectant souls were left, the sound ringing in our ears, in almost total darkness - a single candle on the bluestone floor flickered. Soon footsteps were heard on the metal walkway above, slow but purposeful; a clang; a thud; then silence. From the second floor landing a light suddenly illuminated the face of a man who introduced himself as Thomas Griffin, Warder of Her Majesty's Gaol, Melbourne.

This is how a night tour of Old Melbourne Gaol begins. Temporary guests of Her Majesty are taken through what remains of this once model prison, to experience its atmosphere, touch its bluestone walls, learn about some of its more notorious inmates and hear the blood-curdling thwack of the cat-o'-nine-tails.

The National Trust has put together a fascinating collection of prison memorabilia to emphasise the chilling nature of this setting. In this they have much to thank the Governor, Pentridge Prison for the loan of a gruesome array of the apparatus of isolation, deprivation and physical punishment. One hundred and thirty-five inmates, including Ned Kelly, were hanged at Old Melbourne Gaol. Many of their ghosts still haunt the building today.



This was quite different to most National Trust tours - an eerie but enlightening experience. Facilities include guide material, a function centre, refreshments and a gift shop. Guide dogs are permitted. The Gaol is open daily from 9.30 to 4.30 and is open for candlelight tours on Wednesday and Sunday evenings (Bookings essential). Enquiries may be made by phoning (03) 9663 7228.

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## OVERSEAS NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

### BRODIE CASTLE, SCOTLAND

This fairy-tale castle really does look too beautiful to be true. This was the ancestral home of the Brodie family for centuries, their association with the area dating from 1160 when they were granted these lands by Malcolm IV. The castle dates from the 16th century but includes additions made in the 17th and 19th centuries.

The house contains fine French furniture, continental and Chinese porcelain, and a huge collection of paintings by Dutch, English and Scottish artists. The family's continuity of tenancy is evident in these fine collections which have been built up over several centuries.

A woodland walk takes visitors through the surrounding grounds, giving access to several wildlife observation hides - these are accessible to wheelchair bound visitors also. The grounds cover 175 acres with ample room to hold an adventure playground, camping accommodation for youth organisations, a picnic area and a car park. For flower lovers, Brodie Castle has a fine daffodil collection.

Other facilities include a shop, tea room, wheelchair access to the first floor, disabled toilet facilities and audio-tapes for visually impaired visitors.

The Castle was acquired by the Secretary of State for Scotland at the request of the present Brodie of Brodie, 25th Chief of that name. It was transferred into the care of the National Trust for Scotland in 1980 with an endowment provided by the 25th Chief of Brodie.

Brodie Castle is open to the public from April 1 to September 30, Mon-Fri, 11-5.30 pm and Sundays from 1.30-5.30. It is also open on some weekends in October and at other times by appointment. The grounds are open all year round from 9.30 am to sunset. The Castle can be found near Nairn Moray, off the A96,

4 1/2 miles west of Forres and 24 miles from Inverness. Bluebird buses service the area (phone 01343 - 544222). Queries may be directed to Dr Stephanie Blackden on Brodie (01309) 641371.

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## SHORT CUTS

### Fight for Broadcasting House, Wellington, N. Z.

In the article *Broadcasting House—is heritage a beauty contest?* in the March issue of "Historic Places", a call was made to save Wellington's Broadcasting House. The building was designed by the Government Architect's Office and built in 1963 as the home for the New Zealand national public radio system. Although many believe the building to be an eyesore, and an unnecessary distraction from the classical features of the nearby Parliament Buildings, the Government's plan to replace the building sparked a Save Broadcasting House Campaign last year.

N. Z. Historic Places Trust spokesmen felt that the building's social and technological history has not been given any weight in determining the building's fate and that its social function gave the building merit.

The New Zealand Government has now made the decision to demolish Broadcasting House and the New Zealand Historic Places Trust is keen to raise public awareness of modernist architecture to ensure that such buildings have a better chance of survival in the future.

"Heritage Places" No.63, May 1997

### Bid for Opera House Recognition

A recent media release notifies that the ACNT has been lobbying the Federal Government to push for the inclusion of the Sydney Opera House on the World Heritage List. The Director of the New South Wales Trust, Mr Bob Piper, had to push for a speedy decision before the criteria for nominations changed from 1 July this year. Mr Piper pointed out that the inclusion of the Opera House would be unique as a representative of Australia's recent architecture - no other Australian places on the World Heritage list feature modernist architecture.

### A Nation United

The recent Australian Reconciliation Convention in Melbourne saw history being made when the five clans of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners of the City of Melbourne, were brought together for the first time in modern history. Marjorie Thorpe of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation found the experience of the five clans coming together exhilarating, saying "I have lived in Victoria for most of my life and thought there were no people left in one of the clan groups."

"Walking Together" No. 18, May 1997

### Where the Long & Winding Road Began

The former home of ex-Beatle Paul McCartney will be opened to the public next year. This house is credited with being "the birthplace of the Beatles" as so many of their early hit songs were written in the front room. The Liverpool City Council has granted permission for the house to be opened under limited conditions. Pre-booking will be essential.

From the Summer edition of the UK "National Trust Magazine"



## MEET THE COUNCIL

### KAREN WILLIAMS

Karen Williams was born in Sydney in 1959 but has lived in Canberra since 1980 when she came to the area to study art at the Canberra School of Art. Karen met and married Terry Williams while she was at the Art School. Working in the media of painting, sculpture and print-making, she set up a studio at her home in Downer and exhibited her work at a number of galleries in Canberra and in Sydney.

Not finding life in inner Canberra quite to their liking, Karen and Terry moved to Oaks Estate. In 1989, their son Paul was born and a daughter, Alice, in 1991. It was during this time that Karen became involved in community arts and heritage. She developed a three stage project based on her research of Oaks Estate, culminating in the recent publication of a book ("Oaks Estate - No Man's Land") on the history of the area.

Karen's interest in the arts and heritage has led her into a number of other activities including convening meetings of the ACT Regional Studies Network - a network of people researching and writing about the local region; the production of heritage radio programs for Canberra's community radio, Artsound; and, of course, joining the Council of the National Trust (ACT).

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS, REMEDIES & RECIPES

From Kathleen Hawke's "Cornish sayings, superstitions and remedies" come these handy hints.

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If your left ear burns you are abused, but if you tie a knot in your handkerchief or apron they will bite their tongue.

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Quarrels in the house will ensue if gravy is poured out of a spoon backwards.

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It is lucky for the bride to hear a cat sneeze on her wedding eve, or be awakened by the song of birds on the morn of the wedding.

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Breathe over a newly made grave to cure a cough.

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## Special Rates For National Trust Members

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ACT Heritage Council

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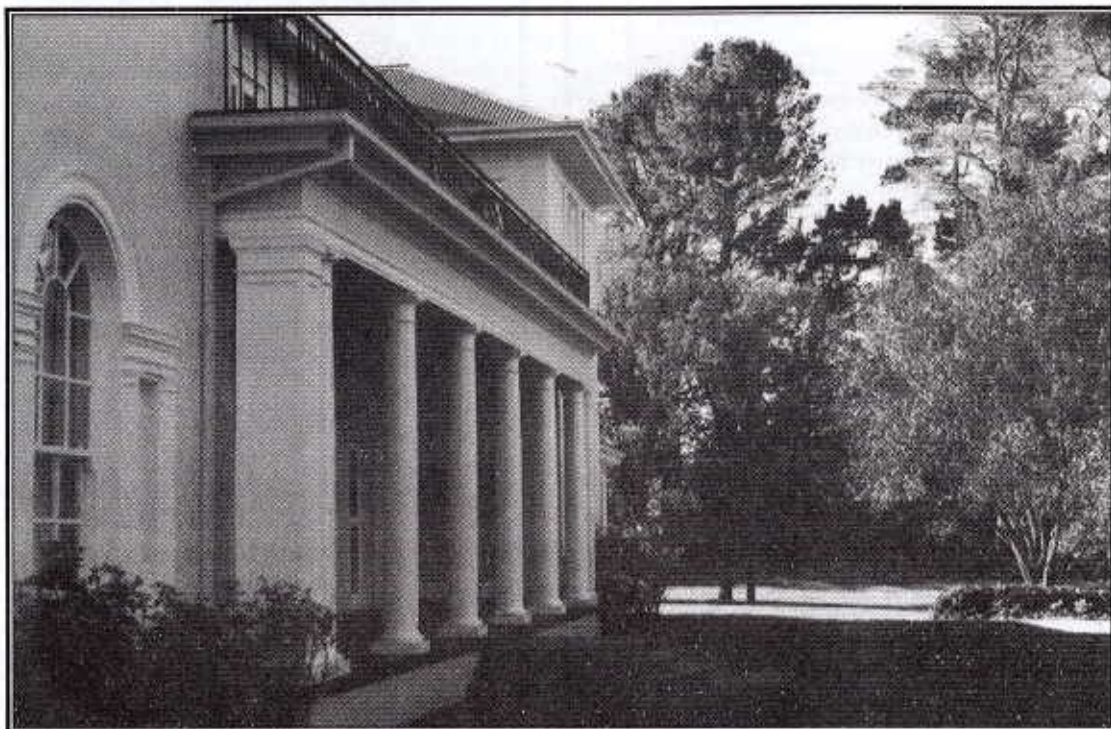
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Time: 2pm - 3pm

