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*That's  
one small step  
for man...*





*City Hill*

*Source – NCDC, c. 1960s*

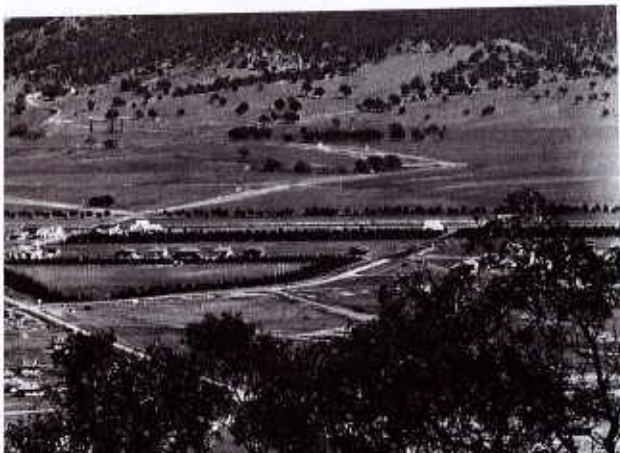


*Telopea Park*

*Source – NCDC, early 1980s*

*Charles Weston, c. 1926*  
*Weston Family Collection*

*A typical depiction of Weston laying-out a planting at the federal capital site. It was a scene repeated on numerous occasions between 1913 and 1926.*





# CREATING THE BUSH CAPITAL

## THE CHARLES WESTON STORY

John Gray

*(This is a brief summary of an illustrated talk by landscape architect Dr John Gray that followed the Trust's AGM at the Albert Hall on 21 October 2008)*

Many complimentary remarks made about Canberra refer to the city's natural assets. The city's landscape setting, both natural and planted, creates a unique image for Canberra that is entirely different to the image of Australia's other capital cities. The term 'bush capital' is still used by many to describe Canberra.

The origin of this unique image can be found principally in the work of two people. On the one hand architect and landscape architect Walter Burley Griffin ensured, with his brilliant plan in the 1910s, that the city was to be related to its natural landscape setting. On the other horticulturist Charles Weston successfully pioneered, in the 1910s, the reforestation and conservation of the city's site and, in the 1920s, the planting of the city itself.

### BEFORE CANBERRA

To understand why Weston, born in England in 1866, was so successful at Canberra it is useful to look back at his previous work and at the people who influenced him. By the time he arrived at the federal capital site to take up his appointment as Officer-in-charge Afforestation Branch at age 46, he was highly experienced in the areas of expertise required there.

He had held significant positions at Dumfriesshire, Scotland and Sydney, NSW. At the former he worked, in his 20s, at Drumlanrig Castle, where detailed horticulture was practised on a grand scale – the gardens there had an outstanding reputation. He was greatly influenced by Drumlanrig's head gardener David Thomson, one of Britain's great horticulturists. Thomson recognised Weston's innate horticultural skills and his potential as a leader and promoted him to 'Principle Foreman'. Forestry was also practised at Drumlanrig.

In Sydney he worked as head gardener at two important gardens – Admiralty House (1898 to 1908), and Government House (1908 to 1912) – and as superintendent of the NSW State Nursery at Campbelltown (1912 to 1913). Over these 15 years he worked directly under Joseph Maiden, the head of the Sydney Botanic Gardens. Maiden was highly respected at that time for his contribution to thinking in botany, horticulture, forestry and garden cities in Australia. It is clear Weston's thinking on all these aspects was greatly influenced by Maiden – they maintained contact after 1913 while Weston was in Canberra.

In 1911 Weston visited, for the first time, the federal capital site to advise on the establishment of an experimental nursery. During 1911 and 1912 he directed its establishment. Weston's abilities were quickly recognised and in 1913 he was formally appointed to the federal capital.

### AFFORESTATION AND CONSERVATION

Weston's appointment as Officer-in-charge, Afforestation Branch reflected the concern at that time for the condition of the federal capital site. The surrounding hills had been heavily cleared by the settlers and were eroding – they needed restoration.

He was based at Acton, the place from which the planning and construction of the federal capital was directed. The government constructed there an administrator's residence (Canberra House), offices, living quarters for bachelors, residences for married staff, and so forth. In addition to the experimental nursery he had already established. Weston carried out landscaping of all of these facilities to improve the amenity of the area. His garden at Canberra House was outstanding.

Weston lived in a two-roomed hut and for the next 9 years saw his family in Sydney only four times a year.

He set himself an objective to "reserve at an early date mountains and hills" with a view to reforestation through various methods. He also aimed to establish a "first class Forest and General Nursery" and to raise large stocks of suitable plants for planting. In addition he saw the need for controls to be placed on ringbarking and clearing.



*Yarralumla Nursery and Westbourne Woods  
arboretum, 1945*

*Source – RAAF Airphoto, 30 May 1945, V93*

*Weston commenced establishment of the area in 1914.*

*To the north is the forty hectare nursery/  
experimental area and to the south the 120 hectare  
demonstration and testing arboretum.*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is pleasing to have the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival back in the April time frame and to include World Heritage Day as part of the program. This is a more effective time and coincides with the NSW Heritage Festival, which means coordination of regional activities and a stronger focus on our heritage. I hope all members will participate in the activities and enjoy the program.

The National Trust Council (ACT) is putting in place a new strategic plan for the next 3 years which will include setting realistic goals and working to achieve them. It will include all our committees and require an overall coordinated effort.

The Trust income relies on several streams. The federal grant and the Old Parliament House shop are the major contributors in addition to the membership fees. The shop will be up for retender later this year, which will be another challenging task.

I would like to congratulate Viggo Pedersen for his long term dedication and loyalty and for being named our Volunteer of the Year for 2008. The Trust values greatly our volunteers and there are a number opportunities for volunteers to contribute. These include being a member of our committees or even assisting in the office in an

ad hoc way. If you are interested and available for a few hours a week we would welcome your contribution. Please contact the office to discuss further.

The challenges for heritage in the ACT will continue to be:

- the pressure on inner areas
- the retention of the Garden City heritage values
- the exact role of the NCA
- the need to protect all parts of our heritage from national values to local values no matter under what planning control they fall
- the future of the Molonglo Valley
- ensuring our endangered heritage is not lost (eg Brickworks), and
- making sure work is completed on other items (eg Albert Hall, Tharwa Bridge).

The National Trust has an important part to play in pressing the various arms of government to recognise and to protect our heritage. I welcome the contribution of our members to this process.

**Eric J Martin**

3 January 2009

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Questions and answers one hears in everyday conversations help in understanding the common ideas communities hold. I often hear "What does the National Trust do?" or "I should belong to the Trust but have not got around to joining". There are many community issues dominating the news. Why should community awareness of the value and protection of heritage places and objects be a priority? Fortunately we can be interested and concerned with many community issues at once; and in doing so understand the many layers of stories making up our community – sometimes creating part of the story ourselves. National Trust members can decide on the level of active involvement in Trust activities that suits them. Our 2009-2011 strategic plan aims for greater members' involvement. Telling others what the National Trust does and the benefits of being a member would be a great start: as would suggestions to us. With 80,000 National Trust members across Australia, the message that Australia's heritage matters should be clear.

