



A 'community enterprise' – Hall School Museum and Heritage Centre (HSMHC) volunteers

Now we are ten

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In other parts of the world museums count their lifetime in centuries, making a tenth anniversary seem a very modest achievement. Moreover, Wikipedia identifies thirty 'museums' in the ACT but the HSMHC is not amongst them!¹ Nevertheless this small community-based, volunteer-run centre, has survived and thrived for a decade, and has a good story to tell.

Arguably, conception occurred in 1971 when Hall School's diamond jubilee celebrations included a display of educational memorabilia in the original one-room bush school. Guided by principal Laurie Copping the display grew and became permanent, being eventually recognised and given modest support as a school

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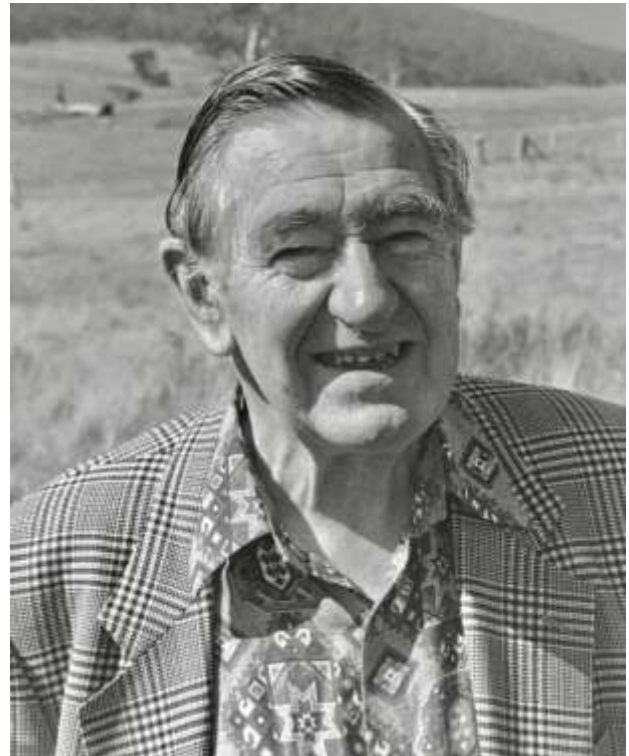
The National Trust of Australia (ACT) acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners of the land where we live, learn and work.

museum by the Education Department (1984), and officially opened by the Governor-General in 1986. Other schools visited for lessons, often in heritage dress.²

When the school was closed in 2006 – five years short of its centenary - the museum was orphaned. Hall and District Progress Association adopted the orphan, commissioning a Conservation Management Plan (2010)³, organising basic conservation skills workshops, and convening a very successful Hall School centenary celebration in 2011. The ACT Government had commissioned an Inventory of the museum in 2008⁴ which became the framework for a Significance Assessment in 2014.⁵ Our ten years begin with the inaugural meeting of the Friends of the School Museum on 21 September 2011, when the museum became a community enterprise. At that stage we were ‘Hall School Museum’ and our peer group was other Australian school museums.

In the ensuing decade we have mounted seventeen exhibitions, won twenty-five competitive grants from four funding bodies (worth over \$160,000), established a computer network with our own server and created a searchable photo archive of around 18,000 images. We have sustained an active volunteer force of 25-30, augmented by ten tertiary student internships. A Schools Program (for Year 2 students) and a Family and Local History Program have been established, and we have created the popular online databases ‘Rediscovering Ginninderra’ and ‘Early schools of the Capital region’.⁶ We are on the threshold of building a full digital catalogue of our collection, when not just photos but all elements of the collection will have a searchable digital record.

