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*Radio antenna mast,
Belconnen Naval Transmitting Station.*

Heritage listed but demolished.

Our Heritage...



Some new
Some old
Some gone
Some threatened
Some still with us

ALBERT HALL CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

will celebrate the 80th birthday of the much-loved Albert Hall, with the National Trust of Australia ACT and Friends of the Albert Hall.

Albert Hall has been the venue for many events. For the people of Canberra, it has played a central role in the city's social life and, as part of our heritage, is a place rich with special memories.

We recall those 80 years, with the help of Rotary, the Horticultural Society, the Canberra Girls Grammar School, the Canberra Civic Society, all part of that rich heritage.

The National Trust, the District and Historical Society of Canberra and the Embroiderers' Society have regularly used the hall to also mount displays. This includes a Canberra City

Breakfast at Albert Hall, organised by the Canberra Women's Association, many of the displays have an association with the Hall. Listening live and people dancing with listeners around the hall are part of the historic record of the National Trust oral history project. Those with mementos, memorabilia can have them displayed in museum groups. Successful antique fairs are available to appraise valuable items, with a history of over 80 years old.

A civic ceremony for invited guests will be heralded by the Canberra Girls

Grammar School, the playing of Happy Birthday by a Yarralumla Primary School band, the formal cutting of a birthday cake by our special guest and morning tea served by the Country Women's Association.

An afternoon of music at Albert Hall will feature a great selection of cultural activities, including a dance by the Earthly Delights Dance Academy, a performance of popular musical numbers by the Canberra Philharmonic Society and band performances by the Lyneham High School Band, Canberra Youth Music and the Royal Military College Band.

A highlight will be a citizenship ceremony for 80 new Australian citizens and their families, an historic event as Albert Hall hosted Australia's first citizenship ceremony in 1949, under our new Nationality and Citizenship Act. Albert Hall was the venue for annual citizenship conventions and citizenship ceremonies for more than twenty years. Many families in Canberra recall these occasions with pride. The return of a citizenship ceremony underlines not only the national historical significance of Albert Hall, but its important function as Canberra's town hall. A special treat for the new citizens will be a trumpet fanfare opening by the RMC Campbell Trumpeters, as well as performances by Sing Australia and the Bush Dancers Display Group.

Reflecting the long involvement of the Canberra dance community in Albert Hall, the day is expected to culminate in a subscription dance hosted by the Monaro Folk Society.

The 80th birthday celebrations are a not-for-profit event strongly supported by the Canberra community. For details and times of events, see www.ouralberthall.com, or the Canberra Times. Friends of the Albert Hall and the National Trust of Australia ACT warmly invite you all to celebrate this grand birthday for our Albert Hall.

Di Johnstone
Friends of the Albert Hall

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- An opportunity to help the Trust protect your local & cultural heritage

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New Executive Director for the ACT Trust

Dr Sue Chambers is the newly appointed Executive Director for the National Trust of Australia (ACT). She comes to this role following a thirty-year career as an academic in Victorian universities.

Sue is well-known in Melbourne as founding President of the Carlton Residents Association. In this role she defended many Victorian heritage buildings from the depredations of inner-city developers. This commitment often involved active partnership with National Trust (VIC). Sue also worked with Melbourne City Council officers and representatives of inner-city residents' societies, in developing strategic plans and heritage guidelines. Other projects include the promotion and development of a prize-winning history of Carlton.

Sue's support and defence of Australian heritage icons was recognized by the award of a Centenary Medal, 'for service to the community particularly through heritage and conservation'. She brings to her new role a passion for heritage and a life-time of experience in administration and voluntary organizations.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The ACT National Trust has become an inaugural member of the 'International National Trusts Organisation' (INTO) which was launched in Delhi in December 2007 at functions that included the Prime Minister and Vice President of India. This organisation has among its objectives a desire to foster international cooperation and coordination between National Trusts and like heritage organisations, to promote best conservation practice, enhance individual National Trusts and pursue advocacy in the interests of conservation. The ACT National Trust joins South Australia and the ACNT as part of the initial signatories which included some 54 countries.

A key person in establishing this was Simon Molesworth from Victoria, a former ACNT Chairman, who chaired the steering committee.

While the world scene may be far from the pressing problems of day to day heritage issues in Canberra it is important to be part of and participate in the National and International scene as the strength in numbers and the voice of people (totalling millions in INTO) is a powerful tool. The theme was Heritage and Development covering a wide range of topics. The outcome is a wide and extensive number of recommendations which could be summed up by Cooperate, Coordinate and Conserve.

At the AGM elections the current members of Council offered themselves for re-election and were elected and the office bearers have been re-elected. I express my thanks for their continuing support.

2008 will see a move to promote the ACT National Trust as an extension of the NSW Heritage Festival in April. Over the past 2 years the ACT Heritage Festival moved to November and has become ineffective. We hope that this initiative can build on a strong regional heritage promotion and expose more of Canberra and the region to the work of the National Trust. There will be more details of the program of events circulated to members.

There are new challenges with us with the establishing of the Federal Labour Government and all the impact it may have on ACT Heritage as their policies evolve. There is also an ongoing concern with projects that have been initiated but not yet resolved including Albert Hall, Canberra's National Heritage, the Parliamentary Vista, Lake Burley Griffin Heritage Study, Molonglo Valley Development and the Griffin Plan. Like many of the comments made in Delhi the work of the National Trusts is as important as ever.

