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TCG Weston and
Canberra's
Landscape
Heritage



Yarralumla
Nursery, The
Australian Forestry
School & Westridge
House



Westbourne Woods
Arboretum



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The trees which give Canberra its character and make it a garden city par excellence are very largely the legacy of T.C.G. (Charles) Weston, Canberra's first Officer-in-Charge, Afforestation Branch and first Superintendent, Parks and Gardens. In this issue we celebrate his considerable achievement, paying particular attention to his work at Yarralumla where he created the Yarralumla Nursery which was to have such an impact on the conservation and afforestation of the city, the arboretum, now known as Westbourne Woods, Dunrossil Drive and the garden at Government House.

When he came to Canberra in 1913, Weston found a treeless plain. As John Gray tells in his article and biographical note, Weston set about transforming the landscape, creating a densely planted city where indigenous and exotic plants are used in formal and informal arrangements, reflecting the seasons and achieving a unique environment.

Robert Boden and Carol Cosgrove consider Weston's work and influence in articles on Westbourne Woods, the Yarralumla Nursery, and the National Forestry School. Carol also writes about Westridge House, home of directors of the Forestry School, and Peter Dowling has written about Yarralumla street names.

We are always grateful for your comments on the magazine, and since we are especially pleased when readers write to tell us how they feel about it, we include two recent letters.



Yarralumla Nursery, Weston Park & Westbourne Woods
Photo courtesy National Capital Authority

ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Accompanying this issue is the Trust's Annual Report 1998-99, and with it a reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be held on 25 November at the Griffith Library. More details can be found in Trust News. We hope to see many of you there.

ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION

Trust News also carries a note about consultations on the draft Document of Reconciliation published by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and an invitation to put your views.

Kathleen Taperell

letters

I have to say . . . that your Autumn issue was a triumph, a complete page turner. It was richness and abundance right from the front cover. Bravo! I think you just set a benchmark for the National Trust around Australia.

Joyce O'Brien

I am writing to congratulate you on the form and content of the ACT National Trust's newsletter.

It is really excellent. I particularly enjoyed the Winter 1999 edition with its very suburban - ACT focus and references to the importance of trees in Canberra's heritage. The article on Canberra's 1960s architectural heritage was also very timely.

Thank you and your committee for your great efforts and achievement.

John Kain

Cover Photo: TCG (Charles) Weston
Source: Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade

Our purpose is to identify places and objects that are significant to our heritage, foster public appreciation of those places and objects, and advocate their conservation.



Charles Weston at Yarralumla

John Gray explores Charles Weston's contribution to Canberra's landscape heritage from its nucleus at Yarralumla to the evolution of the National Capital as the world's premier garden city

The suburb of Yarralumla, originally called Westridge, occupies a special place in the landscape history of Canberra and the Australian Capital Territory. It was here that Charles Weston decided in May 1913 to establish his tree and shrub nursery which would play an important role in the next 86 years in creating and maintaining our National Capital as 'a city in the landscape'. His decision also led to the comprehensive transformation of the almost treeless 'west ridge' area of the national capital site. There from 1913 to 1926, in addition to Yarralumla Nursery, Charles Weston established Westbourne Woods arboretum (now leased by the Royal Canberra Golf Club), designed and planted the landscape of Yarralumla Drive (now Dunrossil Drive), and restructured the gardens of Yarralumla House consistent with its new role as the office and residence of the Governor-General. In addition he planted the streets of the first housing development in the suburb (now Section 64 Yarralumla) and Clianthus Circle on Adelaide Avenue.

I therefore desire to recommend for your consideration that the area at Yarralumla be reserved and set apart for A FEDERAL FOREST AND GENERAL NURSERY.

Charles Weston

Officer-in-charge, Afforestation Branch, Department of Home Affairs,

Report to Colonel Miller, Administrator, Federal Capital Territory, 19 May 1913

Weston's work in the pioneering days of Yarralumla was highly successful and it was to influence the suburb's further evolution. The establishment of the Australian Forestry School there in 1926 was greatly influenced by his nursery and arboretum development. In addition the later naming of a number of streets in the suburb, including Banks, Guilfoyle, Hooker, Maiden, Mueller and Weston Streets, was a direct outcome of the botanical, horticultural, and forestry influence which he brought to the area.

YARRALUMLA NURSERY AND WESTBOURNE WOODS

The selection of the right site for Yarralumla Nursery and Westbourne Woods arboretum was critical to the achievement of Weston's landscape objectives for Canberra. Both still exist today as testimony to the wisdom of his choice which he made within two days of taking up his appointment at the National Capital on 5 May 1913. He rejected two other sites offered to him near Mt Stromlo. His preferred site was of sufficient size, in his

view, to facilitate extensions for testing and experimentation, its soil was '... on the whole good in quality ...', it was sheltered, and the water supply from the Molonglo River was permanent and capable of being pumped and reticulated.¹ In addition it was on the fringe of the future city and fronting a main avenue envisaged in the then adopted Departmental Board plan for Canberra. The only apparent critic of Weston's choice was Walter Burley Griffin who saw the nursery site as inconsistent with his own plan for Canberra.

Weston's preference for a location close to the future city is of interest. He saw the site as the point from which the city's parks and gardens '... could be easily worked and superintended'. In addition it was of value to the public, and those technically interested, as a place of '... beauty, interest [and] instruction'.² He wanted his landscape activities to be seen as part of the growing city and not placed in the background near Mt. Stromlo.

Following the Administrator's endorsement of the site Weston submitted on 10 June 1913 a report which set down his approach to its development. There were two basic elements: a forty hectare nursery/experimental area on comparatively level ground; and a 120 hectare demonstration arboretum on an adjacent undulating site to the south. Weston's proposal for the latter revealed some of the early landscape ideas and philosophies he wanted to bring to the capital. It was to be divided into three areas. The first was to be devoted to Australian trees '... to demonstrate the tractability of such to cultivation ...'. The second area he saw devoted exclusively to trees exotic to Australia, pointing out at the same time that some,



Vista from Government House Garden. Photo courtesy Government House



which are the '... loveliest trees on Earth ...':

... create the glorious Spring and Autumn effects for which the cool temperate countries of the world are justly noted, and I predict that the chief ornamental charms of the future Federal City's surroundings will lie in these same Spring and Autumn features.

1.1 million trees and shrubs in four years.

Planting continued in Westbourne Woods throughout the 1910s. By 1920 some 44,900 trees had been planted. Further expansion was to take place in later years and in 1983, Rout and Eldridge described the area as containing '... one of the largest and oldest

back is a row of black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), stagger-spaced to the elms. Plantations of Monterey pine (*Pinus radiata*) about the black locusts on both sides over most of the avenue's length. At the southern end of the driveway Weston planted an exotic deciduous grove, presumably to add landscape interest.

The most likely date of commencement of the planting was 1922 when Weston, at the request of the Federal Capital Advisory Committee, carried out a large planting to screen the brickworks from the drive. This comprised principally a Monterey pine plantation at 1.8 metres by 1.8 metres spacing. While the date of establishment of the elms is uncertain, the first planting of the black locusts and Monterey pine was clearly in 1922 as part of this screen planting. Extension of the Monterey pines proceeded on both sides of the drive in 1926 and 1927. The effect of Weston's planting scheme was to integrate the driveway with the Westbourne Woods landscape.

Despite losses, the intended landscape character of Dunrossil Drive has been achieved for the greater part. The Monterey pines have been thinned and are of great interest because of their age.



Weston's design for the Government House Garden included the formal circular lawn. Photo c. 1950, courtesy Government House

The final area he envisaged as a collection of conifers, which he said '... will probably prove to be one of the greatest attractions to tree lovers anywhere in Australia.'⁴

The development of Yarralumla Nursery and Westbourne Woods proceeded from 1914 onwards. Horticulturist John Hobday, whom Weston had recruited in July 1913, played an important role in the continuing development and management of these two areas from December 1914 as nursery foreman. In 1923 a cottage (still extant) was constructed at the nursery for Hobday.

Weston continued to pursue the expansion of the nursery's facilities and in turn its capacity to service the increasing demand for plants. Between 1912 and 1920, 820,000 trees and shrubs, most originating from the nursery, were planted in the vicinity of the national capital site under Weston's direction. When city planting commenced under Weston in 1921 the nursery produced over

collections of tree species outside traditional Botanic Gardens in Australia.⁴

YARRALUMLA DRIVE (DUNROSSIL DRIVE)

The origins of Yarralumla Drive can be traced back to the 1840s. The Murray family:

... transformed the service road to Mowatt's Farm into a carriage drive which brought visitors off the established road from Queanbeyan to the Uriarra Crossing, through the estate and right to a carriage circle at the eastern facade of the residence.⁵

The present day Dunrossil Drive and the approach to Government House follow that carriage drive alignment.

The formal planting of the one kilometre straight drive was commenced by Weston on an uncertain date. There is a suggestion it was 1918 but this has yet to be confirmed. The planting is principally a row of elms (*Ulmus* sp.) on each side of the road. Further

YARRALUMLA HOUSE (GOVERNMENT HOUSE)

The grounds of the Yarralumla homestead, vacated by Frederick Campbell in April 1913, became Weston's responsibility on 14 May 1913. When John Hobday took up his appointment on 12 July, Weston gave him the task of re-instating the gardens. The grounds came under the critical eye of key visitors to Canberra in May 1915 when, after remaining vacant for nearly two years, the old homestead started to be used as a guest house for officials. During this period the existing rose beds were expanded and the gardens became an important source of vegetables and fruit. The grounds continued under this use pattern until the 1920s when decisions on the permanent use of the building as Government House were taken.

The major refurbishment of the gardens, consistent with the new role of the old homestead as Government House, was designed and established by Weston. The formality introduced at this time reflects Weston's



TCG (CHARLES) WESTON MBE (1866-1935)

Charles Weston took up his appointment as the ACT's first Officer-in-Charge, Afforestation Branch in May 1913 when aged 46 years. In October 1925, with the formation of a separate Forestry Branch, he was appointed Canberra's first Superintendent, Parks and Gardens Branch, a position he held until his retirement in November 1926.

