



History & Heritage

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**Australian
Heritage
Festival**

**BENDIGO
GAS WORKS
TOURS**

Rare Opportunity

Saturday April 29
Saturday May 13
Bookings essential

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Bendigo Gas Works operated from 1860 to 1973: the most intact 19th century gas works in the world. Above left: rising gas storage cylinder Above right: Cowley Cornish boiler. Images: Elaine Doling

**Next Branch Meeting: Monday April 24 at 5.30pm
History House, 11 Mackenzie Street Bendigo**

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Cover Story:

Bendigo Gas Works Tours Bendigo & Region Branch National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

The Bendigo Gas Works have rarely been open to the public but we are pleased to be able to run tours during the Heritage Festival on Saturday April 29 and Saturday May 13. Bookings are essential. Entry fee by donation. See below for tour times.

The Bendigo Gas Works are one of the three intact 19th century gasworks in the world, and the only one in Australia. It is on the Victorian Heritage Register, and regarded as an internationally significant example of an entire provincial gas works by the Institution of Engineers, Aust. The Bendigo Gas Works remain as they were at the time of closure- a treasure of industrial heritage frozen in time.

In 1860 with customers connected, coal in store, and the works largely completed, the fires were lit. Finally, the retorts were charged with coal and gas production began. On Saturday evening, 31st March 1860, the first gas produced by the Bendigo Gas Company was tested at View Point, High Street and Hargreaves Street. The light was said to be 'of great brilliancy' (*Gas in Bendigo: An Illustrated History* by Ray Proudley). Thus began the story of gas in Bendigo. You will be on a tour that showcases the former Bendigo Gas Works which operated continuously from 1860 with a number of upgrades until the introduction of natural gas in 1973.

Event Details: Address, 8-32 Weeroona Ave, North Bendigo west side of Lake Weeroona

Times: Saturday 29 April & Saturday 13th May.

Tours start at 9.45am, 10.45am, 11.45am, 12.45pm, 1.45pm, 2.45pm. There will be an induction to the site at the beginning of each tour. Entry fee by donation.

Only one tour per person. Children need to be over 12 years old.

Booking: Pre booking required natrustbendigo@gmail.com or Text: 0447 473 674

Attendance limit: Strictly 15 persons per tour (due to OH&S requirements, no exceptions.)

Other things you need to know: It is an industrial site. Enclosed shoes with low heels must be worn. No children under 12 years. Each tour to take 1 hour 15 mins. Parking is available in nearby streets or catch tram to Lake Weeroona and short walk. Also, there is limited disabled access to parts of the site, and **no toilet facilities for anyone.**

Branch volunteers will be needed to help with the tour on the April 29 and May 13

History & Heritage Branch newsletter - receive, contribute, read past issues

Everyone has a story that, when combined with others, provides a record of the social history of our region and draws attention to the significance of local built heritage. To receive *H&H* or contribute a story or photograph, send a message to natrustbendigo@gmail.com To help increase circulation send it to your friends and family or sign up your organisation to receive it. To join the editorial group, contact the Branch President, Peter Cox on 0447473674. The contribution deadline for the May *History & Heritage* will be **5 May 2023**. For previous issues of *History & Heritage* [Click here](#)

Planning Application: 38 Myers Street Bendigo – Peter Cox



Above: 38 Myers Street Bendigo, Californian Bungalow period home. Image: realestate.com
Right: proposed Medical Centre Development photograph from planning application.

Planning Application: Use and development of land for a medical centre, partial demolition, external alterations and extension of the existing building, installation and display business identification and reduction in car parking requirements.



The March copy of *H&H* featured this Planning Application. It said '38 Myers Street Bendigo was built as a period residential dwelling and to cater for the ever-increasing need for more housing and is required to remain for the purpose for which it was built. The alternative will create a sprawling city with the need to build more and more houses on the edge of the city where utilities, public transport and other services are not available to neighbourhoods. It will cost much to provide these services. There are many vacant commercial properties in the CBD that are left with little maintenance giving the city a degraded appearance. These vacant properties were built with the purpose of accommodating businesses such as a medical centre.'

Response from the applicant. (in part)

Due to the location of the building and the internal works, it is highly unlikely the building will be of interest for a residential use again.