Eric J. Martin AM
President

PEOPLE AND PLACES

NOVI SCRIPTI

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

Frances Aarnio	Diane and Raymond Marsden
Helen Connor	Hilary McGeachy and Graham Maltby
Helen and Gary Dawson	Richard Peek
Robert and Margaret Eakin	Pauline and Alan Plumb
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Bernice Lee	Timothy and Beverley Webb
Bronwyn Lees and Kevin Tomlin	Luke Wensing

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 9.00am to 5.00pm seven days.

TRUSTED RECIPES

During National Trust functions our Committee members are regularly asked for the recipes of some of the goodies served. Here is the first of a series of recipes we will be publishing in Heritage in Trust.

This one is supplied by Mrs Anna Moreing

CHEESE BISCUITS

4 Tablespoons Butter
6 Tablespoons Cheese (grated)
6 Tablespoons Plain Flour
Pinch of Cayenne Pepper
¼ Teaspoon Salt
Coconut

Mix all ingredients together
Roll into balls
Roll balls in coconut
Bake in moderate oven for 15 minutes

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.

NSW HERITAGE FESTIVAL

This year we are joining NSW with their Heritage Celebration from April 5 – 20. You will find a list of activities on page 17 of this issue.

CHRISTMAS COCKTAILS

We would like to thank John Gale's continued support of the National Trust and his hospitality once again for opening his property to us for our annual sojourn and Christmas get together at Huntly. The weather was superb and just on 5pm the first clap of thunder was heard and a few spots of rain were felt, but not enough to dampen the spirits. The lads formerly from Canberra Grammar did an excellent job with the music for the day and kept everyone entertained. The Members Committee is to be congratulated with the selection of food they provided which seemed to just keep on coming. The gardens were spectacular after the recent rains but it was evident that the hot weather was starting to make its mark. We would also like to pass on our thanks to Gerd Rehwinkel, grounds manager at Huntly, who had put in an enormous amount of time and effort in preparing the gardens for our function.

VOLUNTEERS LUNCH

Mugga Mugga was delightful again this year, the recent rain was enough to dampen the dust and it was pleasant sitting outside on the verandah taking in the stunning views.

The 2007 Volunteer of the Year, Mrs Joan Pitt, was presented with her certificate by our Vice President Mr Peter Lundy. We would also like to congratulate Edna Alexander, Barbara Banks and John Howard on receiving their 10 year certificates and badges.

The National Trust would like to thank the Membership Committee for preparing the luncheon and the selection of salads provided was well up to its usual standard. It is always a good time to get together and enjoy meeting the other volunteers from the Office, the Shop at Old Parliament House, Lanyon and Calthorpes.

At this event we recognise those members who have volunteered their time for a continuous period of ten years or more. Could you please advise the office if you qualify? Also could any members who have not received a certificate or badge and have volunteered for more than ten years continuously, please contact the office or OPH Shop with particulars.

HERITAGE APPLES AT LORIENDALE ORCHARD

Loriendale Orchard, owned by Owen and Noreen Pidgeon, is located just north of Canberra close to Gungahlin. The orchard was established 20 years ago and specialises in growing heritage and international varieties of apples which have been sourced from around Australia. Many of the overseas sourced varieties have been growing in Australia for over 100 years but some have been only introduced in recent years, having been brought into Australia under the Australian Nursermen's Fruit Improvement Scheme.

There are plantings of the famous Granny Smith from Eastwood, the Bonza from Batlow, the Geeveston Fanny from Tasmania, and the Pink Lady and Lady William from Western Australia.



An old favourite - Cox's Orange Pippin

Rarer varieties include the Cox's Orange Pippin, Lord Lambourne and Bramley from England, the Spartan and the Apple of the Snow from Canada, the McIntosh, Baldwin and Rome Beauty from the USA, the large Mutzu from Japan, the Topaz from the Czech Republic and the New Gold and the Reinettes from France.



Sam and Bec Donnelly picking apples

The farm also has a small flock of sheep. The sheep are 'employed' in the orchard in the winter months to graze the orchard floor, for weed control and natural fertilization. Free range bantam hens also live in the orchard area, to assist with pest control. The orchard relies on ground water supplies but the dams have run dry three times in the past six years of drought. The rest of the farm is pasture land with areas of native trees planted as windbreaks, including two large windbreaks, called the "Dutch Forest" and the "French Forest" as Dutch and French farmstay visitors planted many of the trees.



Orchard in bloom

ANNUAL APPLE DAY

Loriendale Orchard hosts an annual Apple Festival Day each year, in the middle of the harvest season. The next festival day is **Saturday, 5th April 2008**. It is a fund raising day, with support provided to several local and international development projects. Visitors have the opportunity to discover and taste a wide range of organic fruit and to enjoy an afternoon of country hospitality, with ackground music provided by local choirs and music ensembles. Visitors may sample apple pies, French crepes with apple sauce or just sit and relax with Devonshire teas. A 19th century styled apple juice press is operated by a team of volunteers to provide the delightful taste of fresh apple juice. Summer time sees the production of a range of farm jams, relishes and chutneys are produced during the summer months by the family and all will be available for sale on Apple Day.

Loriendale Orchard can be accessed by travelling along the Barton Highway and taking the first road to the right, once into NSW. Travel along Spring Range Road for 5 kms and the orchard is on the right, at the junction.

