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CASEY/CARDINIA BRANCH

December 2011

LETTER TO CASEY CARDINIA BRANCH MEMBERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Branch Members,

As Christmas rapidly approaches I look back on another successful year for the Branch due to the continued support from our Members and our Volunteers. This year our major focus was to publish "Pages from the Past" – Snapshot Histories of People Places and Public Life in Casey and Cardinia. The funding required to publish the book was raised by Grants and Donations. We launched "Pages from the Past" in October and the book sales have now exceeded our expectations. We acknowledge Ian Good's magnificent contribution compiling, editing and writing the book in his engaging style.

Our Membership has been maintained and our account balance has again increased, due to the success of our Trust Gift Shop.

Our heritage advocacy continues with some success and some disappointments. Last year I reported how delighted we were that the Casey Council had refused to remove the 173 Agreement on part of the Lyall Road Development, effectively preventing any high rise building on part of the site. Unfortunately the Developer went back to VCAT and Casey Council's decision was over ruled thus permitting the Development to proceed. Casey Council then resolved not to take the case to Supreme Court due to the potential cost. This was a most disappointing outcome given the community opposition to the development.

The Trust Gift Shop finished the financial year with a considerable surplus, after funding the entire Branch over heads and the new display units. Our Gift Shop is the only shop operated by a Branch. We are grateful to Annette Aldersea for it is due her leadership, purchasing and pricing ability that makes the shop so successful. Thanks also to Sue Mahoney, Lyn Wyatt & Lesley Sealey on the Shop Committee. Trust Gift Shop has had a "face lift" with new fitted glass display shelves, a wooden book case, and toy stand beautifully made by Rob Aldersea, and a separate section for cards and pamphlets. A special thanks to Rob Aldersea for assembling and constructing all the units.

Once again we thank our dedicated Shop Volunteers for providing their friendly professional service throughout the year. They represent the National Trust in style.

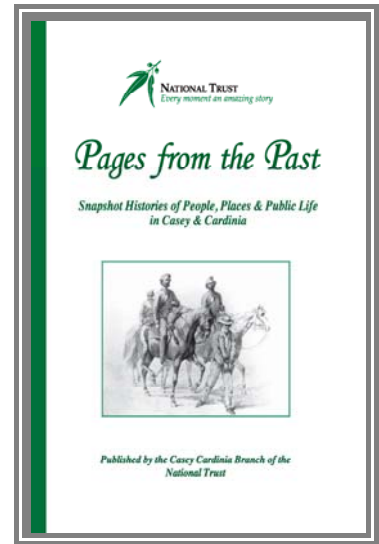
Thanks to the Branch Committee for their continued assistance throughout the year.

To all our Members special thanks, for it is your support that gives the Trust its strength and influence. I hope to see you at some of next years Branch activities.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Ruth Crofts

President, Casey/Cardinia Branch



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO BRANCH MEMBERS
VOLUNTEERS
AND FRIENDS**



From the left, Susan Mahoney, Annette Aldersea and Lyn Wyatt.

Members of the Trust Gift Shop Committee, enjoy the Volunteers Christmas Party held at Edrington.



MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE YEARS EVENTS ...

Heritage Information Centre and Trust Gift Shop



Annette and Rob Aldersea at the Volunteers Christmas Party at Edrington.

The President thanked both Annette and Rob the outstanding contribution that has made the Trust Gift Shop so successful.

Also thanked the Volunteers are always reliable and willing to assist and Chris Pritchard and Margot Byrne for producing the Roster.

Once again they have managed to keep the shop open over the winter months without reducing the opening hours.

Well done all!

