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## **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.

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#### TRUST MEMBERS! MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Do you value your Trust membership? Do you want the Trust's essential FULL NAME: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss heritage preservation work to continue? ADDRESS: Then encourage a friend to join, so they too can experience the benefits or. - PARTICIPATION in preserving the SUBSCRIPTIONS: (Please tick where applicable) A.C.T.'s cultural and natural heritage. FREE entry to National Trust properties Pensioner/Student throughout the world. Seniors Card - DISCOUNTS at National Trust snops. Г - Single Preserve our heritage through - Household ..... \$ 45.00 National Trust membership. TOTAL (Cash/Cheque/B'card/M'card/Visa) ENCLOSED 5 ..... Please send this form, with payment, to: ... Signature ..... C/CARD No National Trust of Australia (ACT) P.O. Box 3173. Manuka, ACT 2603

## 1997 SCHOOLS HISTORY COMPETITION

The National Trust (ACT) is pleased to announce a new competition for secondary school students from the ACT and surrounding region. The competition was launched by the ACT Minister for Education, Mr Bill Stefaniak at Old Parliament House on Thursday 24 April. The aim of the competition is to encourage interest in the heritage of the local region.

Prizes have been generously donated by Collins Booksellers and the Commonwealth Bank. First prize for each level will be a \$75 gift voucher from Collins and a \$50 cheque from the Commonwealth Bank. In addition, the schools providing the first prize winners will each receive a \$150 Gift Voucher from Collins.

The 1997 competition topic is 'Culture and Community in Canberra'. If your children are interested in entering, they can get more information from their school.

Entries close on 30 June 1997. Judges are Mr Ron Winch, Professor John Mulvaney and Mr Robert Macklin.

# WHITE GARDEN CASE UPDATE

The final outcome of this appeal has not yet been reached. Hopefully we will be able to tell you the final decision in the next edition of "Trust News"

## **ANTIQUE FAIR WRAP-UP**

On the Canberra Day long weekend in March, the Trust held its 15th annual Antique Fair at the Albert Hall. Dealers came from as far away as Tasmania and Queensland and all were very happy with the level of business transacted over the weekend. Unfortunately entry numbers were down, and as the Trust earns money only from entry fees, raffle ticket sales and the sale of refreshments, so were the Trust's profits. As a consequence it has been decided to reschedule next year's Fair.

In mid March there is competition from numerous other Canberra Festival activities and, when the weather is as beautiful as it was this year, people tend to want to be outdoors. The Antique Fair Committee, in consultation with the dealers, has decided to hold the 16th Antique Fair in June, 1998.

The Trust was disappointed with the poor turnout, and hope that in future more of our members will lend greater support to this major National Trust fund raising activity. Please keep the weekend of 21 & 22 June, 1998 free so you and your friends can attend and help make our 1998 Fair a huge success.

#### **RAFFLE WINNERS:**

- 1st (Entrée Dish)
- 2nd (Easter Basket) R. Grant, Pearce
- 3rd (Dinner For Two)
- F. Theys, Yarralumla

H. Campbell, Weston



## WELCOME NEW BLOOD

Recently a call went out for more people to become involved with the Trust's Publications Committee. We are very satisfied with the response we got to our plea and are happy to let you know that the Committee is now in the care of a new Chair, Ms Kath Taperell.

Three others have also expressed an interest in the Committee - one to help out with special projects, another to join when she returns from an overseas trip, and a third

whose enthusiasm has been directed to the Education & Cultural Committee.

Please consider volunteering to work on one of our many committees.

The Educational & Cultural Committee recently amended its aims and objectives and this revised Mission Statement has been approved by Council, who felt it may be of interest to some members.

#### EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL COMMITTEE—MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to educate the community and National Trust members about our natural and cultural heritage in the A.C.T., Australia and overseas, and about the role of the National Trust.

We will accomplish this by:

• Preparing material about our heritage and the role of the National Trust for

use in the print and electronic media, and negotiating for its use.

- Holding lectures and seminars about our heritage for members and the wider community.
- Arranging guided visits to heritage places for members and the wider community.
- Mounting promotional displays at relevant community events and places.
- Facilitating a teachers network to help educate school children in our heritage and the role of the National Trust.
- Organizing and conducting programs about our heritage and the role of the

National Trust for school children at different levels.

- Assisting with applications for relevant grants.
- Encouraging people to join the Trust, and arranging "welcome" functions for new members.

## **MEET THE COUNCIL**

#### **PROFESSOR KEN TAYLOR**

Ken Taylor, currently President of the National Trust (ACT), has been a Council member since 1984. He is Professor of Landscape Architecture and Co-Director of the Cultural Heritage Research Centre at the University of Canberra. His particular interest and research focus is cultural landscapes, their meanings and values and the way people relate to **places**. He has lectured and undertaken research in the USA, Canada and the UK.

Professor Taylor is currently finalising the co-editing a new book on Canberra which is to be published by Harper Collins Publishers Australia in September this year. The book presents Canberra as national symbol and local community, giving its history, why Canberra is here and what there is to see. He is also currently working on the manuscript of a book on Australian cultural landscapes.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

 Freeman Collett & Partners 1995 & 1996, All Saints' Anglican Church, Ainslie Conservation Management Plan,

Volume 1, Conservation analysis report

Volume 2, Site elements and building inventory descriptions

Volume 3, Conservation analysis illustrated chronology Volume 4, Conservation management policy

Canberra & District Historical Society 1997, Canberra Historical Journal, Series 39, March

 The Journal and letters of Elizabeth Macarthur 1789-1798 1984, Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales, Elizabeth Farm Occasional Series - Donated by KTaperell
 J Tucker

 Tracks through time: Mero Edlington's Tuggeranong 1997, Canberra Stories Group, Canberra



## **ATTENTION ALL NEEDLEWORKERS!**

Are you a skilled needleworker? Do you possess hand worked family heirlooms? Then Cooma Cottage would like to hear from you.

There is to be an exhibition of embroidery and other needlework at Cooma Cottage in June. Any tapestry, gros or petit point, smocked or embroidered items for display would be welcome.

Exhibitors may offer items for sale if desired. Contact June Cummins on 227 3256 or June Weir on 227 7267 if you have any enquiries.

## HERITAGE AWARDS DECIDED

On Saturday, April 12th, the Minister for Arts and Heritage Mr Gary Humphries, announced the 1997 Heritage Awards and the inaugural ACT Heritage Garden Awards and Incentive Scheme at a ceremony at Calthorpes' House, Red Hill.

The 1997 winners of the ACT Heritage Awards were:

Peter Freeman, for his contribution to the understanding & conservation of ACT heritage;

The ACT Embroiderers' Guild for the perpetuation of heritage crafts in the ACT; and

Matthew Higgins. Matthew was honoured for the body of his work as a whole over many years, but particularly for the production late last year of his book, "Surveyors on the snowline".

Winners of the ACT Heritage Garden Awards were Mr S & Mrs B Comfort, Mrs E Thompson and Mrs M Riek. Letters of commendation also went to Mr & Mrs Burgess of Barton and to Miss M Crocker.

## NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT) AWARD

The 1997 award went to Ms Rowena Brown of Watson for outstanding achievement in her Bachelor of Applied Science degree, specialising in Cultural Heritage Management studies. Rowena's prize includes Trust membership for a year and a cheque for \$200.

## HERITAGE FAIR STOP PRESS

The Heritage Fair at Lanyon on April 27th appears, from first indications, to have been a huge success. The weather was beautiful, and the atmosphere wonderful. Figures on profits are not yet in but expectations are high.

All next year's Fair needs is a set-up day beforehand, as there was chaos a-plenty as stall holders desperately tried to set up before being besieged by customers!

Many thanks to those who volunteered to help with the Fair in any way. Please encourage your friends to help out next year. Your time and effort was much appreciated and we hope you all took the time to enjoy all that was on offer before or after your time on duty.

## HELP WANTED-YOUR **TRUST NEEDS YOU!**

## LANYON GUARDIANS

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

## **GIFT SHOP DUTY**

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

Both shops need more volunteers:

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

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

## A NEW FACE AT THE OPH **GIFT SHOP**

The National Trust (ACT) is very pleased to announce that an assistant manager has now been appointed at the Old Parliament House Gift Shop. Paula Karabogias began work on Tuesday, April 15th and her assistance will, no doubt, be a great help to Jill Muldoon. Paula has experience in retailing and as an office manager and has lived most of her life in Canberra.

## **ATTENTION: ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

## Have you given the Trust 10 Years Service?

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

## OVERSEAS NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

#### SUDBURY HALL, DERBYSHIRE

Sudbury Hall, once home to the Lords Vernon, is one of the most interesting of England's remaining late 17th century houses. The house features wood carvings by Gibbons and Pierce, decorative paintings by Laguerre and superb plasterwork. Its great staircase is known to be one of the finest in the UK. Building on this ornately decorated house began in 1661 and it has been described as the richest set of Charles II rooms in the UK. Light levels are low, so those wishing to inspect the plasterwork and other features in detail should **avoid dull** days and make their visit during the lightest part of the day.

The 19th century service wing of Sudbury Hall is also worth a visit as it houses the National Trust Museum of Childhood. This museum contains displays relating to childhood, mainly in the Victorian and Edwardian periods. There is a toy display and smaller children may try the 'chimney climb'.

Guided tours are available and there are many facilities at the ready for visitors - tea rooms, a shop, a wheelchair (for use in the grounds only), braille guides and a Sympathetic Hearing Scheme operates. Sudbury Hall is located 6 miles east of Uttoxeter off the A50 Road. The nearest train station is Tutbury & Hatton. Concerts and special events are held at the Hall from time to time and details of these may be obtained by contacting the Administrator on Tel. 01283 585305 or Fax. 01283 585139.

## INTERSTATE NATIONAL TRUST PROPERTIES

#### NORMAN LINDSAY ART GALLERY & MUSEUM, FAULCONBRIDGE, VIA SPRINGWOOD

Son of a missionary's daughter and a doctor, Lindsay was born and raised in country Victoria, and after a stint overseas for many years, made his home at Faulconbridge in the Blue Mountains. This was his home for most of his adult life, and since his death in 1969 it has become the Norman Lindsay Art Gallery and Museum, showcasing a major collection of Lindsay's works. These include water colours, sculptures, ship models, novels and marionettes from his classic children's book 'The Magic Pudding''. The garden landscape was designed by Lindsay himself and features fountains and sculpture, much of it Lindsay's own work.

Open 11am to 5pm from Wednesdays to Sundays, the property is located at 14 Norman Lindsay Crescent, Faulconbridge via Springwood, 77 kilometres from Sydney city centre. Enquiries may be made on (049) 51 1067 (from August 1997 phone (02) 4951 1067).



#### A SPECIAL INVITATION TO TRUST MEMBERS FROM AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY STYLE MAGAZINE

Australian Country Style, the nation's leading country lifestyle magazine, is delighted to be able to offer National Trust members an exceptional discount on the price of a 12-issue subscription in recognition of our mutual interest in Australia's heritage. Not only can National Trust members purchase a



subscription for just \$40, a saving of nearly \$20 on the magazine's cover price, but Australian Country Style will make a donation of \$3 to the National Trust in the state of every Trust member to take out a new subscription.

To take advantage of this unique subscription offer, simply telephone FREECALL 1800 800 933 with your credit card details ready, or send a cheque or money order payable to Federal Publishing Company with your full name, address and telephone number and your National Trust membership number to:

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## **INVESTING IN AUSTRALIA'S HERITAGE**

Australian Ethical's recent \$200,000 mortgage secured loan to the Lithgow Emergency Heritage Trust Incorporated (LEHT) is the Australian ethical industry's first direct investment in "historical building restoration" LEHT was established in 1993 for the purpose of purchasing and restoring the Union Theatre Complex in Lithgow, NSW, thereby saving it for future generations of Australians.

The Union Theatre Complex consists of a Stable Block built in 1869 for the pit ponies of the first commercial coal mine in Australia, a large iron shed built as offices and store for the coal mine circa 1903, a brick shop circa 1889, and the jewel in the crown, the Union Theatre.

Built by the first Mayor of Lithgow in 1891, for the Lithgow Oddfellows Order, the Theatre is an outstanding architectural example of the Victorian Boom Style of the late Nineteenth Century. The grand facade has fine cement rendered and moulded cement decoration and is the only building in Lithgow to retain its cast iron columns to the veranda.

It is the interior of the Theatre, however, which is its most magnificent feature. An extraordinary timber vaulted ceiling of centuries-old Californian Redwood in one incredible span of fifty feet (15metres) with a soaring height of thirty feet (nine metres). Notable too, is the decoration of the interior because it is integrated into the structure of the building rather than applied, in accordance with the stern conservative nature of the Victorian Oddfellows.

LEHT has received significant support from the local community as well as grants from the Heritage Council of NSW and the Arts Council of NSW and the input of labour by Skillshare. By assisting in this project, Australian Ethical not only helps preserve one of the last six remaining nineteenth century theatres in the country, but also ensures the survival of the city's social centrepiece and what will be one of the best cultural facilities in regional NSW - after all, the Union Theatre Lithgow is the only live theatre from Penrith to Bathurst.

Australian Ethical Investments Inc. is a Canberra-based public funds manager specialising in environmental and socially responsible investment. Trust investments are selected in the simultaneous pursuit of a just and sustainable society, the protection of the natural environment and the provision of a competitive financial return to unit holders. Australian Ethical currently has two trusts open for public subscription. The more conservative investment Trust, with assets diversified across fixed interest and loans, shares and property, returned 11.9% in 1996. The Equities Trust focuses on the stock market and unlisted companies. It returned 24.4% in 1996. To obtain a prospectus without cost or obligation, phone (06) 242 1988 or free-call 1800 021 227.

