



Storytime: Tidbinbilla Pioneers Association's Patrick Jeffery with National Trust members at Rock Valley 2019. Photo Geoff Puleston

Rock Valley Tidbinbilla: still standing... but not standing still

The Rock Valley Homestead sits nestled at the foot of the picturesque Tidbinbilla Range, as it has since its beginnings in 1895 – a registered heritage place attracting frequent visits and fuelling a growing appreciation of cultural heritage values.

The homestead and adjacent heritage precinct hold stories spanning nearly two centuries of European settlement. The first 130 years take us from 1830s squatting (the Tidbinbilly Run of emancipist George Webb) to 1880s selection by the bounty immigrant Sheedy family, and into more than 70 years of ownership by three generations of the Green family.

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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.

Two-thirds of this span encompasses pastoral phases of selection/carving a property from the bush, relying for survival on off-farm work with large landholders, to self-sufficiency and mutual support with other small landholders. It demonstrates a high level of resourcefulness and use of local natural resources – water, earth materials and timber.

It conjures up strong associations and kinship across settler families of the Tidbinbilla and Gibraltar valleys, with the property a focal point for social and practical activity. It attracted the broader rural district to woolshed dances, gymkhanas and carnivals, and an emerging Canberra to picnics, camping, fishing, berry picking, and bushwalking. And for the briefest time it almost became tea rooms within a hobby farm.



The front gate of Rock Valley in 1930: Elma Green receives a mail delivery from Lucy Maxwell & son Pat. (TPA archives)

In its last 60 years, the homestead has been saved twice from destruction. Firstly, being spared as a works depot for the new nature reserve in the 1960s, despite efforts to eradicate all traces of European pastoral history. Secondly it arose, rather phoenix-like, from incineration in the 2003 bushfires. It had seemed destined to be cut off at the footings but instead stands today with walls and roof as a ‘stabilised ruin’.



Rock Valley after 2003 firestorm. Photo Geoff Underwood

It is the only accessible building in Tidbinbilla to illustrate stories from the 2003 bushfires, with its scars readily evident and interpreted, along with exposure of pisé construction methods and materials.

These fortunate escapes afford the homestead a singular place among ACT heritage residences that are accessible for interpretation and education – representing small landholders, in a remote setting, creating diverse livelihoods.

The National Trust has played a key role in survival of the homestead from its listing as Classified in 1987. After the bushfires the Trust worked with the Tidbinbilla Pioneers Association (TPA) to draw attention to its values, its ruinous state, and the need for its conservation. It also commissioned important assessment of the distinctive garden landscape and collection of oral history from the Green family. Building on these timely and successful efforts, the past few years have brought significant advances in protecting the place and enhancing experiences and appreciation of visitors.

Stabilisation has been aided by additional verandah awnings, rendering and drainage, while new paths have improved accessibility. ACT Government Heritage Grants have enabled a heritage interpretation strategy; Canberra Tracks signage and self-guiding brochure under the new banner of ‘Tidbinbilla Heritage’; multimedia enhancement (pending reliable mobile coverage); professional advice on continued stabilisation and public accessibility of previous oral histories, transcribed and digitised.

In an echo of its past, the homestead precinct now supports the regular, highly successful Picnic at Rock Valley, along with weddings, music practice, and informal family picnics in the heritage gardens, relict orchard, and shady groves.



Old-fashioned kids' craft: Picnic at Rock Valley 2019. Photo Geoff Puleston

Rock Valley was the name used for almost the entire Tidbinbilla Valley from earliest land selection until establishment of the reserve in the 1960s. Just as the valley was re-purposed over time, it is fitting that the name should again apply not only to the homestead structure, but to its broader function – once a pastoral and social hub, now an interpretive and cultural hub for the valley.



Rock Valley Homestead heritage garden and signage. Photo Geoff Puleston

A bright future is envisaged for Rock Valley, with these fruitful interactions feeding new possibilities, such as:

- a conservation management plan for the registered heritage place
- additional oral history collection to cover the reserve era
- continued development of multimedia interpretation
- expanded volunteer engagement in maintenance and care, also guided walks beyond the homestead.