During Canberra's foundation days he set out to make the capital a landscape place to be admired and enjoyed. This involved the conservation and afforestation of the Territory's natural resources and, from 1921, the landscape planting of the city itself. On the one hand he reversed the existing process of degradation of the landscape surrounding the future city by tree planting on the hills and by controlling landscape destruction, such as ringbarking and lopping. On the other he sought to achieve a densely planted city where a mixture of indigenous and exotic plants were used in formal and informal arrangements. His aim was to achieve seasonal effects and create a sense of place with a unique image for residents and visitors to enjoy. He was successful and his foundation work set the lead for his successors who continued in the next seventy-three years to develop further the unique 'city in the landscape' which is Australia's National Capital.

Weston was a well-trained British horticulturist who came to Australia when twenty-nine years old. His training had commenced at age thirteen years at Poyle, thirty kilometres west of the City of London. Ten years later he transferred to Drumlanrig Castle, Scotland. It was at this massive country estate that he was exposed to horticulture and forestry on a grand scale. He became an accomplished plant propagator and his perspectives on the potential role of horticulture in improved land use were broadened. He worked there under one of Britain's most respected horticulturists, David Thomson, who was to make a lasting impression on him. It was here he took his decision to emigrate to Australia.

Weston spent his first seventeen years in Australia in Sydney. For most of this time he worked directly under the highly respected and knowledgeable Joseph Maiden, who from 1896 to 1924 was Director, Sydney Botanic Gardens. Weston was head gardener at Admiralty House (1898-1908) and Federal Government House, Sydney (1908-1912). This latter appointment marked his first involvement with the Federal Government and while there his advice was sought on the National Capital. He visited the site on five occasions between April 1911 and September 1912. This led to his full-time appointment in 1913.

Weston left Canberra in November 1926, to live at his residence in Turramurra, a northern Sydney suburb. He spent his retirement quietly and died there on 1 December 1935. Shortly after his death his ashes were distributed, at his request, in the areas he had planted in front of (Old) Parliament House, Canberra.

John Gray

previous experience with large scale gardens in Sydney and Britain. His proposals were approved by the Federal Capital Commission in February 1926. The description of his design indicates he saw the large circle of lawn as '... the chief feature of the grounds'.⁶ It was a feature which would lead in turn to the evolution of the great vista, one of the key features of the garden today. Refurbishment consistent with Weston's proposal proceeded from February 1926 onwards and the work appears to have

been largely completed by the time of his retirement in November.

HUTCHINS AND BENTHAM STREETS (SECTION 64 YARRALUMLA)

Landscaping of the verges in front of nine brick houses in the present day Hutchins Street (between Hooker and Bentham) and Bentham Street (between Banks and Hutchins), was designed and established by Weston from 1922 onwards on behalf of the Federal Capital Advisory Committee.

Weston sought, as he did at the first Ainslie and Eastlake Sub-divisions, to avoid lawns on the verges through heavy planting of trees, shrubs and groundcovers. There were two alignments for trees. He used pin oaks at the '... border ...' and English oaks at the '... footpath ...' in Hutchins Street and wattles at the '... border ...' and black locust at the '... footpath ...' in Bentham Street.⁷ Spring flowering trees and shrubs and groundcovers were also planted with the trees while on the property line hedges were established.

Many of Weston's verge plantings in residential areas were thinned heavily in the 1950s and this was the case in Yarralumla. This practice, which attracted considerable criticism from residents, resulted in a single row of trees and mown grass. The English oaks disappeared from Hutchins Street leaving the pin oaks. The wattles and shrubs have disappeared also though some hedges remain. Hutchins Street is one of the most loved streets in Yarralumla.

CLIANTHUS CIRCLE LOST

Despite the loss of this planting in the 1960s some comment on its background is appropriate in this context. Charles Weston designed and executed all but one of the nearly fifty major urban landscape planting projects within the city boundaries during the National Capital's pioneering days. The exception was Clianthus Circle, which was designed by Walter Burley Griffin and executed by Weston. It was located at the intersection of Adelaide Avenue and the present day Novar Street.

Griffin found various ways in which to enrich the symbolic content of his 1918 plan for Canberra. In the case of his state capital avenues radiating from Capital Hill he terminated them with places named after native plants of that state. For example Telopea Park terminated Sydney Avenue. Griffin's circular planting design for Clianthus Circle at the termination of Adelaide Avenue was for a mixture of both native and exotic species, including the native *Clianthus* sp. Some 3,883 plants were planted in 1917. Regrettably this element of Yarralumla's landscape heritage was lost with the reconstruction of Adelaide Avenue in the 1960s.

For those interested in exploring



Westbourne Woods Arboretum

Canberra's landscape heritage, a visit to the suburb of Yarralumla is an essential first step. Reflect here on the landscape vision which Weston had for our National Capital eighty-six years ago and his innovative horticultural and arboricultural work in that vision's execution. In my view he was successful because he had a clear vision of what he wanted to achieve, the necessary skills and experience to achieve his vision and a thorough understanding of the national capital site. His vision responded sensitively to the aspirations of Australians for their National Capital. Largely because of Weston Canberra will remain a highly significant step in the development of Australian landscape architecture.

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John Gray is a forester and landscape architect. Since 1961 he has been involved with the landscape of the National Capital, retiring in 1988 as Director, Landscape Architecture, National Capital Development Commission. Since then he has been researching, writing and publishing about the history of the capital's public gardens and landscape. Currently he is attached to the Cultural Heritage Research Centre, University of Canberra where he is pursuing doctoral research, under Professor Ken Taylor, on the work of Charles Weston between 1913 and 1926.

Robert Boden considers the history of the arboretum and the challenges of managing this part of our cultural heritage

Soon after arriving in Canberra in 1913 to take charge of Canberra's tree planting, Thomas Charles Weston set about looking for a site to establish a new nursery and arboretum. He selected 400 acres east of Yarralumla homestead, now Government House, for a nursery, arboretum, pinetum and permanent planting of Australian trees and shrubs.

The arboretum and pinetum became known as Westbourne Woods while the area north of the nursery became the popular picnic area now named Weston Park in recognition of Weston's significant contribution to the Canberra landscape. The Woods, covering about 100 hectares, are bounded by the old brickworks site to the south, Government House to the west, Yarralumla Nursery and Lake Burley Griffin to the north and CSIRO Division of Forestry and Forest Products to the east.

Weston commenced planting in 1914 in the area known as Shale Hill near the brickworks. As the name implies, it was an extremely difficult site and young trees had to contend with poor, dry soils and cold winds. Gelignite was used to prepare many of the planting holes for more than 12,000 trees planted in the first season.

Early European settlers on the Limestone Plains had established a small range of tree species around their homes and initially Weston used the successful ones as a source of propagating material for the Woods. These were mainly pines, English elms and oaks, Lombardy poplars and black locust from the northern hemisphere. The range of species was widened with seed from overseas botanic gardens and Weston's determination to redress a perceived lack of interest in growing Australian trees. He was strongly supported in this objective by the eminent NSW

Government Botanist J H Maiden and Walter Burley Griffin who had been captivated by eucalypts calling them 'a poet's tree'.

Unlike city botanic gardens where the limited area means it is often possible to grow only one or two specimens of a species, the size of Westbourne Woods enabled large groups to be planted. Weston adopted a planting pattern based on 'an outer ring of six trees surrounding a seventh in the centre.' This pattern is still clearly evident to intrepid balloonists and, for the more timid, in aerial photographs.

By 1920 almost 45,000 trees had been planted and Weston reported 'present condition highly satisfactory.' Drought and labour shortages in the early 1940s took their toll on the trees and it was proposed that the area be refurbished as a financially self-supporting municipal golf course. James Scott was engaged in 1945 to plan a course and the proposed fairways were cleared and grass cover established. Lindsay Pryor, then Superintendent of Parks and Gardens, was not about to let the opportunity slip by to increase the range of species in the arboretum and many more trees were planted between the fairways.

The Royal Canberra Golf Club, then operating on the river flats near Acton, rejected the offer of Westbourne Woods as a new course in 1953 partly on the grounds that the fairways were too narrow being suitable only for championship play. At that time the proposal to have a ribbon of water instead of a lake had reduced the need for the Club to seek an alternative site.

The situation was reversed in 1955 when Parliament approved the construction of the Scrivener Dam to form Lake Burley Griffin with consequent flooding of the Acton golf course. After much public controversy the Royal Canberra Golf club was granted a fifty year lease over much of Westbourne Woods in 1962 and the area has since been maintained primarily as a golf course with only limited public access. A fine old black locust



tree was transplanted from the Acton site to a position near the clubhouse to commemorate the event (*Trust News*, November 1996).

LISTING ON THE REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE.

Westbourne Woods Arboretum was placed on the Register of the National Estate in 1987 as an historically important arboretum. Listing also recognises the social significance of the Woods as an educational resource for forestry students since 1927 and a place for active and passive recreation in a woodland setting.

A tree management plan for the Woods was prepared by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service in 1988 and the Club has recently engaged Dr Ken Eldridge and the writer to review this plan and advise on tree management. The Golf Club has also

extensive nature and landscape significance of the tree cover.

Maintaining a heritage listed arboretum in perpetuity presents some interesting challenges and opportunities. Whilst it is recognised that trees will age and die it must also be recognised that even minor changes to species or planting patterns will persist for a long time. It would be easy to innocently change the original grouping of evergreen conifers, Australian native trees and deciduous exotics although the changes may not become evident for some time.

Weston established the area as a trial ground and used a wide range of species, some of which have grown better than others. This raises the question of whether poor performers should be removed in favour of successful ones or be retained for their botanical interest and diversity?



Yarralumla Nursery, Weston Park, Westbourne Woods, 1944. Note the circular tree planting pattern.

established a Westbourne Woods Arboretum Sub-Committee including representatives of the Australian Heritage Commission to advise on maintaining the heritage values of the arboretum.

Most golf courses include tree plantings to separate fairways but these are usually restricted in extent by available land. By contrast, Royal Canberra Golf Course is established within an arboretum and television coverage of competitions shows the

Should the opportunity be taken to continue Weston's experimental approach by planting species new to Canberra or new horticultural forms for evaluation under arboretum conditions? Should the extensive areas of radiata pine be managed as a plantation or self-regenerating woodland?

