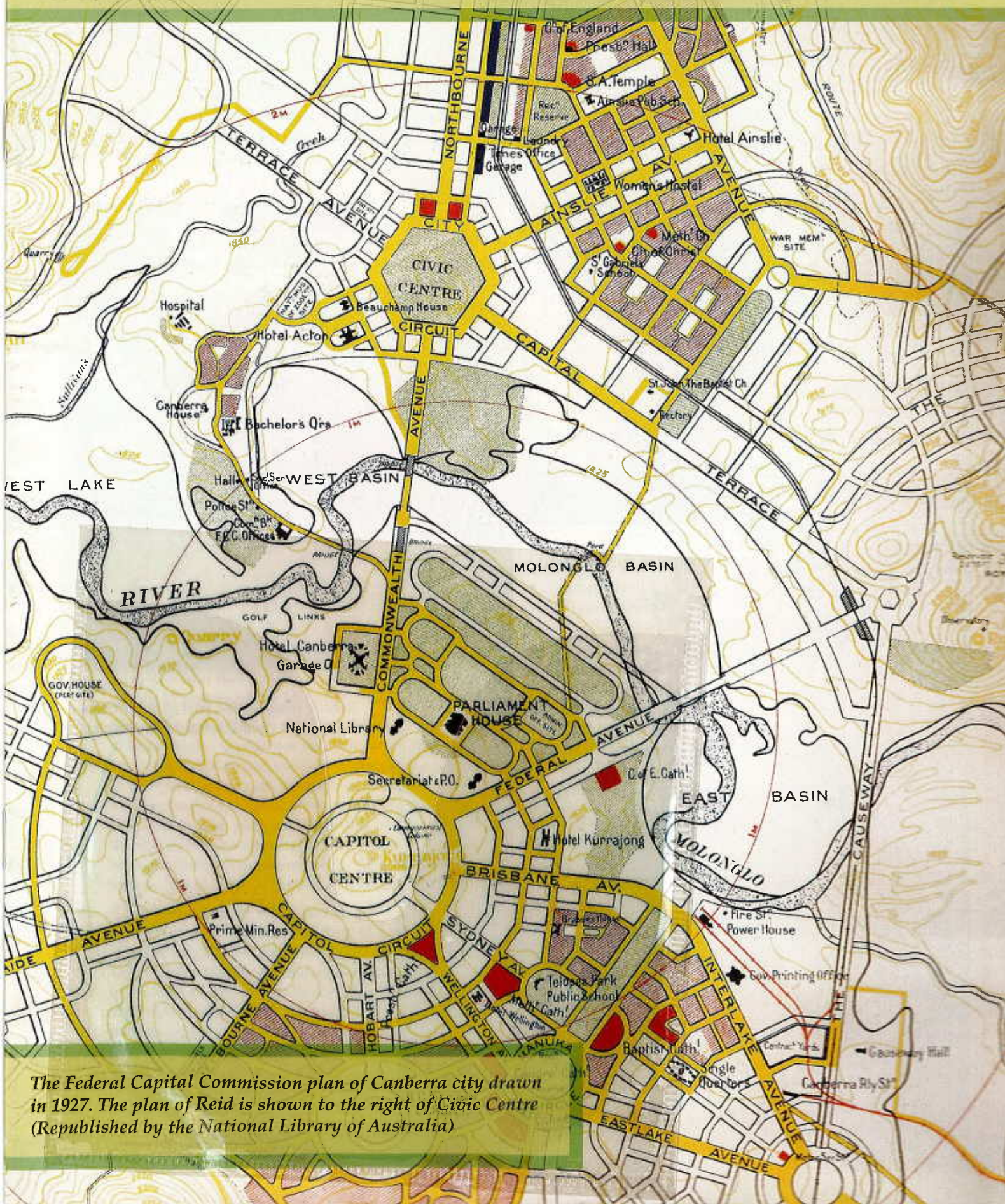




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The Federal Capital Commission plan of Canberra city drawn in 1927. The plan of Reid is shown to the right of Civic Centre (Republished by the National Library of Australia)



## HERITAGE @ RISK 2008

*Each year the State and Territory National Trusts put together a list of places which they have assessed as being under some type of threat which is likely to adversely affect their heritage integrity. While states use varying criteria, places are selected through a process of nominations received from the public, members, other heritage organisations and from their own heritage committees. The combined lists are then released nationally through our Heritage @ Risk program and from this list a national top ten is selected.*

*The threats are usually varied and range from a possibility of demolition to a slow degradation due to neglect and are assessed on the high, medium or low impact they will have. Last year the ACT National Trust nominated fourteen places; this year we have nine which we have assessed as being of high risk along with others we have assessed as being of medium to low risk. Some of the places were on our 2007 listing and others are new entries.*



*Readily recognisable, part of the Dickson and Lyneham Flat complex.*



*Redwood Forest Trees under stress*



### Our Top 3

- **Dickson Lyneham Flats** – Nominated by the Heritage Committee. Future development projects may result in these flats along Northbourne Avenue being demolished. A conservation and management plan outlining their heritage values needs to be done and signed off by the ACT Government. Risk High
- **Redwood Forest, Pialligo** – Nominated by a member of the Trust. The sequoia trees, planted as part of Weston's program of afforestation in the ACT, have suffered severely during the current drought; many smaller trees have died and the larger surviving trees have many dead limbs indicative of their poor state of health. The public entrance to the forest is being illegally used for the dumping of rubbish which has not been cleared. There appears to have been little or no maintenance to the grove in recent times. Risk High
- **Yarralumla Brickworks** – A 2007 nomination. The brickworks ceased operation in 1976 and since then the kilns and infrastructure have not been used for their original purposes. Lack of regular maintenance and wilful neglect of the structures by successive government bodies over the years has led to a continual deterioration of the entire fabric of the place. The ACT Government has called for tenders to develop the area but does not intend to carry out an independent heritage asset survey of the site or produce a conservation and management plan prior to selecting the developer. Risk High

### Other High Risk Places

- **St John's Schoolhouse** – Nominated by a member of the Trust. A proposed development surrounding St John's Schoolhouse Museum threatens the historic value of this heritage building. The final Master Plan proposes a paved stepped podium (plinth) be erected around the building. The schoolhouse would be devoid of an immediate green space and would have to compete with multi-storey buildings within 20 metres and two levels of underground car park within 12 metres of the Museum. Risk High
- **Shores of Lake Burley Griffin** – Much of the shores of Lake Burley Griffin are suffering from neglect and/or inappropriate use – for example the building of an open car park on the eastern shore of West Basin adjacent to Commonwealth Avenue Bridge. There is no clear plan for future use of much of the shores and no comprehensive Master Plan has been produced. The shores of the lake are under the planning authority of the NCA. Risk High
- **RZ 2 Areas (former A10), Yarralumla** – Nominated by a member of the public – Relating to a development application in Yarralumla, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal has made a landmark decision in relation to heritage places within these areas. The planning objective of RZ2 zoned suburban areas allows for an increase in housing density and multi-unit, two storey developments making heritage values subservient to the current planning philosophy. Heritage values need to be protected and override the planning philosophy. Risk High