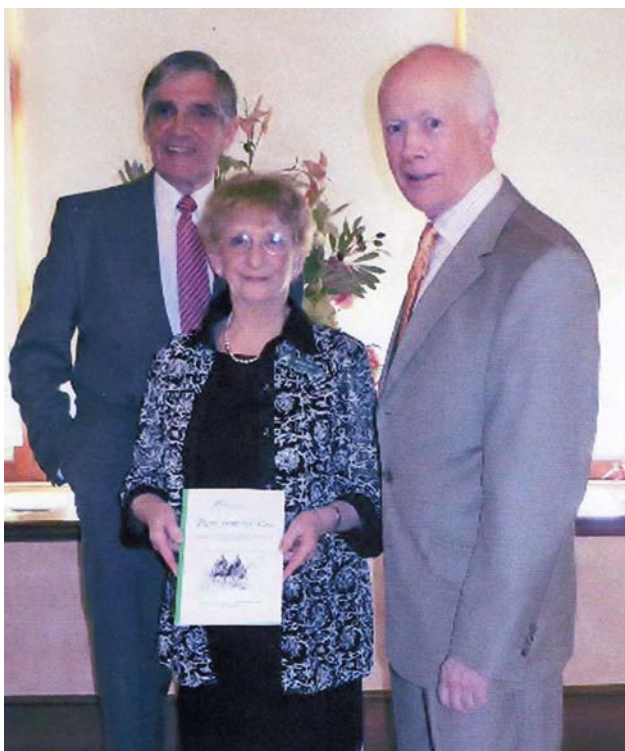
If you would like to join this happy group of Volunteers register your interest at the Trust Shop.

Pages from the Past – Book Launch

Last year I reported that we had applied for two Local History Grants to publish of “Pages from the Past” although one of these applications was unsuccessful, we were successful in receiving a Grant for \$1,100 from the Holdsworth Heritage Trust. We then applied for a City of Casey Community Grant and we were delighted to receive \$3,300. We held a Sponsors and Donors reception in May, and we were greatly encouraged when the City of Casey Edrington Ward Councillors, Cr Judy Owen and Cr Simon Curtis then started off our Appeal with \$1,000 from their Ward funds. We were greatly encouraged by this and I am pleased to report the publication finished up “on time and on budget”

“Pages from the Past” subtitled “Snapshot Histories of People Places & Public Life” is a contemporary history book that will appeal to a broad section to the community

A successful Book Launch was held at Edrington on Wednesday 26th October when 55 guests attended to hear Ian Good speak about the contributors and Guest of Honour Neil Lucas officially Launch the book.



Conservation Advocacy

Branch has again been very active as an advocate for heritage. Supporting the Casey Council at VCAT for a second time regarding the major development proposal on Lyall Road. We have 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. Both projects were open to public comment and have now been adopted.

Clyde Road Trees

A great deal of time has been given working with Vic Roads in order to save as many trees as possible along the Clyde Road duplication section in Berwick. Working along with the R.R.&Fof B.V. we are pleased that the trees on the east side of the road from High Street to the railway crossing have been saved. Those trees in the median strip only those able to be moved will be moved to various locations. However the largest oak tree the “Langmore Tree” will be removed and the wood used by the Berwick Woodworkers at the Old Cheese Factory.

Community Engagement

I believe the Branch involvement with the Residents, Ratepayers & Friends of Berwick Village is a positive partnership. It is another forum to promote local heritage values, and provides a broader spectrum for objections. Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group the Branch is represented in this heritage network which is an excellent venue for exchanging information and ideas for heritage promotion.

Calendar of Events 2011

This year most activities were well attended and provided an opportunity for Members and Volunteers to engage with the National Trust and their fellow Branch Members. The Calendar was mailed to all Branch members in February, and a second mailing in August.

Branch Meetings

Monday 28th February – Guest Speaker – Bruce Greenland OAM

Bruce gave an illustrated talk on his extensive trip to Russia focusing on the heritage buildings and the amazing restoration works in St Petersburg.