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> Welcome - -to -Oanherra

Australia's hand of welcome is outheld, The homage of the Nation's youngest born We lay with humble feelings at your feet. And hark! the voiceless greetings of our dead Vibrating down the saddened years, is heard! Heard in the soundless cry of every stone Of this great Edifice—Australia's home, Whose keystone is the Sacrifice they made When in the blood and agony of war They gave their all that we may live in peace. And when in these great Legislative Halls Our Rulers meet, Oh, let them not forget These unseen spirits which throughout all time Will watch with jealous eye Australia's destiny.



O their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, and to the many visitors from various parts of Australia and overseas, now in Canberra for the consummation of

a national aspiration, the people of Canberra extend a most cordial welcome.

May 9. 1927, has for many moons past loomed in our imagination as a glorious realisation of the humble endeavours of those who have been engaged in the manifold activities attendant upon the construction of the city, and although much has yet to be done, it is hoped that those thousands of critical Australians now in our midst, will approve of the degree of progress already attained.

Canberra, like Rome, will not be built in a day—neither will that spirit of co-operation and social well-being, which it will be so necessary to create—in order that the people of Canberra will be worthy of citizenship of a nation's capital city.

The "Canberra Community News," as the mouthpiece of the Social Service movement in Canberra, humbly endeavours to assist in the promotion of a spirit of co-operation among all classes in the community, and the degree of success already attained in various phases of welfare work in Canberra augurs well for the realisation of the ultimate ideals of the Social Service Association.

In this souvenir number of the "News" the opportunity is taken of featuring the activities of various organisations associated with the Social Service movement in the Federal Capital Territory.

Canberra, May 9, 1927.

# **RECENT WALKS AND TOURS**



The Historic Ross Bridge 1836

Tasmanian Heritage Tour



Nearing Mt. Pelican West

Cradle Min. - Lake St Clair Walk

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

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

Bookings closed. 23 applicants are taking this tour.

#### WOMBEYAN CAVES - Saturday 21 June 1997

Our feature of this tour is the lovely Wombeyan Caves Reserve (76km north of Goulburn via Taralga - 27km unsealed). Here we will do a guided cave inspection followed by a self-guided inspection and a very scenic 4km walk to the limestone gorge. Transport by 19-seat mini-coach (7.30am from Deakin, 7.45am from Braddon) is being offered or you may self-drive. In the mid afternoon, the mini-coach will take the extremely spectacular 62km road (45km narrow gravel) across the Wollondilly River to Mittagong, before returning to Canberra around 7.00pm Self-drive participants may return to Canberra via Taralga (4.45pm) or via Mittagong (6.30pm). Participants who wish to join the Sunday activity will need to arrange their own overnight accommodation in the Southern Highlands. Inspection fees (\$18/\$9 conc) are included in both packages - lunch and teas in the mini-coach trackage only. conc) are included in both packages - lunch and teas in the mini-coach package only.

#### BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUESTED BY 16 JUNE. LIMIT ABOUT 40.

#### JOADJA JAUNT - Sunday 22 June 1997

Because private cars are not allowed into Joadja (24km north-west of Berrima), a large coach has been chartered for this activity. The coach will pick up Canberra passengers at Woden (7.30am), Deakin (7.45am) and Jolimont (8.00am). It will also pick up from Berrima at 10.30am any self-drive participants (eg from the Saturday activity or Sydney). The objective, Joadja, is a remarkably interesting relic of our early mining and industrial heritage. The site is currently in private ownership and is undergoing restoration. Application to mine Joadja's rich shale oil and coal seams was first made in 1873. By 1877, the site was linked by railway to Mittagong and a small township was established to house the miners, retort workers and school teachers, etc. The operation continued until early this century. You will see the glazed remains of the beehive retorts (for distilling kerosene), the inclined railway into the valley, the township, ruined public buildings, the cemetery and museum. Approx 3km of level walking is required. Our coach price includes entry charges, a BBQ lunch and teas, with return to Canberra around 6.00pm. The self-drive price includes coach Berrima-Joadja rtn, entry, lunch and a/tea.

#### BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUESTED BY 16 JUNE. LIMIT ABOUT 45.

#### BACK TO THE CORN TRAIL - Sunday 29 June 1997

Although no less than 115 people undertook this great downhill 14km walk when offered in 1993 and 1994, we are offering it again for new members and old members who missed out. The walk starts from the top of Clyde Mountain and descends through a series of attractive environments, with great views, to a point on the Buckenbowra River. The activity is self-drive to Braidwood. Mini-buses will then deliver you to the start and collect you from the finish. Our price includes these shuttles plus the usual end-of-walk celebration. The walk will be deferred to Sunday 6 July in the event of wet weather.

#### BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUESTED BY 23 JUNE. LIMIT ABOUT 40.

#### SIMPLY SIZZLING STEELWORKS TOUR - Tuesday 8 July 1997

Feeling cold? Then join our coach tour to the Port Kembla Steelworks. The experience is perfectly safe and clean but will fill you with awe. In a few hours, you will view an introductory video, tour the general area and visit the basic oxygen steel making plant, the slab casting plant and the flat products rolling mill. Apart from an initial flight of stairs, no more than 1km of flat walking is involved. Being school holidays, families (age 10+) are welcome. We will also visit the impressive Nan Tien Buddhist Temple. Smorgasbord lunch, refreshments, a light supper and all other costs included. 7.15am pick-up from Deakin, 7.25am from Civic. Return around 7.20pm.

#### BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUESTED BY 2 JULY. LIMIT ABOUT 35.

#### MOLONGLO MEANDERINGS - Sunday 20 July 1997

A pleasant way to spend a late morning and afternoon in winter. We will visit the Pialligo Redwood plantation (established by Charles Weston in 1919-20), visit the Colverwell Graves in Kowen Forest (oldest marked graves in the ACT but involving a 2km walk and 3 fence crossings) and walk one way through the impressive Molonglo Gorge (about 4km) - all classified. This is a self-drive, BYO lunch activity, involving a car shuttle (some roads only fair - but no need to hurry). Unsuitable for those lacking agility. Celebratory party included. Wet weather alternative - Sunday 3 August.

#### BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUESTED BY 16 JULY. NO LIMIT.

#### SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE - Saturday 2 August 1997

This leisurely activity is offered as a self-drive or mini-coach tour. It focuses on 3 classified places located around Canberra's southern edge

"Environa", by courtesy of Mr & Mrs David Larcombe - site of an abandoned 1927 speculation by Henry Halloran to develop freehold land adjacent the ACT. See the impressive stone archway, the intended central park with its bandstand and view the original plans with such fanciful street names as Audit Crescent, Senate Radial and Attorney Promenade. Morning tea will be served. "Tuggeranong Homestead", by courtesy of the lessees Messrs Paul Jaeger and Vic Hawkins - they have done great work in tidying up this historic property whose earliest surviving structures date back to the middle of last century. The homestead interior, again made livable, will also be open.

The Mount Stromlo Observatory - the ticket price includes lunch, a general tour of the Observatory (including the Duffield Graves and the 1911 Oddie Telescope building, one of the first buildings constructed specifically for the new national capital), and entry to the newly opened hands-on astronomical display "Stromlo Exploratory". The mini-coach will pick-up from Jamison (9.00am), Woden (9.20am) and Manuka (9.40am), returning to each point between 4.20 and

5.00pm.

#### BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUESTED BY 28 JULY. LIMIT ABOUT 40.

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

11 people from the Trust have already booked on this tour, which is part of the regular program offered by Adventure Wildlife and Park Treks. With a limit of 16, including other bookings, a few places may still remain for the tour which includes Cocopara, Mungo, Kinchega and Mootwingee National Parks and two nights at Broken Hill. The tour price of approx \$1250pp twin share and \$1400 winchega and Mootwingee National Parks and two nights at Broken Hill. The tour price of approx \$1250pp twin share and \$1400 single (less for seniors) covers the coach connection from Canberra and return to Canberra by air. Insurance advisable. Details Garth Setchell (ph 06 - 2901100 after 4 June)

## EARLY APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT ESSENTIAL TO SECURE PLACE.

#### BUDDEROO - Sunday 17 August 1997

Mid August is normally a great time for wildflowers on the edge of the Southern Highlands. This full-day self-drive walk will take you to the exquisite Minnamurra Falls and the elusive Gerringong Falls - both in Budderoo National Park between Robertson and Kiama. At the former there is a 1.6km return easy boardwalk and an optional extra 2.6km return walk, involving some steep climbing, to the Upper Falls. The latter involves 6 to 8km of walking (dependent upon how far weather conditions allow us to approach by road). The price includes Park entry charges and our usual celebratory party. The walk will be deferred to Sunday 24 August in the event of wet weather.

## BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUESTED BY 13 AUGUST. NO LIMIT.

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

This is another of the Adventure Wildlife and Park Treks' programs being offered on commission, but at no extra cost, to Trust members. A few places remain. The price of <u>\$A6450 ex Canberra (\$A700 sgl supp</u>) 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. Insurance essential. Details Garth Setchell (ph 06 - 2901100 after 4 June).

## EARLY APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT ESSENTIAL TO SECURE PLACE.

## RAINFOREST SPECTACULAR - Saturday 30 August to Wednesday 10 September 1997

Offering an escape from winter, 4 places have been reserved on this mini-coach tour - also part of Adventure Wildlife & Park Treks' own program. The 12-day itinerary includes the Wingham Brush, Dorrigo and Mt Warning National Parks in northern NSW, 2 nights at O'Reilly's, whale watching at Hervey Bay plus 2 nights on Fraser Island, then back down the NSW north coast, calling at Crescent Head and Myall Lakes. Good accommodation is provided throughout and, although some walking is required, you may exert yourself as much or as little as you choose. The all-inclusive tour costs <u>\$1850pp twin share (\$2150 single) ex Sydney</u>. It will be necessary to spend the night of 29 August (and possibly 10 September) in Sydney. This can be arranged for you, <u>at extra cost</u>, if desired. Insurance advisable. Details Garth Setchell (ph 06-2901100 after 4 June).

## EARLY APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT ESSENTIAL TO SECURE PLACE.

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

Details of this exclusive Trust tour to northern NSW will be provided in our August Trust News. The tour will include visits to the Warrumbungles, Mt Kaputar and New England National Parks, each providing opportunities for easy or moderate walking. We will be travelling by afternoon and morning train to Newcastle to join and return from this tour, which will otherwise be conducted in a luxury travelling by afternoon and morning train to Newcastle to join and return from this tour, which will otherwise be conducted in a luxury to be the provided of the provided places of cultural horizon interest in the Hunter Valley. New England and NW Sloves. 16-seat mini-coach. The tour will also include places of cultural heritage interest in the Hunter Valley, New England and NW Slopes.

## PLACES CAN BE RESERVED BY PAYMENT OF A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT. LIMIT 15.

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

Given the interest shown to date, deposits (subject to commercial conditions) are now invited for our 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 Travel Indochina through travel agent Ross Goddard, and will be accompanied by Garth Setchell. Vietnam is rapidly becoming a favoured destination in Asta still cheap and uncommercialised, yet totally safe, friendly and comfortable. The lovely French colonial buildings are now largely restored and the tour includes 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 and historic Hoi An, Hue and Hanoi The tour is timed to coincide with the end of the Monsoon. The price of <u>\$A3499pp</u> twin share or <u>\$A4150pp</u> single includes return The tour is travel by Qantas, quality B&B accommodation, internal air, coach and river travel, plus entry charges. The extra cost o lunches, dinners and tips is not expected to exceed \$A400. Insurance essential. Details Garth Setchell (ph 06-2901100 after 4 June).

## EARLY APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT ESSENTIAL TO SECURE PLACE.

## SOUTH AMERICA - Probably in July/August 1998

With 11 expressions of interest received to date, serious planning for this tour has now commenced. Further details in our August Trus News. Expected cost around \$9-10000pp twin share for 4 weeks, with possible 4-day optional extra tour to the Galapagos. Enquirie to Garth Setchell (ph 06-2901100 after 4 June).

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INVITED. PLACES RESERVED IN ORDER OF PAYMENT.



No stamp required but one will help to reduce our costs

REPLY PAID 57 NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT) P. O. BOX 3173 MANUKA A.C.T. 2603



## QUESTIONNAIRE

NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)

We are inviting you to complete our Questionnaire, so that we can make changes to what we do and how we do it, in order to maximise the best benefits of your National Trust. This is your opportunity to tell us what you want. We would like to you to fill it in and return it to us. You do not have to give us your name and address details.

This information is to be used by the National Trust of Australia (ACT) and will be passed onto the Australian Council of National Trusts to be included in their National survey of members, in order to improve the benefits to members Nationally.

1. Type of membership

- Household/Family,
- □ Single,
- Seniors card,
- □ Pensioner,
- □ Student,
- □ Affiliated body,
- Corporate,
- □ Life
- 2.
   Length of membership

   □
   1 year,
   □
   2 years,
   □
   3-5 years,
   □
   6-10 years,
   □
   11-15 years,
   □
   15 plus
- 3. How did you first become aware of the Trust?
  - □ Through a friend or relative
  - By visiting a property run by the Trust
  - By reading about the Trust in a magazine or newspaper article
  - By seeing an advertisement in magazine or newspaper
  - □ Through a leaflet or other Trust publication
  - □ At a talk or function
  - As a result of a public debate over a specific preservation issue
  - General interest
  - Some other way .....
- 4. Which of the following best describes why you joined the Trust, and why you remain a member. Please place one tick in each column indicating your most significant reason.

