



MOUNT ALEXANDER BRANCH

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Our visit to 'Norwood'

On a rather warm spring afternoon in October, twenty six members and friends enjoyed a tour of the grounds and outbuildings at Norwood, a grand two-storey gothic revival style mansion built for pastoralist Alfred Joyce in the 1860s, followed by afternoon tea in the grounds.

The present owners, Rick and Beverly James described the history of the house and the challenging restoration they have been undertaking for the last seven years.

Our sincere thanks to Beverly and Rick for their generosity in hosting this visit.

No President's Report this month

Janet Gilmore is overseas. She will be back at the end of October and extends a cordial invitation to all members and friends to come to the Christmas party at her home.

Christmas Party



FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER FROM 6.30PM
AT OUR PRESIDENT JANET GILMORE'S HOME
50 MOSCRIPT STREET, CAMPBELLS CREEK

Members, partners and friends are cordially invited to come to our Christmas Party for a very informal little end-of-year celebration.

No formal activities—just an opportunity to meet other members and enjoy a little social Christmas cheer. Bring your own food and drink and a salad to share, crockery, cutlery, glasses - also a chair if convenient. BBQs will be available.

And do bring your friends...all are welcome.

No need to RSVP — just come and enjoy!



2011 Restoration Award Presentation

Thursday 17th November

The second annual Restoration Award of the Mount Alexander Branch will be presented in the Garden Room at Buda Historic Home & Garden, 42 Hunter Street, Castlemaine, on Thursday 17 November at 6.00pm. All National Trust members, friends and interested members of the public are welcome.

We are pleased to advise that Mount Alexander Shire Council is supporting the Award by sponsoring the presentation function, where refreshments and finger food will be provided. The Shire also provided expert advice to help us adjudicate between nominated properties.

As from next year, the the Shire will collaborate with the Trust to an even greater extent, sponsoring Restoration Awards in several different categories.

Our heritage can only be secured if the community recognises its value and importance and we believe that publicity given to our Restoration Awards will help educate

the public in the importance of heritage protection and sensitive restoration.

Three properties were nominated for this year's awards and they are shown below. At the function on 17 November certificates of commendation will be presented and those entrants judged to be outstanding will receive a plaque to be displayed on the property.

RSVP: To assist with catering please advise your intention to attend to David Cunningham on 5472 4478 by Tuesday 8th November.

Properties nominated for the 2011 Restoration Award



Maldon Railway Station



Faulder Watson Hall



'Nalparingan', Castlemaine

Please Consider...

The responsibilities of every Branch of the National Trust are dealt with by committees of members who have seen the need and are prepared to donate their time. Inevitably committee numbers vary, sometimes causing an unreasonable workload to fall on others. Now, if we all took a turn, everyone's workload would be lighter and jobs would get done more easily with no stress. *Is it your turn, now? Please consider!*

Volunteer to join the committee - you'll enjoy the experience and share the satisfaction of achievement. Print out the nomination form sent with this newsletter, get two friends to nominate you (they need not be members) and post the nomination to: The President, P.O.Box 957, Castlemaine 3450.

Your appointment will be confirmed at the AGM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note that the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Mount Alexander Branch of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) will be held in the Anglican Church Hall - corner Forest and Kennedy Streets at 7.30pm on Monday 28 November 2011.

The business of the AGM will be to receive the President's report of activities during the year, to receive nominations to the Committee and to transact any other appropriate business.

THE AGM WILL BE BRIEF AND AFTER IT YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR TEA/COFFEE AND BISCUITS.

Then, if you if you wish, feel welcome to stay as we hold our normal committee meeting. This is an excellent opportunity for you to observe the interesting issues dealt with at our regular meetings... and a valuable introduction for those joining the committee for the coming year!