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Discover some of Canberra's 'unknown' places.

The National Trust (ACT) has launched an online library of photographs that offers a unique opportunity for Canberra's to add their memories and comments.

By visiting our website you will discover over two thousand images portraying the history and landscape of Canberra – some places which sadly no longer exists. You will also be able to add comments and stories with a simple click of the mouse.

"Canberra is growing so quickly", comments National Trust Heritage Officer, Dr Peter Dowling. "We document these changes – but we are keen to collect stories and memories associated with these places from Canberra's residents". Some of the places remain 'unknown' to Canberra's residents and it will come as a surprise to learn of their historic significance.

Some of the photographs are stunning professional images, commissioned by the Trust to document heritage listed sites. Other photographs are simple amateur studies. These, however, can be of great value when taken over a period of time. They can document the history of the building or place and the changes it undergone.

We have a valuable dossier of maps, photographs, significant documents and in some cases tape recorded accounts of the original occupants. We hope to add these as links in the future.

Dr Dowling adds: "We have chosen to call the library our 'LIVING IMAGE LIBRARY', as we intent to continue adding photographs. History is a living and growing thing".

The online library was put together with funding by the ACT Government through the Heritage Grants Program. Such funding helps the National Trust in their commitment to developing and conserving the cultural legacy of Canberra.

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