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HERITAGE FESTIVAL FAIR AT LANYON HOMESTEAD

Sunday, 27th April

The National Trust is calling for volunteers to help at the 1997 Heritage Festival Fair.

Offers of your time to serve on one of the Trust's stalls, would be greatly appreciated.

You may prefer to donate cakes, jumble, books, records etc. for sale on the day.

Any suggestions for other ways to make this an even more enjoyable and profitable day would be welcome. Simply phone the Trust office (2395222) to register your interest.

Due to space restraints, we would prefer that jumble, books etc. not be delivered to the office before Monday, April 7th.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr & Mrs J Alblas, Wanniasa
 Ms K Andersson, Killibakh, NSW
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 Miss J Morris, Farrer

Miss S Muldoon, Gowrie
 Mrs J Muldoon, Gowrie
 Mrs B Murray, Cook
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 Mr D & Mrs C Rossiter, Fadden
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HELP WANTED—YOUR TRUST NEEDS YOU!

ANTIQUE FAIR VOLUNTEERS - DOOR/RAFFLE/CATERING

Every Antique Fair a band of keen volunteers man the kitchen/catering area providing sustenance to visitors and raising money for the Trust. If you would like to assist with this please contact Mrs Phyllis Montgomerie on 281 4036 or the Trust Office on 239 5222. This is a good way for new members to get to know the Trust and its personnel. Assistance may also be given by doing duty on the door or at the raffle table, or by baking a cake or making sandwiches for sale to patrons. These are not difficult jobs and the more helpers we have, the easier it is for us all. Please contact Robyn at the Trust office on 239 5222 if you are able to help out in any way.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Would you like to become more involved in your National Trust? Do you think you have a flair for design or marketing? Have you a wealth of ideas for profit-making publications the Trust could produce? Then you may consider joining the Trust's Publications Committee.

The Committee meet once a month on Mondays to discuss items to be produced which will help educate the public in the work of the Trust and/or raise valuable revenue through sales. The Committee's most recent publications are the facsimile edition of the book "Canberra: general notes for the information of public servants" and a self-guided walk brochure of Ainslie/Braddon. These have both proven immensely popular and work on the fourth in the self-guided walk series is next on the Committee's agenda. Meetings are held at the Trust office.

LANYON GUARDIANS

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

HERITAGE FESTIVAL 1997

From 1 April-30 April 1997, a wide variety of Heritage Festival activities are being planned.

Is your group interested in promoting your activities planned for April? Would you like further information? Please contact the office of the National Trust, Heritage Festival Coordinator Helen Peade on telephone 239 5361 or fax 239 5333 for details.

The ACT Heritage Festival Committee would like your help. We would like to hear from representatives from community groups who would be interested in joining the Committee. Please contact Helen Peade on 239 5361 for further information.

Please note that Heritage Festival will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the Griffith Library on Wednesday 19 February, 5.30 pm.

GIFT SHOP DUTY

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

Both shops need more volunteers:

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

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



ACT Heritage Council

1997 ACT HERITAGE AWARDS AND ACT HERITAGE GARDEN AWARDS AND INCENTIVE SCHEME

The ACT Heritage Council is seeking nominations for the 1997 ACT Heritage Awards and ACT Heritage Garden Awards and Incentive Scheme.

The aims of the ACT Heritage Awards are to promote heritage in the ACT; encourage heritage activity and to acknowledge heritage achievement.

Nominations will be sought in various categories. The award categories include:

- volunteer work
- the conservation of an ACT heritage place by a community group
- the preparation of a conservation study or conservation and management plan for an ACT heritage place or object
- a media report on ACT heritage issues
- a publication on heritage in the ACT
- a report on a project funded under the Heritage Grants Program
- the conservation of an ACT heritage place or object; and
- a heritage activity that achieves the aims of the Awards

The aim of the ACT Heritage Gardens Award and Incentive Scheme is to recognise work that has been done by owners of private gardens who have made a major contribution to Canberra's Residential Garden Heritage and to continue the future maintenance of these gardens.

The ACT Heritage Garden Awards and Incentive Scheme categories include:

- Early Canberra 1920's & 30's
- Post WWII
- 1960's
- Bush Garden
- large domestic garden
- plant specimen garden
- Italianate productive; and
- native plants

Nominations are invited from individuals, business organisations and community groups and nominees should be residents of the ACT. Nomination forms are available from ACT Heritage, ACT Government shopfronts and libraries. For further information about the Awards, please call ACT Heritage on (06) 207 2618 or (06) 207 2417.

Closing date for ACT Heritage Award nominations is Friday 21 February 1997.

Closing date for ACT Heritage Garden Awards and Incentive Scheme is Friday 28 February 1997.

HUNTLY HOSPITALITY MARKS 20 YEARS

In December 1976, the ACT Trust's Memorandum and Articles of Association were signed, marking the separation of the ACT Trust from New South Wales. The twentieth anniversary of this event was recently celebrated with a catered luncheon at Huntly, Mr John Gale's beautiful property. Mr Gale has generously opened his property for Trust functions on many occasions, and although already a Life Member of the Trust, was made an Honorary Life Member at last year's Annual General Meeting.

After the meal Professor Ken Taylor spoke, acknowledging the contributions and achievements of past A.C.T. Trust Presidents.

A fine team of willing helpers made the day run smoothly - serving drinks, setting out the food and carrying plates and cutlery to the kitchen where Mr Gale's dishwasher worked overtime. The afternoon went far too quickly and many found it difficult to take themselves back to reality.

The setting was idyllic, the weather perfect, the luncheon delicious and wine and punch flowed. This was a superb afternoon enjoyed by all who had the privilege to be present. If you haven't yet been to Huntly, book early for the next function there.

Trusty E-Mail

The Trust can now be contacted by Email. Please feel free to talk to us if you have access to the technology. We'd love to hear from you on mhodgkin@pcug.org.au

JUNIOR NEWS

We hope you are not too disappointed that there is no "Junior Trust News" this issue. Lindy Nixon has been preparing those pages for many issues but is unable to continue with this job.

Many thanks, Lindy, for your efforts over the years.

Can anyone out there help out in any way towards preparing future "Junior Trust News"—perhaps supplying articles, quizzes or puzzles? Please contact Robyn on 239 5222 if you can.

Finally, congratulations to Alice Whitbread of Evatt who submitted two very ingenious entries into our competition last year to design a flying machine. Alice will receive a gift voucher for her efforts.

1996/97 LANDCARE GRANTS

Readers will be happy to know that some local landcare groups have had funding approved in the Commonwealth Government's 1996/97 National Landcare Program for specific projects involving the protection and regeneration of bushland areas.

Friends of Farrer Ridge have been allocated funds to produce a resource base map and re-vegetate the Ridge; the Macarthur Scout Group has been funded in their work of ground stabilization and vegetation planting; the Umbagog Landcare Group has been aided in its work of wetlands re-vegetation and wildlife habitat creation; and the Friends of the Aranda Bushland have had their Aranda Bushland Documentation Project approved for funding.

Congratulations to all groups!

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ACT Heritage Council

Are you interested in seeing more of your local heritage? Then come and join the ACT Heritage Council on a heritage walk.



