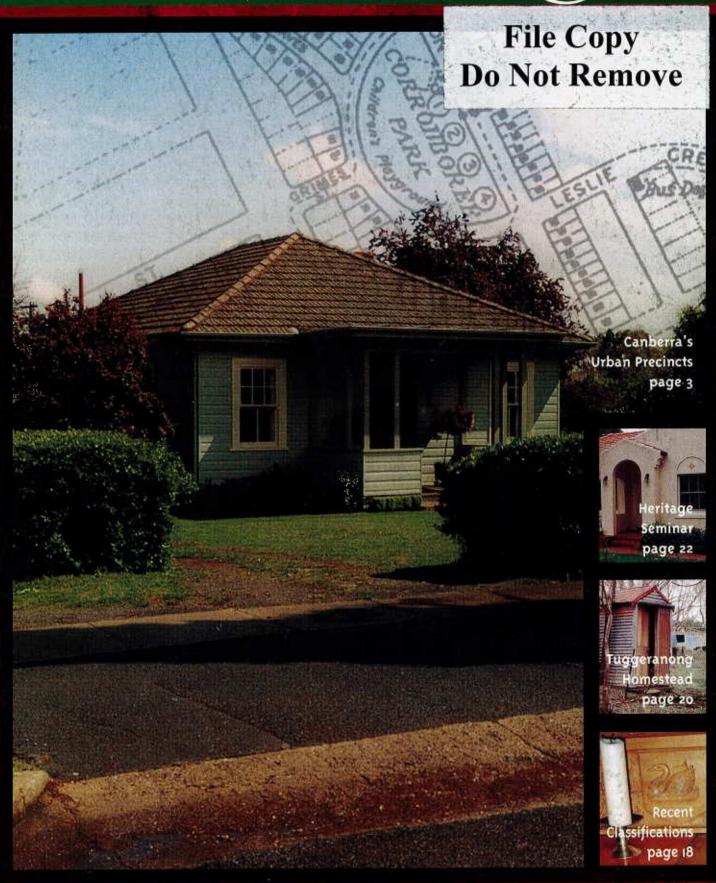
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Horses damaging trees at Tuggeranong Homestead. Photo: Rebecca Lamb

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hether in a paid or voluntary capacity, be they academically qualified or the self-educated, people are working for the protection of our heritage. Activity occurs at many levels in our community and takes on many forms. The extensive Heritage Watch focus in this issue bears testimony to this.

Our urban heritage precincts have been highlighted, in a paper by Matthew Higgins, about the design of some of the earliest inner-city suburbs to be built in Canberra. Redevelopment proposals like those at Belmore Gardens and 9 Stokes Street show that there is a lot more to be done. The management of change within these precincts was the subject of a seminar held last November.

As one of the speakers at the seminar said, "Heritage is not just about pretty buildings." Rumours emerged recently about what is arguably one of the city's most popular icons to the people who built Canberra, the Causeway Hall. The rumours are, so far, unsubstantiated but had their source in the private sector - perhaps someone just testing the water?

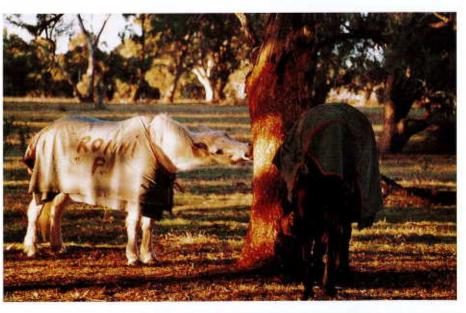
We have also focused on our natural and rural heritage. The series of short articles discussing the Tuggeranong Homestead precinct looks at the Tuggeranong Homestead Planning report and some of the community involvement in conserving the homestead and its surrounding paddocks.

Our regular features: Trees of the ACT, by Robert Boden, lists a Snow Gum hand-engraved by Surveyor Harry Mouat's party in 1914. Recent Classifications lists three churches of the ACT,

And finally, there is a reminder that we have a chance to celebrate our heritage during the 2000 ACT Heritage Festival in April. Be on the look-out for the second edition of Federal Captal Architecture – Canberra 1911-1939, also due out in April.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our previous editor, Kathleen Taperell, in achieving the high standards *Heritage in Trust* has shown in past issues.

Karen Williams



Cover photo: House on Lister St. Corroboree Park

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.



## Canberra's Urban Heritage Precincts

This is an abridged version of a paper written by Trust member and Canberra historian Matthew Higgins for the Heritage Unit, Environment ACT. The paper was prepared for a seminar on Canberra's precincts run by the Unit in November 1999.

anberra's urban residential heritage precincts identified in this paper have been listed either on the ACT's Interim Heritage Places Register or on the Heritage Places Register. They consist mainly of housing areas developed during the 1920s- 1930s period. They are found in the inner suburbs both north and south of the river that is now dammed to form Lake Burley Griffin, and they relate to the burst of development that occurred as construction of the city moved beyond the limited building phase of the 1910s. In the history of Australian and international planning, these precincts are extremely significant.

They owe their planning to great figures in Canberra's town planning history: Walter Burley Griffin, Sir John Sulman (head of the Federal Capital Advisory Committee) and Sir John Butters (head of the Federal Capital Commission), and the seminal planting work of T.C.G.Weston. They are linked to the garden city ethos. They reflect housing styles of the period and contain excellent examples of the work of architects of the day. They tell us something about the ideas behind the social planning of Canberra, and the stratification inherent in the early decades of what was a public service town. They also reflect the intimate and intricate relationship between buildings and landscape, and how heritage values extend far beyond the built form itself.

Two precincts, on the other hand, relate to later periods and they possess various historical and architectural qualities from those times.

BRADDON HOUSING PRECINCT

This area is highly significant in being Canberra's first permanent government housing, the first housing area built to Griffin's plan and the only one built substantially to the Chicago architect's layout (it was laid out with some amendments by Sulman).

The first houses erected (in 1921) were of the type that had been planned for Lyttleton, at Lithgow NSW. A second stage of housing was undertaken in 1924 and further houses were erected under the Federal Capital Commission, designed by FCC chief architect H.M.Rolland and built in 1927.

The development, of 48 single storey brick houses, was designed as worker and lower

echelon public servant housing and the number of house designs is modest. Simple construction and common materials create uniformity between the different phases of housing.

The area features symmetrical axial planning around Doonkuna Street, and centrally located community parks which are critical to the garden city concepts of the period—this precinct is the first expression of garden city planning in Canberra. The precinct represents the largest single group of relatively unaltered houses from the 1920s in the ACT.

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) has produced a self-guided heritage tour brochure for Braddon and Ainslie.



All maps courtesy Heritage Unit, Environment ACT



CORROBOREE PARK PRECINCT, AINSLIE Significant for its collection of timber (and some brick) dwellings and its garden city attributes, the Corroboree Park precinct owes its design to Sir John Sulman who planned the area in 1924.

A major feature of the precinct is the curvilinear symmetrical street pattern which reflects garden city thinking in the early twentieth century. Plantings, by first head of afforestation in the national capital T.C.G. Weston, include street tree avenues of oaks, prunuses, silky oaks and Roman cypresses. Meanwhile, the cottages are juxtaposed with trees, shrubs and lawns which serve to merge private and public garden spaces into a total park-like environment. The Park is characterised particularly by mature eucalypts.

The low cost timber houses were designed as artisans' dwellings by FCC architects H.M.Rolland and Robert Casboulte, and Department of Interior architect E.H.Henderson, and built in 1925-29. Corroboree Park precinct is the major surviving area of timber 1920s housing of this nature in Canberra.

#### Wakefield Gardens Precinct, Ainslie

This area was developed between 1925 and 1940 and the layout was conceived largely by John Sulman within the general Griffin plan for the national capital, and was developed in part by the FCC. It was an area designated as housing for lower income public servants.

Houses are predominantly single storey and built of brick with terracotta or corrugated

iron roofs, and were built privately or by the Department of Interior in 1936-40. A noteworthy individual house is the Beaufort Steel House, a rare protoype of all steel construction which dates from 1947.

The street layout is symmetrical about Wakefield Avenue, and the streets feature broad verges and large mainly deciduous street trees, and many residences are fronted by hedges. As well as the large park near the 1950s era shopping block, the precinct possesses highly significant pocket parks and corner parks, which contribute strongly to the garden city characteristics of the area. Important in the streetscape also is a 1937 bus shelter, with its intricate geometric motif design.

break up the rigidity of the otherwise straight lines of Limestone Ave.

The FCC built five houses of different design types here by the end of 1927, and the other two houses were built in 1937 by the Department of Interior. The houses are sited symmetrically on their blocks and reflect aspects of Georgian and English Arts and Crafts architectural styles.

#### REID HOUSING PRECINCT

The Reid Housing Precinct is one of Australia's finest inter-war period garden suburbs. Originally planned by Griffin, the suburb was adjacent to part of his land axis. Sulman, a firm advocate of garden city ideals, modified Griffin's approach and the suburb was built from the mid 1920s under the FCC.

The grid plan is along axial lines with strong, symmetrical patterns of subdivision.