During the recent formal notice period it is understood eleven submissions were received by Council objecting to the proposal. The concerns raised can be summarised as follows: Inconsistency with Clause 11.03-6L-02 'Bendigo Hospital Precinct'; Inconsistency with the purpose and decision guidelines of the General Residential Zone (GRZ); Inadequacy of carparking; Overshadowing issues; Potential overlooking issues; and concerns with the proposed design response on the heritage significance of the area.

The ongoing use and development of the site as a medical centre assist in controlling the use of the land during evenings, weekends, public holidays and during the normal working week. The proposal is likely to protect neighbours from the frequent and unpredictable comings and goings associated within typical residential land use.

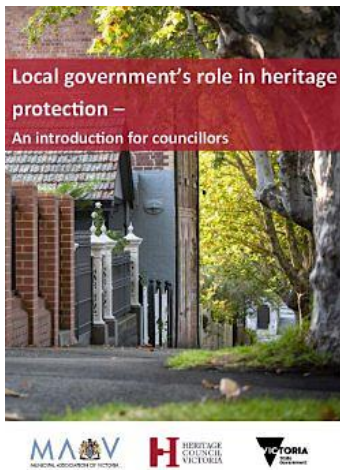
Consultation meetings were held with Councils Heritage advisor to ensure the extension is appropriate and sympathetic to the heritage value of the site and surrounds. Recommendations to ensure the extension is appropriate were considered.

Disconnect

Last month's article highlighted the disconnect between Council permits and Council policy. On the one hand Council spends many thousands of dollars commissioning reports to develop and adopt new policies while planning officers write reports and give advice that do not consider these new policies.

In the Myers Street part of Bendigo, the Council's City Centre Plan says around half the homes are currently used as offices. The Council has a policy to increase the population in and around the CBD. And when it comes to protection of heritage properties and precincts *The Burra Charter*, a policy followed by Council, says "The Burra Charter advocates a cautious approach to change: do as much as necessary to care for the place and to make it usable, but otherwise change it as little as possible so that its cultural significance is retained."

With eleven objections currently, it seems the application will go to Council for a decision rather than the decision being made at officer level. There is a requirement by Council that there should be a minimum of six objections before it is considered at a Council meeting.



New heritage resources for councils - National Trust Melbourne

We would like to direct your attention to some new resources available from the Heritage Council of Victoria.

The Heritage Council of Victoria has released two new documents and a power point to inform local councillors and executive staff about local heritage protection. Although these resources are aimed at council staff, these resources are also for the general public to understand the roles and responsibilities of local government within the heritage framework, including protection and demolition.

These resources include: outlining the importance of heritage work by local councils, tips on the best way to use local heritage, the common types of heritage issues addressed by local councils, the roles and responsibilities local councils have within the heritage system, the risks associated when council's neglect their heritage responsibilities, and myths regarding heritage and local council.

These resources are great to have on hand when engaging with council or address local heritage concerns. [Click here](#) for more information.

More about Coo-gate Shop & Bakery - follow up from last month's story

Council's response to Branch on the demolition of Coo-gate Bakery:

Steve Hamilton Director Strategy and Growth, CoGB

'The City encourages owners of heritage buildings and places to retain significant elements and restore buildings where possible but also has a clear process for the demolition of buildings if they are unable to be retained. I can confirm that the appropriate procedures were followed when assessing these buildings. City Officers, including the City's Heritage Advisor, assessed the two buildings on the site and indicated (in October 2021) that demolition could be supported because they were both in a very poor condition and their inherent structural flaws would make restoration difficult. The buildings had not been confirmed as having heritage significance in a heritage study and therefore a Heritage Overlay hadn't been applied.

In relation to your comment that it did not go to Council for a decision, as the property was not affected by a Heritage or Neighbourhood Character overlay, no Planning Permit was required, only a Report and Consent which was issued by the Municipal Building Surveyor in line with the Building Act.

The purpose of the Heritage Advisory Committee is to focus on strategic areas not operational such as advice on strategic documents, promotion/education etc.