*Bookings are essential, please phone ACT Heritage on (06) 207 2618 Monday to Friday during business hours.*



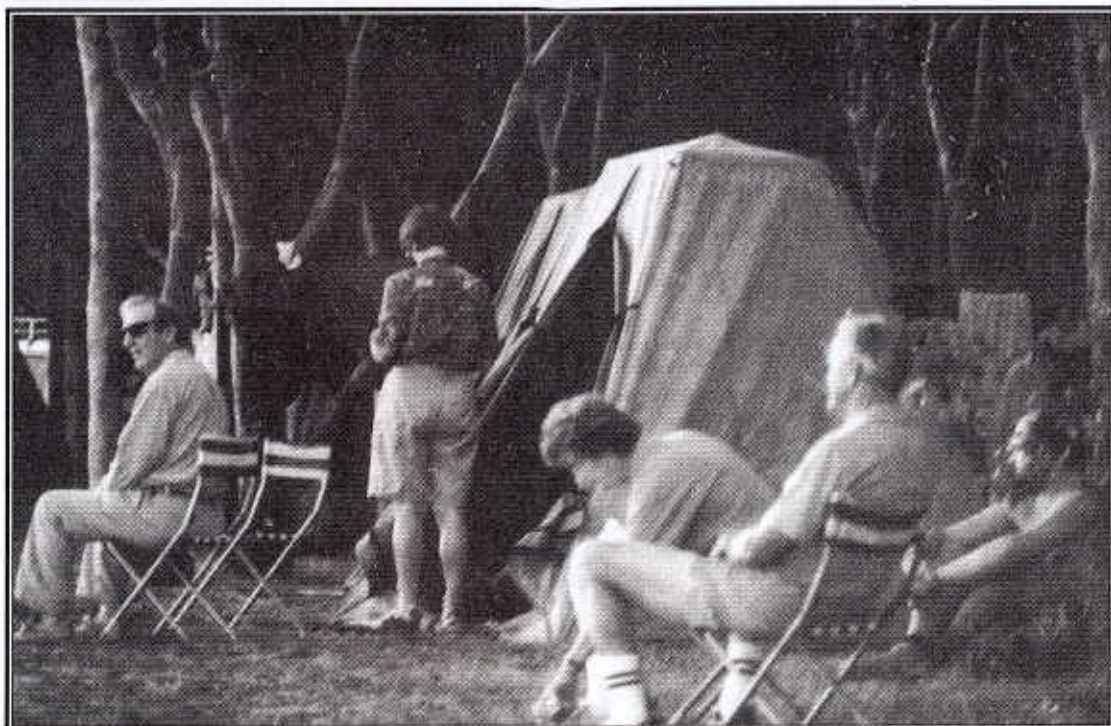
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## RECENT WALKS AND TOURS



*Bolaro Station*

*Yaouk Attack*



*Viewing the sunrise*

*Cape York Safari*



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

**APPLICATION FORM**

Please post THIS ENTIRE FORM to the Ticket Secretary, National Trust of Australia (ACT), PO Box 3173, Manuka ACT 2603, together with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for each activity being applied for. If you wish to apply later for other activities, please request another form. 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 are allotted in order of payment. Where indicated, deposits are acceptable, provided full payment is received by the "Bookings Close" date. The concession (conc) rate, where offered, applies to pensioners, seniors, children and full-time students. In such cases, the adult (adlt) rate applies to all other applicants. A surcharge may apply to all 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 02-62395222 during office hours) or to Garth Setchell (ph 02-62901100).

SURNAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_ M'SHIP NO \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (eg vegetarian/gd fl accom) \_\_\_\_\_

**BRANDY FLAT AND YANKEE HAT - Saturday 13 September 1997**

Concession applicants (incl party, etc)	_____conc	@ \$ 11pp	= \$ _____
All other adults	_____adlt	@ \$ 13pp	= \$ _____
Non-member surcharge	ADD _____nonm	@ \$ 1pp	= \$ _____

\* Tpt offered/requested (pl circle).

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GARDEN LECTURE SERIES - Saturday 20 September 1997**

All applicants (total package)	_____pers	@ \$ 88pp	= \$ _____
ditto - non-member surcharge	ADD _____nonm	@ \$ 2pp	= \$ _____

\* Pl tick desired pick-up point: Deakin \_\_\_\_\_ Braddon \_\_\_\_\_

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TIN HARE TO MICHELAGO - Sunday 28 September 1997**

Children up to 16 yrs (total package)	_____chld	@ \$ 30pp	= \$ _____
All others (total package)	_____pers	@ \$ 38pp	= \$ _____
Non-member surcharge	ADD _____nonm	@ \$ 1pp	= \$ _____

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**ONCE A JOLLY BURRINJUCK - Sunday 12 October 1997**

Adult applicants (total package)	___adlt	@ \$ 77pp	= \$ _____
Concession applicants (total package)	___conc	@ \$ 72pp	= \$ _____
Non-member surcharge	ADD___nonm	@ \$ 2pp	= \$ _____

\* Pl tick desired pick-up point: Civic\_\_\_ Deakin\_\_\_

\* Names of others covered by this application:

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLCANIC CIRCUIT - Wednesday 15 to Wednesday 22 October 1997**

Dbl/twin accom (total package)	___pers	@ \$ 1160pp	= \$ _____
Sgl accom (total package)	___pers	@ \$ 1380pp	= \$ _____
Non-member surcharge	ADD___nonm	@ \$ 10pp	= \$ _____
If \$25 deposit already paid	DEDUCT___pers	@ \$ 25pp	= \$ _____
Travel insurance if reqd - cancellation cover	ADD___pers	@ \$ 22pp	= \$ _____
ditto - full cover	ADD___pers	@ \$ 45pp	= \$ _____

Names of others covered by this application:

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**GRENFELL WEEKEND - Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October 1997**

Dbl/twin accom (total package)	___pers	@ \$ 92pp	= \$ _____
Sgl accom (total package)	___pers	@ \$ 117pp	= \$ _____
Non-member surcharge	ADD___nonm	@ \$ 5pp	= \$ _____

Names of others covered by this application:

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**GARDENS OF THE DEEP SOUTH - Sunday 16 November 1997**

Adult applicants (total package)	___adlt	@ \$ 67pp	= \$ _____
Concession applicants (total package)	___conc	@ \$ 62pp	= \$ _____
Non-member surcharge	ADD___nonm	@ \$ 2pp	= \$ _____

\* Pl tick desired pick-up point: Aranda\_\_\_ Woden\_\_\_ Calwell\_\_\_

\* Names of others covered by this application:

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR A WIN OR A PLACE - Saturday 29 November 1997**

All applicants (coach package)	___pers	@ \$ 55pp	= \$ _____
All applicants (self-drive incl lunch & marquee)	___pers	@ \$ 33pp	= \$ _____
Non-member surcharge	ADD___nonm	@ \$ 2pp	= \$ _____

\* Pl tick desired pick-up point: Aranda\_\_\_ Woden\_\_\_ Calwell\_\_\_

\* Names of others covered by this application:

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SOUTH AMERICA - Sunday 26 July to various dates in August 1998**

Refundable expression of interest	___pers	@ \$ 25pp	= \$ _____
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NB \$300 deposits not required at this stage.

Names of others covered by this application:

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If attending presentation on 23 September, ring (02) 6239 5222 or state here - \_\_\_\_\_ pers.

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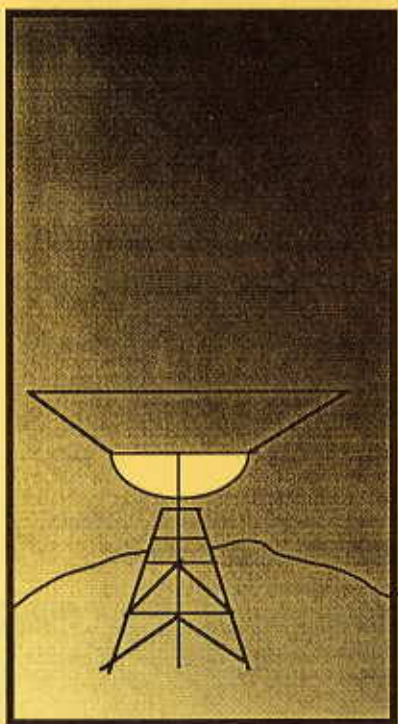
# JUNIOR NATIONAL TRUST NEWS

AUGUST 1997

Compiled by Paola Giurgola

**HELLO YOUNG FRIENDS,**

Welcome to an exciting new issue about a Canberra institution and its function: **Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex**, with tracking stations, at Tidbinbilla in the A.C.T. !