	Why joined	Why stay
Free admission to Trust Properties in Australia	1	
Free admission to UK and other overseas Trust Properties		
To support the Trust in its campaign to protect and conserve Australia's historic places		
To be involved in local branch activities		
To attend special events & property tours		
To take part in domestic / international tours		
To receive information about renovating my property		
To receive discounts at Historic Hotels of Australia properties		
To receive regular membership magazines		
Gift subscription		
Don't know / Can't remember		
Other reason		

5.	Have you ever visited any properties overseas as part of your Trust membership		
6.	Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last year? Please tick as many boxes as relevant		
	<ul> <li>Attended a function or event organised by the Trust</li> <li>Participated in a Trust walk or tour</li> <li>Taken a friend or relative to a Trust property</li> <li>Taken anyone from overseas to a Trust property</li> <li>Given a gift subscription of membership to the Trust</li> <li>Tried to encourage someone else to join the Trust</li> <li>Protested in any way (including writing letters or joining an organisation) against undesirable activity on a historic building or place.</li> </ul>		
7.	About how many <i>different</i> Trust properties did you visit in the last 12 months $\Box$ none $\Box$ 1-2, $\Box$ 3-5, $\Box$ 6-10, $\Box$ 10+		
8.	What do you like to participate in as a Trust function?		
	□ Films, □ Galleries, □ Dinner, □ Luncheons, □ Music		
	Other		
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9.	What determines your desire to attend a National Trust function please specify		
	□ Time, □ Price, □ Date □ Frequency		
	Other event give details		
10.	What prevents you from attending a Trust function?		
11. things	Listed below are some of the things the Trust does or would like to do. Please tick some of the syou feel it is most important for the Trust to do:		
	<ul> <li>Registering historic buildings/places</li> <li>Working to increase public awareness about historic conservation</li> </ul>		
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	<ul> <li>Publishing books and leaflets on historic places</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Running study tours, lectures and walks locally</li> </ul>		
	Running seminars and exhibitions on home restoration		
	Campaigning against the destruction of historic places		
	Managing historic properties		
	□ Liaising with local authorities and the community on historic issues		
	Raising funds from individuals and corporate sponsors to continue the works of the NT		
	Organising overseas and interstate trips for members		
	Advertising to increase membership numbers and support of NT activities		
	Other		
12.	By filling in this section, you will provide valuable information enabling us to make sure the		
	Trust remains relevant to you. This is especially important, for example, if we find that different groups of people have different opinions and concerns.		

i) Sex

	Male Female
ii)	Age Group up to 20 years, 21-40 years, 41-60 years, 61+
iii)	Postcode
iv)	What best describes the occupation of main household income         Business manager/executive/professional       Clerical /sales employee         Farmer owner/manager       Home duties         Labourer, manual/agricultural/domestic worker       Retired         Technical - skilled worker       Semi-skilled worker         Teacher/nurse/police/other trained service worker       Student         Social welfare beneficiary/unemployed       Student
13.	Highest academic qualification: 🗆 Tertiary, 💭 Post-Secondary, 💭 Secondary
14.	Income □ up to 25,000, □ 25,000 -50,000, □ 50,000 +
14.	Do you read the Trust News?
15.	What regular features do you enjoy the most?
16.	Does your family enjoy the Young Trust inserts?
17.	Is there anything you would like to change about Trust News?
18.	If you could make one suggestion to the NT, what would it be?

If you fold this questionnaire into three there is a reply post paid stamp on the back. Just fold and sticky tape together and drop into the post.

Thank you for taking the time to assist us in making the National Trust *your* National Trust.

#### 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 <u>each</u> 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 2395222 during office hours) or to Garth Setchell (ph 06-2901100).

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ADDRES OF APPLICANT			
	PHONE(H)		(W)
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (eg vegetarian/gd fl accom)			* 1
WOMBEYAN CAVES - Saturday 21 June 1997			
<ul> <li>Mini-coach participants (incl inspns, lunch, teas) ditto ditto - non-member surcharge</li> <li>* Pl tick desired pick-up point: Deakin Braddon.</li> <li>Self-drive participants (incl inspections) ditto ditto - non-member surcharge</li> <li>* Pl bring concession cards to activity.</li> </ul>	ADDadlt @ ADDnmbr @ adlt @ ADDnmbr @	\$ 74pp = \$ 65pp = \$ 2pp = \$ 32pp = \$ 23pp = \$ 1pp =	\$ \$
* Names of others covered by this application:	TOTAL ENCLOSED	=	\$
JOADJA JAUNT - Sunday 22 June 1997			
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* Names of others covered by this application:	TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$
BACK TO THE CORN TRAIL - Sunday 29 June 1997			
Concession applicants (incl mini-bus, party, etc) All other adults Non-member surcharge * Tpt offered/requested (pl circle) to Braidwood.	conc @ adlt @ ADDnonm @	\$ 21pp = \$ 24pp = \$ 1pp =	\$ \$
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SIMPLY SIZZLING STEEL, WORKS TOUR - Tuesday 8 July	1997		
Children & students (not less than 10 yrs) All other members (incl Pensioners & Seniors) Non-member surcharge * Pl tick desired pick-up point: Deakin Civic * Names of others covered by this application:	pers @ pers @ ADDnonm @	\$ 56pp = \$ 66pp = \$ 2pp =	
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MOLONGLO MEANDERINGS - Sunday 20 July 1997			
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* Names of others covered by this application:	TOTAL ENCLOSED	=	\$

## SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE - Saturday 2 August 1997

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LAKE MUNGO AND BEYOND - Friday 8 August to Thursday	14 August 1997				
* Please ring Garth Setchell before booking to ascertain availability Deposit (subject to commercial conditions) Travel insurance - cancellation cover only ditto - full cover Attach any Senior/Pensioner card nos or Frequent Flyer details.	pers pers pers	88	\$ 150pp \$ 22pp \$ 37pp	H H H	\$ \$ \$
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BUDDEROO - Sunday 17 August 1997					
Concession applicants (incl park entry, party) All other adults Non-member surcharge * Pl bring concession cards to activity.	ADDnonm	@ @	\$ 16pp \$ 18pp \$ 1pp	R H R	\$ \$ \$
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VIETNAM - Monday 27 October to Tuesday 11 November 199	Z				
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SOUTH AMERICA - Probably in July/August 1998					
Refundable expression of interest	pers	0	\$ 25pp	1	\$
Names of others covered by this application:	TOTAL ENCL	OSED		=	\$

PLEASE SEND ME ANOTHER APPLICATION FORM BY RETURN MAIL

YES/NO

## **RECENT WALKS AND TOURS**



Some of the group

Cradle Mtn. - Lake St Clair Walk



Governor's Head

Jervis Bay Jaunt

## FORTHCOMING TOUR—VIETNAM



The beautifully restored Town hall in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon)—one of the many highlights of great heritage or scenic significance in this forthcoming tour.

## WALK & TOUR CONCESSIONS

In recognition of the reduced membership rates payable by Pensioners and Seniors, as well as Students, and because concessions can <u>sometimes</u> be obtained for persons in these categories when arranging walks or tours, we have decided to offer concessions to this wider group <u>where practicable</u>. Concessions will continue to apply to school-age children and full-time students if relevant.

However, the new provision has to be weighed against the potential difficulty of implementation. Providers of public transport<u>always</u> require card numbers. Most require to sight the concession card; other providers may not be **so fussy**. **Also**, with large groups, we can often obtain **cheaper group rail or** air fares than are obtainable through **individual concess**ions. We therefore have to weigh up the cost benefits to individuals against the greater administrative complexity at the booking stage and the delays and inconvenience to others on tour if concession cards need to be produced. Starting with the current "Trust News", wherever a concession price (conc) is offered in the blue application form, it will apply to Pensioners, Seniors, Students and School-Age Children. However, the concession will only apply to the first three groups if any details requested on the blue form are supplied at the time of booking.

