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Wirrimbirra Wins Water Grant



New water tanks

The volunteers managing the Trust's *Wirrimbirra Sanctuary*, at Bargo, were recently successful in gaining \$50,000 under the Federal Government

Community Water Grants program, for a project that will save an estimated 500 kilolitres of water per annum.

The main elements of the project involved installing a new septic system at the sanctuary and using its treated water in an underground dripper system to water the gardens; as well as installing rain water tanks to supply water to the retail nursery. Promotion for the project includes a focus on educating the local public on water conservation issues in the home.

Cooma Cottage Farewells Corrine

This month M&P farewelled our *Cooma Cottage* Education Officer, Corrine Chalmers, after three years working with the Trust. Enthusiastic and dedicated, Corrine channelled an immense amount of energy into the popular *Cooma Cottage* school holiday program. We thank her for all the time and effort she gave to *Cooma Cottage* and for breathing life into the property. We wish Corrine all the best for her future endeavours.



Corrine Chalmers

Weddings with the Trust



Inside Tomago House

Once again the Trust has received coverage in one of Sydney's premier bridal magazines, for one of its unique wedding venues, *Tomago House*, just north of Newcastle. *Complete Wedding Sydney* featured the historic property late in 2006, highlighting the appeal of this historic homestead built in the 1840s and its stone chapel, as an intimate wedding venue.

Weddings are also a major feature of the activities at *Lindesay*, a Trust property located at Darling Point. The sweeping harbour views, gardens and furnished rooms of the grand house are a major drawcard. Event enquiries to 4929 2117 for *Tomago House* or 9363 2401 for *Lindesay*.



Lindesay, at Darling Point

Vale Kevin Fahy AM: longstanding friend of the National Trust

The National Trust lost a great friend and supporter when Kevin Fahy died peacefully on 2 February at St Vincent's Private Hospital. An Honorary Life Member, long-term member of the Museums and Collections Committee, acquisitions advisor, guide training lecturer and prolific contributor to the Trust journal, Kevin will be sadly missed. He was highly respected for his publications on colonial furniture, jewellery, silver and ceramics and for many years edited *Australiana*, the journal of the Australiana Society.

Kevin played an active role in the interpretation of Old Government House, Parramatta, and together with another Trust stalwart, Rachael Roxburgh, advised Ida Traill on her decision to bequeath her Bathurst residence and contents to the Trust. Above all, Kevin was very generous with his knowledge and did much to encourage the present public awareness and appreciation of Australian colonial decorative arts.



Kevin Fahy
(Image from 'Australian Furniture: Pictorial History and Dictionary 1788-1938'.)

Farewell to Gabriella Holok

On 16 February, the M&P Department bid farewell to Gabriella Holok, our Assistant Curator. Gabriella had worked in M&P for three years and



Gabriella Holok

been involved in a wide variety of projects with the Trust's properties and collections.

Some of her lasting achievements include managing the annual Heritage Festival Photography Competition, development of permanent exhibitions at *Cooma Cottage* and *Experiment Farm Cottage*, and the design of interpretive brochures and signage for our properties, however, Gabriella's favourite activity remained winding the head office longcase clock.

Gabriella provided an immense level of support to all our staff across NSW, and the loss of her presence will be felt by all who had the pleasure of working with her. Best wishes to Gabriella for all the future brings.

Lady Gipps Bower Revealed



In progress 2006

Generously funded by the Commonwealth Government's National Heritage Investment Initiative, the project to restore Lady Gipps' Bower to *Old Government House*, Parramatta, has now been completed. Architect Clive Lucas designed the bower from an 1877 Government photograph showing the bower in situ. The bower and porch steps were removed prior to restorations that took place in 1909 for the occupation of the buildings by The King's School. This charming feature of the house has now been restored, and will be enhanced in coming weeks through appropriate plantings.



Completed 2007

Woodford Academy Centenary



Woodford Academy

This year marks the Centenary of a school for 'young gentlemen' established in 1907 by John McManamey at

one of the Trust's Blue Mountains properties, *Woodford Academy*. As part of the 2007 Heritage Festival, the Friends of *Woodford Academy* have developed an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia from the school archives, open March 3, 10 and 17. One of the lectures on 3 March, will feature Dr Ian Jack, president of the Royal Australian Historical Society, presenting 'The Road to Woodford Academy: the making of John McManamey.' Enquiries to 4758 8584.

Miss Traill Says Goodbye to Sam Malloy



Sam Malloy

M&P also said goodbye to Manager of *Miss Traill's House & Garden*, Sam Malloy, after 13 years of service to the Trust. Sam ran the unique Bathurst property with its extensive collection, managing

popular events and public programs. His interest in the Traill family's history led him to co-author the property's guide book in 2006. He won the Trust's Distinguished Service Award in 2004. We wish Sam all the best and we will all miss his caring personality and positive attitude.

Calendar of Events

Jazz in the Garden

Saturday 24 February, gates open at 4.00pm
Norman Lindsay Gallery, Faulconbridge. Enquiries: 02 4751 1067

Heritage Festival Events at Dundullimal

9 - 10 March, 10.00am - 5.00pm
Dundullimal Homestead, Dubbo. Enquiries: 02 6884 9984

Celebration of Tomago weekend

17 - 18 March, 10.00am - 4.00pm
Tomago House, Tomago. Enquiries: 02 4929 2117