Tidbinbilla is well known for its research in space exploration. It is linked with NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) in the United States. This space centre supplies most of NASA's current space tracking requirements in Australia. This tracking station, like others around the world, performs four functions: 1) COMMUNICATION: Here a 2 way radio communicates between the ground and the spacecraft, 2) TRACKING: Locating spacecraft and measuring their distance, velocity and angular position, 3) DATA ACQUISITION: Involves gathering the experimental data collected by the spacecraft, as well as information on the status of the spacecraft itself, and 4) COMMAND: It means sending instructions from the ground to guide spacecraft and control the equipment on board. The command system is very important as every event must be pre-programmed without errors.

The centre contains a small museum where one can see wonderful photographs of galaxies, stars and planets; models of spacecraft and robots; and videos of space exploration. Everyone will have a great time. But most of all, the view of the great tracking dish is truly spectacular; particularly in relation to the landscape and the ancient rocks all around. It is free and open seven days a week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.[Ph (02) 6201 7800].



The planet MARS has always been intriguing to mankind. Its existence has been known since prehistoric times. Because of its blood-red colour it was named Mars after the ancient Romans' God of war. Thus it is sometimes referred to as the Red Planet. It is the only planet whose surface can be seen in detail from the earth. Mars is the fourth closest planet to the sun. The diameter of Mars is 6,796 kilometres, a little over half that of the earth.

The Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex has recently been involved in obtaining new data about Mars. The first spacecraft to visit Mars was Mariner 4 in 1965. Several others followed including the two Viking landers in 1976. The most recent information has been obtained via the probe, *Mars Pathfinder*, which landed successfully on Mars on the 4th of July.

Mars' orbit around the sun is elliptical or oval shaped. Mars is the only planet whose surface conditions seem to be very similar to earth. But its surface temperature is much lower than that on earth, rarely rising above freezing point (0 degrees centigrade).

Besides Earth, Mars has the most highly varied and interesting terrain of all the other planets. There is:

- Olympus Mons: the largest mountain in the Solar System rising 24 km (78,000 ft.) above the surrounding plain. Its base is more than 500 km in diameter and is rimmed by a cliff 6 km (20,000 ft) high (right).
- Tharsis: a huge bulge on the Martian surface that is about 4000 km across and 10 km high.
- Valles Marineris: a system of canyons 4000 km long and from 2 to 7 km deep (far right)
- Hellas Planitia: an impact crater in the southern hemisphere over 6 km deep and 2000 km in diameter.

Much of the Martian surface is very old and cratered, but there are also much younger rift valleys, ridges, hills, and plains. The southern hemisphere of Mars is predominantly ancient cratered highlands somewhat similar to the Moon. In contrast, most of the northern hemisphere consists of plains which are much younger, lower in elevation and have a much more complex history. An abrupt elevation change of several kilometres seems to occur at the boundary.

Like Mercury and the Moon, on Mars there is no evidence of horizontal motion of the surface such as the folded mountains so common on Earth. With no lateral plate motion, hot-spots under the crust stay in a fixed position relative to the surface. This, along with the lower surface gravity, may account for the Tharsis bulge and its enormous volcanoes.

There is very clear evidence of erosion in many places on Mars including large floods and small river systems. At some time in the past there was clearly water on the surface. There may have been large lakes or even oceans. But it seems that this occurred only briefly and very long ago; the age of the erosion channels is estimated at about nearly 4 billion years. (Valles Marineris was not created by running water. It was formed by the stretching and cracking of the crust associated with the creation of the Tharsis bulge.)

Early in its history, Mars was much more like Earth. As with Earth almost all of its carbon dioxide was used up to form carbonate rocks. But lacking the Earth's plate tectonics, Mars is unable to recycle any of this carbon dioxide back into its atmosphere and so cannot sustain a significant greenhouse effect. The surface of Mars is therefore much colder than the Earth would be at that distance from the Sun.

Mars has a very thin atmosphere composed mostly of the tiny amount of remaining carbon dioxide



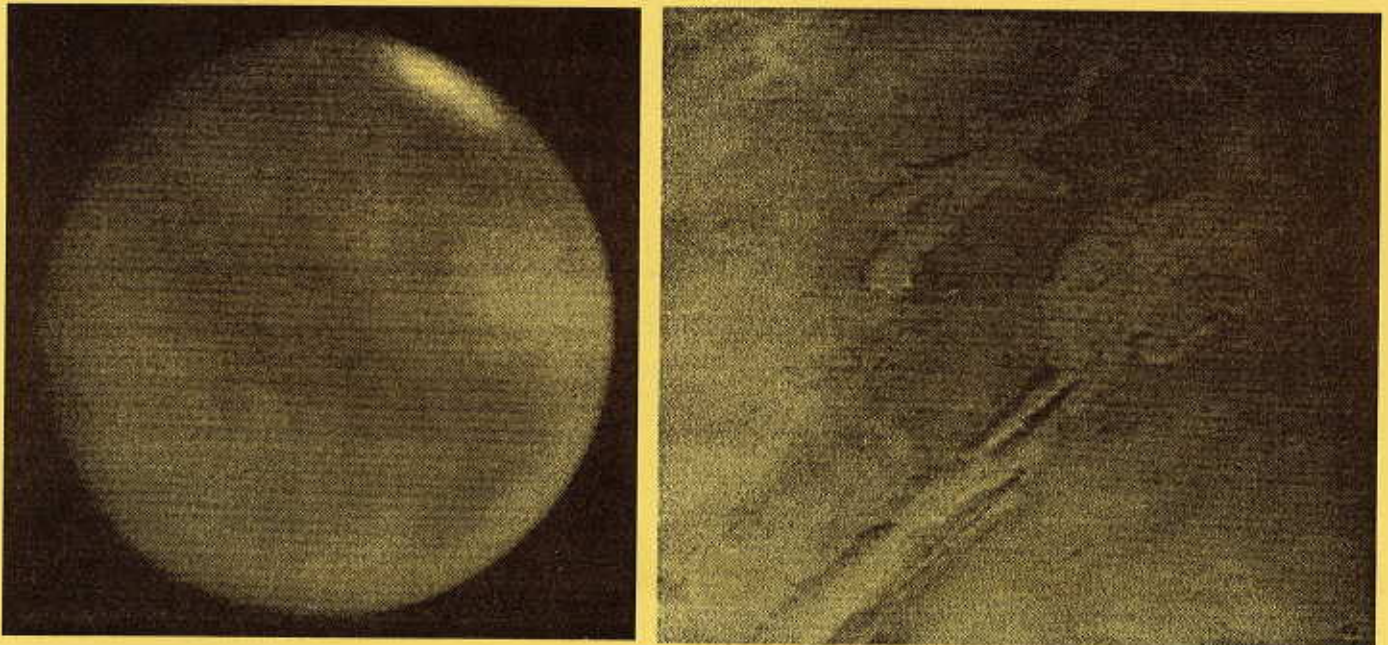
(95.3%) plus nitrogen (2.7%), argon (1.6%) and traces of oxygen (0.15%) and water (0.03%). The average pressure on the surface of Mars is only about 7 millibars (less than 1% of Earth's), but it varies greatly with altitude from almost 9 millibars in the deepest basins to about 1 millibar at the top of Olympus Mons. But it is thick enough to support very strong winds and vast dust storms that on occasion engulf the entire planet for months. Although its atmosphere is mostly carbon dioxide (like Venus'), the greenhouse effect on Mars is strong enough to raise the surface temperature by only 5 degrees.

Mars has permanent ice caps at both poles composed mostly of solid carbon dioxide ("dry ice"). The ice caps exhibit a layered structure with alternating layers of ice with varying concentrations of dark dust. In the northern summer the carbon dioxide completely sublimates, leaving a residual layer of water ice. It's not known if a similar layer of water ice exists below the southern cap since its carbon dioxide layer never completely disappears. The mechanism responsible for the layering is unknown but may be due to climatic changes related to long-term changes in the inclination of Mars' equator to the plane of its orbit. There may also be water ice hidden below the surface at lower latitudes. The seasonal changes in the extent of the polar caps changes the global atmospheric pressure by about 25%

Recent observations with the Hubble Space Telescope have revealed that the conditions during the Viking missions may not have been typical. Mars' atmosphere now seems to be both colder and drier than measured by the Viking landers.

