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As we are all busy organising the AGHS National Conference I am sending out a mini Newsletter regarding the next few events.

You will have all received invitations to the *Planting Memories* unveiling on 13 October . so hope to see you there or at the conference. *Judy Pearce*, Newsletter Editor.

Sunday 6 November: Day trip to the Monaro

The self-drive trip to the Monaro will be going ahead. Details are currently being finalised and I expect to be able to send them to members after 9 October. In the meantime please keep the date free if you want to join us.

Members \$25, non-members \$30, includes teas (bring your own picnic lunch) . booking details in October newsletter.

Wednesday 9th November



To celebrate **contour 556** we will visit some of the works with curator Neil Hobbs and one of the participating artist.

Members \$10, non-members \$15, includes refreshments . booking Page 3.

Meet 4.45pm for a 5pm start at the front of the Commonwealth Place East. See map . page 2.

contour 556 is Canberra's new public art festival featuring the works of 50 local, national and international artists on display from the National Library of Australia, across the National Gallery of Australia's Sculpture Garden and Lake Burley Griffin foreshore, through Bowen Park to the Kingston Arts Precinct. The festival will run from Friday 21st October to Sunday 13th November, 2016.

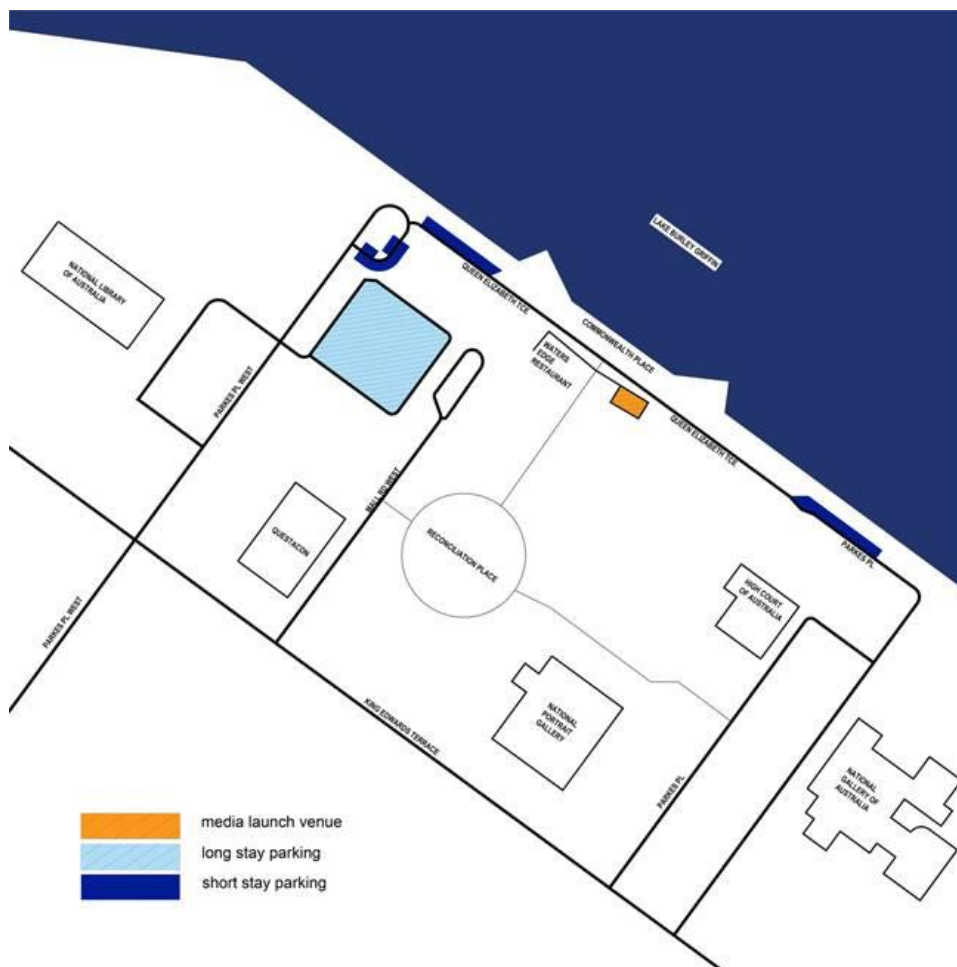
Contour 556 is the water level of Lake Burley Griffin, which links the event in name as well as in purpose to the history of the central Canberra landscape. The artworks and installations selected for the festival respond in some way to Canberra's history, from 50,000 years to the present day.

contour 556 has developed as the creative practice component of curator and well known Landscape Architect, Neil Hobbs's PhD research through the University of Canberra, as well as being the next stage in his development as a curator of public art events.

The inspiration for *contour 556* comes from Neil's lifetime appreciation for the beauty of the central Canberra landscape. He is widely acknowledged for his professional and personal support of and contribution to the development of connection between the landscape and the visual and performing arts in Canberra.

Neil's primary objective for *contour 556* is to ... to transform how viewers remember or recall the Canberra landscape after seeing the artworks or performances. My research is searching for a link between art and the place they experienced it in ... the memory people take away with them of their time in that landscape.

More information about the festival and artists involved can be found at www.contour556.com.au.



Thursday 24 November

Tour of Pialligo Estate and end of year party and celebration of 30 years since the Branch's formation

4.00 or 4.30pm Tour (time to be confirmed)
5.30pm Branch end of year party

Members and guests \$20 for tour and party, \$10 party only - booking details in October newsletter.

Of Interest

Waterhouse Natural Science Art Prize Exhibition, National Archives of Australia . closes 13 November

Looking after a Lost Bit of Australia: Montague Island. A talk by two of our Branch members, Max Bourke and Laine Lawson. Thursday 29 September, 12.30pm. Australian National Botanic Gardens

From the Red Centre, an exhibition of work by Sharon Field and Cathi Franzi, Australian National Botanic Gardens Visitors Centre, 7 September . 9 October.



AGHS BOOKING SLIP

Booking slips need to be returned no later than one week prior to the event to assist committee with planning. It is easier for your voluntary committee to get payment in advance but if you have difficulties paying by cheque or EFT please send the booking slip or email to Helen Elliot at ellieth@bigpond.net.au (phone 6284 4749 home) and pay on the day.

Names _____

Contact phone: (Evening/W/E) _____

Email: _____

Tick	Event	Cost	Numbers attending	Amount Incl \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contour 556 Visit, 9 November	Members of AGHS \$10, Non-members \$15	_____ _____	_____ _____

Payment options:

Cheques payable to **Australian Garden History Society**. Please return the cheque and payment form to The Treasurer, AGHS, P O Box 5008, Lyneham ACT 2602 or contact Helen Elliot at ellieth@bigpond.net.au (phone 6284 4749 home) and pay by EFT.

By EFT Account name: **AGHS**, BSB: **801009**, Account number: **001062165**

Please make sure you include the following reference information:
 the date of the event (e.g 9 November) and your **family name**.