

A'Beckett Garden

## Mornington Peninsula Branch

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### *Garden Fundraiser*

After very doubtful weather conditions, strong north winds on the Friday, torrential rain all day and night Saturday, Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> November (2011) thankfully improved by degrees to blossom into a beautiful afternoon. Michael and Prue a'Beckett generously opened their beautiful Mt Martha garden for National Trust members and friends to enable the branch committee to raise funds for the restoration of the doors in the Edwardian Room at The Briars. The doors were hand decorated around one hundred years ago by one of Michael's forebears. Over ninety people attended and admired the beautiful garden created by the Michael and Prue over several years and enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea provided by the Committee.

Work will commence on the first stage of restoration in late February or early March, now that clearance from Heritage Victoria has been received.

The branch is grateful for both the in-kind and financial support given by the a'Beckett families (Michael and Prue and Mrs Sue a'Beckett) to assist the Branch with this restoration project.

## COMING EVENTS

### *A Tribute to Collins*

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**2.00 – 4.00pm**

At The Collins Settlement Centre  
Leggett Way, Sorrento. Melway ref.  
157,G10

Join historian and author, Richard Cotter, President of The Friends of Collins Settlement in examining the conditions under which Lieutenant Governor David Collins attempted European settlement in 1803 at Sorrento and his subsequent removal to Van Diemen's Land, establishing Hobart Town, where he died on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 1810 at the age of forty four. Excerpts from The Friends latest DVD *Personalities of Sullivan Bay*, featuring Collins will be on view.

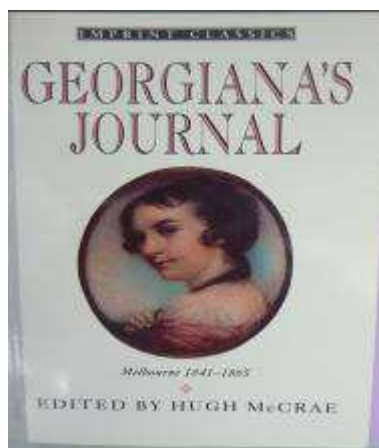
Afternoon Tea included Cost \$ 10  
members \$ 15 others

**Bookings 9580 9617 or 5976 1538**

**THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**5.30 – 7.00pm**

Mornington Peninsula Regional  
Gallery, Civic Reserve, Dunns Road  
Mornington.

### *The truth about Georgiana's Journal*



Dr Marguerite Hancock, historian and author of *Colonial Consorts: The Wives of Victoria's Governors 1839-1900* will tell the story behind the Journal, originally published in 1934. Much of what readers have taken to be Georgiana's own words was actually written and 'embellished' by her grandson, poet Hugh McCrae, who edited the journal for publication.

This event is presented by  
McCrae Homestead.

\$17 or \$14 National Trust members  
Bookings essential: Limited seating.  
National Trust website:

[Http://www.natstrust.com.au/events](http://www.natstrust.com.au/events)

or phone 8663 7260

## HERITAGE FESTIVAL AND HERITAGE AWARDS

The 2012 Heritage Festival brochure is about to be launched and the Peninsula is offering some innovative and inventive events. Enquiry has already started for the Mornington Peninsula Heritage Awards. This year the branch has expanded the conservation category to include restoration of heritage places, including built form, landscape, wetlands, cemeteries, monuments or heritage gardens.

Application forms will be available through the branch or Trust website from 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The Peninsula announcement will take place at Mt Martha House on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## HERITAGE WATCH

It was with dismay that the branch received notification from Council that it had issued an Emergency Order for the demolition of 42 Barkly Street Mornington, due to the deteriorating structural condition which posed danger to life or property.

So a long fought campaign to save some of Mornington's heritage is over. The site and vegetation contained on the site are still protected by the Heritage Overlay and the owner was required to ensure no damage was caused to the vegetation during demolition. It is understood demolition was to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Heritage Victoria has notified the Executive Director- Public Land DSE that it will be recommending to the Heritage Council the inclusion of the Rosebud Sound Shell to the Heritage Register. This announcement was published in the Herald Sun on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and submissions will be received up until 14<sup>th</sup> February. The Branch has submitted in support of the recommendation.

The Council endorsed Rosebud Coastal Management Plan is to be submitted to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change for approval – details of the full Council decision can be viewed on the Shire website under Council Minutes and Agendas 14/11/2011.

**CALLING ALL  
CAR PARKING ATTENDANTS**

First Saturday of the month except June, July and August at the Trust's Car Park, Arthurs Seat Road Red Hill on Red Hill Market days.

Assistance required with parking duties for two shift periods :

**8.00 to 10.00am or 10am to 12 noon**

The revenue raised from the \$3 entry fee goes a long way towards the maintenance required for the site.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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Left to Right: Martin Purslow Trust CEO, Judy Walsh Branch President, Elizabeth Saunders Committee member and Gillian Tolley EFG Co-ordinator at the end of a car parking session recently.

**BRANCH AGM**

The 2011 Annual General Meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> November with the present committee re-elected for 2012. The President's Report has been placed on the Trust Website – scroll down the home page to Branches and Committees/ Mornington Peninsula.

***New Member Welcome***

Our records show the following new members have joined the Trust from the Mornington Peninsula since the October Newsletter and we extend a warm welcome to them and invite them to join in Branch Activities.

Mr & Mrs Cain	McCrae
Mr & Mrs Beckwith	Frankston South
Mr & Mrs Betts	Mt Martha
Mrs V Clarke	Frankston
Mrs E Milne	Mt Eliza
Mr & Mrs McCracken	Mornington