

LOOKING AFTER WAR MEMORIALS AND HONOUR ROLLS



Bendigo RSL

73–75 Havilah Road,
Bendigo 3550

Friday 28 February 2014



This Workshop with David Young and Jenny Dickens will cover the typical stones (granites, marbles, sandstones), metals (bronze, copper) and other materials found in war memorials.

Talks and site visits will include discussion of basic repairs and appropriate cleaning techniques and control of biological agents like lichen and algae. Serious damage can be done with the wrong chemicals and the workshop will explain the importance of the right approach.

The materials and care of wooden and metal honour boards and rolls will also be explained. In many cases the historic timber, lettering and varnish can be preserved and renewed without aggressive stripping and re-lettering.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Workshops are free but bookings are required. Places are limited so only attendees with a booking can be accommodated. If you find you are unable to attend, please ensure your booking is cancelled so others may attend.

Bookings are available online at

www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic/HeritageSkillsWorkshops or phone 03 9656 9804.

Aimed at tradespeople and owners and managers of historic buildings, Heritage Skills Workshops are presented by the Heritage Council of Victoria, the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure and the National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

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2014 HERITAGE SKILLS WORKSHOPS

LOOKING AFTER OLD HOUSES

Friday 4 April 2014 - The Heights, Aphrasia St, Newton (Geelong)



This workshop is about understanding the materials of old houses — stone, brick, mortars, plasters, timber, metals and paints. Their care and repair often requires different approaches to those used in modern construction.

There will be an introductory talk on avoiding disasters and ten things not to do. A mix of talks and site-based explanations of the fundamentals of looking after these materials and avoiding problems will include things like:

- rising damp and salt attack — and why garden beds against walls are a no-no;
- eroding lime mortars — and why they shouldn't be replaced with cement;
- borers and termites — and why underfloor ventilation may be important;
- mixing metals — avoiding rust and corrosion on corrugated iron roofs.

DEALING WITH DAMP

Two day workshop, Fri/Sat May 30 - 31 2014 - The Briars, Mt Martha



Many old buildings have relatively mild cases of dampness which can be managed with good housekeeping and don't need expensive treatments. It is common for older buildings have lime mortar eroding from the lower courses of their brick or stonework. While the cause is generally rising damp and associated salts, the solution is too often the use of hard cement mortars, with the result that the problem gets worse, not better.

This two-day workshop will explain the fundamentals of dealing with rising damp problems and show how replacing (repointing) the lime mortar joints can help dry out damp walls. The workshop will be hands-on and participants will learn how to diagnose damp problems and to repoint lime mortar joints.

Wear old clothes and sturdy boots or shoes; safety goggles and gloves will be supplied.

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