This Heritage in Trust issue details heritage tours, walks and talks planned for 2009. We are pleased that our Canberra Heritage Festival events are co-sponsored with other organisations promoting Canberra's heritage; and cover a broad range relating to the International Year of Astronomy, the Namadgi Walk and Talk, the Reid Walk and celebration of the Cotter.

Ongoing priorities for 2009 include taking on heritage planning issues as they arise; promoting community and student awareness of cultural heritage; and working with other National Trusts on national heritage initiatives. We will promote the annual National Heritage at Risk program and the National History Challenge competition for school children. Congratulations to the 2008 National Trust (ACT) prize winner, Ms Marie Kesina as the best final year student in the Cultural Heritage Management course at the University of Canberra.

**Sue Chambers**

5 January 2009



# 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 organised by the various committees of the ACT National Trust.*

## NOVI SCRIPTI

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

Margaret and Anna Boots	David and Elizabeth Liversidge
Andre Chalmers and Philippa Dixon	Kathleen Lovelock
K Duncan and L McCloskey	Margaret Mackie
Ian and Rosamund Dalziell	Anne McMillen and Bill Peel
Amanda East	Betty Millington
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Natalia and Stephen Forrest	Janet Minol
Dr John Gray OAM	Leon and Ruth Minol
Mike and Fran Heap	Joan Morgan and John Wilson
Geraldine Lawler and Phil Muttukumaru	Ann and Des Ritchens
	John and Jan Tucker

## 2008 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

*The volunteer of the year for 2009 is Mr Viggo Pedersen.*

Viggo is the current secretary of the Members Committee and has been a member since its beginning in 1999. At functions Viggo is always seen behind the bar and at Christmas Drinks at Huntly last year Viggo had a new role. He was seen sitting in the middle of the driveway directing traffic supporting a plaster cast on his leg. He was only discharged from hospital a couple of days prior after an operation on his foot.

Viggo has always been a supportive member and has been on several overseas and local tours and is a regular on the Sydney concert bus trips.

We would like to congratulate Viggo on his selection of Volunteer of the Year.



## MEMBERS EVENING

The Members Evenings are events where new members are invited to join us to meet members of our Council and existing Trust members and to listen to a presentation by a guest speaker. The evening is prepared by the Members Committee and a small nominal fee is charged to cover the costs.

Our next members evening will be in conjunction with the Friends of the National Museum on Wednesday 15th of April as part of the Heritage Festival celebrations.

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## HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Advertised in this magazine there is a list of the National Trust's activities during the Heritage Festival which will be held in the first two weeks in April. We would like to invite all our members and their friends to participate in some or all of these activities to support the ACT Trust in their aims in conservation and awareness of our heritage.

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

In the last issue of Heritage in Trust we put out an appeal to our members to assist on our Members Committee. We are repeating this appeal as there are still vacancies. This committee meets at 5.30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Old Parliament House Shop. We would welcome someone with new ideas and skills and willing to assist in the planning and organizing functions and activities for our members.

Even if you are unable to attend every meeting it is the new ideas and skills that we are seeking.

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.

Would you like to be part of this committee?

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## CHRISTMAS DRINKS AT HUNTLY

What wonderful weather greeted the 130 or so who attended the National Trust's Christmas get-together at 'Huntly'. As a first timer to this gathering, I was delighted to view John Gale's beautiful property on the road to Uriarra Crossing. What an oasis with a dam, sculptures and abundant colourful, shady gardens. Many thanks to John Gale for opening his property to the National Trust. The Members Committee were busy with a constant supply of food, making sure glasses were filled and selling raffle tickets. Now at the other end of the festive period I look back so fondly at this relaxing and enjoyable event in such peaceful surrounds. A stringed quartet entertained, topping off a great start to Christmas and New Year festivities—although next time I will bring a chair!



By Linda Roberts

### HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NEW WEB SITE?

We would welcome any comments and suggestions...

[www.nationaltrustact.org.au](http://www.nationaltrustact.org.au)

## Trusted Recipes

### SPICED PLUMS

My father was an Immigration Officer and, as a result, I spent much of my childhood living in Immigration Centres around Australia. We were fortunate therefore, to be exposed to a variety of foods unusual in Australia at that time.

My mother obtained the following recipe from Father Boris, a Russian Orthodox Priest at Cowra Immigration Centre in 1952. They are delicious with roast meats and with cold cuts and salads.

2.5 kg plums (blood plums are great for this but any plums can be used)

1.5 kg sugar

600 mls of vinegar

1 tablespoon cinnamon, ½ tablespoon whole spice and ½ tablespoon of whole cloves

Wash the plums and prick with a needle or fork. Boil the sugar, vinegar and spices together for 5 minutes and then pour the boiling syrup over the plums. Let stand for 3 days. Lift out the plums and boil down the syrup to half and quite thick add the plums. Pour into sterilized jars and seal.

Patricia Sullivan

## VOLUNTEERS LUNCH

The Volunteers Lunch was again held at Mugga Mugga with thanks to ACT Historic Places for again allowing us the use of the venue for no cost. We had a good turn up and welcomed volunteers from Mugga Mugga, Calthorpes' and Lanyon Homesteads as well as the National Trust committee members and volunteers from the office and the shop.

The National Trust would like to thank all the volunteers for their time and dedication during 2008.

Two volunteers were presented with their 10 years certificate of continuous voluntary service and we congratulate Shibu Dutta and Pam Behncke for their contribution and dedication.

The Trust also wishes to thank the Members Committee for arranging the function and for the great assortment of salads etc that were provided.

## SHOP NEWS

Firstly all the staff and volunteers would like to wish all our members and customers a safe, happy and prosperous 2009.

The first six months of the financial year have been very average. Due to the closure of the National Portrait Gallery the numbers of visitors to the shop dropped, particularly during the Floriade festival. But we hope that numbers will increase when the new Gallery of Democracy opens in May. Old Parliament House has given us permission to open the door to the balcony to permit School groups to enter and leave the shop. This will be for a trial period and hopefully we will be able to encourage its use.

The Shop featured in an ad in the Sydney Morning Herald in November, advertising the dismissal tea towel and the caricatures of the Prime Ministers. These were included in a combination of 'quirky' political gifts and we were very pleased with the results. Our mail order service was working overtime.

Keep an eye on our two specials tables for 25% and 50% discount bargains.

Three new books on local history have hit the shelves. The first 'A Little bit Australian' is Alex Jurkievicz's story giving a graphic personal picture of how one woman managed the drastic impact of war in Europe and met the challenges of making her way to Australia and settling in a foreign country. Alan Foskett has published 'the Campbell Community' which is the social history of the Canberra suburb of Campbell mainly between the years 1957-2008 (and before), including stories from many ex and current residents. Roger Pegrum's 'The Bush Capital' was first published in 1983 and has been revised, expanded and republished this year. It has always been a favourite and after all Canberra is still referred to as being the Bush Capital.



# HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

## GALLIPOLI

We were again deeply concerned to learn in late October 2008, of the latest phase of road works along the Second Ridge Road in the Anzac battlefield area of Gallipoli. As in 2005, when road upgrading was done along the coast road adjacent to Anzac Cove, human remains were uncovered. The Second Ridge Road runs between the Allied and Turkish lines and was where the majority of the fighting took place.

