



*Watercolour map from ANU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Trail brochure (illustration and design: Nadia Hooten)*

### **Footprints to the Future: ANU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Trail**

The Australian National University's (ANU) Acton campus is a city within a city, but the campus and the city's boundaries are a completely European invention.

Nestled within around 17,000 square kilometres of Ngunnawal/Ngunawal, Ngambri and Ngarigu country, this area is a small but very significant part of a much larger cultural landscape. Despite some 200 years of disturbance, clues to the way things were 25,000 years ago when Aboriginal people utilised this area can still be found right here, in the middle of Canberra.

European pastoralisation and settlement commenced in this area from the 1820s and by 1910, the campus was a burgeoning hive of administrative activity for the establishment of Canberra. The ANU itself has been here

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since 1946. While we seem to know a lot about those early pastoral pioneers, the planners of Canberra and the forefathers of our University – all of this happened within the last 200 years – what about those 24,800 or so years of history beforehand?

ANU Heritage believed that the telling of this story was well overdue. With the assistance of a generous grant from ACT Heritage, ANU Heritage worked with the local Aboriginal community including the four local Representative Aboriginal Organisations (RAOs) to understand this place and the important and continuing connections to it. The result of this collaboration was the ANU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Trail, launched July 2017.



Richard Baker, Nimmo and Jack Napier-Rowney and Ngambri Elder Matilda House with the 'Welcome' sign on the trail (photo: Stuart Hay, ANU)

On the launch of the project, ANU Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Richard Baker mused that *'the Heritage Trail allows ANU to share the many layers of culture and history embedded into our campus and our institution's history and landscape'*. The trail aims to encourage the ANU, Canberra and wider community to really see the landscape, to look beyond the roads, signs, paths and buildings and imagine what the place might have been like before Europeans arrived.

It can be hard to envision this highly developed area as an open savannah grassland, with dense eucalypt forests set against a mountainous backdrop. It is also difficult to see (the now largely concreted) Sullivans Creek (formerly Canberry or Little Ngambri) as a flowing chain of ponds with wild rushes at its edges, but this was the cultural landscape Aboriginal people utilised, and the emerging stories of this landscape are the focus of the new trail.

The Aboriginal community guided which stories were told and how, and provided their own narratives,

reflections and welcomes within the signage, trail booklet, website and app. The trail also provided the opportunity to communicate some of the research and engagement being undertaken by the Schools and Centres across the ANU into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, health, economics and policy, as well as highlighting the University's extensive collection of Indigenous art and sculpture.



View of Sullivans Creek towards Black Mountain (photo: Stuart Hay, ANU)

Throughout the consultation, Sullivans Creek was considered the major cultural and natural feature of the campus, and rightly so, as without maps or compasses, waterways such as this were important pathways for navigation across country. Ngunawal Elder Wally Bell noted that while Sullivans Creek is a minor pathway, it led people to Black Mountain, a major ceremonial and meeting place. The creek also led to the Molonglo River, and later the Canberra racecourse where Ngambri Elder Matilda House's great grandfather 'Black Harry' used to train and race horses.

A particularly exciting aspect of the project was the collaborative learning between the ANU team and the Aboriginal community as the documentary research, consultation and site investigations uncovered new information about some of the lesser known aspects of the landscape.

Discussions with eminent Australian and ANU historian Bill Gammage revealed the existence of what may have been a hunting plain used by local Aboriginal people. In his award-winning book, *The Biggest Estate on Earth: How Aborigines made Australia*, Gammage writes about the shaping of this area by Aboriginal people for kangaroo harvesting by strategically clearing land. The area would then be deliberately burned and upon the sprouting of fresh green shoots, kangaroos are attracted to the area to feed - easily ambushed by

waiting hunters, ensnared by the surrounding dense forest and creek line.

This assertion has been further validated by the local Aboriginal community, who speculate that the area would have been a useful gathering place for food to take to ceremony on nearby Black Mountain. Tina Brown, Ngunawal woman, further suggested that the area would have been an ideal 'waiting room' with access to all necessary resources for groups who had travelled from across country to meet.



*Ngunawal Elder Wally Bell with scar tree on Acton Campus, 2018 (photo: ANU Heritage)*

The project also led to identification and recording of six Aboriginal scarred trees on the campus. This discovery has prompted a significant interpretation and education project with the local Aboriginal community which is currently underway. Since its launch, the trail has been a catalyst for several other significant projects for the University and has been showcased as part of the ACT Heritage Festival and over 40 other external events. The University looks forward to continuing its work with the local Aboriginal community and seeing what other exciting discoveries can be made and stories can be shared.

The project won a National Trust Heritage Award in 2017 for outstanding project.

The **ANU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Trail** is part of the Canberra Tracks Network and is available on the ANU Walks App, through the ANU Website and in hardcopy. Guided tours can be arranged on request. Contact ANU Heritage on [fs.heritage@anu.edu.au](mailto:fs.heritage@anu.edu.au) or 02 6125 8794.

**Amy Jarvis, University Heritage Advisor and Jack Dunstan, University Collections Officer, Australian National University**

## President's Update

The National Trust ACT is a membership-funded, non-profit organisation working to save the historic places of the ACT and environs. We are the organisation that Canberrans and regional communities depend upon to save and preserve our history and our heritage.

Our mission is to protect the significant places that represent our diverse historical and cultural experience, by taking direct action and inspiring broad public support. How do we do it? By fostering a deep sense of community, commitment and passion for saving our heritage.

