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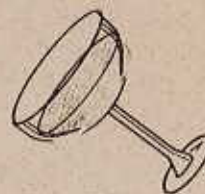
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5 -7 pm

Saturday, 29 November 1997

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Numbers are limited so book early.  
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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT) 1997/98

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the President's report to the 20th Annual General Meeting of the National Trust of Australia (ACT). On behalf of colleagues on Council I wish to offer our sincere thanks to all members who have contributed to the work of the Trust in its conservation efforts and activities for members.

As with previous years it is important to mention that we are indebted to the Commonwealth Department of Communications and the Arts for the Grant-in-Aid and to the ACT Department of the Environment, Land and Planning, through the ACT Heritage Council for grants for project work and education work.

We continue to operate from the premises in Griffith on lease from the ACT Government. The option to move to the Griffith Library, part of which became available for community groups, has been considered by Council. It was decided not to move, given that the space at the library was much smaller than our present premises, would require considerable alteration to be suitable for our requirements and we would only have shared access to a meeting room. The present office location is highly convenient and adequate for our operations. Some internal re-arrangement would be helpful to make better use of the space and Council, through the Executive Director, Michael Hodgkin, is pursuing with the ACT Government long-term options for the premises.

I wish to acknowledge Michael and his colleagues in the central office and the vital work and excellent service they provide for the Trust and its members. This is reflected amongst other things, in the high standard of the newsletter and the continued growth in membership numbers: in June 1996 there were 1723 members and in June 1997 the number was 1850.

It is of course 21 years since an autonomous National Trust in the ACT was formed under the presidency of Major General Ken Mackay. This milestone was recalled on 9 May 1997 in conjunction with the enormously successful Dinner and Ball at Old Parliament House to celebrate OPH's 70th anniversary. The Trust was invited by the Museum of Australia staff at OPH to play a major role in organising the event attended by the Governor General and Lady Deane and the Prime Minister and Mrs Howard. I wish to thank all members of the organising committee - Trust and OPH people - under the chairmanship of

Kevin Newman, who planned everything down to the last detail. This was, of course, a sunset committee.

Activities vital to the Trust and its continuation have been ably and expertly maintained by the work of our various standing Committees.

The Antique Fair Committee chaired by John Gale, with the support of the antique dealers, again mounted a successful fair at the Albert Hall, which was opened by Air Vice-Marshall Desmond Hall. The Committee also organised a very successful musical afternoon in August 1996 and a luncheon to celebrate the Trust's 20th anniversary in December, both at Huntly, thanks to the generosity of Mr John Gale.

The Classification Committee chaired by Lloyd Wrigley has continued its output of well-documented and researched classification proposals. The Committee's Projects Officer, Danielle Hyndes, resigned during the year to work for Senator Margaret Reid. Danielle contributed substantially to the Committee's excellent work over a number of years and helped establish a high standard of classification proposals. The Trust is also particularly indebted to her for her hours of voluntary work in other fields - organising displays, organising events (including the Table Settings exhibition and the Lanyon Fair), helping with catering at Trust functions, etc, etc. After Danielle's resignation, the committee received assistance from Matthew Higgins in coordinating and preparing Classifications.

The Education and Cultural Committee chaired by Linda Beveridge offered a variety of most successful events including several guided heritage walks, a film showing, promotional displays, new member functions, a picnic to celebrate Children's Week, lectures and a history competition for secondary school children. The Committee was also responsible for a series of heritage articles which have been published in "The Canberra Times". The successful walks and tours program organised by Garth Setchell has continued to flourish. Destinations this year have included Cape York and Alaska.

The Publications Committee chair was taken over during the year by Kath Taperell. She succeeded Linda Beveridge who had kindly volunteered to head the committee until a permanent chair could be found. Projects undertaken included the publication of a facsimile edition of the 1926 booklet "Canberra: general notes for the information of public servants" and the



third in the Trust's series of guided walk brochures, written by John Gooch.

The Lanyon Committee continues to be chaired by Charles Campbell. The committee's work has made possible several purchases, which have added to the display at Lanyon. Dr Robert Green and Mrs Margaret Lodge have resigned from the Committee after many years of dedicated service and I thank them both for their significant contributions. I also wish to thank the team of volunteer Guardians coordinated by the Lanyon Committee, they provide a very valuable service at Lanyon and present an important public face for the Trust.

Half way through the year Jill Muldoon took on the position of Gift Shops manager at Old Parliament House. She has guided the shops extremely competently, working with the Gift Shops Committee chaired by Garth Setchell through a successful period of trading.

Following the Annual General Meeting in November 1996, the Articles of Association of the Trust were revised and updated. The main alteration was the dropping of an Executive separate from Council and replacement by a single Board of Directors known as Council with 12 members and an Executive Director. I wish to give particular thanks to the members of Council who retired at that AGM, after many years of generous service to the Trust. They include Dr D Waterhouse, the immediate past President of the Trust (who served on Council for 20 years), Mr R Akhurst (5 years), Mr D Dunbar (9 years), Mr S Dutta (15 years) and Mr R Winch (20 years). Their contributions to the Trust were of immense value. Finally I must thank my current colleagues on Council who generously give their time and skills to the benefit of the Trust and its members.

Professor Ken Taylor

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) recorded an operating profit of \$12,152 for the year ended 30 June 1997 as against an operating loss of \$1,829 the previous financial year.

Contributions from the Trust Committees were as follows (rounded figures):

|                          | <u>1997</u> | <u>1996</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Antique Fair             | \$6,800     | \$12,000    |
| Publications             | \$600       | \$600       |
| Educational & Cultural   | \$1,100     | \$1,000     |
| Trust Tours              | \$9,600     | \$6,500     |
| Miscellaneous Activities | \$800       | \$2,100     |

Total operating expenditure of the Trust decreased by \$1,300.

Our Auditors have reported that the quality of funds control and record keeping at the Trust office has been of the highest standard and our thanks go to Michael Hodgkin, Helen Peade and Robyn Trezise. The management of the Gift Shops has gone through a very demanding period and we are grateful to Jill Muldoon and Paula Karabogias as well as the volunteers for their efforts in this regard. The continued support of Garth Setchell, Michael Moreing and John McDonald on the Gift Shops Committee and other financial undertakings have been most beneficial to the entire operation.

John Hyndes

*Don't Forget  
the National Trust's*

### 1997 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on  
Thursday,  
27 November 1997  
at 7.30 pm,

Players' Room,  
Eastlake Football Club

#### COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In Accordance with the Trust's Memorandum and Articles of Association, one half of the members of Council are required to stand down each year but are eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of the election was notified, and Nominations for Council were invited, in the August edition of Trust News. The following retiring members of Council have accepted re-nomination:

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Mr Garth Setchell | Mr John McDonald   |
| Mr Eric Martin    | Mr Michael Moreing |

Dr Robert Boden and Ms Kath Taperell have accepted nomination as new members of Council. There were no other nominations within the prescribed period for the six available vacancies.

# NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)

(A Company limited by guarantee)

ACN 008 531 182

## DIRECTORS' REPORT 1996/97

Your Directors submit the financial accounts of the company for the year ended 30 June 1997.

### DIRECTORS

The following persons hold office as Directors of the Company as Councillors of the National Trust of Australia (ACT) at the date of this report:

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Professor K Taylor - President   | Mr E Martin       |
| Mr G Setchell - Vice President   | Mr M Moreing      |
| Mr J Hyndes - Treasurer          | Miss M O'Connor   |
| Mr J McDonald - Secretary        | Mr G Warren-Smith |
| Ms L Beveridge                   | Ms K Williams     |
| Mr B Griffiths                   | Mr L Wrigley      |
| Mr M Hodgkin, Executive Director |                   |

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Company during the financial year consisted of maintaining, within the Australian Capital Territory, a public educational institution the purposes of which are to educate members of the public and to awaken, stimulate, encourage and maintain the interest of members of the public in, and promote public knowledge of, places and things which are of national or local importance by reason of educational, cultural, historic, architectural, traditional, legendary, artistic, literary, scientific, antiquarian, archaeological or other special interest attaching to them, and of places of natural beauty and the flora and fauna thereof. There were no significant changes in the nature of the economic entity's activities during the year.

