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Forthcoming Events 2011

- **July**
- **August** - The Ballarat Branch is having Brunch at Sails on Sunday 14th. August at 10 am all members are welcome. RSVP to the secretary by 10th of August with the number of people attending.
- **September**

Bluestone Tour Heritage Weekend.

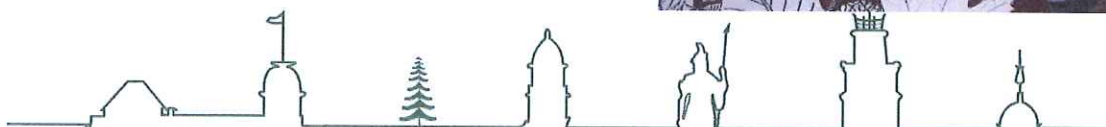


The National Trusts intrepid Greg Binns on the trail extolling the virtues of the stone masons of the past.

During Heritage Weekend the Ballarat Branch of the National Trust ran a number of bluestone tours. Members of the public were led around the Ballarat CBD, along the way tour leaders pointed out spectacular work in bluestone, this included foundations, whole buildings, intricate tooling and architectural features. Greg's knowledge of the history of building in Ballarat combined with his enthusiasm for bluestone kept his tour groups enthralled.

Encouraging the Young to Protect our Green Heritage.

In the mining exchange during Heritage Week the National trust provided a number of activities for young people. Promotion of heritage issues is a priority for the National Trust, and all efforts are made to encourage the young in this regard. Presently the Ballarat Branch is updating records to establish the present state of those trees listed by the National Trust. Our group of Tree huggers, led by June Driscoll are also pinpointing the location of all listed trees using GPS.



Meetings:

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

NEWS:

Concern for Trees in Scott Parade East Ballarat.



Ballarat City Council plans to widen Scott Parade between Queen and Stawell Streets East Ballarat. Along this stretch of road there are a number of extremely large gum trees, unfortunately they are quite close to the road. These trees are not listed on the National Trust Register of Significant Trees in Ballarat, and Ballarat Council does not appear to have a register of significant trees.

Council has advised residents that all efforts will be made to protect these magnificent gums and their root systems. The trees in question provide habitat for many nesting birds and are of social significance to those people formally associated with The Ballarat Toddlers Home, Hinstock House and Belina House.

It is important to ensure that Council and residents' concerns regarding the survival of these trees translates into appropriate action once contractors start work.

Demolition of significant houses in Ajax Street by Ballarat College

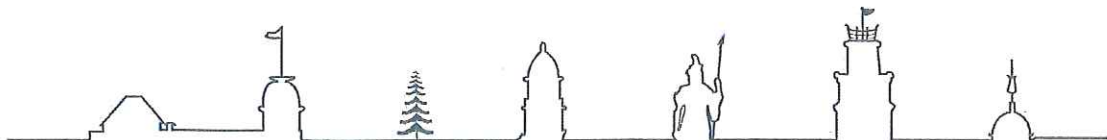
Ballarat College has made application to Ballarat Council to demolish six houses in Ajax Street.

The college wishes to construct a science building, tennis courts, associated landscaping and a 2 meter black fence. This area is covered by the Ballarat West Heritage Precinct and all the houses are listed by default as "significant". Ajax Street is not a long street, the houses



are in good condition and this will no doubt interrupt the pattern of the streetscape drastically! A major concern for local residents is that there is no provision to provide any extra parking. Currently the total of 15 car parking spaces for the entire site seems inadequate for a school of this size.

If you live in proximity, view the application, consider an objection, email the Heritage Advisor and do whatever you can to reduce impact of this sort of development in residential precincts. It is possible that other properties are owned by the college or may be acquired in the future for other projects. (This type of development has been a huge problem in Bayside/Melbourne where wealthy private schools abut lovely residential & heritage areas.)



Development of a Recollections Room at Nazareth House.

At the last branch meeting Dianne Gow Ballarat Branch President spoke about the re-development of Nazareth House home for the elderly. Included in the development will be a recollections room for the use of residents and their families.

The branch decided to devise a display on the theme of Corner Shops as our contribution to this innovative idea. Given the success of "The Corner Shops Of Ballarat" book and the amount of material available to the branch this seemed a very suitable choice.

Any person who is able to donate articles relating to Ballarat and district shops, product packaging, advertisements, photographs that may be of use are asked to contact the secretary

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

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