- **Old Canberra House & Setting** – Nominated by Trust Heritage Committee. There will be a high visual impact on the building and site by a proposed construction of the new Crawford School building. Partial destruction of a line of pine trees most likely planted by Weston will also occur. The Trust has asked for complete abandonment of the proposed project and for the proponents to re-plan and apply for a new building which does not impact on the heritage values of OCH and grounds. Risk Medium to High
- **Register of the National Estate (RNE)** – A 2007 nomination. The 2006 amendments to Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act and the Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) Act 2003 provide for the eventual disbandment of the RNE within 5 years. The loss of the RNE puts at risk hundreds of heritage listed sites Australia-wide that do not have legislative protection from Commonwealth, State, Territory or local governments. Risk Medium to High
- **Tharwa Bridge** – A 2007 nomination. Due to deterioration of original and replaced timber elements, the bridge has been closed to all traffic and is no longer used. Assenting to public pressure, much of it from the National Trust and members, the ACT government reversed a decision to build a new bridge and is now doing upgrading work on the original bridge. The Trust retains its 2007 concerns that the bridge be repaired in a manner sympathetic to its heritage fabric, reopened to vehicular traffic, maintained appropriately and continues to be used as the sole crossing of the Murrumbidgee River into Tharwa. Risk Medium to High

### Other places assessed as medium to low risk:

- Albert Hall (2007 nomination)
- Flynn School
- Canberra Garden City (2007 nomination)
- Gungaharra (2007 nomination)
- Belconnen Naval Transmitting Station (2007 nomination)
- Gold Creek (2007 nomination)
- Hall School (2007 nomination)
- ACT Heritage nominations backlog (2007 nomination)
- Tharwa School (2007 nomination)

While the overall picture of our nominations may look gloomy, with many places at risk and facing uncertain futures, there has been some success with last year's nominations. Two rural-period, pisé constructed, buildings - Nil Desperandum and Rock Valley - both at Tidbinbilla were listed after they had suffered damage from the 2003 bushfires. These two buildings, although still bearing the scars of their encounter with the bushfire, have now had conservation work done on them and will be preserved for the future.

The Trust would like to thank those people, both members and non-members, who responded to our call for nominations this year. All their responses were carefully considered by the Trust's Heritage Committee and most made it onto the list.

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We are moving into a new financial year with real challenges, particularly a tightening budget. The Council has prepared a budget and reviewed the situation and has resolved to increase fees for the first time in 3 years. The fee increase which will apply from 1 September 2008 is consistent with increases by the National Trust in other States and Territories, and the fees are similar to those of the NSW National Trust. We have prepared a balanced budget recognizing the increasing difficulties with the OPH Shop while OPH has no National Portrait Gallery and is undergoing change to accommodate the new Gallery of Australian Democracy.

We welcome two new Councillors – Linda Roberts, who brings tourism, marketing and heritage skills, and Dr James Warden who brings education, conservation and heritage skills. These new Councillors bring us to a full Council again, and one with a wide variety of experience and skills to ensure the business of the Trust is in good hands.

Heritage at Risk has been launched and highlights the ongoing concern of the National Trust with many items of our heritage. The top three are:

- **Dickson/Lyneham Flats** by well-known Australian Architect Sid Archer. These buildings have been let decline over recent years by ACT Housing as their future suffers an agonizing debate;
- **The Pialligo Redwood Forest** is suffering from an extreme lack of maintenance and management and

is in such a sorry state that their livelihood is under threat. This valuable arboretum, planted by Charles Weston, is an important part of ACT Heritage; and

- **The Yarralumla Brickworks** returns to the heights of our heritage at risk as despite the recent renewed interest in potential adaptive reuse and redevelopment it is still wanting and decaying due to lack of appropriate maintenance. This highlights an increased concern that the development process is failing to correctly articulate the heritage values and constraints before a development proposal is prepared.

We also identified a number of other places at risk including: St Johns Schoolhouse; the shores of Lake Burley Griffin; potential of development in some heritage areas due to zoning as RZ2; Old Canberra House; places of local heritage value under NCA planning control; and while work is progressing on Tharwa Bridge, concerns exist about the application of correct conservation practice.

We have recently received a small grant to collect public opinion on what the community of Canberra values about the views to and from Lake Burley Griffin. We hope all members will participate as it will provide valuable insight into social values about the Lake so we can then ensure these are fully considered in any future development (of which there appear to be the possibility of several).

Eric J. Martin AM

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Since the Autumn issue of *Heritage in Trust*, staff have been busy applying for ACT Heritage grants for 2008/9, and acquitting some 16 outstanding grants. The results of these studies will be featured in this issue and later issues of *Heritage in Trust*. Several of the grants were for signage of ACT heritage sites: Mulligans Flat School and the Old Coach Road, Crinigan's Hut (completed with the Canberra Archaeological Society); the site of Athllon homestead; the suburb of Reid; the site of the Molonglo internment camp and stone procurement sites at Girrawah Park and Mulligans Flat. The stone procurement site grants included successful consultation with ACT Indigenous groups and recommended guidelines for future consultations. The eight new signs can be viewed *in situ*, and on our new website: [www.nationaltrustact.org.au](http://www.nationaltrustact.org.au). Another ACT heritage project produced a Reid Walking Guide brochure (available free from our Office and Shop). The signs and brochure were launched in late June by

the Chief Minister, Mr Jon Stanhope (some photographs of the Reid event are included in this issue). Two other ACT Community Partnership grant projects produced booklets ('Connections' and 'Living Treasures') based on National Trust (ACT) heritage essay competitions for ACT school children. Copies are available from the Office and Shop. The ACT Heritage 'Living Library' project has made more than 2000 photographs from the National Trust (ACT) library accessible via our website. Looking forwards to Spring time, four local ACT heritage tours are planned: Walking tours of Reid; Blandfordia 5; Tharwa/Lanyon; and a bus tour of 'Heritage at Risk' sites. Other main events are the AGM on the 21<sup>st</sup> October and Christmas Drinks at Huntly on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Details of these tours and events are provided in this issue. We look forward to your comments on our new website, and suggestions for further heritage projects and events for 2009.