Monday 16th May – Guest Speaker – Marcia Ryan, Manager of Polly Woodside

Marcia spoke about the National Trust’s latest heritage attraction
“Polly Woodside – Melbourne’s tall ship Story”

Monday 29 August – Guest Speaker Dr. Liz Russen – Historian and Author

Dr. Russen gave a fascinating talk about “Our Women Pioneers of the 1830s”



Monday 21st November 2011 – Annual General Meeting – Guest Speaker David Aumann

David Aumann, our Guest Speaker, entertained 50 Branch Members with his talk about the Early German Settlers in Harkaway. These stories were stories from behind the scenes and were both entertaining and intriguing as well as being informative. Our Annual General Meeting finished on a most enjoyable note followed by Supper.

Showcase Morning Teas

Monday 18th March; Monday 18th July; Monday 7th November.

Members brought along an item of heritage interest and shared its story with the group and chatted over morning tea.

Monday 18th April

The Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group brought along items from their collections and made presentations to celebrate World Heritage Day. The theme was "Water"

Friendly Social Outings

Sunday 26th June Visit: "Cardinian Embroidery" – at Lakeside Pakenham.

Ann Taylor spoke about the heritage houses depicted in the embroidery and how the community contributed to the making of the embroidery. The group then enjoyed lunch at the Oldest Hotel in Pakenham.

Sunday 16th October Visit: "Polly Woodside" – by train.

This outing replaced our planned weekend away in the country which was cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

Municipal Engagement

The Branch was represented on the Berwick Village Structure Plan – Working Group, which has now been finalised, and attended several Council Meetings throughout the year to monitor or support various Council Agenda items.

The Branch is represented on the Casey Heritage sub Committee by Rob Pritchard and is represented on the Conservation Advisory Committee by Stephen Hallett and Tony O'Hara.

The Heritage Committee oversees Heritage Initiative Grants. This scheme was originally suggested by our Branch, and it is now the fourth Year City of Casey has provided limited grants for restoration works on heritage properties.

Cardinia Council, continue to contact the Branch in all planning matters where any heritage buildings or sites are involved.

Rob Aldersea continues to represent the Trust working with the Cardinia Council Officers. The Cardinia Council has also now initiated a Heritage Grant Scheme.

NOTICES FOR 2012

The Casey Cardinia Branch was launched on Sunday 24th March 2002 and we plan to celebrate our 10th Anniversary in style. I hope you will be able to join us.

The National Trust Heritage Festival 21st April to 21st May 2012

The City of Casey has this year agreed to run an Event on Sunday, 6th May at the Old Cheese Factory as part of this Festival. This will be a "low key" event however we hope the Council will have an increasing involvement each year and that other history and heritage groups will join in the Festival.

Bust or Statue of Lord Casey- for High Street Berwick

We have again initiated a proposal to have a Statue or Bust of Lord Casey in High Street Berwick, to be unveiled in time for the Centenary of Anzac. Cr Judy Owen will take this proposal to the Casey Council this week for approval.

I have taken up the possibility of having a National Trust Appeal with income tax deductibility for the Appeal with the Trust CFO who is very hopeful.

Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy 2012

Special thanks to the Branch Committee, for their continued support throughout the year –Rob & Chris Pritchard, Ian Good, Rob & Annette Aldersea, Bruce Greenland, Bob & Nevis Cochrane, Rosalind Crofts, and Noelle Murdoch.

Each member of the Committee has made a valuable contribution and I appreciate their sound advice and their support and all the work that they so willingly undertake. To the Branch Committee, Shop Committee, Volunteers, Branch Members, and Supporters and to my family, I sincerely thank you all and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2012.

Ruth Crofts

President

National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch

19th December 2011

TRUST GIFT SHOP

Pioneers Park

Peel Street

Berwick

Visit the newly refurbished Trust Gift Shop with many new items for sale

There is a broad selection of gifts to suit most occasions

Closed from December 24th 2011

Re-opens for Australia Day 26th January 2012

Open 11.00 AM to 3.00 PM

Closed Tuesday only

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Join the National Trust at the Trust Gift Shop and Heritage Information Centre

Pioneers Park, Berwick

and have the once off joining waived
