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Red Cross Fashion Parade at Riversdale



Harry Ostendorf with his Certificate of Appreciation

Harry Ostendorf, Property Manager of *Riversdale* and *Cooma Cottage*, was acknowledged by the Australian Red Cross Society for his service to the local Goulburn branch of the Red Cross. Recently the Goulburn branch chose the Trust property *Riversdale* as the location for a fashion parade in aid of their overseas programs.

Over 100 guests enjoyed lunch and champagne as they watched the fashions proudly paraded by women from the local area. All clothing was from local Goulburn boutique *Tatiana*. Harry was in his element, commenting that "being surrounded by over 100 women was prize enough". Harry offered the use of the property without charge as he felt it would be a mutually beneficial opportunity to support the Red Cross' charity work and to promote *Riversdale* to the Goulburn community.

Celebration of Tomago Weekend

On 16 March, over 80 people gathered at *Tomago House* for the opening of the 'Celebration of Tomago Weekend', part of the 2007 Heritage Festival. The event also celebrated the 10th anniversary of the management of *Tomago House* by dedicated volunteer group, the Friends of *Tomago House*. An exhibition by Tennille Noach was accompanied by a display of



historic photographs by the Friends and a range of exquisite works by local resident and master glass blower, Julio Santos.

Viewing exhibition objects

M&P Preparation for National Trust Day

The M&P Department rallied together as a team during preparations for the inaugural National Trust Day held on 18 March. Produce and goods from many of our properties were counted, priced, picked, packed and prepared for sale at the M&P stall on the day.



Hard at work stuffing bags of bay leaves

ICS Seminar with Steven Smith

Melissa Neidorf and Tennille Noach recently attended a seminar on Cultural Heritage and the Internet, organised by official Trust conservators *International Conservation Services* (ICS), to introduce their newest staff member, Steven Smith. Steven spent over a decade as a teacher before exploring other areas of education and since 1995 has been providing advice on e-business strategies, website development and evaluation, and online strategies across a range of private organisations, government and industry.



The seminar was held in the former NSW Club House building at 31 Bligh Street, currently the home of the Lowy Institute. This building was leased to the National Trust in 1973 for a period of 80 years and has since been sublet to various tenants. Built in 1884, it is the only Victorian-era clubhouse remaining in Sydney. The elegant interior, including large sections of wallpaper, embossed leather wall coverings and hand stencilling on the walls and ceilings, has



been restored by teams of conservators from ICS. The finishes evoke the ambience of a late 19th century gentleman's club.

31 Bligh Street, Sydney

Elvira at SUVA activities



M&P's Departmental Administrator, Elvira Hengl, recently attended the bi-monthly meeting of Sydney's Unique Venues Association (SUVA) to meet other members and inspect their facilities, and to increase networking opportunities and awareness of the Trust's venue hire facilities.

Elvira's association with SUVA has led to increased exposure for the Trust's function facilities at our various heritage properties around NSW, but also for the National Trust Centre itself on Observatory Hill. Two large multi-purpose rooms at the National Trust Centre have been used for seminars, meetings, training sessions, poetry readings, book launches and exhibitions. For venue hire information, contact Elvira on 9258 0126.

Support for Soft Furnishings Guide Book

Editor of the National Trust Magazine, Angela Le Sueur, and leaders of the Trust's Soft Furnishings Project, Dr James Broadbent and Elizabeth Wright, have developed a beautiful guide book highlighting the achievements of the Soft Furnishings Project at *Old Government House*, Parramatta. Sponsors are



currently being sought for the guide book. For details please contact Patricia McDonald on 9258 0121.

Sample page from the guide book

School Days at Woodford Academy

On a recent visit to the Trust's *Woodford Academy* in the Blue Mountains, Melissa Neidorf and Tennille Noach were shown interesting elements of the conservation works funded during the 2001 Federation Fund, such



Nanette Leary (L) explaining the exposed wall painting



Paint ladders

as paint scrape 'ladders', original wall finishes uncovered and some of the handpainted wallpaper.

Also on display are several original school desks from the period when the property was used as a school for 'young gentlemen'. The graffiti on these wooden desks includes deeply and decoratively carved initials, words and dates. They are a wonderful artefact from the days of the *Woodford Academy*.



One of the graffitied school desks

Calendar of Events

Salon des Refusés - The alternative Archibald & Wynne Prize exhibition

3 March - 29 April
Tuesday to Sunday, 11.00am-5.00pm
SH Ervin Gallery, Watson Rd, Observatory Hill
Enquiries: 02 9258 0173

2007 Norman Lindsay Festival of Children's Literature

Saturday 24 - Sunday 25 March
Norman Lindsay Gallery
14 Norman Lindsay Crescent, Faulconbridge
Enquiries: 02 4751 1067