The walks will be held on:

City Hill *Saturday*
15 February 1997, 2pm-2.45pm

Surveyor's Hut *Saturday*
15 February 1997, 3pm-3.45pm

**Woolshed Creek Fossil Site
and Narrabundah Ashstone**
Locality: Pialligo
Saturday 8 March 1997, 2pm

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

THE SIR HAROLD & LADY WHITE GARDEN

Recently the ACT Government advertised their intention to remove the Sir Harold & Lady White Garden from the Interim ACT Heritage Places Register. Classified by the Trust in 1990, the garden has deteriorated since then and although the Committee recognises the difficulties of applying control to important gardens in private hands, it has expressed serious concern about de-listing. Many consider that a dangerous precedent is being set and that in future, owners who want to make changes which are currently not possible to a heritage site, will simply let the site deteriorate until it is inevitably de-listed.

Support for a formal appeal has been mixed, but the Classification Committee, with Council approval, has taken the unprecedented step of lodging an appeal to the Land and Planning Appeals Board. It was shortly after lodging this appeal that the Board was disbanded and the matter was heard at the end of January by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The AAT's findings will be notified in our May edition.

LIBRARY NEWS

Australian Heritage Commission—1995/96 Annual Report.

Transcript of interview with Greg Murphy. Interviewed by Matthew Higgins, July 1996.

Charteris, T., Gabriel M. & Prasser S., 1996, *'National Parks: private sector's role'*, USQ Press, Queensland.

'The Early Canberra house: living in Canberra 1911-1933' 1996, ed. P. Freeman, Federal Capital Press of Australia, Fyshwick.

'Report by the Advisory Committee on new facilities for the National Museum of Australia and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies' 1996, The Committee, Canberra.

Senate Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee 1996, *'Natural heritage trust of Australia bill 1996'*, The Committee, Canberra.

Australian Heritage Commission 1996, *'HERA update'*, No.35, December.



Robyn Trezise

HOW FAR WE HAVE COME!

The Trust has recently put out this facsimile edition of the 1926 handbook which was published for public servants considering the move to the new Territory. This is a fascinating book full of interesting insights into the settlement that is barely recognisable as the city of Canberra today.

The book describes the available facilities for church services, schooling and sporting pursuits, details community groups, praises the rich soil of the area in which (they say) a wide variety of fine produce can be grown, and reassures the reader that the area is not overrun with snakes and other pests. Care is taken to assure readers about the climate as this was probably a cause of much trepidation to many moving from warmer coastal areas.

The book includes floor plans for the range of houses then on offer by the Federal Capital Commission and dozens of photographs - one of almost every building in Canberra at that time!

The introduction is by John Butters, Chairman of the Federal Capital Commission.

The Trust was able to put out this reproduction due to the kindness of Mrs Lorna Marriott who lent the Trust her original copy of the book. Mrs Marriott was one of those who made the move to Canberra in the 1920s when her father, Mr Charles Francis, moved the family here to take up a position as Controller of Stores.

This book retails for \$14.95 and is available from our gift shops.

INTERSTATE PROPERTIES

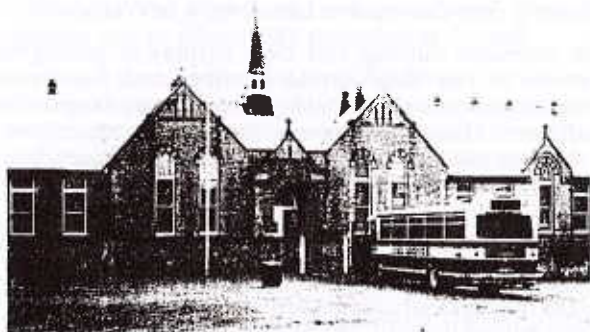
MOONTA MINES PUBLIC SCHOOL, MOONTA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Two hours from Adelaide on northern Yorke Peninsula lies Australia's 'copper triangle' - the area encompassing the three towns of Moonta, Kadina and Wallaroo. In the mid 19th century, this area generated more wealth than that from any other source in any of the Australian colonies. This mineral boom greatly helped the fledgling colony of South Australia's rapid expansion.

The Moonta Mines Public School building symbolises this 19th century mining boom and its associated wealth. This building was designed by contractors S. Rossiter and T. Davies who were mayors of Moonta and Wallaroo respectively. The school began its useful life in 1878 with over 650 pupils and finally closed as a school in 1968. The National Trust acquired the building soon after and it opened as a museum in 1970 housing displays of Cornish heritage and mining life.

Located next to the school, visitors can also tour the remains of the mine site and learn a little about the working life in the mines last century. Hourly afternoon train rides take visitors on a tour of the mine ruins and cemetery tours are available by request.

The museum is open on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1.30 - 4.00 and on school and public holidays. Located on Verran Terrace, enquiries may be made to the Old Sweet Shop on (08) 8825 3422. Several other Trust properties in the area may also be visited during what is a pleasant day trip from Adelaide. These include the Hughes Pump House, Miner's Cottage and Heritage Garden and the Local and Family Resource Centre in Moonta; Matta House near Kadina; and the Heritage and Nautical Museum in Wallaroo.



OVERSEAS NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

MOTTISFONT ABBEY GARDEN, HAMPSHIRE

Mottisfont Abbey dates from the 12th century when it was built as an Augustinian Priory. Its name derives from the spring which is found on the land. After the Dissolution the Abbey was sold to Lord Sandys, Lord Chamberlain to Henry VIII, who converted it into a private residence.

The grounds contain magnificent trees, walled gardens and are home to the national collection of old-fashioned roses. The site covers 809 hectares, much of this space devoted to agriculture, although there are some beautiful woodlands in which to enjoy a walk. The only parts of the Abbey open to the public are the drawing room which was decorated in *trompe l'oeil* by Rex Whistler, and the old priory cellarium.

Features of the site are a shop where rose plants struck from those grown on site can be purchased, and open air events during the summer months. Lunches and teas are available in the Abbey and children's menus are served. Rooms in the Abbey are made available for conferences, seminars and weddings etc.

The rose garden is easily accessible by wheelchair and a braille guide to the roses is available. Dogs are not permitted outside the car park. The Abbey is located 4.5 miles northwest of Romney. The nearest station is Dunbridge Station. For more information on coming events etc., contact (01372) 451596.

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RECENT CLASSIFICATIONS

Late last year the Trust classified two endangered species sites (at Red Hill and Stirling Park) and the State Circle Cutting and Capital Hill Unconformity.

The State Circle Cutting and Capital Hill Unconformity are judged to be of considerable scientific, educational and historical value. They both display angular unconformities which, at each locality, separate different successions of strata and which hold the key to an understanding of the early geological history of the Canberra district. The sites are also of geological interest in interpreting the geological history of adjacent areas in eastern Australia and also in other parts of the world (i.e. Quidong near Cooma and Llandovery in Wales).

The extensive outcrop and clear display of geological features at the State Circle Cutting, and the three-dimensional view presented by the smaller outcrop under Parliament House, make these sites ideal for educational instruction and learning for school and university students as well as for the general public.

The Stirling Park and Red Hill Endangered Plant Sites are significant for the plant *Rutidosis leptorrhynchoides*. This is a button wrinklewort, a slender or bushy perennial 25-35cms in height which produces orange/yellow flowers from October to April. The Stirling Park site supports the largest known colony of *Rutidosis leptorrhynchoides* in the ACT, and two smaller colonies are to be found on Red Hill.

The National Trust (ACT)

presents its

15TH ANNUAL ANTIQUÉ FAIR

Official Opening

Fri. 14 March - 5.30-7.00pm

Admission

\$12.50

Opening Hours

Fri. 14 March - 7.00-9.00pm

Sat. 15 March - 10.00-6.00pm

Sun. 16 March - 10.00-6.00pm

Mon. 17 March - 10.00-6.00pm

Admission

\$5 Adults \$3 Concessions

ALBERT HALL, YARRALUMLA

CELEBRATIONS AT COOMA COTTAGE

The month of March will be a busy one for Cooma Cottage as the town of Yass celebrates the 200th anniversary of Hamilton Hume's birth. Throughout March Cooma Cottage will host an exhibition of work from the Canberra Spinners and weavers Association. This exhibition promises to be very interesting with static displays and spinning demonstrations throughout the weekend of 22 and 23 March, during the Pride of Erin Festival.