Design of the housing stock was by key architects of the period, the FCC's H.M. Rolland and R. Casboulte, and later E.H. Henderson of the Department of Interior. Spanish Mission and English Arts and Crafts

stylistic influences are represented. Variety was achieved by the different finishes used, and through avoiding the siting of same design types together. Houses on corner blocks were angled diagonally across the block (as also seen in Barton).

The higher quality of housing in Reid than in contemporary Ainslie reflects the suburb's role as an area for middle-ranking public servants.

Reid possesses three parks, including Dirrawan Gardens and Geerilong Gardens, and tree-lined walkways link these latter parks to neighbouring streets.

Weston's influence again played a crucial role in early public planting here. Eucalypts are found along arterial roads, conifers on less major thoroughfares, and deciduous trees line local roads. Hedges, introduced in 1930, are



House on Alt Crescent, Ainslie Photo: M. Higgins

#### ALT CRESCENT, AINSLIE

Alt Crescent is an outstanding example of early Canberra urban planning and design.

Central to the significance of the precinct is the arrangement of the curvilinear crescent, onto which the houses front, facing a small planted park within the crescent.

Griffin intended that a small curvilinear crescent should be built along what is now Limestone Avenue. By 1927 when the FCC started to develop the precinct, the crescent had been placed at its present site. The crescent serves to



Bus Shelter and Park, Cowper St, Wakefield Gardens Precinct, Ainslie
Photo: M. Higgins

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significant and, with the street plantings, assist that merger between private and public space that is an important aspect of the aesthetic quality of Reid's coherent garden city streetscapes.

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) has produced a self-guided heritage tour brochure for Reid.

#### FORREST HOUSING PRECINCT

The Forrest Housing Precinct is distinguished by its combination of mature plantings, innovative street planning, and houses designed for senior public servants (in contrast with most of the housing on the north side of the Molonglo). The basis of the planning relates to Griffin's 1913 plan for curvilinear streets which are formed from the concentric circles around Capital Hill and the arcs around Collins Park. To this was added Sulman's influence as seen in Barkly Crescent with its acute intersections. The street plan responds sensitively to the topography.

and the precinct was completed in 1929.

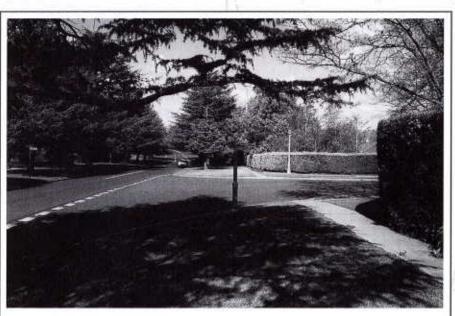
Street verges are wide and there are planted islands at some intersections. Significant surviving street furniture includes precast concrete street signs, some rare brick- drains, and street lights.

The combined effect between curvilinear streets and houses complementing garden city design elements is a picturesque and dignified one.

#### RED HILL PRECINCT

The Red Hill Precinct is shown in Griffin's 1918 plan for Canberra and its planning was further developed by Sulman. Weston's influence is seen in its planted landscape. What makes Red Hill distinctive is the very large size of the blocks and the great extent of plantings which successfully complement the precinct's substantial houses. Red Hill has assumed an aura of prestige that has attracted not only foreign missions but many tourists over the years.

The radially curved road layout is in strong

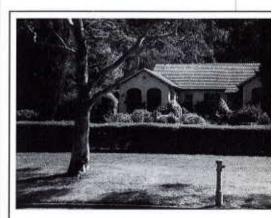


Forrest Streetscape, note original street sign, hedges, street trees and private plantings Photo: M. Higgins

Most of the houses were designed by Melbourne firm Oakley, Parkes and Scarborough (Scarborough later left the company). Oalkey and Parkes' designs have an identifiable architectural style, drawing on Mediterranean (Spanish Mission), Federation and Georgian characteristics. The houses contributed to the development of the Federal Capital style of architecture

contrast to the grid pattern used in north Canberra. With the subdivision of land into large blocks and the imposition of building covenants setting high minimum house construction prices, the precinct was designed for higher government officials and leading private enterprise figures. The intention to maintain low density housing survived later subdivision.

Many of the houses are highly culturally significant either for their associations with important individuals or for their architectural qualities.



Calthorpe's House, Red Hill Photo: M. Higgins

The extensive gardens in the precinct with their diverse range of trees and shrubs are enhanced by the street plantings to create a picturesque quality. Hedges are a visually dominant feature and some are over three metres in height. These features, together with the width of the verges and the ungated entrances to properties create a distinctive spatial organisation that is a central element of the precinct's character.

#### Blandfordia 5, Griffith, Forrest, Red Hill

Consisting of parts of Griffith, Forrest and Red Hill, this precinct is highly significant for its curving street pattern determined by the contours of the local topography, its rhythmic aesthetic qualities achieved in part by the 1920s-30s housing stock, and the mature street, park and private plantings which serve to give units, to the area. Garden city ideals are very well realised.

Within the general framework of Griffin's Canberra plan, Sulman shaped the design of the precinct and it was subsequently implemented by Butters and the FCC. About a third of the housing built by the late 1930s was FCC, half was Department of Interior and the rest private. Spanish Mission influences are seen, as is English Arts and Crafts style.

The precinct reflects Canberra's early social stratification: block sizes were moderately large and the housing was intended for





Blandfordia 5, Murray Cres Duplexes, Red H5ill Photo: M. Higgins

married public servants on above average incomes.

Mature trees, mainly exotics, line the streets, and plantings feature in the open space reserves which include the precinct's major communal park, Bass Gardens, as well as three smaller street intersection reserves. These plantings are well integrated with those in private gardens. Some original street signs and fire hydrants survive.

#### BARTON HOUSING PRECINCT

The Barton Precinct is a key example of early housing development in Canberra.

The area was included in Griffin's plans, and subsequently Sulman included Barton in part of his 'initial city' planning in this part of the capital. Subdivision is along strong symmetrical patterns. As was the case with Reid, Barton was intended as housing for middle-level public servants. Most of the houses were built for the FCC during 1926-27 and were designed under FCC architect H.M.Rolland. Private houses were built between 1926 and 1934 and later (Canberra architect Ken

Oliphant being involved), while further government houses were erected by the Department of Interior between 1933 and 1939 (the FCC styles influenced the design of these later homes).

Garden city ideals were reflected particularly through the planting of street trees (both native and exotic), the use of hedges instead of front fences, and the communal park Belmore Gardens. Some original street signs survive. The planning, houses and mature plantings today form a most cohesive precinct of high integrity.

#### Kingston/Griffith Housing Precinct

This precinct, containing largely unaltered houses from the 1920s and particularly the 1930s, together with a sports field, is significant for the surviving integrity of its streetscapes and the way that its planning and design reflect various important aspects of early Canberra development and garden city principles.

The housing is spread over three sections. The FCC began development here on one section after the 1924 land auction, then the Department of Interior developed the other two sections in the mid 1930s, the Department of the Interior designs being done under chief architect E. Henderson. Planning is based around dual axes and features strong symmetry. Houses and also garages, driveways, lawns and trees are ordered symmetrically, creating an integrated spatial pattern and reflecting the degree of government control during the period. Repetition of design elements is notable and adds to the integration of the area as a whole.

This area of Kingston, close to industrial and semi-industrial zones of the new city, was designed as low rental housing for lower-echelon government officers and workers.

Highly significant is the sports field which represents an excellent example of that deliberate integration of recreation and residential functions which was part of garden city planning.



#### EVANS CRESCENT, GRIFFITH

This precinct of three homes is slightly later than those above and possesses different qualities. The three houses represent an excellent example of Inter-War Functionalist style. They are the best representatives of the style in the ACT, and were built at a time when Functionalism was new in Australia. The style is rare in the ACT and the Evans Crescent homes form a better example than the Forrest Fire Station precinct which is another example nearby.

The houses were designed by husband and wife architects Malcolm Moir and Heather Sutherland, who played a prominent role in Canberra's architectural story. All were designed in 1939. The houses are all built of pale brick. Key Functionalist style characteristics include asymmetrical massing, simple geometric shapes, long horizontal balconies, roofs concealed by parapets and metal-framed windows.

The way in which the houses are sited, both in relation to each other and on a sloping curved street, which the houses step down, together with their split-level planning, combine to enhance the homes' contribution to the streetscape.

#### Tocumwal Housing Precinct, O'Connor

Outstanding as an example of low-cost pre-fabricated housing, the Tocumwal housing precinct in O'Connor also has considerable historical interest. Following the Second World War, Canberra was experiencing a housing shortage and as part of the solution the government obtained houses from the air base at Tocumwal in southern NSW.

The Tocumwal houses were clad with weatherboard to sill level and fibro above, and windows were of small timber casement type. Roofs were originally corrugated fibro (now most are clad with corrugated iron).

Formed around eight culs-de-sac, the O'Connor precinct has a community park in the centre which houses an Early Childhood Centre and Co-operative School at one end. Street tree species, mainly exotics, are specific to each street. The repetition of the building forms, the species planning of the street trees, and the survival of hedges have all helped to create visual cohesiveness within the precinct.