In relation to referral to the Heritage Advisory Committee, at the Council meeting of 25 May 2016, Council adopted a change to the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Committee as below:

“7.2 Advice to Council / Referral of Heritage Matters

Remove the Council’s conditions on referral of demolition requests to HAC, which were established in a Council resolution of 2 November 2005 in the absence of a Heritage Advisor. Insert a new process that allows for the Heritage Advisor to refer demolition applications to HAC where matters will proceed to Council, the Minister for an interim heritage overlay, or where demolition approval requires support.”

In relation to your specific questions:

What is the current formal process that takes place when Council is considering demolition of historical buildings?

If a demolition enquiry is lodged through the City’s Statutory Planning Unit or a demolition request is lodged through the City’s Building team, the enquiry/request is referred to the City’s Heritage Advisor for review and comment. The Heritage Advisor will review existing endorsed heritage studies and any current heritage studies underway, to determine or reconfirm the level of significance, provide advice on the likelihood of demolition being supported, and provide other advice on the expectations on the site (restoration etc.). As noted above, the formal process depends on the Planning controls on the site. If affected by a Heritage or Neighbourhood Character overlay, Planning Permit is required. If no overlays are in place, it is dealt with under the Building Act.

A copy of the documented history of the buildings on this site that is known to Council and considered by Council Officers.

The research done by the Heritage Advisor for the review of the demolition request is an internal working document only and not intended to be publicly available.

Who held the responsibility of signing off on the demolition permit?

The Municipal Building Surveyor.

Has the planning application for the development of the land been approved by Council?

No application for any development on the site has currently been received by the City.

The buildings would have been referred for heritage protection in previous heritage studies. What are the reasons considered by Council not to consider them?

The buildings were included in the study area for the 1993 Eaglehawk and Bendigo Heritage Study (also known as the Butler study). The study and subsequent recommendations and adopted inclusions were based on the standards of the day. As is the case now, the Study and planning scheme amendment were placed on public exhibition and submissions were invited. The decision makers (Commissioners) of the day would have considered the study and any community response to the exhibition with a final list of heritage places included into the planning scheme. '

Branch Response back to Council, Peter Cox

Thank you for arranging a response in regard to the Coo-gate Bakery, shop and residence and other out buildings. This has been received from Steve Hamilton, and has clarified several points. However, it is a fact that there were three buildings on the site, not two as stated. Advice to the previous owner from the Heritage Adviser in March 2021, and supplied to the Branch stated that:



Coo-gate Shop and Bakery c 1960. Image: Aylene Kirkwood Collection.

'The bakehouse to the rear is of particular interest, but given the poor condition of the building its demolition could be reluctantly supported. Alternatively, if someone wanted to restore the building, there are some avenues for supporting this available if the building goes into a heritage overlay. The shop and house at the front are also of interest, as are the two trees either side of the vehicle entry gates and should be retained. The awning to the front is obviously a later addition and its removal would be supported. There has also been some alteration to the shopfront, but traces of the original configuration remain that could be used for a reconstruction... The outbuildings along the side boundary are interesting, but in poor condition and their demolition could be supported.'

From this we can gather that demolition of the old bakery at the rear of the property and the outbuildings to the side could be supported- the two buildings in poor condition with inherent structural flaws. The shop and residence at the front and the two large trees at the front are of interest and should be retained. This building at the front of the block was considered to be the most important, however the weatherboard additions to the rear of the residence may be suitable for alteration or demolition.

The real estate advertising for the sale of the property does not say that demolition is supported for the main building, in fact, 'there is excellent scope to renovate and improve'. It says that only the bakery at the rear and timber shedding have demolition supported by council due to their condition.

'9-11 Watson Avenue, Eaglehawk/California Gully

The site of the former "Coo-gate" bakery and grocery store, established during the 1800's gold rush, has been owned by only two families over the past 150 years.

The bluestone shop, bakery and residence still standing on the site remains in mostly original condition. The shop area includes a pine-lined ceiling and timber wall shelving. The residence consists of four bedrooms, a lounge, kitchen, bathroom and laundry. There is excellent scope to renovate and improve.

The bakery at the rear and timber shedding have been heritage assessed and their demolition is supported by the City of Greater Bendigo due to its very poor condition with inherent structural flaws making restoration difficult.' Source: <https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-vic-california+gully-139195171>

We therefore find it difficult to understand why the historic shop and residence building at the front of the block was demolished as well as the separate old bakery to the rear and the timber outbuilding to the side of the block, which were both assessed as being in very poor condition and having structural flaws to the point where demolition could be approved.