The Pride of Erin Festival this year focuses on the achievements of Hamilton Hume as a great Australian pioneer and explorer. This year marks the bi-centenary of Hume's birth and the Yass Branch of the National Trust is taking this opportunity to raise the profile of Hume and Cooma Cottage. On Saturday 22 March there is to be a street parade down Comur Street ending with an exciting festival held in Riverbank Park, with stalls, music and entertainment for the whole family.

On Sunday, the festival activity moves to Cooma Cottage where visitors can watch and enjoy maypole dancing, music, historical re-enactments and demonstrations by members of the Spinners and Weavers Association. This weekend promises to be very enjoyable and even if you have been to Cooma Cottage before, this is a good chance to re-visit the home of our first Australian explorer and enjoy a day out with the family.

The Cooma Cottage Teahouse will be open on weekends and public holidays throughout March, April and May offering light teas and lunches. Bookings for groups of ten or more at the Teahouse are welcome any time.

If you would like details on the Hume Bicentennial Festival, please contact Jenny Cocks on 226 1470.

MUSEUMS ON LINE FORUM

The Heritage Collections Committee On Line Working Party of the Cultural Ministers Council is sponsoring the Museums On Line forum to be held in Canberra at the Australian War Memorial, Telstra Theatre on 4 March 1997. The forum will focus on the use and potential benefits of On Line and new technology media applications for the museum sector and its client groups.

Whether you're a small museum wanting to know more about the Internet, a museum already on line wanting to catch up with the latest information, or if you're in local government, tourism or education and want to know how these developments can assist you, the Museums On Line forum is for you.

For further information and a registration form, contact Michael Cole at the Department of Communications and the Arts by 'phone on (06) 279 1065, fax on (06) 279 1684 or by Email at mcole@dca.gov.au

NATIONAL MUSEUM SITE

In the 1970s the then Interim Council of the NMA considered ten sites. In 1982 Yarramundi was announced as best option. The Council cogently and convincingly set out the rationale for this in its 1982 report. This choice remains a sound one given the concept of the museum as one moving away from the traditional mausoleum style building. Yarramundi offers the space and right environment in which to develop a museum and AIATSIS facility which will be interactive.

Yarramundi will allow development that is environmentally sensitive and in which the correct cultural and landscape context can be formulated. It suits Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australian needs as convincingly predicated by the Interim Council. No arguments since then to change the site have been convincing.

The facilities require ample space. Neither Acton nor Kingston are adequate. To place the facilities here would be to squeeze and constrict them. Yarramundi spatially and conceptually will allow interaction between indoor and outdoor displays. Additionally King's Park is part of a public domain and essential setting to Lake Burley Griffin which should not be alienated by a development of this nature. It is also hemmed in in such a way that parking would be an issue, unless large parts of the park were lost to parking. The sound of the nearby Carillon wafting across the site would hardly be conducive to the indoor-outdoor concept of the museum which is still highly appropriate.

The Parliamentary foreshore zone is wholly unacceptable. It has developed its own heritage values as an open space of immense dignity and meaning, flanked by symbolic public institutional buildings (with one glaring exception). Additionally, it simply is too small for the modern concept of a museum. It is not the sort of facility that matches the

style of building in the area. Do we really want the landscape vista interrupted by buildings? The answer is unequivocally NO.

There appears to be a view, and therefore objections to the site, that Yarramundi is off the tourist track and isolated. Given the road system, this can only be regarded as preposterous and an extraordinary viewpoint not supported by fact. It is only 5kms from Parliament House, adjacent to the access to Black Mountain Tower and the botanic gardens, adjacent to the National Aquarium, Scrivener Dam and the Lookout over Government House, adjacent to excellent road access and the tourist route to Tidbinbilla, the Cotter and other outlying sites. Car parking can be adequately provided at the site.

It is noted that the Site Selection Advisory Committee is not considering the concept of the museum. Nevertheless the concept and the right site are inseparable. The Piggott Committee's innovative view of the Museum and its interaction between Aboriginal Australia, non-Aboriginal cultural and social history, and environmental concerns remains entirely sound. The Trust supports this original vision and the choice of Yarramundi which resulted from an exhaustive search and participation of interested parties. Yarramundi and the museum concept remain symbiotically joined.

We understand that with the exception of sewerage facilities, all essential services are available. The style of buildings proposed for the Yarramundi site would offset some of the sewerage costs. But is a question of sewers seriously to be seen as significant in such a decision as where to site such an important national facility?

Professor Ken Taylor

President



NATIONAL TRUST

70th ANNIVERSARY OF OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION:
A CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



A nostalgic, colourful evening is to be held at Old Parliament House in Canberra on Friday 9 May to mark the 70th Anniversary of the provisional Parliament House.

The celebrations, being organised by the National Trust of Australia [ACT] and Old Parliament House management, will include a reception, dinner and ball. The Governor-General and former Prime Ministers will be present and Prime Minister John Howard will be the principal speaker at dinner.

The evening is being arranged to capture the theme of 1927 and to span the years in celebrating this significant milestone in the history of Old Parliament House.

Those wishing to attend should, by the close of business on 28 February, intimate their interest to Robyn Trezise at the National Trust on 239 5222. Unfortunately numbers will be very limited. Expressions of interest will be taken into account in preparing the invitation lists.

Tickets will cost \$100 per guest.

COWRA CREEK AND OTHER GHOST TOWNS

About twenty to thirty minutes off the Monaro Highway east of Bredbo are the remains of two townships, at least one of which, in its hey day, was probably bigger in population than Bredbo. The earliest town was known as Cowra Creek. Together with nearby Fiery Creek and Macanally, it was an active gold mining community between the years 1888 to 1910. Exact population numbers are uncertain but, going by the school enrolments, Cowra Creek would have had, for most of this period, somewhere between 100 and 200 persons.

Cowra Creek was isolated and bereft of many of the conveniences that were taken as given elsewhere in rural Australia. The government presence was barely visible bar for the school, which did not open until 1895 and a postal service. There was, however, a bakery, butchery, store, hotel and a recreation ground which was used for picnics and cricket, the slowly deteriorating concrete pitch being now the only witness to these events. The cricket matches were often followed by a good fight or two, the participants afterwards repairing to the hotel.

Social events such as picnics and balls were held frequently and attracted visitors from surrounding villages and farms. A hall was erected for use as a church, however the clergy rarely visited and it was used more for social functions. There was for a time a Cowra Creek Dramatic Club and a minstrel troupe to assist in these matters, and when there was a concert, Mrs Murray's small piano, her most precious possession, was borrowed and carried over Cowra Creek to the hall by four men. The Murray family were one of the mainstays of the field, John Murray leaving a successful retail business in Sydney to commence mining at Michelago before moving to Cowra Creek. When the family eventually left Cowra Creek they moved to Glebe Farm in Canberra.

The physical environment was harsh. Periods of prolonged dry were frequent, with often little fodder available for the cartage teams and little water for the townsfolk or batteries. Winters were very cold and with heavy rain the tracks were impassable, the community often being isolated because of flooded streams and creeks. At such times illness was common, particularly among the children.