Owen Pidgeon

HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

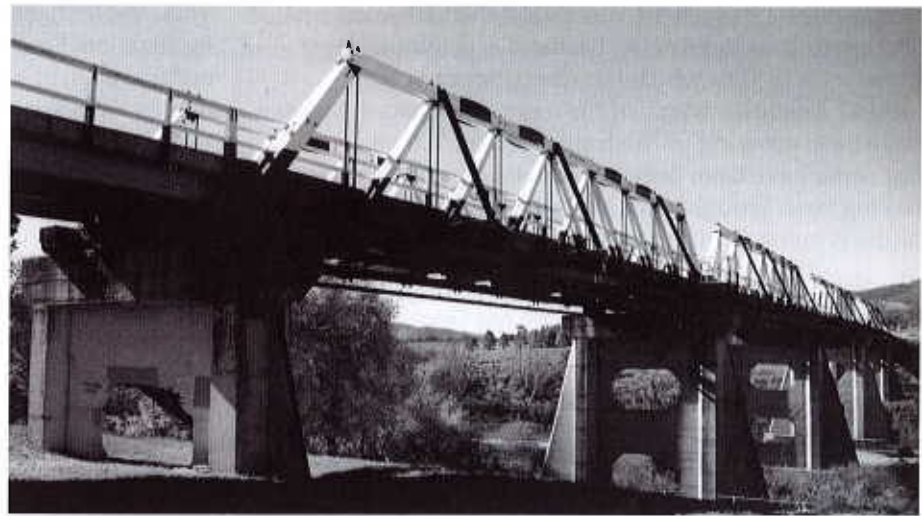
THARWA BRIDGE MEMBERS SURVEY

In December 2007 the ACT Government conducted a public email and phone survey on the future of the heritage listed Tharwa Bridge. The bridge has been Classified by the National Trust since September 1980 and heritage listed by ACT Government since February 1996. The National Trust has been concerned for sometime on the future of the bridge and conducted an email survey of its members.

The survey asked the question: "Do you support the retention of the existing Tharwa bridge as the only crossing at Tharwa?" The reason why this question was asked was two fold. It is the National Trust's preferred option that the existing bridge be repaired to meet the current road and safety requirements and maintained as such. Also, the Specific Requirements of the ACT Government heritage listing for the bridge states:

'Tharwa bridge shall continue to be used as a bridge crossing for vehicular traffic, and shall remain the only such crossing at Tharwa, subject to it meeting the safety requirements of the relevant authorities.'

That to us is a very clear statement of intent and responsibility. We have



received expert advice from engineers that the present bridge can be restored to meet the road safety requirements with a carrying load of 44 tonnes which would allow tourist coaches and semi-trailers to cross.

The results of our survey were: 520 member email addresses (consisting of single dual or family memberships) were surveyed. 182 responses were received. 175 answered "yes" 4 answered "no" 3 were undecided

Ninety-six percent of the responses supported the retention of the exiting heritage listed bridge as

the only crossing; two percent did not support it as the only crossing but thought a second new bridge could be constructed if financially viable; and two percent were undecided. These results express an overwhelmingly strong desire by our members to repair, conserve and retain the existing heritage listed Tharwa Bridge as the only crossing to Tharwa.

These results have been passed on to the Chief Minister's Department.

The Trust would like to thank all members who participated in the survey. Your opinions are extremely valuable.

BELCONNEN NAVAL TRANSMITTING STATION

The future of the Belconnen Naval Transmitting Station is still uncertain. In 2005 the Royal Australian Navy ceased using the communications facility and closed down the Station. In December 2006 the three Low Frequency antenna masts, which were a landmark in the area were dismantled. The Commonwealth Government has engaged the heritage consulting firm of Godden Mckay Logan to carry out a conservation, management and interpretation study for the Station. This study has commenced and in December 2007 the National Trust attended a consultative meeting to discuss the historic and heritage values of the Station and its ultimate future and use. The Trust's preferred option is for the building complex, the transmitting and ancillary equipment, former antenna grounds and grassland area to be preserved and its future use to be a communications museum.