Sue Chambers



# PEOPLE AND PLACES

*This Members page is an information page for all current and prospective members of the National Trust ACT. Our aim is to pass on any information that may be of assistance to members and also to notify members of activities that have been organized by the various committees of the ACT National Trust.*

## NOVI SCRIPTI

The National Trust (ACT) warmly welcomes the following new members:

Dee and Robert Beveridge	Diane Moore and John Pohl
Cherie and John Burns	Karen Moore
Anne and Bob Candy	Pitsa Parrett
Lenore Coltheart	Laura Poultney and David Wilson
Rosalyn and Brovis Dudek	Joan Purkis
Robert and Fiona Emanuel	David Rebetzke
Ian and Pamela Foster	Linda Roberts
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Jeremy Gregson and Robyn Spencer	Susan Smith
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Gillian and Brian Kimball	Helene and Alan Walsh
Kevin and Jan Kirk	d'Arcy and Janette Wentworth
Julie Lindner	James Warden and Dara Williams
Lillian Magee	Peter and Margaret Woodrow
David and Margaret Meggs	
Janice and Donald Munro	

**Just a reminder our office hours are 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.**

**If any member has any query outside those hours they are quite welcome to contact the Shop at Old Parliament House which is open 9am to 5pm seven days.**

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO MORE FOR THE NATIONAL TRUST?

The Members Committee is a group of volunteers who meet at 5.30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Old Parliament House Shop to plan and organize functions and activities for our members. **Would you like to be part of this committee?** We do have vacancies and would welcome new ideas, additional help and skills.

The National Trust (ACT) currently has about 1700 members which is the highest per capita membership of any State/Territory branch of the National Trust movement in Australia.

## MEMBERS EVENING

The members evening held at the archives on Wednesday, June 11th started with drinks and nibbles prior to a welcome by Margaret Howard, the Chair of the Members Committee. Mr Eric Martin, President of the ACT National Trust, then welcomed the new members and introduced our guest speaker Dr Lenore Coltheart. Lenore's talk was on the fate of official gifts presented to our Prime Ministers. It has always been a mystery to many as to where the gifts, received from visiting dignitaries and often presented during overseas visits, are eventually stored. Lenore revealed that most are catalogued and stored in various government basements, although one Prime Minister and his wife stored the majority of their gifts in the spare room at the Lodge. It would appear that one of the most popular gifts given were cigarette cases. What does that tell us? On behalf of the Trust, the Members Committee thanks Dr Coltheart for a most enlightening presentation.

Due to the unavailability of the Archives, we have had to postpone the next members evening advertised for October. Dr Peter Dowling was due to give a presentation of the National Trust tour to the Viking sites of Scandinavia. He will now deliver the presentation in late January 2009. We do apologize for the delay but promise that it will be worth the wait.

## HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NEW WEB SITE?

*We would welcome any comments and suggestions...*  
[www.nationaltrustact.org.au](http://www.nationaltrustact.org.au)

## CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

John Gale and the National Trust would like to invite our members and their friends to join us for a peaceful start to the hectic Christmas Season. John's property 'Huntly' is a pleasant oasis on the edge of suburbia, just past the outer slopes of Mount Stromlo on the road to Uriarra Crossing.

For those members who do not have transport or wish to relax for the afternoon we will be operating a bus service again for a small fee.

Why not come out and enjoy the afternoon wandering around this excellent oasis and relax in the peaceful surroundings prior to the hustle and bustle of another Monday.

Drinks and refreshments included.

Date: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2008

Time: 3pm until 5pm

Cost: \$20.00 members  
\$25.00 non members

Bus: \$10 for the return trip

In appreciation to all the support John Gale gives the National Trust, Judith Baskin wrote a splendid article on John and 'Huntly' in the last issue of Heritage in Trust.





## VOLUNTEERS LUNCH

Our lunch to thank our volunteers will be held at Mugga Mugga and we would like to thank Historic Places for their continued support in making the property available to us. For those who have not attended previously, there is ample room under cover, so the event will go ahead whether the weather be wet or dry.

An invitation will be sent to all those who have volunteered their time to assist the National Trust in the past twelve months. This luncheon is for you, in appreciation for giving up your free time for the National Trust. This event pays homage not only to National Trust Volunteers, but to members of the Trust who are volunteers at Lanyon, Calthorpes' House and Mugga Mugga.

Day: Tuesday  
Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 12 for 12.30

On receipt of your invitation could you RSVP to the Office or to the shop at Old Parliament House.

**Also at this event we recognize those National Trust members who have volunteered for a continuous period of ten years or more. If you are one of these valuable people, could you please contact Dianne Dowling at the Old Parliament House Shop with your particulars.**

## Trusted Recipes

Now is the time for the old fashioned soups to come to the table. Everyone has their own versions and favourites.

A good hint is when purchasing celery from the veggie markets, cut off the top half with all the leaves and put them in a plastic bag in the freezer. This is ideal for winter soups. Boil the celery tops in a little stock (home made chicken is best) mash and strain, this makes a great base for potato and leek soup.

One good cook also told me to place the off cuts from the leeks with the celery in the pot for a stronger flavour.

### Potato & Leek Soup

3 leeks  
6 large potatoes (mashing types)  
A little butter  
Stock (about 3-4 litres)

Cook the finely sliced leeks in a little butter to soften. DO NOT BROWN. Add a little of the stock and simmer lightly until the leeks are very soft.

Cut and slice potatoes and add to the leeks with remaining stock, (including the celery stock). When the potatoes are soft, blend to make the mixture creamy, add salt and pepper to taste and serve with some crusty bread.

This is one of the quickest and simplest soups to make.

## SHOP NEWS

The Staff and Volunteers of the Shop would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Old Parliament House for becoming an Executive Agency as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The next twelve months will be an interesting time for both of us with the opening of the first stages of the Gallery of Democracy and the Australian Prime Ministers Centre. Because there have been many schools booking tours, we have been working with Old Parliament House to maximize the visitation of these groups. Our next challenge will be to locate and produce merchandise representing the Gallery of Australian Democracy, so as they say...watch this space...

The National Portrait Gallery has closed its doors and has begun packing ready for their relocation to their new building, which is adjacent to the High Court. Because of the move we have some of their merchandise on special while stock lasts. Don't miss out as there are some bargains.

The Prime Ministers' Wives exhibition has been a great success in the Strangers Gallery, which is the gallery area on the lower ground floor outside the shop. The next exhibition will be 'Beyond Reasonable Drought'. Upstairs in the House Gallery there is a travelling exhibition on Billy Hughes - 'Wartime Australians'.

### What's New

Looking for that unusual gift to take overseas? Just arrived in stock are some eucalypt leaves which have been mounted and ready for framing. What makes these leaves unusual is the computer imaging sketch of an Australian Icon on each one. They are light and have been treated for export standards.

A new shipment of the ornamental glass window hangers has also arrived, and with them were some large and small round mirrors with an Australian motive on the rim.

Photos of each of our illustrious Prime Ministers are now available on mugs and bookmarks, and Kevin Rudd has joined the ranks of caricatures of the Prime Ministers available as a postcard.