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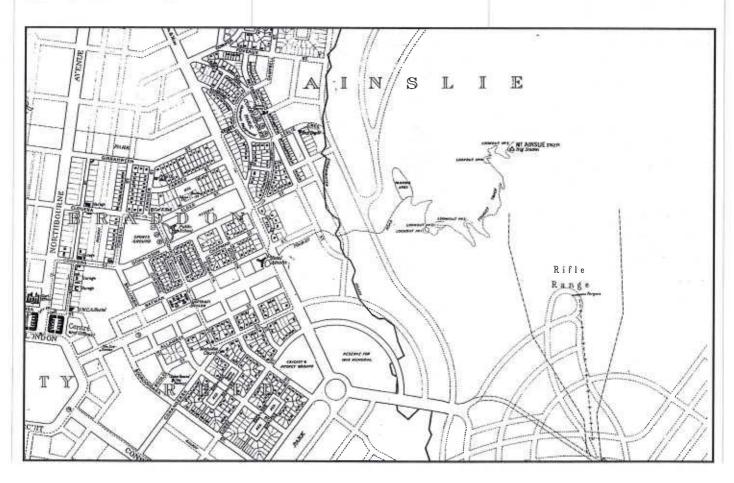
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## Heritage Watch

#### FIELD TRIP TO THE KOWEN FOREST

The Classification Committee took time out to visit Kowen Forest last December to examine the condition of heritage sites and to consider an upgrading of the Trust's classification and possibly a classification for the area as a whole. More information will follow in next issue.

subject to reconstruction of heritage aspects of the building, including the chimney, fireplace and portion of another wall. The completed building will retain its original roofline and tile roof, street front windows will resemble the original, and the walls will be rendered in a pattern consistent with that found elsewhere in

- photographic analysis of the streetscape; and
- a written statement addressing the heritage citation.

The Trust supports these initiatives but must comment that, whilst the Trust respects the reasonable right of owners of heritage listed property to upgrade their properties to provide present-day expectations of amenity, there is a big difference between upgrading which respects heritage values and redevelopment which is motivated solely by financial return.

There are innumerable opportunities for the latter outside our heritage precincts. There is also great opportunity for capital gain within heritage precincts, provided that heritage values are maintained - eg Paddington, Balmain, Berrima, North Adelaide, Fremantle to name but a few.

Garth Setchell is Vice President, National Trust (ACT)



Colverwell Graves, Kowen Forest, feature the oldest known (1837) marked headstones in ACT Photo: Karen Williams

#### DEMOLITION OF 9 STOKES STREET, GRIFFITH

by Garth Setchell

Trust members will probably have been surprised and shocked, on 11 December 1999, to learn of the virtual demolition, without authority, of 9 Stokes Street, Griffith - part of the Blandfordia 5 heritage precinct.

The Trust has since impressed on the Minister for Urban Services that it is point-less establishing heritage precincts if existing controls could be flouted in a manner that led to little more than the front wall remaining in a pile of rubble. Subsequent enquiries revealed that a substantial degree of demolition had in fact been approved by PALM for this residence, which had been seen as less important because of its relatively late construction date.

The Minister has since replied that after close scrutiny by the Heritage Council, the developer was given approval to recommence work on 14 January 2000. This is

the precinct.

Whilst the Trust would still have preferred a far less intrusive approach to the upgrading of this house, it welcomes the simultaneous announcement by Mr Brendan Smyth that, from 1 February 2000, increased information will be required with all development applications for places on the ACT Heritage and Interim Heritage Registers.

The new requirements, which are similar to those already in place for dual occupancy applications, will include:

- complete demolition plans and schedules of the way in which demolition will proceed;
- a tree survey showing species, age and health of all trees on the site; and
- · plans of landscape intentions.

Where significant impacts are likely, PALM or the ACT Heritage Council may further require:

 full analysis of the development in relation to adjacent buildings;

#### RECLAIMING THE RIVER

Under the guidance of Project Officer Lori Gould, 22 km of the Murrumbidgee River in the ACT is being revitalised through work carried out with Natural Heritage Trust funding. As Canberra has grown, the Murrumbidgee has had to contend with introduced fish species, non-native vegetation being planted along its foreshores and pollutants being deposited into its waters. Several species of native fish have become endangered and erosion has occurred along the river's banks.

Volunteers, through local community groups and schools, are removing introduced species (such as willows) from the foreshore, replanting with native vegetation and monitoring water quality at several sites. Two breakwaters have been constructed to help prevent further erosion to the river bank. The group is to keep a photographic record of selected sites over several years, including aerial views, and surveys of fish and macroinvertebrates, and geomorphological monitoring is being carried out.

#### Trust News



#### YOUR TRUST NEEDS YOU!

The work of the Trust is undertaken by a very small paid staff and a large number of volunteers who work on specific projects such as Lanyon or the Antique Fair, or who serve on the committees and Council to advance the cause of the Trust. Recently, because of concern about the Trust's finances, staff have been reduced in number and working hours, temporarily we hope. This means that we would welcome people who are able to give regular hours of volunteer service to the office or to serve as administrative assistants to the Committees.

People who could give a minimum of two hours a fortnight to general office work, assisting with tasks associated with the membership should contact the Administrative Officer, Mike Hodgkin. People who would be willing to assist with the Committees should call Judy Baskin (6292 5109). The committees' work is wonderfully diverse. Requirements are attendance at meetings (which are generally held monthly), and additional time (from a couple of hours per month to a regular three - four hours per week).

In return you will be assisting the cause of the Trust, working with a pleasant range of other staff and volunteers and can partake of free tea or coffee. Please contact us if you can help in these areas. Please join us for the
18th CANBERRA ANTIQUE FAIR
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18, 19 & 20 March 2000

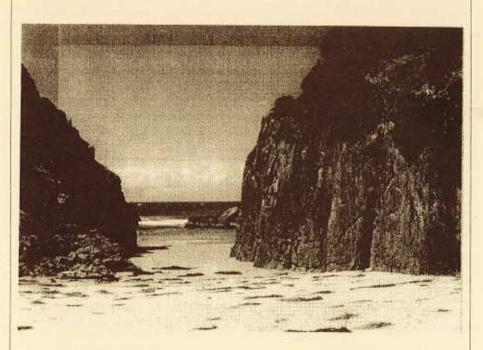
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Beautiful swimming spot, Bloomfield Cove - one of the attractions to be seen on the Safari to the Sapphire Coast.

#### Trust News

NEW MEMBERS

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

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Harris, Miss C, Curtin
Harris, Mr N & Mrs S, Bonython
Harrison, Ms V, Evatt
Hatfield, Mr A & Mrs B, Florey Hill, Mr M, Torrens Holbrook, Mr D & Mrs J, Isaacs Hollard, Ms S, Monash Hollard, Ms 5, Monash Hosking, Mr R & Mrs C, Watson Hutchings, Mr P & Mrs J, Rivett Hynes, Ms C, Monash James, Mr L, Balwyn Nth, VIC Jones, Mr G, Weetangera Kennedy, Mr & Mrs M, Spence Kilby, Mr G & Mrs M, Downer Leach, Mr D, Evatt Leigh, Ms A, Camberra
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West, Mr T, Yarralumla
Wijayasiri, Miss C, Ringwood VIC
Wright, Miss D, Moruya NSW
Young, Ms R, Holder

#### VOLUNTEER DRINKS A PLEASANT EVENING

Thank you to all who volunteered your time to work for the Trust during 1999. Thank you drinks were held at the Trust office on Friday 17th December and it was a lovely late afternoon gathering. Those who attended appreciated good food and wine with friends. The Trust really does appreciate your help whenever you have the time. We always need more helpers so please give some thought to putting your name down to help at Lanyon, the Old Parliament House Shop, in the office or at functions.

Meet new friends while having fun!

We would like to wish everyone a

prosperous New Year and hope that everyone had a good Christmas and did

not indulge in the good things too much.

#### SHOP NEWS

The first year of the new contract is behind us, and if the last six months of last year was any indication, this financial year should be profitable for the Trust. All the new fittings are now in place and there is very little to remind us of that wet day in June. The number of visitors to Old Parliament House, and the Shop, have increased since the National Portrait Gallery and the Strangers Gallery opened, although the House and the Shop have been relatively quiet over the holiday break. The general consensus is that people are not travelling because of the Olympics later on this year. Maybe we will see some of them then. Once again we have been invited to have a table at the Antique Fair to be held at the Albert Hall during the Canberra Day long weekend. We hope to see you all there. On the inside back cover is a happy photograph of some of the volunteers who join us in the shop. If you have a

couple of hours to spare a week or

fortnight we would love to welcome you

to our family. Our two new members of

well and are both enjoying their work.

staff, Barbara and Tricia, have settled in

#### LETTER FROM LANYON

This is being written at Lanyon on one of Canberra's few really hot days this summer, and the homestead is remarkably cool - a reminder of the wisdom of substantial walls and wide verandahs. The garden is also a wonderful refuge - the mature trees throw such wide shade. The weather has been kind to the Lanyon garden this year, and it is looking particularly good. Why not bring a picnic, or visit the cafe, and spend some time exploring all that Lanyon has to offer. The second of March is the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the homestead as a house museum (and also the opening of the purpose-built Nolan Gallery) and we plan to celebrate twenty years of National Trust support by gathering together as many of our present and former volunteers (guardians) as we can locate. In order to assist us with this search, if you were a guardian in 1980 could you please contact me with your current address. Enclosed with this edition of Heritage in Trust is the calendar of events for ACT Historic Places - we hope to see you often! "Ask the Experts", an antique appraisal day, will be held on 19 February, and the proceeds will be shared with the National Trust. If you have any ideas for programmes or events which you would like to suggest, or even better to organize, at one of our sites, we would be delighted to hear from you. The major event for the first half of the year will be the HUGE HERITAGE HAPPENING at Lanyon on the 16th of April, and we are organizing a wide variety of demonstrations of rural crafts and A mid-nineteenth century campaign chest, an important purchase for Lanyon made possible in 1999 by the work of the National Trust volunteers, is at present receiving some conservation treatment before being placed outside the 1905 bedroom. The search for suitable additions to the collection continues, and the help and support of the Trust is invaluable. With best wishes for a very happy year,

NOTICE TO MEMBERS - ANTIQUE FAIR You cannot fail to have noticed the rather bright notice advertising this year's Antique Fair that came with this issue of the newsletter. Please help the Trust by placing this notice somewhere where it will be seen by as many people as possible - your local shopping centre, school, place of business, public library, car window etc.