In 2005 the Trust made representations to the Minister for Veterans' Affairs expressing our concerns and presented a survey method aimed at conserving human remains and protecting them from road works in both these areas. We made further representations in 2007 to the (former) Prime Minister and Veterans' Affairs and in May 2008 to the current Minister for Veterans' Affairs. Below is our current letter responding to the October road works:

31 October 2008  
The Honourable Alan Griffin MP  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

### Anzac Area, Gallipoli

*The National Trust again wishes to express its concerns regarding the recent road works along the Second Ridge Road, Anzac area, Gallipoli.*

*Following the road works conducted on Beach Road near Anzac Cove in 2005 the National Trust made several representations to the former Prime Minister, the former Minister for Veterans' Affairs and to you (our letter 23 February 2008 & your reply 28 May 2008) and Office of Australian War Graves.*

*As part of our representations the Trust outlined the sensitive nature of the Second Ridge Road area and presented photographic evidence of human bone eroding to the surface along the road verge and the former trench parapets. Dr Peter Dowling, Heritage Officer for the ACT National Trust, has visited the Anzac area five times since 2003 and each visit he has found human bone on the surface along the Second Ridge. Dr Dowling is a trained archaeologist and biological anthropologist and has specialised in human bone in archaeological contexts.*

*We also provided a survey methodology to detect and manage exposed human bone in areas of high tourist visitation such as along the Second Ridge Road.*

*So far it seems, and in the light of the latest troubling news regarding human bone being disturbed by earth moving equipment, our concerns have not met with the consideration that we think appropriate.*

*We would be happy to meet with you and discuss these matters.*

*Yours faithfully*

Dr Graeme Blackman  
Chairman  
Australian Council of National Trusts

Sadly there seems to have been little success in this matter and in 2009 the Trust will continue efforts for a satisfactory resolution.

## CORRECTION

*In the winter edition of Heritage in Trust under Heritage @ Risk 2008 a comment was made about Lake Burley Griffin that 'There is no clear plan for future use of much of the shores and no comprehensive Master Plan has been produced'. This is not correct as the National Capital Plan has policies related to Lake Burley Griffin and foreshores. We apologise for this error. NCA also advises that a HMP of Lake Burley Griffin is being undertaken. The National Trust looks forward to its release for comment so that the community can review it to ensure heritage values around the lake are defined and protected.*

## YORK PARK

Some good news. In mid December 2008 the Trust reviewed and commented on new plans by the National Capital Authority to upgrade and protect the historic York Park North English oak plantation. The plantation, located on the corner of Kings Avenue and State Circle, Barton, was established on 10 May 1927 as part of the celebrations for the opening of Parliament in the new national capital. His Royal Highness the Duke of York, who opened Parliament, planted an English oak tree especially shipped to Australia from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. This oak tree still survives on the western corner of the plantation adjacent to the Kings Avenue, State Circle junction. This small plantation has long been largely neglected but the proposed plans will open it up for better public use and recreation. The Trust placed the park on its Classified List of significant places in 1996 and in 2004 advocated strongly for its retention when the Federal Department of Finance and Administration considered removing the trees to permit the construction of an office complex.

## AUSTRALIAN ALPS LISTED AS NATIONAL HERITAGE

Some more good news. The ACT Trust has endorsed the listing of the Australian Alps to the National Heritage List announced by the Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts, Mr Peter Garrett in November 2008. The listing covers 1.6 million hectares of national parks and reserves and takes in parts on the High Country of Victoria, the Snowy Mountains of New South Wales and the Namadgi National Park and Brindabella Range of the ACT. The ACT Trust has many Aboriginal, European and natural places in the Namadgi on our Classification listing. This national listing will give further protection of the biological, cultural and natural diversity of the Alps by bringing the region under Commonwealth legislation.



## EPBC ACT REVIEW

In December 2008 the Commonwealth Government called for input into a review of the current Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. This Act is the legal instrument designed to protect and conserve our natural and cultural heritage. As this review is of national concern the Australian Council of National Trusts has put together a very well considered and professional statement regarding the Act to which the ACT Trust contributed. We hope the review, which will take place in 2009, will ultimately lead to amendments to the Act, making it stronger and better able to protect the heritage listed places in Australia. We will be keeping a close eye as the process unfolds.

## HERITAGE@RISK

The Heritage@Risk program will be up and running again in 2009. This program, in which all the state and territory Trusts participate, has met with some success in the past few years with governments being made aware of public concern for our heritage places and taking conservation action (of course we would like the program to meet with more success by ensuring protection for all the places we list). If you are concerned about the deterioration or future of any place with historic/heritage values please contact us: [info@act.nationaltrust.org.au](mailto:info@act.nationaltrust.org.au) or 6230 0533.

Nominations close on 18 April 2009 (World Heritage Day).

Peter Dowling  
Heritage Officer

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(17 – 20 May 2009)

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For more information or to reserve a seat contact Julie Hutchens on (08) 9321 6088 or via [trust@ntwa.com.au](mailto:trust@ntwa.com.au) Bookings close 30 March 2009.

Contact Gay Boersma on 6247 6544 at Travelscene Canberra City to organize your travel arrangements to Perth or Kalgoorlie.



# TRAVELS WITH THE TRUST



Details of activities planned over the next few months are as follows:

## THREE CHURCHES AND CEMETERY OF HALL DISTRICT – HERITAGE TOUR

**Date:** Sunday 15 February 2009 2-4.00pm  
**Meeting Point:** Wattle Park Uniting Church, Barton Highway  
**Cost:** \$15.00 (members) \$20 (non members)  
 Limit 20

Named after the first resident landowner of the Ginninderra district Henry Hall, many stories related to Hall Village will be related on this tour. After St Michael (1945) we visit St Francis Xavier (1910) and Wattle Park Uniting Church (1882), before learning about Hall Cemetery. Whilst proclaimed as a general cemetery in 1883 the first recorded burial was in 1907. A welcome afternoon tea will be provided at Gumnut Café.

## THE MAGICAL MOLONGLO MYSTERY TOUR

**Date:** Sunday, 15 March from 2-4.00pm  
**Meeting Point:** Top Molonglo Mall, Fyshwick (near Mustang Ranch)

**Cost:** \$15 members and \$20 non members  
 Author Alan Foskett will lead the tour through parts of Fyshwick industrial area, which 90 years ago, was the site of the Molonglo Internment Camp (1918-1920) and the Molonglo Building Workers Settlement. We will look at where the watchtower, hospital, the internment camp's military unit and tenements were that housed and protected the internees. A gentle 5 – 10 minute walk will take us up Radio Hill to see the only tangible remains of this unique part of Canberra's history. Afternoon tea at nearby Pialligo will finish off the tour.

## SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DAY TRIPS

We had hoped to be able to offer our popular one day trips to SSO Concerts in Sydney again this year. Unfortunately, owing to a higher than expected take up of tickets by SSO Subscribers we have been unable to secure tickets for our preferred concerts.

As a result we will be unable to conduct these trips in 2009.

For reservations please ring the office on 6230 0533 or the shop on 6273 4744. Bookings are essential. Payment to be made at time of booking.

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September 2009

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The cost for this tour is \$19,280 per person twin share for Trust members and \$19,380 per person twin share for non Trust members.

Limit 30

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# Canberra & Region Heritage Festival 4-19 April 2009

## National Trust (ACT) Events

### Cotter Exhibition at Canberra Glassworks, Kingston

8 April – 24 May 2009

During the Heritage Festival a major exhibition will celebrate two of Canberra's industrial icons, the Cotter Pumping Station and the former Kingston Powerhouse (now Canberra Glassworks). Come and see photographic records, audiovisual presentations and commissioned new artworks inspired by the natural and cultural history of the Cotter Dam Precinct.