By 1910 the goldfield and township were abandoned, beaten not so much by the lack of ore but rather by technology and a lack of capital. The refractory nature of ore meant that it had to be trucked as far as Newcastle for processing, an expensive process that could not be justified unless yields were very high. The later years could not have been particularly happy ones, with many old time residents packing up and leaving. When the store and pub were under the same roof, the storekeeper would lie on the bench in front of the bar waiting for the "rare customer".

Fortunately, there is much that remains as evidence of this period. The site of the township remains intact and the hotel and bakery can be readily identified. A battery site is located nearby on Cowra Creek itself. The remains of the school building are located on Back Creek. Further up Back Creek is a battery site with a boiler still in situ. In an adjacent gully are the remains of mines and battery sites dating from this period. Both the Macanally and Fiery Creek mine and battery sites are still substantially intact. On the former a boiler is still in place and on the latter the remains of a large stone built dam. The remains of bush huts are still evident, at least two of these having substantial stone chimney remains.

In 1933 the Cowra Creek field was reported to be again the scene of mining activity after "abandonment for about forty years". BHP eventually purchased the various leases in 1938, relocating the site of the town on a ridge several kilometres from its predecessor, and renaming it "Cowarra". The sale of leases to BHP was an occasion for very considerable rejoicing on the part of the leaseholders, one of whom stated that they were now part of a very select band of men that had made money from gold mining, and in this case with not very much effort.

The similarity between community life during this period and that of a generation or more before was striking, with the obvious difference, however, that there was more money around and the advent of the motor vehicle eased some of the transport difficulties. There was a Cowra Creek Progress Association and euchre parties and socials were regular weekly events. By 1938 there was a butcher's shop and boarding house, but it was not until October 1939 that a general store was opened. In that month there

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

TASMANIAN HERITAGE TOUR - Monday 24 February to Tuesday 4 March 1997 - Bookings are now closed.

CRADLE MTN / LAKE ST CLAIR WALK - Tuesday 4 to Wednesday 12 March 1997 - All places have been filled.

JERVIS BAY JAUNT - Night of Friday 21 to Sunday 23 March 1997

This weekend - between Canberra Day and Easter - has been chosen for our coastal walking weekend because the water remains at its warmest for swimming and because it will be much less crowded. The activity is self drive and the ticket price includes a two night room only accommodation package at the very new Dolphin Shores Motor Inn, Vincentia, easy walks on the Saturday (including several hours with Aboriginal guide Barry Moore) and a longer 13km track walk on Sunday morning to Steamers Beach and Cape St George. Less energetic souls may wish to undertake only the easier parts of this delightful walk. There will be time for swimming on both days. The ticket price also includes pre-dinner drinks and a Thai banquet on Saturday night. The Motor Inn can supply continental breakfasts but the larger units contain kitchenettes. There are also BBQ facilities. Vincentia can be reached in about 3.5 hrs from Canberra via Nowra. If you choose, you could check in from midday. Even a late afternoon start should get you to Vincentia by 8.00pm. Because we could not find any large establishment willing to take a group booking for Saturday night only, we can only suggest that you arrange your own accommodation if you want to save money and/or drive down very early Saturday. On Sunday, you have three choices of route home. All should get you to Canberra by 6.30pm.

BOOKINGS CLOSE & FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 14 MARCH. LIMIT APPROX 40.

NAMADGI HUTS - Saturday 5 or Sunday 6 April 1997

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

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

YAOUK ATTACK - Sunday 13 April 1997

Confused? Yaouk (pronounced like kayak - hence yi-akatak) is a scenic upland valley in NSW bordering the south-west corner of the ACT. Although the tour focuses on gardens, great mountains like Sentry Box Hill, Mt Gudgenby, Mt Scabby and Yaouk Bill add grandeur to the scene and you'll even see the gap where the Cotter River begins. The Yaouk gardens, which are being opened under the ABC Open Garden Scheme, comprise "Nalyappa", "The Outpost" & "Fontenoy". The latter two overlook the infant Murrumbidgee. In addition we will be visiting the garden of historic "Bolaro" near Adaminaby. Because we intend to take the scenic Boboyan Road (summit 1415m) south through Namadgi Nat'l Park and because two of the property roads have steep pinches & tight curves, we will travel in two small coaches, returning through Cooma. Price includes garden entry charges (\$14), transport (4 pick-up points - from 8.15am with return by 6.15pm), morning and afternoon teas and a light luncheon with a glass of wine.

BOOKINGS CLOSE & FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 8 APRIL 1997. LIMIT 35.

EDNA'S CADENZA - Saturday 26 April 1997

Our 2nd autumn garden tour focuses on two great gardens designed by Edna Walling - "Markdale" & "Kiloren". Both are mature gardens, lovingly cared for, with lots of autumn colour. They are located in the Crookwell district & together with the delightful town garden "Loghren", are being opened under the ABC Open Garden Scheme. Travel will be by toilet-equipped coach, the forward journey through Gunning and the return via Goulburn & Tarago. Price includes entry charges (\$13), 350km of coach travel (3 pick-up points - from 8.15am with return by 6.15pm), morning and afternoon teas & luncheon with wine at "Markdale".

BOOKINGS CLOSE & FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 18 APRIL 1997. LIMIT 47.

ALPINE WALKING TRACK - THE GRAND FINALE - Sunday 18 May 1997

The Alpine Walking Track extends from Walhalla in Victoria to the Visitor Centre at the entrance to Namadgi National Park, just south of Tharwa. We will cover the last 12.5km from Booroomba Rocks. A car shuttle will be involved. Parts of the track are rougher than others but, although the walk is mainly downhill, there is a significant climb of 260m on the western side of Mount Tennent. The walk should therefore be within the grasp of those who are reasonably fit and agile. The ticket price includes the usual celebration at the end. The walk will be deferred to Sunday 15 June if wet.

BOOKINGS CLOSE & FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 13 MAY 1997. NO LIMIT.

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

24 deposits have now been received for this great adventure. Departing Canberra by air on the morning of Weds 21 May, there may still be a few places available on both the 9-day camping safari & the 8-day fully accommodated tour. There may also be a few places on the optional return cruise but you will need to be QUICK! Further details can be obtained from Garth Setchell (ph 06-2901100) BEFORE he departs for Tasmania on 24 February.

FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 12 MARCH 1997.

DATES TO REMEMBER AND PROSPECTIVE FUTURE EXTRAVAGANZAS

LAKE MUNGO AND BEYOND - Friday 8 August to Thursday 14 August 1997

Many people have asked when the Trust would repeat its 1994 tour, which was undertaken on charter with Ken Short of Adventure Wildlife and Park Treks. This is not an exclusive Trust tour, but is part of Ken's own program. The tour is fully accommodated including all meals, teas, entry charges, etc. It includes Cocopara, Mungo, Kinchega and Mootwingee National Parks &, of course, Broken Hill. Participants would travel by Countrylink coach on Friday to join the Sydney contingent at West Wyalong. This cost & your return by air from Broken Hill to Canberra (via Sydney) on Thurs. evening are covered in our price of \$1250pp twin share and \$1400 single. A small saving might be possible for seniors. Details can be obtained from Garth Setchell (ph 06-2901100). EARLY APPLICATION IS ESSENTIAL. Travel insurance advisable because commercial conditions apply.

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

This is another of Ken Short's programs being offered on commission, but at no extra cost, to ACT Trust members. The price of \$6450 ex Melbourne (\$700 sgl supp) includes return economy air travel with Alitalia, 23 nts twin share en suite accom, 16 dinners, 23 breakfasts, guided visits to Rome, Florence and Venice, 10 days of guided walking in Tuscany and the Dolomites (with easier or harder choices in the latter), all internal transport, Australian escorts and local English speaking tour/walk guides. Details can be obtained from Garth Setchell (ph 06-2901100). EARLY APPLICATION & TRAVEL INSURANCE IS ESSENTIAL.

