

National Trust of Australia: Amazing Stories Every moment

Victoria

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

Celebrations, memories and history in Australia's heritage

Uncover amazing stories every moment in National Trust properties.

Victorian properties offer a great range of stories. You can also look at places on the [Trust Register](http://www.natrust.com.au/trust_register). http://www.natrust.com.au/trust_register 1 Visit the office in East Melbourne for further information on any of these classified places.

Celebrate a Trust Anniversary

Recent anniversaries at specific properties include:

Como, South Yarra, Melbourne <http://www.comohouse.com.au/>

Como House & Garden – 50 years celebration of National Trust Victoria's first owned and managed property and 160 years old!

Caroline Armytage's story is one of many associated with this grand property. Caroline's husband's death left her in charge of a large family, a large property and many diverse business interests which she continued to manage and run independently for the rest of her life.

Celebrate Law and Order: Old Melbourne Gaol, Russell St, Melbourne

<http://www.oldmelbournegaol.com.au/>

Old Melbourne Gaol recently celebrated 100 years since the founding and first arrest of a suspect at the City Watchhouse site of the hanging of Ned Kelly, a national icon whose story of criminal adventures and intent has divided opinion.

This award-winning venue is the site of the incarceration of convicts from Melbourne's early history – many individual convicts became prominent and significant citizens. Discover and research their histories and memories.

Resources, images and histories can be developed to order for groups.

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Commemorate the anniversary of a mistake: Barwon Park

http://www.nattrust.com.au/places_to_visit/geelong_the_west/barwon_park_1

Recently Barwon Park commemorated the 150th anniversary of the introduction of rabbits by Thomas Austin. What looked like a good idea at the time, worthy of celebration, resulted in some of the most drastic changes to our Australian ecological heritage.

Celebrate Sustainability: Rippon Lea, Elsternwick, Melbourne

<http://www.ripponleaestate.com.au/>

Rippon Lea has a sustainable garden that runs independently of Melbourne's water supply and has its own complex system. Despite Melbourne's drought the gardens are an example of ingenuity and independence and lateral thinking in overcoming the adversity of Melbourne's changing climate.

Celebrate Pioneering heritage: Gulf Station, Yarra Glen

<http://www.gulfstation.com.au/>

Gulf Station is the home of pioneering rural settlers, the Bell family, who created a large working farm property from raw scrubland.

This site celebrates and commemorates the endeavours of early pioneering settlers in a rural region. Discover the many memories of the Bell family and more recent memories of its survival in the fires of 2009.

Resources for students may be developed as a result of this program.

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Celebrate endeavour and creativity: Mc Crae Cottage, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria

http://www.nattrust.com.au/places_to_visit/mornington_peninsula/mccrae_homestead_galleries

Celebrate the lives of the people who lived in this early settler home still in its original state in the Mornington Peninsula.

The most fascinating inhabitant was Georgiana Mc Crae. An intriguing character, extraordinarily talented and cultured woman, Georgiana developed a friendship with Governor Latrobe, produced watercolours of early Melbourne and managed the property as an early settler in the area. A wealth of material is available about Georgiana to inform you about her memories, history and celebrations.

Celebrate Hollywood at Mooramong, Skipton, near Ballarat

http://www.nattrust.com.au/places_to_visit/geelong_the_west/mooramong_1

It was a full house at the sumptuous Rivoli cinemas for the 2009 screening of the extraordinary documentary Mooramong- Private Hollywood which tells the story of one of the 1930s silent era's most famous Hollywood starlets.

Visit the property to get personal with the life story of Claire Adams and her special relationship with Mooramong Homestead, near Ballarat. Claire Adam's life is fabulous material for celebrating memories and history in Australia's heritage.

DVDs of the documentary are available from the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and National Trust shops.

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

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