### OPERATING RESULTS

The net result of operations was a profit of \$12,152 (1996 loss \$1,829)

### REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

A review of the operations of the Company during the financial year and the results of those operations are set out in the President's Report and, where applicable, in the Chairs of Committees Reports which are included in this Annual Report.

### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

No significant change in the state of affairs of the company occurred during the financial year.

### DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid during the year and no recommendation is made as to dividends.

### OPTIONS

No options to shares in the company have been granted during the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the end of the financial year.

### LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS IN OPERATIONS

The Directors believe there are no likely developments in the operations of the company which may significantly affect the affairs of the company in the financial years subsequent to 30 June 1997.

DIRECTORS' REPORT Continued

**AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS**

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in financial years subsequent to the financial year ended 30 June 1997.

**QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS**

The particulars of the qualifications, experience and special responsibilities of each Director, and attendance at Board meetings as at the date of the report are set out in Attachment A to this Report.

**DIRECTORS' BENEFITS**

No Director has received, or become entitled to receive, during or since the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the company with a firm of which the Director is a member, or a company in which a Director has a substantial financial interest, other than in respect to amounts paid as disclosed in Note 20. The company has not, during or since the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company or of a related body corporate:

- (a) indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against liability, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings, or
- (b) paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability for costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors this 9th day of October 1997.

DIRECTOR

*K. Laylo*

DIRECTOR

*M. Monaghan*

Dated this Ninth day of October 1997

## ATTACHMENT A

### INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

| <u>Directors</u>   | <u>Qualifications</u>   | <u>Experience &amp;<br/>Special Responsibilities</u> |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Professor K Taylor | BA (Hons) Sheffield<br>Dip T & CP (Manc)<br>M L Arch (Melb) FAILA | Councillor 13 yrs<br>PRESIDENT                       |
| Mr G Setchell      | B Arch (Hons)<br>M Arch, Dip T & CP<br>Cert TP (London)           | Councillor 15 yrs<br>VICE PRESIDENT                  |
| Mr E Martin        | B Arch, MB Env<br>Architect (FRAIA)                               | Councillor 15 yrs                                    |
| Mr J McDonald      | B Sc (Forestry) ANU   | Councillor 12 yrs<br>SECRETARY                       |
| Mr J Hyndes        | LLB (Melb)<br>Grad Dip Mgmt (UCQ)                                 | Councillor 1 yr<br>TREASURER                         |
| Mr R Akhurst       | BA, AITD  | Councillor 5 yrs<br>(Resigned 26/11/96)              |
| Ms L Beveridge     | BA (ANU)<br>Grad Dip Adv Lib (UC)                                 | Councillor 1 yr                                      |
| Mr D Dunbar        | B Arch (Hons) Melb<br>M Arch (Harvard)<br>BA (ANU), FRAIA         | Councillor 9 yrs<br>(Resigned 26/11/96)              |
| Mr S Dutta         | M Arch (Liverpool)<br>ARAIA, ANZIA, RIBA                          | Councillor 15 yrs<br>(Resigned 26/11/96)             |
| Mr B Griffiths     | App Sc (UC)<br>Dip Ag (Muresk)                                    | Councillor 8 yrs                                     |
| M Hodgkin          | BA (ANU)  | Councillor 1yr<br>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR                 |
| Mr M Moreing       |   | Councillor 8yrs                                      |
| Miss M O'Connor    | B App Sc (Canb)<br>Grad Dip Lib<br>Grad Dip Lib Rec Mgmt          | Councillor 6 yrs                                     |
| Mr G Warren-Smith  |   | Councillor 2 yrs                                     |
| Dr D Waterhouse    | DSc (Sydney & ANU)  | Councillor 20 yrs<br>(Resigned 26/11/96)             |
| Ms K Williams      | BA (Vis) CSA  | Councillor 1 yr                                      |
| Mr R Winch         | BA, Dip Comm<br>FCPA, ASIA, FIBA                                  | Councillor 20 yrs<br>(Resigned 26/11/96)             |
| Mr L Wrigley       | B Mec E (Melb)<br>FIE Aust  | Councillor 1 yr                                      |



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## MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

The attendance record of Directors at meetings was as follows:

| <u>Directors</u>   | <u>No. Eligible to attend</u> | <u>No. Attended</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Professor K Taylor | 8                             | 7                   |
| Mr R Akhurst       | 4                             | 3                   |
| Ms L Beveridge     | 8                             | 7                   |
| Mr D Dunbar        | 4                             | 1                   |
| Mr S Dutta         | 4                             | 1                   |
| Mr B Griffiths     | 8                             | 6                   |
| Mr M Hodgkin       | 8                             | 7                   |
| Mr J Hyndes        | 4                             | 3                   |
| Mr J McDonald      | 8                             | 6                   |
| Mr E Martin        | 8                             | 5                   |
| Mr M Moreing       | 8                             | 6                   |
| Miss M O'Connor    | 8                             | 7                   |
| Mr G Setchell      | 8                             | 6                   |
| Mr G Warren-Smith  | 8                             | 6                   |
| Dr D Waterhouse    | 4                             | 4                   |
| Ms K Williams      | 4                             | 3                   |
| Mr R Winch         | 4                             | 1                   |
| Mr L Wrigley       | 8                             | 8                   |



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STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

In the opinion of the Directors of the Company:

- (a) the accompanying Profit and Loss account gives a true and fair view of the Company's profit or loss for the year ending 30 June 1997;
- (b) the accompanying Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Company's state of affairs as at 30 June 1997;
- (c) the statement of cash flows gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the Company for the year ending 30 June 1997;
- (d) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe the Company can meet its debts as and when they fall due; and
- (e) the financial statements have been made out in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for, and on behalf of, the Directors by:

DIRECTOR

*K. Taylor*

DIRECTOR

*M. Morley*

Dated this Ninth day of October 1997.

**CUTHEL & BIGG**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**PARTNERS:**  
John Cuthel  
Graham Bigg  
Anthony McDonald

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (ACT)  
ACN 008 531 182**

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**SCOPE**

We have audited the Accounts, being the Statement by Directors, Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to and forming part of the Accounts of The National Trust of Australia (ACT) for the year ended 30 June 1997. The company's directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Accounts and the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of these Accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the company.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the Accounts are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent issues Group Consensus Views) and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the company which is consistent with our understanding of their financial position, the results of their operations, and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**AUDIT OPINION**

In our opinion, the financial statements of The National Trust of Australia (ACT) are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of :
  - (i) the company's state of affairs as at 30 June 1997 and its profits and cash flows for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) the other matters required by Division 4, 4A and 4B of Part 3.6 of the Corporations Law to be dealt with in the financial statements;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Law; and
- (c) in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

**CUTHEL & BIGG**  
Chartered Accountants



**ANTHONY MCDONALD**  
Partner

Canberra



October 1997



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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1997

|  | NOTE | 1997           | 1996<br>\$ \$  |
|--|------|----------------|----------------|
| Operating Profit (Loss)                                  | 2    | 12,152         | (1,829)        |
| Extraordinary Items:                                     |      |                |                |
| Betterment Tax Refund                                    |      |                | 6,412          |
| Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year |      | 132,845        | 128,262        |
| Funds available for Appropriation                        |      | 144,997        | <u>132,845</u> |
| Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year       |      | <u>144,997</u> | <u>132,845</u> |