Mars has no global magnetic field. When it is in the night-time sky, Mars is easily visible with the naked eye. Its apparent brightness varies greatly according to its relative position to the Earth.

### Picture - Surface Features of Mars



Mars's surface features, including light areas, dark areas, and polar cap, are visible in this photograph taken from the earth. The earth's atmosphere makes the picture blurry. A series of canyons called the Valles Marineris (Mariner Valleys) make up the diagonal landform in the photo, taken by the Viking 1. This landform is more than 2,500 miles (4,000 kilometers) long.

NASA

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# Mars Space Exploration

## Word Finder Competition

**Prize:** Gift Voucher at National Trust Shop

- All but one of the words about exploring Mars listed below in the word list can be found in the grid reading in straight lines, horizontally, vertically, and diagonally in either direction.....*Find the word not in the grid*

### Word List

ASTRONAUTS  
TIDBINBILLA  
CANBERRA

RED PLANET  
PROBE  
TRACKING

MARS  
NASA  
SPACE

FLIGHT  
DISH

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For more information, contact the CSIRO website on <http://sparkli.tip.csiro.au/mars> or NASA's Mars Pathfinder on <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/marnews>



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

**TRAMPING TUSCANY AND THE DOLOMITES - 24 August to 18 September 1997**

**RAINFOREST SPECTACULAR - 30 August to 10 September 1997**

Bookings closed. 3 applicants are taking the Tuscany tour and another 3 are taking the Rainforest tour.

**BRANDY FLAT AND YANKEE HAT - Saturday 13 September 1997**

Brandy Flat is located in the middle section of Namadgi National Park, south of Glendale Crossing and on the ridge between the Gudgenby & Naas Valleys. The walk commands some fine views and, with the car shuttle proposed, is only about 9km in total length. However the walk involves two moderately steep descents on fire trails, each of about 140m, and one steep ascent of about 120m. At the conclusion of this walk, at around 3.00pm, we will have our usual party. Those itching for more may then opt to take the level 7km return walk to view the Yankee Hat Aboriginal Art site. The activity will be deferred to Sunday 21 September 1997 if wet.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE AND PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 10 SEPTEMBER. NO LIMIT.**

**GARDEN LECTURE SERIES - Saturday 20 September 1997**

The Garden Lecture Series came into being largely at the initiative of Marylyn Abbott of "Kennerton Green" and Joan Arnold of "Buskers End". The National Trusts in both NSW and Victoria, The Australian Garden History Society and Country Style Magazine are amongst the many supporters of the Series. We have secured up to 38 places at the lectures to be offered at Oxley College, Bowral, on 20 September. The guest speaker will be Stephen Lacey, the well known English garden writer and designer, whose highly acclaimed books include "Gardens of the National Trust", "Scent in Your Garden" and "The Startling Jungle". He lectures on plant and garden design at the Ingham School of Garden Design, is at the forefront of new trends in garden landscaping and contributes a column to the London Sunday Telegraph. At Burradoo he will give two 1-hour lectures entitled "The Gardens of the National Trust of England" and "Adventuresome Gardening: A Look at the Cutting Edge of Planting Design in Britain, Europe and America". Our ticket price includes the \$55 fee for registration, morning tea, light lunch with wine and entry to the gardens of "Kennerton Green" and "Buskers End". It also includes afternoon tea and coach travel to and from Canberra, with pick-ups at Deakin and Braddon from 7.30am - returning by 6.40pm.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE AND PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 8 SEPTEMBER. LIMIT 38.**

**TIN HARE TO MICHELAGO - Sunday 28 September 1997**

Four years have passed since our previous excursion to Michelago by steam train. The Australian Railway Historical Society now has in operation one of those romantic relics of so many former branchlines - the rail motor or "tin hare". Join us for an afternoon (1.00 to 5.00pm) with a difference. Our group will be split in two and you will travel one way by rail motor and one way by mini coach between Canberra and Michelago stations. The mini coach will also ferry everyone for an exclusive viewing of the garden and principal rooms of historic "Micaligo Station", by courtesy of Mr and Mrs James Ryrie. The land was taken up by Capt Francis Nicholas Rossi who, by the late 1820s had built the four roomed cottage which now serves as the guest wing. The property was acquired by the Ryrie family in the 1860s.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE AND PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 17 SEPTEMBER. LIMIT 36.**

**ONCE A JOLLY BURRINJUCK - Sunday 12 October 1997**

If you haven't recently passed by this rather large billabong, this is your chance! Our tour by toilet equipped coach will take you first via Uriarra to Wee Jasper and Carey's Cave for a guided inspection (only a few steps). You will then board the "Lady B J" for a cruise across the spectacular waters of Lake Burrinjuck (both the Goodradigbee and Murrumbidgee Arms) to Woolgarlo. Lunch will be served en route. Your coach will meet you at Woolgarlo for a further scenic drive to the State Recreation Area and possibly the dam wall. On the return to Canberra via Yass we will stop at Peter Crisp's Art Glass Studio and Lavender Nursery for afternoon tea and time to browse. Pick-ups at Civic and Deakin from 7.30am - return by about 6.30pm. All inclusive.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE AND PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 1 OCTOBER. LIMIT 46.**

**VOLCANIC CIRCUIT - Wednesday 15 to Wednesday 22 October 1997**

In response to the advance notice in our last Trust News, 10 expressions of interest had already been received by late July for this exclusive Trust tour to northern NSW. The tour will include visits to the Warrumbungles, Mt Kaputar, Dorrigo, New England and Oxley Wild Rivers National Parks, each providing opportunities for easy or moderate walking. The tour will also include places of heritage and scientific interest such as Newcastle, Singleton, Burning Mountain, Siding Springs Observatory, Armidale and the important Trust properties "Saumarez" and "Tomago House". We will be travelling by train, at very civilised times both ways, between Canberra and Newcastle, from whence the balance of our 6-day tour by luxury 16-seat mini-coach will commence. The price is all inclusive. Travel insurance optional.

**DEPOSITS REQUIRED NOW. BALANCE PAYABLE BY 17 SEPTEMBER. LIMIT 15.**



### **GRENFELL WEEKEND - Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October 1997**

24 tickets are being held by the Women's Committee of the National Trust in NSW for ACT Trust applicants wishing to undertake this weekend program of house inspections. Events such as this normally attract hundreds of NSW participants and, because NSW members will have received notification well in advance of you, we have also reserved Saturday night accommodation at the Town & Country Motor Inn, Forbes. Intending applicants for this self-drive activity will need to book on our blue form. Our price includes your entry ticket, lunches on both days and the designated accommodation (room only). The houses open for inspection, in and around Grenfell, are:

"Glenelg", by courtesy of Stephen and Gai Lander; "Myee", by courtesy of Michael and Pamela Duncan; "Bungonia", by courtesy of Ian and Pamela Hunter; "Grenfell Hall", by courtesy of Daryl and Rene Tempest-Mogg; "Glenview", by courtesy of Doug and Pam Scott; "Lancewood", by courtesy of Andrew and Julie Scott; and 15 Bogolong Street, Grenfell, by courtesy of Hugh Moffitt.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 24 SEPTEMBER. LIMIT 24.**

### **VIETNAM - Monday 27 October to Tuesday 11 November 1997**

It is possible that, by the time you receive this Trust News, a few places may still remain on this value-packed tour. If you are interested, please contact Garth Setchell urgently on 02-62901100 re possible vacancies. \$A3499 Canberra to Canberra twin share, \$A4150 single. Our travel agent may offer a second tour in March 1998 if there is sufficient demand.

### **GARDENS OF THE DEEP SOUTH - Sunday 16 November 1997**

This year's late Spring garden tour will centre on Bibbenluke and Bombala. Our coach tour will include the following three gardens, opening under Australia's Open Garden Scheme:

"The Old Bibbenluke Inn", by courtesy of John and Pam Scott; "Broadview", by courtesy of Daryl and Lynne Jennings; "Stradone", by courtesy of Paddy and Betty Lomas; and "Heathfield" by courtesy of John and Kay Adamson.

In addition, Bombala will be host to the second National Showground Organ Festival, featuring barrel organs from all over Australia. Alternatively, there will be time to visit the factory and shop of the famed Toorallie machine washable woollen garments. The day will conclude with a private inspection of the garden and beautifully restored interior of century old "Burnima", by courtesy of Adrian and Suellen Hall. Our price includes garden entry fees, lunch and teas. The return to Canberra will take a route through Jincumbilly and Bobundara which should offer some stunning views of the Alps. Pick-ups from Civic, Deakin and Calwell from 7.30am, with return by 7.15pm.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 23 OCTOBER. LIMIT 45.**

### **FOR A WIN OR A PLACE - Saturday 29 November 1997**

Third time lucky! This will be the third occasion on which we have let our hair down a bit at the Adaminaby Picnic Races. A great way to celebrate the end of the year. If travelling by coach, your ticket price includes return breathalyser-free travel, racecourse entry, race card and a delicious smorgasbord lunch. Drinks, chairs, racy hats and poodles are your own concern but, this time, we hope to have our own marquee to lend an extra touch of class. The self-drive option includes only the lunch and use of our marquee.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 10 NOVEMBER. 45 LIMIT ON COACH.**

### **SOUTH AMERICA - Sunday 26 July to various dates in August 1998**

The interest in this great overseas adventure has been stunning. Expressions of interest have already been received for all 25 places but some withdrawals are inevitable. A \$25 deposit will still reserve a place on the wait list.