These are some of the questions to be answered in managing this part of our cultural heritage.

Readers keen to know more about the history of this beautiful part of our national estate might like to read *Westbourne Woods* by Tony Rout and Ken Eldridge, published in 1983 by the Conservation Council of the South East Region and Canberra Incorporated to tell the story of the Woods and stimulate interest in their use and protection. Unfortunately, the booklet is out of print but a new edition is currently being prepared. Meanwhile, copies are available in public libraries. With the cooperation of the Golf Club the Westbourne Woods Action Association has conducted walks in the Woods since 1981. These two hour walks led by an expert guide on the second Sunday in the month commence at the entrance to the Golf course on Bentham St Yarralumla at 9.30 am and are a great way to experience the beauty of the Arboretum and learn about our local tree heritage.

Dr Robert Boden, a consulting arborist and heritage tree specialist, is a Trust Councillor and member of our Classifications Committee.

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ABORIGINAL SITES, STIRLING PARK

Considered by Mr Don Bell, a Ngunawal elder, to be a place of high significance, displaying physical and spiritual associations with the past traditional ways of life of his people, Stirling Park overlooks the west basin of Lake Burley Griffin close to the Canberra



Aboriginal scarred tree, Stirling Park. Photo: Ann Gugler

city centre. The ridge was used by Aboriginal people before and after European arrival. Three Blakely's Redgums bearing scars attributed to bark removal by Aborigines have been identified.

Stone arrangements have been located throughout the park. Mr Bell believes several to be connected with important ceremonial activities. The northern part of the park was identified in the 1970s as the favoured site for a new Prime Minister's residence but the immediate threat is damage through ignorance by the many visitors to the park.

ABORIGINAL SITES, OAKS ESTATE

Also considered by Mr Don Bell a place of great Aboriginal significance, Oaks Estate, located on the NSW/ACT border near Queanbeyan, is a semi-rural landscape surrounding the junction of the Molonglo and Queanbeyan Rivers.

Oaks Estate displays evidence of Aboriginal economic activities with its stone artefact scatters and scarred trees. The river junction was a major focus of Aboriginal activity prior to, and after, European settlement. The last recorded meeting of the surrounding clans took place there in 1862. During the 1870-1890s Nellie Hamilton, the

last surviving 'tribal' Ngunawal, is said to have lived there in a stone shepherd's hut.

There is an imminent threat as part of the site is to be developed as a vineyard. It is also likely that the ACT government will undertake future residential sub-division.

(see *Heritage in Trust*, Autumn 1999)

'THE VALLEY',

THOMAS GRIBBLE'S HOUSE, GUNGAHLIN

'The Valley' site comprises the ruined walls of a five-roomed stone house, a free-standing pisé room, archaeological evidence of an adjacent slab dwelling, sheds and stone floors, and a home paddock. This was originally the home of Thomas Gribble, who emigrated from England in 1857. The slab dwelling was built in the 1860s and the stone house (which was lived in until 1964), in 1887.

'The Valley' is threatened due to neglect, with the exposed site subject to severe weathering and to vandalism. These problems could be alleviated if the pisé and stone sections were roofed by the owner - the ACT government.

(see *Heritage in Trust*, Winter 1999)

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Trust News

DON'T MISS
The National Trust (ACT)'s
Annual General Meeting
on Thursday
25 November 1999
at 7.30 pm
Community Room,
Griffith Library,
Blaxland Crescent, Griffith

Interested in serving the Trust? CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

In accordance with the Trust's Articles of Association, one half of the elected members of Council retire at the Annual General Meeting on 25 November. The following members of Council retire but are eligible for re-nomination.

Mr Garth Setchell
Mr John McDonald
Ms Kath Taperell
Dr Robert Boden
Mr Eric Martin
Mr Mike Moreing

Candidates for membership of the Council must be members of the Trust and be nominated by two other members. Nominations must reach the Honorary Secretary by 25 October, 1999. Each such nomination must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of the candidate proposed, or such other evidence of consent as may be accepted by the Honorary Secretary. Nominations are invited. Nomination forms are available from the Trust office. Phone 6239 5222.

John McDonald
Honorary Secretary

A Thank You!

Many thanks to the following members who helped fold the Spring edition of "Heritage in Trust"

Robyn Maher Janet Robertson
Marjorie Brown
Margaret Saville Margaret Roach
and Ian Paton for coming
(though we had finished by then).

PRESIDENT REPORTS ON STRATEGIC REVIEW

Earlier this year the Council embarked on a review of the Trust's operations, with a view to sharpening our focus on heritage issues and achieving greater efficiency in the use of our resources. A major issue has been the need to avoid deficit budgeting.

Two full days of strategic planning led to the appointment of a working group which reported back to Council in September. Our discussions continue, but we have made two key decisions which I want now to put before members.

First, the Council has confirmed that its key function is heritage advocacy. Second, Council has decided on a new operational structure designed both to strengthen our advocacy capacity and to enhance financial and organizational management.

Council intends to replace the current positions in the office with three new positions: an administrative officer, a heritage officer and an administrative assistant. While duty statements have yet to be finalised, we envisage broadly that the administrative officer will be responsible for financial management, management of the office and Council business, and membership; the heritage officer, who will report directly to the President, will undertake research and investigation into

heritage matters, monitor media reports and official announcements, draft media releases, prepare briefings for Council, draft submissions for inquiries and perform other duties involving technical or professional expertise.

To achieve the required balance of skills within budget, Council has decided that the positions will be part time, and expects that the office may open four days a week rather than five as at present.

The President will be the Trust's spokesperson, supported by the heritage officer, and involving other Council members as appropriate.

Mike Hodgkin has been offered the position of administrative officer, and Robyn Trezise the position of administrative assistant. Members will be asked at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to approve a change in the Trust's constitution which at present provides for an Executive Director, a provision the Council no longer considers appropriate, preferring to have all office positions responsible to Council.

The Council is confident that the new arrangements will result in more efficient and effective pursuit of the Trust's objectives.

A NOTE FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

SAY GOODBYE TO 1999 with CHRISTMAS DRINKS

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HUNTLY

Celebrate the passing of another year at this evening party in the beautiful gardens of Huntly. Drinks & tempting food will be served. You may care to bring a chair, although there is some seating in the garden. Should the weather be inclement we shall party in the house. Numbers must be strictly limited to 100 in case of bad weather.

SATURDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1999

6.00pm - 8.00pm \$15 per person
Open to members and friends



(See the booking form enclosed)

Trust News

NEW MEMBERS

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) extends a warm welcome to the following new members.

Arentz, Ms P, Queanbeyan NSW
 Armstrong, Mr R & Mrs J, Gordon
 Bartlett, Mr & Mrs G, Hackett
 Bayly, Mr M, Holder
 Bebbington, Mr R & Mrs C, Gowrie
 Bell, Mrs C, Jamison
 Bentley, Mr D & Mrs J, Chapman
 Boast, Mr D, Kent UK
 Bogle, Miss R, Broadbeach Waters Qld
 Bowen, Mr M & Mrs A, Bonython
 Brearley, Mrs J, Monash
 Brockwell, Mrs V, Yarralumla
 Broome, Mr J & Mrs M, Hawker
 Brown, Mrs M, Theodore
 Brown, Mr R & Mrs J, Waramanga
 Buchanan, Mr W & Mrs M, Flynn
 Casey, Mr A & Mrs C, Weetangera
 Cattermole, Miss S, Lyons
 Choyles, Mr A & Mrs A, Canberra
 Clarke, Mr D & Mrs S, via Alice Sprgs NT
 Cornel, Ms A, Bowral NSW
 Crispin, Mr C & Mrs G, Scullin
 Cullen, Mrs G, Ngunnawal
 Dallimore, Mr C & Mrs H,
 Jerrabomberra NSW
 Develin, Mr P & Mrs B, Deakin
 Drake, Mr P, McKellar
 Drury, Miss M, Mona Vale NSW
 Fraser, Mr J & Mrs B, Garran
 Gair, Mr I & Mrs S, Kambah
 Gallagher, Mr P & Mrs A, Torrens
 Gledhill, Mrs B, Moruya Heads NSW
 Gullett, Mr P & Mrs K, Tharwa
 Hall, Ms S, Conder
 Hassall, Ms G, Kambah
 Hays, Ms T, Ainslie
 Heap, Mr M & Mrs F, Duffy
 Highfield, Mrs M, Garran
 Holt, Mr S & Mrs R, Watson
 Horn, Mr G, Kotara Fair NSW
 Humphreys, Mr P & Mrs R, Oxley
 James, Mr M & Mrs J, Giralang
 Janszen, Ms R, Isabella Plains
 Jenkins, Miss A, Tharwa
 Johns-Boast, Mrs L, Kent UK
 Johnson, Prof B & Mrs D, Weston Creek
 Jones, Mr E, Fisher
 Jones, Mr M & Mrs S, Curtin
 Jones, Mr O & Mrs J, Fisher
 Just Travel, Deakin
 Kennedy, Mr M & Mrs T, Spence
 Layton, Mr C, O'Connor
 Lees, Mr S & Mrs A, Hawker
 Locky, Mrs S & Ms C, Ngunnawal
 Long, Mr M & Mrs R, Harden NSW
 Lyell, Mrs P, Cook
 McClelland, Miss D, Campbell
 McKew, Mr S & Mrs C, Forrest
 Maxwell, Ms C, Ainslie
 Milne, Ms H, Barton
 Mulder, Mr E & Mrs M, Duffy
 Norris, Mr A & Mrs A, Giralang
 Orr, Mr J, Canterbury VIC
 Petrie, Mr C & Mrs L, Kingston
 Price, Mr C, Tumut NSW
 Randall, Ms N, Curtin

Reid, Ms F, Leichhardt NSW
 Robinson, Mr R & Mrs D, Mangerton NSW
 Rotsey, Mr W & Mrs H, Chapman
 Santangelo, Mr P, Copacabana NSW
 Schneider, Mr S, Dickson
 Scrivens, Mr R & Mrs C, Farrer
 Sims, Mr N & Mrs S, Randwick NSW
 Sinclair, Ms R, Ainslie
 Smith, Mr P & Mrs C, Garran
 Smyth, Mrs F, Isaacs
 Stearman, Ms A, Dickson
 Stone, Ms C, Copacabana NSW
 Stubbs, Mr A, Bowral NSW
 Szoeki, Ms C, Canterbury VIC
 Tabone, Mr J, O'Connor
 Temperly, Mr J & Mrs J, Higgins
 Thorpe, Miss P, Swinger Hill
 Toomey, Ms M, Tumut NSW
 Trimble, Mr W & Mrs S, Red Hill
 Turner, Mr O, Curtin
 Turner, Mr P & Mrs M, Chapman
 Tyler, Mr J & Mrs P, Hackett
 Vandine, Mr J & Mrs R, Merriwa NSW
 Wain, Ms H, Mawson
 Warth, Mrs L, Theodore
 Weeks, Mr R & Mrs J, Duffy
 Whiteway, Mr S, Broadbeach Waters Qld
 Whittle, Mr A & Mrs A, Campbell
 Williamson, Mr M & Mrs J, Weetangera
 Young, Mr G, Tharwa
 Zugai, Mr H, Kotara Fair NSW

AHC Book Wins Award

In 1998 the Australian Heritage Commission published a Heritage Resources Kit which included the book "Protecting local heritage places - a guide for communities". Over 5,000 copies have been distributed to interest groups across Australia and the book is now in its second printing.