Location: 11 Wentworth Avenue, Kingston.

Open Wed-Sun 10am-4pm

For information phone 6260 7005.

### Mt Stromlo Observatory

Saturday 4 April 2009

Join us in an expert-led tour of Mount Stromlo Observatory, hosted by the National Trust (ACT).

Mt Stromlo is a leading centre for research covering the length and breadth of astronomy and astrophysics ranging from planetary science to cosmology.

Meet outside the front entrance of the Visitor's Centre at 1.45pm, tour begins at 2.00pm.

FREE - Bookings advisable. Phone 6230 0533.

### Canberra Deep Space Communications Complex at Tidbinbilla

Thursday 16 April 2009

Canberra is rich in space heritage - having played a prominent role in space exploration and astronomy. The National Trust has organised a guided tour at the Canberra Deep Space Communications Complex where we will learn more about the role of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Australia, see rocks from the moon, kinds of food the astronauts eat and a replica of the Mars Rover. The tour includes afternoon tea in the Moonrock Cafe.

Meet outside the front entrance at 1.45, tour begins at 2.00pm.

\$10 members, \$15 non members \$5 Children (under 12yrs)

Bookings essential. Phone 6230 0533.

### Namadgi Bushwalk

Sunday 5 April 2009 8 am – 5:30 pm

Senior Curator with the National Museum of Australia, Matthew Higgins, will take you on a bushwalk through the ACT regional high country. The 15 km walk will focus on the natural and cultural heritage of the Namadgi area. Good fitness for the walk is essential. Program presented in partnership with the ACT National Trust.

Bus departs at 8.00am from the National Museum of Australia.

Bookings essential on (02) 6208 5021.

FREE

### Namadgi Talk

Wednesday 15th April 2009 6pm

For those who could not go on the bushwalk, join us in a follow-up address by Matthew Higgins on the topic "Mountain Days, Mountain Ways" at the National Museum of Australia. This is a joint Members Night for the National Trust (ACT) and Friends of the National Museum of Australia event. Non-members are welcome.

\$5 members \$7.50 non members

Friends Room, National Museum of Australia

Bookings essential on (02) 6208 5048.

### Heritage@Cotter

Saturday 18 April 2009

As part of water security for the Canberra region, the Cotter Reservoir will be enlarged by 20 times by placing a new dam 125m downstream of the almost 100 year old Cotter dam. The Cotter dam was built to provide water security 100 years ago to establish Canberra as the national capital. The dam and its precinct have now become part of our heritage today. To celebrate our Cotter heritage, a Heritage@Cotter day will be a highlight event for the Heritage Festival - a day of fun, family entertainment, heritage, and information - celebrating ACT heritage as part of World Heritage Day. Come and enjoy the beautiful autumn colours at the Cotter and its heritage sites.

This is a joint venture including ACT Government and the National Trust (ACT)

More details to come when they are available.

See the Canberra & Region Heritage Festival website for some hundred heritage events: [www.events.act.gov.au](http://www.events.act.gov.au)

### Reid Garden Suburb:

From Aboriginal to European settlement – A Heritage Journey

Sunday 19 April 2009 2 pm to 4.30 pm

A two hour guided walk by the National Trust (ACT) and Reid Residents' Association Inc, including afternoon tea (courtesy of Reid Pre-school Parents' Association) a copy of the National Trust's Heritage Walk of Reid and a book on the Heritage of Reid.

The area around Reid was used extensively by Aborigines prior to colonisation. The walk will cover a total distance of about 5 km (with frequent stops) including the old Canberra railway line easement and a brief tour of the St John's Church precinct. Reid has been described as one of Australia's finest suburbs of the 1920s and 30s, and the area demonstrates influences of the English garden city movement. The limited range of houses, designed especially for Canberra, established the architectural character of the area.

A good pair of walking shoes, water and a hat would be required.

\$20 National Trust members \$25 non members.

Commencing Glebe Park, (corner of Akuna & Bunda Streets)

Numbers: Limited to a maximum of 20 persons (with two guides)

Bookings essential. Phone 6230 0533.

**For bookings and further information on any of the above activities contact the National Trust Office on 62300533 or check our website [www.nationaltrustact.org.au](http://www.nationaltrustact.org.au)**



Weston placed a great deal of emphasis on experimentation so as to arrive at sound decisions on what to plant and how to plant. He located quickly a 160 hectare site at Yarralumla for both a major nursery where he could experiment and produce large numbers of plants and also a large arboretum where he could test the potential of a wide range of native and exotic trees. He called these Yarralumla Nursery and Westbourne Woods. Both have survived the passage of time, although the latter is leased to the Royal Canberra Golf Club with conditions on the continued testing and study of trees. The former has produced trees and shrubs for planting in Canberra throughout the city's history.

During the period 1913 to 1920 some 800,000 trees and shrubs were raised by Weston and planted in the field on various afforestation projects. By 1924 some 1046 hectares had been established including Mt Stromlo, Mt Majura and Bullen/Murrumbidgee, and a number of Griffin initiated projects. The latter included the three Green Hills, the coloured hills (Mt Mugga, Red Hill and Mt Russell), the Eastlake redwoods and a cork oak plantation. Most have survived, wholly or partially, to this day.

## CITY PLANTING

Following protracted arguments with Walter Burley Griffin over the planning and construction of the city, the government decided in early 1921 to hand responsibility to a Federal Capital Advisory Committee chaired by architect John Sulman. Griffin declined to join this committee, the chief objective of which was to achieve the transfer of the federal parliament to Canberra and all the development associated with that move.

Concurrently Charles Weston was appointed Director, City Planting with a commitment to work in association with the Advisory Committee on the development of the city. As part of his appointment he negotiated to ensure he was able to use deciduous trees in addition to the coniferous and native ones that Griffin wanted to use. Weston was to have a reasonably free hand.

The period 1921 to 1926 was for Weston the most fulfilling time in his career from which he retired in 1926 at age 60. By the 1920s he had, through experimentation, developed an understanding of the trees and shrubs that could perform satisfactorily and he knew well the nature of the federal capital site, particularly its windy exposed character, poor soils and low soil moisture. His planting designs reflected these key factors – he used dense plantings and large trees and made minimal use of irrigated lawn.

He laid out and planted over 50 significant landscapes most of which survive to this day. Some 1.2 million trees and shrubs were used. The most significant landscapes he created were the gardens surrounding (Old) Parliament House, Commonwealth and Kings Avenue, Hotel Canberra, City Hill, Anzac Park, Dunrossil Drive, Government House, parts of the present day suburbs of

Braddon, Kingston, Barton, Manuka, Forrest, Red Hill and Griffith, Haig, Telopea and Collins Parks, Northbourne and Manuka Ovals, Ainslie and Northbourne Avenues, and Gorman House.



*The gardens surrounding Old Parliament House, late 1920s*

Source – NAA: A3560, 32

*The 35 hectare gardens were laid out by Weston in 1926. His high density plantings with large trees were in scale with the large spaces sought and consistent with the need for wind protection on the originally exposed site.*

## THE WESTON LEGACY

The planting of trees and parks at Canberra was highly praised in 1955 by the Senate Select Committee inquiring into the development of Canberra. Weston's approach to planting has greatly influenced the way in which the capital's landscape has evolved to the present day.

