




Giving the Past a Future



A photograph of a tropical garden path. On the right, a large tree with thick, gnarled roots and dense green foliage dominates the foreground. A dirt path leads from the bottom left towards the background, flanked by various tropical plants and a thatched-roof building. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

**"Cities and places  
need deep memory.  
You cannot throw  
out the past like  
a Kleenex"**

*The late Robert Hughes AO Author*





Child's shoes worn on the  
Victorian Goldfields c1852  
National Trust of Australia (Victoria) collection

## What is the National Trust of Victoria Foundation?

The National Trust of Victoria Foundation has been established for the purpose of creating a significant, secure fund to allow the National Trust in Victoria to carry out its mission and vision of preserving and conserving Victoria's heritage well into the future.

The Foundation allows for the capital of the endowment fund to be preserved, in perpetuity, with the income made available to support the long-term sustainability of our purpose.

Untied gifts to the Foundation assist with conservation programs across all our properties. Sub-funds have been established within the Foundation for particular properties and purposes. These include:

Geelong properties	Labassa
Fashion Collection	Como House
Education programs	Rippon Lea Estate
Gardens	Mooramong
Gulf Station	La Trobe's Cottage
Portable Iron Houses	Mornington Peninsula properties
NE Victoria properties	Heritage skills training

Since 1956, the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) has been actively working towards conserving and protecting our heritage for future generations to enjoy. The National Trust is an independent not-for-profit organisation. It is the premier heritage and conservation organisation in our state and the major operator of house museums and historic properties open to the public.

The Foundation now provides the opportunity to build a sustainable future for the National Trust and to assist in its important work.

## Foundation Patrons

Lady Potter AC

Mr Frank Costa AO

Mr Barry Humphries  
AO CBE

*"Our heritage environment provides links with the past from which we can draw sustenance. Memories, cultural associations, and our sense of personal, local identity are strengthened."*

*People that join in supporting the National Trust of Victoria Foundation will be making history through saving it".*

*The late Weston Bate  
OAM Historian*

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## Why is the Foundation needed?

There is a mistaken perception in the community that the National Trust has excess funds on which to draw. The cost of the upkeep and conservation of the Trust's irreplaceable heritage properties runs into the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

Most of the 39 properties and some 35,000 items entrusted to the National Trust (Victoria) are not accompanied by funding for their future preservation. Without the support of the Foundation to hold funds for this purpose, National Trust properties and collection items will be lost.

The reality is that without the strong and active support of the Victorian community our heritage is at risk. Everyone is therefore affected by this. It is imperative to act and solve this, and if not now when?

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## How does the Foundation work?

The Foundation enables gifts and bequests to become an endowment that will deliver funding for the conservation of National Trust heritage assets. It is an independent body managed by a corporate trustee with a board of directors.

### BEQUESTING TO THE FOUNDATION

The Armytage Society is the bequesting program of the National Trust (Victoria). Bequests are placed in the Foundation and securely held in perpetuity. Every bequest is greatly valued and appreciated.

The legacy of a bequest is a powerful way to create lasting impact. Bequests can be untied or in support of a particular National Trust property or purpose.

For information on becoming a bequestor and a member of the Armytage Society contact our Bequesting Manager on (03) 9656 9800.

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## Why ask for your support?

### BECOME A FOUNDATION CHAMPION

Support of the Foundation, either through donations or bequests promotes inter-generational equality, wherein our children, grandchildren and future generations have equal rights to know and enjoy the same places and experiences that have enriched our lives.

The Foundation will be able to direct priority funding to urgent conservation and preservation projects and allow for precious National Trust resources to maintain the Trust's strong independent voice for heritage advocacy.

We invite you to become a *Foundation Champion* – joining a group of like-minded heritage supporters that **pledge an annual gift** to the Foundation.

Victoria can be an even better place today and tomorrow if all Victorians join together to protect and revitalise our historic places and communities.

## A Joint message from our patrons

*"Generations to come will look back and thank the passionate people who stood up for conserving our significant buildings and parklands by contributing to the National Trust of Victoria Foundation."*

*"If you join us in supporting the Foundation you will be reaching out and touching the hearts and minds of the future".*



*Gulf Station by  
Christopher Groenhout*

# Thank you for your donation

I am pleased to donate to the *Giving the Past a Future* National Trust of Victoria Foundation.

## Personal details

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

## Donation

- ☐ I wish to make one single donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR
- ☐ I wish to become a *Foundation Champion* and commit to making an annual donation each year for \_\_\_\_\_ years of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. My first donation is \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I would like my gift to be directed to a particular property or purpose. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I would like my gift to go to the general endowment fund
- ☐ I would like my gift to remain anonymous
- ☐ I would like to know more about The Armytage Society

## Payment details

**This donation \$** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Cheque** made payable to: The National Trust of Victoria Foundation

☐ **EFT** please identify payments by your **LAST NAME**  
**Bank** Westpac  
**BSB** 033 002  
**Account Number** 430304

☐ **Credit card** ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Amex

Credit Card Number

Cardholder name \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date:     /     /

Cardholder signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date:     /     /

*Please return this completed form to the National Trust of Victoria Foundation, 6 Parliament Place, East Melbourne VIC 3002. All donations above \$2.00 are tax deductible and will be receipted by return post.*





Labassa by Anthony Basheer

## Giving the Past a Future

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We thank our Patrons and Ambassadors for their support of the Foundation and for their commitment to the preservation and protection of Victoria's built, natural and cultural heritage. Our Patrons and Ambassadors encourage you to support the Foundation and actively ensure a bright future for the great heritage of Victoria.

Cover: Rippon Lea Estate by Claire Takacs



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