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1997

### CURRENT ASSETS

|                      |   |                |                |
|----------------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| Cash                 |   | 38,430         | 37,281         |
| Receivables          | 3 | 3,015          | 8,737          |
| Inventories          | 4 | 87,769         | 95,321         |
| Other                | 5 | <u>57,199</u>  | <u>6,413</u>   |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS |   | <u>136,413</u> | <u>147,752</u> |

### NON-CURRENT ASSETS

|                             |   |         |         |
|-----------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| Property, Plant & Equipment | 7 | 154,499 | 159,488 |
| Investments                 | 6 | 201,392 | 205,015 |

|                          |  |                |                |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS |  | <u>355,891</u> | <u>364,503</u> |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|

|              |  |                |                |
|--------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| TOTAL ASSETS |  | <u>492,304</u> | <u>512,255</u> |
|--------------|--|----------------|----------------|

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

|                  |    |        |        |
|------------------|----|--------|--------|
| Accounts Payable | 8  | 1,450  | -      |
| Borrowings       | 9  | -      | 7,240  |
| Provisions       | 11 | 18,409 | 14,536 |
| Other            | 10 | 21,556 | 40,033 |

|                           |  |        |        |
|---------------------------|--|--------|--------|
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES |  | 41,415 | 61,809 |
|---------------------------|--|--------|--------|

### NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

|            |   |   |               |
|------------|---|---|---------------|
| Borrowings | 9 | - | <u>11,709</u> |
|------------|---|---|---------------|

|                               |  |   |               |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---------------|
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES |  | - | <u>11,709</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---------------|

|                   |  |        |        |
|-------------------|--|--------|--------|
| TOTAL LIABILITIES |  | 41,415 | 73,518 |
|-------------------|--|--------|--------|

|                   |  |                |                |
|-------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> |  | <u>450,889</u> | <u>438,737</u> |
|-------------------|--|----------------|----------------|

### MEMBERS FUNDS & RESERVES

|                   |  |                |                |
|-------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| Accumulated Funds |  | 144,997        | 132,845        |
| Reserves          |  | <u>305,892</u> | <u>305,892</u> |

|                                 |  |                |                |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| <u>TOTAL FUNDS AND RESERVES</u> |  | <u>450,889</u> | <u>438,737</u> |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|

The accompanying notes form part of these financial accounts.

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1997**

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements are a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and the Corporations Law. The financial statements have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the accounts.

**(a) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are brought to account at cost or at independent or directors' valuation, less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation or amortisation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including building and capitalised lease assets, but excluding leasehold land and antique furniture, is depreciated over their useful lives to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

**(b) Inventories**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. As in previous years, provision of \$2200 for loss on realisation has been retained against the value of stock on hand at balance date.

**(c) Income Tax**

The company is exempt from income tax under section 23 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

**(d) Membership Income**

Membership income is recognised when received. This is a change from prior financial years, where memberships received were recognised as income in the financial year to which the membership related.

**(e) Employee Entitlements**

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year have been measured at their nominal amount.

Contributions are made by the company to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

**(f) Cash**

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes:

- (I) cash on hand and in at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, net of bank overdrafts; and
- (ii) investments in money market instruments with less than 14 days to maturity.

**(g) Comparative Figures**

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.



(h) **Change in Accounting Policy**

In past years the Company has recognised subscription income in the year to which it relates. In the current financial year, the accounts reflect a board decision to grant membership for a period of 12 months from the date of receipt. The effect of this decision is to increase subscription income in the current year by approximately \$13,400.

**NOTE 2 - OPERATING PROFIT**

|   | 1997<br>\$ | 1996<br>\$ |
|---|------------|------------|
| (a) Operating profit before income tax has been determined after: |            |            |
| (i) Crediting as Income   |            |            |
| Interest received   | 12,120     | 17,893     |
| (ii) Charging as Expenses   |            |            |
| Auditors remuneration:  |            |            |
| Accounting Fees   | 5,800      | 1,500      |
| Audit Fees  | 4,300      | 4,000      |
| Depreciation of Property:   |            |            |
| Plant & Equipment   | 6,056      | 6,919      |
| Amortisation Gift Shop Fit-out                                    | 5,181      | 5,181      |
| Provisions:   |            |            |
| Annual Leave  | (2,228)    | 8,198      |
| Long Service Leave  | 6,101      | -          |
| (b) Operating Revenue:  |            |            |
| Government Grant Revenue  | 82,930     | 82,356     |
| Sales Revenue   | 370,445    | 301,913    |
| Membership revenue  | 59,324     | 39,013     |
| Interest received   | 12,120     | 17,893     |
| Other revenue   | 26,764     | 31,241     |

**NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES**

|                     |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Trade Debtors       | 226                 | 3,394               |
| Interest Receivable | <u>2,789</u>        | <u>5,343</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b><u>3,015</u></b> | <b><u>8,737</u></b> |

**NOTE 4 - INVENTORIES**

|  |                      |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Gift Shop                                | 80,688               | 86,418               |
| Book - Heritage of the ACT               | <u>9,281</u>         | <u>11,103</u>        |
|  | <u>89,969</u>        | <u>97,521</u>        |
| (Less) provision for loss on realisation | <u>(2,200)</u>       | <u>(2,200)</u>       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b><u>87,769</u></b> | <b><u>95,321</u></b> |

**NOTE 5 - OTHER**

|             |       |       |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Prepayments | 7,199 | 6,413 |
|-------------|-------|-------|

**NOTE 6 - INVESTMENTS**

|  |                       |                       |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Term Deposits                                      |                       |                       |
| Operating  | 183,444               | 182,274               |
| Project Accounts                                   | <u>16,556</u>         | <u>21,349</u>         |
|  | <u>200,000</u>        | <u>203,623</u>        |
| Shares in unlisted companies - Barjada Pty Limited | 1                     | 1                     |
| Unsecured Loan - Barjada Pty Limited               | <u>1,391</u>          | <u>1,391</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                       | <b><u>201,392</u></b> | <b><u>205,015</u></b> |

1997  
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1996  
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### NOTE 7 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

|   |                       |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Antique Furniture, Fittings & Paintings | <u>116,063</u>        | <u>113,613</u>        |
| Plant & Equipment at cost               | 102,985               | 100,337               |
| (Less) Accumulated Depreciation         | <u>(79,364)</u>       | <u>(73,308)</u>       |
|   | 23,621                | 27,029                |
| Old Parliament House Gift Shop          | 32,239                | 31,089                |
| (Less) Accumulated Amortisation         | <u>(17,424)</u>       | <u>(12,243)</u>       |
|   | <u>14,815</u>         | <u>18,846</u>         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b><u>154,499</u></b> | <b><u>159,488</u></b> |

### NOTE 8 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

|                  |              |          |
|------------------|--------------|----------|
| Sundry creditors | <u>1,450</u> | <u>-</u> |
|------------------|--------------|----------|

### NOTE 9 - BORROWINGS

|                                       |          |               |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Current                               |          |               |
| Australian Council of National Trusts | <u>-</u> | <u>7,240</u>  |
| Non-Current                           |          |               |
| Australian Council of National Trusts | <u>-</u> | <u>11,709</u> |

### NOTE 10 - OTHER

|                                     |                      |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Accruals                            | 5,000                | 5,000                |
| Project Reserves                    | 16,556               | 21,349               |
| Members' Activities paid in advance |                      |                      |
| Antique Fair Committee              | -                    | 244                  |
| Memberships in advance              | <u>-</u>             | <u>13,440</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b><u>21,556</u></b> | <b><u>40,033</u></b> |