Elaine Lawson, Senior Curator,

ACT Historic Places

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#### 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 con-taining a double bed, the other 2 singles. These share a gener- ous 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 book- ing as groups of 3 or 4 will have exclusive use of a cabin.

REGRETTABLY BOOKINGS MUST CLOSE ON 28 FEBRUARY. PLEASE PAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR CABIN PREFERENCE. WHERE CABIN SHARING IS REQUIRED, OR IF WE CANNOT MEET YOUR PREFERENCE, YOU WILL BE CONSULTED ASAP.

#### OUR SOUTHERNMOST POINT - Saturday 8 April, 2000

This walk in Namadgi National Park will be led by Canberra historian, Matthew Higgins, who will guide you to the recently discovered survey mark (1915) which marks the ACT's southernmost point. The route will traverse some beautiful country and will include visits to a number of hut ruins and other reminders of the area's pastoral past. About 16km in length, the walk is both on and off track and requires reasonable fitness and bushwalking experience. The area is moderately hilly and will range between 1100 and 1400m above sea level. Survivors will be revived by our traditional end-of-walk party.

BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 3 APRIL. LIMIT 25. BOOK EARLY.

#### GARDENS OF THE NEAR EAST - Easter Sat, 22 April 2000.

Stranded in Canberra for Easter? Then enjoy a pleasant and relaxing day being chauffeur-driven to some gardens near Queanbeyan and Burra, that are opening under Australia's Open Garden Scheme:

"Clover Hill", by courtesy of Valerie & Don Smith; The Savage garden, by courtesy of John & Margaret Savage; "Lavender Hill", by courtesy of Ian & Jill Richards; "Beinardrie Park", by courtesy of Adrian & Andrena Fielding;

"Greensborough", by courtesy of Christine & Alan Gascoyne. The ticket price includes garden entries (\$20pp) and a gourmet picnic lunch to be enjoyed at scenic Googong Dam but not morning and afternoon teas (available at some gardens). Not starting until 10.30am and finishing at 5.00pm, there will be pick-ups from both Deakin and Braddon. Subject to groups of 4 or more, we may also be able to pick-up/set-down at some retirement villages.

BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 10 APRIL. PROBABLE LIMIT 45. BOOK EARLY.

#### AUTUMN RAMBLE - Sat. 29 & Sunday 30 April 2000

This coach tour offers a pleasant weekend in the Southern Highlands and Illawarra. There will be time to shop and browse in Berrima and Berry and you will visit 6 great Autumn gardens:

"Lantern Hill", by courtesy of Mrs Dorothy Sears;
"Moidart", Burradoo, by courtesy of Mr David Burns;
"Greenbrier Park", Bowral, by courtesy of Robert & Janet
Constable;

"Wogamia House", Nowra, by courtesy of Philip & Kate Emery; "Womera", Nowra, by courtesy of Rosemary & Bruce Morton; "Cuil-na-Sithe", Berry, by courtesy of Ian & Norma Norris. You will also visit Belmore Falls, Robertson, Macquarie Pass, Kiama and Kangaroo Valley. Overnight motel accommodation has been arranged at Nowra, you will enjoy light but tasty restaurant lunches on both days and the price even includes dinner drinks. BOOKINGS CLOSE & PAYMENT REQUIRED BY 10 APRIL. FIRM LIMIT 28.

#### MONGARLOWE DIGGINGS - Sunday 7 May 2000

We are fortunate to have gained the agreement of another local historian and heritage consultant, Barry McGowan, to lead this self-drive exploration into two of the earliest (late 1850s) gold digging sites along the Monagarlowe River, near Braidwood. Although only about 8km of walking over reasonably level (but sometimes broken) ground is involved, the activity will consume most of the day as Barry guides us to the many points of interest. The two sites are known as Flanagans Point and Tantulean Creek. Chinese were present at both sites. The price includes our usual party. BOOKINGS CLOSE 1 MAY. LIMIT 30. BOOK EARLY.

#### BALTIC CONNECTION - Thursday 18 May to Friday 9 or Monday 12 June 2000

Bookings have long-since closed for this great tour. A total of 45 persons intend to enjoy their kransky, sauerkraut, vodka and slivovitz while those at home ponder the GST. If you wish to register interest, in case of last minute cancellations due to illness, please contact Garth Setchell (ph 6290 1100).

#### ESCAPE TO THE SUN - Tues. 13 to Friday 22 June 2000

Definitely your last chance to escape the GST on Australian soil. To be led by Garth Setchell, this tour includes an economy class flight with Ansett to Rockhampton and return by train from Newcastle - both at very civilised times! The rest of the tour will be in the same comfortable mini-coach we have used on previous outback tours with Adventure Wildlife & Park Tours (Lic no. 2TA004146/7). Daily travel will be limited to ensure maximum enjoyment and 6 of the 10 nights away will involve 2-night stays - at Kingaroy, Montville and Byron Bay.

The tour will offer a wide range of attractions - from historic towns like Rockhampton, Mount Morgan and Grafton, to great places to browse like Montville and Noosa Heads, to spectacular scenery such as the Bunya Mountains, the Border Ranges and Dorrigo National Parks and Sea Acres Nature Reserve at Port Macquarie. We will also visit 3 Trust properties - "Bellevue Homestead" and "Wolston House" in Queensland and "Tomago" in NSW. Hopefully, we will also be able to visit stunning "Jimbour House"

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near Dalby. The price includes all travel, accommodation, meals, teas, entries and even dinner drinks. At their own cost, those not wishing to shop or relax at Noosa Heads may opt to take a half-day

cruise to the Everglades.

The all-inclusive cost is \$2125pp dbl/twin or \$2465pp sgl. In order to secure your place and obtain detailed information, a \$75 booking fee should be paid to the Trust as soon as possible. Assuming sufficient interest is established, and in order to secure plane/train/accom. reservations, you will then be asked to pay a \$150 deposit to Adventure Wildlife & Park Treks asap, with the balance payable by 26 April. The booking fee and deposit are non-refundable after 26 April and normal commercial conditions will then apply. Travel insurance is recommended.

PLACES CANNOT BE ASSURED AFTER 10 APRIL. APPLY ASAP. LIMIT 15.

N.B. ALL THE FOLLOWING TOURS HOPEFULLY INCLUDE FULL ALLOWANCE FOR THE GST. HOWEVER, BECAUSE MANY UNCERTAINTIES EXIST AMONGST SUPPLIERS AT THIS TIME, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ADJUST PRICES SLIGHTLY IF NECESSARY.

#### THE HEYSEN TRAIL - Thursday 21 September to Sunday 1 October 2000

Definitely only for those interested in walking. This mini-coach tour, also arranged through Adventure Wildlife & Park Treks (Lic no 2TA004146/7), will allow you about 60kms (over 6 days) of the 1500km Heysen Trail that wends its way through a great variety of spectacular South Australian scenery. Our walks will centre on Aroona Valley, Wilpena Pound, Pichi Richi Pass, Alligator Gorge, Mt Lofty and Cape Jervis. Every night will be spent in a comfortable motel, you will be driven to, and from, each section of the Trail, and to ensure your total enjoyment, you will also visit 2 historic houses ("Olivewood" at Renmark and "Bungaree" at Clare), ride the Pichi Richi Railway, visit a few wineries, walk through historic towns such as Burra, Quorn, Hahndorf and Victor Harbour, and dine in style in Adelaide. Travel from Canberra to/from South Australia will be by mini-coach with overnight stops at Balranald and Deniliquin respectively.

The expected all-inclusive cost is \$2030pp dbl/twin or \$2370 sgl. In order to secure your place and obtain detailed information, a \$50 booking fee should be paid to the Trust as soon as possible. Assuming sufficient interest is established, and in order to secure accom. reservations, you will then be asked to pay a \$100 deposit to Adventure Wildlife & Park Treks asap, with the balance payable by 14 August. The booking fee and deposit are non-refundable after 14 August and normal commercial conditions will then apply. Travel insurance is

recommended.

