

Yanga's fascinating past

A recent visit to Yanga homestead completed the picture for Wyn Mogg of Macquarie Fields when she literally walked in the footsteps of her mother.

Win's mother, Alice Dicks emigrated from England as a young girl and was a laundry maid at Yanga in the 1920s. Wyn visited Yanga to see for herself where her mother lived, worked and played.

Alice wrote home saying "Oh really I wouldn't like to come back to England to live, it is the best time I have ever had for you can go and do just about what you like after I have finished my work".

She was a very adventurous girl learning to ride, shoot and drive at Yanga. Much of her story has been captured in over 200 photographs that Wyn brought along to show National Parks staff.

Ranger Mon Carmichael said she was blown away.

"There are so many stories and lives

intertwined with this place, it is an amazing privilege to be able to record and preserve the history and to be able to share it with everyone who comes here," she said.

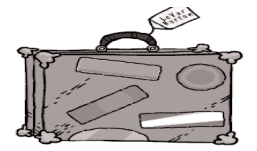
Guided tours of the homestead are run daily at 10.30 am when visitors can experience the grandeur of life on Yanga Station.

Wyn wrote "I am very proud of my mother's courage to come to Australia at age 20. She had never seen the sea until a few weeks before setting sail".



Wyn Mogg (right) in the homestead with friend Penny Broun whose uncle, Bernham Fraser was a jackaroo at Yanga, also in the 1920s.

Travel Talk



Anyone stuck in Europe right now due to volcanic ash clouds can thank their lucky stars if they had taken out CoverMore Travel Insurance (Travelscene's preferred insurance provider).

CoverMore is one of very few insurance companies which covers natural disasters and has offered clients stranded as a result of the volcanic ash accommodation and transport expenses.

Travellers who relied on their 'free' credit card insurance will not be so lucky. Latest advice from Qantas is that some flights will resume again from London on Thursday.

However, with a massive backlog of cancelled flights, it will take days to get all passengers airborne. Ash spewing from a volcano in Iceland grounded all air traffic across Britain and much of northern Europe, throwing the schedules of international carriers into chaos. Tens of thousands of airline passengers have been left stranded when all British airspace north of London was closed.

+++ We've had a couple of distraught would-be holiday makers who booked online with YQ4 Travel only to find that their money had disappeared into thin air. These people received instant confirmation and booking vouchers but when they arrived at their destination there were no records of bookings being made. Like many businesses, YQ4 suffered heavily during the global financial crisis last year but failed to officially close their doors, or more to the point - their online booking engine - when they ran out of money. These people booked online because of a misconception that it is cheaper, and there was nothing we could do to help.

+++ We've been told that Avalon Airport will be Tiger Airways' new hub. The carrier is expected to shift its Melbourne operation from Tullamarine to Avalon for its leisure market destinations such as the Sunshine and Gold coasts and Perth.

This will be a major inconvenience for people who need to re-connect with other airlines, particularly international flights when time is a major factor. The last thing you need is a long drive between terminals when time is limited.

+++ I was speaking to a former Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) officer over Easter and his prediction is that regional airlines such as Rex will eventually be unable to fly into Mascot Airport. This will be a huge blow for country passengers and another reason to avoid overcrowded Sydney Airport. Thankfully Rex now flies to Melbourne again. Enjoy your travels - it's good for the soul.

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Community Consultation Session
Wednesday April 28th,
5pm-7pm
Council Chambers, Lachlan Street, Hay.

To be conducted by Sinclair Knight Merz, leading engineering, sciences and project delivery firm.

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Griffith Scenic Village Teddy Bears Picnic at Grandma's

Saturday 24th of April at the Griffith Scenic Village
115 Clifton Parade from 11am.



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