National Trust member Graeme Barrow's latest book, *The Prime Minister's Lodge: Canberra's Unfinished Business*, should be on sale (price approximately \$30) when this issue is published. The book deals with the building and furnishing of the Lodge and the controversies that have surrounded it. The building's inadequacies are explained and Graeme advocates the building of a new residence on a site reserved for it above Lake Burley Griffin.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two special ladies, Mrs Jean Pound, our very first Volunteer of the Year, and Mrs Elaine Laver. Both of these ladies have been shop volunteers for some time and have finally decided to take their hands off the till. Elaine was with us when the shop first opened in Old Parliament House and Jean was out at Lanyon before moving to the shop eight years ago. All of us wish them both well and will look forward to their casual visits in the future for a 'cuppa' and a chat.



# HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT



## BACK AGAIN

The last Heritage Officer's Report was largely written while I was away with a National Trust tour of Gallipoli and Western Turkey. Following that tour, I was in Canberra for ten short, frantic days before returning to Gallipoli to act as a war historian for a tour company during the Anzac Day period. After visiting the battle sites, I, along with ten thousand other Australians, New Zealanders and an increasing number of young Turks, sat through the cold darkness of 24/25 April awaiting the dawn and the service honouring all those who fought and died there. Watching the sun rise slowly over the cliffs dominating the beach area was a sight I will never forget.

## HERITAGE PROJECTS

Over the last few months the heritage work has involved the completion of a number of ongoing projects for which we have received grants under the ACT Heritage Grants Program.

We have contracted historian Dr Margaret Park to do another two oral history projects – a series of oral history recordings by Mr Eddy Green, a pioneer of the Tidbinbilla Valley; and to do the transcriptions of an earlier oral history of the Edlington family who lived at Duntroon Dairy. Paul Cohen (Chair of the Heritage Committee) and Duncan Marshall (heritage consultant) are working on a project to examine the Territory and Commonwealth Heritage Acts to identify ways in which a number of important heritage listed places in the ACT can be offered better legislative protection once the Commonwealth Register of the National Estate ceases to exist.

Dr James Warden (heritage consultant & lecturer at Canberra University) is working on a project to produce a historically accurate plan of the former Rock Valley homestead at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. This project, when completed, will enable the ACT Government to recreate as accurately as possible the once locally famous garden thus bringing another piece of the ACT's early history into reality.

The Trust has met with staff of the ACT Heritage Unit to finalise our conservation and management plan for William Colliers Stone Hut at Kowen Forest. Now a ruin, but retaining much of its architectural character, this well made stone cottage was part of the nineteenth century rural region of Kowen.

Keep an eye open in future editions of Heritage in Trust as we will be producing articles on these projects

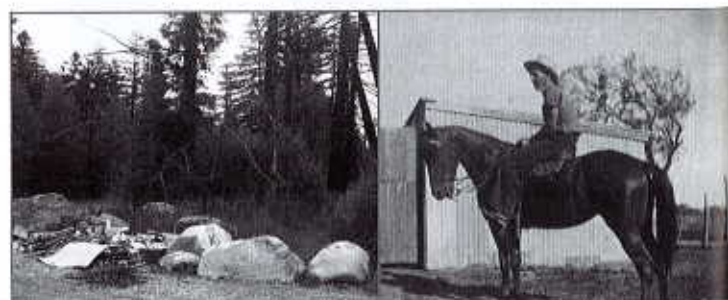
The Heritage @ Risk Program (see separate article) has also been a major task in the last few months. Our Heritage Committee selected nine places at risk for this year but retained many from last year as their fate is still unresolved. This program has been run by the National Trust organisation Australia-wide for a number of years but was re-badged last year with a new and better organised process of nomination and selection. This year the ACT Trust asked for nominations from members and the public and we were very pleased with the response we received. Pleased in one way that people are responding to the threats on our heritage listed places but disappointed in another way to realise that our list is ever increasing. We will again be calling for member and public nominations next year.

## LIVING IMAGE LIBRARY

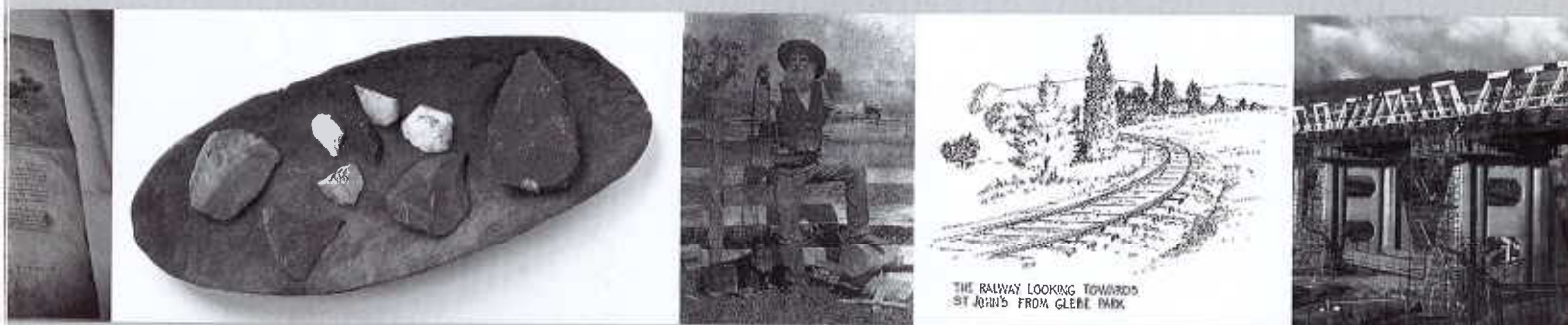
Another project we have been working on for some time is our Living Image Library. Tiffany Manning has been busily bringing our photographic library into the digital age by scanning and putting them on our newly up-dated website. The first phase of the project, now complete, displays the images by place name and in many cases shows images over a period of time. The aim of the project is now to keep adding to the images of the places and putting more images of places not yet represented on line thus creating a 'Living Image Library'. You can browse your way through the images on our website: [www.nationaltrustact.org.au](http://www.nationaltrustact.org.au)

You can either gain access from the main page link or go to 'Photographs' on the left hand panel and then click on the image at the bottom of the panel.

If you have any historic or contemporary images of heritage places in the ACT and wish to place them on our website please contact us at the Trust. We can scan the photographs while you wait.







## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the National Trust of Australia (ACT) will be held at the Albert Hall on Tuesday 21 October 2008, 6.30pm for 7.00 pm.

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the following Councillors will stand down at the AGM, but are eligible for reappointment:

Paul Cohen, Graeme Crocket, Alan Kerr, Arthur Pathmaperuma, James Warden and Linda Roberts.