'Protecting local heritage places' has now been recognised by the Victorian branch of the Royal Australian Planning Institute (RAPI) with the conferral of their Occasional Special Award for Planning Excellence. This award automatically makes the book eligible for the Year 2000 National RAPI Awards for Planning Excellence.

The book has been very popular with local council and government officials; community groups; and the Australian Centre for Environmental Law has indicated it will be of 'great benefit' for their courses on Australian Heritage Law.

The book is available from the AHC by phoning 6247 2095, or may be viewed via the internet on www.environment.gov.au/heritage/publications/localheritage/ahc-2.html.

Staff Farewells

Visitors to the Trust office will have noticed that the staff seem to be a little "thin on the ground". This is because Sharon Hall has accepted an offer from Mr Bill Gates to go and work (for considerably more than we can afford) for a Microsoft subsidiary, and Helen Peade has decided to branch out on her own with her own company "Griffin Promotions". How could we compete? The Trust extends its gratitude to both Sharon and Helen for the service they have given the Trust, frequently well above the call of duty. We wish you both the best for the future.

We have persuaded Jo-Anne Devenish to abandon her babies on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10 am to 4 pm, to help out for the time being.

Welcome back Jo-Anne.

We also have to farewell Paula Karabogias, the Assistant Manager at the Old Parliament House shop. She has moved on to a new shop which is starting up at Woden. Paula has been a tower of strength at the shop and we will miss her cheerful presence.

Letter to the Editor

I am writing to say farewell to the National Trust after 4.5 years. It has been a most interesting experience, and one that I shall remember with great fondness. Thank you for your generosity and support, it has been my pleasure to have met and spent time with you.

Best wishes, Helen Peade

GST BLUES

Yes, everyone has heard of the GST and we all know it starts on 1 July 2000. However, we have recently found out that it is not quite as simple as waiting until 1 July 2000 and then adding 10% to everyone's membership fee.

As members will realise, the annual membership fee covers twelve months from the date of joining or renewing. So, for example, if someone joins the Trust on 1 November, the renewal falls due on the same date in November the following year. We have been informed by the GST Information Office that we have to charge GST on any part of the membership fee which applies to the period after 1 July 2000. This means, to return to the previous example, our 1 November 1999 membership will have to be charged the ordinary membership fee plus 10% of one third of the annual subscription fee.

Why are we telling you this? Well, the first few people we charged GST have protested vehemently - "The GST doesn't start until the year 2000!" they say. This notice is an attempt to forestall some, at least, of the protests - please believe us, it isn't our fault!

Travels with the Trust

WOLLONDILLY TRAIL AND RAIL - Sunday 31 October 1999

For those prepared to drive or arrange their own train bookings, a few places may still remain on this very different 15km, level, track and pavement walk to parts of Goulburn you've never had time to visit. It combines city streets with parts of the Wollondilly River Walking Trail and Governor Macquarie Historic Walking Trail. Unfortunately, group booked seats on the 6.50am train from Canberra and the 2.19pm return train from Goulburn have all been allocated. The self-drive and self-book price includes morning tea at "Riversdale" and a guided tour plus lunch and tasting at the Greenway designed Old Goulburn Brewery.

FULL PAYMENT FOR SELF-DRIVE/SELF-BOOK
TRAIN APPLICANTS REQUIRED BY 27 OCTOBER.

WEST BY SOUTH WEST - Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 November 1999

For the last two years, our late Spring garden tours to Bombala and Braidwood have proved extremely popular. This year we are going further afield for a weekend tour with an overnight stay in Albury. The gardens to be visited include:

- "Bundaleer", Gundagai, by courtesy of Leo and Helen Eccleston;
- "Deans Creek", by courtesy of Jenny and Rod Fergusson.
- "Dunraven", Woomargama, by courtesy of Jamie and Janie Snow;
- "Woomargama Station", by courtesy of Margaret Darling;
- "Lorquon", Table Top, by courtesy of Margaret Archer;
- "Kalawa", Gerogery, by courtesy of Roger and Elizabeth Patterson;
- 75 Kincaid Street, Wagga, by courtesy of Peter and Jill Morrow;
- "Lagoonside", Wagga, by courtesy of Maggi and Ian Donald;

The tour price is all inclusive. Extra highlights of the tour will include the Wagga and Albury Botanic Gardens, the National Art Glass Collection at Wagga, the Hume Weir and historic Junee and Cootamundra.

BOOKINGS CLOSE & FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED
BY 3 NOVEMBER. PROBABLE LIMIT 35.

OLYMPIC PREVIEW 3 - Sunday 6 February 2000

Our first and second tours having been unable to cope with the demand, we are offering members and friends a third and final chance. Our one-day coach tour involves an early start and a late return but includes morning tea, lunch and a light supper. You will also do a tour of the entire Homebush Bay site plus walking tours of the Aquatic and Athletic Centres

and the Main Stadium. If time permits, we will even treat you to a drive through the remarkable Rookwood Necropolis - from where All Saints Church, Ainslie, originated. No self-drive applicants. Please pay, or at least let us know of your interest, well before Christmas!

BOOKINGS CLOSE & FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED
BY 21 JANUARY. ABSOLUTE LIMIT 52.

SHOALHAVEN RIM - Sunday 13 February 2000

To start the process of wearing off some Christmas fat, this self-drive activity will take you on a number of short walks in the Southern Highlands - all selected for the prospect of offering some shade and the sight of running water. The first walk will be along the 3km East Rim Track at Fitzroy Falls. We will then drive to Bundanoon for a picnic lunch under the trees. In the early afternoon, we will then attempt the 3-4km walk from Mark Morton Lookout to the cool shade of Nicholas Pass, which runs just below the cliffline and connects the Amphitheatre with Fairy Bower. Some rock cut steps and short ladders are involved. The day will end with our customary party at Long Point Lookout at Tallong, which overlooks the spectacular Shoalhaven Gorge.

BOOKINGS CLOSE AND FULL PAYMENT
REQUIRED BY 9 FEBRUARY.

SAFARI TO THE SAPPHIRE COAST - Canberra Day Weekend, 18 to 20 March 2000

Including 2 nights of luxury accommodation at Kianinny Cabins, Tathra, this self-drive weekend activity will give you plenty of opportunity to enjoy South Coast waters at their warmest as well as explore some great coastline. Each cabin accommodates up to 4 adults, with one bedroom containing a double bed, the other 2 singles. These share a generous living area, kitchen and bathroom. Using car shuttles, we will undertake the spectacular 14km Kangarutha Track in two halves on the Sunday and Monday mornings. Saturday afternoon will involve a leisurely stroll and swim in the vicinity of Bournda Lagoon. The price includes 2 nights cabin accommodation, dinner and drinks at the Tathra Harbourmaster Restaurant on Sunday night, guidance and conviviality. You will need to provide for all other meals. Single applicants can be offered their own room but will need to share a cabin. Persons booking as twins or doubles can have exclusive use of a cabin, or enjoy a cheaper rate if prepared to share the other room in the cabin. Persons booking as groups of 3 or 4 will have exclusive use of a cabin.

BECAUSE OF OUR NEED TO RESERVE SUFFICIENT CABINS, A NON-REFUNDABLE \$25PP BOOKING FEE IS REQUIRED BY 15 DECEMBER 1999. THE BALANCE WILL BE REQUIRED BY 8 MARCH 2000.

Travels with the Trust

CONNECTION - Thursday 18 May to Friday 9 May 12 June 2000

h the response to this tour has been remarkable, it is e that a few places may still be available. Please he Leader, Garth Setchell (ph 02-62901100) before ys close on 30 November or attend the Briefing at the Canberra Club at 5.45pm on Tuesday 26 r (RSVP to Garth Setchell asap).

ed exclusively by the National Trust (ACT) through onnected Travel P/L of Sydney (Lic No 2TA 4224), y guided tour commences in Prague in late Spring . take you to 8 of the most interesting and historic icircling the Baltic Sea - Warsaw (Poland), Vilnius nia), Riga (Latvia), Tallinn (Estonia), St Petersburg , Helsinki (Finland), Stockholm (Sweden) and agen (Denmark). By starting a day earlier, extra free s now been allowed in Prague. An optional 3-day n to Berlin is also now being offered. Group y class flights to/from Europe have been arranged . Singapore Airlines (Ansett points), land travel will xury Swedish coach and there will even be an nt sea crossing (with en-suite cabins) from Helsinki holm. All accommodation will be in 3-4 star hotels program includes many cultural treats.

ng more than 25 persons finally book and that e rates do not vary, the complete basic tour cost ng all meals but excluding visas and travel insurance) l/twin ex Canberra is approx \$A8000pp. With the xtension, this increases to approx \$A9000pp. Separate ill be advised on request for those seeking single odation, joining in Sydney, joining and/or leaving in Europe, extending to include a summer stay in or even combining the forward journey with a he-world ticket.