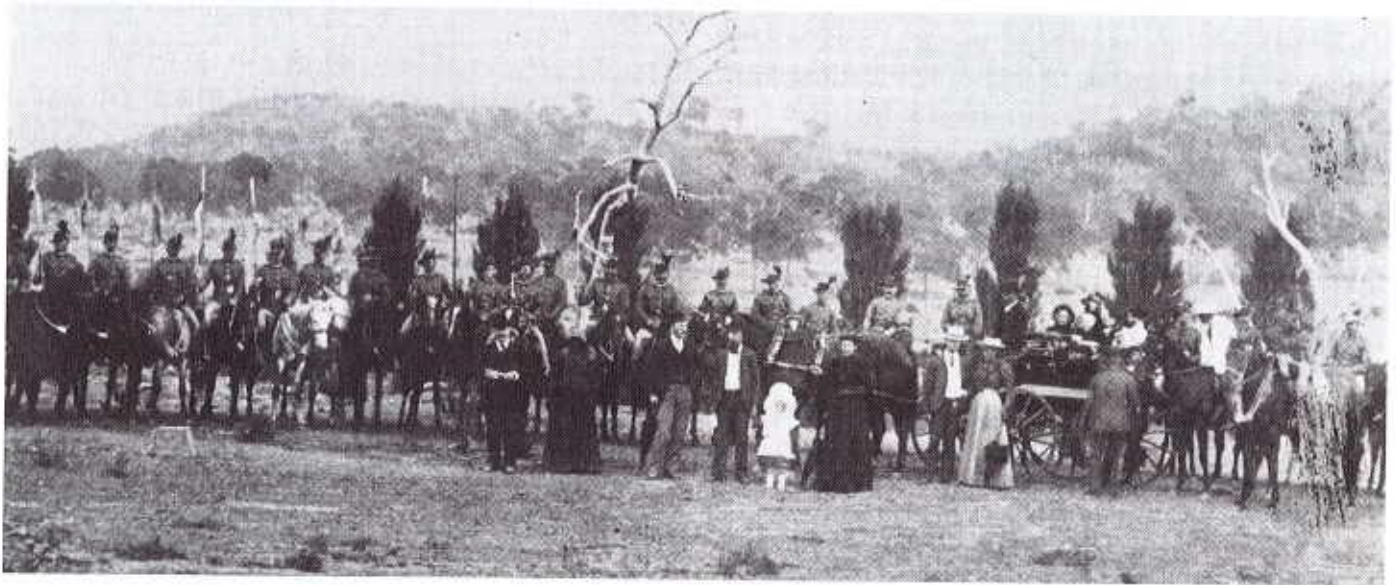
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THE GRAND DAY THE BRIDGE WAS OPENED

Wednesday 27 March 1895 was a special day for the Canberra region, so special in fact that it was declared a public holiday. Just after dawn that morning a cloud of dust began to rise high and long above the Tuggeranong Plain.¹ It marked the route of a continuous line of horse-drawn carriages packed with people making their way to the Murrumbidgee River. Everyone was dressed in their Sunday finery, men with dark suits, ties and best hats and the ladies in long flowing gowns and jewellery. On reaching the river they stepped down from their carriages, brushed off the clinging dust as best they could and jostled for positions along the bank of the river. At nine o'clock a half company of the Queanbeyan Mounted Rifles marched out from the town adding to the cloud of dust on the plain. By noon that Wednesday almost 1,500 dust sprinkled people had gathered. The biggest collection of people the district had seen. Their carriages had been parked in a nearby field kindly thrown open by Mr A. J. Cunningham J.P; the horses grazed nearby. The great occasion was the long-awaited opening of the Tharwa Bridge spanning the Murrumbidgee.



The opening of Tharwa Bridge, 27 March 1895. In the front row from left to right are Edward O'Sullivan MP, Nellie Hamilton, Austin Chapman MP, George DeSalis. The two other figures in the front row are possibly the wife and daughter of George DeSalis. Mrs Elizabeth McKeahnne is seated in the carriage (Photo L. Gillespie 1991)

The bridge was in its finery too, artistically decorated for the occasion. A kind of triumphal arch made of greenery marked each end of the bridge with a banner emblazoned with the word 'Welcome'. Along the length of the bridge were similar smaller decorations and ribbons; 'making the structure gay in its baptismal robes' was one description.

An official procession of the invited dignitaries was planned to start from Lanyon but had to be rerouted because of the thick dust still hanging over the crowd. Instead, a cavalcade travelling a much shorter route to the bridge was formed. It consisted of the Queanbeyan band, the Queanbeyan Mounted rifles, recently arrived on foot, Mrs Elizabeth McKeahnne of Booroomba (the oldest female resident in the district), who was to cut the ceremonial ribbon, the two local politicians Messers Edward O'Sullivan MP and Austin Chapman MP and the Mayor and Mayoress of Queanbeyan. Following them were the carriages of principal residents of the district and escorting horsemen. The cavalcade entered the bridge through the green arch and halted midway. Mrs McKeahnne was assisted from her carriage

and presented with a 'handsome Morocco silk-lined case' containing a pair of gold-plated scissors by Mr O'Sullivan. The case bore the inscription:

*'Presented to Mrs C. McKeahnne
by C. McClure contractor,
on performing the ceremony
of christening Tharwa Bridge 27th March, 1895.*

In the centre of the bridge where the procession had halted a bottle of Champagne was suspended by a blue ribbon. Mrs McKeahnne alighted from her carriage, stepped up to the ribbon and, as if launching a battleship, with deft action severed the ribbon with her new scissors. The bottle swung towards the side of the structure, crashed into a wooden beam and scattered its fizzing contents on the floor of the bridge. Mrs McKeahnne declared: 'I name this structure the Tharwa Bridge'. With that the 1,500 eager onlookers cheered with great gusto and the band played proudly. One or two of the grazing horses looked up and blinked at the strange scene.

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TRAVELS WITH THE TRUST



GO TO GALLIPOLI II

An Archaeological & Historical tour to Turkey & Gallipoli
6 to 29 March 2008

If you like to tour in a small group then why not join ACT National Trust archaeologist, Dr Peter Dowling, together with an expert Turkish guide, on a tour of the world-famous historic places of Western Turkey and Gallipoli. On this tour we will travel through 8,000 years of human history from the Palaeolithic and Bronze Ages through to the Greek, Roman and Byzantium periods. The highlight of the tour is a comprehensive five day tour of the Gallipoli battlefields going to places few Australians visit. The guides will discuss both the Allied and Turkish sides of the battles right where they happened.