Now the National Trust ACT is under threat. We are under threat from a lack of funding. The ACT Government provides substantial funding to sporting bodies, environmental groups and the arts, but not our heritage. Now is the time when the National Trust is most needed. We have a pro-development government driving through changes in the name of progress, with little regard for what has been achieved by past generations and what so many Canberrans hold dear.

The National Trust ACT supports progress, but not at the cost of our precious past achievements. We firmly believe that the past and future can work in the one space and that one does not need to be sacrificed for the other.

A recent meeting to discuss how the National Trust could find funds to maintain its existence demonstrated, by its high attendance, the value of our work to Canberrans. This meeting resulted in many worthwhile ideas and actions, but the implementation inevitably falls on the few dedicated members who commit their time and expertise to the cause. **The National Trust needs many more active people** with an interest in our heritage to assist with fundraising, organising events, writing submissions and planning campaigns, such as the successful recent intervention to stop the unencumbered sale of the Gold Creek Homestead to developers.

To keep the National Trust alive in the ACT we need your help. Please consider a tax-deductible donation, a bequest and/or joining our passionate team and contributing your time and expertise to our ongoing efforts.

**Please help if you can, as the ACT and region need a strong, effective National Trust more now than ever.** See page 4 for details.

**Chris Wain**

## Fundraising – Report on the Members Meeting of 24 May

We need to significantly increase fundraising in order for the Trust to continue its operations.

The role of the Trust is different from that of Community Councils and Resident Associations because we cover the whole of the ACT and conduct a range of activities in addition to advocacy. Unfortunately, the Trust and other heritage organisations do not receive any operational funding from either the Commonwealth or the ACT Government. This situation is in contrast to other community sectors: seven Arts organisations receive an average of \$213,000pa, the ACT Conservation Council receives \$142,000 and 28 sport and recreation organisations receive an average of \$51,000 pa. The Trust has made several submissions to ACT Government requesting parity for Heritage with these other sectors but has been rejected.

A members meeting was held on 24 May to discuss this acute problem and it was agreed to form a Business Development Group to devise and implement strategies aimed at increasing the Trust's profile, membership and funding. It is important for more members to become involved particularly members with skills, experience and contacts in areas such as promotion, marketing, publicity, fundraising etc. The intention is also to involve some interns from the Universities.

### You Can Help

The Trust greatly welcomes contributions from members, donors and sponsors to support the heritage of the ACT. You can help by any of the following options:

- Donations to the National Trust ACT
- Sponsorships
- Bequests or
- Volunteering your time and expertise.

Remember donations can be tax deductible. [Donate online](#) or contact Liz McMillan by telephone on (02) 6230 0533 or email [info@nationaltrustact.org.au](mailto:info@nationaltrustact.org.au).

## Wills and Bequests

A bequest is one of the most effective ways in which you can help to ensure the future of the Trust and assist in supporting its work in advocacy, conservation and education. Every gift, whether large or small, is welcomed and valued. A bequest could involve cash, shares, securities or property and should be tailored to your circumstances. If you would like to make a bequest as part of your will, you should contact either Chris Wain, President on 0407 181 196 or Scott McAlister, Treasurer on 0422 413 469.

### Graham Carter

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the National Trust of Australia (ACT) will be held on Thursday 18 October 2018, 6.00pm for 6.30pm*

*Venue: Main Hall, Ainslie Art Centre, Elouera St, Braddon*

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Council vacancies will be notified in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association prior to the meeting.

Members are invited to nominate persons for election to Council. Nominations must be made and seconded in writing and signed by current members of the Trust accompanied by signed consent from the nominee. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Trust office Phone 02 6230 0533 or email [info@nationaltrustact.org.au](mailto:info@nationaltrustact.org.au) and must reach the office 30 days before the AGM.

For further information please check our website [www.nationaltrust.org.au/act](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/act)

See page 7 for information on the speaker.

## New members

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

Miss Karen Alchin  
Mr Dean & Mrs Karen Baker  
Mr Robert & Ms Shelley Barringer  
Dr Lucinda Bell & Ms Eleanor Barz  
Ms Bronwyn Beechey & Miss Clare Cousins  
Ms Robyn Bergin  
Mr R & Mrs J Burkitt  
Ms Jane Carver  
Mr Greg & Mrs Maria Castle  
Mr David & Mrs Diane Chan  
Ms Ronis Chapman & Mr Michael Searle  
Dr Eric & Mrs Alison Craswell  
Mrs Susan & Ms Georgina Davidson  
Mr Gary & Mrs Delmine Da Costa  
Dr A & Mrs C Earnshaw  
Dr Jerome & Mrs Sharon Everard  
Mr William & Rev Elaine Farmer  
Ms Jocelyn Fitzhardinge  
Mr John Geasley  
Ms Elizabeth Gillespie & Mr Theodore Hooy  
Dr Desh & Mrs Anil Gupta  
Ms Molly Henman  
Ms Diana Herralld & Ms Elyse Herralld Woods  
Dr Anna Howe  
Mr Robert & Mrs Prue Howse  
Mr Scott Hyland  
Ms Edwina Jans  
Mr Brian & Mrs Lynda Johns  
Mr Richard Johnstone & Ms Carolyn Hanley  
Mr Brian & Mrs Robyn Kingston  
Ms Jan Lawless & Mr Brian Bell  
Ms Angela Mawbey & Mr Richard Summerrell  
Mr Brian & Mrs Helen Mattick  
Mr Edward McGlynn & Ms Jane Goffman  
Mr Michael Monaghan  
Ms Jennifer Nagy  
Mr Ron & Mrs Ann Nott  
Ms Terrie O'Brien & Mr Thomas Charles-Jones  
Ms Mary O'Hanlon & Mr Garry Brims  
Ms Laura Phelps & Mr Callum Fitzsimmons  
Dr Anna Rickards  
Mr Bruce & Mrs Elizabeth Sharp  
Mr Glenn & Mrs Kanya Schwingamer  
Mr Jost & Mrs Julie Steller  
Mr Brian & Mrs Penelope Tetlow

