



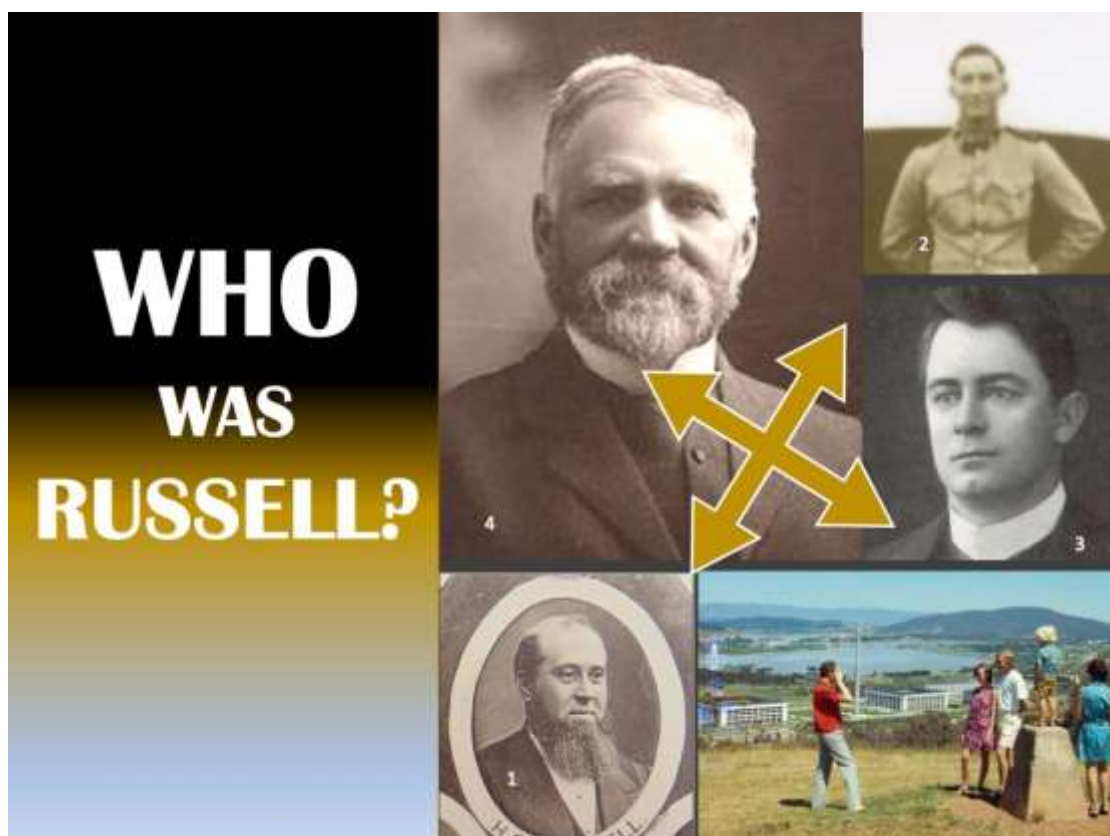
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Note on the faces in the picture: 1) Henry Chamberlain Russell; 2) an unnamed soldier at the Federal City Camp of 1909 representing Corporal H. Russell; 3) Senator Edward John Russell of Victoria; and 4) Senator William Russell of South Australia.

Who was Russell? How a National Trust (ACT) Monthly Heritage Walk finally led to the discovery of the origins of the name of a Canberra suburb

Australia's history is writ large in the names of Canberra's suburbs and streets, and the people behind these names are helpfully listed on the ACT Government website. While researching a National Trust (ACT) Monthly Heritage Walk in Campbell for January 2019 I checked the entry for the suburb of Russell, Campbell's close neighbour and one with close links. It read: 'Name associated with the locality for many years; the name was given to an adjacent trigonometrical station by Surveyor Scrivener in c.1910, and later adopted as the name for an early settlement in the locality'. This entry was a surprise. This must be the only suburb in Canberra where the identity of the person behind the name was

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unknown. Why had Scrivener given the trig station this name?

Turning to the index of Terry Birtles' biography of Scrivener, I was encouraged by discovering the name of Henry Chamberlain Russell (1836-1907). Russell, it seems, had made a valuable contribution to the accuracy of surveys in NSW and became first president of the New South Wales Institution of Surveyors in 1880, just two years after Scrivener commenced his surveying career. Perhaps a role model and surely a likely candidate for commemoration? Days later, I recounted this apparent discovery to the assembled Heritage Walkers on the summit of Mount Pleasant, the site of Scrivener's Russell trig.

Shortly afterwards I received two emails from people who had been on the walk. National Trust (ACT) President Gary Kent drew my attention to an article by Charles Daley from the 1960s. Daley had sought an answer to the Russell conundrum, come up with four possible Russells (including my Henry), but had been unable to settle on any of them with any certainty. The second email conveyed the same information. It was from Tony Maple. Tony, I soon discovered, was a Scrivener enthusiast, and now in hot pursuit of the correct Russell. I'll leave him to tell the rest of this story.

When Trevor suggested that the suburb of Russell and the old survey station may have derived their names from Henry Chamberlain Russell, I was at first quite pleased. At long last a mystery had been resolved! I was already aware of Charles Studdy Daley's inconclusive article 'Who was Russell?' (*Canberra Times*, 27 Feb 1965), and my research some years before had not shed any further light. But when I read Daley's article after the walk, I found he had dismissed Henry Chamberlain Russell as being unlikely. That being the case, it seemed an 'unsafe' conclusion. Just who was the elusive Russell?

