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ACT SYMPOSIUM 2011 – HERITAGE AND PLANNING: PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT

This year's ACT Symposium – "Heritage and Planning: partners in development", held on Saturday 23rd July was a great success. The Canberra Archaeological Society coordinated the event with sponsor organisations, including the National Trust (ACT). Heritage and planning professionals were joined by local historians passionate about the values of Canberra. Speakers travelled from NSW and Queensland, reminding us that not only those who live here love their Capital City.

Speakers shared stories of good and bad planning examples from around Australia and the Pacific. The high level of skills and passion contributed by archaeologists, historians, landscape designers and other professionals into cultural heritage surveys, heritage reports and master plans shone clearly in the excellent presentations. Sadly once these professionals deliver their reports to the client the outcomes usually are out of their hands. We hope that the next symposiums in future years will attract more planners to see how the professional research and the community views can enhance their developments.

Local issues included the neglect of heritage values in planning decisions in Blandfordia 5, part of the suburb of Griffith; concerns that the cultural heritage values of the Kowen Forest, including Glenburn Homestead and its outbuildings can be conserved and interpreted in the proposed urban development; and the impact of the proposed new war memorials on the vistas of the Burley Griffin plan of Canberra.

A key suggestion from the audience was to unite in promoting the listing of Canberra for National and World Heritage for the significant Walter Burley Griffin design and its continuing relevance to the living city. Recognition of the importance of our heritage will lead to stronger planning principles and more sustainable community, social and economic outcomes.

The National Trust (ACT) will endeavour to coordinate views of the community and present them to Government.

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