### NOTE 11 - PROVISIONS

|                                  |                      |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Provision for Annual Leave       | 12,308               | 14,536               |
| Provision for Long Service Leave | <u>6,101</u>         | <u>-</u>             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b><u>18,409</u></b> | <b><u>14,536</u></b> |

### NOTE 12 - RESERVES

|                        |                       |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Capital Profit Reserve | 300,892               | 300,892               |
| General Reserve        | <u>5,000</u>          | <u>5,000</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b><u>305,892</u></b> | <b><u>305,892</u></b> |

### NOTE 13 - AUDITORS REMUNERATION

(Total amounts received, or due and receivable  
by the auditors of the company are:

|                                       |               |                |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Auditing                              | 4,300         | 3,000          |
| Accounting Services                   | <u>5,800</u>  | <u>2,000</u>   |
|                                       | <u>10,100</u> | <u>5,000</u>   |
| Over)/Under Accrual for previous year | <u>(700)</u>  | <u>(1,000)</u> |



## NOTE

1997

1996

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**NOTE 14 - EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE**

There were no events subsequent to 30 June 1997 which, in the view of the Directors, need to be included in these accounts.

**NOTE 15 - LEASE RENTAL COMMITMENTS**

## PAYABLE:

|  |                      |                      |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| - not later than one year                        | 14,406               | 14,406               |
| - later than one year but not later than 2 years | 14,406               | 14,406               |
| - later than 2 years but not later than 5 years  | 28,812               | 43,218               |
| - later than 5 years                             | ---                  | ---                  |
| <b>TOTAL LEASE LIABILITY</b>                     | <b><u>57,624</u></b> | <b><u>72,030</u></b> |

**NOTE 16 - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS [Inflows/(Outflows)]****CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

|  |                     |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Receipts from Grants, Members, and Customers                         | 590,197             | 472,459             |
| Payments to suppliers and employees                                  | <u>(583,709)</u>    | <u>(468,579)</u>    |
| <b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY<br/>OPERATING ACTIVITIES (NOTE a)</b> | <b><u>6,488</u></b> | <b><u>3,880</u></b> |

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

|  |                       |                     |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Interest and other Costs of Finance Paid     | (889)                 | -                   |
| Interest Received                            | 14,674                | 14,171              |
| Sale (Purchases) of Assets                   | (3,798)               | (5,080)             |
| Net Proceeds/(repayment) of Borrowings       | <u>(18,949)</u>       | <u>-</u>            |
| <b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b> | <b><u>(8,962)</u></b> | <b><u>9,091</u></b> |

|   |                       |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD<br/>CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF<br/>THE REPORTING PERIOD</b> | <b>(2,474)</b>        | <b>12,971</b>         |
|   | <b><u>240,904</u></b> | <b><u>227,933</u></b> |

|   |                       |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>CASH AT THE END OF<br/>THE REPORTING PERIOD (NOTE b)</b> | <b><u>238,430</u></b> | <b><u>240,904</u></b> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|

**NOTE a** - Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating profit after income

|  |                 |          |
|--|-----------------|----------|
| Operating Profit                           | 12,152          | (1,829)  |
| Add/(Less)                                 |                 |          |
| - Depreciation & Amortisation              | 11,237          | 12,100   |
| - Interest Paid                            | 889             | -        |
| - Interest Received                        | (14,674)        | (14,171) |
| - Decrease/(Increase) in Trade Receivables | 5,722           | 10,451   |
| - Decrease/(Increase) in Inventories       | 7,552           | 5,668    |
| - Acquisitions/Gifts of Furniture          | (2,450)         | (2,110)  |
| - (Decrease)/Increase in Accounts Payable  | 1,450           | (17,699) |
| - Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments       | (786)           | 3,272    |
| - (Decrease)/Increase in provisions        | 3,873           | 8,198    |
| - (Decrease)/Increase in Other Liabilities | <u>(18,477)</u> | <u>-</u> |

|   |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>NOTE b</b> - Cash at the end of the reporting period | <b><u>6,488</u></b> | <b><u>3,880</u></b> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|

|                      |                       |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>CASH AT BANK</b>  | <b>38,430</b>         | <b>37,281</b>         |
| <b>TERM DEPOSITS</b> | <b><u>200,000</u></b> | <b><u>203,623</u></b> |

|              |                       |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b><u>238,430</u></b> | <b><u>240,904</u></b> |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|

### **NOTE 17 - MEMBERS' GUARANTEE**

The company is limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Articles of Association state that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company.

### **NOTE 18 - SEGMENT REPORTING**

The company operates wholly within the Australian Capital Territory.

### **NOTE 19 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

There were no contingent liabilities in existence as at the date of the Directors' Statement.

### **NOTE 20 - REMUNERATION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

#### **Directors**

The names of directors who held office during the financial year are:

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Professor Ken Taylor          | Mr E Martin       |
| Mr B Akhurst                  | Mr M Moreing      |
| Ms L Beveridge                | Miss M O'Connor   |
| Mr D Dunbar                   | Mr G Setchell     |
| Mr S Dutta                    | Mr G Warren-Smith |
| Mr B Griffiths                | Dr D Waterhouse   |
| Mr M Hodgkin (Exec. Director) | Ms K Williams     |
| Mr J Hyndes                   | Mr R Winch        |
| Mr J McDonald                 | Mr L Wrigley      |

#### **Directors' Remuneration**

The number of company directors whose income from the company and any related parties was within the following bands was:

|                     | <u>1997</u> | <u>1996</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| \$0 - \$9,999       | 1           | 1           |
| \$10,000 - \$19,999 | -           | -           |
| \$20,000 - \$39,999 | 1           | -           |

#### **Retirement and Superannuation Payments**

The company has complied with its obligations to the Superannuation Surcharge and made payments on behalf of the Executive Director.

### **NOTE 21 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no related party transactions.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ANTIQUE FAIR COMMITTEE REPORT

Unfortunately I must report to members that the Antique Fair held in 1997 was not as financially successful as we would have hoped. This downturn in our fortunes was caused largely by the enormous increase of the rent for Albert Hall. This increase was not brought to the attention of the National Trust until our admission prices had already been published, so nothing could be done to alleviate the additional production cost. Although the committee is loath to increase admission prices, an increase will be unavoidable in 1998. Attendance numbers were also down on the 1996 figure and I shall tell later in this report what measures we propose to take.

As usual the auditorium looked magnificent, beautifully decorated by Mrs Hole and her willing helpers - the dealers' displays are always enhanced by the art of these ladies. Thank you all helpers and those who willingly allowed their gardens to be partially stripped of their autumn glory.

Yet once again Marion Douglas organised the canteen and spent many hours over the three-day weekend working in the canteen. I wish to sincerely thank all those who assisted Marion, and also those who supplied much of the food we sell.

Opening night was a happy occasion and all were well fed and plied with drinks, beautifully organised by Phyllis Montgomerie. The fair was ably and entertainingly opened by Air Vice Marshall Desmond Hall.

The raffle was moderately successful, the prizes being an electroplated entree dish, the basket of Easter chocolates and a voucher for a meal at Jonathan's Restaurant at Woden Plaza, donated by Jonathan's.

The 1996 Christmas Cocktail Party was held in the gardens of Huntly. For this event we used a caterer who supplied delicious food which saved the Committee from having to work so hard, and we still managed to make a profit. In August 1996 a music recital was held in Huntly homestead, well attended and enjoyed, afternoon tea being served after the recital. The recitalists were senior students at the Canberra School of Music.

The amount this Committee was able to raise to help NT funds was \$6,800 for 1996/97.