Mrs Helen Todd  
Mr Ewan Tracey  
Mr Tom Whitby & Dr Rachel Faull  
Ms Christine Whiteley  
Mr Mark & Mrs Laura Whitmore  
Mr Graham Wilson & Ms Karen Ottley  
Mrs Megan & Ms Anya Wotton

## In Memoriam

Molly Bouquet - life member since 1977  
Helen Compton - member since 1978 - loved the National Trust, and its connections with the National Trust in the UK.  
Carl Bromwich - member since 1981

### National Trust (ACT) Members Reward Card

If you attend 3 member activities then the 4<sup>th</sup> activity is free for you, or you can bring a friend (non-member or member) free of charge.

Your card can be stamped at fee-paying events which cost \$20 or more, including bus trips and the Christmas party but can only be redeemed at events to the value of \$25. New and renewing members will receive new Reward Cards but existing cards can also be used.

It's up to members to mention when booking for an event that you are due for a free event. In order to redeem your free activity, you must produce your card (with 3 stamps) and have the 4<sup>th</sup> ticked off on arrival at the event.

**Mary Johnston**, Chair, Tours Committee



### National Trust Online Shop

Find that special gift at the National Trust Shop:

<https://shop.nationaltrust.org.au/>

## What's next – coming up

More Heritage Walks are coming up – Palmerville and the Ginninderra Blacksmith's Workshop on Sunday 22 July; West Basin and Acton Peninsula with Trevor, the Lake Burley Griffin Guardians and Friends of Grasslands on Sunday 19 August; and a walk in Chifley with local resident, Neville Bleakley, on 23 September.

Further interesting walks are planned - brief information below - so keep an eye on the website at [www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/heritagewalks](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/heritagewalks) or the Heritage Walks ACT page on Facebook. Remember, all Heritage Walks are booked on-line through Eventbrite.

### **Sunday 22 July, Heritage Walk 12: Palmerville and the Ginninderra Blacksmith's Workshop**

The Palmerville settlement was one of the earliest substantial settlement in the district. Never heard of it? Not surprising as convict-built barracks and other buildings were all demolished in the 1950s. This rural property was occupied from 1829 until 1959 and was associated with prominent early landowners including George Palmer, William Davis and Edward and Everard Crace.

Book at: <https://heritagewalkact-palmerville.eventbrite.com.au>

### **Sunday 19 August, Heritage Walk 13: Heritage at Threat - City to Lake and Acton Peninsula**

This walk will provide an understanding of the rich heritage values of the area around West Basin and the current plans for its development (City to Lake and Acton Peninsula Draft Structure Plan). After a heritage walk there will be a display showing plans for the area and their heritage impacts. There will be an opportunity to discuss these plans with representatives from National Trust (ACT), Friends of Grasslands and Lake Burley Griffin Guardians, and to enjoy a free sausage sizzle. Note that there is some overlap between this Walk and the April and June Acton Peninsula Walks but this one has more emphasis on the heritage threats.

Book at: <https://heritagewalkact-city-to-lake-and-acton-peninsula.eventbrite.com.au>

### **Sunday 26 August, Heritage Walk 14: Women in Power Walk!**

Ladies and gentlemen, you are cordially invited to mark 75 years of women in the federal parliament by joining history enthusiast Michaela Hatch for a walk down memory lane and through the Parliamentary Triangle. On

this walk we will be sharing the stories of the amazing women who helped shape a nation's democracy. We will reflect on the trials many women faced in politics and the workforce, as well as celebrate their triumphs.

Book at: <https://heritagewalk14-women-in-power.eventbrite.com.au>

### **Sunday 23 September, Heritage Walk 15: Discover Chifley with a Local**

We are very keen to encourage research into the history and heritage of individual Canberra suburbs. This Walk provides a fine example of how non-historian Neville Bleakley discovered the hidden history and heritage of the suburb where he lives. This heritage walk covers significant parts of the area where the suburb of Chifley now stands. You will learn about the old roads, watercourses, the dam, farms, families and paddocks of Chifley's past, as well as hear about significant events and stories.

Book at: <https://heritagewalk15-chifley.eventbrite.com.au>

### **Sunday 28 October, Heritage Walk 16: Downer**

Another example of a local discovering hidden history and heritage in their suburb. Further details to follow.

### **Sunday 25 November, Heritage Walk 17: Bendora Arboretum**

This month we're heading for the hills on an all-day trip! Bendora Arboretum is close to the Mount Franklin Road, 5km beyond Bulls Head Picnic Area. It was initially established in 1940 at the direction of Charles Lane-Poole, Inspector-General of the then Forestry and Timber Bureau, to help determine which species of coniferous trees should be grown commercially in upland areas in the ACT and south eastern Australia. Following the 2003 fires, it is the only surviving arboretum of several established in this area. The walk will be guided by Dr John Turnbull, former CSIRO forestry research scientist. At 1400m the 4km walk, through tall sub-alpine native forest with some short hills, should provide a feast of wildflowers and cool conditions. You should expect to be back home in Canberra between 3 and 4 pm. Further details to follow.