BOOKING FEE TO THE TRUST
NDABLE LESS \$5) WILL RESERVE A PLACE. A ON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT, PAYABLE TO ONNECTED TRAVEL PTY LTD, WILL BE RED BY 30 NOVEMBER TO CONFIRM YOUR , WITH THE BALANCE DUE BY 1 MARCH

American tour) proposes three interlinked options - none requiring great walking skills:

- Option 1: Easter Island (2 nts), Santiago, Patagonia (11 nts), then on the well appointed 1983 Finnish built ice breaker "Professor Molchanov" for 10 nts at sea (including 6 days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula with shore visits), plus Buenos Aires - approx cost for 31 days in dbl/tw, shared facilities, porthole main deck cabins with dbl/tw land component \$A15,000. Sgl land component and/or superior upper cabins with own facilities also available.

- Option 2: As above to the end of Patagonia, then Tierra del Fuego (3 nts), Buenos Aires and either Iguazu Falls or Rio, plus return via Bariloche and the famous lakes crossing into Chile - approx cost for 29 days \$A8500 dbl/tw. Sgl supplement also available.

- Option 3: Buenos Aires, "Professor Molchanov" as for Option 1 (10 nts), Buenos Aires - approx cost for 18 days in dbl/tw, shared facilities, porthole main deck cabins with dbl/tw land component \$A11,500. Same upgrade options as Option 1.

The above orders of cost include all meals at sea, many other meals and all overseas taxes. They make some allowance for inflation but assume a minimum of 25 bookings and stable exchange rates. They do not include park entry fees, possible effects of our GST or insurance. Superior en suite cabins (Options 1 and 3) and extra stopovers/tours from Buenos Aires or Tahiti (all Options) could be arranged at extra cost. Options 1 and 2 will mainly use Lan Chile flights, Option 3 will mainly use Qantas. Lan Chile is an excellent airline that qualifies for Qantas points.

PAYMENT NOW TO THE TRUST OF A \$50 BOOKING FEE (FULLY REFUNDABLE UNTIL FIRMER DATES AND COSTINGS AVAILABLE) WILL RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR. IF, HOWEVER, YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OPTIONS 1 OR 3, WORLD EXPEDITIONS PTY LTD WILL REQUIRE A FIRM COMMITMENT AND NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (AMOUNT TO BE ADVISED) BY 19 JANUARY 2000 IN ORDER TO SECURE YOUR CABIN ON THE "PROFESSOR MOLCHANOV".

SONIA AND ANTARCTICA - January/February



Travels with the Trust - Application Form

Please post this form to the Ticket Secretary, National Trust of Australia (ACT), PO Box 3173, Manuka ACT 2603, together with one long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for each activity being applied for. Please note that activity details, receipts, etc, are normally only posted out a few weeks before each activity. Payment may be made by cheque, cash or credit card. Cheques should be made payable to the National Trust of Australia (ACT). Phone bookings to the Trust Office will be noted but can only be assured if credit card and tour-specific details (eg pick-up point) are given simultaneously.

EARLY APPLICATION ASSISTS US WITH ARRANGEMENTS. Places are reserved only in order of payment. Where booking fees are invited, places are reserved in order of receipt, provided balances are received by the date(s) advised for payment. In order to ensure that applicants for the more expensive tours receive full protection against default by suppliers and agents under the Travel Compensation Fund, and acting on the advice of the ACT Registrar of Agents, balances will need to be paid to the relevant travel agent. Details will be advised to each applicant. Where offered, the junior (junr) rate applies to children and full-time students and the senior (senr) rate applies to seniors and pensioners. A surcharge may apply to non-members, excluding juniors, to encourage membership. Except where otherwise indicated, a minimum fee of \$2 (at cost after the "Bookings Close" date) will be retained on all cancellation refunds. Queries may be addressed to the Trust Office (ph 02-6239 5222) or to our Tours Coordinator, Garth Setchell (ph/fax 02-6290 1100).

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

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT _____

PHONE (H) _____ PHONE (W) _____

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (eg vegetarian, gd floor accom) _____

WOLLONDILLY TRAIL AND RAIL - Sunday 31 October 1999

Applicants wishing to self-drive/self-book on train

All non-members

_____ pers	@	\$ 28pp	= \$ _____
ADD _____ nonm	@	\$ 2pp	= \$ _____

Names of others covered by this application:

SUB TOTAL = \$ _____

WEST BY SOUTH WEST - Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 November 1999

Persons requiring single accomm

Persons requiring dbl/twin accomm

Persons qualifying for senior rate

All non-members

_____ pers	@	\$ 275pp	= \$ _____
_____ pers	@	\$ 245pp	= \$ _____
DEDUCT _____ senr	@	\$ 5pp	= \$ _____
ADD _____ nonm	@	\$ 5pp	= \$ _____

Desired pick-up point (pl tick) Deakin _____ Braddon _____

Names of others covered by this application:

SUB TOTAL = \$ _____

OLYMPIC PREVIEW 3 - Sunday 6 February 1999

All persons qualifying for junior rate

Persons qualifying for senior rate

Other persons (incl. other members)

All non-members (other than junior rate)

_____ junr	@	\$ 63pp	= \$ _____
_____ senr	@	\$ 74pp	= \$ _____
_____ memb	@	\$ 76pp	= \$ _____
ADD _____ nonm	@	\$ 2pp	= \$ _____

Desired pick-up point (pl tick) Deakin _____ Braddon _____

Names of others covered by this application:

SUB TOTAL = \$ _____

SHOALHAVEN RIM - Sunday 13 February 2000

All persons qualifying for junior rate

All other persons

Persons qualifying for senior rate

All non-members (other than junior rate)

_____ junr	@	\$ 10pp	= \$ _____
_____ pers	@	\$ 15pp	= \$ _____
DEDUCT _____ senr	@	\$ 1pp	= \$ _____
ADD _____ nonm	@	\$ 1pp	= \$ _____

Transport offered/requested. Pl state numbers _____

Names of others covered by this application:

SUB TOTAL = \$ _____

Travels with the Trust - Application Form

SAFARI TO THE SAPPHIRE COAST - Canberra Day Weekend, 18 to 20 March 2000

Non-refundable Booking Fee

_____ pers @ \$ 25pp = \$ _____

Please indicate below whether applying as:

- a Sgl applicant (sharing cabin with 1/2 others)
- Dbl/twin applicants (exclusive use of cabin)
- Dbl/twin applicants (sharing cabin with 1 or 2 others)
- Group of 3 applying together for one cabin
- Group of 4 applying together for one cabin

Balance \$ 120pp

Balance \$ 120pp

Balance \$ 95pp

Balance \$ 95pp

Balance \$ 85pp

All non-members

ADD _____ nonm @ \$ 5pp

All persons qualifying for junior rate

DEDUCT _____ junr @ \$ 10pp

Transport offered/requested. Pl state numbers _____

Names of others covered by this application: _____

SUB TOTAL = \$ _____

BALTIC CONNECTION - Friday 9 May to Friday 9 June 2000

Booking fee (refundable less \$5) to reserve a place

_____ pers @ \$ 50pp = \$ _____

Pl tick if attending information evening _____ How many? _____

Names of others covered by this application: _____

SUB TOTAL = \$ _____

PATAGONIA AND ANTARCTICA - Late December 2000/January 2001

Booking fee (refundable less \$5) to reserve a place

_____ pers @ \$ 50pp = \$ _____

Pl tick if attending information evening _____ How many? _____

Pl tick whether interested in Opt 1 _____ Opt 2 _____ or Opt 3 _____

Names of others covered by this application: _____

SUB TOTAL = \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____



Taking in the wildflowers - Best of the West

Photo: Garth Setchell

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY CASH, CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD

If paying by credit card, please debit my Bankcard _____ Mastercard _____ or Visa _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRY DATE _____

NAME ON CARD _____ SIGNATURE _____

PLEASE SEND ME ANOTHER APPLICATION FORM BY RETURN MAIL

YES / NO

Trust News

RECENT LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Higgins, Matthew 1999, "Surveyors at the snowline: surveying the A.C.T. - N.S.W. border 1910-1915", Canberra



Robyn Trezise

ENDANGERED PLACES

The 1999 Endangered Places List was launched by the Australian Council of National Trusts on Sunday 22nd August. On hand to lend weight to the importance of our heritage were 'living national treasures' Caroline Jones, David Malouf, Jack Munday, Dick Smith and David Williamson.

Speaking at the launch, ACNT Chair Dianne Weidner expressed concern at "the number of governments rewriting or bypassing the law at great loss to our public values and quality of life".

The Trust movement called on the Prime Minister to establish a Cultural Heritage Trust Fund and will consult with Senator Hill to achieve better outcomes for Australia's heritage. The National Trust movement urges all Australians to support the Trust's Endangered Places Program.

This year three sites in the ACT have been placed in the list - "The Valley" (Thomas Gribble's house) at Gungahlin, Stirling Park and Aboriginal sites at Oaks Estate.

It is interesting to note that for every \$200 spent on the natural environment, only \$1 of government funds is spent on our built heritage.

Last year's ACT site on the list was the Yarralumla Brickworks which is still in danger of deterioration despite some repair and restoration work being done over the past year and regular security patrols in the area. For more information on the Endangered Places Program, contact the ACNT website on www.austnatrust.com.au

Celebrating Australia's Heritage - the places that shape us

The Australian Heritage Commission is offering a prize of \$5,000 to the entrant who can best demonstrate how a heritage place can shape our national character. To enter, just produce a video (up to 5 minutes) on the heritage site which you feel best defines Australia's national character and send it to the AHC by 10 December this year. Details can be obtained by phoning 1800 020 652.

There were sections for authors and songwriters but the notification given was such that we could not get word to you before the October 15 deadline.

Congratulations!

The two winners of our "Member get Member" campaign for the previous Winter and Spring editions of Heritage In Trust are Mrs Frances Smyth of Isaacs and Mrs Susan Beams of Deakin. Each wins an overnight package for two at the historic Hughenden at the Park in the heart of Paddington.