The educational value of the precinct beyond the homestead could be further enhanced through a range of strategic developments coupled with interpretation signage, such as:

- a vernacular style picnic shelter (simulated outbuilding) with fenced yard and machinery artefacts to reinforce rural context, diversify visitor experience, and divert some recreational pressure from the homestead structure

- a marked-out garden/orchard with renewed orchard plantings (heritage varieties) to reinstate a garden produce context for the homestead
- addressing the adjacent paddock ('The Rocks'), important as early cultivation, the probable site of the first selector house in the valley (Sheedy) and the inspiration for the Rock Valley name; linking to geology in granite landscape, shelters, raw materials for pisé, field stones, stone tools, and ochre.

The homestead is the nucleus for broader and deeper landscape understanding and literacy, with layers radiating out from house to house garden to home paddock to the rest of the former property, to kinship and practical links up, down and across the valley. This can be reinforced in a Time Trail network through the valley, echoing Aboriginal pathways, bridle trails, and old settler routes for walking and stock movement. Every nature walk at Tidbinbilla is also a heritage walk (and vice versa), and the broad network, as 'Tidbinbilla Heritage', can become an itinerary recognised in the Canberra Tracks system.

A lot has been achieved at Rock Valley, and we are seeing the beginnings of so much more, all aimed at securing, and presenting to wider audiences, this singular and special place.



Life from the earth - the bones revealed. Photo Geoff Puleston

Mark Butz and Geoff Puleston

ACT Trust News

President's Update

Dear Members

Sadly, the inclement weather meant that we had to cancel our Open Day in April, a great shame given all the work put into arranging the comprehensive range of activities and stalls planned for the event. Fingers crossed for next year.



The rain affected other Heritage Festival events but I am pleased to note that most of the others went ahead, including those organised by the Trust. One of the highlights for me was Elizabeth Burness' talk at the Mercure Hotel in Ainslie, *There's History in the Bottom Drawer*, accompanied by delightful coffee and eats.

As usual, the Trust continues to advocate for the recognition and protection of the ACT's heritage, and issues on which we are currently working include Canberra's mid-twentieth century modernist homes, Light Rail stage 2, the Kingston Arts precinct, West Block refurbishment and Churchill House.

While we welcomed the decision announced during the election to place the Lake Burley Griffin and Adjacent Lands on the Commonwealth Heritage Register, the former Government decided not to accord National Heritage listing to Canberra. That it has taken nearly a decade to reach this decision is profoundly disappointing and we will be taking this up with the new Heritage Minister.

The Australian Council of National Trusts developed a list of 2022 Federal Election Heritage Priorities which it provided to all election candidates. You can find a copy of it here: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-Federal-Election-Policy.pdf> These priorities will also be taken up with the new Heritage Minister.

As I have previously mentioned, the Trust Council has established two new committees dealing with Corporate Affairs and Communications and I thank Kerry Blackburn,

and Pam Saunders and Rebecca Scouler, who will respectively chair and co-chair these committees.

I encourage all of you to consider the annual ACT & Region Heritage Symposium on 13 August: full details are provided elsewhere in this edition of *Heritage in Trust*.

Our heritage walks and tours are now back in full swing, although the COVID pandemic continues to cause some issues along the way. Our ACT Government grant is helping us to expand the number and range of these activities so keep your eyes peeled for advice on future offerings.

I was pleased to attend last month with Eric Martin of the Trust's Council, a reception at the Shine Dome, with the members of the Australian Heritage Council, prior to its recent meeting in Canberra. The Chair, the Hon Ted Baillieu, spoke enthusiastically of the need for passion in heritage advocacy, and we all went on our way suitably inspired.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Lee Davie, who served as our office manager for a short time following the departure of Jacinta de Haan. We extend our thanks to both Lee and Jacinta for their work on behalf of the Trust and wish them well for the future.

I am pleased to announce that Gary Watkins, a former Trust Councillor and Secretary, will be acting in the position of Trust manager, pending permanent filling of this position. During this interim period, the office will be open from 9.30am – 12.30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

Gary Kent President



Presenting a Heritage Award for significant contribution to heritage to Linda Roberts, representing the ACT Heritage Unit, for the ACT and Region Heritage Festival

Heritage Listing of Canberra

During the recent election campaign, the previous Federal Government announced the approval of the Commonwealth Heritage listing of Lake Burley Griffin and Adjacent lands.

