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CASEY/CARDINIA BRANCH

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LETTER TO CASEY CARDINIA BRANCH MEMBERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Branch Members,

The Branch Committee looks to the new year after completing a very successful 2010, although it has been difficult due to illness. The Gift Shop and the Branch Activities have covered all the costs of running the Branch, and we have maintained 247 memberships and finished the year with a \$7,835 surplus. Our Trust Branch Gift Shop, operated entirely by the volunteers, has enhanced its reputation for quality gifts, thanks to the professionalism and flair of Annette Aldersea and her Shop Committee. A special thanks to our dedicated Shop Volunteers for their reliable friendly, efficient service that they provide.

I am pleased to report that we have received a Local History Grant towards publishing Ian Good's "Pages from the Past" a booklet focusing on various heritage aspects and the lives of some people who have made a contribution to the growth and development of our local area. The Branch will contribute to this project, and also seek sponsorship to ensure a high quality publication.

The Branch has been very active as an advocate for heritage. Supporting the Casey Council at VCAT objecting to the major high rise development proposal on Lyall Road. We also worked on the Casey Berwick Village Strategy Plan and with Vic Roads regarding the Clyde Road duplication project, with special concern for the existing trees.

The Branch continues to work with both Municipalities on heritage matters, having representatives on the Casey Conservation Advisory Committee, and Heritage Sub-Committee. Also with the Avenues of Honour signage, Significant Trees Register. We also have representatives on the Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group, and Residents, Ratepayers & Friends of Berwick Village. Cardinia Council notifies the Branch of any planning amendments relating to heritage. This is greatly appreciated by the Branch.

A special thanks to the Branch Committee for sustained support. Rob & Chris Pritchard, Rob & Annette Aldersea, Bob & Nevis Cochrane, Noelle Murdoch, Bruce Greenland, Ian Good and Rosalind Crofts. Bruce Greenland, Hon Treasurer and Noelle Murdoch, Minute Secretary, and Chris Pritchard, Volunteers Shop Roster. Thanks also to David Crofts, my computer consultant. I sincerely thank you all for your support; for taking part in our Branch Activities; for purchasing from our Trust Gift Shop; for working as a Volunteer, or as a Committee member, but especially for being a National Trust Member and part of this great organization.

May you have a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Best wishes,

Ruth Crofts – President

TRUST GIFT SHOP

HERITAGE

INFORMATION

**TRUST GIFT SHOP
"PIONEER'S PARK"
BERWICK**

**Re-opened 26th Jan 2011
Open 11.00 am to 3.00 pm
Closed Tuesday only**

**SUPPORT YOUR TRUST
BRANCH
THIS NEW YEAR**

STOP PRESS

**URGENT
MORE VOLUNTEERS
ARE NEEDED**

**JOIN OUR HAPPY BAND OF
VOLUNTEERS**

Learn a new skill

**THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS
WILL BE POSTED TO YOU**

**THE FIRST WEEK IN
FEBRUARY**

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Highlights from the 2010 Events Calendar

Last year was very busy and successful, with most activities fully booked, and all activities making a surplus. But equally important these events provided the opportunity for members to participate learn about the Trust and get to know other Branch Members.

These events included *Members Mondays* and *Showcase Morning Teas* held quarterly in the Function Room in the Heritage Information Centre when members and friends shared stories of their precious heritage items.

Branch Meetings with Guest Speakers that included Judith Dwyer speaking about the Casey Collection held by the Berwick Mechanics Institute, "A tribute to Lord and Lady Casey".

Dr Celestina Sagazio, National Trust Senior Historian, gave an illustrated entertaining talk about "Cemeteries or Heritage"



Dr Greg Moore spoke about "Significant Trees" including Street trees, and Avenues of Honour and the need to save our living heritage. His talk inspired the Branch to continue to lobby for the preservation of our natural heritage and upgrade of the Avenues of Honour before 2015

The Branch visited Gulf Station for World Heritage Day and shared a Picnic in the garden.



Casey Cardinia Branch visited the Geelong Branch

Another outing was a train trip to Geelong to meet the Geelong Branch. On arrival we boarded a coach for a Tour of historic Geelong hosted by Jennifer Bantow, Geelong Branch President. We then enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club with members of the Geelong Branch, before resuming our coach tour, and return train trip home.

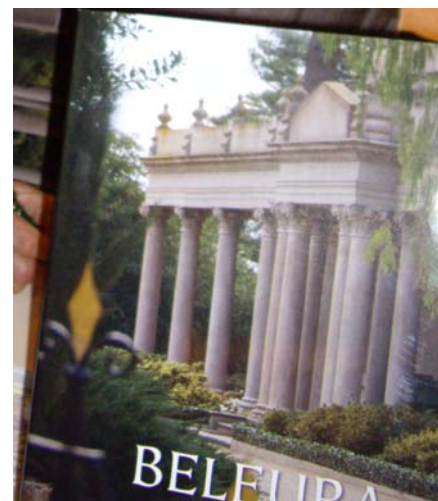
The Branch visited the Mornington Peninsula Branch at the Briars & enjoyed lunch at Josephine's



Dinner at "Clover Cottage" with Anthony Knight and Martin Purslow was this Year's Social Event.