If you've got ideas for walks, or would like to lead a walk yourself, we would love to hear from you at [heritagewalksact@gmail.com](mailto:heritagewalksact@gmail.com).

## Other activities

In July, Mike Hodgkin will be taking a small group to Indonesia. We do have some other plans for tours later in the year which will be advertised on-line and through e-News.

Also coming up: the AGM on Thursday 18 October and the Christmas Party on Sunday 2 December.

## Mary Johnston

## National Trust (ACT) AGM Speaker

The speaker at this year's AGM (see notice on page 4) will be Dr Sherene Suchy and her talk will be a repeat of the talk she gave during the Heritage Festival. For many National Trust members, this will be very valuable information. Her topic is:

### Three P's for Estates: Planning, Provenance and Protecting Heirlooms

Dr. Suchy was furious when an executor for her estate visited her home and said, "Most of this will go to Salvos". The home was full of antiques, collections and family heritage! Her fury prompted The Keepsakes Project, putting into practice what she teaches in her book *Keepsakes: Memoir on the 'Museum of You' & Estate Planning* (2016). During 2017, Sherene documented provenance on 90 keepsakes and gifted

them to family and friends or donated them to museums. In this session, Sherene will share heart-warming stories about the project, the importance of an up-to-date will, how to document provenance, and a letter of direction for heirlooms with heritage value.

Dr. Sherene Suchy is a Canberra-based social worker and a member of both the International Council of Museums and the ACT Writers Centre.

Copies of her book will be available on the night or can be ordered online: [www.duopluseq.com](http://www.duopluseq.com)



## A date for your diary:

### ACT Region Heritage Symposium 2018

#### HERITAGE ON THE EDGE: CONTINUITY WITH CHANGE IN CANBERRA?

**SATURDAY, 18 AUGUST 2018**

Convened by Heritage Partners:  
Australia ICOMOS, Canberra Archaeological Society, Canberra & District  
Historical Society and National Trust of Australia (ACT)

The Symposium will focus on Canberra's Modern ('Modernist') Architecture, a style widely used in Canberra for public buildings and private housing in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century, and of international standing. Its minimalist form is not a contemporary style today as Canberra rapidly changes with a focus on innovation and development, and high rise living. Change is a constant, but how are we applying it in Canberra so heritage is identified and protected to ensure a connection with our past, and a continuity of our sense of place?

**Venue:** RN Robertson Building, ANU

**Cost:** \$75 full registration; \$55 members of host organisation; \$35 (concessions, full-time students, speakers)

## Heritage Diary July to December 2018

A selection of heritage-related events that may be of interest to members

Details of National Trust (ACT) events are provided on pages 6-7

Date and time	Event and location	Organiser	Contact
7 July to 4 November	<b>Canberra Museum and Gallery, Exhibition:</b> <i>Crafting the house on the hill: art, design and the building of Australian Parliament House</i>	CMAG	<a href="http://www.cmag.com.au">http://www.cmag.com.au</a>
Tuesday 10 July 5pm tea/coffee for a 5.30pm start	<b>CDHS General Meeting.</b> Peter Dowling, <i>Paleopathology of Australian Aborigines pre-and post-Contact.</i> ALIA Conference Room, 9-11 Napier Close, Deakin	CDHS	Phone (02) 6281 2929 or email <a href="mailto:admin@canberrahistory.org.au">admin@canberrahistory.org.au</a>
Sunday 22 July 9.30-11.30am	<b>Heritage Walk 12 – Palmerville and the Ginninderra Blacksmith's Workshop</b>	National Trust	<b>BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL</b> Book: <a href="https://heritagewalkact-palmerville.eventbrite.com.au">https://heritagewalkact-palmerville.eventbrite.com.au</a>  Cost: \$10
Tuesday 14 August 5pm for 5.30pm	<b>CDHS General Meeting.</b> Jenne Kelson, A <i>musical snapshot of history.</i> Venue to be advised.	CDHS	Phone (02) 6281 2929 or email <a href="mailto:admin@canberrahistory.org.au">admin@canberrahistory.org.au</a>
Saturday 18 August 9.00am-5.30pm	<b>ACT Region Heritage Symposium 2018</b> <i>"Heritage on the Edge: Continuity with change in Canberra?"</i> . Venue: RN Robertson Building, ANU	National Trust, ICOMOS, CAS, CDHS	<b>BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL</b> Phone: (02) 6230 0533 or email: <a href="mailto:info@nationaltrustact.org.au">info@nationaltrustact.org.au</a> Cost: \$75 full registration; \$55 members of host organisation; \$35 concessions, full-time students & speakers
Sunday 19 August 9.30-11.30am	<b>Heritage Walk 13 – Heritage at Threat: City to Lake and Acton Peninsula</b>	National Trust	<b>BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL</b> Book: <a href="https://heritagewalkact-city-to-lake-and-acton-peninsula.eventbrite.com.au">https://heritagewalkact-city-to-lake-and-acton-peninsula.eventbrite.com.au</a>  Cost: \$10
Sunday 26 August 9.30-11.30am	<b>Heritage Walk 14 - Women in Power Walk!</b>	National Trust	<b>BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL</b> Book: <a href="https://heritagewalk14-women-in-power.eventbrite.com.au">https://heritagewalk14-women-in-power.eventbrite.com.au</a>  Cost: \$10
Tuesday 11 September 5pm for 5.30pm	<b>CDHS AGM.</b> Venue to be advised.	CDHS	Phone (02) 6281 2929 or email <a href="mailto:admin@canberrahistory.org.au">admin@canberrahistory.org.au</a>
Wednesday 19 September 6.00pm	<b>Museum Friends and CAS lecture series.</b> Fenja Theden-Ring, <i>Archaeology surveys and excavations in the ACT and NSW high country.</i> National Museum of Australia	CAS	<a href="https://friendscaslectures.eventbrite.com.au">CAS members and Friends of the Museum free. Non-members \$5.</a> Bookings essential: <a href="https://friendscaslectures.eventbrite.com.au">https://friendscaslectures.eventbrite.com.au</a>
Sunday 23 September 9.30-11.30am	<b>Heritage Walk 15 – Discover Chifley with a Local</b>	National Trust	<b>BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL</b> Book: <a href="https://heritagewalk15-chifley.eventbrite.com.au">https://heritagewalk15-chifley.eventbrite.com.au</a>  Cost: \$10
Tuesday 9 October 5pm for 5.30pm	<b>CDHS General Meeting.</b> Jane Goffman, <i>The history of Dickson and planning for its future.</i> Venue to be advised.	CDHS	Phone (02) 6281 2929 or email <a href="mailto:admin@canberrahistory.org.au">admin@canberrahistory.org.au</a>
Wednesday 17 October 6.00pm	<b>Museum Friends and CAS lecture series.</b> Dave Johnston, Matilda House and the Watson Family, <i>One place many histories: property owners and traditional owners protecting heritage in ACT and NSW.</i> National Museum of Australia	CAS	<a href="https://friendscaslectures.eventbrite.com.au">CAS members and Friends of the Museum free. Non-members \$5.</a>  Bookings essential: <a href="https://friendscaslectures.eventbrite.com.au">https://friendscaslectures.eventbrite.com.au</a>