The National Trust welcomed this good news, for which it had advocated strongly.

However, we were bitterly disappointed that the proposed National Heritage listing of Canberra, which would have been a much more significant step, was rejected.

It is hugely regrettable, and unacceptable, that it has taken 13 years to resolve this matter. The two nominations for heritage listing, which were similar but different in some key respects, were made in March 2009. One dealt with 'Canberra and Surrounding Areas', the other, 'Canberra – Central National Area and Inner Hills'.

That the ultimate decision to reject the nomination was made on the basis that the ACT Government chose not to express a view, is simply unacceptable. Recognition of Canberra's immense heritage value to the nation should not depend on whether the ACT Government is interested or otherwise.

The whole affair has been shrouded in secrecy and doublespeak. Several years ago, the Trust was advised by the Federal Department of the Environment that the ACT Government had agreed to the listing, and an expansive one at that. What has happened in the meantime?

The Commonwealth has missed a golden opportunity to demonstrate to the rest of Australia and the world that we have a truly magnificent national capital worthy of protection and promotion. Broken Hill has been accorded national heritage status but not Canberra. Go figure!

In the words of Ed Wensing, one of the original nominators, 'the nominations present a rare opportunity to make an historical decision to recognise that the planning of Canberra has made an extremely valuable contribution to Australia's planning history and to democracy generally, and therefore deserves to be recognised as a place that has outstanding heritage value to the nation.'

The Trust will be pursuing this matter with the new Commonwealth Heritage Minister and the ACT's representatives in the Australian Parliament. Stay tuned for further developments.

Gary Kent
President

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 47th Annual General Meeting of the National Trust of Australia (ACT)

Thursday 17 November 2021, 5.30pm for 6.00pm

Venue: Gorman House, Gorman Centre, Braddon

As per the Constitution, half of the Council will retire but is eligible for renomination.

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, or online and must reach the office 30 days before the AGM.

Guest speaker: To be advised

Further information will be on our website soon: www.nationaltrust.org.au/act

New members of the National Trust of Australia (ACT) Council

Brad Fraser has grown up in Canberra and has a deep interest in finding the balance between growth and development without compromising the richness of the cultural, natural, and historic narratives our young city has developed.

In being part of the Council, Brad's focus is to assist the Trust in furthering conversations around heritage to find positive outcomes that assist to develop our city's rich narrative.

Brad brings a deep interest in sustainability, economic resilience & social equality. Brad's core focus lies in finding solutions that enhance a positive balance between our built and natural environments that focus on liveability and quality of life.

Brad holds a Master of Urban and Regional Planning, and a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Integrated Environmental

Management; International Studies; and Sociology and Social Policy.

Kerry Blackburn is a long-term resident of Canberra who values its cultural, heritage and natural environments and is keen to contribute to greater community awareness of their importance. She is a retired Australian Public Service Senior Executive with broad-ranging program and policy experience in Veterans' Affairs and Social Security.

Kerry is the immediate past president of the Friends of the National Library, a national organisation with some 1600 members, continuing her involvement as editor of its quarterly newsletter. The Friends program of events and support of that cultural institution complements in many ways the work of the National Trust. Kerry sees the many opportunities that the Trust provides as vital to preserving Canberra's heritage for the future.

Corporate Affairs Committee Report

The ACT National Trust Council's review of its committee structure to ensure compliance with the ACT Heritage Special Grant funding has seen a renewed focus for the Corporate Affairs Committee. The Committee has a particular role to develop and coordinate the annual work plans for 2022–24 and to monitor progress, in cooperation with the other committees and the treasurer, as well as preparing progress reports for the ACT Government that will trigger successive tranches of funding.

The 2022-23 work plan has been submitted to the ACT Government and the mandatory report for the first grant payments is being prepared for submission in September.

The Committee will also continue to play a key role in the wider governance responsibilities of the Trust.

The Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, currently online.