VIETNAM - Early October 1997

Refundable expressions of interest are invited for an exclusive 16-day Trust tour of Vietnam, from Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) in the south to Hanoi in the north. The tour has been organised by licensed travel agent Ross Goddard, and will be led by him, accompanied by Garth Setchell. Ross is leading another group this March, so the Trust's own tour should be trouble-free. The tour includes places made memorable by the Vietnam War, a comprehensive range of cultural and scenic treats, the Mekong delta, coastal respites at Nha Trang and Halong Bay (with its 3000 limestone islands), hill stations such as Dalat, the Marble Mountains, historic Danang and Hue, and an overnight journey on the Reunification Express from Hue to Hanoi. The general timing coincides with the end of the Monsoon and the indicated price of \$3200pp twin share or \$3800pp single includes return economy air travel, quality accommodation, many meals, air, coach, train and boat travel plus most sightseeing costs in Vietnam. Places will be reserved in the order deposits are received. A draft itinerary will be posted to those who express interest.

SOUTH AMERICA - Probably in July/August 1998

Following the success of our Alaska and Western Canada tour, Ross and Garth have commenced research to find a suitable package for a South American tour in 1998. Given that Brazil alone is larger than Australia and that South America extends from the frigid south to well north of the Equator, with several major tourist attractions at an elevation in excess of 10,000 feet, it follows that no affordable tour can cover everything. Preliminary research suggests that a duration of 4 weeks and a cost of \$A9000 to \$A10000 pp twin share may be achievable, with an extra \$A2000 pp twin share for an optional 4-day fly/cruise visit to the Galapagos Islands. A single supplement of \$A1200 for each of the main and optional tours is indicated. The main tour would focus on 3 or 4 countries - Argentina, Peru, Ecuador and possibly Chile. Highlights would probably include Buenos Aires, Lima, Quito, Cuzco, Machu Picchu and the Iguazu Falls. Our trans-Pacific flights would probably be with Aerolineas Argentinas. Refundable expressions of interest are invited to determine the interest level. Places will be reserved in order of deposit.

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

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

EARLY APPLICATION IS APPRECIATED AS IT ASSISTS US WITH ARRANGEMENTS. Places can only be reserved in order of payment. Where indicated, deposits are acceptable, provided full payment is received by the "Bookings Close" date. The junior (junr) rate, where offered, applies to all children and full-time students, including non-members. A surcharge applies to adult non-members (nonm) to encourage membership. Commercial conditions apply to cancellations on tours where travel insurance is recommended. Because of the costs involved, a minimum fee of \$2 (at cost after the "Bookings Close" date) will be retained on all other cancellations. Queries may be addressed to the Trust Office (ph 239 5222 during office hours) or to Garth Setchell (ph 06-290 1100).

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

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (eg vegetarian/gd fl accom) _____

JERVIS BAY JAUNT - Night of Friday 21 to Sunday 23 March 1997

Sole occupancy + inclusions	_____ pers	@ \$240pp	= \$ _____
Dbl/twin occupancy + inclusions	_____ pers	@ \$150pp	= \$ _____
3-4 persons per room/suite = inclusions	_____ pers	@ \$135pp	= \$ _____
5-6 persons per suite = inclusions	_____ pers	@ \$125pp	= \$ _____
Requiring continental b/fast on Sat & Sun	add _____ pers	@ \$ 10pp	= \$ _____
All inclusions but arranging own accommodation	_____ pers	@ \$ 60pp	= \$ _____
Adult non-member surcharge	add _____ nonm	@ \$ 2pp	= \$ _____
Discount for juniors	deduct _____ junr	@ \$ 15pp	= \$ _____

Names of others covered by this application: _____

Transport offered/requested _____ persons TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

NAMADGI HUTS - Saturday 5 or Sunday 6 April 1997

Adults + guidance/celebratory party	_____ pers	@ \$ 60pp	= \$ _____
Adult non-member surcharge	add _____ nonm	@ \$ 1pp	= \$ _____
Juniors + guidance/celebratory party	_____ junr	@ \$ 9pp	= \$ _____

Names of others covered by this application: _____

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

Please circle whether booking for Sat or Sun walk

YAOUK ATTACK - Sunday 13 April 1997

Adults + garden entries/other inclusions	_____ pers	@ \$ 60pp	= \$ _____
Adult non-member surcharge	add _____ nonm	@ \$ 1pp	= \$ _____
Juniors + garden entries/other inclusions	_____ junr	@ \$ 55pp	= \$ _____

Names of others covered by this application: _____

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Please tick preferred pick-up point: Jamison _____ Manuka _____ Woden _____ Tuggng _____

EDNA'S CADENZA - Saturday 26 April 1997

Adults + garden entries/other inclusions
Adult non-member surcharge
Juniors + garden entries/other inclusions
Names of others covered by this application:

_____adlt @ \$ 65pp = \$ _____
add _____nonm @ \$ 1pp = \$ _____
_____junr @ \$ 60pp = \$ _____

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= \$ _____

Please tick preferred pick-up point: Woden _____ Deakin _____ Braddon _____

ALPINE WALKING TRACK FINALE - Sunday 18 May 1997

Adults + guidance /celebratory party
Adult non-member surcharge
Juniors + guidance/celebratory party
Names of others covered by this application:

_____adlt @ \$ 13pp = \$ _____
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Transport offered/requested _____pers

CAPE YORK SAFARI - Wednesday 21 May 1997 to various return dates\

Please contact Garth Setchell (ph 06-290 1100) before 24 February if interested.

LAKE MUNGO AND BEYOND - Friday 8 August to Thursday 14 August 1997

Deposit (subject to commercial conditions)
Travel insurance - basic
" " - full
Names of others covered by this application:

_____pers @ \$150pp = \$ _____
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_____pers @ \$ 37pp = \$ _____

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= \$ _____

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

Deposit (subject to commercial conditions)
Travel insurance - single
" " - family
Names of others covered by this application:

_____pers @ \$500pp = \$ _____
_____pers @ \$196pp = \$ _____
_____pers @ \$186pp = \$ _____

_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

= \$ _____

VIETNAM - Early October 1997

Refundable expression of interest
Names of others covered by this application:

_____pers @ \$ 25pp = \$ _____

_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

= \$ _____

SOUTH AMERICA - Probably in July / August 1998

Refundable expression of interest
Names of others covered by this application:

_____pers @ \$ 25pp = \$ _____

_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

= \$ _____

was a good attendance at the dance and social, a feature of which was a Mr Irons playing the piano while standing on his head!

By early 1940 there was still, however, no post office or school, the local correspondent stating that it seemed "... almost unbelievable that a village with a population of over 200 [was] still without postal facilities. What will happen when we ask for a school?" The post office was eventually opened in February 1940, but the school was not opened until March 1941. A bush nurse arrived in November 1940. There was still, however, no telephone connection and the poor state of the two access tracks to the Cooma road impeded traffic, the main track being closed when the Bredbo River was up following heavy rains.

The mine was in active production from 1940 to 1942, producing a very creditable 14,676 oz. during this period. The mine closed down in 1942 due to the shortage of fresh water in the mine dam and a general shortage of labour, a consequence of the World War. A skeleton staff, engaged in maintenance, was employed for the remainder of the War years.