Clearly, the matter needed more research. I started with Daley's list of Russells. Daley had been involved in the creation of the Federal – later Australian – Capital Territory from its earliest days, and rose to become its chief administrator. As such, he had known all the key people such as Scrivener and King O'Malley, and had access to the surviving members of Scrivener's original survey teams. His most likely candidates were Corporal H. Russell who reputedly had billeted surveyors, the aforementioned H.C. Russell who had been the NSW Government Astronomer, and two Senators.

The first senator was William Russell of South Australia (1906-12) who had been a strong supporter of Yass-

Canberra district as the site for the Federal capital. The other was Senator Edward John Russell of Victoria (1906-1922), who was a detractor of Canberra. I also came across a claim by the family of William (Bill) O. Russell, sometime Chief Clerk at the Lands & Survey Branch after WW1. It seemed Bill Russell had some role in establishing the temporary Russell Hill Camp close to the present-day Campbell shops. His family recalled the area became known as 'Bill Russell's Hill' by the camp's residents.

So, which of the Russell candidates had the best claim? Daley correctly noted Surveyor Scrivener was the first to fix the Russell name to the site. His Russell survey station was marked on very early maps (1910), and an examination of Scrivener's field survey notebooks showed the name in use from at least 22 March 1909. That quickly ruled out the claim of Corporal H. Russell of Duntroon who had arrived in 1912, and that of W.O. Russell of the post-WW1 Russell Hill Camp.

My attention turned afresh to H.C. Russell. Did he have virtues that Scrivener would have felt it appropriate to memorialise? Daley had considered the same question, noting H.C. Russell's contributions in the design of meteorological instrumentation, and he thought Scrivener would have known H.C. Russell. However, Daley concluded it was unlikely that a comparatively unimportant survey station would have been named for him. As Trevor had pointed out, other sources cited H.C. Russell's inaugural leadership of the professional surveying institution of NSW, and his contributions to the survey of NSW. And H.C. Russell hailed from Maitland where young Surveyor Scrivener had once been based, so on paper there were quite a few points in his favour.

But H.C. Russell was dead when Scrivener undertook his first contour survey of Canberra in March 1909. To use his name would have also been at odds with Scrivener's practice of naming survey stations after some descriptive feature (e.g. Gravel, Bald, Quarry, Intersection, West of School), or the names of living locals at the site (e.g. Rottenbury, Sullivan, Murty), or to mark those living people he deemed to have made a significant contribution to the Federal capital project (e.g. Vernon, Mahon, Hudson). Scrivener, it seemed, was a practical man not given to memorialising dead men, no matter how worthy.

That left the two somewhat undistinguished senators Russell, either singly or in combination, as the most likely candidates. Daley recalled a hearsay anecdote that both men had ascended Mt Pleasant to view the site and give their opposing opinions of its merits: perhaps Scrivener

was intrigued by the tale and bestowed his survey station with the name of 'Russell'? Perhaps so, but it seemed quite unlikely Scrivener would have distinguished the detractor, Senator Edward John Russell of Victoria.

One man remained. Senator William Russell was a bluff Scot who had been a successful farmer in various parts of South Australia. He visited the Canberra site three times, arguing it was a much better place for the nation's capital city than remote and stony Dalgety (which though chosen in 1904, NSW opposed). His outlook was avowedly that of the farmer, and he was particularly interested in Canberra's water supply. Moreover, he was clearly a supporter of Scrivener at a time of bitter interstate dispute, stating in Parliament in 1909 that he had "the greatest faith" in Mr. Scrivener's judgement.

On 6 Nov 1908, William Russell's actions were decisive. When it came down to the crucial vote in the Senate on the site of the federal capital, William Russell split from the ALP unity ticket in support of Tumut. Rather, he cast his vote – the deciding vote – in favour of Yass-Canberra, a choice celebrated in a poem by 'Gumsucker' in the *Yass Courier* of 18 December 1908, the last three stanzas running:

Yass-Canberra by one vote was carried,
All New South Wales cheered with delight.
And they honoured brave William Russell,
Who saved them the Capital Site.

When the Capital once is established,
A statue of bronze we'll upraise
To the honour of stout William Russell,
Who is worthy of honour and praise.

For by his vote we thwarted Dalgety,
And Yass-Canberra fixed firm and right;
And thus honest William Russell
Saved Australia the Capital Site.

Senator William Russell also stayed at the Federal City Camp which the Minister for Home Affairs, Hugh Mahon, operated over 3-29 March 1909 to allow Federal politicians to tour the selected district. Scrivener acted as tour guide for the visitors, and that brought William Russell and Scrivener together just as Scrivener commenced his contour survey of Canberra on 22 March 1909. It therefore appears Senator William Russell was close in time and space when Scrivener named his survey

stations. The case for William Russell being the Russell I sought seemed strong, but it was also circumstantial. Was there any stronger proof?

There was. In early March 1913, preparations were in train at Canberra for the ceremony to be held on March 12th at which the Federal capital would be named. On Sunday 9th a correspondent for the Sydney Morning Herald was shown around the site by Scrivener himself, and his report was duly published on the 10th. The last paragraph stated: "It is noteworthy that only three places on the capital site have so far been named after individuals associated with the district. Mount Ainslie has already been mentioned. Mount Vernon has been named after Colonel Vernon, who was until recently Government Architect, and was a member of the advisory board which recommended the choice of the Canberra site. Mount Russell commemorating the casting vote given by the late Senator Russell in the Federal Senate which secured the final adoption of the district as the Federal Capital."

I also found further reports to the same effect that settled the matter. So why was that attribution lost? Sadly, Senator William Russell died in Tumby Bay, South Australia on 28 June 1912. His death coming so soon after the first surveys of Canberra, and before the naming ceremony, helped obscure his role in the selection of Canberra. But although he is not memorialised in bronze, his name is given to one of the divisions comprising the Parliamentary triangle. And that is the 'honour and praise' for honest William Russell who saved Australia the Capital Site.