PLACES CANNOT BE ASSURED AFTER 1 MAY. APPLY A.S.A.P. LIMIT 15.

### A STIRLING EXPERIENCE - Sunday 8 to Saturday 21 October

Following the great popularity of last year's tour from the Pilbara to Perth, we are this year planning a gentler 14-day tour to the southwest of Western Australia. This is timed to coincide with the best weather and the peak of the wildflower season. Our custom-designed tour is being arranged by Goddard & Partners (Lic 298/D/1) and Pinnacle Tours. The tour price includes return economy air travel to and from Perth and all other tour costs including dinner drinks (except for lunch, dinner and local tours during one free day in Perth).

The itinerary includes Perth, Fremantle, New Norcia, Wave Rock,

Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie, Esperance, Albany, the spectacular Stirling Ranges, the giant karri forests, Margaret River, Cape Leeuwin and Bunbury. You will visit numerous places of historic interest, many beautiful national parks, a gold mine, cave and tree-top walk (included but optional), ride on the Pemberton tramway and visit a few famous wineries.

Subject to a minimum of 20 passengers, the tour price is expected to be \$3600pp dbl/twin and \$4350pp sgl. If bookings exceed 25 or 30 passengers, the above prices should reduce by \$225pp or \$305pp respectively. In order to secure your place and obtain detailed information, a \$50 booking fee should be paid to the Trust as soon as possible. Assuming sufficient interest is established, and in order to secure plane/accom. reservations, you will then be asked to pay a \$400 deposit to Goddard & Partners by 27 March, with the balance payable by 7 August. The booking fee and deposit are non-refundable after 7 August and other usual penalties may also apply. Travel insurance is recommended.

PLACES CANNOT BE ASSURED AFTER 27 MARCH. APPLY A.S.A.P. LIMIT 33.

#### PATAGONIA AND ANTARCTICA - Wednesday 10 January to Tuesday 6 February 2001

Regrettably, by the time you read this, all available berths on the cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula are likely to have been taken! If you are overwhelmed with disappointment, please check with Garth immediately.

There are still, however, quite a few places available on Option 2. This 28-day custom-designed tour is being arranged through World Expeditions Pty Ltd (Lie 2TA001418) and includes 2 days on Easter Island, 1 day in Santiago, 11 days touring through Patagonia, 2 days touring Tierra del Fuego, 3 nights in Buenos Aires, 1 day at Iguazu Falls, plus 3 days on the famous "Lakes Crossing" from Bariloche (Argentina) to Puerto Montt (Chile). The Paragonia coach tour, from Punta Arenas to Rio Gallegos, includes both the world famous Paine and Los Glaciares National Parks and will overload your camera with wonderful scenes of jagged peaks, crumbling glaciers and crystal clear lakes. All nights are spent in comfortable accommodation and there will be ample opportunities to walk (long or short), inspect the wildflowers or just relax. In Tierra del Fuego you will stay in Ushaia (the world's southernmost town - from whence our Antarctic co-passengers set sail) enjoy a 4-hour cruise on Beagle Channel and visit another famous national park. Buenos Aires is a sophisticated European city, Iguazu Falls simply stunning (Rio is an option) and the "Lakes Crossing" reminiscent of the Swiss Alps, except for the volcanoes! You will travel by Qantas/Lan Chile to and from Chile and by Aerolineas Argentinas elsewhere in South America - all reliable airlines. The expected tour price for Option 2 (ex Sydney) is \$A9400pp dbl/twin or \$A11135pp sgl, subject to a minimum of 15 bookings and significant currency fare changes. This excludes some meals, most park entry fees and travel insurance (essential). A round-world ticket could possibly be arranged for as little as \$A300 extra!

In order to secure your place and obtain detailed information, a \$75 booking fee (refundable less \$5) should be paid to the Trust as soon as possible. You will then be asked to pay a \$300pp non-refundable deposit to World Expeditions, with the balance payable by 10 November.

A FREE, ILLUSTRATED BRIEFING ON BOTH PATAGONIA AND ANTARCTICA WILL BE HELD AT THE BRASSEY OF CANBERRA, BELMORE GARDENS, BARTON, AT 5.30PM ON MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY. RSVP GARTH SETCHELL (PH 6290 1100) BY C.O.B. 25 FEBRUARY.

EARLY BOOKING FOR THIS TOUR IS REQUESTED.

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 (junz) rate applies to children (10yrs +), and full-time students and the senior (senr) rate applies to seniors and pensioners. A surcharge may apply to nonmembers, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_PHONE (H)\_\_\_\_\_PHONE (W)\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (eg vegetarian, gd floor accom)\_\_\_\_\_ SAFARI TO THE SAPPHIRE COAST - Canberra Day Weekend, 18 to 20 March 2000 Sgl applicant (sharing cabin with 1 or 2 others) \_\_\_ pers @ \$ 145pp= \$\_ 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 ADD \_\_\_\_nonm @ \$ 5pp = \$\_ ADD \_\_\_pers @ \$ 6pp= \$\_ DEDUCT \_\_\_junr @ \$ 10pp= \$\_ DEDUCT \_\_\_pers @ \$ 25pp= \$\_ All non-members All persons wishing to hire bed linen & towel All persons qualifying for junior rate All persons who have prepaid a \$25 booking fee Transport offered/requested. Pl state numbers \_\_\_\_ Names of others covered by this application: SUB TOTAL OUR SOUTHERNMOST POINT- Saturday 8 April 2000 All persons qualifying for jumior rate \_junr @ \$ 10pp = \$\_ Adult applicants junr @ \$ 15pp = \$\_\_\_ junr @ \$ 14pp = \$\_\_ Senior applicants All non-members (other than junior rate) ADD \_\_\_\_nonm @ \$ 1pp = \$\_ Transport offered/requested. Pl state numbers Names of others covered by this application: SUB TOTAL GARDENS OF THE NEAR EAST - Easter Saturday, 22 April 2000 All persons qualifying for junior rate \_junr @ \$ 50pp = \$\_ Adult applicants pers @ \$ 65pp= \$\_\_\_\_\_\_junr @ \$ 63pp= \$\_\_\_\_\_ Senior applicants All non-members (other than junior rate) ADD \_\_\_\_nonm@ \$ 2pp = \$ Desired pick-up point (pl tick) Deakin\_\_ Braddon\_\_ If from a retirement village, which one? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Names of others covered by this application: SUB TOTAL AUTUMN RAMBLE- Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 April 2000 All persons requiring single accommodation \_pers @  $$250pp = $_$ All persons requiring twin accommodation \_\_pers @ \$ 225pp = \$\_\_\_\_ All persons requiring double accommodation \_\_pers @ \$ 225pp = \$\_\_\_ Persons qualifying for senior rate DEDUCT \_\_\_\_ pers @ \$ 10pp = \$\_\_\_\_ All non-members (other than junior rate) ADD\_\_\_\_nonm @ \$ 10pp = \$\_\_\_ Desired pick-up point (pl tick) Deakin\_\_ Braddon\_\_

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#### RECENT LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS . . .

"Canberra's early hotels: a pint-sized history" 1999, Canberra & District Historical Society, Canberra

#### ... and DISAPPEARANCES

It has recently been noticed that several items are missing from the Trust office and library. This is disappointing as our resources are stretched enough without having to spend our limited funds replacing missing items - some now out of print and impossible to replace. If you have borrowed books, table cloths or anything else from the Trust office please return them as soon as is possible during office hours.



Robyn Trezise

#### **Huntly Winner**

Mrs Marilyn Scott-Finlay was the winner of the decorated Christmas cake raffled at Huntly during the Xmas Cocktails party. The winning ticket was Green B65.

Thank you to the following who helped with the mail-out of the Summer edition of Heritage in Trust. Mr F Hall Mrs D Hall Mr N Halgren Mrs M West Mrs J Dunbar Miss J Roberton Mrs J McLennan

Lunch overlooking the Murrumbidgee - Cotter to Kambah walk

#### Trust News GOODBYE TO JOHN & FAYE GOLDSMITH

Long standing Trust members will be interested to know that John & Faye Goldsmith have recently departed Canberra to live close to John's son near Deloraine, Tasmania. Both John and Faye have been tireless workers for the Trust, John having served on the regional committee of the National Trust (NSW) that preceded formation of our own National Trust (ACT). Faye also served as Vice President of the contemporary ACT Ladies Committee.

John was a foundation Councillor of the National Trust (ACT) and served that body from 1977 to 1990 - on several occasions as Vice President. He was also a member of the Classifications Committee from 1977 to 1981 and Chair of the Jervis Bay Committee, which undertook all the Trust's survey and classification work in that part of the Territory, from 1980 to 1988. Faye served on the Education and Cultural Committee from 1980 to 1988, on the Fund Raising Committee from 1990 to 1993, and on the Lanyon Committee from 1993 to 1999.

Both John and Faye were conscientious Lanyon Guardians for almost 20 years. John was a fully qualified architect, having worked both for the NCDC and as a small private practitioner.

Between 1976 and 1982 he was the NCDC's site architect on both the High Court and National Gallery projects. He was also, for nearly 40 years, honorary architect to the Church of St John the Baptist at Reid. His skill and sensitivity are attested to by the very fine outcome of the recent restoration project. Not quite so substantial, but I am sure equally as charming, is the little cottage John has planned for his retirement.