Kerry Blackburn
Chair, Corporate Affairs Committee

Communications Committee Report

A Communications Committee has been established to manage the redevelopment of the ACT National Trust's website, promote the work of the Trust, enhance its social media presence and facilitate the production of the *Heritage in Trust* magazine. The Committee met for the first time on 5 April 2022 and meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Committee is planning a social media environmental scan of like bodies to gain insight into what platforms and types of posts provide the best information and attract member and public interest; scoping the planned website redevelopment; and identifying existing and future communications content.

The Committee plans to recruit a paid Communications Officer soon to manage these activities.

Pam Saunders and Rebecca Scouller
Co-chairs, Communications Committee

Heritage Happenings

There is never a day when a matter of heritage interest does not come before the National Trust.

There are the ongoing items such as Kingston Arts Precinct, the Yarralumla Brickworks, Light Rail Stage 2 and Acton Waterfront which are always present but evolve slowly as we wait for outcomes on which to comment.

We also keep a watchful eye on other emerging issues in the community, such as Haig Park/development of the former Northbourne Flats site in Braddon, Hill Station at Hume, the former Allawah Hospital in Empire Circuit and the Salvation Hall in Braddon.

We have an ongoing concern that landscape values and trees are not being adequately protected. Old historic trees in Stirling are potentially at risk, a developer has approval to remove trees in Deakin which were initially protected, and changes to the Territory Plan may place trees in conservation areas at risk. The National Trust provided comment and we await an outcome.

Heritage issues get blurred with some developments such as the Giles Street development by Geocon. Although it is adjacent to the Kingston Post Office, heritage listings and controls have no effect over adjacent developments, and it is up to the planners to consider urban context and good design.

The National Trust made a submission on the Griffith substation, a last remaining infrastructure item of the 1920s. While its functional use may have passed it is an important part of the history of our utilities and should be protected. We await the outcome of the demolition Development Application.

The Trust supported the listing of the Commonwealth Bank building in Civic as an important part of the development of the precinct and the way artistic detail was integrated into the building façade design. The 1960s modernist buildings are now 50 years old and there remain some important places that need to be identified before they are all removed.

West Block development is a new one for our consideration. The National Capital Authority (NCA) has sought comment on the proposed 'porte cochère' and small extension/new single storey building at the rear. However, the bigger issue is that the NCA has virtually no control of the interior and while no Commonwealth authority has a direct control of the building there remains no heritage legislative control on what happens to the interior. Alarming as it is, something better is required.

Eric Martin AM

ACT Region Heritage Symposium 2022 Heritage and Healing: How Heritage Helps Saturday 13 August 9am-5pm

Health and wellbeing have come to the fore in society owing to the challenges of recent years where dramatic changes have been imposed on our normal way of life. In response to lockdowns and natural disasters, there is a desire for bringing people together to promote the health and healing of our communities.

In this year's Symposium, a series of papers will explore the following questions:
What role could heritage have in enhancing our wellbeing and enriching our lives?

How have our heritage and its intangible values given us a sense of place, of a continuity from the past to present?
How can cultural engagement contribute to healing?

Register through Trybooking.com: <https://www.trybooking.com/CAOYE>



Canberra & District Historical Society



Walks and Tours

It's been a bit of a roller coaster ride! If COVID hasn't affected us, then the weather has not been kind! Since our last issue, we have been quite busy, mostly with the Heritage Festival but also other tours and events.

The first Heritage Walk was a repeat of one of last year's very successful walks – Hidden Treasures – which explored Chinese heritage in Queanbeyan in February.



Hidden Treasures in Queanbeyan



More hidden treasures!!

In March we learnt about the Mysterious Air Crash of 1927 (also repeated in June). Tony Maple was involved in both walks – with Donna Zhao and Sue O'Leary respectively. It's great to have enthusiastic and well-researched guides on our walks.



In March, Peter Dowling gave a talk about his book, *Fatal Contact*, and the impact that diseases have had on the Indigenous population of Australia. We were pleased to partner with the Friends of the National Library for this talk which also attracted members from groups such as the Canberra Archaeological Society and the Canberra and District Historical Society.