Date and time	Event and location	Organiser	Contact
Thursday 18 October 6 for 6.30pm	<b>National Trust ACT AGM</b> Venue to be advised. The speaker will be Dr Sherene Suchy.	National Trust	RSVP by Tuesday 16 October <a href="mailto:info@nationaltrustact.org.au">info@nationaltrustact.org.au</a>
Friday 26-Tuesday 30 October	<b>Australian Garden History Society Annual Conference, <i>Gardens in time of peace and conflict.</i></b> Mittagong	AGHS	For more information go to: <a href="https://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/events-conferences/">https://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/events-conferences/</a>
Sunday 28 October 9.30-11.30am	<b>Heritage Walk 16 - Downer</b>	National Trust	Details to be advised
Tuesday 13 November 5pm for 5.30pm	<b>CDHS Members Night.</b> Venue to be advised.	CDHS	Phone (02) 6281 2929 or email <a href="mailto:admin@canberrahistory.org.au">admin@canberrahistory.org.au</a>
Wednesday 21 November 6.00pm	<b>Museum Friends and CAS lecture series.</b> Ladislav Nejman, <i>Archaeology adventures at a mid-late Palaeolithic site in Czech Republic.</i> National Museum of Australia	CAS	<a href="#">CAS members and Friends of the Museum free. Non-members \$5.</a> Bookings essential: <a href="https://friendscaslectures.eventbrite.com.au">https://friendscaslectures.eventbrite.com.au</a>
Sunday 25 November	<b>Heritage Walk 17 – Bendora Arboretum</b>	National Trust	Details to be advised
Sunday 2 December	<b>National Trust ACT Christmas Party</b>	National Trust	Details to be advised

Note: AGHS is the Australian Garden History Society. CAS is the Canberra Archaeological Society. CDHS is the Canberra and District Historical Society. CMAG is the Canberra Museum and Gallery. ICOMOS is the International Council on Monuments and Sites. Information on events run by organisations other than the National Trust (ACT) is provided in good faith, but readers should check dates and times with the contacts indicated above.

## Heritage Festival Report

As you may know, the Australian Government funds National Trusts throughout Australia to run the Australian Heritage Festival, while in the ACT, we are lucky that the ACT Government supports the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival. The theme for the Festivals this year was *My Culture, My Story*. In addition to the walks mentioned below (see *Tours and Events – what’s been happening*), we held several other Festival events.

We started with our **Annual Open Day, this year at Lanyon** on an unpleasantly windy day. Minister Gentleman opened the day and then spend the morning touring the site. Despite the weather we had a good roll-up with the usual classic cars, stalls and entertainment. Lanyon itself was open for viewing from the veranda, the Australian Garden History Society took people on tours of the garden and the Yass Antique Machinery Club was on hand to talk about some of the farm machinery in the sheds. We thank ACT Historic Places for partnering with us to hold the Open Day at Lanyon.



Children’s activities at Lanyon Open Day (photo: Mary Gleeson)

**Landscape of Learning** was held at **Old Tuggeranong Schoolhouse** – a chance to see and hear about the history of this place from historian Anne Claoue-Long and Elizabeth Burness who is the custodian of the Schoolhouse which houses her amazing collection! Anne and Elizabeth are working on re-creating a garden on the site and the Australian Garden History Society partnered us for this event. Thank you to our patron, Margaret Reid, who officially launched the Australian Heritage Festival in Canberra at this event.