Weston retired to Sydney and died at Turramurra in 1930. He was always modest about his achievements. Despite numerous invitations he did not write on his Canberra experience – it was more in the nature of Weston as the creator to let his landscape plantings tell the story as they grew. He knew his plantings would one day achieve maturity and dominate the federal capital in a unique way.

Charles Weston's landscape design, planting and conservation work in the city's foundation days made an unparalleled contribution to the achievement of a unique federal capital. His achievements and dedication deserve wider recognition.

By John G



# MYTH BUSTED!

## AMAZING TOUR EXPOSES TRUTH ABOUT VIKING HELMETS

The Viking Tour 2008 conducted by the National Trust (ACT) in conjunction with Travelscene Canberra was for me a truly unforgettable experience.

I and a group of twenty or so other like-minded people soaked up facts and figures about Viking culture, history and mythology. We became as familiar with Viking burial mounds, ships and daring exploits as we are with the icons of Canberra. We travelled to world heritage sites and medieval cities. We sailed on fjords in boats; rode up and down mountains in trains; and sailed the Baltic in style - all the time in the capable hands of Peter and Dianne Dowling and our Swedish guide Bengt. Individual tastes were catered for, of course - plenty of shopping opportunities, tours of the great cities of Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, St Petersburg and York and drop-ins to souvenir shops. Visits to museums and cultural sites were a daily occurrence, including a day at Legoland in Denmark for a little bit of contemporary culture.

Highlights for me, apart from immersing ourselves in a lost world populated by kings, commoners and saints all seemingly called Erik, were the world heritage sites of Bergen and Sognefjord in Norway. I loved visiting Upsala in Sweden, the home of Carl Linneaus and the childhood home of Hans Christian Andersen in Odense. I was intrigued by the former power and glory of the Hanseatic League and yearn to know more. I was astounded by the Rune alphabet and stones, Tollund Man and the beauty and intelligence of our Swedish guide on Birka. I loved the old cities of Ribe, Stockholm, Visby and Tallinn with their paved streets and obviously loved buildings. And I quite lost myself in the churches, like the Nevsky Cathedral in Tallinn and the Church on Spilled Blood in St Petersburg.

Sometimes we encountered experiences unexpected and full of wonder, such as the community thatched-roof raising on Gotland where we were welcomed as long-lost friends or the little drama going on behind the scenes at the folkloric restaurant in St Petersburg - gangster types huddled up the back in serious conversation ignoring the floor show and the drunken bodyguard/policeman complete with kevlar vest who was thrown out by staff only to return with flowers for the dancers he had insulted.

Having Peter provide insightful commentary on the Vikings as we travelled gave an added



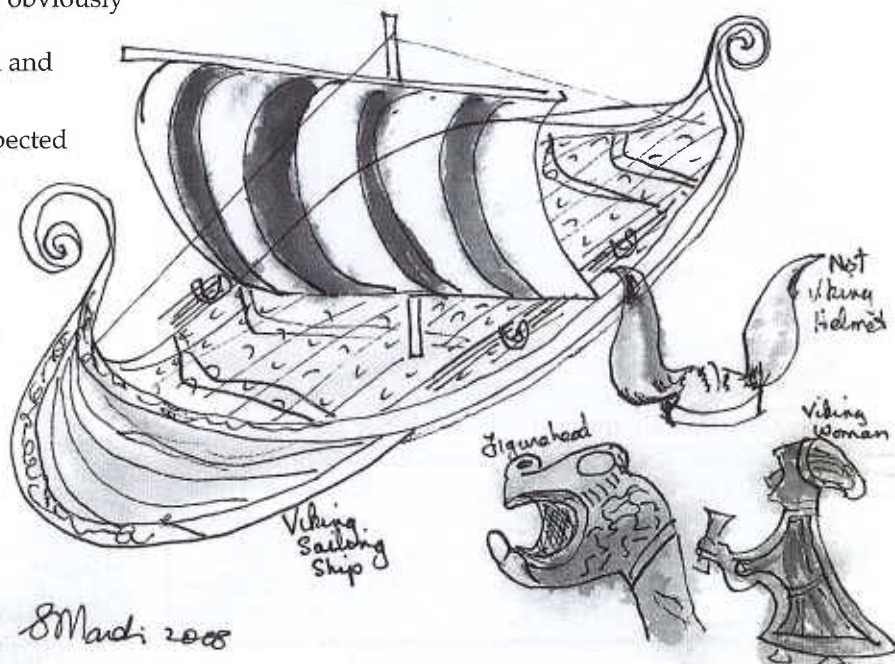
dimension to this tour. He made each and every burial mound sound exciting and unique; he busted long held myths about the Vikings; and faced daily challenges with good grace. Dianne had planned the meals, which were as varied and delicious as the countries we visited. Accommodations were comfortable and the company was excellent. We had a reunion in December where friendships were renewed and stories swapped.

I wouldn't have missed this tour for the world.

Oh, I suppose you want to know the truth about Viking helmets? Well, just ask Peter, he'll tell you.

Geraldine Martin  
December 2008

*(A note from Peter: Despite a long-standing and widespread popular belief the Vikings **did not have horns on their helmets.**)*





# COTTER DAM – A PART OF CANBERRA'S HERITAGE

On 14 December, 1908, the decision to have the new capital city of Australia located in the Canberra-Yass region was finally sealed and passed into legislation. All the political bickering about the location, which had been going on since Federation in 1901, had come to an end. It was now time for Prime Minister, Andrew Fisher, to get down to ground level and decide where in this broad region of Canberra-Yass the city was to be built. To help with this great decision Fisher enlisted an advisory board consisting of Charles Scrivener, surveyor, New South Wales Government Architect, Walter Vernon; the Commonwealth Director-General of Works, P.T. Owen; and the Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs, David Miller. Unlike the team of politicians, who had eventually selected the area, this team was small and professional and not burdened with a set of individual political agendas. Working at a frantic pace and covering much of the area the survey team headed by Scrivener decided on the present location for the new city.

Water and its availability was one of the major factors in the decision. Scrivener rejected an area around Lake George because of the problem of variant water levels (a fact we all know just too well today), and he was not satisfied with the flows from the Gudgenby, Molonglo and Queanbeyan Rivers. The Cotter River, with its energetic flow from the highlands and its narrow course through the valleys, he thought, would be better able to supply a growing city with clean drinking water. 'As a source of water supply, the Cotter River is equal to all demands that may be made upon it, even by a population of 200,000...'. He had his eyes on the Canberra Valley region for the site of the city and in his report back to the advisory board stated that water could be brought to the city by the Cotter River. The Molonglo River, where the city was to be sited, would be best suited to form an ornamental lake. The NSW Chief Engineer for Rivers, Water Supply and Drainage, Ernest de Burgh, added his support for the Cotter River, exuberantly claiming that, '...the flow of the Cotter was twice as much as the water consumption of 650,000 people in Sydney.'