Cost \$9,350 pp (single supplement \$800 pp) includes:

- Professional English-speaking tour guide, as well as Dr Peter Dowling, throughout
- return economy class airfares to Istanbul from Canberra/Sydney or Melbourne flying Singapore Airlines
- twin/double share first-class accommodation
- breakfast and dinner daily and lunches, as specified on the itinerary
- all touring as stated in the itinerary by air-conditioned coach
- entrance fees and admissions to museums, specified as being visited on the itinerary
- tips and gratuities at hotels and restaurants utilised on the tour
- applicable prepaid ticket taxes and fuel surcharges
- luggage handling/porterage in all hotels (one suitcase per person)
- 20 kg (44 lbs) free baggage allowance

If you are interested ring the Trust on (02) 6230 0533 and place your expression of interest – \$100 (\$75 refundable if you decide later not to come).

For a full itinerary of the tour go to our website at www.act.nationaltrust.org.au



VISITING THE VIKINGS TOUR

Departing 6th August 2008 for 31 days

Following previous archaeological and history tours to Turkey, Egypt and this year to Greece, led by archaeologist Dr Peter Dowling, the National Trust is organising another tour based on a similar theme. The itinerary will focus on Viking history and culture in Scandinavia and Great Britain. The tour will be in two parts.

Part one will take in Denmark, Norway and Sweden and will include a cruise in one of Norway's World Heritage fiords, a visit to see Denmark's famous bog body, Tollund Man; a three night stay on the Swedish World Heritage listed island of Gotland and tours of museums to see the famous Viking boats and artefacts.

Part two will take in Helsinki; three nights in the marvelous city of St Petersburg in Russia and then to York, England, to visit this city founded by the Vikings and experience the Jorvik Viking Centre where you can get face to face with the Vikings. Tour participants will have the option of doing just part one of the tour or continuing on to do part two. Note: this option does not extend to doing only part two of the tour.

Full Tour (Parts 1 & 2)

\$19,250 (single supp \$3,250)

Part One

\$14,750 (single supp \$2,300)

Includes air travel, hotels, breakfast & dinner each day, ground travel & entrance to all sites.

There are still a few places available on this tour.

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CONCERT DETAILS

A. Thursday 5 June 2008

Mozart and R Strauss

'Mozart's Jupiter Symphony and Strauss' Alpine Symphony'
Conductor Charles Dutoit

B. Thursday 3 July 2008

Hayden and Mahler

Haydn Sinfonia Concertante in B Flat
Mahler Symphony Number 1
Conductor Gianluigi Gelmetti

C. Thursday 13 November 2008

Elgar

Violin Concerto
Enigma Variations
Pomp and Circumstance – Marches
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 one month prior to each of the concert dates.

5 DAY CENTRAL WESTERN NSW TOUR

Houses, heritage, galleries and gardens

September 15th to September 19th 2008

The National Trust, in conjunction with Travelscene Canberra City is offering a coach tour for up to 40 people to tour regional New South Wales. The tour will be led by Pamela Weiss, who is a National Trust member and also a volunteer guide at the National Gallery of Australia.



First we travel via Boorowa to Cowra to visit the Japanese Gardens and the Art Gallery, then on to Blayney before stopping overnight at Bathurst. Next day we explore Bathurst, visit the Art Gallery, lunch at a National Trust home and tour Millthorpe before heading to Orange for our second night.

On day three, we explore Orange, visit the Art Gallery, lunch in Molong at a Cobb & Co staging post on our way to Dubbo for the night. In Dubbo, we will visit the Old Dubbo Gaol, the Art Gallery and Museum before heading to Dundullimal, our second National Trust home for lunch. On to Parkes for a close-up look at "The Dish" before heading to Forbes for our last night.

Our last day will be spent exploring Forbes and Grenfell before visiting Iandra Castle and enjoying lunch at Sunnyside Rose Gardens. We will make our way back to Canberra via Young, Wombat and Harden.

Cost pp based on twin share:

Members: \$1100 Non Members: \$1,120
(Single supplement \$160)

Covers travel in a first class chartered coach, accommodation in four star motels, breakfast on four days, dinner with drinks on four days, and morning tea and lunch on five days. Entry fees to all venues will also be covered by the fare.

If you are interested ring the Trust on (02) 62300533 to register your expression of interest - \$50 (\$25 refundable if you later decide not to go). Balance will be payable to Travelscene.

Travelscene
Canberra City

Travelling somewhere?

Even if you are not Travelling with the Trust you can still arrange all your travel details with Travelscene Canberra City.

Just contact Gay Boersma on 6247 6544.

Travelscene Canberra City is a corporate member of the ACT National Trust

LIFE AT THE TOP – WEEKEND TRIP TO CABRAMURRA AND SURROUNDS

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme, ghost towns and caves

5-6 April 2008

The National Trust, in conjunction with Travelscene Canberra City is offering a coach tour for up to 33 people to tour Cabramurra and surrounding townships in the Snowy Mountains region of New South Wales. Michele Whitters, who is a National Trust member and lived in Cabramurra during the 1950's, will lead the tour.

During the 1950's Cabramurra, the highest township in Australia, was a hub of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme. Around two hundred families and thousands of men from many different nationalities lived in this northern construction camp. Today, Cabramurra presents as a modern, quiet, township with a small population of only a couple of hundred people.

On this 2 day tour we will be able to gain a broad historical perspective of living and working in this region during the building of the Scheme, and explore the natural beauty and breathtaking views of the Snowy Mountains. The tour will also provide the opportunity to visit some of the great engineering projects of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme.