Linda Roberts has written about Heritage Festival (page 9) and Scott McAlister has covered the Heritage Polaris (page 10) Unfortunately, the weather impacted on some of our Festival events including our Open Day at Duntroon Dairy as we were not able to access the site on the day. Similarly, our joint event with the Australian Garden History Society at Lambrigg had to be cancelled but the good news is that the owners have agreed to a spring visit to Lambrigg on Saturday 15 October. Details will be advertised closer to the date.

Other Festival events that were able to proceed were an entertaining talk and high tea at the Mercure by Elizabeth Burness, 'There's history in the bottom drawer'! The Easter Egg Hunt, also at the Mercure, was very successful and we certainly hope to repeat this again next year.



The Easter bunny!

Heritage Walks of Braddon, Dairy Road and Kambah were all fully booked. It's great so many people are interested in exploring areas of Canberra in some depth. We believe that heritage tours are beneficial to people's health and wellbeing in a time when there are so many pressures on our lives.



Braddon Heritage Walk



Dairy Road Heritage Walk



Kambah

In May, we had a very interesting curator-led tour of the Marion Mahony Griffin exhibition at the National Archives of Australia. We are planning to repeat this type of tour at the Archives and the Canberra Museum and

Gallery. Unfortunately, the guide for the May Heritage Walk, Old Ainslie, was unable to take this tour but we may be able to reschedule it in the future.

The Callum Brae tour was a great success. We were pleased to be able to visit the private property as well as



walk through the Nature Reserve and hear about the history of the area – another little-known heritage site in Canberra.

Callum Brae

We also visited Endangered Heritage – a very impressive business in Canberra – to see how they conserve objects, many of which have great stories attached to them.

The July Heritage Walk will be along part of the Lyneham and North O'Connor heritage trail with the Lyneham Community Association – already booked out!

On 6 August, there will be a talk and short walk when we will discover the growing development of Ginninderry from its Aboriginal heritage, early European settlers through to one of Canberra's newest communities.

Bookings online at <https://www.trybooking.com/CAVRA>.

On 9 August we have a tour of the National Archives of Australia's new exhibition, 'Reception this way'. This tour

Keep up your Curiosity for local heritage

Learning 'Twinkle twinkle little star' in Ngunnawal language, looking for cyclists in Oaks Estate, admiring tea towels at Ruston House and enjoying wine and pizza as the sun set over the Brindabellas, are some of the events I enjoyed at this year's 'Curiosity' themed Heritage Festival.

On offer were 177 events over 23 days from 9 April until 1 May. Did you enjoy attending some of the activities? Heritage Minister Rebecca Vassarotti attended 15 events, officiating at the National Trust's Heritage Polaris prize giving and unveiling the heritage trail map sign at Lyneham shops. These two events were among 20 that had their basis in ACT Heritage Grants.

includes an overview of the exhibit, as well as exploring exhibit highlights, offering an in-depth perspective on the people, places and events that made Australian motel experiences so unique. For bookings go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CASNL>. We are also planning another museum tour on 24 August – the 'Special Exhibition – Sidney Nolan: Search for Paradise' at the Canberra Museum and Gallery and a Heritage Walk to see the daffodils at Sherwood in the Brindabellas on 28 August (a reasonable level of fitness is required for this walk).

The tour to Ballarat and Bendigo is on with about 40 people on board! But there is more – a trip to Nil Desperandum in Tidbinbilla where we hope to see the camellias in bloom on Saturday 17 September and a Heritage Walk along the 'Straight Line Border' on Sunday 25 September.

The Tours and Events Committee tries to organise a variety of activities for members and friends and welcomes suggestions and of course volunteers to help organise these. If you would like to get involved, contact us at events@nationaltrustact.org.au.

Mary Johnston

Tours and Events Committee

(photos by members of the Committee)

New initiatives for 2022 included the 'ACT Heritage Council presents' series of talks at Hotel Kurrajong. The feedback on the content was very positive and attendees valued the opportunity to meet members of the council.

Kids Week saw its entry into program, with 15 events to coincide with school holidays.

One of the Kids Week activities: the NCA's Itty Bitty City at Regatta Point



Our inclusion of Aboriginal artwork by Lynnice Church (Ngunnawal Wiradjuri Kamilaroi Nations) echoed the growth in Ngunnawal content into the printed program and increase in activities celebrating our Aboriginal cultural heritage.