The sincere thanks of the committee to Mike Hodgkin and Robyn Trezise for all their help during the twelve months and particularly at the time of the Fair.

After consultation with the antique dealers who exhibit at our Fair we have decided to hold the 1998 Antique Fair at the end of June. We feel that with less distraction at this time (Canberra Festival) and colder weather making an indoor event more attractive, we should attract a larger public through our doors.

I am pleased to announce that Mary and Tony Eggleton have agreed to join this committee. I would like to personally thank all Committee members for their untiring help during the year, working with them is such a pleasure.

In conclusion I again wish to thank everyone who helped this committee in any way during the past twelve months, especially those who contributed food to the canteen at the Antique Fair and assisted at the Fair. I reiterate what I have said in my report in former years; we would welcome an indication of willingness to help from new members, who would find that this is a good way to meet members of the Trust and by their assistance, positively help the finances of the Trust.

John Gale

### CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Classification Committee is appointed by the Council of the National Trust of Australia (ACT) to undertake the following:

- Identify cultural and national places of heritage significance.
- Provide to the Council and receive from the Council advice on issues relating to the Classification of places, and nominations to the ACT Heritage Register and to the Register of the National Estate.
- Research and develop Classification proposals for consideration by the Council.
- Maintain a Register of Classified places and records of place worthy of consideration for conservation and preservation.
- Undertake such tasks within its competence which are referred to the Committee by the Council.

Members comprise persons invited for their particular expertise, and representatives nominated by kindred organisations; namely the Canberra and District Historical Society, the Heritage Panel of the Institution of Engineers, Australia (Canberra Division), and the ACT Heritage Unit. Three Directors of the Trust were members during the year.

Membership as at May 1997 was:

Ms Judith Baskin (Vice Chair)  
Ms Catherine Kiernan  
Dr Robert Boden  
Mr Chris Klimek  
Mr Ken Charlton  
Mrs Josephine Martin  
Mrs Pat Clarke  
Mr Eric Martin

Mr Peter Dowling  
 Ms Dale Middleby  
 Mr Shibu Dutta  
 Mr Richard Morrison  
 Mr Rodney Garnett  
 Ms Maura O'Connor  
 Mr Barry Griffiths  
 Mr Patrice Riboust  
 Mr Matthew Higgins  
 Mr Lloyd Wrigley (Chair)

Citations for both new classifications and review and updating of earlier classifications came before the Committee during the year. Each citation, whether new or an update, required the outlay of considerable time, effort and skill to meet the standards expected of the Trust by external authorities such as the ACT Heritage Council.

Part of the work of preparing the Citations was funded under grants provided by ACT Heritage, but a substantial amount of the work was contributed by members of the Committee, and this is gratefully acknowledged. In addition, valuable work on three of the citations was contributed by Jan Clark-Walker, Carol Cosgrove and David King, and they are thanked for their input.

On behalf of the Committee, I express thanks to the Trust staff for support during the year. We were fortunate to again have the benefit of Danielle Hyndes as Classification Project Officer and Minute Secretary during the first half of the year. In the second half, Matthew Higgins undertook Classification Officer functions and Jo-Anne Devenish provided secretarial assistance, both on a part-time basis, and we thank them.

L J Wrigley

## **EDUCATION & CULTURAL COMMITTEE**

Linda Beveridge (Chair)  
 Bob Akhurst  
 Sarah-Jane Brazil  
 Liz Keirs  
 Anna Moreing  
 Mike Moreing  
 Garth Setchell  
 Debbie Stephan  
 Kath Taperell  
 Betty Wakefield  
 Helen Peade (Minute Secretary)

The purpose of this Committee is to educate the community and National Trust members about our natural and cultural heritage in the ACT, Australia and overseas, and about the role of the National Trust.

In order to achieve this purpose the Committee -

- Prepares material about our heritage and the role of the National Trust for use in the print and electronic media, and negotiates for its use. The Committee is co-operating with "The Canberra Times" in the publication of an occasional series of heritage articles, which have been contributed by Trust members. WIN

TV has been using heritage stories and footage identified by the Committee as colour stories on WIN Today, for example, Lanyon, Blundell's Cottage, the Church and School of St John the Baptist, Reid and Orroral Station. A short video about ACT Heritage aimed at senior students is being planned.

- Holds lectures and seminars about our heritage for members and the wider community. These lectures included a very interesting history of Australian music by Dr Jeff Brownrigg from the Sound and Film Archive, and a special showing of the Australian film Gallipoli for Remembrance Day.
- Arranges guided visits to heritage places for members and the wider community. These visits included those arranged for Heritage Month such as Commonwealth Park led by John Gray, Reid heritage led by Shibu Dutta, Stones of Parliament House led by geologist Wolf Mayer, the historic De Salis Cemetery led by Maura O'Connor, Aboriginal Scarred Trees in the Wanniasa area led by Peter Dowling, and Braddon and Ainslie led by John Gooch.
- Mounts promotional displays at relevant community events and places. The Committee arranged a display for the ACT Alive festival and the Lanyon Fair during Heritage Week.
- Facilitates a teachers network to help educate school children in our heritage and the role of the National Trust. The committee has made plans for this network to be active in 1998.
- Organises and conducts programs about our heritage and the role of the National Trust for school children at different levels. The first National Trust ACT History Competition for secondary school students attracted many entries, mostly from private schools. The winning entries were displayed in the "shop front" window at the Civic Library. The Committee arranged sponsorship for the prizes from Collins Bookshop, the Commonwealth Bank, the ACT History Teachers Association and the Council of the National Trust of Australia (ACT). The competition judges were Professor John Mulvaney, Mr Robert Macklin and Mr Ron Winch. The ACT Minister for Education, Mr Bill Stefaniak, presented the prizes. A successful Children's Week picnic was held at Lanyon, which included games, a tour of Lanyon, and demonstrations of heritage housework.
- Assists with applications for relevant grants. The committee submitted successful applications for grants, principally to enable our media project.
- Encourages people to join the Trust and arranges "welcome" functions for new members. Several new memberships were taken out at the ACT Alive display in March. A new members function was held in June at Cuppacumbalong, courtesy of Bob and Rosina Akhurst, in conjunction with a special viewing of an exhibition of Australian native birds.



The Walks and Tours Program continues to operate through this Committee under the tireless efforts of Garth Setchell, supported by the Trust Office in respect of bookings, banking and the posting out of leaflets etc.

In 1996/97, a total of 528 persons attended the 22 activities on offer and the return to the Trust neared \$10,000. The undoubted highlight of the Program was the Trust's first overseas tour - to Alaska and Western Canada. Nineteen members enjoyed great weather and spectacular scenery, and the success of the tour can be gauged by the fact that several participants have booked on the 1998 tour to South America.

Other extended tours visited the Flinders Ranges, New England, Tasmania and Cape York, whilst 9 people undertook the 6-day trek from Cradle Mountain to Lake St Clair. There were weekend tours to Sydney, Bathurst and Jervis Bay, garden tours to Young, Yaouk and Crookwell, day tours to Yass, Belconnen, the Adaminaby Picnic Races, Wombeyan Caves and Joadja, and day walks to the Budawangs, Mt Gingera, the huts in the far south of Namadgi National Park and along part of the Alpine Walking Track.

Apart from attracting new members and helping to retain existing members, the Program helps to promote the value of heritage in the wider community by bringing business to owners and managers of heritage places and by demonstrating that people appreciate properly conceived conservation.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee for their dedicated efforts, and in particular, Anna Moreing for ably chairing the committee for the first half of the financial year, and Mike Moreing for his role as Deputy Chair and arranging the heritage film showings, Kath Taperell for her project to gain coverage for the Trust in the media, Garth Setchell for his extensive program of tours, Liz Keirs, Betty Wakefield, Debbie Stephan and Sarah-Jane Brazil for the Schools History Competition, Helen Peade for the Children's Week Picnic and Mike Hodgkin for ensuring that the grant applications were in on time. The committee is also grateful for the overall support provided by the office staff, without whom we would not be able to function.