Should you ever be in Tasmania, John and Faye would love to see their many Trust friends - 143 Dynans Bridge Road, Weegena Tas. 7304 - ph (03) 6368 1443.

#### HERITAGE OFFICER APPOINTED



The National Trust (ACT) has recently appointed a part-time Heritage Officer. The appointee is Colin Griffiths, who will be involved in a wide range of heritage issues, including:

- liaison with government agencies and other conservation and heritage organizations on behalf of the Trust,

alerting the government and the community to conservation and heritage issues,

- working with Trust members, committees and the Council on these issues,

- assisting with the development of Trust publications.

Colin recently retired from the Commonwealth Public Service, where he had worked for 30 years. In that time heheld the position of Director, Australian Heritage Commission (1984-1989) and Director, National Parks and Wildlife Service (1997-1999). In the 1970s and 1980s in particular he worked on the administration of the National Estate Grants Program, the establishment of the Australian Heritage Commission and a range of other conservation issues. He has led government delegations on a number of international environmental conferences and meetings, including the World Climate Conference, the World Heritage Bureau and the IUCN General Assembly in Montreal in 1995.

As Director of NWPS he was responsible for the management of two world heritage areas, Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks.

Colin is looking forward to renewing his friendships with the "old hands" of heritage who are still around and to meeting new faces both within the National Trust movement and the wider heritage community.

When on duty Colin can be contacted at the Trust office or on mobile phone 0409 005

#### **COMING EVENTS**

#### NATIONAL TRUST (ACT)

• Antique Fair, Albert Hall - 18, 19 & 20 March, \$6/\$4. In collaboration with the Australian Antique Dealers Association. Special Preview 6-8pm on Friday 17th - invitation enclosed.

#### **OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

- Bringing the House Down '99 12 months of Australian political humour. To March 22.
- Corridors of Power exciting new hands-on interactive exhibition. Ph. 6270 8222 for details.

#### NATIONAL ARCHIVES

• A Home away from home? Living in Canberra in the 1920s and 1930s. 20 November to March 2000 Ph 6212 3600 for details.

#### **ACT HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

- Shearers' Ball Yarralumla Woolshed, March 25th. Ph 6242 0264
- Ecumenical Service & Colonial Picnic & Sports Day. St John's, Reid. April 1st, Family fun day - old fash-ioned games & sports. Ph 6295 8732 • Bush lives: bush futures. Life in
- rural Australia. April 1st 28th May, Canberra Museum & Gallery. Ph 6207
- Reid House Reunion, lunch & launch of Alan Foskett's book. Monday, 3rd
- April. Ph 6248 6475.

   Fashion Cavalcade 18th & 19th century fashions. 8th April. Contact the Zonta Club on 6241 3024.
- Family History Fair, 9th April at the National Archives. Ph. 6212 3933.
- Huge Heritage Happening at Lanyon. Sunday, 16th April. Demonstrations of traditional rural crafts and skills, activities, food and entertainment. Ph 6237 5136

#### NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION

- Monga State Forest walk. \$40/car + donation to Friends. 27 February, 7.45am. Ph 6281 4268 for details.
- Bibbenluke Mountain walk. \$50/car, 4-5 March. Ph 6254 3094 for

#### **BURRA AUTUMN FAIR 2000**

· Grand parade, hot air balloon rides, local produce sales, rural skills demonstrations, heritage trail walks and drives, open gardens etc at Burra Park. 26 March. Phone Sally Milner on 6236 3007 for details.

#### **CANBERRA & DISTRICT** HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Meeting 14 March "Anti-war movement in Canberra" with Ann Curthoys. Menzies Room, National Archives of Australia, Parkes, 7pm Ph. 6232 6212
- C&DHS excursion to Gundaroo.

#### Trust News

 Meeting 11 April - "Oaks Estate" with Karen Williams. Ph. 6232 6212 for details.

#### NATIONAL TRUST **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Council meeting at 8.30p.m. Thursday 9th March Publications C'tee at 12.30p.m. Monday 14th February Education & Cultural C'tee at 5.30p.m. Wednesday 1st March; 26th April Classification C'tee at 12.30p.m. 14th March; 11th April; 9th May Lanyon C'tee at 12.15p.m. Tuesday 21 March; 18 April Antique Fair at 12.30p.m Thursday - Yet to be decided.

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

The National Trust is calling for assistance at our 18th annual Canberra Antique Fair. Please donate a few hours of your time to take entrance monies or sell raffle tickets on 18, 19 or 20 March at the Albert Hall.

This year our reliance on Trust volunteers will be minimised as St John's Care will be catering the event, but we still need some assistance (6 people per day) to keep things running smoothly. The opening times of this year's Fair will be 10 to 5 daily. Talks in the balcony will be offered as an added draw card this year.

> Please support this event the Trust's major annual fund raising exercise.

THE OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE SHOP

(Formerly National Trust Gift Shop)

• 10% discount for all National Trust members
• No OPH admission fee to shop visitors
• Plenty of free parking
• Books on local history & heritage
• Make payments for memberships
• Make payments for Trust Tours
• Open 7 days

What would normally be a tedious chore searching for that special gift will become a pleasant outing at the Old Parliament House Shop. After browsing through the gift shop, sit and relax at Backbenches Café.
For those members who will be trying to escape the Canberra winter by travelling overseas, we have an excellent range of souvenirs and gifts - find that perfect something to help say 'thank-you' to your host.

Open 7 days from 9.00am to 5.00pm

The Shop has a loyal group of volunteers and we would not be able to manage as successfully without them. If you would like to become a volunteer just ring or come in and see Dianne.

## Heritage Watch

**EXTENSIONS TO NO 6 BELMORE GARDENS** 

The Trust has recently urged the Department of Urban Services to refuse the current Development Application for extensions to No 6 Belmore Gardens in Barton. The Trust believes that the proposed extensions are inconsistent with the impressive urban space of Barton, which it has classified as an important discrete area of 1920s planning, housing and planting.

The proposed second storey extensions will have a dormer type projection from the roof, visible from Belmore Gardens, and a balustrade with details inconsistent with the architecture in Barton. These extensions, together with those proposed for both sides of the building, will total an extra 140m² compared with 97.1m² of the existing building. This will result in the

original building not remaining dominant as required.

The upper storey will be visible from several nearby streets and, because of its height and mass, will dominate the area and will change the existing massing of buildings. This will have an adverse effect on the existing streetscape and the landscape in general.

The statement of significance makes reference to Garden City planning and landscape elements that compliment the architecture. Although no trees will be removed, the substantial mass of building across the block, as proposed, will be contrary to the aspect of cottages in a garden setting. This could be remedied by insisting on greater setbacks from the side boundaries.

CAUSEWAY HALL by Garth Setchell

In mid December 1999, a Trust member alerted me to a rumoured threat to the Causeway Hall which is owned by the ACT Government - possibly by demolition or even arson.

Although unable to be substantiated, as Acting President, I alerted the Minister for Urban Services and also arranged a letter drop to local residents, asking them to be vigilant.

Fortunately, nothing has happened and the Minister has since advised that he knows of no plans to demolish the building and that the ACT Department of Education and Community Services is keen to continue the current sub-lease to the Causeway Residents Community Inc.

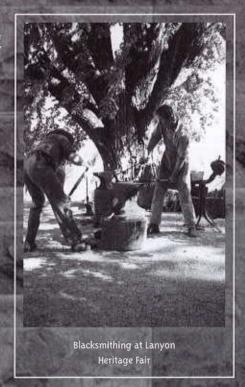
#### 2000 ACT Heritage Festival

The 2000 ACT Heritage Festival runs from 1 - 16 April with this year's theme "Our Sporting Heritage" to highlight the contribution sport has made to our heritage. The Festival will suit everyone whether you are a history buff, someone who is interested in how sport has influenced Canberra, or just a member of the community.

Representing 50 organisations, the Festival program will again have approximately 90 events, many of them new. Many are free or gold coin donation and will suit all ages. There will be events across the regionincluding walks, talks and visits to historic homes, a bush fair at Tharwa, walks in Hall, sporting events at Queanbeyan and open days at Cooma Cottage, Yass.

Some of the major events for the Festival include:

<u>March 25</u> Shearers' Ball: a dance at Yarralumla Woolshed to celebrate the end of the shearing season run by the Monaro Folk Music Society, Ph 6242 0264



April 1 St John's Ecumenical Service & Colonial Picnic & Sports: a family fun day with an emphasis on old fashioned games and sports, Ph 6295 8732

April 1 - 28 May Bush lives: bush futures - an exhibition focussing on eight families & their remarkable stories about life in

rural Australia. Canberra Museum and Gallery, Ph 6207 3968

April 3 Reid House Re-union: lunch and launch of Alan Foskett's book Reid – House of Fame for former residents of the spartan hostel which housed young white collar residents, 1950 – 1970, Ph 6248 6475

April 8 Fashion Cavalcade: parade of a collection of authentic 18th and 19th century costumes from Sydney presented by the Zonta Club of Canberra, Ph 6241 3024

April 9 Family History Fair: a day packed with access to information for family history buffs at the National Archives – databases, Internet preservation and much

<u>April 16</u> Huge Heritage Happening at Lanyon: demonstrations and activities of traditional and rural crafts and skills, food and entertainment — Suits the whole family, Ph 6237 5136

more, Ph 6212 3933

For up-to-date information about the Heritage Festival check the Internet site at www.act.gov.au/envrinon/heritagemonth or phone 6207 9777.