Work on damming the Cotter River began in March 1912. Henry Connell designed the dam and was the resident supervising engineer for The Department of Home Affairs during the construction phase. The dam design was a gravity concrete structure, with a straight wall and an overshot spillway which sent excess water down the face of the wall. The dam was completed at a height of 18.3 metres (60 feet) in 1915. The original height had been planned for 30.5 metres (100 feet) and subsequently the cost came in under the original estimate at £75,000. By this time Australia was at war and building budgets were tight, especially for the new capital city. A 1916 Royal Commission into Canberra services criticised the cost of the dam's construction. Connell was one of many involved who received close

examination on the design and construction of the dam. But the Commission gave credence to the lower costing of the dam and Connell was vindicated.

To supply the new city the water from the dam needed to be raised 250 metres to a reservoir built on Mount Stromlo where it was to be gravity fed to the city. A pumping station was constructed near the junction of the Cotter and Murrumbidgee Rivers linking the dam by a tunnel and pipe lines to reservoirs at Mount Stromlo and Red Hill. The pumping station was designed by John Smith Murdoch, who had also designed the Provisional Parliament House (Old Parliament House) and the Kingston Power Station. Two Gwynne pumps capable of supplying 100,000 gallons (454,600 litres) per hour were ordered from the UK and installed. By October 1918 the pumps were supplying water to the Mount Stromlo reservoir. At first the pumps only operated for several days a month and engineers were brought up from Melbourne to operate them. This was seen as a bit of a perk for the engineers who enjoyed their sojourns away from the southern city.

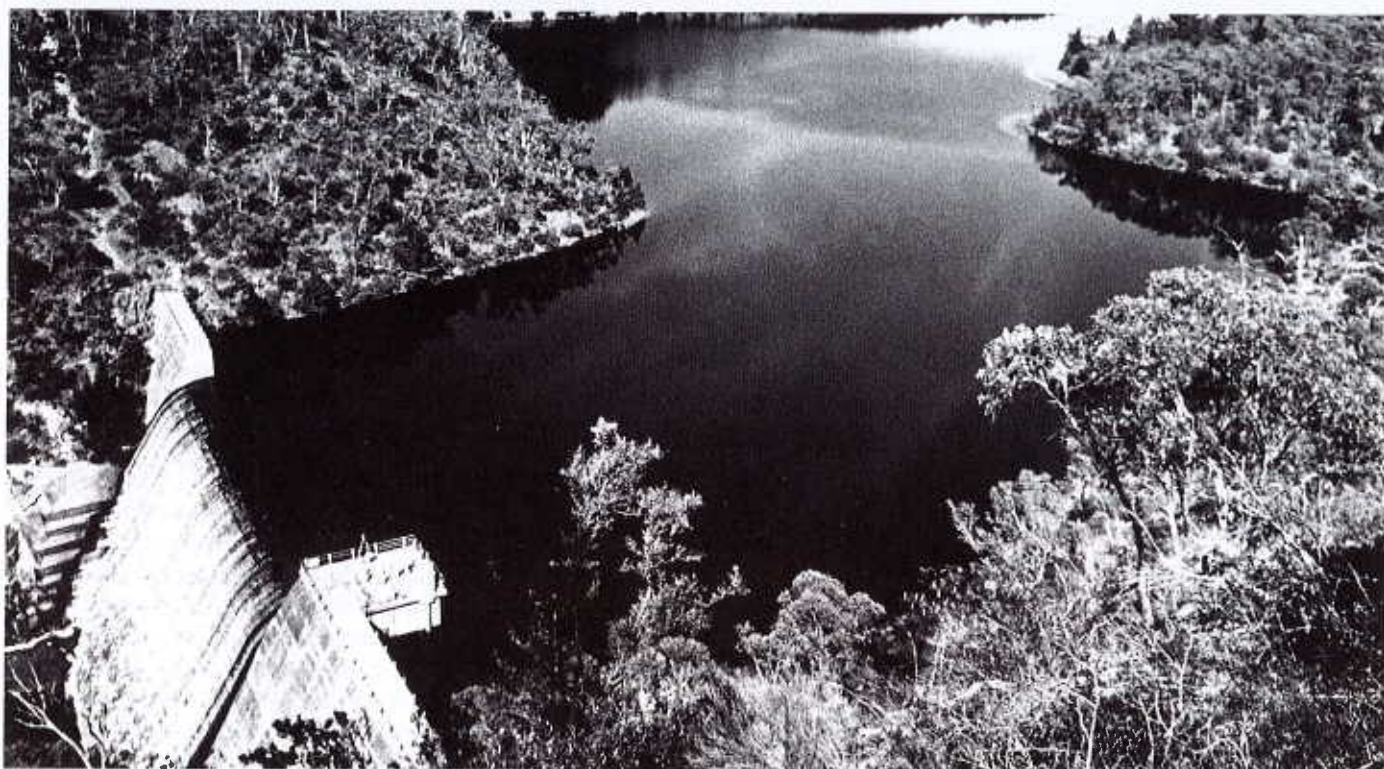
Like many other engineering projects the Cotter Dam and its pumping station developed a local folklore among the Canberra residents. One story was well known:

*The pumping station drew its power for the pumps from the Kingston power station which provided all the power in the early days of Canberra. As a result, there was a standing order to the pumping station that, when Parliament was in session, the condition of the pumps would not be varied without approval of the Power Station Superintendent, regardless of the state of the reservoirs. It had been found that starting or stopping of the pumps resulted in a variation of line voltage, and this caused a dimming or brightening of lights in the House of Parliament, to the distraction of the sitting members. It was also feared that a voltage drop, caused by the pump being switched on, might cause the passenger lifts to malfunction or the lights to go off altogether. This in turn it was believed, could trap hurrying Members and delay them in reaching the chamber during crucial division in which the fall or survival of the Government might rest.*

Canberra's population continued to grow, particularly in the immediate years leading up to the Second World War and the post-war construction period. More pumps were added – one in 1935, one in 1942, two in 1955 and two in 1963 and the dam wall was raised in 1951 to 25.8 metres – still below the originally planned level of 30.5 metres.

The Cotter dam and river were great recreational attractions to Canberrans. At first it was only the more affluent community members who owned a car and could afford to drive to the river. In the 1940s and 1950s it became popular for enthusiastic and physically fit groups to cycle their way from the city on weekend excursions to enjoy the delights of a picnic and a swim in the river.





One can only imagine how they felt facing the long ride back to the city and another week of work before they could do it all again.

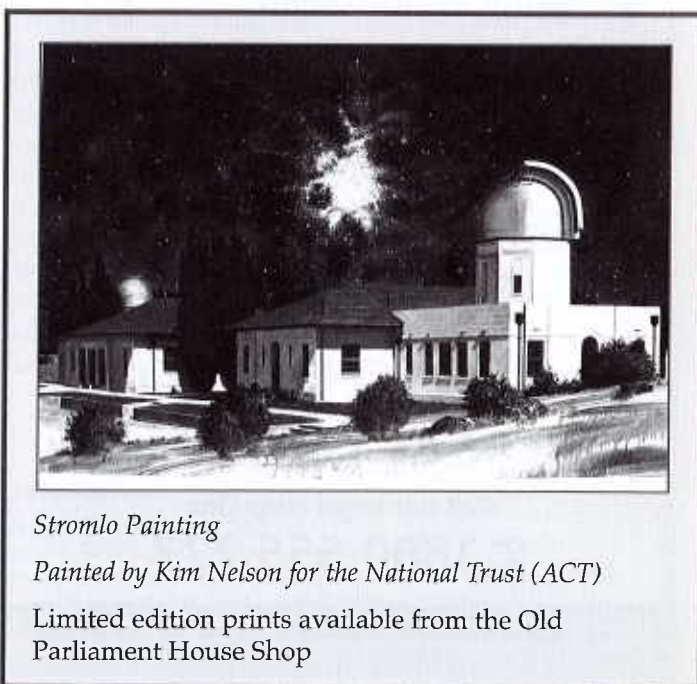
The days of Cotter Dam supplying water to Canberra seemed to be numbered. By the late 1950s it was realised that the Cotter Dam would not be capable of holding enough water to cope with droughts and the projected population increase. Two more dams were built on the upper Cotter River – Bendora in 1961 and Corin in 1967. The pumps at Cotter were no longer in regular use and by 1979-80 they stopped operating when the Googong Dam was developed to supply the extra water needed. Maintenance and restoration of the pumps, however, continued. The fickleness of Australia's climate provided the impetus to bring the Cotter Dam water supply back on-line, and the current drought has been severe enough to show us that the water supply we often take for granted is not infinite. In fact, given the increasing population of Canberra, there were grave fears that sometime in the near future there would not be enough water. With this in mind the Cotter pumps were restarted and water was again pumped to Mount Stromlo.