MEET THE COUNCIL - Graham Jackson



Graham Jackson joined the Council of the National Trust (ACT) during 1998 as Treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee. He is also a member of the Publications Committee and Funds Development Committee. Following the recent Strategic Planning exercise, Graham chaired a working party to prepare the planning report.

Graham's early background was in finance and planning. He completed a Master of

Business Administration degree at the University of Melbourne and a doctoral thesis on corporate planning at the University of New England. He is a Fellow of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants. As part of his interest in business and regional development, Graham recently completed the twelve month Leadership Program of the Australian Capital Region Development Council. He is assisting the forthcoming Canberra and Region Expo. Graham Jackson has carried out consultancies for various government agencies and community organizations. He is currently working for the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts where he is involved in international cultural affairs, the Cultural Ministers Council and cultural co-ordination.

Graham is a member of the ACT Heritage Festival Advisory Group and the Belconnen Cultural Planning Group. He is a member of the Finance Committee of Calvary Hospital and is the External Finance Advisor to the Australian Nursing Council.

The Jacksons have lived in Canberra for more than 20 years and have three adult children who have (almost) left home.

COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION

Some readers will be aware that the Council has launched a draft Document for Reconciliation as a basis for widespread discussion by the Australian people. The draft is a product of extensive community consultation.

The Reconciliation Council encourages all Australians to express their views about the draft by taking part in meetings organized by the Council or by organizing their own meetings, and to forward their views to the Council. The Council also welcomes individual views.

Copies of the draft document, with an information package and advice on organizing meetings to discuss it, are available at the Trust office or can be obtained on the Reconciliation Council's toll free number: 1800 807 071. We urge you to consider this important document.

ACT Heritage Grants 1999/2000

The latest round of ACT Heritage Council grants was announced on Monday 6 September at the Kurrajong Hotel. The National Trust was successful in obtaining funds to help towards the publication of *Heritage in Trust*; for the preparation of a further eight heritage citations; and for the preparation of three walk/tour brochures. The Trust plans brochures for the Acton Peninsula and Forrest to fulfil part of our grant commitment. Other projects to receive funds include ACTION Buses for work to preserve their 1940s vintage AEC Royal Mk3 bus; All Saints Church for work to repair roof flashings; and the Royal Canberra Golf Club to undertake urgent conservation work to the Yarralumla Incinerator.

Full details of the grants awarded may be obtained from the Trust office.

The Staff of the National Trust (ACT)

wish all our members a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

& a HAPPY NEW YEAR



Trust News

COMING EVENTS

NATIONAL TRUST (ACT)

- AGM - 25 November, 7.30 Griffith Library Community Room
- Christmas Cocktails - 27 November, 6-8 pm, Huntly. \$15 pp. See you there!

OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

- The House on the Plains: early images of OPH during construction, the official opening and its early years. From 13 October. Contact OPH on 6270 8222.
- Going my way? Australia's choice in 1949 - An exhibition about the 1949 election. Ph. 6270 8222 for details.
- Glossy. Portraits of famous people. To 31 October. Ph 6270 8157
- Garden History Tours of OPH gardens, 10-11.30am on October 16, 17, 31 & November 7, 14, 21 & 28 Bookings essential. Phone 6270 8222.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

- Chops & changes: food, immigrants and culture (touring exhibition from the South Australian Migration Museum). To 7 November
- A Home away from home? Living in Canberra in the 1920s and 1930s. 20 November to March 2000 Ph 6212 3600 for details..

NATIONAL TRUST COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Council meeting at 8.30p.m.
- Thursday 25 November
- Publications C'tee at 12.30p.m.
- Monday 8 November
- Education & Cultural C'tee at 5.30p.m.
- Wednesday 27 October; 24 November
- Classification C'tee at 12.30p.m.
- Tuesday 9 November; 14 December
- Lanyon C'tee at 12.15p.m.
- Tuesday 19 October; 16 November; 21 December
- Antique Fair at 12.30p.m.
- Thursday 21 October
- A.G.M. - Thursday 25 November, 7.30

CLASSIFICATIONS

The Trust Council has recently considered the status of the following sites:
 Gold Creek Homestead - *Recorded*
 Wesley Uniting Church - *Classified*
 Oaks Estate - Sent to ACT Heritage Council in draft form only. Yet to be examined by the Trust's Council.

Do you have a valuable vase or a precious painting? Perhaps you're not sure, but would like to find out?

Ask the Experts!

Another Appraisal Day is coming up at Lanyon on 19 February 2000. Watch out for full details in *The Canberra Times* on 5 and 12 February.

SHOP NEWS

We would like to welcome Paula back from her travels. She had a lovely time and would go back tomorrow if she could... *wouldn't we all*. We only just welcomed her back from her travels and it was time to say goodbye again. Paula left us at the beginning of October. It was a very hard decision for her to make as she loved the shop and classified all the volunteers as her friends. On behalf of all volunteers and staff of the Trust and OPH, we wish her well. We will all miss her. Old Parliament House has been a very interesting place to visit in the last six months, with the opening of the Portrait Gallery in March and the associated exhibitions. The Snowy Mountains Exhibition in the new 'Strangers Gallery' downstairs, was very successful, and had many a worker re-living their time in the Snowy Mountains. We heard many tales of what life was like, the comradeship between all the different nationalities, and also of the hardships.

Christmas is just around the corner and it's time to send your greetings overseas by surface mail and avoid paying Airmail costs. The National Trust Diary and Christmas cards will be in the shop by now. The diary will have the format of previous years, and this year's theme will be 'Things 100 Years Old'. The Combined Charities Christmas Card Shop will be operating in Garema Arcade this year. Garema Arcade is the small arcade just around the corner from the Police Shop Front. We are still looking for members to give us a couple of hours of their time on either Wednesday, 10th November or Tuesday, 7th December. Please phone me at the shop to put your name on the roster. Old Parliament House and the shop will be open from 9am to 5pm daily (except Christmas Day) until the end of April next year.

As this will be the last publication for 1999, I would like to thank all our volunteers for their help, support and friendship during the past year. It has been a very unsettling time with all the changes, but they are behind us now and I look forward to better times. I would also like to wish all members and their friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dianne Dowling, OPH Shop Manager

CAN YOU HELP?

CHARITY CARD SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It's that time of year again - the Combined Charities Card Shop will be open from 27 September until 17 December.

The National Trust must provide volunteers on Wednesday 10th November & Tuesday 7th December and your help would be appreciated. Phone Dianne on 6273 4744 if you can spare a couple of hours.

Letter from Lanyon

Spring rains have been a boon for the Lanyon garden, and it is well worth a special visit. In addition to the flourishing perennial borders, rose garden and vegetable garden, there were some whimsical touches during Floriade - sculptures, seats and pots form a small temporary exhibition. The gardens are a perfect venue for all sorts of activities and events, but it is important that big events do not compromise the very carefully developed presentation policies. Managing historic properties is a difficult balancing exercise, and at Lanyon we try to maintain this balance by having a few large events and many smaller ones, and to vary them so that we attract different sectors of the community.

The Lanyon Committee has recently approved another important purchase - a campaign chest to be placed in the hallway in the 1905 wing of the house. As the chest needs some conservation treatment, we will use this as an opportunity to photograph each stage of the process to make a small educational exhibition. The portrait of Mrs Wood and her cat Peggy (also a National Trust purchase) is now hanging in the Dining Room, and looks very much at home! The monies raised by the National Trust volunteers are the only means of acquiring additional items for the collection (other than loans), so all volunteers should be aware that each time they spend a few hours at Lanyon they are making another purchase possible. The arrangement between the Cultural Facilities Corporation and the National Trust is not only unique, but also highly successful.

The annual Carols and twilight opening of the homestead will take place on Sunday 19 December. This is a family evening so make sure that you don't miss out this year. There will also be exhibitions and family holiday programs in the new year. If you would like to be included in the Historic Places mailing list to find out about activities at Lanyon, the Nolan Gallery, Calthorpes' House and Mugga-Mugga please telephone 6237 5136. Volunteers are always welcome at Lanyon, so perhaps 2000 would be a good year to share your talents with us!

Elaine Lawson, Senior Curator, ACT Historic Places



Weston's Legacy

Carol Cosgrove traces the evolution of the nursery established by Charles Weston and the Forestry School, sited to take advantage of the arboretum

Yarralumla Nursery

When the Federal Capital Territory was proclaimed in 1911, the site for the future capital consisted of plains surrounded by wooded hills. The plains were used for grazing stock by the early white settlers and were almost devoid of trees. The average rainfall for the area was a low 23 inches and the mean minimum temperature in the coldest month was approximately 33°F (.5°C). The soil was not generally fertile, the area was infested with rabbits and there was no protection against drying winds. This presented a challenge for the creation of an attractive city befitting of the nation's capital.

The need for the new National Capital to incorporate recent developments in town planning had been emphasised since its conception. In his plan for the city, it is evident that Walter Burley Griffin was aware of the idea of the 'garden city' which had been developing in England, and the concepts of this philosophy were built into his plan. The need for afforestation and conservation of woodlands in the new Capital was a matter for discussion in the years leading up to its establishment.

In 1911 the Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs, David Miller, obtained approval from his Minister, King O'Malley, to fund the ploughing and fencing of a site for a nursery, which was established at Acton, on the former estate (resumed by the Government) of Arthur Brassey. At that time, Charles (TCG) Weston was working as head gardener at Federal Government House, Sydney. He was invited to visit the nursery site and he made a number of

detailed suggestions in relation to its establishment. During 1912 the preparation of the ground began, apparently under the direction of Weston. Although he was appointed officer-in-charge of the Campbelltown Nursery in NSW in 1912, Weston was persuaded to accept the position of 'Superintendent of Nurseries' at Canberra and arrived to take charge of the Afforestation Branch in May 1913.

During his first month in the city, Weston inspected several sites for a forest and general nursery and recommended that the latter be established on a site to the north-east of Yarralumla Homestead buildings (the present Government House). He suggested that the Nursery, of some 400 acres, be divided into four equal areas to be devoted to nursery work proper, the permanent planting of Australian trees and shrubs, an arboretum and a pinetum. By February 1915, Weston was able to report that the buildings for the permanent nursery, which was to become Yarralumla Nursery, were complete.