Members are invited to nominate persons for election to Council. Nominations must be made and seconded, in writing and signed, by current members of the Trust accompanied by signed consent from the nominee.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Trust office and must reach the office 30 days before the AGM.

At the AGM a motion concerned with minor constitutional changes to membership categories will be proposed. Details of the motion will be made available by September 1st 2008 on the Trust's website and from the Trust Office.

After business is concluded, Dr John Gray OAM will give an illustrated talk on 'Charles Weston and Canberra's Landscape'.

Dr John Gray OAM is a retired landscape architect. He spent much of his professional career in Canberra that has been his home since 1951. His last appointment was Director, Landscape Architecture, National Capital Development Commission. His tertiary education was at the Universities of Sydney, California (Berkeley) USA, and Canberra.

In his retirement he has been researching Canberra's landscape history. As part of that he has published books and articles, compiled consultant reports and completed a doctoral thesis on horticulturist Charles Weston. He has been Adjunct Professor in Landscape Architecture at the University of Canberra. His publications include: *The Glebe Park Story* (1989); and *A Park for a Nation* (1996). He is currently working on a history of the Old Parliament House Gardens.

**Do you have an interesting article or a point of view that you would like published in the magazine?**

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# TRAVELS WITH THE TRUST



The National Trust will be conducting Three Springtime Heritage Walks and a Heritage at Risk Tour. Details are below:

## REID GUIDED WALK AND OPEN HOUSES

**Date:** 26 October 2008 1.00-4.00 pm

**Meeting Point:** Reid Heritage Sign at the corner of the Tennis Court and Currong Street

**Leaders:** Eric Martin, John Tucker, Shibu Dutta and Ken Charlton

**Cost:** \$20 members and \$25 non-members

The National Trust, in collaboration with the Reid Residents' Association Inc, will conduct a guided walk in Reid and visit three homes from the 1920/30s on Sunday 26 October 2008. The afternoon will include a short introductory talk by Eric Martin about the heritage significance of Reid as a relatively intact example of a residential suburb planned on 'garden city' principles, followed by inspection of the houses. After the inspection of the houses, an afternoon tea will conclude the day's activities.

## BLANDFORDIA 5 GUIDED WALK

**Date:** 2 November 2008 1.00-4.00 pm

**Meeting Point:** The Lawns at Manuka (off Bougainville Street, adjacent to the pedestrian crossing)

**Leaders:** Anne Forrest, Brendon Preiss

**Cost:** \$15 members and \$20 non-members

Eric Martin, President of the National Trust (ACT), will introduce Garden City Planning in the Blandfordia 5 heritage precinct and then residents of Blandfordia 5 will conduct a walking tour. The history and development of the precinct will be explored and various aspects of the precinct's heritage values will be identified. The walks will begin and end adjacent to the Lawns at Manuka and last for 1 to 1.5 hours. Afternoon tea will be included.

## THARWA AND LANYON GUIDED WALK

**Date:** 9 November 2008 1.00-4.00 pm

**Meeting Point:** Tharwa Bridge Reserve (corner of Tidbinbilla Road and Tharwa Drive)

**Leaders:** Peter Dowling (Tharwa) and Don Chambers (Lanyon)

**Cost:** \$17 members and \$22 non-members

Tharwa and Lanyon have long been historically linked. This tour will highlight the history of both places. First, a walk along the Murrumbidgee from the Tharwa Bridge Reserve to the De Salis cemetery and return will trace Tharwa's history from Aboriginal occupation, through the pastoral period into recent times. Following this, the group will meet again at Lanyon where its historical context as the head station of a large pastoral operation will be demonstrated. Afternoon Tea at Lanyon is included.

**Note:** If the Tharwa Bridge is not open to vehicular traffic, then participants must take the Point Hut Crossing / Tidbinbilla Road route to Tharwa and then to Lanyon.

## 2008 HERITAGE AT RISK LIST BUS TOUR

**Date:** 16 November 2008 1.30-4.30 pm

**Meeting Point:** Old Parliament House

**Leaders:** Eric Martin and Peter Dowling

**Cost:** \$25 members and \$30 non-members (lunch at own expense)

Eric Martin (President of the National Trust (ACT)) and Dr Peter Dowling (Heritage Officer) will lead a bus tour of sites on the 2008 Heritage at Risk List. Further details on sites and route will be provided when the 2008 list is determined. The tour will include Devonshire afternoon tea along the way.

**For reservations please ring the office on 6230 0533. Bookings are essential. Payment is to be made at time of booking.**

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In 2008 the ACT National Trust is again conducting our popular one-day coach tours to attend SSO concerts at the Opera House. The concerts have been selected from the SSO Thursday Matinee Subscription Series.

### CONCERT DETAILS

**Thursday 13 November 2008**

**Elgar** *Violin Concerto*

*Enigma Variations*

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*Conductor Vladimir Ashkenazy*

### Ticket Prices

**'A' Reserve** \$145 pp for members \$148 pp non-members.

Cost includes return coach fare, concert ticket, morning tea on the way down and dinner in Mittagong on the way home.

Please contact the Trust Office on 6230 0533 to register your interest. A deposit of \$50pp per concert is required as soon as possible to secure your place. (\$25 is refundable if cancellation is made prior to the closing of bookings) The balance will be due to the office by 13 October 2008.

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*One of the more memorable and little known episodes in Canberra's history is the construction and operation of the Molonglo Internment Camp. The camp, built in the early months of 1918, was occupied from May 1918 to the end of 1919. It is almost 90 years to the day that the camp began to operate.*

## THE PROJECT IS CONTRIVED IN SECRECY

The project began in great secrecy. In February 1918, the British Government asked if Australia could provide (at its expense) an internment camp, within 3 months, for about 3,500 German and Austrian nationals being expelled from China, which had declared war on Germany and Austria on 4 August 1917. The Chief Architect at the time, John S. Murdoch, decided that, given the urgency of the British request, the most appropriate site for such a camp would be in one of the vast areas of unused land of the Federal Capital Territory.

## A SITE SELECTED

A site of some 250 acres was quickly selected on the eastern side of the Canberra freight railway line, four miles west of the Queanbeyan Post Office and close to the Molonglo River. This site is now in the centre of the Fyshwick commercial area.

The task facing the Department of Defence, charged with managing the project, was to convert an un-



*The Molonglo internment Camp 1918. Administrative buildings in foreground, barrack buildings in background*

served site, over a period of three months, into a virtual township to accommodate some 560 families and single persons, along with military personnel.

## THE MOLONGLO MYSTERY

The project required a high level of security and secrecy. But maintaining such a level of secrecy was a difficult task when the camp was to be constructed on an open site only four miles from Queanbeyan, with 1,200 workers who were accommodated on site in a camp of 250 tents. Queanbeyan dubbed it 'The Molonglo Mystery'.