*In the classroom at Tuggeranong Schoolhouse (photo: Linda Roberts)*

Another Festival event was a **tour of the Reid Uniting Church** – a joint event with the Church Restoration Committee. The Korean congregation provided a delicious afternoon tea.

The last event was the **National Trust Farm Day at Cliftonwood**, an historic property located in Yass. There were rare steam and petrol engines, vintage farm machinery, tractor pulls, horse and buggy rides, farming demonstrations, farm animals, period food, dress ups, live music and old-time activities for children.



*Cliftonwood Farm Day (photo: Linda Roberts)*

**Mary Johnston**

## Tours and events – what’s been happening

### Heritage Walks

Our Sunday morning Heritage Walks have continued, with sell-out crowds to many of them! We visited Hall on Sunday 25 March with Tony Morris, a long-time resident of Hall, Callum Brae with Linda Roberts on 8 April and the Molonglo River Reserve, also with Linda, on 27 May. (See below for reports on these walks.) A repeat of the walk around Acton with Trevor in early June was fully booked well in advance.



*Westlake/Stirling Park/Guru Bung Dhaura Walk (photo: Linda Roberts)*

During the Heritage Festival we had three walks in Yarralumla: Westlake/Stirling Park/Guru Bung Dhaura with local historian, Ann Gugler, and John Fitzgerald from the Friends of Grasslands; Eric Martin led a walk around the old Forestry Precinct and to the Walter Burley Griffin-designed incinerator now situated in the Royal Canberra golf course; and Trevor Lipscombe led a walk around the shores of Lake Burley Griffin ending with a guided tour in the Yarralumla Nursery.



Forestry School (photo: Linda Roberts)

Trevor also led a walk through the streets of Acton – important for its connections with Aboriginal people, early settlers, the establishment of Canberra and now part of ANU. National Trust member, Anna Howe, led two Democracy Heritage Walks exploring the Parliamentary Triangle, particularly some of the lesser-known sites there.



Meeting some of the locals (photo: Linda Roberts)

In an interesting new development, we have also provided two walks for the Diplomatic Spouses Group. I'm sure they will be keen to explore more of Canberra during their stay here. More information on these walks is provided below.

### Mary Johnston

#### Heritage Walk 6, Callum Brae

##### 8 April

Well, what a difference a day makes. The Heritage Walk scheduled for 25 February had to be postponed because of a rainstorm. 8 April was a hot autumn day and dry! Many thanks to Sandra Henderson from the Canberra Ornithologists Group who provided much of the fauna and flora commentary. She has been monitoring the bird species here for more than 10 years.

A group of 11 walked anticlockwise around the reserve taking in the three powder magazines sensibly

positioned near the former Mugga Mugga Quarry, then appreciating the artwork on the new water pumping station nearby. Up the rise to admire the view to the east to Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra and the Tinderry Range.



In front of the water pumping station (photo: Linda Roberts)

*Callum Brae* was one of the few successful WWI soldier settlement blocks. It was acquired by Hector McIntosh whose father owned Malcolm Vale in the Majura Valley. In 2003 part of the farm was declared a Nature Reserve. The farm is still running fine merinos and is a good example of a farm with few alterations from that era. It is on the ACT Heritage Register and part of the Canberra Tracks Woden self-drive heritage trail.

### Linda Roberts

#### Heritage Walk 9, Molonglo River Reserve

##### 27 May

A beautiful autumn day for a walk! We met at a picnic shelter in the new Molonglo River Reserve for the introductory session and then followed the path through the grasslands and on to the site of Riverview Homestead, a stand of Yellow Box and Red Gums (*Eucalyptus melliodora* and *Eucalyptus blakelyi*) and to the lookout over the river where a couple of Wedge-tailed Eagles soared overhead!

The Reserve is an environmental offset for the new developments in the Molonglo Valley and the new suburbs are certainly visually obvious from here but, with the amount of planting being done, it will be a great resource for people living in the Valley. We were impressed by the very large old trees which have been brought in and erected or laid on the ground (at great expense) to provide shelter for birds and animals - one was occupied by bats and parrots shortly after being erected!



*Participants on the Molonglo walk admiring the Eucalypts (photo: Mary Johnston)*

Thanks to our guides - Linda Roberts (heritage) and Janelle Dennis from the Molonglo Catchment Group (environment) - we explored an area unknown to most of us and learnt about the efforts to create a new park for Canberrans.

**Mary Johnston**

## National Trust Walks for Diplomatic Spouses Group



*Diplomatic spouses take to Stage 88, Commonwealth Park walk, 20 March (photo by Sarah Robinson)*

When Sarah Robinson approached the National Trust to provide some walks for the Diplomatic Spouses Group her Irish accent melted our hearts and we happily obliged. On 20 March Linda Roberts escorted 7 members with connections to Guatemala, the EU, Malaysia, Egypt and Ireland around Commonwealth Park. Amidst the plantings, memorials, sculptures and majestic views, it was the cauldron of flying foxes that stole the show!



*Diplomatic spouses on the bridge across Warrina Inlet, Yarralumla walk, 17 April (photo provided by Trevor Lipscombe)*

On 17 April Trevor Lipscombe repeated his popular 'Yarralumla - sheep to shrubs' walk with a similarly multinational group. Walkers were intrigued by stories of early Yarralumla station owners chasing kangaroos with packs of English-born hounds, and pioneering exploration of the high country on horseback. Trees in Charles Weston's Westbourne Woods were hugged and Yarralumla Nursery, the birthplace of most of Canberra trees, received close attention. The autumn sun and turning leaves presented a pleasing backdrop and brought happy smiles all round.