Our Ngunnawal language teachers: Rebecca King and Melissa Bell

ACT Heritage is thankful to National Trust ACT for being one of the main stakeholders and contributing a good range of activities. I fondly look back to Easter Sunday

How much of Canberra's heritage can you see in seven hours on a bicycle?

Well, if you're Adam Franklin and Seb Dunne of team 'Dad Bod' then the answer is lots as they were the only team to make it to every one of the 37 checkpoints in this year's National Trust Heritage Polaris! The event, which is an annual fund-raising activity for the Trust, was conducted on 23 April 2022 in glorious weather with riders starting off from our new event centre home at Telopea Park School Hall in Barton. 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.



As mentioned above there were 37 checkpoints located within the city limits of Canberra and there was no set route that riders had to take nor was there any order that the checkpoints had to be accessed. The unique (and fun) aspect of the Heritage Polaris is that each

and donning the bunny ears whilst hiding hundreds of eggs for some very eager two- to six-year-olds.



Swing dancers pause at the Roaring '20s in Reid event

Linda Roberts
Heritage Festival Co-ordinator
ACT Heritage

team determines their own route and the checkpoints that they wish to visit (remembering that checkpoints have differing values).



This year we made a conscious decision to compress the area in which the checkpoints were located, an effort to increase the visitation numbers across the field. The western most checkpoint saw entrants venture out to Shepherd's Lookout (just past Ginninderry) to take in the amazing view of the junction of the Molonglo and Murrumbidgee



Rivers while to the East we had checkpoints set up for riders to do a lap of the [Oaks Estate River Corridor](#). As with past events, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive with most riders admitting having not known about these two sites or a number of the others.

The majority of the field stayed out for their allotted seven hours and upon their return were treated to a

sausage sandwich and a tasty ice-cream from Rhonda's 'Chameleon Ice Creamery' which many enjoyed outside on what was a signature Canberra Autumn day. The event was again supported with a generous grant from the ACT Government's Heritage Grants program and Heritage Minister Rebecca Vasserotti was on hand to announce the winning teams.



The event wrapped up at 4:30, and all in all it was another fantastic day.

In Memoriam - Lynn Parry

Lynn Parry passed away in March this year shortly after participating in one of our Heritage Walks. She was a great supporter of National Trust activities, including the Heritage Walks and last year led a walk along the Old Gundaroo Road in Forde during the 2021 Canberra and Region Heritage Festival.

Planning has already commenced for the 2023 Heritage Polaris which will be held in mid to late March 2023. 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!

Team McAlister

Her work in researching and preparing for the walk was greatly appreciated by those who attended the walk. She has also been a volunteer at events such as our Open Days.

The National Trust (ACT) was saddened to hear of Lynn's passing and expresses its sympathy to Lynn's family.

NATIONAL ENDANGERED SKILLS AND TRADES SHOW

Demonstrations 14-16 October at the Old Bus Depot Kingston
Evening seminar on 14 October at the National Museum of Australia

Heritage Trades for Environmental Sustainability

Showcasing artisans, makers, and repairers, equipped with traditional, indigenous and non-indigenous knowledge.

<https://www.endangeredskills.com/>

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 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 www.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.

Membership Rates

Joining fee	\$35
Annual Membership	
Individual	\$75
Individual Senior	\$70
Individual Concession	\$55
Household	\$105
Household Senior	\$95
Household Concession	\$85
Life Membership	
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- + Reciprocal visiting arrangements within Australia, plus 19 NT organisations worldwide, including the UK and Scottish National Trusts.
See: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/international-places/>
- + Member rates on shop items which are for sale online or through the ACT Office.
- + New members can attend one Heritage Walk or Trust Talk free.
- + Access to the *Friends of the NLA* lounge and discounts at the NLA bookshop.
- + Regular ACT E-magazines, invitations to participate in outings and tours.
- + Access to archival information held in the Trust office.
- + Access to events and other benefits arising from collaboration with organisations having similar interests to the Trust.
- + Concessional entry to ACT Historic Places and 10% discount at Lanyon Homestead shop.

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