The proposed tour has been developed by Garth Setchell and World Expeditions and is principally directed at the adventurous over-50s who want a genuine experience of South America in reasonable comfort. Because South America is 2.3 times the area of Australia, we are focusing on only four countries - Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador. The basic tour will commence in Buenos Aires and will include Iguazu Falls, La Paz, Lake Titicaca, the world's highest railway journey from Puno to Cusco (highest pass 14,200 ft), numerous Inca sites including Machu Picchu (by train), a jungle stint on an Amazon headwater, Lima, Guayaquil, the famous Devil's Nose switchback railway, Cotopaxi Volcano and Quito. An option within the basic tour will allow those masochistically inclined to undertake the 3 day trek along the fabled Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. The basic tour returns from Quito, via Buenos Aires, to Canberra on Tuesday 25 August and the cost (with or without the trek option) is expected to be about \$A8,000pp twin share including insurance, transfers, bilingual guides throughout, breakfasts and some other meals. Apart from the trekking option, 3 to 4-star accommodation is offered throughout. The final cost will depend on numbers and exchange fluctuations.

For a cost of about \$A7000pp twin share you could exclude Ecuador, by leaving the tour at Lima. This abridged tour will return you to Canberra on Saturday 22 August. A third option will enable you to add a 4-day island hopping cruise of the Galapagos Islands, with a naturalist guide. This extended tour returns to Canberra on Saturday 29 August and is expected to cost about \$A10,000pp twin share extra, depending on numbers. Should anyone wish to return to Australia via North America, Europe or South Africa, this could also be arranged.

A slide presentation will be given by representatives of World Expeditions to any prospective travellers at the Yarralumla Uniting Church Hall, Denman Street, Yarralumla at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23 September 1997. Supper will follow the presentation. RSVP to the Trust Office (ph 02-62395222) by c.o.b Friday 19 September. After this presentation, serious converts will be asked to lodge a \$300 deposit within two weeks to enable detailed arrangements to proceed.



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## RECENT WALKS AND TOURS



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### DISCOVERING KOSCIUSZKO

**FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 1997**

This tour takes participants to the northern end of Kosciuszko National Park with a special focus on the geology and history of gold mining around Kiandra and the variety of walking and other outdoor pursuits that can be accessed via the main roads and public access trails within the Park.

- All meals are provided from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon tea.
- Friday 17th, arrival and evening meal at Neville and Kate Locker's farmstay accommodation near Adaminaby. Participants can arrive any time after 1pm, giving ample time to wander at leisure around the fascinating collection of farm buildings and the museum.
- Saturday 18th, drive to Kiandra and an easy walk to the Four Mile Diggings and hut for lunch. Total walking time is 5 hours.
- Saturday evening, the barbecue evening meal will be followed by an inspection of Neville and Kate's museum followed by lectures and demonstrations of early settlement artefacts and gold mining relics as well as 19th century women's fashions.
- Sunday 19th, exploration by car and walking of some of the lesser known public access trails in the Long Plain area of the Park, with an introduction to camping areas and associated walks. We finish with a tour of the heritage listed Currango Homestead and afternoon tea provided by the managers.

The fee includes introductory lecture; all meals and accommodation; museum tour and demonstrations; handouts; road, track and walking guide and Currango tour and afternoon tea.

Introductory lecture. 7-9pm, Monday 13th October (venue to be advised).

Participants will be introduced to the main features of the northern end of the Park, and the maps, books and other resources needed to explore the area. A slide-illustrated history of gold mining around Kiandra will be shown and a guest geologist will give a talk on the geology of the Kiandra area. We will also cover the practical details of self-drive and share transport, catering and accommodation for the weekend.

Booking Procedure. The fee will vary according to the numbers of people enrolling, ranging from \$180 for 10 and reducing pro rata to \$130 for the maximum of 16.

The deposit is refundable by 1st September if you need to cancel. You will be notified of the amount to fully pay your fee soon after that date as well as the venue of the introductory lecture.

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## 1996/97 TOURS WRAP-UP

Last financial year was a singularly successful year for the Walks and Tours program.

It began with our first overseas tour—to Alaska and Western Canada. It also included extended tours to the Flinders Ranges, New England and Tasmania, our first long-distance walk from Cradle Mountain to Lake St Clair, two equestrian events, two-day tours to Sydney, Bathurst and Jervis Bay, garden tours to Young, Yaouk and Crookwell, day tours to Yass, Belconnen, the Adaminaby Picnic Races, Wombeyan Caves and Joadja and day walks to the Budawangs, Mt Gingera, the southern end of Namadgi National Park and along the last 12kms of the Alpine Walking Track.

A total of 528 people booked on the 22 activities offered - slightly down on the previous 2 years. However, compared to 1995/96, receipts more than trebled to nearly \$400,000 (due to the Alaska tour) and the return to the National Trust was almost \$10,000.

The program is also valuable in educating members, in exposing the general public to the enthusiasm of Trust participants, in attracting new members and in retaining existing members.

## NATIONAL COMMUNITYLINK AWARDS

*The National Bank announces awards to recognise not-for-profit volunteer organizations.*

The aim of the National CommunityLink Awards is to recognise and acknowledge outstanding achievement by non-profit organisations that clearly demonstrate excellence in volunteer management practices, together with a significant contribution to the community.

The awards have been endorsed by Volunteering Australia and more than \$180,000 in prize money will be awarded by the National Australia Bank. State winners in each of the six categories will receive \$2,000 and national winners receive \$15,000. The prize money goes towards supporting the winning organisations' activities.

Of most interest to National Trust volunteer groups is the *Environment, Culture and Heritage* category. This category includes community groups who contribute to the protection and preservation of Australia's heritage and environment. Activities can include flora and fauna conservation, resources and water conservation, land management, education/training programs and preservation programs for Australia's natural and cultural heritage. Local heritage and historical groups and other not-for-profit organisations are also encouraged to enter.

Other categories which will be acknowledged are: Emergency and Safety Services; Art and Culture; Health, Welfare and Community Services; Service Clubs; and Sport and Recreation.

For further information and nomination forms, contact National CommunityLink Awards, P. O. Box 3297AA, North Burnley, Victoria 3121, or phone toll-free on 1800 807 121.

## WESTLAKE COMMUNITY SPIRIT REVIVED

Historian Ann Gugler's massive work on the suburb of Westlake and the people who lived there is now in print. The project, designed to document Westlake's people, their living conditions and their contribution to the building of Australia's capital, was undertaken with the help of an ACT Heritage Grant, but Ann went well above and beyond the requirements of the grant to produce this massive tome of over 400 pages!

The book was launched on Sunday 11 May at Causeway Hall by Robert Macklin of *"The Canberra Times"*. This was a gala event with hundreds of people present—many who had lived at Westlake in the thirties. The Hall housed a display of artefacts from the area (some lent for the day and some dug up by Ann whilst doing her research), and photographs depicting the early days of Canberra, particularly at Westlake, covered the walls. Outside there were veteran cars and an old Canberra omnibus, a display of old engines and a sausage sizzle. Tea and delicious home-made cakes were available inside. A very memorable book launch!

*"Westlake one of the vanished 'suburbs' of Canberra"* is available from the National Trust gift shop at a cost of \$29.95.



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# THE NATIONAL TRUST—SOME PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS

BY DOROTHY MOORE

*When I asked Mrs Moore for some comments on her service to the ACT Trust, it was with the thought that this would be the first in an occasional series on Trust volunteers. What I got is much more than I imagined - besides an insight into the influences that have shaped Mrs Moore's interest in heritage, this article is almost a history of the National Trust in the A.C.T. and the surrounding region. It makes fascinating reading. Ed.*

I was born and grew up in Maldon, Victoria, which much later (1965) became Australia's first Classified National Trust town. As a student, I lived for two years in what the University of Melbourne now proudly calls its '1888 Building'. My husband and I were married in St James' Old Cathedral, Melbourne's original Anglican Cathedral, the foundation stone of which was laid in 1839. With that background I suppose it is not surprising that I became interested in the values for which the National Trust stands.