**Linda Roberts and Trevor Lipscombe**

## Other Tours and Events

John Jervis and Linda Roberts led a day trip to the Marulan area, the Limestone, Peppertree and Lookout Tour, in March while our great guides, Peter and Di Dowling, took a group of about 40 members and friends to the South Australian Riverland area for a 6-day tour in May. Reports on both these excursions follow.

In May, the NSW National Trust Women's Committee brought a large group (480 people) for a weekend visit to Canberra and we provided morning and afternoon tea for them at a home in Reid which they visited.



*From the left, Liz McMillan, Linda Roberts and Mary Johnston from the ACT Trust providing tea and scones for members of the NSW National Trust who visited the Canberra region in early May (photo: Joan Adler)*

### Limestone, Peppertree and Lookout Tour

17 March 2018

Saturday 17 March was St Patrick's Day with a difference when 31 of us headed up the highway to South Marulan on an unseasonably hot day.

Sharon from the Boral-owned Peppertree Quarry met the group with morning tea as we learnt about this newer 2004 facility. Granodiorite, an igneous deposit highly valued for its strength, is mined here. With rail links to Sydney, the site operates 24/7 and it is possible to run the whole plant from pit to train with just two operators!



Peppertree Quarry

Split into two groups we viewed the large quarry, machinery and control room, and heard about the Aboriginal heritage survey which, in conjunction with the Ngunawal and Pejar local Aboriginal Land Council, has salvaged to date 90,000 artefacts. Peppertree has been identified as a major meeting place for a number of surrounding mobs.

After lunch we drove a short distance to see the largest limestone quarry in the southern hemisphere. This prized commodity was discovered as far back as the 1860s.



Marulan butchery

We enjoyed an amble through Marulan where some sought out antiques and crafts and others read interpretation signs along George Street. It was great to experience this growing township as one usually speeds past.

Continuing up the highway we turned off to Tallong and took in the magnificent view at Badgery Lookout, looking east to the Shoalhaven River valley. Afternoon tea there was followed by another lookout nearby at Long Point.



Badgery Lookout

The heat of the day was too much for the air conditioning on our bus, which had been labouring – it finally conked out. So, up went the two emergency exit pop-ups for ventilation as we returned to Canberra.

Many thanks to John Jervis who again astounded us with his intimate knowledge of the area and to Sharon and Matt, our guides at South Marulan.

**Linda Roberts** (text & photos)

### To the Riverland

Arriving home at the end of a 3,000 kilometre 6-day tour, our happy group of travellers had much to reflect on as, thanks to Peter Dowling, we had been instructed en route on both geology and history of the areas and places we passed through.

Following a comfortable first night in Hay we paused at Hay railway station for Peter to describe the internment camp, now demolished, that existed in WW2. Next stop was Balranald by the Murrumbidgee River where we admired the unique metal sculptures at the prize-winning information centre (Balranald excels in sculptures it appears). The often-traversed plains country following became a place of geological interest as we began to recognise ancient lake beds and windblown 'hills' of sand and low growth.



Visit to the Paddle Steamer 'Industry', berthed at Renmark (photo: Dianne Dowling)

As we neared the mighty Murray River, Peter discussed the system of weirs and locks which harnessed the water for use in irrigation and created Lake Bonney. At Renmark an inspection of the *PS Industry*, formerly a work boat, restored and maintained by volunteers. Its engine is original, made in Scotland, and it takes four hours stoking the wood-fired boiler to 'get up steam'.

Barmera, our base for three nights, proved to be a charming town. On the bus early next day to inspect a small local museum dedicated to 'Rocky' Page and his involvement in country music. Over the river to Berri to begin our river cruise. For two hours we enjoyed the peaceful river, its majestic Red Gums, bird life and magnificent ochre cliffs reflecting in the placid Murray, all needing to be photographed. After a pub lunch, a short drive to Renmark and the National Trust property, *Olivewood*, the home built for Charles Chaffey of irrigation fame. This is a gracious verandah-fringed bungalow. Nearby a museum with many interesting exhibits.



The 'Shed', a National Trust property at Renmark (photo: Dianne Dowling)

To visit Loveday, a former WW2 internment camp site, we were accompanied by Rosemary Gower, a local historian. Peter invited us to do some amateur archaeology to try and recognise remains of buildings of what was once a small town of 5000. Loveday was established in 1943 to house Italian, German and Japanese civilian internees, had its own hospital, workshop and farm, and grew morphine poppies for

wartime use. None of this was known to those of us who lived on the east coast!



Eager participants in an archaeological survey at the World War Two Loveday Internment Camp (photo: Dianne Dowling)

At Cobdogla (a name to remember!) we visited the Irrigation and Steam Museum which houses the only working model in the world of the Humphrey pump. Merv, our guide, explained the working of this huge pump to grateful applause. We were also treated to an unscheduled ride on the tiny diesel loco train, manned by volunteers.



The group on board the steam train at the historic Cobdogla Pumping Station (photo: Dianne Dowling)

Our last day in the area and a drive to Overland Corner, a dot on the map and a National Trust property close to the river. This place with its tiny historic stone-built pub was a resting place for livestock overlanders in the past. Following lunch, we visited one of the 26 locks on the Murray – Lock 3 – where the pelicans waited for fish near the outflow. Our day ended at impressive Banrock Station perched high above river lagoons and vineyards, for scones and coffee on the wide veranda.