## A BUILDING ACHIEVEMENT WITHOUT PARALLEL

The project commenced on 19 February 1918, and was completed by the end of April. This incredible achievement was made possible by a team effort comprising senior officers and staff of the Commonwealth Works and Railways Department; the designer J.S. Murdoch; the four contractors, Ellis Bros., Saxon and Binns, George Hudson Pty Ltd and the NSW State Timber Yards; and the workforce employed by the Department and its contractors. The Queanbeyan Age described the outcome 'as a performance without parallel in Australia's building history.'



*The internment camp water reservoir in 1918. This concrete structure is all that remains of the Internment Camp*

The Internment Camp covered some 80 acres of undulating land with the administration buildings and military barracks on the hill (roughly along Fyshwick's Molonglo Mall). It consisted of 40 tenement blocks (wooden huts with malthoid roofing each 140 feet long with each providing 14 family units), 40 latrine and ablution blocks, 10 stores and 30 military buildings. The latter included a lookout tower, guard houses, barracks, stables and a commandant's residence. The camp's permanent water supply was provided through a reservoir on the slope of Radio Hill with the water



pipled from the Cotter River via Red Hill. The concrete walls of the reservoir remain on site, the only evidence today of the camp and the later Molonglo Settlement.

### AN UNEXPECTED OUTCOME

In a remarkable turn of events, the 3,500 German and Austrian nationals interned in China did not, as a result of diplomatic intervention, come to the Molonglo Camp.

What to do? Everything in readiness and no guests! At the time there were four other internment camps in New South Wales, at Trial Bay near Kempsey, Holsworthy (near Liverpool in Sydney), the Berrima Gaol and at Bourke in north western New South Wales.

The Bourke Camp had come under intense criticism due to harsh and primitive conditions and the declining health of some of the internees. It was therefore decided to close it and move some 150 German and Austrian nationals, in family groups, to Molonglo. This happened towards the end of May 1918. Not long afterwards they were joined by family groups from Berrima, some of whom had maritime backgrounds. The Molonglo camp group then consisted of 58 men, 65 women and 76 children. As you might expect they rattled around in a small part of the camp originally built for 3,500 internees. The internees were a group of intelligent, resourceful and friendly people who ran their own school, provided their own library and were able to develop art, drama and musical pursuits at the camp.



*Austrian girls waiting for their rations at Molonglo*

### THE CAMP

Although the media and the public at large had dubbed Molonglo as 'a concentration camp' this was not a fair description of the community that was thrown together there. Although family life may have been difficult and the environment harsh on this exposed, windswept site, the military unit under the command of Brigadier General Reginald Spencer Browne, did all they could to make life tolerable for the internees.

The principal grievance for many of the families was why they had been interned in the first place as several of them were Australians, had direct Australian connections, or were naturalized British subjects.

### INTERNEE FAMILIES

Most of the Molonglo internees had been rounded up in British colonies such as Fiji, Nauru, New Guinea, Singapore, Ceylon and Hong Kong and sent to Australia. They had been planters, merchants, mariners and missionaries.

In the case of two families, the Kienzles and the Schoeffels, the wives were Australian born while the husbands were naturalized British subjects. Albert Kienzle was a ten year old lad while at Molonglo. Some twenty five years later, while a planter in New Guinea, he contributed greatly to the cause of Australian soldiers on the Kokoda Track and to the organisation of the 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels'. His son, 'Soc', now lives on Queensland's Gold Coast and contributed to the Molonglo Mystery book of 2006.

In his comment on the Molonglo Camp, historian Jim Gibbney recorded that:

*The Molonglo camp became an accepted part of the local scene. The Spencer Brownes, a cultivated and extremely sociable couple who had been prominent in the musical life of Brisbane before the war, attended many functions. Sporting teams, drawn from the camp administration and the guard force, participated in local competitions, while Queanbeyan youths occasionally played tennis on the camp courts.*

*In May 1919, a rumour that the internees were to be repatriated to Europe about the end of the month proved to be true, and businessman S.L. Roberts was able to buy up a job lot of assorted personal effects being shed by the camp families in the face of an uncertain future. Later in the month he auctioned, to the citizens of Queanbeyan, a collection of white tropical suits, sewing machines, cameras, tool chests and other useful oddments.*

### A CAMP CLOSES – A SETTLEMENT BEGINS

After the last of the internees had been deported to Germany (although they had not come from there), the camp was closed at the end of 1919 and the great majority of the buildings (in pristine condition) were sold off to the NSW Water Supply and Irrigation Commission and to a wide variety of users within the Territory and in nearby areas of New South Wales.

In 1920, those buildings used by the internees and others nearby were converted and formed the Molonglo Settlement, with the timber tenements becoming homes for many families who moved to Canberra to obtain work created by the building boom of the twenties.

A single men's mess was established in one of the former military buildings. The internment camp's hospital and dispensary became the Molonglo Public School. In World War II the school (closed in 1942) became a naval wireless telegraph station and later the headquarters of the ACT Companion Dog Club. The buildings were demolished in 1981.



By the mid-twenties, Molonglo had a population of some 800 and the school an enrolment of 150 students, at the time second in size only to Telopea Park School. The last Molonglo family left in the early fifties as, by that time, the Fyshwick industrial area was spreading its tentacles over Molonglo.

The Molonglo Settlement families were a group of hard working pioneers of our city who contributed greatly to the achievements leading up to the opening of Parliament House on 9 May 1927. Molonglo was a cohesive and supportive community which made the best of a harsh urban environment.

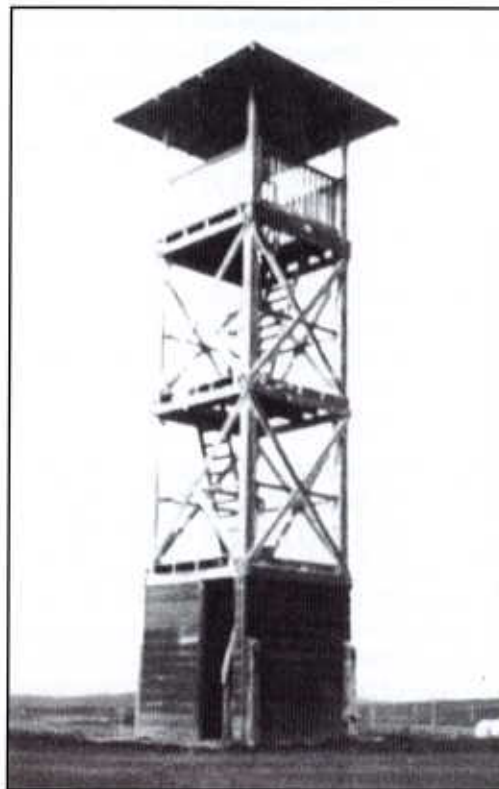
The ACT National Trust, with funding provided under the ACT Government Heritage Grants Program, has erected an interpretive sign at the present Molonglo Mall to commemorate the Molonglo Internment Camp, the later settlement and the people who lived there. The position of the sign is within a few metres of where the former watch tower stood overlooking the camp.

