

Autumn Newsletter No.2 April 2011

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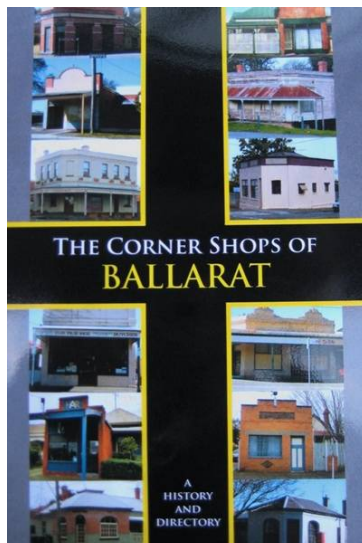
Forthcoming Events 2011

- **May**

Ballarat Heritage weekend

Saturday 7 - Sunday 8 May, 2011 (Mother's Day weekend)

Heritage weekend on the 7th and 8th of May is nearly upon us, the National Trust will have a display in the **Mining Exchange** including photographs, locations and information on significant trees. In line with the education theme of Heritage Weekend the branch will have a fun activity for young children to enjoy. The wonderfully successful National Trust book -The Corner Shops of Ballarat will be available to purchase, the price is \$15.00.



Local members of the National Trust will again be running tours of the inner city area covering architecture and the use of bluestone in our heritage buildings. Tours will start at the Burke and Wills fountain Sturt Street, look for the National Trust banner. For more information regarding times and activities visit

Website: <http://ballaratheritageweekend.com/>

to view the Ballarat Heritage Weekend Program. With most committee members committed to running tours **we do need a few more helpers** to look after the display in the Mining Exchange. Any members able to assist during Heritage Weekend should contact the secretary on 5333 5163

Meetings:

Ballarat Branch meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month 5.30 at Seymours, Lydiard Street Ballarat.



NEWS:

Hepburn Graves maintenance and conservation.

The Ballarat Branch of the National Trust regularly organises for members to maintain the Hepburn graves, which are located at Smeaton House at Smeaton near Ballarat. The graves are important as they are an intact private cemetery with historical associations with the Hepburn family. The Ballarat Branch is now involved in the development of a conservation management plan for the graves, this work will be carried out by local heritage architect Wendy Jacobs, a member of the Ballarat branch committee.



Old Iron



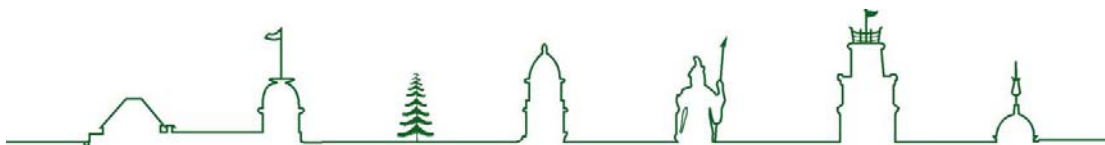
The City of Ballarat has a collection of cast iron stored at their works depot. The Ballarat Branch of the National Trust has started a process of recording the various pieces and attempting to identify their original purpose and location. Currently The City of Ballarat is attempting to locate more suitable storage for the cast iron rather than in the open, exposed to the elements.

Right is Mr Bernie Ebbs standing beside the tombstone of his great grandfather, the grave is located in a private family cemetery on a western district property. National Trust members often gain access to locations not usually open to the public. Ballarat is extremely fortunate to have the Public Records Office (PRO) the Mechanic's Institute, The Ballarat Historical Society and the Ballarat Central library all wonderful resources available to the public when researching family history.



National Trust – Ballarat Branch Tree Group. Significant Tree Survey

The tree group attached to the National Trust – Ballarat Branch comprises Evelyn Ebbs, Greg Binns and June Driscoll. Eighteen significant tree sites have been measured and photographed and the completed survey will be used to update the Significant Tree Register managed by the National Trust. Look up the register on the web there are significant trees across Victoria.



The remaining trees have been grouped into seven geographical areas; with Buninyong possibly requiring one or two visits.

The Avenue of Honour will be difficult to quantify it is understood that a report from the Avenue of Honour Committee will keep the trust informed of the current status of the rejuvenation and tree replacement. Our member Wendy Jacobs is also a member of the Avenue Committee, she has offered to obtain a report for us. Thanks Wendy.



Greg and Evelyn measuring and recording



Evelyn writing up details of *Quercus robur*



Measuring the circumference of *Pinus ponderosa*

February Observation Walk.

The National Trust observation walk proved to be a great success with over 30 people attending. It was a barmy evening for a walk followed by dinner at Seymours where it became apparent just how competitive some of our members are! The photograph shows members looking for clues on the Lydiard St leg of the walk.



Open Day at Mooramong



The irresistible combination of heritage architecture, beautiful gardens and veteran and vintage cars proved to be a great drawcard with over 450 people attending on the day.

Left are some of the cars from the Begonia Car Club at Mooramong in February.

Want to join the National Trust?

For less than \$100.00 per year you can be kept informed of developments relating to our heritage PLUS you can come along with a vibrant local group on events and activities not usually available to the public. Contact the National Trust Phone: BH 9656 9800 or email: membership@naatrust.com.au or ring the Ballarat Secretary on 5333 5163 for further information

<http://www.naatrust.com.au/>