Perhaps the most challenging and rewarding project of the decade has been accessioning Lyall Gillespie’s lifetime collection – books, maps, stone and wooden artefacts, research notes, diaries, photographs, and much more - which we became the enthusiastic custodians of in January 2015. Boxed and transported, the material sorted and housed, an initial paper and pencil inventory was gradually transformed into a digital catalogue. Aboriginal Representative Organisations were closely consulted about the Aboriginal cultural heritage items, including 100 stone artefacts later lent to the National Capital Exhibition (from some 8,000 in the collection). The catalogue complete, we commissioned a Significance Assessment (Russell: 2019),⁷ then a Preservation Needs Analysis (Morris: 2021)⁸.



Lyall Gillespie ISO OAM (1919-2006)

Our debt to Lyall goes well beyond his material collection, extraordinary though it is. For obvious reasons, attention to Canberra district’s history has focussed more on the Molonglo valley – the Limestone Plains and the history of the capital city, than the ‘Ginninderra Plains’. Lyall Gillespie published his ‘history of the Ginninderra district’ (*Ginninderra. Forerunner to Canberra*) in 1992 in the belief that in its heyday Ginninderra was once ‘of far greater significance than the neighbouring village of Canberra’.⁹ His Ginninderra book, together with his Southwell family history¹⁰, helped widen the lens on the history of Canberra. Lyall’s was an early settler family (*Horse Park*, 1852). He lived in Hall and went to Hall school for some years. Our explorations of local Aboriginal history, of early bush schools, and the settlement of Ginninderra are all underpinned by Lyall’s work.

Having expanded our initial focus on bush schools to include Aboriginal history, stories of white settlement, social and economic development – including the stories of Hall and Ginninderra, in 2015 we changed our name to Hall School Museum **and Heritage Centre**. When revising our ‘mission’ in 2017 we formally adopted historic ‘Ginninderra’ as our province, approximately defined as the Ginninderra Creek catchment. The Capital Territory after all is catchment-based, and catchments had salience for Aboriginal people. We also adopted a timeframe – Indigenous history to World War II – to

emphasise that we are not a 'colonial' institution, only interested in European 'pioneers'. Two exhibitions, 'Stones that speak' (winner of an National Trust of Australia (ACT) Heritage Award, 2017) and '10,000 years on Hall's Creek' are testimony to that.



PMs Indigenous Advisory Council visit – scarred tree at Halls Creek [Andrea Mason OAM, Djambawa Marawili AM, Roy Ah See, Reuben House, Dr Matilda House, Susan Murphy and Ted Fraser].

We have even more to be thankful for. Ginninderra family descendants have given (and loaned) generously of their family stories, photographs and artefacts. Local sponsors have helped our budget, and government has played an important role. The district community fought hard to retain the school, but when that campaign failed the ACT Government agreed, after community consultation, that the school site would remain dedicated to community uses. With the Progress Association as licensee, we now share the site with Hall Rotary, the Men's Shed, a Pre-School, tennis players and children's play areas. The Government has undertaken major refurbishment to the buildings, and as a benevolent landlord continues to underwrite community enterprise on the site. We have also benefited greatly from the support of ACT Heritage, and access to their vital heritage grants program.

Our most recent grant is for a 'museum online' project, intended to complete design and construction of our digital collection management system. This points to a final piece of fortune; we were in a sense 'born digital'.

In the latter decades of the 20th century Lyall Gillespie stayed up late at nights crafting a massive set of 40,000 handwritten index slips. By 2011 we were all living in a different world.

Trove was launched in 2009 - barely older than us. In 2019-20 Trove had 28.3 million visits and the NLA held 2.4 petabytes of digital information. *Ancestry* went online back in 1996, and in 2020, with three million paying customers, sold for US\$4.7 billion. In 1994 the National Archives of Australia launched its first website and now more than 62 million pages of collection material is freely available online with more added daily. 88% of Australian households have internet connection.

Our next decade is full of possibilities, but it seems assured that the capability to aggregate, organise, store, share and display digitised information will be a basic requirement. We can also predict that our core purpose will remain educational. On the other hand, we could never have imagined in 2011 all that we have done and become. Maybe there are more unknown opportunities and strokes of fortune on the path ahead?