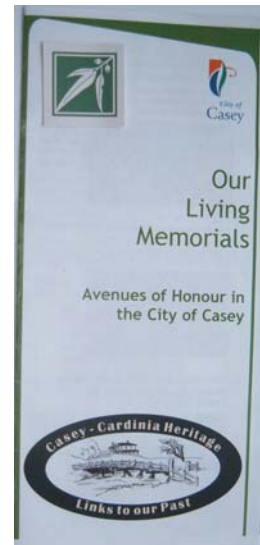


The Social Calendar Highlight was the "Gala Dinner at Clover Cottage" with Anthony Knight as our Guest of Honour. His talk delighted all present with his entertaining talk about he became passionate about saving our heritage and signed copies of "Beleura". Martin Purslow National Trust CEO also spoke about current major projects in progress by the Victorian National Trust, and a great time was had by all.



ADVOCACY AND CONSERVATION

The Casey Cardinia Branch continues to play a prominent part in supporting the conservation of the heritage character of our area. The President, Ruth Crofts, appeared before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal in the on-going dispute over the commercial development in Lyall Road that we believe would compromise the Old Berwick Inn. At the hearing in October, 2010, the developer won his appeal against a Council decision to reject his application for a six-storey commercial complex on the site, provided the Council rescinded a 173 Agreement previously signed by the developer in 2002. The Council has refused to do this and the matter must now go to the next level for resolution. In maintaining our opposition to the development, the Branch has joined the Residents, Ratepayers and Friends of Berwick Village Association.



AVENUES OF HONOUR SIGNAGE

The new signage for the Avenues of Honour within the City of Casey has been completed, and the first of the signs was unveiled by the Deputy Mayor at a ceremony at the Church Street Avenue on Armistice Day, 11th November, 2010. Over the next few months, Casey Council will complete the erection of signs at the remaining six Avenues. It is pleasing to note that all the signs carry the new Heritage Logo designed by the National Trust Branch (see below)



PAGES FROM THE PAST

We were delighted to receive news in late December that we have been awarded a grant of \$1100 from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, through the Holsworth Local Heritage Trust, towards the publication of our booklet. We are hopeful that this amount will be supplemented in March by a further grant from the Local Heritage Programme administered by the Victorian Government, and Local Sponsorship. Whatever the result of our Application, we are committed to the publication of "Pages from the Past" later in the year. Articles and photographs are continuing to be prepared for the publication.

Guest Speaker Arthur Tonkin, Paddle Steamers on the River Murray

The speaker was Arthur Tonkin who astounded us all by telling us that he was soon to be 90 years old! He had been interested in paddle steamers since the age of 8 when his father had taken him to a bridge over the river near his home at Cobram to see one passing by. This life-long interest had led to an accumulation of many stories of human endeavour by several far-sighted men who used their boats to transport essential items to farms and settlements along the riverbanks and in return transported away the wool and other products. In relating these stories Arthur was able to evoke many individual responses by our members who recalled people and places they had known.

Arthur Tonkin held the audience's attention fully throughout his presentation with his lively, often witty, tales of people and events. His knowledge is encyclopedic and we were relieved to know that he had written it all down for posterity. The branch members in attendance gave Arthur a very warm appreciation for his talk and several enjoyed chatting to him informally afterwards to share their experiences with him.



REPORT CASEY CARDINIA BRANCH AGM NOVEMBER 2010

The Annual General Meeting of the Casey-Cardinia Branch was attended by over 40 members and friends. Ruth gave her report on the year covering a wide range of activities reflecting a busy year.

The Heritage Information Centre – Gift Shop recorded another profitable year and Ruth thanked the Shop Committee for their skill and dedication in the purchasing and presentation of quality goods. She also thanked the volunteers who help to man the shop and provide local heritage information to the public.

The role of Conservation Advocacy has been dominated by our objections to the proposed Lyall Road development including our participation at the VCAT hearing. Though the outcome was disappointing, the City of Casey has since refused to remove the 173 Agreement, which limits the height of any building on part of the site. The developer may take the City Council to the Supreme Court. The Branch involvement with the Residents, Ratepayers and Friends of Berwick Village has proved to be a positive partnership.

Two applications for grants to fund the publication “Pages from the Past” being written by Ian Good have been submitted.

Ruth summarised the activities in our Calendar of Events which had been well attended and supported resulting in a small surplus. Guest speakers had included Judith Dwyer on “The Casey Collection”, Dr Celestina Sagazio on “Cemeteries our Heritage” and Dr Greg Moore who spoke on “Significant Trees”.

The Showcase Morning Teas, where bring along an item of heritage interest and share its story has proved to be popular with some of our members.

Social Outings were arranged to “Gulf Station”, “The Briars” and to “Historic Geelong”.

Bruce Greenland presented his Treasurer's Report which showed a net Branch Income Contribution for the Year of \$7,835.04.

Election of the Branch Committee - the four standing members who had to stand-down after three years, were re-elected which meant that there was no change in the composition of the committee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - EXCITING NEW CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL BRANCH MEMBERS THIS MONTH, AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FROM THE BERWICK HERITAGE INFORMATION CENTRE AND TRUST GIFT SHOP – PIONEERS PARK, CORNER OF PEEL STREET AND LYALL ROAD BERWICK,