Linda Beveridge

## **GIFT SHOPS REPORT**

Both the Old Parliament House and Lanyon Gift Shops have faced some difficult times over the past 9 months including:

1. the resignation of Michael Maloney;
2. a fairly dramatic downturn in the retail and tourism trade in Canberra over the past 4 months;
3. loss of volunteer staff at the Lanyon Gift Shop.

Although recent months have **not seen** takings comparable to the previous year, our average sale per customer remains steady and the shops are in a sound financial position.

Paula Karabogias joined the staff as the full-time Assistant Manager and has proved to be a very valuable team member.

Trading at the Lanyon shop remained steady throughout the year but maintaining volunteer staffing is becoming more & more difficult. This is a fairly major problem and we will be discussing the issue with the Museums and Galleries Section of the ACT Government in the next few months in the hope of finding a solution.

The opening of the new 'Back Benchers Cafe Bar' at Old Parliament House has increased trade. The new double doorway to the shop, allowing direct access to the corridor leading to the cafe, has put the shop on display, attracting local customers who previously would not have known the shop existed.

Floriade, followed by the Masters Games in October, should ensure a steady flow of tourists for both shops.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for their time, their enthusiasm and the energy they have given to both Lanyon and Old Parliament House. Without them our successes would not have been so great and their effort has been greatly appreciated.

Jill Muldoon

## **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Ms Kath Taperell - (Chair)  
Mr E Martin  
Mr J Gooch  
Miss M O'Connor  
Ms S-J Brazil  
Mr M Maloney (resigned January)

In the past year the Committee has published "Canberra: general notes for the information of public servants", a facsimile of a booklet published by the Federal Capital Commission in 1926 as a guide for public servants, and "A Self-guided tour of heritage sites at Ainslie and Braddon", the third in the series of self-guided walking tours. The Committee thanks John Gooch, author of the brochure.

The Committee has also monitored sales of existing publications and reviewed stock levels and prices. Titles currently available are "The Heritage of the Australian Capital Territory", "The Heritage of Jervis Bay", "A Self-guided tour of heritage sites at Reid", and "A Self-guided tour of heritage sites at Commonwealth Park and Kings Park, Canberra". "The Heritage of Jervis Bay" continues to sell well. Sales of "The Heritage of the Australian Capital Territory" have increased since a price reduction.

In May the Committee embarked on a review of its aims and objectives. It is currently reassessing its approach to



publishing and developing a new publications program, to run until 2001. The new program will aim to fill gaps in the literature on the heritage of the ACT and surrounding region, to maximise the opportunities presented by the Centenary of Federation in 2001 and the Olympic Games-related tourism in 2000, and to use the Internet to introduce heritage places and issues to a broader - and particularly younger - readership.

The Committee intends to explore scope for sponsorship, joint ventures and commercial publication, with a view to widening the market for the Trust's publications and reducing the program's reliance on grants.

Several new Committee members have been recruited and I look forward to them generating new ideas and projects in 1997/98.

Kath Taperell



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#### **ABOUT THE RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL** - with the Trust's grateful thanks for their services.

##### **Mr Geoff Warren-Smith** - (in his own words)

I joined the National Trust ACT as a member in 1991 and after thoroughly enjoying numerous Trust tours and other activities, decided I would like to get more involved in a managerial role. I stood for election as a member of Council in 1995 for a two-year term and was duly elected.

Before becoming a member of Council I was a member of the Education and Cultural Committee and enjoyed assisting to arrange the many and varied activities of that Committee.

I have also assisted in arranging some Sunday lunches which were designed to bring together new single members of the Trust, and was partly instrumental in gaining the tender for the Gift Shop at Old Parliament House where I have often assisted in various capacities. I have also assisted at the Trust's Lanyon Fair, the Antique Fair and at ACT Alive.

##### **Miss Maura O'Connor**

Also retiring from Council at the forthcoming AGM is Maura O'Connor. Maura has served on the Trust Council for 6 years, making a considerable contribution.

Maura's special interest has been in documenting pioneer graveyards in the local area and she has contributed greatly to the sum of knowledge now available on this subject. Maura will remain involved in Trust matters through her participation on both the Publications and Classifications Committees. The Trust's thanks must go to Maura for her valuable service.

## **Recent Trust Classifications**

*In May this year, Council approved new or updated classifications of the sites below. Summaries of the reasons for these sites being Classified, or having their status upgraded, are given below.*

### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH, AINSLIE**

*Although already Classified, the citation for this property has now been updated.*

This building's early history was as the mortuary railway station at Rookwood, Sydney, built in 1868. After the trains were replaced by motor traffic and a fire damaged the station's roof, the building was offered for sale in 1958.

The building appealed to Rev. E. C. Buckle who had been looking for a way of gaining a church at little cost for the Parish of North Canberra. The price was £100. After the purchase, Mr S. C. Taunton and his son John camped at the station in Sydney for 14 weeks, numbering every stone and making detailed sectional drawings before the 787 tons of stone were transported to the Territory.

Architect W Pierce was employed to plan the new layout and rearrange the building to suit its new function but after the initial planning work was done he moved interstate. Buckle and Taunton completed the project, closing in the west end with glass and including a sanctuary at the eastern end.

**Statement of Significance** - The church is highly significant as a former mortuary railway station, moved from its site at the Necropolis at Rookwood in Sydney to Ainslie, ACT and sympathetically modified to make it fit for use as a parish church.

The original building and the present church are excellent examples of the Gothic Revival style of architecture relating to the thirteenth century Florentine style. The church represents a significant work by NSW Colonial Architect, James Barnet. Its sister building at Central Railway Station in Sydney still stands.

The church has direct and explicit associations with the early Sydney Necropolis at Rookwood and its previous use is suitably memorialised in its current form. It has significant associations with the developing religious life of the young national capital.

### **ACT-NSW BORDER MARKERS**

This classification refers to 272 individual sites intrinsic to the heritage of the ACT. It is made up of

many original markers, reference trees, mile markers and mile reference trees. These markers date from 1913 -1915 when the foundations for our national capital were being laid and the area set apart from surrounding New South Wales. They are among the earliest structures erected in the Federal Capital Territory.

The markers are directly associated with the determination of the territorial protect the new national boundary in 1909, which was dictated by the need to contain and capital's water supply. Through consultation with the New South Wales government, surveyor C. R. Scrivener, and the Advisory Board he represented, ensured that the Cotter and Gudgenby-Naas -Paddy's River catchment areas lay within the boundaries of the new territory.

The surveying began in 1910 when Percy Sheaffe began work at Mt Coree, continuing around the north and north -east territorial borders. Conditions would not have been easy for the survey teams: the men slept in tents and travelled by horse-drawn vehicles. A second survey party led by Harry Mouat began work in October 1913 beginning at Mt Coree and surveying along the Brindabellas. These survey parties consisted of about six men each.

By 1915 Sheaffe had been called in to serve at 'head office' at Acton and his work on the border survey Mouat met late in April 1915 at a point between Wright's Hut and Sentry Box Mountain, thus was taken over by Freddie Johnston. Johnston and completing the border survey.

The markers include many good examples of fine engraving displaying skilful use of tools. They reflect an era now gone, the equipment used being markedly different to the technology employed by surveyors today.

Percy Sheaffe went on to become District Surveyor, involved in Canberra's administration until his retirement (as Chief Surveyor and Property Officer) in 1948. He had surveyed over 150 kilometres of the FCT border.