The Eaglehawk/Bendigo Heritage Study was undertaken in 1993, some 30 years ago, and generally speaking many small buildings from the 19th century mining era were neglected in the study. However, in reading the 1993 Study, it clearly states that Coo-gate site (9 Watson Ave) was listed in the study and given a grading of C, indicating that it was individually significant at a local level. The published 1993 study is often given as a reference when looking at heritage buildings in Bendigo and

Eaglehawk. I have attached the page from the study for your reference. The Branch believes that a new assessment of the site was warranted when demolition was considered. This is perhaps the main reason why the Branch would like to see a copy of the assessment undertaken before the demolition.

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From the page of the 1993 Study sent to Council, showing Coo-gate having the value A-C individually significant.

The following notes on the Eaglehawk and Bendigo Heritage Study 1993, are relevant. 9 Watson Ave was included in the Volume Five, the Site Schedule (Volume 5 page 70) as being individually significant at a Local level. At the time the most significant sites in the study area were graded as A-C, with sites given a value of A being of National or State significance, a value of B being of Regional importance and Locally important sites graded as C. Sites rated D were contributory, with sites graded E as altered but recognisable as from a particular era. In the years since 1993 properties rated Regional have been put into either State or Local categories depending on their significance, with the Local category remaining the same.

The authors of the study were greatly constrained by a shortfall in funds and allotted time for the completion of the study, and as a result most properties graded C were not given individual citations, with Volume 4, Significant Sites, containing mostly sites of State or Regional significance. The authors noted (Volume 4, page 4-i) 'There were some 1500 individually significant (local, regional, state or national) sites identified in the study area, the selection in this Volume being only a small percentage (due to budget limitations) of the many important buildings in Eaglehawk and Bendigo'. Of 1168 sites graded C in Volume 5, the Site Schedule, only 15 are included in the 290 sites given citations in Volume 4- Significant Sites. Of these 15 citations, 9 are direct quotations from Bendigo Historic Buildings (Butcher and Flanders, 1987). It was assumed that funding for further citations would become available at a later date.

The Coo-gate site had been brought to Council's attention on several occasions since the 1993 heritage study. For example, it was recommended for investigation as to an individual HO during the survey for the 2017 Miner's Cottage Gap Study (Minerva Heritage).

Council's response has stated that the Municipal Building Surveyor is responsible for the signing off of the demolition permit, however, when I contacted the Surveyor on the morning of the demolition, he was not aware that the permit had been issued. Could you explain why this was the case?

As you are aware the Mornington Peninsula National Trust Branch recently visited Bendigo. They explained on their visit that the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council refers a significant number of demolition applications to their Branch for comment. It builds good relationships and draws on the expertise of Branch members. As Council is usually aware some twelve months before a demolition takes place that a developer is considering such action, as in the case of Coo-gate Bakery, could Council refer prospective demolitions to the Bendigo Branch?

Finally, the cottage located at 92 Victoria St Eaglehawk, which is regarded as Eaglehawk's first built brick house like Specimen Cottage in Bendigo is regarded as Bendigo's first built house, is at risk of demolition. It also was listed in the 1993 Study as individually significant within a Precinct (Precinct 3, Eaglehawk.). It was given a grading of C-B, Regional importance. It has not been lived in for a number of years and no maintenance has been carried out.

It is currently unsecured with doors and windows gone in the front section and roofing iron gone from the rear. Vandals and weather are taking their toll. Could consideration be given for a heritage assessment for an individual overlay to be undertaken on this property so that it does not suffer the same fate as Coo-gate?



92 Victoria St Eaglehawk. Image: <https://www.realestate.com.au/>

Thank you for your consideration on these matters and hope they can be raised with Council.

Regards

Peter Cox

President Bendigo & Region Branch
National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

092	VICTORIA STREET	C-B	2	3.00	Brick House
094	VICTORIA STREET	D	2	3.00	

From the page of the 1993 Study showing 92 Victoria Street Eaglehawk having the value A-C = individually significant. It is shown as being significant in the streetscape (2) and within Precinct 3.