The route home took us via Pinaroo and the Mallee, during which time Peter gave us a short history of Daisy Bates. Lunch was in Ouyen's Victoria Hotel where leadlight glass and plaster ceiling roses remain from 1919 when the hotel was built. I was reliably informed by a local that the name of the town is pronounced *Ooyen!*

We were running late so our dash to Echuca ended in the dark. At our destination there was organised chaos as everyone searched for their rooms by the light of

mobile phones. There was laughter and shouted questions but eventually we all appeared for a late dinner.

En route home, a break at Yarrawonga and Lake Mulwala and an informed talk by a staff member of the Murray Darling Basin Authority. Sadly, the large fish we noticed near a spillway were the dreaded carp!

In all, a wonderful six days where we saw much, including families of emus picking in harvested paddocks, pelicans fishing, acres of grapevines and

groves of orange trees, and changing landscapes. We learned much that we didn't know and travelled in the footsteps of Sturt, Hume, and Burke and Wills. We had great accommodation and comfortable travel, with Dianne counting heads at each stop and passing around sweets from time to time to keep up the sugar levels!

Grateful thanks to Peter and Dianne for attention to detail and great planning by all concerned!

**Meryl Hunter**

## Heritage Happenings

The recent past has seen some action but a number of issues still continue, with no clear outcome. These need to be monitored.

### **Gold Creek Homestead**

The National Trust made submissions to Government about the fact that the homestead had further life and the retention of it and adaptive reuse should be part of the assessment criteria. We also met with some officials from Government to explain our concerns. We were pleased to see that the Government pulled the tender and will rewrite the criteria which we hope will have some consideration of homestead retention and reuse. This is important as the Government has spent considerable money on stabilising the building and making it weather-proof. The other issue we raised was that the homestead has local heritage significance and this should be a factor in possibly receiving another nomination, as local significance should be a consideration under the ACT Heritage Act.

The Trust will continue to monitor the situation and is convening a project team to make a submission to the Government for the inclusion of "Local Significance" as a new category on the Heritage Register. Volunteers to assist with the project would be appreciated – contact Liz on 6230 0533.

### **NCA residential areas in Forrest and Deakin**

The revised development control for the area was revised to have single dwelling development of the area. This was to protect the heritage character of the area. This was something the Trust pushed for initially and we are pleased with the outcome. We hope that, following the consideration of all the submissions, the NCA will continue with these controls.

### **DA Process**

The Trust will be making a submission about this to the Inquiry by the ACT Assembly's Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism. The date for submissions has been extended to 3 August so the Heritage Committee would welcome any comment and contribution. The DA process is something that can affect heritage issues and we need to be kept aware of and ensure that heritage matters are adequately considered.

### **ACT Natural Heritage**

This is another enquiry by the Assembly. The Trust made a submission that the natural values of the hills and ridges and the open space within our city have heritage values that need to be recognised and controls then put in place so that they are protected. These controls can be by management plans and the like, with adequate resources to ensure the best management of them.

### **Continuing issues**

There has still been no decision on the CSIRO site in Campbell. The City to the Lake proposals appear to be raising their head again, with the potential development on the car parking blocks around London Circuit. This is the first step in the potentially greater impact of development closer to the lake and West Basin. The further development of West Basin is also of concern and we are monitoring the proposals and fully support the Lake Burley Griffin Guardians.

### **ACT Housing Choices - Discussion Paper**

The direction of the ACT Government Discussion Paper is for smaller, denser and higher residential developments. The Trust fully understands that it is not possible to "freeze" a city's development and the Trust is not opposed to development provided it is done for the right reasons and in the appropriate

manner. Otherwise Canberra will suffer from becoming second rate and turned into a town like anywhere. Our city and its citizens deserve, and must have, a better outcome.

We suggest that the liveable, healthy character is represented by the Garden City ideal such as the heritage-listed conservation areas but is not represented by the recent development of Gungahlin and Molonglo. We believe this is why neighbourhood satisfaction with planning has declined in recent times, and there needs to be a paradigm shift to redress the situation.

The Trust's major concerns are that:

- The Garden City concept that is unique and fundamental to our city is being steadily subjected to "death by a thousand cuts";
- The values (non-financial), rights and lifestyle of the existing residents, who form the majority of the existing population are being dismissed or subjugated by those of the smaller numbers of future incoming residents (who are yet to arrive and apparently all want to live in tall multi-storey apartment towers) and the pecuniary interests of developers; and

- The intended battery-hen style of development does not properly take account of the inherent negative social, community, cultural and environmental impacts on all residents (current and future).

## Oaks Estate

The Trust is reviewing the recent rejection by ACT Heritage Council of the nomination of Oaks Estate for heritage listing. We are searching for new or additional material that could result in the Council reconsidering the nomination. Any other information that members may have would be appreciated. The contact email address is: [info@nationaltrustact.org.au](mailto:info@nationaltrustact.org.au).

## ACT National Trust Heritage Awards 2018

Nominations are now open for this year's National Trust ACT Heritage Awards. Nominations are to be submitted by 13 July. We look forward to receiving this year's selection of interesting heritage projects and plans for the future. The contact email address is: [info@nationaltrustact.org.au](mailto:info@nationaltrustact.org.au).

**Eric Martin AM**

**Graham Carters**

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