# Recent Classifications

Several places of worship were examined by the Trust's Classifications Committee last year. All have played integral roles in their local communities. Three that the Trust have now recognised as significant are the Sacred Heart Church, Tuggeranong; St Ninian's Church, Lyneham; and the Wesley Uniting Church Complex, Forrest.

#### WESLEY UNITING CHURCH COMPLEX, FORREST

At a conference in 1922 a decision was made to provide land for national headquarters for Christian churches in Australia. The Methodist church was thus granted a parcel of land which was dedicated in December 1923. The Wesley Uniting Church dates from 1955 when it was built by Burrows and Lowes to a cruciform design by Norman McPherson. The western wall features a concrete cross built into a recess facing Capital Hill. The east facing wall incorporates a cross in contrasting brickwork, constructed at the request of the migrant bricklayers working on the project as a memorial to those migrants who have contributed to Australia's development since the second world war.

The parsonage features semi-circular steps to the patio and three stone fire places. The grounds, with many mature trees, provide an aesthetic setting for the house.

#### Statement of Significance

The Wesley Uniting Church Complex is valued by the community for its strong religious, cultural and

historical associations on a national and local level. The complex was built as a national memorial and centre of Methodism in Australia prior to the advent of the Uniting Church in Australia. The church hall building (now Wesley Hall and Vercoe Room) was opened in 1930 as a cooperative Church Hall for Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists. The parsonage was built in 1938, and the Church in



Reredos. Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest Photo: National Trust Files

1955, as the Methodist National Memorial Church. The site chosen was on land designated by the Federal Capital Advisory Committee for monumental churches and cathedrals to represent the various Christian denominations in the new Federal Capital. Although now part of the Uniting Church in Australia, the history and development of Methodism in Australia and the local region is still portrayed at the site. The memorial niche inside the church contains a number of artefacts from each of the States presented as gifts to the central Church as well as wooden slabs from an early Methodist church in Canberra built in 1869. The reredos features carved wooden emblems of each of the States of Australia as a reminder of its national significance. The founders of the Methodist Church and early members of the church in Canberra are commemorated in the stained glass windows.

The Wesley Uniting Church is also one of the churches where services are held to mark the beginning of the Parliamentary year.



Wesley Uniting Church Manse, Forrest Photo: National Trust Files



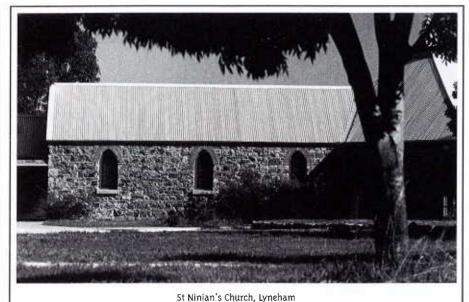


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#### ST NINIAN'S UNITING CHURCH

The first Presbyterian Church in what is now Canberra was a slab and bark structure opened in 1863. It was built by the Kinlyside family on land donated by Pemberton Campbell Palmer. The Presbyterian community had plans to build a more permanent structure however, and by 1873 their dream was realised when a stone church was constructed with community labour. A gathering of 140 was on hand for its inauguration. The parishioners saw their church as a symbol of independence and egalitarianism in their new country.

Although an extension was necessary around the turn of the century, by 1920 the congregation had dwindled and the church was closed. For twenty-two years it was used as a hay storage area by the Southwells, who grazed stock in the surrounding fields.

In 1941 the Rev. Hector Harrison noticed the abandoned church and moved to have it restored to its former condition and use. When the church was reconsecrated in 1942 it was named St Ninian's, after the saint believed to be the first Christian missionary to Scotland. The new parishioners constructed a memorial garden to the pioneers who had built the stone church. This garden centred around two elms planted by Peter Shumack in 1871, however, only one of these trees remains today.

Since 1977 St Ninian's has been part of the Uniting Church of Australia.

#### Statement of Significance

The original small Gothic style, rectangular church building, with its stained glass windows and steeply pitched corrugated iron roof, is recognisable as a church of some antiquity. The rubble stone walls of the building contrast in a visually pleasing way with the surrounding modern urban buildings, improving the visual quality of the streetscape.

The timber ceiling boards of the original ci873 building and the i898-i90i extension are still intact and provide a strong visual feature to the interior of the church.

The Church is highly valued by the local community for its religious associations and its history. It is associated with the development of the Presbyterian Church in the district. It is the site of the first Presbyterian Church to have been built in the locality. It has continued to function for this purpose, except for the period 1920-1942, when it was restored and once again used for Presbyterian services. It continues to be an active place of worship for members of the Uniting Church. The church is also associated with the Reverend Hector Harrison, OBE, Minister at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church from 1940-1978. It was due to Mr Harrison that the dilapidated Church came to notice and was restored as a place of worship for the growing city.

#### SACRED HEART CHURCH, TUGGERANONG

This church was built for the Catholic Parish of Queanbeyan in 1902, using voluntary labour and donations. The Gothic style building has simple weatherboard walls and a corrugated iron roof. Since being extended in 1915 there are seven arched window bays on either side of the nave.

Prior to the church being built, services were held in the homes of parishioners. After 1902, the church was the centre of social and religious life for Catholic families in the district, many of whom had to travel long distances to attend mass. As many families would not eat before the service, picnic breakfasts were common social gatherings after Sunday mass. Plaques on pews commemorate some of the founding families of the church.

Religious services ceased between 1974 and 1985 and the church suffered some vandalism and rat infestation. Services were re-established in 1985 and in 1988 the development of the suburb of Calwell prompted the re-siting of the church 50 metres from its original position. It is now a part of the St Francis of Assisi Parish Centre.

#### Statement of Significance

Sacred Heart Church is highly valued by the local community for its religious and social associations. It was the first church built in the Tuggeranong Valley and provided a place of worship and identity for the early Catholic community, as well as providing a place where they could socialise. It has maintained this function to the present.

The church is a wooden building, built in 1902 in the Federation Carpenter Gothic style. It serves as a visual reminder of early architectural styles in rural churches and its design and fabric contrast in an aesthetically pleasing way with the newer parish structures surrounding it.

The church links a phase of Canberra's history to the present. It provides physical evidence of the social and religious aspirations of the early Catholic families in the Tuggeranong Valley who played an important part in the development of Canberra's rural historic roots.

Robyn Trezise

#### **ACT HERITAGE AWARDS**

Nominations for the annual ACT Heritage Awards will be called for in February and will be announced during the Heritage Festival in April. For further information contact the Heritage Unit, Environment ACT on (02) 6207 2417.



## Tuggeranong Homestead

This series of short articles discusses the Tuggeranong Homestead precinct looking at the Tuggeranong Homestead Planning report and some of the community involvement in conserving the homestead and its surrounding paddocks.



#### Planning Report

#### Rebecca Lamb

The Interim Tuggeranong Homestead Community Authority has released a planning report for the future of the Tuggeranong Homestead site. Your comments are important and are encouraged.

The report is intended to address the following management issues for the site:

- establish priorities for carrying out conservation and restoration of historic elements of
  the site in accordance with the Deed of Agreement for expenditure of a \$675,000 grant
  from the Commonwealth Government's Federation Cultural Heritage Projects Program
  under the Federation Fund;
- explore a range of possible events starting in January 2001 to help celebrate the Centenary of Federation; and
- examine medium term management arrangements that will help consolidate the site as
  an important and self funding cultural and tourism destination for Canberra that will
  provide visitors with the opportunity to learn about Australia's rural heritage.

Some of the objectives of the intended work at the homestead site are to:

- · conserve the most significant elements of the site;
- restore the historic landscape mainly the 19th century gardens and orchard;
- re-establish the course of the former Tuggeranong Creek; and
- develop a cultural/heritage facility which benefits the broader community.

## A Fine Forest Country Joan Goodrum

"Ist June. Crossed Limestone Plains, and travelled through a fine forest country to a beautiful small plain, [Tuggeranong] which we named Isabella's Plain, after Miss Brisbane...." (Excerpt from the journal of Captain Mark Currie 1823.)

The Yellow Box/Red Gum Grassy Woodland of the Tuggeranong Homestead Precinct is located above the 600 metre contour, below which is the grassland of the "cold plain" called "Togranon" by the Aboriginal people. This woodland is a remnant of the original landscape noted by Currie in his journal of 1823.

The north-west corner of the precinct (Pike's corner), west of the pine shelter belt, lies below the 600 metre contour and gradually slopes towards this open plain, linking the homestead to the surrounding landscape. Once in the broader landscape, vistas, track ways, water courses, mountains and valleys link the homestead to the region.

The importance of conserving the natural as well as the historical features of the Tuggeranong Homestead Precinct is that, by so doing, it conserves the visible element of the continuum of the precinct's cultural landscape through time to the present day.

Joan Goodrum is a supporter of the Tuggeranong Homestead precinct and has extensively researched the area.