There is now a clear future for the Cotter Dam water supply. The dam wall will be enlarged at a projected cost of \$145 million and the storage capacity will increase from a current 4 Gl to 78 Gl. The Cotter Dam water supply recognised by Charles Scrivener and his team one hundred years ago as having the potential to provide water to the capital city will be supplying the vitally needed resource for many years to come.

Peter Dowling

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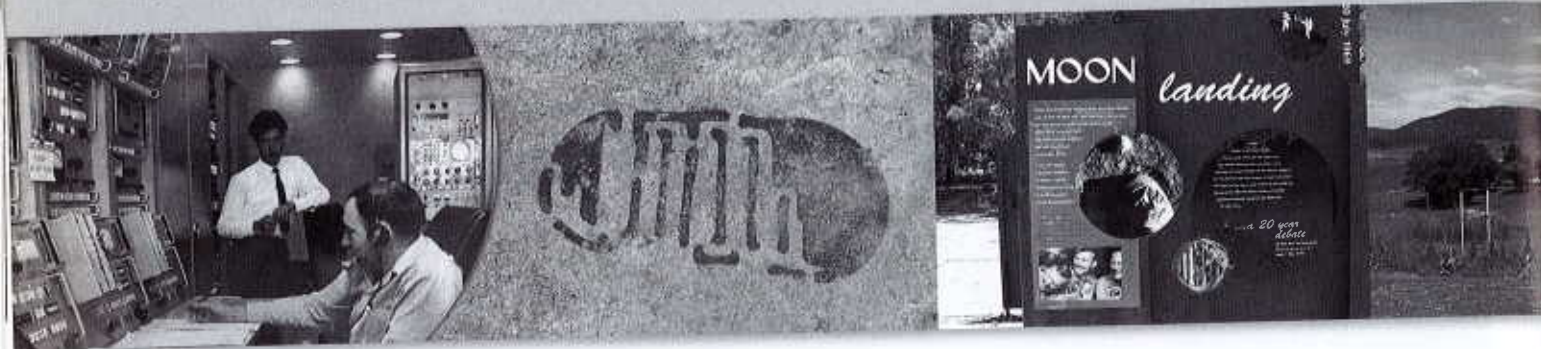
*Stromlo Painting*

*Painted by Kim Nelson for the National Trust (ACT)*

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# ORRORAL VALLEY & HONEYSUCKLE CREEK SPACE TRACKING



Remember the Cold War? I think most of us do. It was a time when the two great superpowers, USA and the former USSR went head to head trying to prove which one had the best weapons development, industrial advances, and competitive technological development. They spread their engagements all over the world in a number of proxy wars and espionage incidents and readily involved allied countries in order to show which protagonist had the bigger muscle.

A significant part of the Cold War was the 'Space Race' - a competition of space exploration which began in 1957 with the launch of the first satellite, Sputnik 1, by the Soviet Union and, some would argue, has not really finished. It involved a great competition to explore outer space with artificial satellites, sending humans into space and to land them on the moon (and of course, bring them back again).

Australia was allied to the USA and in 1960 both governments signed an "Umbrella Agreement" under which Australia established and operated a number of tracking stations which would form part of a worldwide space monitoring network. These stations were under the control of the US National Aeronautical and Space Agency (NASA).

The first two stations, opened in 1964, were at Island Lagoon near Woomera to provide deep space radio and optical tracking for earth orbital satellites and at Carnarvon, WA, for manned flights and scientific satellites. Under the agreement three stations were established in the ACT; the first at Tidbinbilla for deep space monitoring and manned flight support, the second in 1966 at Orroral Valley to monitor scientific and earth orbital satellites and the third in 1967 at Honeysuckle Creek to support moon exploration. A sixth station was opened at Cooby Creek (near Toowoomba QLD) in 1966 for application technology satellites. Today only Tidbinbilla remains active in the ACT.

Honeysuckle Creek, built particularly for the Apollo manned missions to the moon, was opened with great fanfare by Prime Minister Harold Holt on 17 March 1967. The band from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, played for the event. One band member, Derrick Brassington, recalls a very long drive from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, out to the station along winding, narrow and dusty roads dressed in his military crimson. This long drive from Canberra to all the stations was to become a well remembered and often hazardous journey by many of the staff who worked there.

Honeysuckle Creek was to play an integral role in space exploration when, on 21 July, 1969, it provided to the world the first historic pictures of Neil Armstrong walking on the moon. Those famous words, "That's one small step for man, one giant step for mankind" by Armstrong were relayed via Honeysuckle Creek. The station also maintained voice and telemetry communications with the lunar module during the mission. The last major mission supported by Honeysuckle Creek was Skylab. Skylab was the first space station the United States launched into orbit. The space station was in Earth's orbit from 1973 to 1979, and it was visited by crews three times in 1973 and 1974. With the conclusion of the Skylab missions Honeysuckle Creek continued its operations as part of the world-wide deep space research network.

The major role of the Orroral Valley station was to support Earth orbiting satellites as it was part NASA's spacecraft Tracking and Data Acquisition Network (STDAN). By 1975 relations between the two superpowers were beginning to ease and co-operative ventures, particularly in space research began. Orroral Valley played a major role in international



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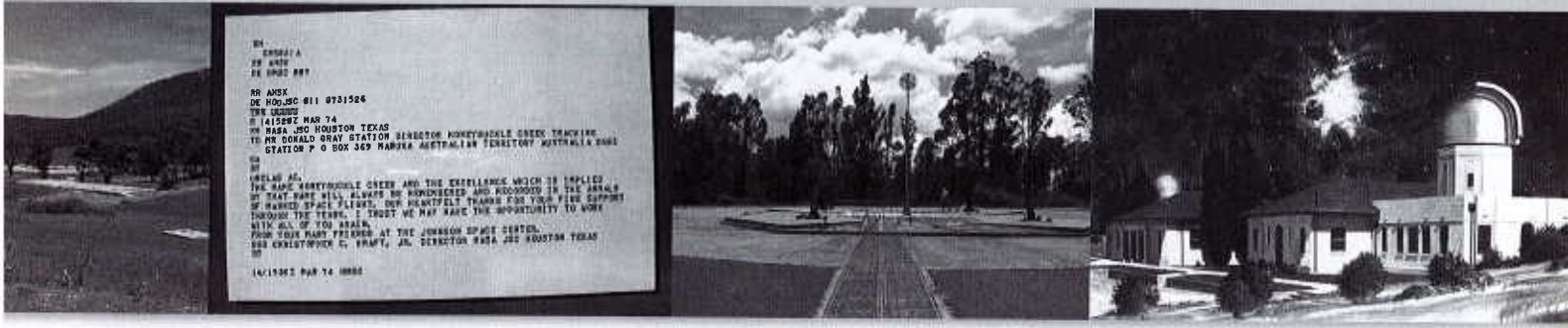
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# STATIONS FROM SPACE RESEARCH TO SPACE ARCHAEOLOGY



co-operation by providing support for the joint Apollo Soyuz Test Project when, as a tentative act of friendship, US astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts linked their specially designed space vehicles and exchanged greetings, gifts and handshakes in space.