According to Ted Hayden, who was a fitter at the power house and the last of the BHP caretakers, there was no hotel and liquor was not sold on site, the men travelling to Bredbo for their beverages. Judging by the numbers of bottles left on site this was done reasonably frequently.

The change rooms at the Ridge were never used for their original purpose, but as an amenities and gambling room, two up being a favourite pastime, even though such pursuits were illegal.

Physically, Cowarra town is still substantially intact. The foundations of many buildings can be clearly seen. Many of the houses were built on stone packed embankments on the side of the ridge, and the house sites are clearly visible. The street layout can also be followed, and the concrete floor for the change rooms is still in place.

From a heritage viewpoint, the Cowra Creek settlements have few equals in this region. There has been some damage over the years from prospecting companies and the more recent post BHP mining operations which have also left a pollution legacy in the main mine area. However, the isolation of Cowra Creek and the scattered nature of many of the satellite settlements, for example those at Fiery Creek and Macanally, has helped keep their integrity intact.

Barry McGowan

For further details about mining around Canberra, refer to Barry McGowan's self-published book 'Lost mines revisited' which came out in December 1996.



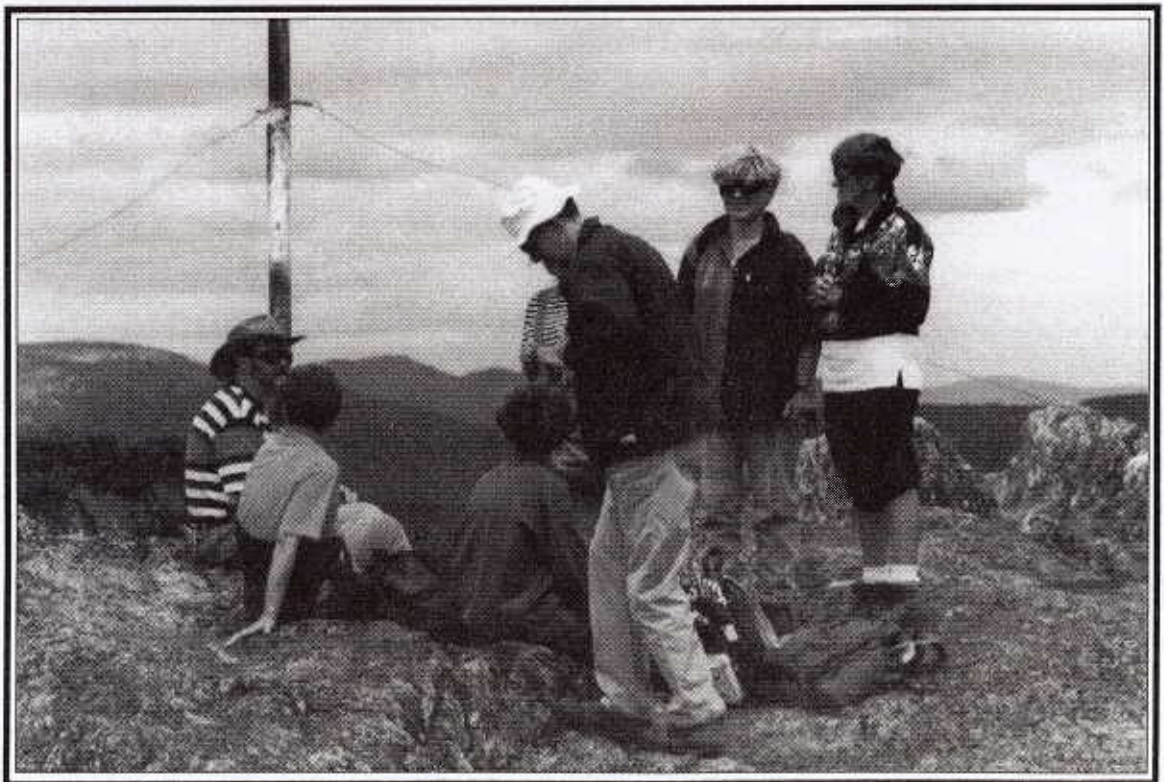
Ted Hayden (left) and Alf Knitter, caretakers in the 1940s & 1990s respectively, on the site of the old power house.

RECENT WALKS AND TOURS



Waratahs at "Jacaranda Hill"

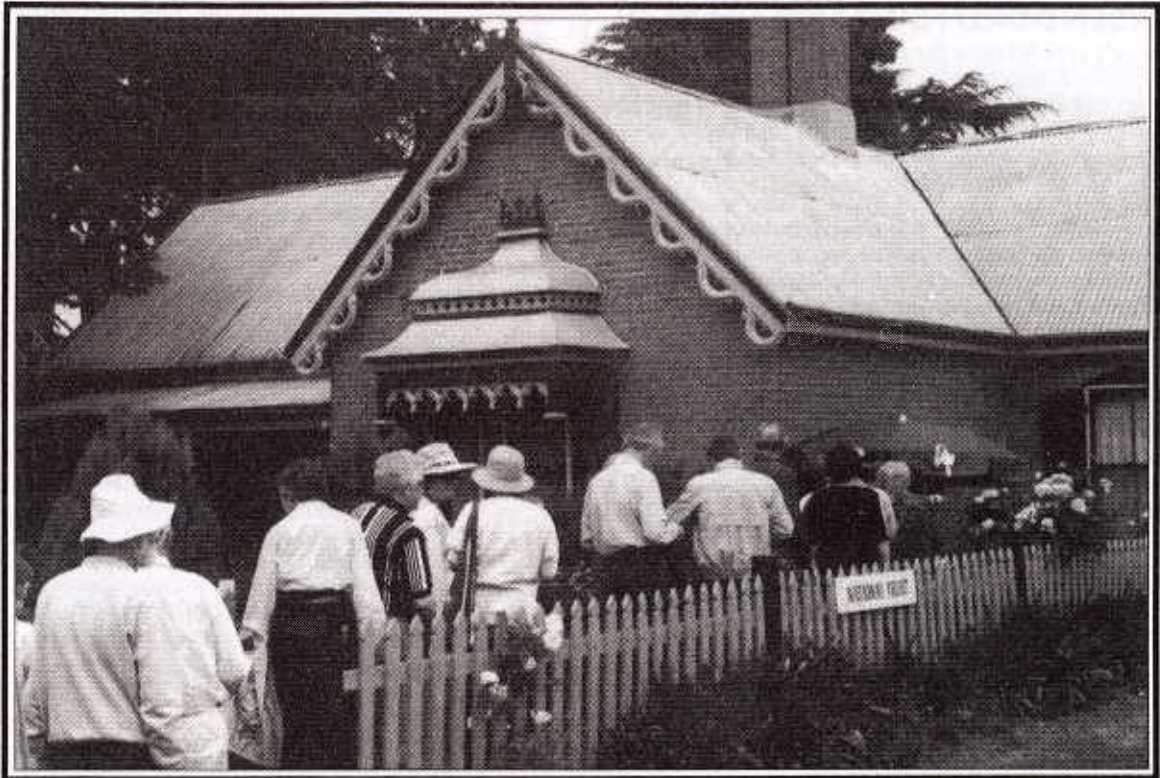
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GLIMPSES OF EARLY CANBERRA

KLESENDORLFFE'S LAND (PART 2)

Last issue's article began the story of Klensendorlffe's land: how William Klensendorlffe came to the region; his time at the farm; and the story of the Mowle family who took over the land and remained at the farm until 1852. We continue the story of this parcel of land with the tenants who inhabited the land from the mid 1800s.