Trevor Lipscombe and Tony Maple



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Or pick up a couple of National Trust 2020 Desk Diaries from the ACT office in Civic.

\$25.50 each for NT members.

ACT Trust News

President's Update

Many of you will be familiar with the enormous contribution to Australia's heritage movement of Professor David Yencken AO, the inaugural chair of the Australian Heritage Commission. Sadly, Professor Yencken passed away in September this year but not before completing a wonderful book on the history and current state of the nation's heritage, *Valuing Australia's National Heritage*.



Further details of the book are provided elsewhere in this edition of *Heritage in Trust*, but it is appropriate to note here some of Professor Yencken's observations on the challenges faced by the National Trust in carrying out its important mission.

Professor Yencken refers to 'the signs of a decline in some of the Trust movement's fortunes' over the past 10 years, including closure of the national office, the financial woes of some of the local Trusts, reluctance of some 'to campaign actively for fear of offending governments', and a deterioration in the Trusts' relations between and financial support, from the Australian Government.

The urgent need to address these and other issues underpinned the adoption by Council earlier this year of forward-looking Strategic and Business Plans to ensure that we are planning properly for the future and meeting our key charter objectives.

Professor Yencken refers to the need for the Trust to maintain its position as 'a prominent and well-recognised public voice arguing strongly for conservation action'. This has always been the case but never more so in the ACT at a time when many of our heritage assets seem to be under threat.

There are real questions as to whether our political institutions and planning agencies are sufficiently responsive to community wishes about the future of Canberra. Our strategic planning documents contemplate that the ACT Trust will focus strongly on its advocacy and community education role in coming years.

The proposed West Basin development, the planned extension of Light Rail to Woden, redevelopment of the Canberra Brickworks and Kingston Arts Precinct, and

ongoing threats to the Garden City and Bush Capital aspects of Canberra, are just some of the many issues before us.

We remain concerned by the failure of the ACT Government to adopt a Heritage Strategy and this will be one of the key items on the wish list we are now developing for the ACT elections to be held in October 2020.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a report of the Trust's ACT Heritage Awards, announced on 30 October. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you for the work you and many other individuals and organisations do to ensure we leave something behind for future generations.

The new Council elected at our Annual General Meeting on 17 October 2019 is determined to meet these challenges. I was delighted to be re-elected as your President by the new Council and look forward to another productive year.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas Party on 1 December.

With best wishes.

Gary Kent

New members

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

Mrs Linda & Mr Norman Argall
Mr Robert & Mrs Margaret Bampton
Mr Michael & Mrs Leonie Barton
Ms Kaylie Beasley
Ms Elizabeth Bie
Mr Nev Carrigy
Mr Mark & Ms L Cawley
Mr Ashley Charlton
Ms Samantha Collins
Mr Timothy Naylor & Ms Rachel Colwell
Ms Diana Cooper
Ms Leigh Cridland
Mrs B & Mr R Curnow
Ms Liliana Delahaye
Mrs Linda Denman
Ms Georgina Denney
Mr Bronis & Mrs Rosalyn Dudek
Ms Michele & Mr Andrew England

Mr Philip Leeson & Ms Lee Erickson
Ms Judith Evans
Mr David & Mrs Leonie Fowler
Mr Denys & Mrs Jennifer Garden
Ms Joanne Gibbons & Mr David Groube
Ms Emma Hagerty
Mr Michael & Mrs Susan Hall
Dr C Andrew & Miss Katie Henley
Miss Carol Hoskin
Ms Elizabeth Hunt
Dr Sue Ingram
Mr Derrick & Mrs Gail Jameson
Mr Allen & Ms Susan Kearns
Ms Alana King
Ms Maggie King
Mr Peter McCormack & Mrs Lisa Kinney
Dr Susan Lampard
Mr Peter Czeti & Miss Kim Martin
Mrs Hilary Mende
Mr Tony & Ms Linda McDonell
Mr Rob Gill & Ms Elizabeth McGrath
Ms Heather McLoughlin
Mrs Elisabeth McNeill
Mr Paul & Mrs Judith Nixon
Ms Jennifer Walton & Mr Paul Noone
Mr Jason Page & Mrs Jennifer Page
Ms Emily Parker
Mr David Stary & Ms Thi Pham
Mr John & Mrs Patricia Quinn
Mr Edward Daetwyler & Miss Jacquelyn Reardon
Miss Anna Leeson & Mr Brandon Reid
Mr & Mrs John and Dorothy Rosser
Mr Benjamin Smith
Mr Paul & Ms Robyn Spry
Mr David & Mrs Sheree Tindall
Mr Peter & Mrs Loris Trainor
Ms Louise Anne Willey
Mrs Lyn Woyzbun

Free National Trust Heritage Talk & Tour

Saturday 30 November 10.30 - 11.15 am

Dickson Library, Antill St, Dickson

Dickson Library is celebrating its 50th anniversary

Dickson Library's design by Dr Enrico Taglietti is internationally famous and regarded as a superb example of modernism, expressing a bold and radical vision that emphasises the creative spirit and imagination of children and the frontiers of space and science for making a better and kinder world. This talk and tour will be conducted by Jane Goffman, a planning specialist and member of the Council of the National Trust (ACT)

(volunteers needed-contact Jane 0468 649 640)

In Memoriam

Dr Margaret Middleton, 10 April 1928 – 2 March 2019. Life Member since 1986. She had a long and distinguished association with the Academy of Science, and was a committed supporter of young researchers. She helped set up the [Margaret Middleton Fund for endangered Australian native vertebrate animals](#).

Mrs Audrey Harvey - a member from 1980 to 2011 and a staunch volunteer at the National Trust shop at Old Parliament House. Her husband Jock was an ex-President of the ACT Trust and was a main instigator of the separation of the ACT and NSW Trusts.