Harry Mouat played an important role during the Federal Capital Commission years until a move to Sydney in 1944. He had surveyed 90 kilometres of the border.

Freddie Johnston surveyed 20 kilometres of the border. He later became Surveyor-General of Australia and the first Director of National Mapping.

## BOOK REVIEW

**"Canberra - The Guide: a fresh perspective on Australia's capital city"**  
Edited by Ken Taylor and David Headon

In his introduction, Donald Horne describes this book, edited by Trust President Ken Taylor and David Headon from the Centre for Australian Cultural Studies, as "a guidebook for the intelligent tourist". It does take a different approach to that of most tourist guides, although this is not immediately apparent from the cover photographs.

The book is set out in themes, the first section featuring four articles about aspects of the history of the Limestone Plains, each from a different perspective. Other themes include the national institutions that comprise Canberra's focus, our educational and sporting culture, and the arts. Contributors include well-known locals such as Helen Musa, Jill Waterhouse, Alan Fitzgerald, Sarah

Dowse and Meredith Hinchcliffe. Ian Warden also contributes an amusing piece on what he likes about living in Canberra, including our remarkably low alien abduction rate!

Insets on almost every page give the reader useful information on access to sites of interest, contact phone numbers and opening hours. There is also helpful information on shop and bank opening hours, public holidays and parking in the ACT.

Unlike most tourist guides, this book is made up of well-written articles with a little bit of a different approach. Although a little expensive for many, those who choose this book as their guide will leave Canberra with a more well rounded idea of the history and culture of our national capital.

*Robyn Trezise*

### **Increases in "Trust News" Advertising Rates in 1998**

Unfortunately the Trust must increase advertising rates from our first issue in 1998. The new rates are:

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| Inserts  | \$ 85 |          |      |

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# Canberra's Scouting History: 1915 - 1997

In the Trust's May 1997 newsletter, historian Ann Gugler wrote a little about the development of scouting in Canberra between 1915 and 1925 in her 'Glimpses of early Canberra' series. This overview of scouting in the ACT is by veteran Scout and group Leader, Lawrie Lee.

My interest in local scouting history stems from my long involvement as a Leader with the First Canberra Group from 1951 until my retirement in 1997. The last twenty-five years were as a Group Leader who has the overall responsibility for the efficient functioning of the Group. My aim in this article is to give a brief account of First Canberra's history and other related events.

## Lord Baden-Powell

Scouting was up and running in 1915, a mere two years after Canberra was named by Lady Denman, and only eight years after the scouting movement was founded in Great Britain by Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. Charles Russell of Red Hill can recall being a Boy Scout in that year with his father, the late W.O. Russell, as Scoutmaster. In those early years scouting so captured the imagination of boys of all ages that it spread throughout the British Empire and beyond. Lord Baden-Powell became known affectionately as "B.P." and this led to the widely acclaimed motto "BE PREPARED".

Lord and Lady Baden-Powell visited Canberra on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1931 and reviewed a large rally of Boy Scouts, Wolf Cubs and Girl Guides on Capitol Hill near the then scout hall (later removed to Griffith). Lord Baden-Powell passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 1941 in his beloved Kenya. In scouting terms he was "called to higher service".


## The First Canberra Scout Troop 1917-1949.

Although there were other scout troops known as "1<sup>st</sup> Canberra" in the beginning, the earliest official documented record of scouting in the Canberra-Canberra Scout Troop by the New South Wales Branch on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 1917. A copy of the original registration certificate is reproduced at right. It will be noted that this troop was registered as "First Canberra" not "1<sup>st</sup> Canberra" - a proud distinction which has been recognised and sustained over the past eighty years. The fledgling troop of thirteen boys met initially in the small ACT village of Hall. With the introduction of the Wolf Cubs in 1926 this troop was elevated to the status of a Group.

A contingent of scouts representing all States visited Canberra and joined local scouts for the official opening of the provisional Parliament House in 1927. Scouts performed duties including those of car parking marshals, escorts, cooks and attendants. They camped in Blandfordia, adjacent to the present day Prime Minister's Lodge. Scouts from the First Canberra Troop attended the first jamboree in Australia, which was held at Frankston, Victoria in 1931.

In 1931 the Federal Capital Commission granted the local Scout Association permissive occupancy of the Cotter

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**THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION**  
(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER)

Australia :: New South Wales Section.

**APPLICATION FOR TROOP REGISTRATION.**

To the Hon. Staff Sec.

I hereby make application for the Registration of The First Canberra  
Federal Capital Scout Troop, and request that the first twelve names appear below be  
registered as members of the above Association. I enclose herewith Postal Notes to the value of  
£ 5. 9. being 2/6 registration fee and 3d. for each member of the troop (capitation).

Signed W. L. B. B. B.  
Address The Rectory, Ainslie.  
Date 27th January 1917.  
Meeting night Tuesday Time 7.30pm Place Hall, Canberra

| No. | Name            | Age | Residence | Registration Number |
|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------|---------------------|
| 1   | Malcolm Murray  | 16  | Canberra  | 3375                |
| 2   | Malcolm Murray  | 16  | Canberra  | 9                   |
| 3   | James Murray    | 12  | Canberra  | 3380                |
| 4   | Chris Russell   | 12  | Canberra  | 1                   |
| 5   | George Avery    | 14  | Canberra  | 2                   |
| 6   | Charles Stewart | 15  | Canberra  | 3                   |
| 7   | Thomas Stewart  | 13  | Canberra  | 4                   |
| 8   | William Stewart | 11  | Canberra  | 5                   |
| 9   | Jack Moore      | 11  | Canberra  | 6                   |
| 10  | Robert Ramsay   | 14  | Canberra  | 7                   |
| 11  | Hugh Ramsay     | 11  | Canberra  | 8                   |
| 12  | John Ramsay     | 13  | Canberra  | 9                   |
| 13  | Robert Michael  | 11  | Canberra  | 3390                |

camp site which has been developed over the years as a training venue, conference centre and camping ground.

In 1926 the First Canberra Scout Group moved to a hall in Ainslie, presumably the existing Corroboree Park Hall. At one time the troop met in what was known as the "plumber's workshop" in Ainslie. In 1946 the Federal Capital Commission donated two halls from Tocumwal Air Base near Wagga Wagga and First Canberra secured one for its present site at 5 Masson Street, Turner in Haig Park. The Second hall was given to the Guide Association and erected in Lister Street, Ainslie.

## First Canberra: 1950-1997

In 1950 Canberra's population was in the order of 15,000 and the northern suburbs did not extend beyond the line trees of Haig Park. With the movement to Canberra from interstate and war-torn Europe, the tranquil days of the "Bush Capital" were about to change forever.

In that year Scouting in Canberra was divided into two administrative districts: 'north' and 'south' with the Molonglo River as the dividing line. Lake Burley Griffin became a reality in the early 1960s, which enabled a Sea Scout Troop to be formed by veteran Scouter Jack Deeble. This group is named "Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scouts" and is still flourishing.



In 1951 District Commissioner Arthur Boyle appointed me Assistant Scoutmaster, First Canberra, to help Scoutmaster Jack Israel run the troop. Jim Anderson was the Group Scoutmaster and between them they knotted up many years of Scouting. I acted for a while as the Scoutmaster for 3<sup>rd</sup> Canberra, St John's Anglican Troop, and ran scout meetings in the old school house. A highlight of that era was the privilege bestowed upon the First Canberra and 3<sup>rd</sup> Canberra troops to provide a guard of honour for the then Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip when they attended a church service at St John's in 1952.