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*The watch tower overlooking the camp*

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Often the heritage of a place can be found in the memories and oral records of its people. The suburb of Reid is no exception. Reid was constructed in 1926-1927 to meet the urgent need to house public servants in the new national capital. According to Alan Fitzgerald in his book *Historic Canberra 1825-1945*:

*What little accommodation was available for visitors in Canberra and Queanbeyan was booked out for the opening of the New Parliament House [Provisional Parliament House as it was then known] on 9th May 1927 by the Duke of York. Although it was autumn many visitors, including 3,000 representatives of the armed forces and boy scouts were forced to camp out."*

Temporary arrangements were also made for that occasion in Reid to impress the Royal visitor. According to Mr. Burns, who later lived at 42 Booroondara Street, Reid, the Duke of York was to drive through Reid on that evening. He fixed lights at the windows of the unfinished houses so that the suburb would look lived-in on that autumn night. Mr. Burns would have seen the development of Reid. He was born in Murrumbateman in the Yass-Canberra region. His father was a farmer and they would drive regularly to Queanbeyan, via what is now Limestone Avenue of Reid, to sell their farm produce. On their way back the parents would stop at the Old Canberra Inn for a drink and he and his sister would get their lemonade. He later moved to the south coast as an electrician and was brought back to Canberra as the electrician for the Provisional Parliament House.

Professor John Mulvaney, a Commissioner of the Australian Heritage Commission in 1979, referred to the importance of Reid to the history of Canberra:

*In 1979 the recently established Australian Heritage Commission nominated much of the inner suburb of Reid for inclusion on the Register of the National Estate. This constituted one of the Commission's first decisions to place an entire urban complex on the newly created Register. Reid exhibits unusually diverse and well preserved heritage values. These include many variants of the architectural designs erected in 1926-27, before Parliament House was opened; they housed the subsequent influx of public servants; the uniformity of urban landscape, the tree planting and street furniture enhanced the historic values and amenity.*



*A Federal Capital Commission house, Reid*

The simple grid plan of Reid is a compromise between the triangular geometry of the National Area and the hexagonal geometry of Civic. Recognizing the original inhabitants of the area, the streets of Reid have Aboriginal names, alphabetically arranged; a rarity in those days.

The streets are:

## East to West:

Amaroo	Meaning Beautiful Place
Booroondara	Shady Place
Currong	Silver Wattle
Doonkuna	Rising Ground
Elimatta	My Home
Gooreen	Wind

## North to South:

Allambee	Day
Boolee	Star
Coranderrk	Christmas Bush
Dirrawan	Emu
Euree	Sleep
Geerilong	Star in the sky

## Edge Streets:

Ballumbir	Butterfly
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During the formative period of Reid, Booroondara Street, with its planting of Algerian Oaks, used to lead to Civic. Only Sydney building was complete and Melbourne building was still being built. Writing about life in the suburb in 1946, Gordon and Hope Burgoyne, past residents, stated:

*It was still regarded as a way out suburb. The area beyond Booroondara Street was, according to the Griffin Plan, reserved for a railway which would run from the present railway station, across the lake by a causeway, through Reid and Civic and off into the bush to join the main Sydney to Melbourne line at Yass.*

*Life in those early days was dominated by the Department of Interior, usually called 'the Department'. The Department was more than a landlord. It supplied firewood, shrubs for the garden, the Christmas trees for our children. It even cut the front hedges.*



*A FCC 3 design house in a shady street of Reid*



Margaret Horgan, another past resident, remembers:

*Up to the end of World War II Reid remained one of those Canberra suburbs 'in search of a city'. It was surrounded by empty paddocks which were used by drovers taking flocks of sheep from north of Mount Ainslie, through the area which is now Glebe Park and Allara Street to the low-level bridge across the Molonglo River at Scott's Crossing. Going to the shops at Civic, Reid residents used walking tracks across the paddocks. At times, they had to wait until a flock of sheep had passed by.*

Is this much different from waiting for the passing heavy traffic at the peak time nowadays?

Walter Burley Griffin's prize winning plan for the Federal Capital was designed for these open paddocks. Like his new imaginative concept of the Garden City capital, integrated within its natural setting, the suburb of Reid was also far ahead of its time. In his design of the garden suburb of Reid he foreshadowed what later came to be known as the "Radburn principle" in the planning world. His plan was, however, changed by John Sulman, who arranged subdivision around two gardens, following the English towns with village greens.

Mrs. H. Dunbar, who lived at 25 Geerilong Gardens, one of the two gardens in the suburb, tells us about her life:

*I came here in 1937. For several years up to 1960 my husband used to show films in Geerilong Gardens on Christmas night. This arose from the fact that he founded the Canberra Film Club and trained many projectionists. One year he had some particular films, including The Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. In all, about 50 people, sitting on rugs, saw the film that night.*

