

## National Trust of Australia: Amazing Stories every moment

### ACT

Examples from the National Trust of Australia (ACT) for the National History Challenge and the National Trust themes:

### *Celebrations, memories and history in Australia's heritage*

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) owns no properties but has classified many heritage places in the ACT that meet the theme "Celebrations, Memories and History". This link will take you to a list of classified places for which the ACT Trust contains records. You are welcome to visit the Trust office in Civic Square (First Floor, North Building opposite Legislative Assembly) to read these files.

The ACT Trust no longer classifies heritage sites, but instead directs possible classifications to the ACT Heritage Council for sites of ACT significance for addition to the ACT Heritage Register, and nominates places of national significance to the National Heritage List and to the Commonwealth Heritage List for places controlled by the Commonwealth Government. These lists also contain examples of Celebrations, Memories and History in Australia's Heritage.

### ACT Trust Special Category - 2010.

#### Your chance to be a published author!

You may also enter this Special ACT Trust category. You may enter both the Australia's Heritage theme and the ACT's special category. If your entry is not selected for the History Challenge by your school it may still be entered into this special ACT competition

However only essay formats are accepted into ACT Special category and you must be in middle to upper secondary school. ACT entries for the National Trust Special Category *Australia's Heritage* of the National History Challenge from primary and younger secondary students or in other formats will be considered only for the History Challenge and subject to the usual criteria for National History Challenge and *Australia's Heritage* category.

#### Criteria

Students in years in years 9-12 are invited to produce a research essay in relation to the national theme but also addressing the ACNT's special category *Australia's Heritage*.

- Essay length 1000 to 1500 words.

- Essay to be appropriately referenced.
- A copy of the essay must be submitted to the ACT Trust in digital and hard copy format as well as to the National History Challenge.
- Judging of the entrants in Special ACT category will be done by 3 judges from ACT National Trust.
- The winning entrant will receive a cash prize of \$200, plus the winning essay will also be published in ACT Trust's magazine Heritage in Trust. This prize is in addition to any offered by the National History Challenge should the entry also be a winning entry in the Challenge.
- The ACT Special Category winning essay will also be placed on the web site of the ACT Trust site.
- There may be scope for a monetary prize for a second or third place, but this will depend on the number of entries and their quality.
- It is strongly recommended that the entrant use historic resources of the ACT National Trust.
- Normal Challenge criteria for this format apply

The objectives for the ACT Trust would be:

1. To encourage young students to prepare a well researched and prepared historical essay and thereby gain an awareness and appreciation of the history and culture of the ACT.
2. To generally promote the awareness of the history and heritage of the ACT.

### **Specific Examples from the ACT Trust**

**(for both general *Australia's Heritage* and ACT Special categories)**

ACT examples from the Trust's classified list, brochures and files include:

- **Celebrate ACT heritage:** The National Trust of Australia (ACT) has published many [self guided walks and tours](#) brochures of heritage places commemorated and celebrated in the history of the ACT.
- **Celebrate work:** Ginninderra Blacksmith Shop- This site was closely related to the early horse racing industry which would have seen many a celebration.
- **Celebrate families:** Lanyon Homestead, Calthorpes, and Mugga Mugga owned by the ACT Government and managed by [Historic Places](#): have all seen celebrations and contain memories in their history.

**Lanyon Homestead** While the property is owned by the ACT government, the National Trust (ACT) owns the collection housed here. Lanyon provides a number of stories related to Celebrations, memories and history, including the Trust campaign to save the property and its setting, the Lanyon Bowl, from urban expansion. Other examples can be found within the history of the families that lived in Lanyon Homestead and their relationship with their neighbours (at Cuppacumbalong, Tuggeranong Homestead and further afield). The creation of the Lanyon garden must have been an undertaking worthy of celebration when completed and now is used to celebrate weddings and other events. Visit the Trust office to look at the Lanyon file and other files on historic places in the ACT: Calthorpes House, Mugga Mugga, and Blundell's Cottage. Mugga Mugga cottage celebrates the life of Sylvia Curley's and her forbears. Calthorpes House, a little bit of history from 1920s and 30s, has seen many celebrations which you can read about in Dawn Waterhouse's book (*Waterhouse, Dawn. 2002. Chortles, Chores and Chilblains Cameos of Childhood in Calthorpes' House, Canberra. ACT Historic Places, Cultural Facilities Corporation, Canberra*). The ACT Trust and [ACT Heritage Library](#) have copies of this book.

- **Celebrate the Nation.** The creation of the Bush Capital: The story of Canberra provides many examples of celebrations, memories and history, from Cotter Dam and Scrivener Dam to Old Parliament House (Museum of National Democracy) that you can research using ACT Trust records as well as other resources. The history of Canberra is both the history of a city and the history of the Nation's capital.
- **Celebrate biodiversity and Natural heritage:** 2010 is the year of Biodiversity. Namadji National Park and Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve celebrate the ACT's natural heritage as well as commemorate a rich cultural heritage from indigenous celebrations to skiing clubs. In rural areas surrounding Canberra and in Canberra itself, you can find many other examples including homesteads such as Duntroon, Gungahlin Homestead, Old Horse Park, Naval heritage at Belconnen Tracking Station or HMAS Harman, and the villages of Tharwa and Hall. The ACT National Trust has assessed the heritage significance of many of these places and holds files on most of these.

- **Celebrate Indigenous culture.** The ACT's 21,000 year Aboriginal heritage contains many examples of celebrations, memories and history. Explore the ceremonies at Tidbinbilla associated with Bogong Moths. Visit the ACT Trust library and records and the [ACT Heritage Library](#) to find out more.
- **Celebrate yesterday.** Canberra's Space heritage. 2009 was the International Year of Astronomy- 2010 is an International Year of Communication. Find out how the ACT has contributed to space exploration and improved communications including the Moon landing at Stromlo Observatory (classified by the National Trust (ACT), the Canberra Deep Space Communications Centre (Tidbinbilla) and the Trust classified former NASA Orroral Valley & Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Stations (Namadgi National Park). The Trust holds files on these places.
- **Birthday celebrations!** In 2013 Canberra will be turning 100. Find out some of the places and events in the ACT's history that can be commemorated in this grand celebration of Canberra's heritage.
- **Celebrate today!** During April the ACT National Trust will participate in the ACT Heritage Festival. Many of these featured places and events are a great starting point for your research into *Australia's Heritage and Celebrations, Memories and History*. The Heritage Festival theme is *Hunters and Collectors*.

### Contacts and Resources

For more information on the Challenge, the ACT Trust Special Category or these places, or to arrange to see the files contact [Peter Dowling](#) or phone 6230 0533

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Also visit the [ACT Heritage Library](#)

**ACT entrants to *Australia's heritage* in the National Heritage Challenge are not restricted to researching ACT heritage- you may choose Australia's heritage from anywhere.**