Alastair Crombie, President HSMHC

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ACT Trust News

President's Update

Dear Members

As previously advised, the Trust will receive a welcome ACT Government grant of \$525,000 over four financial years. This will help us progress a number of new programs, as well as deepening and broadening what we already do. Two of the first initiatives that the grant will facilitate are appointment of a Trust Heritage Officer and redevelopment of our website. The grant will also help the Trust develop approaches to researching and understanding Canberra's wonderful heritage of modernist homes.



You can read about these and other exciting projects in a separate article elsewhere in this edition of *Heritage in Trust*.

It is not generally known that ACT heritage listings were the responsibility of the Trust until 2004, and our files constitute a vital record of the Territory's heritage assets. We are exploring ways to make their existence better known to researchers and the public generally. To this end we have had very positive discussions with the ACT Heritage Library and ACT Heritage about possible opportunities.

At the time of writing, the COVID restrictions are gradually being lifted. We are hopeful that next year we will be able to conduct our usual range of members' activities relatively free from the mandatory health rules that have so restricted our offerings over the past 2 years.

In my last report, I mentioned the tour organised by the Trust in May of the Old Tuggeranong Schoolhouse, involving key parliamentary and government officials. The visit generated very significant interest and we are hopeful that a way will be found for the continued operation of the Museum.

The Minister for Heritage, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, shares the interest of the Trust in the development of an ACT Heritage Hub, and investigating the development of a hub was included in the Greens annexe of the Labor-Greens Parliamentary Agreement following the 2020 ACT Assembly elections. The Trust and the Canberra and District Historical Society are working on this as a joint

initiative. It would be wonderful if this project came to fruition and the Trust and its kindred groups could co-locate in a complex with meeting rooms, display area, coffee shop and so on.

Heritage matters continue to engage the attention of the Trust. Key amongst these in recent months is the redevelopment at the Australian War Memorial. Our submission was well-received by other stakeholders but we were disappointed that the National Capital Authority declined to intervene to protect the important heritage values of this site. The demolition of ANZAC Hall, constructed only 20 years ago, is especially troubling.

Other matters pursued by the Trust include the Kingston Arts Precinct (see Heritage Happenings for the latest news), the Canberra Brickworks development and Light Rail Stage 2A. We are gearing up to respond to the Environmental Impact Statement for Light Rail Stage 2B which is expected to be released shortly.

Best wishes to all of you and compliments of the festive season soon to be upon us. I hope to see you at this year's Christmas Party at Tuggeranong Homestead (see page 10)

Gary Kent

ACT Government Heritage Grant for the National Trust of Australia (ACT) - UPDATE

In our last issue, I wrote about the ACT Government's support of the Trust with a new ACT Heritage Special Grant which will provide recurrent funding over four financial years.

The initial allocation of \$75,000 in the 2020-21 financial year has helped us to develop the Annual Work Program for 2021-22 and start the work of recruiting a Heritage Officer. The Work Plan was submitted to ACT Heritage in August. With some minor changes it was accepted and our funding for 2021-2022 secured.

The key features of the 2021-22 Work Plan include:

- a review of the Annual Heritage Awards to create greater public awareness of heritage through the awards
- develop education programs about heritage
- continue our successful heritage tours and walks
- increase our participation in the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival 2022
- update walks/drives brochures

- develop a new website
- improve public access to National Trust resources
- appoint a new Heritage Officer

It was acknowledged by ACT Heritage that COVID will have an impact on our activities this year but it's quite a workload for us who are mainly volunteers!

However, we have engaged a contractor to develop the website and we have advertised for the position of Heritage Officer. I hope we see some great applicants come forward to join us in this exciting new work.

Once again, I acknowledge the support of the ACT Government with this Grant and I look forward to sharing our progress with you in the future.