We moved from Ballarat (another notable 'gold town') to Sydney in 1947, which was about the time that State legislation formally established the National Trust of New South Wales - the first such legislation in Australia. I soon became interested in the work of the Trust through meeting, and becoming friendly with, Bette Kingsford-Smith, a fellow member of the East Lindfield School Mothers' Club. How often women's interests are widened by the interests of their children! Bette was a prime mover in establishing, in Sydney, the Women's Committee of the New South Wales Trust.

Then in 1950 my husband accepted a position at Australia House, London and the family spent the next four years in England. There we saw much of the wonderful work that the National Trust, established in 1895, had achieved and realised how much more needed to be done to restore bomb-damaged buildings. We returned to Australia at the end of 1954 and in 1956 moved to Canberra, where I was much preoccupied with the activities of the children and a very busy husband.

In 1966 we went again to London for four years. This time we joined the National Trust and visited many of its properties. These experiences fired our enthusiasm for helping to develop Trust activities in Australia.

During our absence from Canberra a Women's Committee of the Southern Highlands Branch of the N.S.W. Trust had been established here. I joined this body almost immediately and a little later was elected its Chairman. We organized visits to country homesteads (most of which were in New South Wales), luncheons with guest speakers whose subjects were related to Trust values and other fund raising functions. Most of the money raised we sent to the N.S.W. Trust, keeping only enough to meet our modest expenses.

The number of A.C.T. residents joining the N.S.W. Trust increased greatly, largely because of the activities promoted by our Women's Committee. The number of people involved in our work grew considerably and men were ready, indeed wanted, to join in promoting Trust activities. We therefore changed our name to the Fund Raising Committee.

We and the N.S.W. Trust became increasingly conscious that we were acting irregularly in raising money in the A.C.T. under the name of a body established by N.S.W. legislation. We readily accepted legal advice that if we were to continue our work we must become a quite separate body under the umbrella of the Australian Council of National Trusts.

This was achieved under the A.C.T. Companies Ordinance on 20th December 1976. I was one of the original six Directors of the new body and a member of the first Council. It was a very exciting time for the Trust and we of the Fund Raising Committee were now focusing on preservation in the A.C.T.

Realizing that our membership consisted mainly of older people, I decided to seek out younger folk and to encourage them to become involved in Trust activities not related to fund raising. Thus the Educational and Cultural Committee was established and a programme of lectures, exhibitions, film nights, musical evenings, articles in the Press, was arranged. I remained Chairman of this committee until 1983 when my husband and I went on a six month overseas trip. On our return I decided it was time to retire from chairing committees, which were well established and running smoothly.

Meantime the Antique Dealers' Fair Committee had been formed to plan and arrange the first Fair in 1982. We are a very small committee and apart from the Fair we arrange several annual functions which have proved popular and profitable. Indeed, over the fifteen years of its existence, it has raised very significant amounts of the funds the Trust needs to carry on its work. Since his retirement, my husband and I have worked together on this committee.

I have enjoyed my long association with the Trust where I have met many wonderful people who are always willing to be volunteers and made many good friends among them. We both continue as active members and believers in the aims and work of the National Trust of Australia (ACT).

*In June 1990 Mrs Moore was awarded Honorary Life Membership by the National Trust of Australia (ACT) in recognition of her tireless contribution over many years.*

## 1997 ACF APPEAL

The Australian Conservation Foundation's 1997 Appeal seeks funds to help in its fight to stop the Federal Government from allowing mining to proceed in areas currently closed to the mining industry. These areas include Kakadu, jarrah forests in WA and the Tarkine in Tasmania.

The ACF considers the possibility of mining in such areas to be a serious threat. If you feel strongly about preventing this mining, please consider helping the ACF in their fight by sending a donation to 340 Gore Street, Fitzroy VIC 3065, or find out more by phoning the ACF on 1800 332 510.



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## TREES IN THE A.C.T. 6

Extract from the Register of Significant Trees

SPECIES: *Eucalyptus blakelyi*

COMMON NAME: Blakely's Red Gum

PLACE NAME: Murrumbidgee Scarred Red Gum No. 10

AGE: ca 200-300 years

MEASUREMENTS: Height 13-15m.; crown diam. 12m.; stem diam. at chest height 770m.

CONDITION: Healthy with an expected life of at least another 50 years if present growing conditions are maintained; some bracket fungus beside scar suggesting internal decay; heavy seed crop.

LOCATION: Block 15, Section 476 Kambah, on the corner of Athllon Drive and Vosper Street.

CATEGORY: Register of the National Estate, National Trust Significant Tree Register

FEATURES: This is one of 15 scarred trees in the Tuggeranong Valley placed on the RNE in June 1997. It carries a classic canoe type scar on its north side. The scar begins in a tapered point at ground level and extends for 2290mm reaching a maximum width of 450mm.

SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS: Blakely's Red Gum is a woodland tree occurring naturally over wide areas of the western slopes and tablelands of NSW and into southern Queensland. It reaches a height of 25m and crown spread of 20m and is an important habitat tree for native wildlife. In the Canberra region it is usually found growing with Yellow Box, *E. melliodora* and sometimes Apple Box, *E. bridgesiana*.

REFERENCES: Register of the National Estate Database No. 018563. Report file 8/01/000/0408

*Dr R Boden*



*Matilda House at the Canoe Tree, Kambah*

*Photo Dr J Flood*

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## NAMADGI NATIONAL PARK TO GET MANAGEMENT SHAKE-UP

The National Parks Association's June issue of "NPA Bulletin" contains news of plans to devise a new management plan for the Namadgi National Park. The author of the article "Focusing our vision on Namadgi", Stephen Johnston, expressed concern that the excellent management plan of the past 13 years is under threat of being undermined.

Mr Johnston's fears are that the new guidelines will not emphasise the principal role of the Park (preserving its high conservation and cultural values) enough and that this role will be swamped by the expansion of tourist activities generating revenue. According to Johnston, the Park's greatest threats - feral animals and weeds - are in danger of being relegated to low priority in the plan.

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## SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK

by Rosemary Blemings

The Canberra Nature Parks, Field Naturalists' Association and the Society for Growing Australian Plants have banded together to develop a series of walks designed to be taken at times when our native wildflowers are at their most abundant and colourful. The first of these this Spring is designed to show off the native flora on Black Mountain at its most stunning.

Officially spring is still a couple of weeks away but if you enter the bush from Caswell Drive opposite Wangara Street, Aranda, you'll find more than a promise of colour on the northern slopes of Black Mountain.

Allow a minimum of 90 minutes to follow tracks and trails. You can retrace your steps at any time. Some tracks are a bit stony, but they're rarely damp and they offer chances to enjoy Black Mountain's awakening from winter.

Go through the entry posts and south towards the power lines. The first extensive swathe of Bearded Heath (*Leucopogon virgatus*) introduces a white theme that's often repeated on this walk. The flowers are "furred" inside and delicately pink whilst still in bud on these massed small shrubs.

Pale creamy-yellow pom-pom flowers from Early Wattle (*Acacia genistifolia*) are also very common throughout the walk. On spiny-leaved bushes these flowers have survived winter and now contrast delicately with the bright yellow of Box-leaved Wattle (*Acacia buxifolia*).

Following the concrete path downhill, enjoy the grasses and mat Rush (*Lomandra longifolia*) understory and notice other vegetation changes near the creeks and boardwalks.

Once the concrete path ends turn left onto a fire trail and, after 20 metres, turn right onto a posted track winding upwards. 50 metres along this track the first Purple Hoveas (*Hovea linearis*) bring lavender colour to the understory. They are small shrubs that find support from other, more woody, stems.

The track crosses another fire trail and then meets another track in a cross.

Turn left up and along a rewarding stretch of semi-double track. About thirty paces and on the left slow to look for Bitter Cryptandra (*Cryptandra amara*). The 6mm flowers have tiny pink-tipped petals that often hang in delicate bells amongst 6mm spiny leaves. There are more in this area once you're "in tune" with them. *Hakea microcarpa* has needle-like leaves and white spidery flowers and is quite common at this altitude.

Some false Sarsparilla (*Hardenbergia violacea*) are small in this area but their intense purple shines magnificently once the sun strikes their twining forms.

