



## Newsletter No. 6

1 February 2010

### Australia Day, Tuesday 26 January

We celebrated Australia Day by opening the Cottage to the public, raising the flag and serving teas. The Rupertswood Battery fired their muskets in salute to the flag as it was raised at 2pm, 3pm and 3.30pm. The Victorian Folk Music Club provided delightful colonial tunes. The refreshment stall was well-supported, and 200 people toured the Cottage. We thank the Rupertswood Battery, the Victorian Folk Music Club, and sponsors: the Colonial Cookie Company, Ferguson Plarre Bakehouses, Gills Nursery Cheltenham, and the Brighton Bowling Club who kindly supplied café umbrellas. Thanks also to the enthusiastic volunteers who prepared the garden in advance of the day, and to those who manned the refreshment stand, shop, and also the guides and receptionists who manned the Cottage.

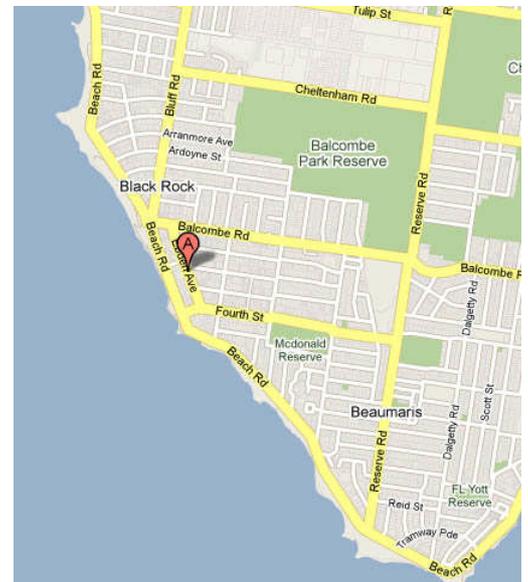
It was great to be part of the Domain celebrations - a successful day perhaps to be repeated next year.

### Visit to Black Rock House - 20 February

The Friends of Black Rock House have invited us to a special tour on Saturday 20 February at 2pm. This 1856 property was first built as a holiday residence for Victoria's first Auditor-General Charles Ebdon. Governor Sir Henry Barkly used the house as a vice-regal retreat between 1861 and 1863. Black Rock House, 34 Ebdon Avenue, Black Rock is included in the Victorian Heritage Register, the register of the national estate and is classified by the National Trust. See [http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/venues\\_historic\\_buildings.htm](http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/venues_historic_buildings.htm)

The tour will be followed by a cup of tea. I have suggested a donation of \$5.00 per person. Please let me know (9583 1114, [helenbotham@gmail.com](mailto:helenbotham@gmail.com)) if you would like to attend.

We will reciprocate by providing Morning Tea for the Friends of Black Rock House during a tour of La Trobe's Cottage and Government House on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.



### La Trobe's Birthday - 20 March

The C. J. La Trobe Society will be celebrating La Trobe's 209<sup>th</sup> birthday with an evening picnic at the Cottage on Saturday 20 March at 5.00pm. They extend an invitation to members of the La Trobe Society, FOLTC and the National Trust and their friends. This is an opportunity to invite your friends to an event at the Cottage. Champagne, birthday cake and juices will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a plate to share.

RSVP Hon. Sec., C.J.La Trobe Society: Dianne Reilly ([dmreilly@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dmreilly@optusnet.com.au), 96462112)

### RHSV Lecture - 13 April

The annual La Trobe Society/Royal Historical Society La Trobe lecture is to be held at the RHSV on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 6 – 8pm. The speaker will be Bev Roberts, author of the recently published and acclaimed book *Miss D and Miss N* which documents the lives of two women farmers, contemporaries of La Trobe, on the Bellarine Peninsula. \$20.00 pp, includes wine and savouries.

### World Heritage Day - 18 April

La Trobe's Cottage will be open as usual. Gulf Station will celebrate this event with an Open Day. Property will be open from 11am – 4pm, an opportunity to visit this property currently undergoing extensive renovations.

#### Committee

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### Funded Works

The National Trust has appointed Scott J Strachan, Architect and Project Manager, to overview the Stimulus Package Works, and these will be starting in the next few weeks, including carpentry repairs and of course much needed painting to all the buildings. A graphic designer has been engaged to assist Scott prepare the submission, to Heritage Victoria in the first instance, for the Heritage Walk Signage; formal approval is required before any signage works commence. And with a bit of luck we will have some money over to the start the urgent repairs to the roof.

### Guide Orientation

This programme has been devised for new guides but other Friends may be interested to attend Dianne Reilly's presentations at Tasma Terrace which are part of the programme, as follows:

Thursday 18 February: 3.00 pm: La Trobe the Man

Thursday 18 March: 2.00 pm : The Deceased Wife's Sister's Act

We would be very pleased to welcome members to these talks. Please let me know if you would like to attend (9583 1114, [helenbotham@gmail.com](mailto:helenbotham@gmail.com) ).

Committee members continue to work hard on our various projects. Lorraine is completing an Inventory of the Collection and new Guide Notes, John Botham is working on the Masterplan, Sandi is preparing a detailed Garden Masterplan, Max is assisting Scott with plans for building works, Loreen is preparing an Education programme and John and I are assisting Scott with plans for the Heritage Trail. John and Dianne continue to support all initiatives , as do John and Cecily. Helen Armstrong has kindly volunteered to help with Publicity, and we are grateful to all members who support us, even in small ways.

We can look forward, in the coming weeks, to seeing some of the long-awaited developments at the Cottage.

Helen Botham,  
Chair



Rupertswood Battery



Victorian Folk Music Club



Gardeners take a break during their Working Bee



Sales staff at work



Teas on sale