Gary Kent, President

New members

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

Ms Margaret Smythe & Mr William Book

Mr Nigel Ernest & Mrs Rungaroon Ernest

Mr Craig & Mrs Tanja Ferguson

Ms Susan Grace

Mr David Hunt & Mrs Katrina Hunt

Mr Matthew Johns

Mrs Sarah & Mr Warren McDonald

Ms Susan Mclay

Mrs Cassandra & Mr John Zoro

In Memoriam

Shirley Pipitone - April 1947-July 2021. Shirley had been a member of the Trust since 2005. She was an active member, attending many events and volunteering her time, including the baking of scones for Open Days and in 2009 completed a comprehensive study on behalf of the Trust on the *Social Value of Lake Burley Griffin*.

Elizabeth Storrs - October 1929-July 2021. Elizabeth had been an active member of the National Trust ACT for nearly 30 years. She was an enthusiastic and determined participant in many of our tours and talks. She became quite a feature with her walking stick in the latter years.

Cedric Bryant - July 1939 -October 2021. Cedric was a strong supporter of the Trust and well known to many of us as he regularly attended our tours and events and spoke at one of our Christmas Parties held in the beautiful garden at 'Huntley Homestead'. He also participated in our Business Development Committee and provided valuable advice on several heritage issues.

Cedric is remembered by many of us as a cheerful, friendly and helpful person who gave freely from his extensive knowledge of gardening and other matters to members of the Trust and many others through his work and his gardening columns in local newspapers and magazines.

AGM Report

The Trust's 46th Annual General Meeting was held on 11 November 2021 via teleconference, due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

The President, Gary Kent, provided an overview of his report which had been circulated and highlighted some points, particularly the special grant from the ACT Government.

The Treasurer, Scott McAlister, provided an overview of the Financial Report which had been circulated and highlighted that the first tranche of grant funding had been received before the end of financial year.

Members agreed to update the constitution approved by members last year with words that made it consistent with other Deductible Gift Recipients. This updated constitution can now be lodged with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission and become effective.

It was announced that the Volunteer of the Year award for this year would be a group award for the Heritage Walks guides and helpers, in what has been a difficult year for volunteering because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councillors Marianne Albury-Colless, Sam Cook, Mary Johnston, Eric Martin and Scott McAlister continue for the second year of their term. Gary Kent, Linda Roberts and Gary Watkins retired being at the end of their term, with Linda Roberts and Gary Kent being re-elected. Nominations from the floor were received from Kerry Blackburn, Brad Fraser, Pam Saunders, and Rebecca Scouller. All were elected to Council.

Gary Watkins has retired and not sought renomination and will consequently cease as Secretary. Jane Goffman has resigned from Council effective from the conclusion of the AGM and will consequently cease as Vice President. Sam Cook continues for the moment in the second year of his term but has foreshadowed his intention to resign in December.

Officer positions will be determined by Council at its first meeting after the AGM.

Gary Watkins, Outgoing Secretary

Heritage Happenings

The main heritage issues that the Trust is focusing on at present are outlined below:

Oaks Estate

A new draft Variation 328 is open for comment and has been extended to permit more time to submit comments. Despite two previous reports supporting the nomination of Oaks Estate to the ACT Heritage Register, it has not been supported by ACT Heritage Council.

The current variation is a planning instrument that permits some commercial development in the area opposite the railway line up to two storeys which in itself is not unreasonable but the important and heritage listed Robertsons' House is in this area and a recognition of its context is not mentioned.

The rest of the area is indicated as low density residential but there is no clear definition of desired character leaving important issues open to interpretation.

It is also interesting to note it is vastly different in the planning controls of Tharwa and Hall.

The Trust will be making a detailed submission.

Kingston Power House Precinct (Kingston Arts Precinct project)

The ACT Government recently announced that this project will now be delivered by government agencies for 'a range of heritage and design complexities that require government to take the lead in developing the area'. The project will be led by the Suburban Land Agency and we await further information on how it will engage with the community.