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Photo: Rebecca Lamb



#### Tuggeranong Enthusiast

Heritage activist Lyn Forceville, tells of her experiences during the years leading up to the release of the planning report for the future of the Tuggeranong Homestead site.

Back in 1992, plans to develop the historic Tuggeranong Homestead site became public and were met with considerable outcry. I faced a big decision. Whether to stick my neck out and become an activist, or play it safe. With much trepidation, I stuck my neck out.

Initially I only intended to write an article about the situation. However, the more I researched, and the more people I met who were passionate and knowledgeable about the Homestead, the more I became a Tuggeranong Homestead enthusiast. Some of us got together, and Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead (MOTH) was "hatched". Lessons in activism were learned the hard way. An apparent early breakthrough, an ACT Government committee inquiry, ended in disappointment.

Council, Tuggeranong Community Arts Association, Conservation Council, National Trust and Trades and Labour Council were early supporters. It was a particularly bitter blow when the TLC withdrew their initial allegiance.

Individually, there were hard workers who invested more than their share of time, money, blood, sweat and tears. Most members and supporters signed our peti-

tion, wrote letters, attended meetings, and bought or sold the seemingly endless fundraising chocolates, etc. Even one-off support from strangers helped, such as when an interesting press clipping arrived in the mail, or a phone caller divulged some useful information.

Media treatment of the issue was crucial and unpredictable. Not all reporters were even-handed, thorough and accurate.



Tuggeranong shearing shed Photo: Rebecca Lamb

imposing impossibly tight submission deadlines, preferably (for them) over holidays when many were away. Another tactic was failing to supply documents at the advertised times and places.

A threat of legal action, and an abusive, anonymous phone call, were two of the nastier occupational hazards of activism that I experienced. At such times, the support of colleagues was especially comforting.

The tide turned in 1994 with a successful case before the Land and Planning Appeals Board. Our submission was well-prepared thanks to rigorous research, particularly by Rebecca Lamb and Ian French.

Recently, \$675,000 of Federation Centenary funds was awarded for conservation and restoration.

Looking back, certain things stand out. Firstly, I found submissions were invariably improved by the suggestions of colleagues. Next, I noticed that the purer a person's motivation for engaging in the campaign, the stronger the commitment. Some opposed the Government for the sake of opposition, others out of self-interest rather than the best interests of the Homestead. Friendships formed in the heat of adversity also stand out.

Lastly, I think of the prickly question of ethics. Unfortunately, it wasn't always clear to me whether some battles were worth fighting, and if so, what tactics were justified. Activists can expect euphoric highs and brutal lows, but overall we have the satisfaction of knowing we stuck our necks out and had a go.



Grounds of Tuggeranong Homestead

Photo: Rebecca Lamb

Looking back with the wisdom of hindsight, the optimism with which we presented our hastily assembled case was so naive.

Other inquiries followed. Alliances developed. The Tuggeranong Community

If there's one thing worse for an activist than being ignored by the media, its being misquoted, or quoted out of context.

We soon discovered some of our adversaries' tricks. Government ploys included



## Heritage Seminar

ever before has a society so disowned the time in which they live." This is just one of the views presented to over 90 people in attendance at the Managing Change in Heritage Precincts seminar held last November and organised by Urban Services and the Heritage Council.

Seminar participants spoke of present day Canberra being the result of the respective vision of Walter Burley Griffin, John Sulman, Charles Weston and the NCDC. As heritage is all about layers, in change, each vision for

the city should be maintained. However, urban consolidation and the popular desire for double garages and driveways are having the effect of reducing the soft landscape qualities and the mature trees of the garden city concept of Canberra.

Heritage should be deeply embedded in the Territory Plan. We need to work out what it is that we want, then define and control it. Strategic elements of heritage should be matched against strategic elements of urban infrastructure.

Generally, speakers took the view that determining heritage values of a place should be done on the basis of a whole landscape or streetscape perspective, not block by block, and that the look and feel of a place is also an important value.

Conservation should be linked to life within a particular heritage precinct. We need to understand the values of an area before we look at what can and should happen to individual places. More integration of planning and heritage is needed. There needs to be clear statements of heritage values and requirements and raised awareness through education.

Other issues discussed were that heritage is not just pretty buildings. Very modest places are not often appreciated by different ethnic cultures and economic wealth is no predictor for heritage sympathy. There is a need to plan

for changes of age, ethnicity and a community's capacity to maintain a place.

Unnecessary demolition and redevelopment of heritage areas needs to be controlled. For example, South Australia has developed a system of local heritage conservation zones. However, a power struggle between local and State planners over control of demolition and development in local areas still exists.

Social drivers such as fashion trends and increases in costs are often outside the control of planning and heritage. Clues to

12 Allambee St, Reid Photo: Margaret Hendry

managing change involve control of site coverage and setback from boundaries, protection of mature trees and ensuring the potential for replanting big canopy trees. Trees are valued as selling points but no one appears to want them on their block. There is a tendency to borrow a neighbouring leafy landscape.

Much development in old Canberra has resulted in the clearing of trees and gardens. Some plantings, such as fruit trees on verges, were for a reason now past its usefulness. Do we want to perpetuate plantings where problems have arisen or may arise in the future?

The building industry aims to be a partner, with the Government and heritage, in a balanced process of protection. They want this process to be one that ensures that heritage listed buildings are indeed of heritage value. Living in a heritage area can be done success-

fully but there is room for improvement of the planning and heritage system. Heritage can add dollar value to a suburb and increase cultural tourism. Old Red Hill precinct was presented as a reasonable outcome that incorporates protection, enhancement and change.

Conversely, a view was put that heritage listing can drive down values and stop improvement. Buyers do not want a heritage listed house that needs maintenance, extension or change. Owners of beautiful urban places should be trusted to maintain them

and it is outrageous that someone can come and say, "we do not like your taste or commitment". Heritage listing is sometimes abused and used by some as a block to change. Some people have the impression that change and heritage are mutually exclusive and this should not be.

Following from the seminar, ACT Urban Services Minister, Brendan Smyth, has announced some new initiatives to improve the management of Canberra's residential heritage precincts. These initiatives are based on feedback

received at the seminar and include:

- to establish a working group comprising the Heritage Unit and PALM to liaise regularly on heritage issues;
- to review the existing heritage precinct listings;
- to provide clearer guidelines and advice on development applications; and
- to act on community concerns about owners' responsibilities in heritage precincts.

Mr Smyth has said that the policies and guidelines arising from the co-operative work done by this working group will undergo a further consultative process with members of the community and industry representatives. Professional and community groups are encouraged to consider issues raised at the seminar and continue the debate within their own organisations.

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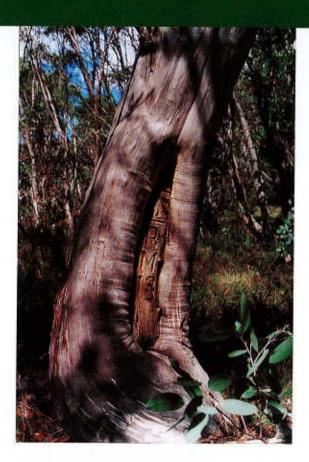
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## Trees in the ACT~14



SPECIES ~ Eucalyptus paucifloraz COMMON NAME ~ Snow Gum

#### AGE

Unknown, but of sufficient size and age in 1914 to be selected as a survey marker tree.

#### CONDITION

Good with healthy crown when photographed on 12 February 1998.

#### LOCATION

At the northern foot of Mt Ginini 18 miles from the commencement of the ACT-NSW border survey at Mt Coree.

#### CATEGORY

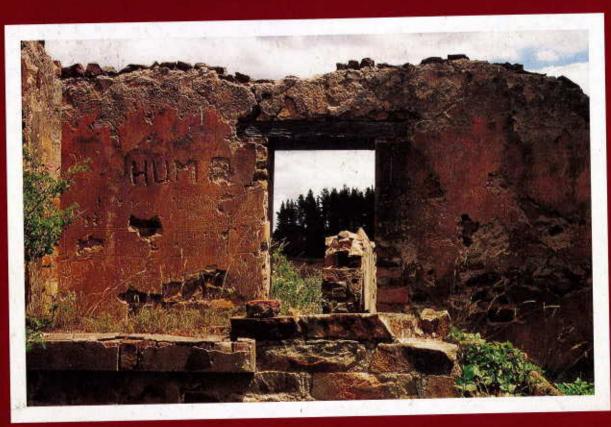
Included in the ACT Interim Heritage Register citation ACT-NSW Border Markers (Group 1) which covers a strip of land 20m in width centred on the ACT-NSW border and following the border for approx. 97km

#### **FEATURES**

This tree was hand engraved by Surveyor Harry Mouat's party in 1914 and shows the "skilful use of the mallet and chisel" (IHR Citation). It also shows the tree's response by developing wound tissue in an attempt to cover the scar. The extent of wound tissue developed in 74 years is a measure of growth rate under high mountain conditions. Living border trees are now rare and the position of this tree close to the road where it can be readily seen and admired enhances its value in heritage interpretation.

#### Note

The painstaking and physically arduous work to locate and record the border markers was carried out by historian Matthew Higgins with support from the ACT Heritage Grants Program.



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