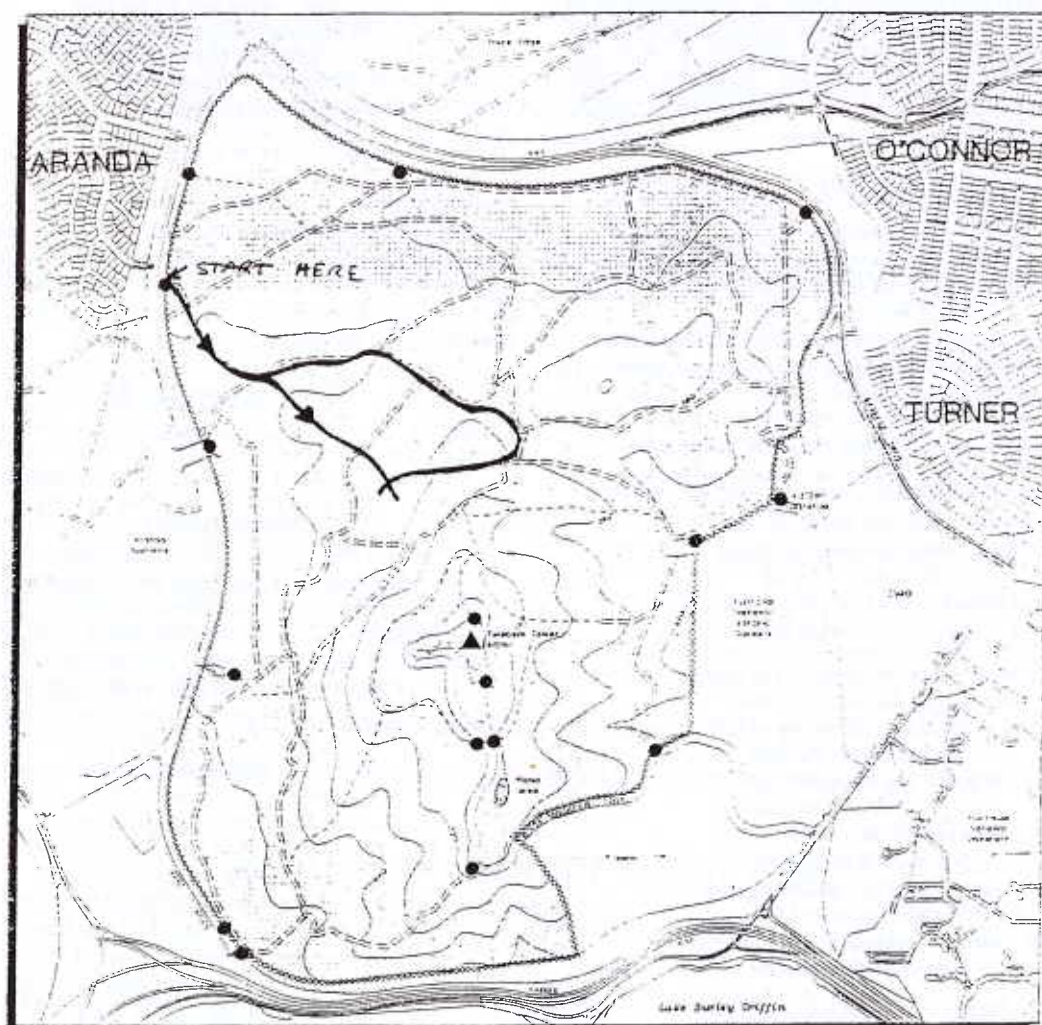
Follow this track up until there's a meeting of trails and tracks and a viewing point. Take a posted track down to the left and past some Cherry Ballart (*Exocarpus cupressiformis*). These cypress-like trees are parasitic on nearby eucalypts. Bear left onto a fire trail and, later, right onto a green-arrowed second concrete path. At the steps that end this path turn left onto a fire trail until the original concrete path is seen on the right. Head up towards the traffic noise and your car.



Ploughshare Wattles (*Acacia gunnii*) with triangular leaves and Urn Heath (*Melichrus urceolatus*) with urn-shaped flowers are two small shrubs with pale lemon blooms to test your powers of observation along the walk.

*Happy walking!*

## BLACK MOUNTAIN



### LEGEND

Public Land (Nature Reserve)

Recreation trail

Unsealed road

Trig station

Pedestrian access

Area managed as Corbett National Park



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## THE POET OF WESTLAKE

BY ANN GUGLER

*As a post script to the article on the workers' settlement at Westlake which appeared in the May edition of "Trust News", Ann Gugler has submitted some poems written by a long-term Westlake resident. James O'Reilly lived at Westlake for 38 years and had several of his poems published in "The Queanbeyan Age" and "The Canberra City News" Ed.*

The temporary construction workers' settlement of Westlake (Stirling Park, Yarralumla) was established in the Gap in 1924. The first tenant to take up residence was Frank Clowry, foreman carpenter on the Provisional Parliament House job. He was soon followed by others one of whom was the poet of Westlake—James O'Reilly. During his lifetime of which nearly forty years were spent at 38 Westlake, James O'Reilly wrote hundreds of poems a few of which have been collected by Mark O'Reilly and printed in small booklet entitled - *Poetry by James Cardinal O'Reilly*. Two poems are quoted in this essay—the first is about a pet dog, *Buffy* and the latter is a tribute to Ernie Corey of Westlake.

### BUFFY

The kids were loudly calling Buff  
Their dearly beloved pup  
And when they'd called him long enough  
At last they gave it up  
They searched the streets, hills and even Haines Creek  
And not a sign of Buff. They just could not seek  
They nearly drove their mother mad  
They would not eat or sleep  
Norma grew all silent and would not even eat  
Betty ceased her circus acts all fun left the house  
Until late one night young Darcy White  
In the Canberra News he read  
About a pup a man had found  
To call or ring him up  
Said Darc tomorrow I'll go round  
And interview that pup

He never slept throughout the night  
Each hour he heard it strike  
And at the dawn's first ray of light  
He hopped upon his bike  
Up the gap he let her go  
The best of Malvern Stars  
And never did he crouch so low  
Upon those handle-bars  
The bus stop hill it made him puff  
His strength was almost gone  
But with the thought it must be Buff  
It helped to urge him on

The early milk-man said in fright  
I fear there's some mishap  
The way that boy, young Darcy White  
Went riding through the gap

When he reached his destination  
There was Buff tied on a chain  
With glee and anticipation  
He headed home again  
The homeward ride was easy  
He had Buff tucked under his arm  
His shirt all wet and greasy  
But that did not worry Darc  
For he had good news for his mate  
And with the happy outcome  
He rode straight for thirty eight

It was there that Max was rolling  
And tossing in his sleep  
He dreamt that Buff was stolen,  
They had him droving sheep  
Through the dust poor Buff was crawling  
And his feet were puffed and sore  
As he woke to Darcy's calling  
And rushed out to the door  
With shouts of joy and laughter  
He woke the others up  
With cries of daddy tell them  
Young Darcy's here and has the pup

Haines' Creek is the Creek opposite the Canberra Yacht Club and it runs down through the gap in the hills to the Molonglo River. On the western side of the creek is the site of the Westlake Settlement Cottages situated in the Gap. The road which led to the bus stop in State circle roughly follows Darwin Avenue to the American Embassy and thence down Perth Avenue to State Circle. It is referred to in the poem as *bus stop hill*.

### THE QUEEN BEE

(Tribute to Ernie Corey)

Have you studied the records of marksmanship?  
The wonderful scores they put up!  
Twenty bulls eyes in succession  
Were scored in a Bisley Cup.  
But wherever the guns are completing,  
Whatever new records they make,  
There is one that will take some beating  
Put up by a bloke at Westlake.  
This bloke he kept bees in his garden  
And one day when the weather was warm,  
Without an excuse or beg pardon,  
In a flash they started to swarm.  
There was no time to call out the hands  
There was not a moment to spare,  
Before they could start beating cans  
The bees circled high in the air.  
But this bloke was not stopped by a trifle,  
He was always a hard bloke to beat;  
So he rushed in and got his old rifle  
As the swarm zoomed out over the street.  
And as they soared o'er the highwoods,  
And made a bee line for the town  
He pointed the old rifle skywards  
And fired and shot the Queen down!

And so with the loss of their leader  
They started to circle the green  
To alight on the branch of a cedar  
That grew where he shot down the Queen.  
So they're back once again in the garden  
For he robbed them on Christmas Eve.  
And you think that the tale is a hard'un  
A rather hard tale to believe?

