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Wednesday 17th September 2014

6:30pm refreshments, 7:00pm

Manning Clark Centre, Theatre 6, Building 26A, Union Court, ANU

Lake Victoria Project Place Stories

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Biography

“A Light in the Window” – National Trust Speaker’s Night

Wednesday 17 September 2014

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Venue: National Archives of Australia

The National Trust is pleased to announce that former Canberra journalist **Ann Beaumont** will visit us to talk about her latest book *A Light in the Window, Harper’s Mansion Berrima – the place and its people*. The book is a lively narrative, which brings to life the story of James and Mary Harper who built Harper’s Mansion and the Surveyor-General Inn, the only pub still operating in Berrima\ today. It also gives an insight into the 120-year ownership of the house by the Catholic Church and introduces the reader to the priests, nuns and tenants

who lived there. She also highlights the Trust's restoration of the property, the creation of the garden, and the countless hours given by volunteers to keep the house open.

Published earlier this year by the National Trust in May Anne received a National Trust NSW heritage award for her fine work. Copies of Anne's book will be on sale and she will be pleased to sign copies.

COST: \$10.00. Drinks and nibbles included.

Please RSVP by 11 September 2014: call 02 6230 0533 or email info@nationaltrustact.org.au

"The Luck of the Irish" – National Trust Speaker's Night

Wednesday 1 October 2014 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Babette Smith

Babette Smith is one of Australia's most respected experts on convict history and author of the bestselling *Cargo of Women* and *Australia's Birthstain*.

The Luck of the Irish is a fascinating portrait of colonial life in the mid-19th century, which reveals how the Irish helped lay the foundations of the Australia we know today.

The luck of the Irish was chronic bad luck, as their sad history attests. That's how it looked for 250 Irish convicts when their ship, the *Hive*, sank ignominiously off the NSW coast in 1835. Miraculously all survived, guided to safety by local Aboriginal people.

They landed at a time when the so-called slave colony was at its height, ruled by the lash and the chain gang. Yet as Babette Smith tracked the lives of the people aboard the *Hive*, she discovered a very different story. Most were assigned to work on farms or in businesses, building a better life than they possibly could have experienced in Ireland. Surprisingly, in the workforce they found power, which gave rise to the characteristic Australian culture later described by DH Lawrence: 'Nobody felt better than anybody else, or higher.'

Cost: \$10.00 entry. Drinks & nibbles included.

Venue: The National Archives of Australia, Queen Victoria Terrace, Parkes

Please RSVP by 25 September 2014: call 02 6230 0533 or email info@nationaltrustact.org.au

Harper's Mansion and Joadja, Berrima

National Trust (ACT) Bus Trip

Sunday 9 November 2014

We invite you to join us on one of our interesting regional heritage tours, this time to the Berrima region. Harper's Mansion. The tour will also visit the historic Joadja valley and Joadja town. **Details:**

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/HarpersMansionJoadja>

Cost: \$80 National Trust & U3A members, \$90 others (includes bus, morning tea, BBQ lunch and Joadja entry).

Depart: 7.30am in Deakin (car park behind the Deakin Fitness Centre, Deakin Shops) OR 7.45am northside at the bus stop on Northbourne Ave (outside the Southwell Park netball courts).

Please specify when booking, plus any dietary requirements.

Bookings: 6230 0533 or info@nationaltrustact.org.au

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| Monday, 18 August 2014 | Dr. Roger Blench (tentative) | Hedley Bull 1 | Cutting down trees: the different fates of tropical rainforests before |
| Friday, 22 August 2014 | Drs. Philip Hughes & Marjorie Sullivan | Hedley Bull 1 | Roxby Dunefield, South Australia: Dune Formation over 140ka and |
| Friday, 29 August 2014 | Prof. Matthew Spriggs | Hedley Bull 2 | Aubrey Parke: NOT an 'enthusiastic amateur' in Fiji |
| Thursday, 4 September 2014 | Dr Marc Oxenham & Anna Willis | Coombs Ext 1.04 | Con Co Ngua, a c. 6,000 years bp hunter-gatherer cemetery in north |
| Friday, 26 September 2014 | Tim Maloney | Coombs Ext 1.04 | TBD |
| Friday, 3 October 2014 | Prof. Peter Bellwood | Coombs Ext 1.04 | Recent perspectives on the origins and dispersals of the Austrone |
| Friday, 10 October 2014 | Dr. James Flexner | Hedley Bull 1 | Vanuatu mission work |
| Friday, 24 October 2014 | Prof. Paul Tacon | Hedley Bull 1 | Caves, animals, art origins and early human diversity: the changing perspective. |
| Friday, 7 November 2014 | Dr. Ladislav Nejman | Hedley Bull 1 | The Early to Upper Palaeolithic Transition at Pod Hradem Cave, Cz |