Modernist Houses

This will be a focus of the Heritage Committee over the next year. The aim is to detail a methodology to

establish where the best modernist houses are in the ACT so they can be further assessed. If members know of houses of high design merit of the period (1950-1970), their architect and other details please identify them so they can be included in the project.

Light Rail 2

We await more details so we can consider the impact on heritage values associated with the project.

Gold Creek

The original homestead will be retained and adapted as part of the aged care facility on the site. We look forward to further details.

Yarralumla Brickworks

Final designs are evolving for the adaptive reuse of the heritage listed brickworks. The reference group, of which the Trust is a member, is participating to assist with a successful outcome.

Anzac Park East.

The building is gone and will be replaced as one for the new "Portal Buildings". The Trust is part of a reference group being consulted and informed on the design proposal which is evolving. We look forward to a successful outcome.

NCA Works Approval - War Memorial Redevelopment
Submissions have been made expressing concern about the impact.

NCA Works Approval for City Section 100 Blocks 10 & 11
Submission has been made identifying heritage issues which were not considered in the works proposal.

Eric Martin AM

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National Trust of Australia (ACT) Heritage Awards 2021

The 2021 Awards have been held over due to COVID restrictions

Walks and Tours

In July, I reported on a very active first half of 2021 but unfortunately the rest of the year has been somewhat different!



Dressed for the cold and COVID Safety! Photo Linda Roberts

Prior to lockdown in early August, Linda Roberts managed to lead a tour of Rusten House in Queanbeyan with Eric Martin as guide, on a very cold July day. Most people had no idea of the brilliant restoration work, let alone the building and enjoyed the old nursing display and artwork indoors.



Guide Eric Martin. Photo Linda Roberts

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold other planned tours, such as the visits to Goulburn for the steaming at the Waterworks and to Nil Desperandum in Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. The King Island and Yarra Valley tours were postponed (again) with one tour now planned for February 2022 and another in November.

The Heritage Walks suffered a similar fate – first due to bad weather and then the lockdown. Uncertainty about new restrictions and limited access to some places have meant that we have not been able to resume tours or walks just yet.

However, we are planning to hold our Annual Christmas Party and one Heritage Walk before the end of the year. The Christmas Party on Sunday 5 December will be an opportunity to visit Tuggeranong Homestead which is not normally open to the public. It has a very interesting history and you will have the opportunity to inspect the buildings and enjoy refreshments in the lovely gardens. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/annual-members-christmas-party/>.

The final Heritage Walk will be London Bridge Arch and Homestead on Sunday 12 December. Fingers crossed for our third attempt at this walk! <https://londonbridge3.eventbrite.com.au>.

We have started planning our program for next year, including the 2022 Canberra and Region Heritage Festival. High priority will be given to rescheduled tours and Heritage Walks which had to be deferred this year!

Mary Johnston, Tours and Events Committee
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COVID-19 safety for Events

Please check the current ACT health guidelines on protecting yourself and others before booking on an event. Please note that you must cancel if you are unwell (a refund will be provided on request); you should maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres from other people during the walk and observe good hygiene to prevent the spread of germs. If required, your contact details will be provided to health authorities. Hand sanitiser will be available before and during the event.

ACT Region Heritage Symposium 2021

The 2021 Heritage Symposium, *'Heritage at Times of Crisis: Saving, Sustaining, Sharing'*, was held on 7 August in the McDonald Room in the Menzies Library, ANU Acton Campus. The overarching theme of the symposium was problems and solutions for heritage in difficult times.

Marilyn Truscott started the symposium and introduced Ngunawal Elder Wally Bell who gave the Welcome to Country and a short talk on cultural heritage and crises. The Symposium Committee was then excited to introduce the ACT Minister for Heritage, Rebecca Vassarotti. Following this, Brett McNamara from the ACT Parks and Conservation Service spoke on the fires and the impetus to save heritage assets in Namadgi National Park.