Virginia Passmore – an active member since 2007. Virginia attended many tours and National Trust functions.

Heritage of the Air Conference, 14-17 November 2019, Canberra Registration Open!

Visit the conference website at <https://www.aicomos.com/> for information on the packed program and to register.

There is a very exciting array of papers and presentations with over 80 abstracts accepted! Social events will include: a Welcome Reception (evening Thursday 14 November), Burra Charter 40th Anniversary Event at the Shine Dome (evening Friday 15 November) and on Saturday evening 16 November, a fabulous conference party with a mid-century mod theme, reflecting our much-loved venue, University House and the Golden Age of Aviation. Pre-conference workshops (<https://www.aicomos.com/program/workshops/>) are available on Thursday before the welcome reception and post-conference tours on Sunday 17 November.

Follow #HotA2019 and @air_heritage on twitter for regular updates!

Volunteers Needed

The National Trust is the only conservation organisation in the ACT concerned with all aspects of heritage, natural and cultural, tangible and intangible. We are the pre-eminent independent community body that promotes conservation of and access to the ACT's unique natural, cultural and aboriginal heritage. The Trust has an ongoing need for volunteers to help undertake the interesting and worthwhile activities of its various committees i.e.

Heritage Committee provides comments, advice and information on many aspects of ACT heritage, planning and conservation policy and management. Activities include: research, analysis, development of submissions, representation on consultations, liaison with Government and other organisations

Tours and Events Committee organises, plans, manages and conducts an extensive program of talks, visits and tours of places of interest in Canberra, the region and even overseas. It also conducts a range of events and functions such as Open Days and the Christmas Party

Business Development Committee conducts activities aimed at increasing membership, recruiting and managing volunteers, fundraising and sponsorships

Benefits of volunteering include:

- make new friendships and create professional networks
- gain experience and learn new skills
- enjoy new social and cultural experiences
- develop personally and build confidence
- challenge yourself in a supportive environment
- help your community
- most of all have fun and make a difference!

We would love to hear from you! Please mail: info@nationaltrustact.org.au or ring 6230 0533

Support your Trust through the Canberra Southern Cross Club's Community Rewards Program.



The Trust is pleased to advise members and the community at large that it has been successful in an application to join the Canberra Southern Cross Club's Community Rewards Program. Under the program, Southern Cross Club members have 7.5% of their spend on food and drink at the club

donated to a community group of their choosing.

The Trust is now available as a selection for members of the club to choose. Members of the club, who need not be members of the Trust, may sign up and nominate the Trust through this link:

<https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/zgrb75p0q1gjq/>

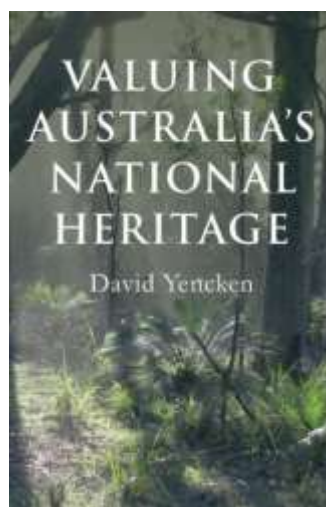
Additional information on the program is available at csc.com.au/rewards.

Members and the community at large are encouraged to sign up to the program and nominate the National Trust of Australia (ACT) in the knowledge that when they visit the club, they are also supporting the Trust.

Book Review

Vale Emeritus Professor David Yencken

Chair of the Interim Committee on the National Estate and inaugural Chair of the Australian Heritage Commission for six years; first Chair of Australia ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites). See <https://australia.icomos.org/e-news/australia-icomos-e-mail-news-no-896/#1> for a tribute from Ian Travers, President of Australia ICOMOS.



Gary Kent writes...

Professor David Yencken made an enormous contribution to the identification and preservation of Australia's heritage. Fortunately for all of us who attempt (however inadequately) to follow in his footsteps, he crystallised his unrivalled experience and knowledge in a marvellous book published only a few

months before his recent death. Yencken's book, ***Valuing Australia's National Heritage***, provides a marvellous canter through the history of heritage protection in Australia and the current condition and protection afforded the National Estate. In writing the book, Professor Yencken expresses the hope that it 'will empower all those committed to the significance of the National Estate to redouble their efforts to protect it'.

One of the main takeaways for me is how recent Australian governments have taken steps to water down the strong heritage protection regime which operated under the auspices of the now defunct Australian Heritage Commission. Formed in 1975, it was another of the initiatives of the under-appreciated Whitlam Government. Yencken argues that the Howard Government's abolition of the Commission and its replacement by the Australian Heritage Council has watered down the protection afforded Australia's heritage places. Further, it has also 'led to the abandonment of national care for over 13,000 places that were not included in the new National Heritage List'. He writes that the number of new national listings is

'pitifully small', a state of affairs which all of those interested in Australia's heritage have observed with some dismay.

An interesting article about the book appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* in July this year:
<https://www.smh.com.au/national/the-man-who-helped-re-imagine-melbourne-20190705-p524mc.html>.

I encourage all of you to read and enjoy this book. It is an easy and very rewarding read. You can obtain a free copy from the publisher, Future Leaders. Just email Dr Helen Sykes at helen@futureleaders.com.au. Alternatively, a copy is available for perusal in the Trust's Canberra office.

Heritage Happenings

Spring has seen 3 major projects surface where there is proposed to be substantial community consultation and the National Trust is participating in them.

Kingston Power House Precinct

Geocon have won the development opportunity for an Arts Precinct around the former Power House (the Glassworks) which will be a mixed use development including residential, commercial, hotel and car parking. The initial Masterplan has some heritage concerns but we hope there is sufficient flexibility and the issues realised by the community panel are fully considered as the sketch plans evolve.