#### BOOKING PROCEDURE—WALKS AND TOURS PROGRAM

Please submit blue application forms intact. If you need time to consider whether to apply for later activities, please request a duplicate form when first applying. The Trust office does accept phone reservations, but prefers not to. Such reservations are only allotted firm places, relative to other bookings, in the order that payment is received.

Where alternatives apply to particular walks or tours (eg. coach pick-up points, etc.), please ensure that you indicate your preference on the blue form.

## TREES IN THE A.C.T. 5

Extract from the R	egister of Significant Trees		
Species:	Cupressus sempervirens 'Stricta'		
Common Name:	Roman Cypress, Pencil Pine		
Age:	ca 70 years		
Measurements:	Height 10-13m; crown diam. 3-4m		
Condition:	Healthy with an expected life of at least another 70 years if present growing conditions are maintained.		
Location:	Section 41, Griffith between the Manuka Occasional Child Care Centre and the car park.		
Category:	Proposed for Classification by the National Trust of Australia (ACT) and A.C.T. Heritage Council.		
Features:	This group of 34 trees is in two		

rows approx. 5m apart with plants 3m apart in the rows. There are 13 gaps in the planting suggesting losses at some stage since planting in the late 1920 & early 1930s. There are four trees at the Captain Cook Crescent end which may be younger than the others. This planting formed a screen and windbreak for the Manuka Hockey Fields, now the carpark, and shelters the Manuka Occasional Child Care Centre from noise and vehicle fumes from the adjacent car park. It is an excellent example of line shelter planting which differs in appearance from use of this species as widely spaced street trees or as single specimen trees in home gardens. The line planting contrasts with the cluster planting of this species on City Hill established in the early 1920s.



Roman Cypress (Cupressus sempervirens 'Stricta'), Section 41, Griffith Planted in the late 1920s Photo: R. Boden

## GLIMPSES OF EARLY CANBERRA

#### THE FIRST SCOUT TROOPS (1915–1925)

#### by Ann Gugler

It took a few abortive attempts, but the Boy Scout movement eventually took off in Australia's fledgling capital.

Young Australians: an illustrated monthly for boys sat on my bookshelves almost forgotten by me until recently. The monthly magazines published as a book in 1900 are British to the core but the only connection with Australia is the title and two short stories, New South Wales troopers: snapshots of colonial soldiers, and Phil: an Australian sketch.

While skimming through the book, one story caught my eye—*The Defender of Mafeking*—about Col. R. S. S. Baden-Powell. I read it. It is a romanticised version of Baden-Powell's student years and military career in the colonies of the British Empire. The story reads like a series of grand adventures in which Baden-Powell is portrayed as an almost superhuman hero and a person of impeccable character.

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell was the founder of an organization designed to meet the needs and interests of boys. This idea captured the imagination and sense of adventure of children, so much so that it is now a worldwide movement.

A short history of the Girl Guide Movement found in the December 11, 1925 issue of "The Canberra Community News" gives some idea of the importance of scouting to children around the turn of the century—a time when in many homes, children were seen and not heard.

Long ago in the Paleolithic period of Guide History, little groups of girls in quaint clothes of many colours might have been seen marching along with haversacks, water bottles and broomsticks. Their dresses were quaint, their manner wild, but their backs were straight, and a look in their faces of fixed determination; someone was calling in a way that no-one had ever called before. The Pied Piper had piped and the boys had dropped their books and toys and followed him out into the woods, and the girls were following too. 'Go home' said the grown ups, 'it is not for you'. 'Go back' said the boys, 'this is our game, not yours'. 'Go away' said the Piper, 'I am piping to the boys'. But the girls had caught the strains of the music, and they had to follow. All they had read in their story books, all that they had dreamed in their dreams, was happening before them; their own brothers were turning into frontiersmen, explorers, 'Scouts.' It was too late to go back, so it happened that as early as September 1909, at the first Scout Rally at the Crystal Palace, London, some girls, braving ridicule, managed to work their way in among 8,000 Scouts to see the Great Chief, whom they claimed as their Chief too. Nor were they disappointed, for though the Piper was busy with the boys, he had to be true to himself, and if the girls had followed to the tune of his music, then the magic would work for them too; thus he wrote in the last page of a small pamphlet on Scouting: 'A similar scheme might be started for girls and they might be called Guides'.

Acting on this brief suggestion, certain ladies rallied these girls and started Companies of Guides, and in 1910, Miss Baden-Powell, sister of the Chief Scout, consented to become their President... Today girls in the Territory have the choice of joining either the Guides or Scouts.

The Scout movement reached Australia in 1907 and the Federal Territory by 1915 when W. O. Russell established the first Scout Troop in Canberra. His son, Charles, who now lives at Red Hill, recalled that one of the first official duties of the newly formed troop was to attend the funeral and burial ceremonies of Major General Sir William Throsby Bridges KCB, CMG held on Friday 3rd September, 1915. Another troop, known as the First Canberra was formed in 1917 at Hall and its history is currently being written by Mr Laurie Lee.

In 1925 another First Canberra Troop was formed. Its history was recorded on the pages of the May 9, 1927 issue of "The Canberra Community News" and in part it reads:

Although two or three attempts had previously been made to establish this world wide organization in the Federal Capital Territory, it was not until October, 1925 that a serious move was made to place the movement on a permanent footing. In that month a few interested people gathered in the Acton Hall to hear an illustrated lecture on the boy scout movement from the Director of the Organization of the NSW Section. It was then resolved that a troop should be formed in Canberra, and Mr C. W. Guthrie of the 1st Mosman and late of the 9th Midland (England) Troop, undertook to instruct the boys who were anxious to join. A troop committee was formed at Acton and the 1st Canberra Troop made its entry into the world.

Five other troops were then formed at Duntroon, Causeway, Eastlake and Westridge. . . the fifth Canberra Troop, a 'closed' troop for Catholic boys under the guidance of Rev. Father Griffin, an enthusiastic worker who is just entering the Scout movement. [According to a 1926 issue of "The News" another Troop was formed at Molonglo it may have been short lived].

In August, 1926, a District Association was formed under the presidency of J. H. Butters Esq to administer the scouting activities of the Federal Capital Territory. Dr R. M. Alcorn, late District Scoutmaster of Maitland was appointed by the NSW Headquarters to be the District Commissioner for the FCT Association, and Mr C. E. Pike undertook the secretarial duties.

After many months of restricted training through lack of suitable headquarters (meeting weekly at the house of the Scoutmaster, and, during summer in the paddocks) the Third Canberra Troop are now established in the Scouts' Hall, Causeway, a building [small hall] at the disposal of the Scouts' Association by the Federal Capital Commission. This hall is being used by any of the scouting bodies who require it, and a class for leaders is held there weekly by Mr Guthrie, now District Scoutmaster.