On Saturday we will visit the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Information Centre in Cooma before traveling through Adaminaby and Kiandra to Cabramurra where we will have a tour of the town and reflect on the way of life for families living in the regions during the building of the Scheme. We will then travel to Tumut Ponds Dam before making our way back to Adaminaby via the Providence Portal and Kiandra cemetery and ghost town.

On Sunday, we will travel to Yarrangobilly Caves (and take a guided tour of one of the Caves). We will move onto Happy Valley where lunch will be served at the museum (Happy Valley is an historic thousand acre sheep and cattle property that has been the home of six generations of the Locker family since 1848). Old Adaminaby and Lake Eucumbene will be our last visits before making our way back to Canberra.

Cost pp based on twin share:

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Covers travel in a first class chartered coach, accommodation at the Adaminaby Country Inn Motel, breakfast, dinner with drinks, and morning tea and lunch on both days. Entry fees to the Yarrangobilly Caves will also be covered.

If you are interested ring the Trust on (02) 62300533 to register your expression of interest - \$50 (\$25 refundable if you later decide not to go). Balance payable by the end of the first week in March to Travelscene Canberra City.

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NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE

The National History Challenge is an Australia-wide contest that encourages students to use research and inquiry-based learning to discover more about Australia and its past. The challenge provides the opportunity for students to become historians by investigating their community, exploring their own and their family's past and exploring major past events that have taught Australia, as a nation, new ideas or theories. The theme for the 2007 challenge was 'Lessons from the Past.'

The Australian Council of National Trusts has been a proud sponsor of this competition. Natalie Shadwell from Alfred Deakin High School, was the 2007 ACT winner with this essay on the social and emotional effects following Cyclone Tracey which ravaged Darwin on Christmas Day, 1974. Natalie also won the ACT historian of year.

Lessons from the Past – Cyclone Tracy

Natalie Shadwell

One very important lesson to be learnt from Cyclone Tracy is that during times of natural disaster the emotional needs of the survivors must be considered as well as their physical needs. Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin on the 24th of December, 1974. The cyclone lasted for five hours with wind speeds of up to 200km/h. The city of Darwin was devastated, with 90% of all buildings destroyed and over 30 000 people left homeless. There was no electricity, running water or sanitation. This meant that immediately after the cyclone the majority of Darwin's residents were evacuated; only a small number remained to clean up and start rebuilding the city. This divided the people into two groups; those who were evacuated and those who remained in Darwin. Both these groups had emotional needs, such as to have a sense of belonging, maintain contact with family and friends and have a sense of control and direction over their lives. However, the evacuation of Darwin resulted in these needs not being met for many of the survivors. It was only after the city was rebuilt that it was realised that "in particular, it is necessary ...to understand the emotional impact that this disaster had on the lives of people".¹

Many of the 35 000 people who were evacuated lost their sense of community and belonging. Initially many people, particularly mothers with young children, were happy to leave, especially after being reassured that they could return at any time. The evacuees were given the choice of several major cities as their destination, resulting in the citizens of Darwin being scattered across Australia, isolating them from their community and friends. Many families were also separated as husbands stayed in Darwin and their wives and children were evacuated. Although they were given adequate housing in reception centres, migrant centres and hostels it is "not what I would regard psychologically as adequate shelter. Shelter is where your home is".² Many people soon suffered from a feeling of isolation and decided that they wanted to return to Darwin. However, the government had introduced a permit system, allowing only a select few back into the city. People felt cut off as they could not return to their homes or community.

Many evacuees felt that they had lost control of their lives because they did not know what was happening in Darwin and could not obtain permission to return to the city. Once evacuated, communication with Darwin was difficult and people did not know how the cleanup was going or if rebuilding had begun. Many attempted to gain permits to return to the city, but were refused and given no indication of how long it would be before they could return. It was difficult for people "not knowing what went on, not having a part to play in it and, in fact, losing control over your own life".³ It was not until five months after the cyclone that the permit system was taken out of practice and although many people returned to Darwin, there were many that did not. Some "had been away for far too long and had found a new community and place to live",⁴ others felt that they could not return to Darwin to live with the possibility of another cyclone.

The people who were allowed to remain in Darwin had a sense of belonging and achievement. They were to assist with the clean up and rebuilding of the city. The relief effort was coordinated by Major-General Alan Stretton, head of the Natural Disasters Organisation. On Boxing Day, Stretton organised the remaining citizens into committees, each responsible for specific tasks such as the distribution of food, and the clearing of the port ready for the arrival of the Navy. People assisting with the clean up were given a sense of purpose and achievement – "the people of Darwin can now face the world, proud of the fact that they pulled themselves out of the rubble by their own bootstraps".⁵ Stretton held daily meetings to keep all the committees informed. Through their work and Stretton's communications, the people felt that they had some control over their lives as they knew what was happening and were able to do something to help put their lives back together – "I've had that sense of continuity in rebuilding my home and my city and my life without interruption".⁶ This strong sense of achievement and belonging within the community helped people to deal with the destruction of their everyday lives.

