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Victorian Branch Newsletter

April 2010

Dear Victorian Member,

The apples are in, so it must be Autumn, but as I write it still seems very much like Summer so it was a pleasant surprise to see a luscious vegetable garden in full glory at Tutes's cottage in Castlemaine recently. A neighbour, Malcolm who was working in the garden when I called, explained that it is now a community garden and five families are fed from the garden. It was heartening to see the fruit trees we planted in 2002 now laden with fruit.

The cottage dates from 1854 and is a rare survivor of a Miner's Right cottage. In 2002 the Friends of the Mount Alexander diggings oversaw the reconstruction of the garden to represent the style of garden in the gold rush era. AGHS member Mandy Strobel drew up the plan for the garden which our members helped to maintain at working bees organized by past AGHS chair, Helen Page.

Walter Burley Griffin's Eaglemont Estate walk - Sunday 18 April

Join us for a guided walk around this unique landscape looking at the houses and gardens dating from 1930-70, although the prestigious estate was first laid out in 1914. It was the first and is considered the most successful of Walter Burley Griffin's estates making the most of the sloping site with irregularly curved streets and internal parklands. There are also three fine examples of Desbrowe Annear houses.

The walk will start at the corner of Maltravers Road at Outlook Drive at 1.00pm. Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members and includes notes and afternoon tea, BYO cup. Numbers are limited so bookings are essential. See booking slip at the bottom of this newsletter. Please return it to Treasurer, Kathy Wright by 14 April. Enquiries re booking 9596 2041. Enquiries about the walk 9836 1881

Winter Lectures

We are pleased to again present an interesting range of speakers. The flyer for the lectures is included with this journal. Please note that the programme for the lecture series has been amended from that shown in our last newsletter. AGHS committee member, lecturer and researcher - Anne Vale - will now lead off the series in June and Robin Marks, whose mother was a close friend of Winifred Wadell, will now speak on August 17 following the AGM.

Nina Crone Award

We are again offering this award with a \$1000 prize and certificate of recognition for an original article of 1000-1500 words. The article can be on a broad range of topics relating to Australian garden history. We appreciate the busy lives that students lead with work and study so your help is needed to encourage students

you know studying history, horticulture, architecture, landscape architecture, writing or any other appropriate discipline to submit articles on aspects of their studies that could be tailored to suit our publication.

The closing date for articles is 30 November 2010 and further details are on the webpage.

Branch Committee News

We are pleased to welcome Laurie Krauss to the committee. She has replaced Susan Reidy who has resigned due to work and study commitments and we thank her for her contribution to the committee. Laurie Krauss will fulfil the role of secretary as well as minute secretary and we very much look forward to working with her.

Launch of Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants (Vol.9)

It was a very lively and enthusiastic gathering at Cranbourne Botanic Gardens on Sunday 14 March to celebrate the publication of the final volume in the series. It has been 35 years of dedicated research by the authors Rodger Elliot and David L. Jones and illustrator Trevor Blake, ably assisted by their wives who were also present. As Gwen said to Rodger recently while driving to Sydney, 'Do you realize, we no longer have to look out for plants starting with 'sp' to 'z'. Gwen and Rodger have been great supporters of AGHS and contributed most generously to AGHS excursions over the years.

Australia Day Honours

AGHS congratulates Ray Tonkin on receiving a Public Service Medal for outstanding public service for the recognition, management and promotion of Victoria's cultural heritage including landscapes. Ray managed Heritage Victoria for 22 years and was the Executive Director of the Heritage Council and its predecessors. He developed an excellent state heritage protection system and he is highly regarded nationally in cultural heritage matters.

Your Garden, Autumn 2010 and Chris Reid's contribution

Our thanks to AGHS member and former national management committee member Chris Reid for the double page spread in the latest edition of Your Garden. It is always nice to see our logo feature in magazines other than our own Australian Garden History. The article on pp 76-77 is on the history of the Society. Also of interest in the magazine is the story of the publication of 'the greatest series of books dedicated to Australian native plants' on page 88 about the final volume of the Encyclopaedia of Australian Native Plants as mentioned above.

Garden Vineyard Opening - Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 April

AGHS visited this garden on 21 April 2007 on a rare day of rain. We were so pleased with the rain the visit was not spoiled, but it is a magnificent garden and worth another visit. Di Johnson, the present owner and creator of the garden has sold the property and is opening it for the last time. The property is at 174 Graydens Road, Moorooduc (Melway 152 J2) The opening is part of the Australian Open Garden Scheme from 10am – 4.30pm. Entry is \$8.

February 10, Walk & Talk – Maranoa Gardens, Balwyn

Despite threatening weather it was pleasing to have such a good attendance at this unique suburban public native garden. The gardeners Andrea Dennis and Paul Birch were very generous in spending time with us in the garden, outlining the history of the site and the development of the garden. They were pleased to welcome us and to see Rodger and Gwen Elliot in attendance. We thank them for the time they spent with us

Welcome to New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members and look forward to meeting with them at future events.

Anne Aston	St Kilda	Margaret and John James	Mooroolbark
Elaine Barry	Glen Iris	Anica Kacanski	New Gisborne
Marjorie and Dale Kampkin-Smith	Kallista	Stuart Rattle	Musk
Bernadette Carroll	Croydon Hills		

Working Bees

A highlight of the Melbourne Museum (now closed) was a Nettleton cyclorama of Melbourne taken in 1862 from the roof of Parliament House with **Bishopscourt** clearly in view with its newly laid out garden with a remnant eucalypt on the front lawn. 148 years later you can help maintain this historic garden on the third Wednesday of the month from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. **Bishopscourt**, (Melway 2G D3) BYO lunch. Email: helenmkpage@gmail.com Another regular working bee is held at:

Abbotsford Convent, St Heliers Street (Melway 2D C3) on the first Wednesday of the month from 9.30 am – 3.00 pm. BYO lunch, tea and coffee is provided. All day parking opposite is \$4. Email: pdjellie@hotmail.com

This is my last newsletter for the journal as Anne Vale has kindly offered to take on the task. Items of interest are always welcome and can be forwarded to Anne via email: heriscapes@optusnet.com.au

Pamela Jellie – Chair, AGHS (Victoria)

BOOKING FORM

Walking Tour of Mount Eagle Estate
Walter Burley Griffin's designed landscape of Eaglemont
Sunday 18th April

Cost: \$15 AGHS members \$20 non-members

Name/s.....

Address..... Postcode..... Telephone.....

Enclosed please find payment by cheque to the amount of for number of people

Forward this Booking form with payment by Wednesday 14th April to

Kathy Wright,

10 Asling Street, Brighton 3186.

(Tel. 9596 2041 for booking enquiries Tel. 9836 1881 other enquiries). Receipts will be issued on the day.