



Newsletter No. 2, 19 August 2009

Dear Friends,

As the committee has been active and several sub-committees have begun work on their plans for the Cottage, and as our big 'Launch' week-end approaches, it is time to let you know of our plans.

A General Meeting was held at St Peters Eastern Hill on Monday 17th August. Thanks to the twenty-three members who attended. All were excited about the work which has been started, and inspired to continue on with our aims. Members who attended provided valuable comments and practical suggestions about our activities.

It was unanimously agreed at this meeting that a Membership Fee of \$20.00 would be charged to members. This will go towards postage, social activities and other small expenses. Our Treasurer, John Drury will be letting you know how this will be collected.

John is working with the Trust to ensure that any funds raised through our activities will be deposited separately into the National Trust accounts, so that these funds can be identified, and used appropriately.

The Property sub-committee has been actively looking into repairs to be carried out as quickly as possible, and the Gardening group has been given approval by the National Trust to carry out some early work. The Masterplan sub-committee is working to produce this document before the end of the year. The Events and Fundraising group is looking into some exciting possibilities for the future.

Graham and Judy Ryles have tendered their resignations as our Education representatives. Loreen Chambers has volunteered to join the committee in this role and we look forward to her contribution in this important area for development.

Now to the week-end of 3-4 October.

Arrangements are starting to take shape for the arrival of Mr and Mrs La Trobe at the Cottage at around 2pm on Saturday 3 October. Members of the Re-Enactment Society of Victoria will assist us with this. The La Trobes will arrive in a carriage to be greeted by the citizens of Port Phillip, including Captain Lonsdale and John Pascoe Fawkner. La Trobe will then read his proclamation to the citizens of Port Phillip and raise the flag.

The Cottage will be open to the public after that, with donations sought, and tea and cake will be for sale on the lawn.

Committee

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Thanks to all the members who volunteered at our General Meeting to help with all these activities. If you were not at the meeting and would like to assist, please contact me on 9583 1114, helenbotham@gmail.com, but note I will be away from 20 – 31 August.

Working Bees have been organised to prepare the cottage for the event:

Garden – Saturday 29 August. For information please contact Sandi Pullman, 9646 9776

House Maintenance - Saturday 5 September: 10-am – 12 noon. Max Joffe, 9563 6363

As an immediate lead-up to the event, our Secretary and Treasurer, Dianne Reilly and John Drury, invite all Friends of La Trobe's Cottage to a cocktail party at their home on Friday 2nd October – invitations will be sent to you closer to the time.

As part of the celebrations, two talks have been arranged at the East Melbourne Library, which is on the North side of George St, between Powlett and Simpson Sts, Mel. 2G 4E.

Tuesday 29th September: La Trobe the Man: Dr Dianne Reilly, AM.

Tuesday 13th October: Jolimont and its Times: Professor Miles Lewis, AM.

The presentations are due to start at 6.00pm, preceded by refreshments at 5.30pm. Entry will be free to Friends of La Trobe's Cottage, but the general public will be charged a fee. Parking is restricted in this area, and we are advised to use public transport – the 48 or 75 trams in Wellington Parade or the 246 bus in Punt Rd. Jolimont station is not far. There is limited meter parking in Clarendon St.

The Cottage will be open to the public every Sunday from 4 October between 2- 4pm. The current National Trust Guide group has supported this, and new guides will be brought in and gradually trained to become fully-fledged guides. An entry fee of \$5.00 will be charged to the public; Friends and La Trobe Society and National Trust members free.

The National Trust is helping us with the publicity, and with the arrangements, for these events.

Looking forward, the essential requirement for much of our future work is funds, and the Trust has applied for a Government grant - the outcome of this is not yet known. However, a major task for us is to prepare applications for funding so that major work can be embarked upon soon.

We look forward to seeing you all on 3 October – I will be keeping you informed as plans develop for that day, and for the future.

Helen Botham
Chair