1 Stretton, A – *Soldier in a Storm* pg 239

2 Lawrie, D – quoted in Bunbury, B, *Cyclone Tracy Picking up the Pieces* - pg 129

3 Lawrie, D – quoted in Bunbury, B - *Cyclone Tracy Picking up the Pieces* - pg 127

4 Keith Smith

5 Stretton, A – *Soldier in a Storm* - pg 259

6 Lawrie, D – quoted in Bunbury, B - *Cyclone Tracy Picking up the Pieces* - pg 109

Although those who stayed in Darwin had a sense of belonging and achievement they were lacking the emotional support of their immediate family. Due to the high number of people evacuated, many of those remaining were separated from their wives and children and did not know when they would be able to bring them back to the city. This resulted in people feeling stressed and depressed after weeks without their family. The evacuees were greatly missed by everybody - "We missed them and they missed us".⁷ Without children "a society ceases to exist".⁸ Many people were unable to bring their families back for several months, due to the government's permit system. This caused great emotional distress as the families were separated for long periods of time and over great distances.

After Cyclone Tracy many of the emotional needs of the residents of Darwin were not met. The majority of the population was evacuated and not allowed to return for several months. This took away their sense of community and belonging. Their sense of control over their lives seemed to be lost as they were not allowed to return to Darwin and were given very little information about what was happening there. Those who remained in Darwin had a sense of belonging and community, but they did not have the emotional support usually

provided by their families. In times of natural disaster the emotional needs of the people involved must be considered and given a higher priority than they were given in Darwin.

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The destruction of Cyclone Tracey, Darwin December 1974 (photo D. Dowling 1974)

THE GRAND DAY THE BRIDGE WAS OPENED (continued from p7)

The procession then made its way across the bridge where Mrs McKeahnie was presented to Mrs Cunningham and 'other prominent ladies.' A group photograph was then taken with the military contingent seated on their horses forming a background. At the front of group next to Edward O'Sullivan stood a special guest, Nellie Hamilton. Nellie (or Queen Nellie as she was then commonly referred) was believed to be the last surviving full-blood member of the Ngunnawal people of the Canberra/ Queanbeyan area.

Then came the official speeches. Amongst those giving discourse was Mr. George Fane DeSalis, son of Count Leopold Fane DeSalis formerly of Cuppacumbalong, the nearest property on the western side of the river. George DeSalis, standing on the seat of a carriage, referred to the importance of the bridge to the district and the advantages it would confer to the residents west of the river and to the years of inconvenience they had endured for want of an all-weather crossing. Mr. Edward O'Sullivan MP, who had been instrumental in procuring government funding for the bridge, then climbed up into the carriage and, trying to avoid party politics, on this occasion at least, proclaimed that they were standing on the confines of civilisation. The unbridged river, he said, had been a bar to progress and prosperity as for long periods of the year the people could neither get their stock to market nor procure provisions for their sustenance. It was this state of things which had animated him to agitate for so long for a bridge. As long as he was their local member, O'Sullivan claimed (now launching into politics), he would see that the communities on the western side of the river would suffer no more. Austin Chapman then stood and admitted that while he had first opposed the expense incurred by the government in building the bridge (£4,469.14.10) he could now see by the enthusiasm of the large crowd that building it had been desperately needed and that it was the right thing. Christopher McClure, the bridge contractor, was next and admitted in a short speech that he was a better bridge builder than a speech maker but nevertheless, thanked the people for the strong appreciation of his work.

The speeches completed, it was time to celebrate the opening of this new engineering marvel. The Queanbeyan Mounted Rifles gave a display of riding and tent-pegging; there were games for the children, a cricket match and even a baby show. By late afternoon the horses became restless and it was time to head for home although some stayed on for a formal ball held that evening. The long trek back across the Tuggeranong Plain began raising the dust once again. But despite long speeches and the soiled gowns the 1,500 people knew that the Tharwa Bridge did indeed represent a new boost to the economy of the region and more freedom of movement for the residents on either side of the river. It had indeed been a grand day.

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- 1 The last decade of the nineteenth century was marked by a debilitating drought. Known as the 'Federation Drought' it finally broke in 1902. Along with the drought the last decade was renowned for a severe economic depression which plunged many landholders into bankruptcy.

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SOME REFLECTIONS OF EARLY CANBERRA

ELECTRIFICATION, SWIMMING AND SCHOOLS

Audrey Harvey

Editors' note: The following are just a few extracts from an unpublished paper by Audrey Harvey entitled 'Public Works and Personal Recollections.'

The electrification of Hall

A very important history of Canberra should not be overlooked – electrification of the rural areas within the Territory. In 1939 the Hall Progress Association wrote to the then Department of Interior requesting consideration be given to connecting Hall to electricity. The Naval Wireless Station at Belconnen was electrified and it was suggested a single phase line be extended from the Wireless Station to Hall, servicing the Ginninderra Wool Shed, Ginninderra Post Office and the old Police Station. The number of prospective consumers (apart from the school and houses departmentally owned) were twenty to thirty.

Lack of water was a problem and a deputation from Hall waited on the Honourable S. Foll, Minister the Interior. In 1941 there were approximately 160-170 residents living in the area and during the previous two summers it was necessary to cart water and travel to Queanbeyan for a 'bath'.

One mother, with five children, whose husband was in camp, had to cart water in buckets from the Hall Showground. Families seriously considered moving into Ainslie, thereby occupying houses formerly allocated to Public Servants. However, the majority of the blocks were freehold and residents were reluctant to leave.