The 1st Queanbeyan Troop recently affiliated with the District Association, bringing a troop of some forty in number. The greatest drawback encountered in the Federal Territory is the scattered nature of the district. and the scarcity of boys of scouting age, but the numbers enrolled at present approximately 42 scouts and 42 wolf cubs, the former including 9 first class and 21 second class scouts . . . [Arthur Paynting of Causeway was Scout Master of the Third Troop and Mr Hammond of Westridge the Fourth Troop].

Mr Guthrie kept a diary of scouting activities and during 1925 and 1926 extracts from it were published in "The Community News". The issue dated December 11, 1925 in part reads:

16th Oct. The Boy Scout Association Organiser, H. McAlister Esq. DCC came to Canberra and delivered an interesting lecture in the Acton Hall, illustrated by lantern. After the lecture a meeting was held and it was decided to form a Troop to be called 1st Canberra. I was asked to be the Scoutmaster and accepted. It was also decided to form a Troop Committee.

17th Oct. Mr McAlister and myself met some of the boys behind Commission's Headquarters, played a few games, Crows and Cranes, Blindfold, team races, Gyroscope and a few others. Picked Ted Waterman, Brian Lucas and N. Marshall for Patrol Leaders.

22nd Oct. Met Eastlake and Hall. A good roll up of boys. S. M. Jessop and Paynting also present. Had a good talk on Scout Law and explained why it was the whole or everything in Scouting.

24th Oct. Went on a week-end camp behind Black Mountain. Had a talk on camping and hygiene. The weather was beautiful, couldn't have been better for camping. The night was cold. Round the campfire the boys sang and recited. I led a debate on the Scout Law, taking the negative side, but hadn't a leg to stand on, so I gave in. The boys went to bed about 10.30 pm but were restless again at 1.30 am. At 5 am the bigger boys went shooting but had no luck. At 5.30 I took the balance of the boys and went for a run about two miles. When we came back we went for a swim and the boys stayed naked all day. All got sunburnt. A good lesson for next time. We had plenty of swimming, played a few games in lieu of physical jerks, and went through the second class test. The site was fair. The only fault was the absence of shade. Left for home at 4pm...

31st Oct. Met behind Acton and went in the paddock below Sheaffe's among the willows. Did a drill and patrol formation by signals, also semaphore signalling. Practiced artificial respiration, set a few sand pictures and played a few games... The following month Charlie Guthrie's report included the following:

24th Nov. First Court of Honour of the Troop was held at Mr Waterman's residence, Civic Centre, Braddon. The meeting was a little slow, the boys being new to a thing of this kind. Present: Teddy Waterman, N. Marshall, B. Lucas, I. Dunn, J. Kelly, A.S.M. Matthews and S. Guthrie...

28th Nov. Met at Howie's Mill [Contractor John Howie] and went to the Causeway where a hall was being built by voluntary labour. This was the first public appearance of the boys in uniform. They worked well, and won the appreciation of everybody—bouquetsbeing thrownin all directions. We stayed for an impromptu concert at night, the boys enjoying it thoroughly. Ken Dinnerville contributed to the programme. This is the first public service the boys as a troop have rendered. They are something to be proud of. [Arthur Freeman and Ken Dinnerville mentioned that the boys nailed the floor boards down and assisted the men by fetching and carrying].

29th Nov. Left Canberra for a place called 'Kambah'. Followed directions accurately as we thought, but failed to get where we wanted. We met a man who directed us to the Murrumbidgee River. Parked the bikes under a tree, and set out on foot, walking about three miles. We found an admirable spot, had lunch there and plenty of swimming. Coming back the party separated and some of the boys were lost for an hour. They smiled and whistled (as the eighth Scout Law says). We heard the whistle and answered it and they found themselves . . . At night I took R. Meadows, I. Dunn, E. Leach and Arty Freeman up to Capitol Hill and invested them and asked them to take the Scout Promise which they did. I took them there because I thought they were to be the men of tomorrow I could impress them more what good citizenship meant, also the full significance of the Scout Promise.

Ist Dec. Met at Acton. Mr Matthews instructed in Semaphore. I took A. Patrick, K. Dinnerville, W. Gelately, J. Kelly, E. Kingston and examined them in Scout Law. Was satisfied these boys realised the meaning of it all. At a quarter to nine, I and Mr Paynting took these boys up to Capitol Hill and initiated them, I asking them to take the promise and presenting them with the badge, Mr Paynting adding to my remarks reminding the boys what the badge stood for, also that they received it clean and it was their job to keep it clean by living clean...

Arthur Freeman told me a little about his years in the First Canberra Troop. Hespoke about the badges which included Swimming, First Aid, and one to do with housekeeping. The latter required the boys to visit the home of the Watermans where, under the supervision of Mrs Waterman, they carried out tasks such as good bed making. The badges when awarded were sewn on to a false sleeve.

Arthur also mentioned details of the events on the day of the opening of the Provisional Parliament House. The Scouts stood in a row on the left hand side of the entrance of the building and Ivan Neville, Jack Kelly, Sidney Miller, Fred Hill and Eric Parr acted as messengers. Others assisted at the First Aid Station.

The Scouts of the Territory no longer have to meet under street lights or willow trees down near the Molonglo River. Each of the forty groups has its own meeting place and one (the hall in Hovea Street, O'Connor, home to the 13th Troop) has links with Charlie Guthrie's time. It was constructed around 1916. In 1927 or 1928 was moved to a new site near the Railway Station where it was used as the Friendly Society Hall until the early 1960s, when it was moved to its present site.



Scouts and Guides preparing for the opening ceremony of the Provisional Parliament House, May 9th 1927

## **BLUNDELLS' COTTAGE GETS A FACELIFT**

Late last year The Cottage was closed temporarily while much needed renovations were undertaken. These renovations were made possible by a National Capital Authority grant. The entire collection was removed while major works were undertaken: there were improvements made to the electrics, the walls were lime-washed and the woodwork was treated. The former kitchen is now a display room and the new kitchen is downstairs where the fuel stove resides.

The main part of the renovations was completed in time for The Cottage to re-open before Christmas. If you haven't been there lately, a trip to The Cottage may surprise you!



## SHORT CUTS

#### VICTORIAN TRUST VICTORY

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) recently won a major victory when the Administrative Appeals Tribunal put an end to plans by the Melbourne City Council to have modernist landscaping in the area surrounding Sinclair's Cottage in historic Fitzroy Gardens. The AAT agreed with the Trust that a statement of significance and conservation plan was essential as a prerequisite to planning a garden in such an important heritage area.

## HAVING A DIG AT THE BARWON

As part of Heritage Festival activities, the Victorian Trust organised an archaeological dig at Westbourne Villa on the banks of the Barwon River in Geelong. The Trust's aim was to uncover the remains of the Villa and gain a picture of the original garden layout and walking tracks surrounding the residence.

A number of fine houses fronted the river in the middle of the 19th century but industrial development has since taken over the area. As a Heritage Festival activity members of the public were able to participate—surely a wonderful way of getting people involved and intrigued by our past.