Following morning tea, Anna Wong from ACT Historic Places gave a talk on the social importance of heritage at times of crisis, discussing the impact of the bushfires on visitor interaction at Lanyon Homestead, Mugga Mugga Cottage, and Calthorpes' House. After this talk, Rhonda Ayliffe talked about the Cobargo Bushfire Resilience Centre and the role of creative arts in healing from disaster. Up next was Ann Tündern-Smith who has done research on WW2 refugee and architect Ernst Kesa. After the Q&A Session, Linda Roberts gave a vignette about the positive effects lockdown had on the 2021 Heritage Festival.

Lunch followed, and then a vignette from PhD student Liam Atkins about the iconic Canberra bus stops as urban artefacts and their role in the development of the city's Collective Memory. Up next, with one of the most anticipated talks of the day was Eric Martin discussing the rectification of the hail damage to the Shine Dome. Another Canberra icon that suffered damage during the 2020 hailstorm, there were several challenges in repairing the Shine Dome, from issues with the initial design and how best to overcome the impact of the hail damage. Following Eric was Katrina Keller discussing issues with rainfall intensity for heritage buildings.

Katrina Keller presented three case studies where rainfall caused damaged and the challenges presented by repairing and preventing future damage. The final talk of the day was given by Jane Goffman and looked at the Dickson aerodrome. She discussed the archaeological investigation of the potential site of the aerodrome, shared photographs from the era, and discussed how local heritage can build community connections.

The final session of the day was a group discussion with rapporteurs Peter Dowling and Anna Leeson. The rapporteurs summed up the talks from the day and discussed key themes that came out of the presentations. The conversation that followed centred on personal experiences with heritage, environmental crisis (namely the Canberra hailstorm in early 2020), and insurance issues. There was a lot of sharing of exasperations. Following this session was, as always, drinks and conversation. There is a lot to consider for the future of heritage.

Bronnagh Norris

Taking in Canberra's heritage on a bicycle!



Riding out from the start at Telopea Park School

Regular readers may recall that the Trust ran a unique team-based cycling event some years ago called the Urban Polaris. The 'original' Urban Polaris was first held in Canberra in the early 2000s by a professional events promoter and ran for number of years. The Trust successfully re-launched the event in April 2016 and ran it again in April 2017 during each year's Canberra and Region Heritage Festival. In 2016, 100 teams (200 individuals) participated and there were 125 teams in 2017. The attraction for the Trust was the ability to link many of the control points to heritage assets around Canberra (some well-known others, less so) thus increasing community awareness of our unique and diverse heritage. Participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive with comments like 'I never

knew that site existed' and 'I have driven past that location almost daily but never knew what it was'. With the assistance of a generous grant from the ACT Government's Heritage Grants program, plans for a 2020 event (re-branded as the Heritage Polaris) were well advanced before COVID-19 forced its cancellation.

Bring on 10 April 2021! Despite the lingering concerns around COVID-19, an intrepid field of 60 teams prepared to take to the streets, nature trails and cycle paths of Canberra starting from our event centre located at Telopea Park School Hall. There were 38 checkpoints located within the city limits of Canberra and there was no set route that riders had to take nor was there any order in which the checkpoints had to be accessed. The unique (and fun) aspect of the Heritage Polaris is that each team determines their own route and the checkpoints that they wish to visit (remembering that checkpoints have differing values). So, it is possible that a team could visit fewer checkpoints but still obtain a higher points total than another team.



The tandem exiting Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve

For this year's event we incorporated checkpoints at 7 locations along the Old Weetangera Road which encouraged riders to follow the old road route from O'Connor to the back of Higgins with bonus points for those teams who visited each of the 7 checkpoints. Other memorable checkpoints included the Air Disaster Memorial off Pialligo Ave towards Queanbeyan (28 hardy teams made it there and back), WWI trenches off Dairy Road and two checkpoints within Mulligans Flat Reserve. The most visited checkpoint was St Andrew's Church in Forrest.