In 1941 Mrs McCauley wrote to the Department:

Just a line to ask if you would be kind enough to help us poor strugglers at Hall to get water and light and sanitary carried out. We appealed to Mr Foll until we got fed up with his promises. Our folk has [sic] to work hard to earn a bare existence and if we had water we could give the workers vegetables to eat. The water is laid to Belconnen and the electric light lines are only half a mile from the town so we

women are hoping this won't fall on deaf ears. Nearly everyone voted for Labour [sic] here, so please do something for us.

By 1948 servicing was under way and properties such as Fairview, Wattle Park, Gledeswood, the Church and School Hall were connected.

Swimming

From 1925 to 1930 with public servants shifting from areas such as Melbourne, where there were beaches to cool off in summer conditions; in Canberra they were faced with treeless plains, houses and buildings far apart from each other, unsealed streets – and the dry hot summer. Swimming holes were to be found in the Molonglo River, Cotter or the Murrumbidgee Rivers for those with transport. The road to the coast was a tortuous route and as a safety precaution the *Canberra Times* published details of routes to be followed.



*A young bathing belle posing on the Power Station outlet pipe
1943 (Photo Audrey Harvey private collection).*

Allegations of pollution pushed the citizens to clamour for better swimming conditions, which the Federal Capital Commission could not accommodate. Members of Parliament living in Canberra for long periods of time helped the final push for a swimming pool through the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works.

In 1929 a question was asked in the Senate:

Is it a fact that thousands of pounds have been spent to provide golf links in Canberra: if so, will the government erect swimming baths for the lower paid servants of the Commonwealth who for financial reasons are unable to take up golf?

Sir John Butters replied:

Continual agitation for kerbs and gutters, a moratorium on rates and rents, reduced pastoral rents, free noxious weed cutting, reduced city rents, and cheaper recreation, is giving Canberra the name of a place where the residents are always wanting something for nothing.

However, the FCC did come up with two suggestions, one, a cement based pool above river level near the power house, the second, a larger earth concrete pool using river water near the Acton flats. This was deemed too expensive as water would have to be pumped from the Cotter River.

In the 1920s a popular swimming spot was Acton, beneath the Bachelors' Quarters. Acton was a relatively strong administrative and domestic centre. However, it was the Power House site that was developed as a swimming site. It had limitations for swimming, let alone swimming carnivals. Murky water, often most unhygienic, muddy river banks, a river subject to flooding and an overall pastoral atmosphere. The huge pipe forming the basis of the diving tower was a small bonus for the swimmers. It carried warm water from the Power house cooling system to the river and swimmers could find warm patches of water near the outlet. There is no record of temperatures available, but the warm water must have assisted algae growth.

By 1929 a sub-committee for Public Baths had been formed, various sites were contemplated; the preferred site within Waratah Park, now known as Telopea park was decided by the Civic Administrator, with work commencing in July 1930. [The 'Swimming Pool, or as we know it today the Manuka Pool, was officially

opened on 26 January 1931]¹ A small anecdote – when the site was being excavated some lads from Telopea Park School sneaked in to have a look, found some fossilised trilobites (extinct arthropods) and took them home. After parental discussion, Gough was allowed to keep them – signed by Freda Whitlam!

Schooling

In 1910 the effective educational facilities consisted of just over a dozen scattered and fairly primitive bush schools run by the NSW Government, catering for an attendance of less than 250 children. By the end of 1912, the Commonwealth agreed that NSW would supply the manpower and administrative machinery, while the Commonwealth would be responsible for salaries, maintenance and erection of the buildings.

The need for better schooling was not lost on all residents, for example, John Murray, the local baker, looked to the 'probability of a fairly large population settling here in the near future.' However, World War I held up development and it was not until 1921 that the FCC came up with a plan, recommending the erection of two primary schools, one the Ainslie Primary school, an advanced secondary school and teacher housing, with a technical college to follow shortly after. With the appointment of Mr Cecil Henry as headmaster, the Telopea Park Superior Public School opened in October 1923. The initial enrolment was 50 pupils with an increase of 120 pupils by the end of that year.

Secondary education in the ACT suffered in the Depression years. Finance was short and the Commonwealth was reluctant to take formal responsibility for secondary schooling in the territory. Secondary education was still regarded as the prerogative of the elite and, remained with private schools to a large extent. Hence Telopea Park was given the status of Intermediate High School.

However, by 1938 the Canberra high School was under way and in 1940 it enrolled students on purely academic grounds under a new selective system. Telopea Park began to cater for secondary students with broader qualifications and needs. In the late 1950s the much criticised selective system was abandoned and it was decided that High Schools should serve all the needs of students in their particular area.

¹ See "Who's Going to be First Today?" The oral history of Manuka Swimming Pool, by Margaret Park, *Heritage in Trust*, Spring 2006

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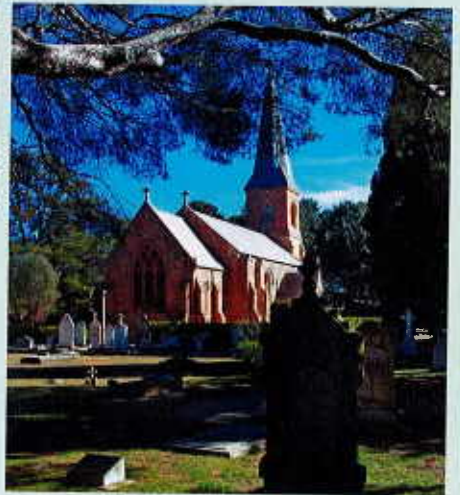
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