On the western side of Kaye's Farm was the tenant farm known as Briar. It had a succession of tenants, the earliest of whom were probably James Devaney followed by the two Naughton brothers¹. By the mid to late 1870s the Kinleyside connection with the farm had begun. This connection continued until 1913.

The Kinleysides travelled to Sydney from Scotland on board the *Hero*, arriving in 1839. They settled in Ashfield where they established a successful blacksmithing business. In 1858 they moved to the Canberra district. It is probable that a widowed daughter, Alison Willis, and her five-year-old daughter came with them. She was the first Kinleyside to live at Briar Farm and was in residence by mid February 1879 when her sister, Mary, married George Shakespeare Johns at Briar Farm.

Whether Alison moved into Briar Farm as Mrs Thomas Bryant (married 1869) or Mrs James William Cook (married 1877 following the death of Bryant in May, 1876) is not known. Both husbands were partners in bricklaying and in Briar Farm¹. The last members of the Kinleyside family to work the farm were Alison's daughter, Elizabeth, and son-in-law Thomas Kinleyside. Thomas was Elizabeth's cousin and the

couple married at St John the Baptist Church on 26 April, 1882.

When Elizabeth and Thomas took over the lease from Alison and James Cook is not known. All Elizabeth and Thomas' children were born at Briar Farm which suggests that they were there by 1883, or that Grannie Cook may have been a mid wife. Thomas and Elizabeth Kinleyside left the farm towards the end of 1913. A few months earlier in April, Alison died at Briar Farm and in July, Esma Doreen, Alison's great-granddaughter, was born in the old farm house.

In his unpublished history of the Kinleyside family, Peter Kimber has written about the homes of Elizabeth and Thomas Kinleyside:

The family lived for a time at Glebe Farm (Glebe Park, City), a long narrow section of land that extended from the top end of Coranderrk Street, Reid, down to a frontage to the Molonglo River and was granted to the Rector of St John's by various members of the Campbell family who owned the land . . . In his notebook for 1894 Thomas' address was given as Triangle Poultry Farm, Canberra and this may have been on the Yass Queanbeyan Road near where the ABC studios now stands, or at Briar Farm near Lotus Bay, Yarralumla, but some family members lived on the southern side of the Molonglo River in front of where the National Library is today . . .

During their years at Briar Farm, Thomas and Elizabeth bred horses and kept poultry and bees. Thomas

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repaired farm machinery for others and Elizabeth was responsible for hen setting and worked as a seamstress. Thomas died on 14 October, 1915 at Oaks Estate. He was only fifty-nine years of age. His obituary appeared in the 2 November, 1915 issue of *The Navy*. In part it reads:

The deceased was an ardent reformer and agitator and was always found fighting for justice for his fellow men. His contributions to the press during many years were a valuable help to the labour movement and his topical verses written under the name of "Jingler" were greatly appreciated by a large circle of readers. His contributions to *The Navy* since its inception were greatly appreciated, no matter what side of the question he took up, as it was recognised by his friends and opponents that he sought the truth and thus helped to solve the great problems facing the labour movement. Comrade Kinleyside was for some years District Secretary at the Federal area and during his terms of office he carried out his duties in a conscientious manner; and he also represented his branch at several conferences of the Association . . .

Following the departure of the Kinleyside family the size of Briar Farm was gradually reduced until, by 1927 when taken over by Charles Foster Day, it consisted of only four acres. The depletion began in 1913 when Charles Kaye leased twenty acres of Briar farm. In 1921 he increased his holdings by a further fifty acres¹. The last cull occurred from 1922 when the settlements of Westlake were erected.

Briar Farm, once part of Klensendorffs land has now shrunk to the small area of bushland we now know as Stirling Park. What is its future? In recent years the NCPA put forward a proposal that it be used for medium density housing and a site near the Sewer Vent has been designated for the new Prime Minister's Lodge.

This land is in the middle of Canberra and easily accessible to those who do not own motor vehicles. It has no neatly cut lawns or flowers grown in symmetrical rows. If William Klensendorff, Stewart Mowle or Thomas Kinleyside wandered this land today each would recognize, amongst the new growth, a few old trees and well defined landforms.

Today's visitor can wander amongst the grasses, fallen leaves, mossy rocks and wildflowers where they can observe, smell and listen to the rich treasures of the park, including the rare daisy button (winklewort), wild bees, black cockatoos, kookaburras, a kangaroo family, spiny anteaters, large lizards, wonderful multi-coloured spiders and a few snakes.

Ann Gugler

¹ Bert Sheedy, Unpublished notes prepared for a C & DHS tour of historic sites.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS, REMEDIES & RECIPES

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

A horse with one white foot, keep it not a day,
A horse with two white feet, sell it far away,
A horse with three white feet, sell it to a friend,
A horse with four white feet, keep it to the end.

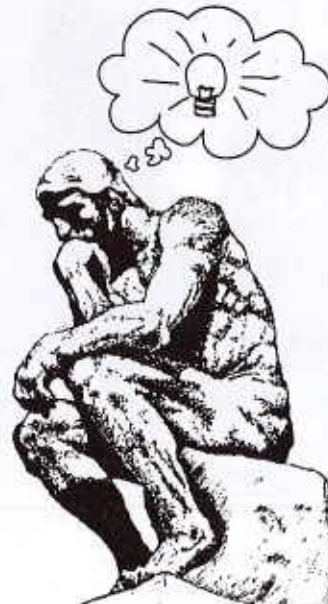
If the ash is in leaf before the oak, then we get a thorough soak,
If the oak is in leaf before the ash, then we only get a splash.

Red haired people can never make good butter.

A baby's nails must be bitten for the first year and not cut or the child will grow up to be a thief.

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TREES IN THE A.C.T.

Extract from the Register of Significant Trees

Species: *Pinus halepensis*
Common Name: Aleppo Pine, Lone Pine
Age: ca 63 years
Measurements: Height 20m, crown diam. 17m, stem diam. 0.5m
Condition: Healthy
Location: Australian War Memorial grounds—western side near Limestone Avenue
Features: This tree was raised from seed collected by a young soldier at Lone Pine Ridge, Gallipoli on 6 August, 1915 and sent to his mother in Victoria. It was planted by the Duke of Gloucester on 24 October 1934 in memory of the mother's second son who was killed at Gallipoli. Progeny from this tree have been planted near the parent.

Species

Characteristics:

A hardy evergreen conifer native to the Mediterranean region where it occurs on limestone soils. Its specific name comes from Halep, the old name for the city of Aleppo in Syria. Aleppo Pine was commonly planted around early European homesteads and there are examples on Acton Peninsula, at Lanyon and Duntroon.