Planning the route

Each team was provided with a hard copy of the Transport Canberra ["Your guide to cycling in Canberra"](#) map and grid references for each checkpoint. From 6:00am teams prepared their preferred routes before departing at 8:00am with a time limit of 7 hours to accumulate as many points as possible.



Checking the map at Dickson

One of the highlights of the day was our checkpoint at the Original Canberra Aerodrome in Dickson. The Trust had done substantial work in researching this fascinating part of Canberra's early history and during the unveiling of a Canberra Tracks sign, being conducted on the same day, Heritage Polaris teams were coming and going to access a checkpoint we had setup adjacent to the sign. Heritage Minister, Rebecca Vassarotti, was very impressed!

All entrants safely returned to the event centre for a free beer, sausage sandwich and an ice-cream and feedback was again overwhelmingly positive. The winning team, 'Ads and Dave', collected 630 out of a total of 770 points.



The Minister presenting awards

Planning has already commenced for the 2022 **Heritage Polaris** which will be held on **23 April 2022**, again with the support of an ACT Government Heritage Grant. Details can be found at heritagepolaris.com.au and we also have a Facebook page facebook.com/HeritagePolaris . If you use Facebook we would appreciate you liking our page as there is only

word of mouth advertising for the event. Also, interested in volunteering? We would love to hear from you. We especially need people to help monitor checkpoints on the day of the event. And finally, we are always on the lookout for quirky or out of the way checkpoints (they don't necessarily have to be heritage – they can be a unique natural location for instance) so if you have any ideas please send us some details!



Tackling Red Hill

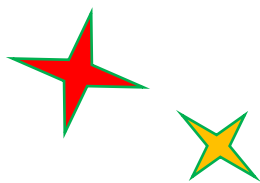
Scott McAlister
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Annual Members' Christmas Party

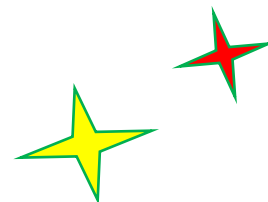
Sunday 5 December 2021

3.00pm-5.00pm

After our long period of hibernation, we are very pleased to invite you to our end of year party at the ACT Heritage-listed Tuggeranong Homestead



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Some of you may know the venue from attending events there but others may have only heard of it and will be keen to explore its many layers of history from Aboriginal occupation, through its pastoral period and the Cunningham family, its association with war historian, Dr Charles Bean and the history of World War 1 to today.

Chair of the Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead and author, Jenny Horsfield, will give a talk entitled '*Letters from the Limestone Plains*'. You will also be able to wander around the property to see some of the history for yourselves.

Tuggeranong Homestead is providing the food in the garden. Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Bookings are essential, contact the office: info@nationaltrustact.org.au or 6230 0533

Members: \$40 Non Members: \$45

Tuggeranong Homestead is at 51 Johnson Drive, Richardson

National Trust Desk Diary 2022



Gulf Station, National Trust (Victoria). Photo: Christopher Groenhout.

The 2022 National Trust Desk Diary will feature attractive images with absorbing, nostalgic, sometimes quirky, background stories of Australia's built, decorative and natural heritage.

National Trust properties, and Australia's city, regional and rural museums, monuments, nature reserves, parks and even historical street furniture, offer fascinating sights and destinations to fill any itinerary. The diary offers the opportunity for armchair travel through the year — or to plan visits to see the offbeat, the interesting, the striking and the remarkable items or places saved for the future, from the past, to be enjoyed now!

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The Trust is now available for nomination by members of the club. Club members, who need not be members of the Trust, may sign up and nominate the Trust through this link. <https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/zgrb75p0q1gjqj/>

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.

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