Well if you are doubting the story  
Of this marksman who ranks with the stars,  
I'll tell you his name; it is Corey,



*A bloke with a cross and three bars.  
And of those who've won fame and glory,  
I know that you will agree,  
There never was a marksman like Corey  
The man who shot down the Queen Bee.*

Ernie Corey moved into 34 Westlake on 29 April, 1924. He was one of the most highly decorated soldiers to serve in World War One. His medals are now part of the collection held by the Australian War Memorial. Mark O'Reilly quoted the following about Ernie from the March 1931 copy of *Reveille*:

*On the millions who took part in the Great War, only one was awarded three Bars to the Military Medal — No 2143 Ernest Albert Corey, Stretcher-bearer, 55th Battalion, now of Canberra. Fifteen Diggers share the honour of having received a Military Medal (two bars). The official citations of Cooroy's decoration are as follows:-*

#### **Military Medal**

*During enemy attack on front line, facing Queant, May 15, 1917, showed great courage and devotion to duty, carrying out his duties continuously for 17 hours and saving, by first aid, the lives of seriously wounded men.*

#### **Bar to Military Medal**

*... Showed great courage and devotion to duty and untiring energy during the attack on Ploygon Wood, September 16, 1917... the greatest danger did not deter him... tended wounded, and carried them to safety often under very heavy artillery and machine gun fire.*

#### **2nd Bar to Military Medal**

*...Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Peronne, September 1-2, 1918, dressed and carried wounded of several units while artillery machine-gun fire exceptionally heavy... saved lives of many wounded; his careful handling and knowledge of first aid helped greatly to relieve their sufferings... most unselfish and cheerful at all times.*

#### **3rd Bar to Military Medal**

*In charge of Battalion stretcher-bearers during attack on Hindenburg Line, north of Bellincourt, Set, 30 1918... enemy machine gun and shell fire intense... directed bearers with utmost skill and bravery, regardless of personal danger. although enemy were firing upon him and other bearer parties, kept on attending to wounded, carrying them from most exposed positions... his efforts untiring, a splendid example. ..*

*Corey was of powerful physique and, invariably while out stretcher-bearing, he wore white shorts, carried his stretcher perpendicularly, but seldom made use of it, preferring to pick up his patients under one of his strong arms, and walk back with him, still holding the stretcher perpendicularly with the other. He had an undaunted spirit, and worked almost up to the enemy wire, rescuing wounded - foe, as well as friend...*

#### **Postscript:**

Those who lived at Westlake have a strong sense of being part of the Westlake community.

Each family that settled there came from somewhere else. They came in search of work and a better life. The majority came from other states in Australia. Others came from overseas.

Vladimir Bondarenko (whose family like those of Sobieraski, Dracovic, Smijewski and many others travelled from war torn Europe to settle in Westlake) summed up our feelings about our old home. He said -

*'Westlake' was a word, which when mentioned in discussions, was your automatic right of entry to a club which had no joining fee, no badges or signs, only the knowledge of being 'there' or someone in your family came from 'there' allowed you full membership to this Club. No one was more equal than the other, all were equal as you passed through into 'Club Westlake'.*

## **VOLUNTEERS AT LANYON**

### **A Training Session**

Volunteers play an important part in Lanyon's activities and information and training sessions are provided regularly. On Monday 23 October at 5.30 at Lanyon, Charles Campbell and Elaine Lawson will talk about Lanyon's history, conservation and preservation.

This is an evening for current volunteers and also for those who would like to find out more.

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Bookings - 6239 5222





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### Fax

The National Trust (ACT) has a FAX machine. The number is (06) 239 5333. 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  
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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—TRUST ACTIVITIES

### MEETINGS IN THE TRUST BOARDROOM

**Council Meeting at 6.00 p.m.**

Thursday 21 August

Thursday 9 October

Thursday 20 November

**Publications Committee at 12.30 p.m.**

Thursday—yet to be determined

**Education & Cultural Committee at 5.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 27 August

Wednesday 22 October

Wednesday 10 December

**Classification Committee at 12.30 p.m.**

Tuesday 9th September

Tuesday 14th October

Tuesday 11th November

**Lanyon Committee at 12.15 p.m.**

Tuesday 19 August

Tuesday 16 September

Tuesday 21 October

Tuesday 18 November

**Antique Fair Committee at 9.30 a.m.**

Wednesday 8 October

### 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.

Music Afternoon at Huntly—7th September

National Trust Open Day, Lanyon—5th October

Volcanic Circuit—Wednesday 15–Wednesday 22 October 1997

Vietnam—Monday 27 October–Tuesday 11 November 1997

Christmas Cocktail Party, Huntly—29 November 1997

## WANTED COMPUTER BUFF(S)

The Trust needs a home page on the Internet!

*Can you help?*

The Trust also wants to explore the feasibility of producing an ACT heritage CD ROM.

If you can help or advise we would be very happy to hear from you.

Ph: Kath Taperell on 6282 4764

or

The Trust office on 6239 5222

ARCHIVE ACCESS AVAILABLE SATURDAYS  
The Australian Archives is now opening its reading room on Saturdays from 9am - 4.30pm. This will make the collection available to researchers who come from interstate or who work during the week. Exceptions are any Saturday which is a public holiday and that which falls between Christmas & New Year.

### TRUST MEMBERS!

- A** Do you value your Trust membership?  
**T** Do you want the Trust's essential  
**I** heritage preservation work to continue?  
**O** Then encourage a friend to join, so  
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**L** A.C.T.'s cultural and natural heritage.  
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**S**  
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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FULL NAME: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss .....

ADDRESS: .....

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

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Expiry Date ..... / ..... • Enquiries, National Trust. ph. (02) 6239 5222; fax. (02) 6239 5333 •



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## WHAT'S ON, IN AND AROUND CANBERRA

### NATIONAL TRUST (ACT)

- ❖ Sunday September 7th - Musical afternoon at Huntly
- ❖ National Trust Open Day, Lanyon - 5 October 1997
- ❖ AGM - 27 November 1997- Eastlake Football Club
- ❖ Saturday, 29 November - Christmas Cocktail Party at Huntly

Contact number for A.C.T. Trust activities - (02) 6239 5222

### OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

- ❖ A Face in the Crowd - to 12 October. A collection of portraits of Australians since European settlement.
- ❖ Canberra's Early Years: photos from the Mildenhall Collection. Until 7 September. These photographs give a fascinating picture of Canberra's early development.
- ❖ Prime Ministers on Prime Ministers Lecture Series - commencing 3 September.
- ❖ Bringing the House Down II - opening 17 September.
- ❖ Painting the Land Story. Until 31 August. Traditional and contemporary Aboriginal art.
- ❖ 70th Anniversary Reunion - for former staff who helped build OPH or who subsequently worked there.

Contact OPH on 6270 8222 for details.

### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

- ❖ Dance People Dance. Until 21 October. Photos, manuscripts, costumes, ephemera reflecting Australia's social and cultural identity through dance.

### NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

- ❖ The drawings of Ian Fairweather. Until 24 August.
- ❖ Romanticism and Realism: European prints 1800-1870. Until 26 October.

### NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION

- ❖ Thursday 21 August, 8pm - "The Boboyan Pines Rehabilitation Project" - A progress report on work to date including roading and harvesting, water turbidity, sediment and erosion control and a summary of search results.

- ❖ Thursday 16 October, 8pm - "State of the Environment Reports as a Basis for Sustainable Management Planning" - Commissioner Joe Baker reports to the Legislative Assembly annually with an assessment of the quality of the environment and an evaluation of the adequacy of the policies and procedures governing the environment.

All meetings in Room 1, Griffin Centre, Civic

### AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

- ❖ Sunday 24 August, 2.30pm. Helen Withnell talks about the redevelopment of the Memorial Gallery.
- ❖ Sunday 31 August, 2.30pm. Garth Pratten talks about the 1945 Bougainville Campaign.
- ❖ Sunday 14 September, 10.30am. Meet at the Simpson statue for a free walking tour of the Anzac Pde memorials.
- ❖ Sunday 14, 21 & 28, Wednesday 17 & 24 September, 11am & 2pm. 'Rocket Tours' at the Treloar Technology Centre, Mitchell. \$15/\$10. See German terror weapons of WW2. Bookings essential - ph. 241 8949.
- ❖ Saturday 20 September, 2pm. Introduction to the work of Damien Parer, Oscar Award winning photographer, given by Bill Fogarty. Parer's work will be screened continuously all weekend.
- ❖ Saturday 27 September, 11am. 'Ivor Hele: the Heroic figure' talk by Tina Mattei. Hele was the longest serving Australian war artist during WW2 and Korea
- ❖ Sunday 28 September, 2.30pm. "How to fly Lancasters". Talk by Mick Whaler and Dave Ankers on one of the Memorial's most loved icons.

Contact the AWM on 6243 4211 for details.

### OTHER

- ❖ Cuppacumbalong Craft Centre, Naas Rd., Tharwa. Paintings by Leith Russell, 24 August - 12 Sept.
- ❖ Open day at 'Boxford' - 21 Scarborough Street, Red Hill, October 4-6, 10 am - 4 pm.
- ❖ Hotel Kurrajong - Make a date with history. Sunday luncheons with guest speakers commencing 17 August. Ph 6234 4444

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## STOP PRESS

### TRAVELLING TO QUEENSLAND?

Those travelling north may like to note that some of the information given in the National Trust of Queensland property brochure is incorrect. Please note that: -

- \*Bellevue Homestead, Coominya is now closed on Thursdays and Fridays
  - \*Wolston House, Wacol is now closed on Mondays and Tuesdays
  - \*Claremont, Ipswich is closed until further notice
  - \*Mayes Cottage, Kingston is no longer controlled by the National Trust
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