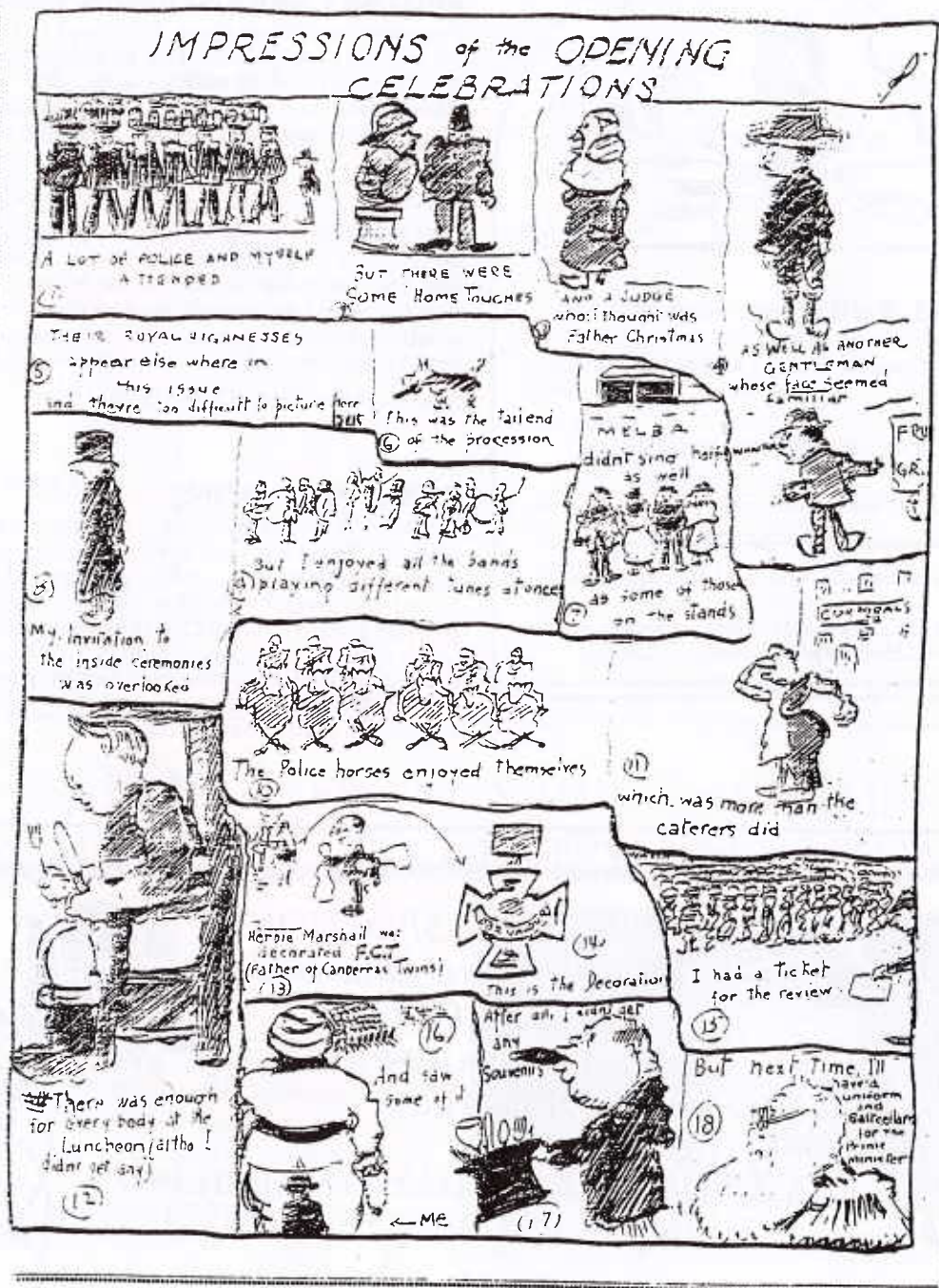
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Pinus halepensis - Lone Pine
Australian War Memorial

EX ARCHIVA



A lighthearted look at the 1927 opening of Old Parliament House.
This cartoon appeared in the June 1927 issue of *The Community News*.



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The government has plans to expand military activity around the Beecroft Peninsula (listed on the Register of the National Estate and a sacred site of the local Aboriginals) at Jervis Bay. Increased military activity may well endanger plant and animal life on both land and water. Presently there is military testing on the site for four months of every year and not only Australian, but the US and New Zealand military are involved. The new proposal is to launch rocket-boasted vertical take-off planes towing targets to be fired on from ships out at sea. The hot rocket casings pose a fire risk to native vegetation and debris will land on the ocean floor. The resultant disturbance and pollution could pose a serious threat to the unique habitat that is the Beecroft Peninsula.

Jane Mayer in 'Habitat', December 1996, p.10

A JOB WELL DONE

Mr Dennis Brown, Chairman of the Berrima Branch of the National Trust, has been awarded a commendation for his tireless efforts in refurbishing Harper's Mansion. The award was given by the Hon. Barry O'Keefe during the Berrima Branch's recent Christmas party. Besides doing much of the physical labour himself, Mr Brown has been instrumental in gathering community support for the project, especially encouraging many young people in the district to become involved.



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WHAT'S ON, IN AND AROUND CANBERRA

NATIONAL TRUST (ACT)

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

- "Recovering our lost heritage: the audio-visual record" talk by Dr Jeff Brownrigg, Thursday 27 February, 7.30pm, Griffith Library. \$5
- 15th Annual Antique Fair, 14-17 March. Albert Hall, Yarralumla

NATIONAL TRUST (NSW)

COOMA COTTAGE, YASS

- Portraits of the Aborigines of NSW by William Fernyhough—on permanent display.
- Contact Cooma Cottage on (06) 226 1470 for details.
- Pride of Erin Festival events mentioned elsewhere in "Trust News"

The NSW Trust run tours to all parts of Australia and overseas. Those coming up include:-

- National Trust Way to Roman, Regency and Rural England. May 1997.
See England in the Spring visiting Bath, Chichester, Chester, York, Hadrian's Wall, some Trust gardens and other joys. Enquiries to Bryson Young, The Travel Experience (02) 9362 3689
- National Trust Way to Tibooburra, Inaminca and Cooper's Creek. July 1997.
Trip planned for approx. 14 days to far west NSW & Lake Eyre, Flinders Ranges and back through Broken Hill by air-conditioned coach. Motel accommodation. Enquiries Rosemary Wright (043) 82 3195
- National Trust Way to the Game Parks of East Africa. August/Sept. 1997.
Visit the best game parks of Kenya, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Enquiries to Jocelyn Black (02) 9389 2359.
- National Trust Way to the delights of Eastern Europe. Sept/Oct. 1997.

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

Visit Vienna, Budapest, Prague, Warsaw and Berlin and cruise on the Danube. Enquiries to Jill Hedge, Tours Committee on (02) 9567 8704.

OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

- About the House: the story of Old Parliament House. 9.00-4.00 daily. National Museum exhibition.
- Bringing the House Down, 12 mths of Australian political humour. 9.00-4.00 daily. Another NMA exhibition.
- Scene Stealers: Australian Theatre 1870-1955. October 1996-March 1997. A collection of theatre memorabilia presented by the Australian Archives.
- Dreaming Country. October 1996-March 1997. Examples of how indigenous peoples are linked to their land. Presented by the National Museum.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Sunday 16 February, 2.30 pm 'Saga of the Sunderland' talk by Rob Vickery

CANBERRA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Talks held in Rm.1, Griffin Centre, 8pm. Phone 248 8401 for details.

- Tuesday, 11 March. Talk by Dr E Killen—'Planning of Canberra, NCDC and the Private Sector'
- Tuesday 8 April. Talk by Dr Coulthard-Clark—'Granville Ryrie of Michelago in federal politics'
- Tuesday 13 May. Talk by Dr Peter Read—'The Meaning of Lost Places'

WHAT'S ON - TRUST ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS IN THE TRUST BOARDROOM

Council Meeting at 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 20 February
Thursday 20 March
Thursday 17 April

Publications Committee at 12.30 p.m.
Monday 17 March
Monday 21 April

Education & Cultural Committee at 5.30 p.m.
Wednesday 26 February
Wednesday 26 March

Classification Committee at 12.15 p.m.
Tuesday 11 March
Tuesday 8 April

Lanyon Committee at 12.15 p.m.
Tuesday 18 February
Tuesday 18 March
Tuesday 15 April

Antique Fair Committee at 12.30 p.m.
Wednesday 16 April

