

FRIENDS OF LA TROBE'S COTTAGE

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Welcome to Our House: Managing the Historic House Museum –Domain House (Dallas Brooks Drive): Wednesday 27 April 2011, 7pm-9pm

Speaker: Dr Linda Young is Senior Lecturer in the School of History, Heritage and Society at Deakin University. An historian, curator and teacher, her research focus is social and cultural aspects of 19th century personal and domestic life. She has specialised in studies of house museums and museum villages, and arts-and-industry collections and their antecedent great exhibitions. Friends of La Trobe's Cottage General Meeting : Free to members; guests are most welcome (\$7 per guest, includes refreshments). RSVP 25 April to Helen Botham on 9583 1114.



Dr Linda Young, guest speaker at FOLTC General Meeting

Mother's Day at La Trobe's Cottage – Sunday 8 May 2011, 1pm-4pm

Tours will focus on Sophie La Trobe's role as wife and mother. As the La Trobes so enjoyed their garden, and in particular their colourful chrysanthemums at this time of the year, all mothers will receive a flower. A warm welcome will be given to mothers and their families on this day.

Cottage Openings

Weekly Sunday afternoon openings, from 2pm to 4pm, continue until the end of May. Please tell your family and friends to come along and make the most of the autumn weather in the Domain. Then from June to September the Cottage will be open on the last Sunday of each month.

Future Events

Melbourne Open House at La Trobe's Cottage – Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 July, 10am-4pm

During this weekend visitors will be able to gain an insight into the role played by prefabricated housing for the early colonists in Melbourne, and of family life at the Jolimont estate of Charles La Trobe, his wife Sophie and their children.

Visit to The Costume Collection, Yarra Park Bulleen – Tuesday 20 September, 10.15am-12pm

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The Costume Collection is a private museum inspired by the Bath Costume Museum in England and provides a fascinating history of Australian costume over the past 200 years. It contains a huge range of costumes, featuring women's, men's and children's clothing and accessories. Owner/curator Loel Thomson will give an introductory talk. \$15 per person (proceeds to the Cottage). Optional luncheon and afternoon visit to Heide Art Museum, details to be advised. Bookings to Joy Harley Ph 9571 4034, aharley1927@hotmail.com; or Helen Armstrong Ph 9592 5616, helen@triarm.com.au

La Trobe's Garden

Under the expert guidance of the Convenor of the Garden Sub-Committee, Sandi Pullman, garden working bee members have made considerable improvements to La Trobe's Cottage garden. The heritage apples and roses planted some months ago are flourishing, and the overall well-kept appearance created a delightful atmosphere for the celebration of La Trobe's 210th birthday on 19 March.

Early in March, the Friends of the Elms generously donated an *Ulmus glabra* "Camperdownii", commonly known as Weeping Elm, to replace one that succumbed last year to the rigours of the drought. FOTE President Jo Grigg visited the Cottage to assist in the planting of this lovely specimen. Our gratitude goes to Friends of the Elms for their thoughtfulness and generosity.



Jo Grigg, Friends of the Elms President, with Sandi Pullman,
Garden Convenor, Friends of La Trobe's Cottage
Photo: Jennifer Marshall

Wesley Church Invitation

All members are invited to attend the celebration **on Sunday 1 May 2011** of the 175th anniversary of the first service of worship held in the Port Phillip District by the remarkable Rev. Joseph Orton on 24 April 1836. The commemoration will be in two parts: 11.00 am – Morning Worship, with Rev. Alistair Orton, great-great grandson of Joseph Orton; and 1.30 pm – Alison Head honours Mrs Orton, and Peter Sherlock tells of Orton's Melbourne. Venue: Wesley Uniting Church, 148 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

La Trobe's Birthday

Thirty members of the Friends of La Trobe's Cottage and the La Trobe Society celebrated La Trobe's 210th birthday at a delightful evening picnic at the Cottage on 19 March.

La Trobe's memory was toasted and La Trobe's Cottage Manager Lorraine Finlay, whose birthday coincides with Charles Joseph's, cut the cake.