Weston used Yarralumla Nursery and the nearby areas now known as Westbourne Woods and Weston Park as trial grounds for a wide range of native and exotic species. Obtaining an interesting and successful range of plant species for the new Capital was a major challenge. Weston obtained seed from suppliers and nurseries in Australia and overseas. Australian suppliers included the State Nursery in Campbelltown where he had worked before coming to Canberra, and long-standing suppliers in the nursery trade such as Yates & Co., Brunning and the Goulburn Nursery Company. He also collected both native and exotic seeds in the local area.

Walter Burley Griffin was also active in obtaining seeds to be raised at Yarralumla Nursery. Griffin had arrived to take up his appointment as Federal Capital Director of Design and Construction in Canberra in May 1914. By this time Weston had been in



Canberra for a year, had established the Nursery at Yarralumla (then called Westridge) and had provided a report giving a list of trees recommended for use in Canberra. It appears that Griffin and Weston met on at least one occasion to discuss the results of work being undertaken at the Nursery. There is some indication that Griffin's instructions to Weston in relation



Hobday's Cottage, Yarralumla Nursery, 1988.
Photo: Carol Cosgrove

to the types of trees to be planted were not always well received by the latter. J.H. Maiden, Director of the Sydney Botanic Gardens, stated that he believed Weston was able to make a better selection of tree species for planting in the National Capital than Griffin.

Griffin's plans for the landscaping of Canberra included particular types of plantings he wanted to establish, including a Redwood forest and a Cork Oak plantation. A plantation of Redwood was established by Weston at East Lake Park using seeds obtained by Griffin. However, the trees generally did not do well in Canberra's dry climate. In contrast, the Cork Oaks have grown well at Green Hills.

In March 1916, Weston recommended that the Commonwealth play a role in promoting fruit tree growing by establishing a demonstration orchard where spraying and pruning techniques could be presented to assist home gardeners. This was not to be a commercial orchard. A large orchard including single plants of one hundred and twenty three different varieties of apples and a wide range of peaches, almonds, pears, apricots, plums and persimmons was established at Yarralumla Nursery. Small fruits including strawberries, raspberries, nuts and filberts were also included. A total of 17 species of fruit trees was trialed, along with cereal crops and grasses. The orchard flourished and before long the fruit and vegetables grown there were being stolen by unknown locals.

The Nursery at Yarralumla was the primary source for suburban trees and shrubs. New residents were entitled to receive plants free

on request from the Nursery, and Weston recorded in 1922 that 22, 668 plants had been distributed between 1912 and 1922.

The Nursery was also used to raise pine seedlings for plantation forestry in the Territory (later established in the Mount Stromlo area).

Weston did not bring his family to live with him in Canberra until 1922. His reason for doing so was to

allow his three daughters to receive a good education, which would have been difficult in Canberra at that time. Until 1922, he lived in a temporary dwelling, which was also his office, at Acton, and visited his family only four times a year.

Weston was appointed Superintendent of the new Parks and Gardens Branch established by the Federal Capital Commission in 1925. During his time as officer-in-charge of Afforestation, Yarralumla Nursery became well established and earned a reputation for being one of the finest research nurseries of the time. It was at this Nursery that trees which now form the avenues of Canberra were bred and trialed. Pine shelter belts, the elm avenue and the shrubbery specimen area were established as part of the Nursery. Under Weston's management, planting to the north and east of the Nursery was also carried out. This planting consisted of a curving avenue of Atlas cedar (*Cedrus Atlantica*) and Black locust (*Robinia pseudo-acacia*) and a series of circular plots of single species of eucalypts. The avenue, which still exists, follows Griffin's plan for the Garden Gate Drive and it is likely that the planting was carried out after consultation with or direction from Griffin. Also during Weston's time the Monterey pine (*Pinus radiata*) and cypress (*Cupressus* spp.) windbreaks were established along the proposed western lakeshore.

Although Weston retired in 1926, special arrangements were made to retain him in a consultative capacity until the opening of Parliament House on 9 May by the Duke and Duchess of York, to whom he was presented.

As he left Canberra, Weston placed on record a note detailing the principal native trees and shrubs which had been tested in the nurseries at Canberra since 1913. The general trials, experiments and tests which he had conducted had been dropped a few years previously, and he expressed his regret that this had happened.

WESTON'S SUCCESSORS

In 1925, Weston had recommended the appointment of A.E. Bruce as Assistant Superintendent, and on Weston's retirement, Bruce became Superintendent of Parks and Gardens. In 1929 the Federal Capital Commission requested the reduction of Yarralumla Nursery by two thirds as the land was required for park purposes. This later became Weston Park. Bruce continued as head of the Branch until 1937 and during this time, new glasshouses were built, which still remain in use at the Nursery today.

The next Superintendent of Parks and Gardens, appointed in 1937, was John Peace Hobday. Hobday had become Chief Nurseryman in 1923 and lived in the Chief Nurseryman's Cottage within the Nursery grounds. This building still exists today and, with few changes, has been converted into a café and gallery. It is located near the English Garden, outside the wholesale nursery fence and near the retail nursery.

Lindsay Pryor was appointed Superintendent of Parks and Gardens in 1944 and remained in this position until 1958. Considerable hybridisation and research work was undertaken during Pryor's time in charge. His eucalyptus hybridisation work was considered one of the first successful programs of manipulated eucalyptus hybridisation. Trial plots of trees, raised from seeds collected by Pryor from different parts of the world, were established in generic groups in the research area to the south of the Nursery. Pryor was also involved in grevillea hybridisation trials and the well-known hybrid grevillea, Canberra Gem, was conceived at the Nursery. A trial orchard was established to the east of the Nursery. Infill planting, consisting of additional circular plots of eucalypts, was carried out in the Weston Park area. At this time Weston Park was grazed by stock.

During the 1950s and up until the 1970s,



quarantine facilities operated at Yarralumla Nursery. Experimental laboratories were established in the old Nursery administration offices when an official Research Section was established in 1963 under Robert Boden. Also during this period, the Nursery became a popular spot for tourists visiting Canberra.

By 1964, Lake Burley Griffin had filled and a lakeshore landscape of inlets, small peninsulas and islands was created. A great deal of attention was given to developing the lakeshore, and ponds were constructed in the Nursery grounds to trial aquatic plants. These trials were carried out by Boden's Research Section. Plots of water tolerant trees were planted around the lake shore, including Weston Park. These consisted of a variety of alders, poplars, willows and swamp cypress. More exotic species were introduced within the Park under the supervision of David Shoobridge, Director of Parks and Gardens from 1958-1975. Further horticultural research work, including eucalyptus hybridisation, was carried out at the Nursery under the direction of Robert Boden until 1968.

Yarralumla Nursery is still operating, now with both a retail nursery and a wholesale nursery. Some of the early buildings were recently renovated, with every effort made to retain their original materials and layout. The Plant Issue Scheme, which commenced in 1930, is still in operation. Originally, there was no limit on the number of plants per block, but this was modified and limited to 10 trees and 40 shrubs by 1960. The Scheme was stopped for political reasons in 1979 but was reinstated in 1981. Plant issue is currently available to every new block of leasehold land in the ACT and the quantity of plants is calculated on the area of the block.

Yarralumla Nursery and Weston Park are important for their demonstration of a working nursery which has continued to operate for the same purpose since it was first established in 1913, a period of eighty six years. Its success and the resulting landscape of much of Canberra that we see today, is largely attributable to the efforts of Charles Weston, and those that continued and further developed his initial work.

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The Australian Forestry School

The Australian School of Forestry at the intersection of Banks and Schlich Streets, Yarralumla, was designed in the Inter-War Stripped Classical Style by J.H. Kirkpatrick, of the Federal Capital Commission (FCC), assisted by HM Rolland, Principal architect of the FCC, and completed in 1927. Its main internal feature is the magnificent domed octagonal hall at the centre of the building, which features native Australian timbers from various States of Australia. These timbers, used throughout the building, make it unique. The School was the first national forestry school in Australia and was established before there were plans for a university in the national capital.

The proposal to establish a national forestry school was made at the first Interstate Forestry Conference in Australia in November 1911, although it was not until a Premiers' Conference in 1920 that agreement was reached, due largely to the efforts of Charles Edward Lane-Poole, who came from Sussex, England, and was Conservator of Forests in Western Australia from 1916 until 1921.

When Lane-Poole returned from an assignment in Papua New Guinea and was appointed forestry adviser to the Commonwealth in 1925, he found little had been done to implement the 1920 decision. He persuaded Prime Minister Stanley

Bruce to include a commitment to establish a national forestry school in Canberra in his election policy speech of 1925.

After Bruce's re-election, the School was first established at the University of Adelaide in March 1926, with Professor Norman Jolly as Principal, since there was then no suitable building in Canberra. At the end of 1926 Lane-Poole, then Inspector General of Forests for the Commonwealth, was

appointed acting Principal of the Forestry School to be established in Canberra.

Lane-Poole saw the Forestry School as a branch of the Federal Forestry Bureau, the establishment of which had been agreed by the Federal Government. The Bureau's main task was to develop a national forest policy, which he believed was necessary to bring Australia's forest resources under national control.

The School building was designed as part of the Federal Capital Commission's (FCC's) building program which provided accommodation and office space for the transfer of the Federal Government from Melbourne to the new capital. The Forestry School was one of two outsiders included in this program, the other being the Commonwealth Solar Observatory at Mount Stromlo. Construction of the school began in July 1926 and it was officially opened (although not completed) on 11 April 1927. There were 16 students and three permanent lecturing staff, Messrs C.E Carter, H.R Gray and A. Rule, as well as Lane-Poole. The School was situated in the suburb of Westridge, now Yarralumla, so as to be near



Australian Forestry School, Yarralumla, 1998. Photo: Carol Cosgrove

the arboretum, now Westbourne Woods, and the nursery established by Charles Weston in 1913. There is evidence to show that Lane-Poole was most impressed with Weston's work.