Invitation from Council to respond to Planning Scheme Amendment C275 - Miners' Housing Serial Listings.

From the Council Website [Click here](#)

Amendment C275gben (the amendment) to the Greater Bendigo Planning Scheme (the planning scheme) has been prepared to implement the recommendations of the Victorian Miners' Housing Serial Listings – Stage 2 Study (Trethowan Architecture, November 2021). The amendment affects 156 properties across Bendigo, Flora Hill, Golden Gully, Golden Square, Ironbark, Long Gully, North Bendigo, Quarry Hill and West Bendigo by:

Applying the Heritage Overlay (HO1000) to 59 early miners' cottages in Bendigo, Golden Gully, Ironbark, Long Gully, North Bendigo and Quarry Hill.

Applying the Heritage Overlay (HO1001) to 42 Quartz Gold Boom Miners' Houses in Bendigo, Golden Square, Long Gully and West Bendigo.

Applying the Heritage Overlay (HO1002) to 49 Workers' and Mine Speculators' Houses in Bendigo, Flora Hill, Golden Square, Ironbark, Long Gully and Quarry Hill.

Applying the Heritage Overlay (HO1003) to 6 Quartz Reefers' Houses in Bendigo, Golden Gully, Golden Square, Long Gully and Quarry Hill.



Examples of the miners' cottages

The amendment is on public exhibition from Thursday March 30 to Monday May 8, 2023. The amendment can be inspected free of charge at the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) website: [Planning documents on exhibition](#)

The amendment can also be inspected by appointment at the offices of the City of Greater Bendigo at 15 Hopetoun Street, Bendigo. Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority about the amendment.

Submissions must be made in writing, giving the submitters' name and contact address, clearly stating the grounds on which the amendment is supported or opposed and indicating what changes (if any) the submitter wishes to make. Name and contact details of submitters are required for Council to consider submissions and to notify such persons of the opportunity to attend council meetings and any public hearing held to consider submissions. The closing date for submissions is Monday May 8, 2023.

Submissions can be sent to:

Emailed to strategic.planning@bendigo.vic.gov.au

Mailed to City of Greater Bendigo, Strategic Planning Department, PO Box 733, Bendigo 3552

Dropped off to our Customer Service desk at 15 Hopetoun Street, Bendigo.

To discuss this amendment, or to make an appointment to view the documents in person, please contact Frank Casimir on [1300 002 642](tel:1300002642) or at strategic.planning@bendigo.vic.gov.au

If you would like to talk to a Branch member about this amendment, contact Branch President Peter Cox on 0447473674.

Historic Trees - Why are some protected and others not? Council developing its own Significant Tree Register



History & Heritage will follow up on a report that Council is developing its own Significant Tree Register. This tree is not protected but a similar size Ironbark up the road in Barrell Street is protected. Why is one protected and not the other?

Do you have a favourite tree in your neighborhood? Send *H&H* a photo and some information about it.

An Ironbark in flower in Pearce Street California Gully. Image: Peter Cox

E. Graeme Robertson Book Launch -

Review - Euan McGillivray

The Bendigo Branch was pleased to host an event to launch a book by Denis Robertson written about his father Graeme Robertson. Graeme is known to many members of the National Trust as the person with the vision and determination to restore the three-masted iron-hulled barque *Polly Woodside*. He was also a powerful advocate for retaining the integrity of Victorian buildings, especially the cast iron decorations on many unique buildings in Australia, including Bendigo. Graeme wrote over 15 books about ornamental cast iron and is regarded as a world expert in this field.

The Branch assisted Denis to launch the book about his father's life, not only as a cast iron expert but also a renowned medical practitioner specialising as a Neurologist.

At the launch, in conversation with Matthew Churchward, Senior Curator of Engineering and Transport at Museums Victoria, Denis spoke warmly about his father's modesty and determination.

The National Trust wish to acknowledge the La Trobe Art Institute for providing a great free venue for the Launch. For the Latrobe Art Institute website [Click here](#)

The book is available from various online booksellers, in soft and hard cover and E-book format.