Canberra Brickworks

This is now to move ahead with Doma and it will be interesting to see what are the ideas for its adaptive reuse while retaining the heritage value of the site.

Gold Creek

The future of the homestead and site is to undergo a community consultation process to identify some ideas that can be considered for the site's future. It hopefully will be a welcome opportunity to adapt the homestead and sympathetically use the space around it.

Note: *If any members wish to contribute or be kept aware of the consultation process then please contact the Trust office.*

Hobart Avenue Development

The Trust made a submission to a proposed development in Hobart Avenue. Despite a planning objective of NCA to ensure any change is in keeping with garden city ideas the proposal was considered to be not suitable or sympathetic.

Light Rail 2 and City Hill Developments

These remain ongoing concerns and we await further details and information so we can consider the potential impact on the heritage values of the areas affected.

Eric Martin

Heritage and Wellbeing Survey

Canberra was conceived as a city in the bush more than 100 miles from Sydney; a national capital city worthy of the aspirations, passions, values and patriotism of the nation.

The values that underpinned the Garden City design of Canberra are still as relevant to community and personal wellbeing as they were over 100 years ago. "Creating healthy working and living environments for urban residents with access to light and fresh air, land for growing plants, keeping animals and for recreation are still significant". Equally, it is still important for wellbeing, that individuals can enjoy a level of prosperity, have access to healthy, safe housing, to services and employment and have a variety of opportunities for socialising and participating in the community.

The ACT Government is currently seeking to develop wellbeing indicators for Canberra. Wellbeing indicators are quantitative, but non-economic, measures on the state of our society. The National Trust (ACT) believes that an understanding and an appreciation of the history and heritage of the ACT is a vital indicator in determining the wellbeing of the population and will be making a submission to Government.

We would like to input into this initiative, particularly in relation to our cultural heritage. To do this, the Trust has recently circulated a survey to members and the community at large, to ascertain what the people of the ACT and surrounds find are important activities, events and landmarks that typify our cultural heritage and should be invested in.

Election Issues 2020

The Trust has commenced the development of an updated version of an Heritage Issues paper for the ACT Election to be held in October 2020. For the last election both the Liberal Party and the Greens provided publicly available Heritage Policies but the Labor Party did not. A copy of the previous Issues Paper for the last election in

2016 is available on the Trust website: www.nationaltrust.org.au. Once again meetings will be held with all parties and a pre-election Heritage Forum will be held in September 2020. Any member who would like to assist with these activities should contact: info@nationaltrustact.org.au.

Public Consultation Panels

The Trust is frequently invited to be a member of various community panels such as:

- Kingston Arts Precinct Community Panel
- Ngunnawal's Gold Creek Homestead Precinct Panel
- Canberra Brickworks Community Panel

Any member, who would like to either be a Trust representative on a Panel or assist with the associated activities should contact: info@nationaltrustact.org.au.

Graham Carter

ACT Heritage Grants



The Canberra Fire Museum in Forrest (photo Linda Roberts)

On 21 October, the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Mick Gentleman MLA, announced the successful applicants for 2019-2020 ACT Heritage Grants Program. The awards took place at the Canberra Fire Museum in Forrest. A total of 22 grants were announced and the National Trust (ACT) was pleased to receive two grants this year:

- \$5,000 (plus GST) to run the 'National Trust Heritage Urban Polaris' next year. Urban Polaris is a cycling and navigating event where teams find their way around a series of control points spread throughout Canberra at selected heritage/historic locations. It is an event which introduces new people to our heritage and historic sites and was very popular when it was

run in 2016 and 2017. The grant will assist us to run it again in 2020.



Minister Gentleman & Gary Kent (photo Linda Roberts)

- \$4,000 (plus GST) for the 'Conservation of Magnetic Cassette Tape Oral History Recordings'. Several oral histories have been recorded over the years and some of the earlier ones were recorded on cassette tapes which have a limited life. This project will enable the recordings to be transferred to digital media, thus preserving them for future generations.



Minister Gentleman & Mary Johnston (photo Rebecca Scouller)

There were also two grants associated with the venue.

- \$33,060 (plus GST) Fire Brigade Historical Society of the ACT: 'Interpretation of uniform collection.' Displaying and interpreting uniforms and personal protective equipment (PPE) in a new exhibition space.

- \$5,555 (plus GST) Kingston and Barton Residents Group & Fire Brigade Historical Society of the ACT: '80 years of ACT fire and rescue through clothing.' A fashion parade to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the opening of the Forrest Fire Station, now the Canberra Fire Museum.

A full list of the 2019-2020 ACT Heritage Grants is at [https://www.environment.act.gov.au/home/home-news-listing/act-heritage-grants-gives-\\$355,000-to-local-projects](https://www.environment.act.gov.au/home/home-news-listing/act-heritage-grants-gives-$355,000-to-local-projects).

50th Anniversary of the moon landing



National Trust patron the Hon. Margaret Reid was one of the guests of honour on 20 July 2019 at the 50th anniversary commemorations of the moon landing at Honeysuckle Creek. Her late husband Tom Reid MBE was the Director of the former Tracking Station at the site (photo Linda Roberts)

The launch of the new Canberra Tracks brochure (4th edition) and unveiling of the latest addition to the Gungahlin Heritage Track



This was attended by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage Mick Gentleman, Gary Kent (President) and Linda Roberts (ACT Heritage and NT Board member). The Throsby Tree is on the ACT Tree Protection Register due to both an Aboriginal scar and a European survey mark. It is the first sign to have Ngunnawal words and via the Canberra Tracks app you can hear Jai Bell clearly pronounce the language (photo Linda Roberts)

Tours and events – what's been happening



Lost Lines Heritage Walk – Scott's Crossing Rd at St Johns (photo Trevor Lipscombe)

As usual, winter was a relatively quiet time for tours but the regular Sunday morning **Heritage Walks** have continued with a full complement of walkers on most occasions. In July we repeated the Duntroon Dairy and Duntroon walk held during the Heritage Festival and Linda and Trevor explored the northern border at North Mulligans. These were followed by Griffin's Lost Lines (August), Aranda Bushland (September), and a repeat of another very successful Festival walk to discover Scrivener's Marks and Blandfordia (October). Tony Maple also led a short walk following an article in Tim the Yowie Man's column which highlighted Tony's research for the Lost Lines walk.