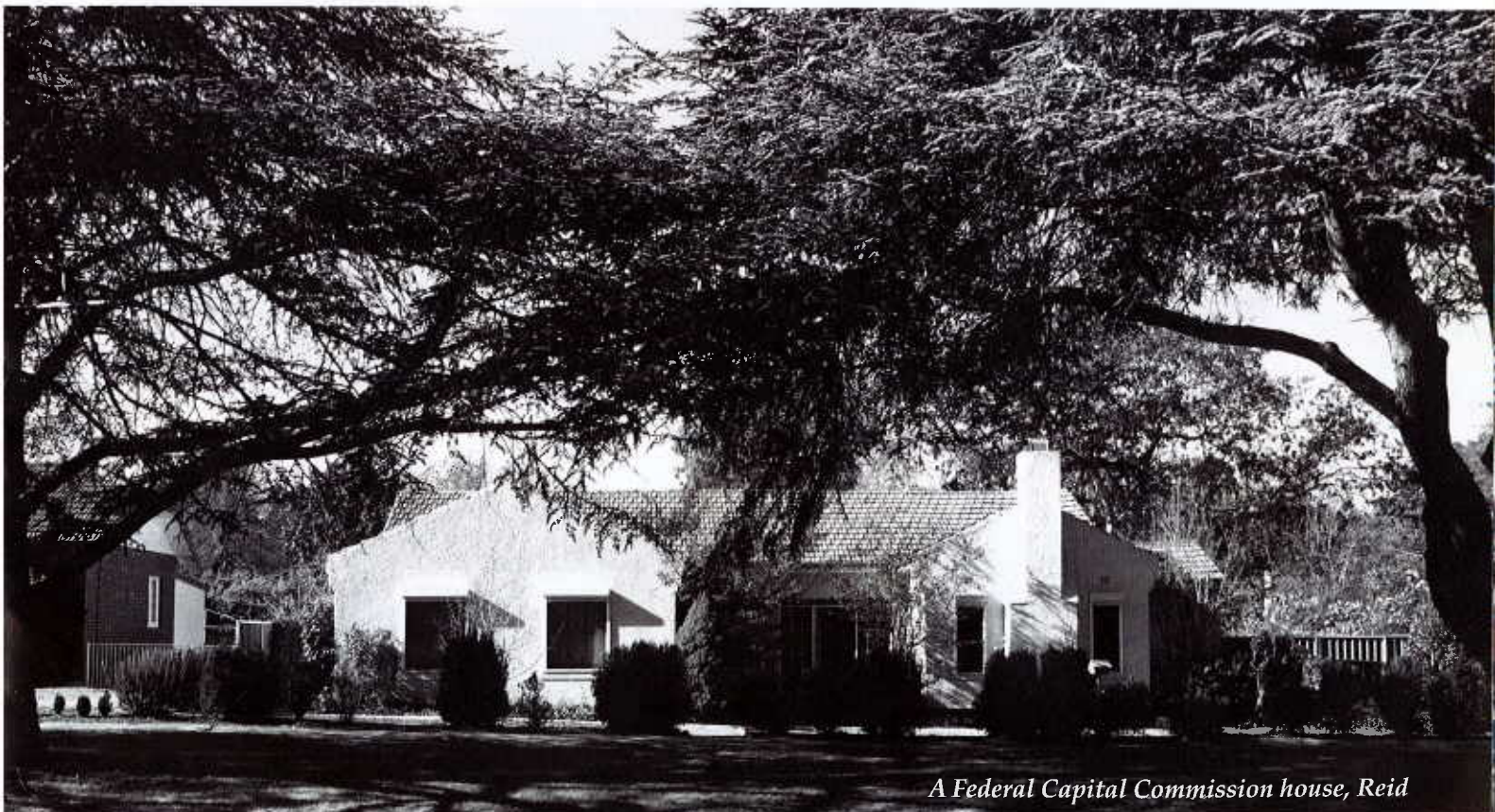
The residents, mainly middle class public servants, had been uprooted from their Melbourne home comforts and social connections to a stark new area without even formal paths. They quickly began to make Reid their new home with a new social life.

Charles Boag, a resident of Dirrawan Gardens, wrote:

*Following interest displayed at a meeting of Reid Residents in the Ainslie Public School in 1928 arranged by Mr. Joe Honeysett, Social Service Liaison Officer, Federal Capital Commission, the construction of two tennis courts and a shelter-shed was completed by the Commission in 1929 and play commenced on the club's present site in Dirrawan gardens.*

The tennis club eventually obtained four courts and a modest club house which exists today. It has provided most of the top Executive Officers of the ACT Tennis Association over the years. Across from the Tennis Club is the Reid Preschool. The preschool was founded in 1946 and continues to attract students.

Much of the residential area of Reid is now classified by the ACT National Trust and entered on the ACT Heritage Register for its historic and heritage values, representing the early planning philosophy, including social segregation and the urgent need for large public housing estates. The ACT National Trust continues to recognise Reid for these values and, with funding obtained from the ACT Government's Heritage Grants Program, has produced a new self-guided tour brochure for Reid and has placed an interpretive sign outlining the suburb's history at Dirrawan Gardens.



*A Federal Capital Commission house, Reid*



# EDUCATION

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) is committed to educating the ACT community about heritage and does this in a variety of ways through walks, talks and tours. Two of its educational programs specifically for school children are sponsorship of the National History Challenge and the Heritage competitions for children and youth held from 2004 to 2006.

## NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE 2008

### *Australia meets the world*

The National Trusts of Australia have again sponsored the National History challenge during 2008. This is an annual research based competition for students from years 5 to 12. Students act as historians, investigating their community and exploring their own past and heritage. The competition emphasises and rewards quality research, the use of community resources and effective presentation.

Entrants can progress through regional, state/territory and national finals and can present their work in one of four formats: research paper, 3D museum display, multimedia format or a performance.

The National Trust's special category is *Australia's heritage* and the Trust offers a cash prize of \$100 for the best entries in each state/territory meeting the themes: *Australia's heritage: Australia meets the world*. The National winner for the Trust's special category is chosen from the State and Territory winning entries. An additional requirement this year was for participants entering the Trust's special category to use Trust resources or visit a Trust property.

The competition closes on 15 August and winners in each state and territory will be awarded prizes in September. The National Awards will be presented in Canberra in December.

The Trust's National winner/s will receive a cash prize of \$200. The National winning entry in the Trust's special category may be published in *Trust News Australia* and will be published on the ACNT website. The ACT winning entry will be published in *Heritage in Trust* and posted onto the ACT Trust website. Last year's ACT winner, Natalie Shadwell, had her essay on Cyclone Tracey published in summer edition of *Heritage in Trust* and the Northern Territory Trust magazine.

The ACT National Trust looks forward to receiving some exciting entries.

## HERITAGE COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

From 2004 until 2006 the National Trust of Australia (ACT) held a series of heritage competitions for children and youth linked to the theme of the ACT Heritage Festival. In November 2006, the first publication from the 2004 competition, *Places in the Heart*, was launched at the presentation of awards for the third and last competition, *Living Treasures*, at the Duntroon Dairy Open Day during the 2006 Heritage Weekend.

This September the two final books, *Connections and Living Treasures*, will be launched and participants, families and friends of all three competitions will be invited to the occasion. Further details are available from Maree Treadwell, Competition Project Officer, on 6247 6766 or [mtreadwell@nationaltrust.org.au](mailto:mtreadwell@nationaltrust.org.au)

The competitions were about community and understanding how our diverse heritage contributes to our society and its members and aimed to link generations by asking children and teenagers to interview older members of the ACT and region. Teachers, parents, interviewees and the entrants enjoyed and valued the competitions which were made possible through the ACT Government CUPP grants in conjunction with a Department of Urban Services partner.

The Heritage Unit partnered the Trust for the first two competitions and our 2006 partner was the ACT Heritage Library. The ACT Library also displayed the winning entries. This series of heritage competitions was excellent for promoting heritage and the National Trust to schools and provides an excellent basis for positioning the National Trust for future educational activities in schools and the wider ACT community.

The publications are a delightful account of the diverse heritage of our ACT community and what our children and older members feel is important to preserve for the future.

Despite the many requests to run the competition again, the Trust is not able to without external funding, either from a government grant or sponsorship. The Trust is looking for continuing sponsorship so it can, once again, offer creative young people an opportunity to explore the heritage of the ACT.



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*Chief Minister, Mr Jon Stanhope, launched the Reid Walking Guide brochure and signs in late June.*



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