L to R Reinhild Robertson; Denis Robertson, Matthew Churchward - with an image of Graeme Robertson on the screen behind. Image: Euan McGillivray

Mornington Peninsula National Trust Branch visits Bendigo.

Visit by Mornington Peninsula National Trust Branch

The Branch welcomed 16 members from the Mornington Peninsula Branch to Bendigo in March who stayed for three days and visited many heritage sites. Members enjoyed a dinner at the Rifle Brigade Hotel where Branch activities were discussed. One of the interesting topics discussed was that the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council refers potential demolition of heritage properties to the Branch for comment. They have four National Trust properties in their area so there is lots of volunteer work undertaken by the Branch.

Campaspe Run Rural Discovery Centre, Elmore



The Sunshine Harvester. Image: Campaspe Run

Discover the unique history of the Sunshine Harvester which was developed in the Elmore area by Hugh Victor McKay.
9:30am to 4:00pm seven days a week.

61 Railway Place, Elmore

(03) 5432 6142

Email [Click here](#)

On entering our complex, you will be directed to our 50-seat theatre and will learn the history of the harvester along with general information about our region. Then come along for a “walk back in time” as you view the many and varied large

display areas in our building. Community owned, and operated by a small band of helpful volunteers we are indeed very proud of our very own Heritage Centre.

Celebrate 150 years of tertiary education in Bendigo

Walks into History, 10am, Sunday 7 May 2023

Discover the Bendigo Mechanics Institute & School of Mines

To celebrate 150 years of tertiary education in Bendigo, the Bendigo Historical Society in conjunction with Bendigo TAFE and La Trobe University will take you behind the façade of this iconic Bendigo landmark established in 1854. Join us on a walk through the McCrae Street buildings and learn how the site expanded to include a renowned museum, unique octagonal library, and Bendigo's first art gallery.

Tour leaders include: Pip Johanson, Heather McNeill, James Lerk & Euan McGillivray

Walk will take about 1 hour (some stairways, however disabled access to most of the building)

Meet at McCrae Street (main entrance)

Cost: \$5 for BHS members or \$10 non members

More amazing talks and events:

Australian Heritage Festival (National Trust of Australia) [Click here](#) for all events

and for the Golden Dragon Museum tour [Click here](#)

Bendigo Historical Society - more Walks into History and other events: [Click here](#)

Bendigo Historical Society - Members and Friends Meeting talks: [Click here](#)

BRAC (Bendigo Regional Archives Centre): [Click here](#)

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The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) is the state's largest community-based heritage advocacy organisation actively working towards conserving and protecting our heritage for future generations to enjoy, representing 30,000 members across Victoria. [Click here](#) to join.

National Trust of Australia (Vic) Bendigo & Region

Branch Meeting 27 March 2023

History House, 11 Mackenzie Street Bendigo

- Susan Mayfair who was elected Secretary at the Branch AGM unfortunately can no longer undertake the role therefore a new Secretary is required. Tasks such as undertaking social media posts, organising the Branch's book sales and writing up the minutes could be spread over a number of members. Members are asked to think about volunteering to undertake these tasks rather than one person having to do all of them. If interested please contact the President.
- 16 members of the National Trust Mornington Branch made a 2-day visit to Bendigo. Representatives from the Bendigo Branch joined Mornington for dinner and discussion at the Rifle Brigade Hotel.
- Discussion on the significance and application of City Centre Plan in relation to application to develop a medical practice in Myers Street. The City Plan called for a greater density of

residential use in the CBD. It is thought that granting a planning permit for the medical practice is not in keeping with the intent of the City Plan.

- Discussion about the height limit in the City Centre Plan.
- Motion was passed regarding writing to CoGB about the demolition of Coogate shop and Bakery in Eaglehawk
- The Branch is still looking for a suitable meeting place. The President thanked the Bendigo Historical Society for hosting the Branch at History House.
- The Branch meeting day was discussed and agreed to move to the fourth Tuesday of each month. The previous meeting day of Monday often classed with meetings of the CoGB Council.
- Bendigo Branch to visit the Castlemaine Camp Reserve to discuss the planned development.

The Branch welcomes your ideas, contributions and photographs for the newsletter which is published monthly. You can keep up with the current advocacy issues at the Trust Advocate blog [click here](#)

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and recognize the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past, present and future.