Rock Valley (photo Mary Johnston)

Trust Talks – Most Talks have been held at the Hotel Kurrajong; Diane Firth on Robin Boyd in Canberra followed by Dr Valerie Kirk on the Crimson Carpet, Duncan McLennan on Trees in Canberra and Roger Pegrum on his recent book: *A Very Great City One Day*.

In June we visited Endangered Heritage to hear Victoria and Andrew Pearce talk about the conservation of heritage objects and see their work on site. There was also a visit to the ANU Classics Museum in July.



Scrivener's Marks Heritage Walk (photo Mary Johnston)

The Norfolk Island tour in August with Eric Martin as guide was a great success – see the separate report from Marianne Albury-Colless. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the overnight tour to Cowra with the Australia-Japan Society as there were insufficient bookings. Another planned bus tour to Braidwood has been postponed to early 2020. We visited Rock Valley in Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and enjoyed meeting members of the Tidbinbilla Pioneers Association and hearing about early settlement in the area. In October, the guest speaker at the AGM was Dr Kate Auty, the

Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment. A report on the AGM is included elsewhere.

Our 14th annual Reid Open Houses and Gardens is on 11 November and is likely to be fully booked.



Christmas Party venue Allwood – Linda Roberts & Judy Roberts, no relation (photo Mary Johnston)

Our final event for 2019 is the annual Christmas Party on Sunday 1 December, this year at Allwood, a restored slab cottage on a rural property out of Hall. Do come along and admire the work the owners have done to restore the historic buildings.

Mary Johnston
Tours and Events Committee



Sunset overlooking Ansett Bay, Norfolk Island

Norfolk Island Tour: 23 to 31 August 2019

At our reunion on 2 November, it became obvious that most of us are still reflecting on what we saw, heard, even felt about our tour to Norfolk Island. Robert Macklin sums up Norfolk Island in just two words, *Dark Paradise*, the title of his 'vivid story of how a unique culture evolved amongst the almost two thousand inhabitants'

trove.nla.gov.au/work/174417421?selectedversion=NBD50276475.



No 10 Quality Row, Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area

The penal history documents extreme cruelty, yet the island is a delight. A delight because of the Georgian architecture so expertly conserved, the fascinating flora and fauna and the intriguing stories of the Pitcairners' resettlement.

Please see <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/news/norfolk-island-tour-report/> for a more detailed account of the tour.

Marianne Albury-Colless (text & photos)

2019 Heritage Symposium, 'The Spaces In Between: Connecting Canberra's Urban Landscape', was held on the 24th of August in the R.N. Robertson Building, ANU Acton Campus. The overarching theme of the symposium was HUL – Heritage Urban Landscape, with a day of workshops held on Friday the 23rd allowing professionals to learn from experts on how to best apply HUL methodology to the Canberra heritage experience. The Saturday session followed along from these workshops, with discussion centering on the Heritage Urban Landscape in Canberra.

Marilyn Truscott introduced the day, talking about the history of heritage in Canberra, and introducing the first speaker of the day, Wally Bell, who gave the welcome to country and a short talk on Ngunnawal Place Names in

the ACT and surrounding region. Following this, Susan Fayad and Jason Forest, heritage professionals from Ballarat who oversaw the Friday workshops and were instrumental in implementing the HUL methodology, talked about their experiences in Ballarat.

Following morning tea, and the presentation of a poster, 'Stomping Ground' by Barbara Payne (a poster discussing community spaces), Ken Taylor gave an enlightening talk on the connection between community culture and urban heritage, and the importance of including heritage in development policies. This was followed by three short talks given by Karen Williams (ecological heritage, focussing on peoples' connection with rivers), Bronnagh Norris (maintaining heritage connections in a new built environment), and David Flannery (Bush capital birds, featuring numerous wonderful photographs) on their favourite landscapes of Canberra, and touched on the shortcomings of the current heritage legislation in the ACT in protecting places with tangible and intangible heritage. After these talks, attendees split into three groups to participate in part one of the Saturday workshop. Conversation flowed easily, with a few light hearted disagreements, with part one of the workshop focussing on what we, as heritage professionals, volunteers, or interested parties, valued about the urban landscape in Canberra. Many of the answers discussed the connection between the built environment and natural environment – buildings with height restrictions, large yards, parks in every suburb, and easy access to bush walks. The discussion carried over to lunch, which was livelier in conversation than in previous years.

The third session of the day started with a talk by David Denham on the potential Canberra's Planning and Development regime has to better meet residents' expectations. This was carried on with the theme of putting people's needs in the centre of heritage conversation. As with the previous session, this was followed by three short talks given by Chris Mobbs (the history of Hackett's Avenue of Trees), Rosemary Hollow (Manuka pool, which has personal significance for a lot of Canberra residents), and Ilse Wurst (the parliamentary zone and how it centres other notable Canberra landmarks). It was interesting learning about the history of well-known Canberra landmarks, and how the contemporary community values them. Part Two of the workshop followed, this time focussing more on how HUL methods can be applied to Canberra and whether the community (including the political and construction communities) will respond positively. There was a lot of discussion about ideal outcomes, including stronger

community groups and councils, existing landscapes respected, and adaptive reuse.