Lane-Poole contacted the States to ask them to donate native timber for use in the School building. Tasmania, Victoria and NSW donated floor timber and South Australia timber for internal fittings.



Westridge House

A residence, later known as 'Westridge House', and also called 'Tudor House', was built for the Principal next to the school in 1928. Lane-Poole also planned to house his students nearby, and, although their initial accommodation was rudimentary, 27 lined spruce cubicles of a style widely used on construction sites in the city were built near the school in 1928. Each student had his own cubicle, with electric light, wardrobe, table and chair. A former student, Dr Leslie Carron, remembers how cold they were in winter. They were located at the rear of three houses in Solander Street, one of which was used for amenities, one for dining/kitchen and the third for ablutions.

Society, and a skilled furniture designer. He was also something of a character. His innovative design for the residence was an amalgamation of half-timbered, roughcast and Marseilles tiles genre, drawing on the vernacular English Tudor style, and radical functionalism.

The house was designed to accommodate the Lane-Pooles and their three daughters. On the ground floor were a hall, store, library, laundry, living room, kitchen and toilet, and on the first floor were four bedrooms, the maid's room, a toilet and bathroom. The house also had a cellar and Lane-Poole wrote in 1928: "The cellar in the house is a great success, rarely have I known beer keep so cool without ice". The house still stands and has been used at various times

1933 he ran classes of instruction in ski making at the Forestry School for the general public. Although he had had his left hand blown off in an accident, he was able to work hand tools using a metal hook for the missing hand, and his skis were beautifully made. His daughters were extremely enthusiastic about skiing. Charlotte, better known as "Charles", is remembered by many for the way she rode her motorbike around Canberra.

Lane-Poole retired as Principal of the School in 1944. Dr Max Jacobs was the next Principal and held the position from 1945 to 1959, when he became Director General of the Forestry and Timber Bureau. Jacobs, affectionately known as Jake by colleagues and as Doc by students, was married with two daughters and lived with his family at Westridge House. He continued the practice of holding dances in the Forestry School museum four times a year.

Jacobs was followed by K.P. McGrath as acting Principal until responsibility for forestry education was transferred to the Australian National University early in 1965. The School building is now used as offices by the CSIRO.

Yarralumla Nursery, the Forestry School and Westridge House are classified by the National Trust (ACT).

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Westridge House/Tudor House, Federal Capital Period. Photo © Rodney Garnett

Lane-Poole had obtained permission to select the architect to design the official residence. His wife, Ruth, was an interior decorator who had been engaged to redecorate the suite at Yarralumla to be used by the Duke and Duchess of York at the opening of Federal Parliament in 1927, and it is likely that she influenced the choice of Harold Desbrowe Annear, a Melbourne architect. Annear, a man of many facets, was an instructor in architecture and drawing, a foundation member of the Arts and Crafts

for offices by the CSIRO and as a training centre.

The Lane-Pooles were active members of Canberra's small elite, and, with their daughters, participated in the social functions arranged by the students at the Forestry School. Lane-Poole was also the founder, with Tim Ingram, of the Alpine Club at Mount Franklin in the Brindabella Mountains, and became its president.

Lane-Poole required his students to make a set of wooden skis for themselves and from

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Street Names of Yarralumla

Peter Dowling discovers that many of Yarralumla's streets are appropriately named for prominent botanists

BANKS STREET

Sir Joseph Banks (1743-1820) was an eminent British botanist and naturalist. In 1768 The Royal Society persuaded the Admiralty to send him, with a substantial staff, as a naturalist with Captain James Cook's expedition on the *Endeavour* to the South Pacific. Banks recorded and made a large collection of floral and faunal species from Rio de Janeiro, Tierra del Fuego, Tahiti, New Zealand, the east coast of Australia, and New Guinea. He also recorded his observations on the people he met, their culture and language. Back in Britain he continued his botanical studies and under the patronage of King George III provided many plant species for the establishing Kew Gardens. Banks convinced the British Parliament that Botany Bay was a highly suitable place for a new penal settlement. On this recommendation the First Fleet was sent to New South Wales. He maintained contact with the various Governors of New South Wales and later nominated the ill-fated William Bligh for the position. The well known plant genera *Banksia* bears his name.

SOLANDER PLACE

Daniel Carl Solander (1733-1782), born in Sweden, was a gifted botanical researcher. He moved to England and came to the notice of Joseph Banks who asked him to join the *Endeavour* expedition of 1768 to 1771. At Botany Bay he collected an extensive variety of Australian flora. He and Joseph Banks made the first attempt to record and classify the flora and fauna of the Australian continent. After the *Endeavour* journey he continued his association with Banks becoming his secretary and librarian as well as the keeper of Natural History at the British Museum.

BROWN STREET

Robert Brown (1773-1858) was born in Scotland and joined the British Army as a surgeon. On the recommendation of Joseph Banks he accompanied Matthew Flinders aboard the *Investigator* in 1801 during his circumnavigation of Australia, and

spent three and a half years collecting plant specimens in New South Wales and Tasmania. Much of his collection was lost on its way back to Britain. When he returned home he worked with Banks and became librarian of Bank's collection. He published a botanical work on Australian species and wrote the botanical appendices for Flinders' and Charles Sturt's books on exploration.

MUELLER STREET

Baron Sir Ferdinand Von Mueller (1852-1896) came to Australia for health reasons and in 1852 was appointed the first Government Botanist of Victoria. He carried out several intensive botanical explorations of Victoria and in 1855-56 accompanied Augustus Gregory as a naturalist on his exploration expedition which started at Victoria River in the Northern Territory and went eastwards over 8,000 km to the Queensland coast. Following the expedition Mueller took up the position of Director, Melbourne Botanic Gardens. He held this position until 1873 when he was relieved because he saw the direction of the gardens more for scientific purposes than as an aesthetic landscape for public use. Nevertheless his contribution to the science of botany in Australia was considerable and was recognized by the founding of a medal in his name to be awarded every second year to authors contributing publications on natural science. His major publication was a two-part study *Systematic Census of Australian Plants*, in 1882 and 1889.

GUILFOYLE STREET

William Robert Guilfoyle (1840-1912) was born in London and came to Australia with his father who set up a nursery at Double Bay. He served his apprenticeship with his father and became a world-renowned landscape gardener and botanist, serving as botanist on the *Challenger* expedition to the Pacific. He succeeded Mueller as Director of the Botanical Gardens, Melbourne in 1873 and spent the next 38 years developing the area as an aesthetic landscape. But he did not forget the scientific purposes of the gardens, which had been Mueller's great passion. He resigned his position because of ill health in 1909. His publications included two important works, *First Book of Australian Botany* in 1874 and *Australian Plants* in 1911.

HOOKE STREET

This street bears the name of a well-respected botanical father and son. Sir William Jackson Hooker (1785-1865) was Director of the Botanic Gardens, Kew and contributed an extensive amount of literary work including references to Australian plants. His son, Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker (1817-1911), held a medical degree, entered the Royal Navy and was appointed assistant surgeon and botanist to Sir James Ross' Antarctic expedition in 1839. He published an account of the flora of southern temperate (including Tasmania) and sub-antarctic regions. He was a friend to Charles Darwin and was one of the first scientists to accept Darwin's theory of evolution. He succeeded his father as Director of Kew Gardens.

MACGILLIVRAY STREET

John MacGillivray (1821-1867) was born in Scotland and studied medicine before turning his energies to botany and zoology. He spent three years as Assistant Naturalist on HMS Fly on a surveying expedition to Australia and New Guinea and was the Naturalist on HMS *Rattlesnake* between 1847 and 1850. He wrote the two-volume text, *Narrative of the Voyage of H.M.S. Rattlesnake* (1852). MacGillivray visited Australia again on H.M.S. *Herald*. He must have been impressed with Australia because he later spent some years in Sydney before settling in Grafton in 1864 where he continued his work in the natural sciences.

MAIDEN STREET

Joseph Henry Maiden (1859-1925) was born in London and came to Australia for the warmer climate. He was appointed the Government Botanist of New South Wales and became Director of the Sydney Botanical Gardens in 1896. An energetic and industrious person he published many scholarly papers and several important texts on Australian plants, the most important of which was *Useful Native Plants of Australia* in 1896.

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For many years this hall was one of the chief centres of entertainment in Canberra and it has been in continuous community use for the whole of its existence. Over the years the hall has been used for picture shows, concerts, boxing matches, house nights, wedding receptions, meetings, parties, auctions, religious services, book launches, dances, plays, as a baby health clinic and more.

It is still used for community events.

Some minor alterations have been made over the years, including a new roof to replace one that rusted, but the hall remains remarkably intact for a building of its age. The supper room on the northern side of the building was added in the 1940s.

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Walking trails have been incorporated into the gardens for visitors. The Hollards gifted their garden to the QEII National Trust in 1983 so that it could continue to be appreciated by garden lovers in the future.

For details on opening hours and directions contact the Hollard Gardens at P.O. Box 40, Kaponga, Taranaki (06) 7646 544 or the QEII Trust on (04) 4726 626

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In 1932 Sir Russell & Lady Matthews planted a kauri, a tulip tree and a liquidambar on a site that previously grew only gorse, bracken and blackberries. This was their first step in the development of an English landscape garden on a 3.6 hectare site at Ngare Tupare Kino (better known as Tupare) on the edge of the Waiwhakaho River.

Over subsequent years, the garden was developed in three stages. It includes a waterfall that took four years to complete, the stone having to be brought from a quarry near Te Kuiti. Also built on the site is a three storey replica of a Tudor dwelling. The house and gardens have a wonderful character - natives and exotics combine with walls, paths, bridges, arches, pergolas etc. to make a cohesive whole.

The Matthews developed and nurtured Tupare for over 40 years, and in 1985 the National Trust purchased the property. Tupare is located 7 kms south of New Plymouth. Contact (067) 86 480 or (04) 726 626 for opening times.

THE Old Parliament House SHOP



The 2000 National Trust Diary is now available. The theme this year is *Things 100 Years Old* and it is back to the old format. The National Trust staff in Victoria had a great time sourcing and collating the information. It is available from the Old Parliament House Shop, Manuka Office and the Combined Charities Christmas Card Shop.

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Historic Harborne Circa 1858

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