Following a major reconsolidation by NASA Honeysuckle Creek and Orroral Valley were no longer needed and were closed, in December 1981 and December 1985 respectively. After removing most of the equipment from both stations NASA handed them back to the Australian Government.<sup>1</sup> An agreement had been struck whereby the structures and the land would return to a 'natural' state after the stations closed. The Australian Government, however, asked that the remaining buildings be left for future use. The retention of the buildings soon posed a problem for the Government because by now they were within the boundaries of the Namadgi National Park which was declared in 1984. What to do with the buildings under the terms of the National Park management? No conclusions were reached and the buildings began to deteriorate and suffered from wilful vandalism.

Their very existence and future became troublesome and highly controversial. Administrative control along with the inherent problems of the stations was passed on to the ACT when self-government was declared in 1989. An inquiry was held into their future and the Standing Committee of Conservation Heritage and the Environment recommended that the two stations be removed with a proviso that full documentation of the sites was done prior to demolition and the concrete foundations providing a 'footprint' of the stations were left intact to represent the past presence of the stations.

The Canberra Times delivered a lyric admonishment to the ACT Government:

*It was announced that the historic but mouldering and vandal-afflicted Honeysuckle Creek and Orroral Valley Tracking Stations were to be demolished very soon and their sites reclaimed by creeping, smothering bush and smug marsupials, leaving one to marvel at how little sentimentality our species shows towards buildings of significance.*

Today what is left of the Orroral Valley and Honeysuckle Creek stations is a far cry from the former operational days when the large antennas and clusters of buildings dominated the valley floors and the buzz of activity permeated throughout the operation rooms and corridors. If

you were to visit today you would notice the bare concrete slabs and footings of the main buildings and antenna bases; the internal circulation roads, kerbs and gutters; the stone retaining walls and edgings of small gardens once planted to soften the scientific austerity of the buildings but which are now giving way to re-colonizing native vegetation. However, if you were an archaeologist coming across these sites for the first time, you would immediately notice that the remains represented some great activity from past times. Casting your eyes around you would be aware of the remoteness of the sites and you would see that they are situated within high valley floors, surrounded by mountain ranges forming natural amphitheatres. You would soon realise that both these places, situated as they are in proximity and similar in form, were connected in their functions. You would immediately wonder what happened in each place. But would you connect them to the first human to walk on the dusty surface of the moon, to the grand quests for extra-terrestrial knowledge or the frantic and all consuming competition between two superpowers vying with each other for supremacy?

Today, a trickle of visitors make their way along the winding mountain roads (now thankfully sealed) to visit the remnants of Honeysuckle and Orroral. At Honeysuckle they make straight for the two large interpretation bays situated on the concrete slab that was the operations centre. There they learn about the moon landing but they would struggle to answer probing questions from their children. The interpretation signs do not answer the questions, nor quench young curiosity. At both station sites many of the interpretation panels have long been vandalised or stolen. Those that are still in place are suffering from the ravages of time and weathering. There is much more to tell about these stations than is currently presented. It is time for our government to make amends for past neglect and re-present and promote these two sites for their important roles in international space research and the heritage of the ACT.

**Peter Dowling**

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<sup>1</sup> The large 26-metre antenna used at Orroral Valley was relocated to Tidbinbilla where it remains in operation today.



# EDUCATION

## LAUNCH OF PUBLICATIONS: CONNECTIONS AND LIVING TREASURES.

This photo was taken at the launch of the publications from the 2005 and 2006 Heritage competitions for Children and Youth, held at (former) Hall Primary School on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The children illustrated were participants from *Living Treasures* and the secondary winner and primary runner up of *Connections*, Smitha Machumpurath and Sebastian Hogan respectively. The publications are available from Old Parliament House Shop.

## NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE 2009

Senior primary students and secondary students in the ACT are invited to enter this year's National History Challenge. The National Trusts of Australia have again sponsored the National History Challenge during 2009. Information on how to enter the challenge will be posted early in the school year onto the Challenge website [www.historychallenge.org.au](http://www.historychallenge.org.au) and on [www.nationaltrust.org.au](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au) which gives further information on the National Trust special category, *Australian Heritage*. Links to specific examples are given at <http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/education.htm> and on the ACT National Trust website: [www.nationaltrust.act.org.au](http://www.nationaltrust.act.org.au) Brochures will also be sent to schools near the beginning of the school year.

The National History Challenge is a research-based competition exploring aspects of Australian history and heritage for students from years 5 to 12. Entries can be presented as essays, performance, museum display or in a multi-media format, and are judged at school, regional, state and national level.

Contact Maree Treadwell on [mtreadwell@nationaltrust.org.au](mailto:mtreadwell@nationaltrust.org.au) for more information on how to enter the National Trust's special category.

The National Trust offers cash prizes of \$100 for best entries in each state/territory meeting the Trust's and the annual



Students in photo (left to right) Emily Whittle, Jack Carn, Nicholas Crawford, Smitha Machumpurath, Will Kain, [Maree Treadwell] Sebastian Hogan.

themes. The National winner for the Trust's special category is chosen from the State and Territory winning entries and receives a further cash prize of \$200. The National Awards will be presented in Canberra in December.

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. Previous winning ACT entries were published in Heritage in Trust and can be found on the website [www.nationaltrust.act.org.au](http://www.nationaltrust.act.org.au).

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



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## ACTIVITIES

Full details are listed inside the magazine for the following activities

### THREE CHURCHES AND CEMETERY OF HALL DISTRICT - HERITAGE TOUR

*Sunday 15 February 2009*

### THE MAGICAL MOLONGLO MYSTERY TOUR

*Sunday, 15 March*

### GREAT CITIES OF EASTERN EUROPE

Berlin, Warsaw, Prague, Budapest,  
Vienna

*September 2009*

## Canberra & Region Heritage Festival 4-19 April 2009

### NATIONAL TRUST (ACT) EVENTS

Cotter Exhibition at Canberra  
Glassworks, Kingston  
*8 April - 24 May*

Mt Stromlo Observatory  
*Saturday 4 April*

Canberra Deep Space  
Communications Complex at  
Tidbinbilla  
*Thursday 16 April*

Namadgi Bushwalk  
*Sunday 5 April*

Reid Garden Suburb:

From Aboriginal to European  
settlement - A Heritage Journey

*Sunday 19 April*

Namadgi Talk  
*Wednesday 15th April*

Heritage@Cotter  
*Saturday 18 April*