After another conversation heavy break, the final session worked in discussions from the groups, as well as a talk from Suzanne Orr MLA on the past, present, and future of heritage in Canberra, with a strong focus on inclusivity. The day of talks and group discussions culminated in a brainstorming session on the way forward and actions that can be taken to implement HUL in Canberra, based on conversations had in the group workshops earlier in the day.

As always, the symposium finished with drinks donated by the Canberra Historical Society, talk flowing easily after a day of workshoping.

Bronnagh Norris

2019 Annual General Meeting

The 44th Annual General Meeting of the Trust was held on Thursday, 17 October 2019 at the CMAG Theatre.

The President, Gary Kent, presented his report and noted the significant work done over the last year, particularly with the adoption of a new Strategic Plan. He also noted various threats to our built, natural and cultural heritage. Finally, he thanked a number of people in various roles. Committee reports were also presented and these were noted.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary presented the Financial Report. It was noted that the Trust made a modest profit for 2018/19 of \$10,681 but this was due to two one off items. A loss would have occurred without those items. The Trust at 30 June 2018 had net assets of \$178,955. The Financial Report as presented was accepted.

Rosemary Everett was named 2019 Volunteer of the Year and thanked for her many years of volunteer service.

Councillors Graham Carter, Eric Martin, Scott McAlister, Trevor Wilson, Marianne Albury-Colless and Jane Goffman continue for the second year of their term. Retiring Councillors Ian Oliver, John Tucker, Linda Roberts, Gary Kent and Gary Watkins were all re-elected. Mary Johnston did not renominate but was thanked for her many years of service. Peter Dowling nominated to fill the vacant position on Council and was declared elected.

The meeting ended with an address by Dr. Kate Auty, ACT Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment. She discussed the conservation of the natural heritage in the ACT, gave an overview on the

preparations for the 2019 State of the Environment Report, and other topics. She encouraged those present to consider new ways to communicate heritage themes to younger persons. Dr. Auty was thanked for her address.

At a brief meeting of Council after the AGM, Gary Kent was re-elected President, Gary Watkins was re-elected as Secretary, and Scott McAlister was re-elected Treasurer. The position of Vice President was left vacant to be considered at the next meeting of Council.

Gary Watkins Secretary

National Trust of Australia (ACT) Heritage Awards 2019 - Report from Judging Panel

This was the sixth year of these awards. The judging panel consisted of Dr Rosemary Hollow, an Adjunct Professor at the University of Canberra Faculty of Arts, who has expertise in natural and cultural heritage management; Amanda Evans, a practising landscape architect who is a member of the ACT Heritage Council as its expert in landscape architecture and Ken Charlton AM LFRAIA, an architectural historian and member of the National Trust of Australia (ACT) Heritage Committee.

The seven projects nominated are unusually varied in nature and have much to commend them, with two of these being recognised as outstanding, and three receiving commendations.

Two entries each received an Award for an Outstanding Project:

Canberra Modern



Canberra Modern Winners (photo Canberra Modern)

The Canberra Modern festival has grown from nine events in 2017 to twelve in 2019. The festival, which showcases Canberra's mid-century heritage through

exhibitions, markets, tours to significant buildings, talks and the themed dinner attracted hundreds of participants, thanks to the support of community groups and dedicated individuals. Canberra Modern is a brilliant way to promote the appreciation of a previously neglected era of Canberra's heritage. Amy Jarvis, Edwina Jans and Rachel Jackson are to be congratulated on achieving another successful festival.

John Gorton Building Façade Works and Roof Replacement



John Gorton Building Façade Works & Roof Replacement (photo Linda Roberts)

The judging panel was impressed by the enormity of the seven-year project to repair the sandstone and granite façade and replace the roof of this significant and highly visible public building located in Canberra's Parliamentary Triangle. The way the conservation work has been carried out with minimal impact on the original fabric is most commendable. The presence of asbestos contamination in the mortar joints was a problem which added to the complexity of the project. The HBS Group is a worthy recipient of this award.

Three entries were each awarded a certificate for a Significant Contribution to Heritage Conservation:

Increasing Accessibility in the Chambers and King's Hall at Old Parliament House



Old Parliament House Hearing Loop (photo Linda Roberts)

Minimising reverberation problems in King's Hall experienced by visitors with hearing loss has been achieved in an innovative way by sound attenuation. Consultants and staff of the Museum of Australian Democracy have taken care to retain the character of the interior of the central space of this significant building. Audio visual and PA systems there and in the House of Representatives chamber have been provided by the installation of discreet screens and speakers which are sensitively integrated with the heritage fabric. The learning experiences of visitors, particularly schoolchildren, can now be enhanced, thanks to this highly commendable project.

Adaptation of and Addition to Ashton House - a 1930s Ainslie Cottage

An excellent resolution of a common problem of conserving the architectural character of an externally intact cottage within a heritage listed precinct, while adapting and extending it for modern-day living. The sensitive internal adaptation work and the sympathetic design of the addition follow the conservation principles contained in the Burra Charter. The rear entrance into a link between old and new allows clear identification of the addition. Due to the location on a prominent corner block and the high visibility of the exterior of the cottage and its addition, the project is a model for others to emulate.

Moon Stories—the Day the World Changed!



Moon Stories (photo Linda Roberts)

What a vibrant, intercultural and intergenerational project this was! Zsuzsi Soboslay of Body Ecology has shown great initiative in her approach to the task of examining the impact of the first moon landing on the community into which its broadcast was beamed fifty years ago. The judging panel was impressed by the great variety of technologies used in the project and the age

range of the people she organised. The positive responses from schoolchildren and university students through to older members of the community was most pleasing. ACT universities and government stakeholders also made valuable contributions to the project. Through people's understanding of history gained in innovative projects such as this, protection of their heritage places should follow.