With the rapid development of the inner north of Canberra during the 1950s and 1960s a second Wolf Cub pack was formed in 1966 and attached to the First Canberra Group. The second pack was named First Turner and was led by Akela Fay Haslam. Later Mabel Kirby became Akela, assisted by Rosemary and John Smart of Scotland. Rosemary took over as Akela in the early 1970s and ran the Pack until its closure in 1973.

I became Akela of the First Canberra cubs in 1968 with "Hathi" Ted Passent as the very capable assistant. The Packs had a combined total of 60 boys and shared many camps and daytime activities. Camps were held at Sturt Island YMCA Camp, Lake Burrinjuck Dam, Long Beach, Bateman's Bay and Bundanoon.

In 1972 I was appointed Group Leader when my sons Gavin and Linton progressed to the scout section. I held this position for twenty-five years until my retirement in 1997. I was awarded the Scouting Medal of Merit in recognition of outstanding service to scouting.

In 1974-5 the then Scout Leader, Max Agnew, resigned to take up studies at the Teacher's College, Wagga Wagga. Soon after that, the 9<sup>th</sup> Canberra Scout Troop, St Patrick's, Braddon, closed and merged with First Canberra. The two Leaders, Peter Phillips and Bill Fearon, accepted appointments with the combined troop as Scout Leader and Assistant Scout Leader respectively. The scout hall was renamed the First Canberra Scout Base.

In the early 1970s the National Capital Development Commission (NCDC) advised the First Canberra Scout Group that it would have to improve the old, rather unsightly wooden hall with its temporary additions at the back or move from Haig Park to another location. The Group decided to remain at Haig Park as no-one doubted that it was one of the best scouting locations in the ACT. (Haig Park scout hall is now heritage listed).

Fund raising began in earnest by an active and dedicated Group Committee comprising Margaret Buffington, Mary Ritchie, Freda Senn, Kathie Lee and many others. J.B. Youngs' catalogues were delivered to all northern suburbs of Canberra every month for a return of two cents per catalogue. After two years a sum of \$6,000 had been raised from cake stalls and sausage sizzles etc.

In 1972 the Whitlam Labour Government came to power and a policy was developed whereby youth organisations could be given a grant if they met certain criteria. Building of Scout halls and the like fell within this category, and luckily First Canberra qualified. This enabled major extensions to be carried out in conjunction with the refurbishment of the old hall. As Group Leader I took out an Owner Builder's Permit and the dream became a reality.

In July 1977 His Excellency, the late Sir John Kerr, Governor-General and Chief Scout of Australia, attended a rally of over 2,000 in Haig Park and officially declared open the extensions to the scout hall. In the photo Sir John is seen responding to the Wolf Cub's grand howl with the one - two - three - WOLF! This was an historic and happy day. A large campfire in Haig Park ended the day's activities. Sadly this hall was completely gutted by a fire started by a vandal's match three months later and the building program began again. More fortunately, this time the hall's insurance covered the cost of reconstruction.

The new scout hall was opened in late 1979 with a subdued ceremony. During the rebuilding the Cub Pack met at the Reid Scout Hall near St John's Church and the Scouts met at the Guide Hall in O'Connor.

In 1997 the Group's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rally was held at the Scout Hall in Haig Park. Invited guests included the Hon. Senator Margaret Reid and Chief Minister Kate Carnell, who together unveiled a Commemorative Plaque. Other guests included ACT Chief Commissioner Pat Bowling and Regional Commissioner Raynor Dickerson.

Activities included a pet show, face painting, train rides, a march past to the tune of the Hall Village Brass Band, a tree planting ceremony and a camp fire in the evening run by Akela Ian Schafferius. Pioneering competitions were held during the day and a trophy was awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> Gunning Group.

#### Looking to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

From its humble beginnings in 1915, Canberra's scouting population in 1997 included thirty-seven Groups with Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders totalling over 3,000 uniformed members. Perhaps the biggest change occurred in 1981 when the ACT Administration became a full Scouting Branch on the same standing as New South Wales and the other States.

It is with a sense of achievement that the First Canberra Scout Group, which survived the Great War (1914-1918), the world wide depression in the early 1930s and the Second World War (1939-1945), is still a viable and active group in 1997 and is looking forward to the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



Everybody's Magazine, May 1920



## Interstate National Trust Properties

### Ayers House, Adelaide, South Australia

Built in 1846 for William Paxton, Ayers House, on Adelaide's busy North Terrace, hides its grandeur behind a modest facade. Originally a quite small home, Henry Ayers moved into the house in 1855, and in 1858 added a large ballroom at the east end, a second story of bedrooms and a library - all while only leasing the building. The upstairs rooms are positioned towards the rear of the building so, from the street, the house appears to be a single story only. Sir Henry Ayers was, at one time, Secretary of the South Australian Mining Company, and later had a distinguished political career, including a time as State Premier.

The western wing consisting of a large drawing room was not built until 1874. These extensions were designed by noted architect George Strickland Kingston. This room features intricate stencilling work on the walls and a vaulted ceiling designed to accommodate elaborate light fittings. The house's walls are bluestone and the roof, slate and there is an extensive network of underground rooms - not just kitchen, scullery, wine cellar and storage areas but a summer sitting room and bedrooms for the family who were sensitive to the oppressive heat of an Adelaide summer. Recently discovered features of the house are the elaborate friezes and stencilled patterns which cover every wall. A few of the rooms have had the layers of paint removed to reveal this stunning work, but most have yet to be tackled. A National Estate Grant is ensuring that this work continues, and a small uncovered area in each room gives a hint of what is to come.

Ayers House is one of the last remaining grand 19<sup>th</sup> century houses, built at a time when the Colony was booming with the massive wealth derived from the copper mines on York Peninsula.



The Bay Window of the large Dining Room, Ayers House

Until recently Ayers House served as the headquarters of the National Trust for South Australia. The property is easily accessible by any bus or train to the city and parking is available. Ayers House is closed on Christmas Day, Good Friday and on Mondays but gladly welcomes visitors at any other time between the hours of 10-4 weekdays and 1-4 on weekends.

## WHAT'S ON, IN AND AROUND CANBERRA

### NATIONAL TRUST (ACT)

- AGM - 27 November 1997, 7.30pm - Eastlake Football Club, Oxley St, Griffith
- 23 November, 2.30. New Members day at Lambrigg
- Saturday, 29 November, 5-7pm- Christmas Cocktail Party at Huntly
- Friday 5 December 1997 Volunteers Luncheon. More details in November "Trust News" Contact number - (02) 6239 5222

### OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

- Prime Ministers on Prime Ministers Lecture Series - continuing (commenced 3 September).
- Bringing the House Down II - on now. Contact OPH on (02) 6270 8222 for details.

### NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

- Romanticism and Realism-: European prints 1800-1870. Until 26 October.

### AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

- Sundays 16 & 23 November & 7 December, 2pm - Musical performances on the Memorial's grounds.
- Saturday 22 November, 2.30 - 'The Four HMAS Sydneys' - talk by Graeme Beveridge.
- Saturday 29 November, 2.30pm - 'Middleton VC' - talk by Jason Ryan.
- Sunday 30 November, 2.30pm - Meet the author of the book 'Tarakan', Dr Peter Stanley.

This program continues throughout December and there are activities for children throughout January. Phone the Memorial on 6241 8949 for details

### NATIONAL TRUST (NSW) COOMA COTTAGE

- 1 November, 10-4 - Car Boot Sale
  - 1-2 November - Open Garden
  - To 2 November - "Miscellany" Paintings by Amanda McLean
  - 9 November, 10-4-Doll Fair - featuring displays and demonstrations.
- Contact (02) 6226 1470 for details.

### OTHER

- Hotel Kurrajong - Sunday luncheons with guest speakers commencing 17 August. Ph 6234 4444