Both of the above items are from "Trust News" Victoria, April 1997

## TRADE DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

This Directory has now been produced and sent to all participants. The Trust was hoping for a better response to its call for entries and hopefully, now that it has been distributed, others with expertise will seek to be included. Sections cover 'Architecture', 'Carpentry & Joinery', 'Furniture & Upholstery', 'Heritage Consultancy', 'Masonry', 'Painting & Decorating' and 'Plasterwork'. Please let those you know who have expertise in these, or any other area pertinent to the restoration of heritage items, know of our Directory. We have only 15 entries so far, but the more responses we have, the greater will be the usefulness of the Directory as a valuable community resource.

## GRAFFITI: HOW CAN WE SAVE IT?

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This is not a request that we often hear. Frequently we are requested to remove graffiti, so a request of this type is considered with some interest. The members of the Newcastle Historic Reserve Trust have been the custodians of the Newcastle Police Station Museum in Hunter Street for a number of years and have despaired as the roof on the building deteriorated, allowing water to seep into the interiors.

The Museum is the exhibit and consists of six cells connected to a passageway, with an exercise yard to one side. The cells are small and dark and were originally furnished with just the bare essentials, or in the case of the padded cell, nothing at all. The sandstone walls have had many applications of paint, but they are sombre in colour, their only decoration the numerous signatures and messages scraped into the paint by former inmates - some names appearing on numerous occasions and in different cells. With the ingress of water from the roof, and some rising damp, the sandstone walls developed a build-up of salts which eventually forced the paint from the walls and with it some of the history of its occupants.

International Conservation Services were asked to assess the condition of the walls and advise on the possibility of arresting the deterioration and saving the graffiti. The paint was delaminating in large sheets, the edges curling and large areas were already missing. Some areas of paint sat loosely on salt-powdered stone.

In order to save the graffiti, the paint required stabilisation. Adhesives were introduced to the stone wall and to the back of the flaking paint. Where the paint was deformed heat was gently applied until the paint became malleable and could then be laid down flat, adhering to the wall again. When the paint was flattened in this way the names and messages which had been illegible for years again became evident and a witness to the people who had felt the need to leave their mark in a bleak environment.

Catherine Lillico-Thompson

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## **RECENT CLASSIFICATIONS**

#### **ST CHRISTOPHER'S PRECINCT**

This precinct comprises the Catholic Education Resource Centre (formerly St Christopher's School), the Catholic Education Offices (formerly St Christopher's Convent) and St Christopher's Cathedral, along with their associated trees and plantings. Each of these three elements has previously been classified separately, but they are now classified as one entity.

#### Precinct Statement of Significance

The precinct has been the central focus of Catholic worship and education since 1928.

The precinct is the realisation of early Federal Capital Commission policy to locate religious institutions and other associated buildings within the Kingston / Manuka / Forrest area.

The eclectic mixture of architectural styles, Spanish Mission, Georgian Revival and Romanesque, are all good examples

of these interesting complex styles and the imposing Cathedral has become a well known landmark of the city.

The Classification Committee has recommended that the Heritage Council develop a conservation plan for the precinct to secure long term retention of its heritage values, including the trees and plantings. 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.

He would swear a hole in an iron pot.

Fine weather is predicted if there is enough blue sky to make a pair of trousers.

To cure warts steal a piece of meat, run it over the warts and bury it, or pick a peapod with nine peas, throw away the ninth pea, saying, 'wart, wart, dry away'. As the pea rots warts disappear. A piece of turf can also be used. Or you can take as many pebbles as you have warts and touch each wart with corresponding pebbles. Wrap stones with cloth or paper and throw away in the road, or lose them on the way to church. Whoever picks them up will have the warts. Rub warts with fasting spittle is another remedy. Never wash your hands in water an egg has been boiled in, you'll get warts.

You will shortly be receiving money if there are bubbles on your tea.

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## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

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Sunday, September 7th Musical Arternoon at Huntly

Following the sell-out response to last year's musical afternoon at Huntly John Gale has generously agreed to open his home for another musical treat. Harp and flute music will feature this time, but further details are yet to be decided. *For more information, see the August edition of "Trust News"* 

## WHAT'S ON, IN AND AROUND CANBERRA

#### **NATIONAL TRUST (ACT)**

See the blue centre piece in each issue of "Trust News" for details of all coming walks and tours.

• Musical afternoon at Huntly, Sunday, September 7th.

#### **NATIONAL TRUST (NSW)**

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

• 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 Eastern Europe. Sept/Oct. 1997. Visit Vienna, Budapest, Prague, Warsaw and Berlin and cruise on the Danube. Enquiries to Jill Hedge, Tours Committee on (02) 9567 8704.

#### COOMA COTTAGE, YASS

• Portraits of the Aborigines of NSW by William Fernyhough - on permanent display.

• Embroidery Exhibition, 7-9 June. Heirloom pieces and beautifully executed contemporary work combine to form a fabulous display.

• 200th Anniversary of the birth of Hamilton Hume. Celebrate on the weekend of 21-22 June with several events to mark the anniversary. Open Day at the Cottage on Saturday 21st. A display at the Hamilton Hume Museum will be officially opened by Harry Hill, author of "The Hume and Hovell walking track". Tours of other Hume properties also available—tickets from the Yass Tourist Bureau.

Contact Cooma Cottage on (06) 226 1470 for further details of the above.

#### **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. A National Museum of Australia exhibition.

• Painting the Land Story—Traditional & contemporary Aboriginal art. Until 31 August.

• A Face in the Crowd—Painter and writer Robin Wallace-Crabbe presents an engaging collective portrait of our changing nation. Until 14 September.

#### **AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL**

Sunday 25 May, 2.30pm. 'Ernie Corey'—talk by Graeme Beveridge in the Western Front Gallery.

Sunday 1 June, 11am–2pm 'Submarine Sunday'. A special guided tour of the Japanese midget submarine to mark the 55th anniversary of the attack on Sydney Harbour. Information—phone 241 8949

#### CANBERRA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

• Tuesday 13 May. Talk by Dr Peter Read—'The Meaning of Lost Places'

#### NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

• The European Emigré Artists in Australia 1930–1960. Until June 9th.

• Jasper Johns Prints 1960–1980. Until 13 July.

#### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

• Dance People Dance—rare photos, costumes, manuscripts, ephemera and oral histories concerning Australia's social & cultural identity through dance. Until 12th October.

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

## WHAT'S ON—TRUST ACTIVITIES

#### **MEETINGS IN THE TRUST BOARDROOM**

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**Council Meeting, 6.00 p.m.** Thursday 22 May Thursday 3 July Thursday 21 August

**Publications Committee, 12.30 p.m.** Monday 19 May Monday 16 June

Education & Cultural Committee, 5.30 p.m. Wednesday 25 June

Classification Committee, 12.15 p.m. Tuesday 13 May Tuesday 10 June Tuesday 8 July

Lanyon Committee, 12.15 p.m. Tuesday 20 May

Antique Fair Committee, 12.30 p.m. Wednesday 21 May Wednesday 18 June

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