Two entries did not receive awards:

Rediscovering Ginninderra Website Database

A well designed and extensive database making good use of the Lyall Gillespie collection of historic records of the Ginninderra area, which predates Canberra. An important project that provides commendable access to information about the history of Ginninderra places and people and contributes to the public's knowledge and

appreciation of heritage places. This is potentially a model website for other communities, but its limited contribution to heritage conservation means the project is not quite worthy of an award.

Alterations to Bowen Pickering House - a 1950s Yarralumla House

This house has been heritage listed for its aesthetic value and as a notable example of its style. The sensitive alterations and conservation work have been successful in enabling the family to live in the manner of the 21st century, while retaining the essence of the original character of the building. However, the house is not visible from the street and the commendable conservation work is almost all internal, which minimises its appreciation by the public and lessens the project's contribution to heritage conservation.

What's next – coming up

Heritage Walks – Our final walks for this year are an exploration of the Old Tuggeranong Road in November and a repeat of Griffin's Lost Lines in December.

We are busy organising a full program of walks for 2020 which will commence on Sunday 19 January with a walk taking in the Pialligo redwood plantation and other interesting sites in the area.

Trust Talks – on Monday 11 November, Jeff Brown, the ACT Surveyor General will talk about Discovering History through Maps and Survey Plans – a 'must hear'

for history buffs! We are planning some interesting Talks next year.

We will be finalising plans for bus tours early next year as well as Heritage Festival events over the next couple of months so watch for announcements on the National Trust (ACT) website. Members are also notified in eNewsletters.

Mary Johnston
Tours and Events Committee

Annual Members' Christmas Party at "Allwood" Wallaroo

Sunday 1 December 2019 3-5pm

This year we are delighted to be visiting another historic property near Canberra courtesy of the owners Rod and Judy Roberts.

The heritage listed slab cottage was built in the late 1800s by district pioneers David and Agnes Rule. Enjoy the ambience and experience a little of what life was like in the early days of settlement in the Wallaroo area. Amongst the artefacts, newspaper articles, and photographs on display you will find some interesting accounts of their lives and some reflections of the times.

Yass Valley Heritage Advisor, Pip Giovanelli, will talk about his experiences advising on the restoration of historic buildings such as these.

Situated 10 minutes from the Village of Hall, the residence is made up of two buildings that have undergone restoration by Rod and Judy Roberts.

Members: \$20 Non Members: \$25 Drinks and refreshments included (some chairs will be available but BYO chair if possible)

Bookings are essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/BGFKD>

Enquiries: info@nationaltrustact.org.au or 6230 0533

"Allwood" is at 633 Wallaroo Road, Wallaroo

Heritage Diary July-December 2019

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

Details of National Trust (ACT) events are provided on pages 5 & 14

Date and time	Event and location	Organiser	Contact
Sunday 10 November 1:15pm – 4:30pm	14th Annual Reid Open Houses and Gardens	National Trust	For more details, go to https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/14th-reid-open-houses-and-gardens/
Monday 11 November 6pm – 7:30pm	Trust Talk <i>Unlocking History with Maps and Survey Plans</i> Jeff Brown, Surveyor-General of the ACT Function Rm, Nth Bld, Dame Patty Menzies House, 16 Challis St, Dickson	National Trust	For more details, go to https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/trust-talk-unlocking-history-with-maps-and-survey-plans-jeff-brown-surveyor-general-of-the-act/
Tuesday 12 November 5pm for 5.30pm – 6:30pm	CDHS Monthly Meeting Members' night: <i>Tell us about your own Research.</i> ALIA Conference Room, 9-11 Napier Close Deakin.	CDHS	Phone (02) 6281 2929 or email admin@canberrahistory.org.au
Wednesday 20 November From 6pm	CAS Seminar <i>The highs and lows of long-term community archaeology: thirty years of archaeological research with the Barunga community, Northern Territory.</i> Claire Smith, Garry Jackson and Jasmine Willika National Museum of Australia (Visions Theatre)	CAS	\$6.36 entry fee; CAS & Friends Full members free. Bookings essential: https://friendscaslectures.eventbrite.com.au
Sunday 24 November 9.30-11.30am	Heritage Walk 32 All aboard the Canberra Monaro Express	National Trust	For more details, go to https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/oldtuggeranongroad/ Email:heritagewalksact@gmail.com
Saturday 30 November 10.30-11.15am	Free National Trust Talk and Tour <i>Dickson Library will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Saturday 30 November and we'll be running a free heritage talk and tour at 10.30am of this outstanding Taglietti building.</i> Dickson Library, Antill St, Dickson	National Trust	No bookings required. Contact: Jane Goffman 0468 649 640)
Sunday 1 December 3pm - 5pm	Christmas Party at Allwood Allwood is at 633 Wallaroo Road, Wallaroo	National Trust	Members: \$20; Non-members: \$25 Email events@nationaltrustact.org.au or phone 6230 0533 for more information https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/christmas-party-at-allwood/ Book online at https://www.trybooking.com/BGFKD

Note: AGHS is the Australian Garden History Society. CAS is the Canberra Archaeological Society. CDHS is the Canberra and District Historical Society. NAA is the National Archives of Australia. 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.

BEQUESTS

I used to lie awake and wonder desperately what could be done about the destruction of our heritage when the essential, of course, was permanence.....

It had to be some new organisation pledged to perpetual responsibility. Moreover, it had to rise among the people themselves.

Annie Wyatt, Founder of the National Trust in Australia

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The remainder of your estate after all other beneficiaries have received their inheritance.
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Specifies the type of gift. For example, a gift of money, property, a life insurance policy, stocks and shares or a personal collectable or historic item.
- **The whole estate**
This comprises your whole estate.

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