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BULLETIN

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A technical visit followed by a social picnic! French technology at Austral Brick.

Saturday 3rd October 2009

We are offering our members and friends a different function for October.

We start with a visit to a hi-tech brick works, using French technology and finish with a picnic at Yan Yean, Melbourne's oldest reservoir, built between 1853 and 1857.

The meeting time is 10AM on Saturday 3rd October in the car park at Austral Bricks Clearance Centre. The visit should take an hour and a half. We then drive to Yan Yean for the "BYO" picnic lunch.

Some AFAS members may recall a visit to the Monier Wunderlich Roof Tiles factory in Vermont in 1989. Long time AFAS member, Peter Rodriguez, hosted this visit to one of the first brick works in Australia to use the French technology from CERIC.

This time, Peter has arranged for AFAS to visit the Austral Bricks factory built for Brickworks Limited in Craigieburn by CERIC Australia in 2007.

CERIC was founded in France in 1960 by a team of specialized engineers stemming from the "Centre Technique des Tuiles et Briques" (Technical centre for roof tiles and bricks), to control and adapt the modern technologies to provide new solutions for clay building materials, and for the design of new production units.

Innovations supplied by CERIC enabled its customers to reach leader positions in their respective markets. CERIC then exported its technology and innovations to Europe, Australia and the USA.

Since 1907 Austral Bricks, Australia's Leading Brick manufacturer, has supplied high quality clay bricks and pavers. With the commissioning of the new brick factory at Wollert, Victoria in 2007 it continues to set the pace for quality, efficiency and high levels of environmental performance. The introduction of robotic brick handling equipment at plants around Australia enables it to greatly reduce manufacturing costs and enhance production flexibility.

James Blackburn, a civil engineer, was deported to Tasmania in 1833. After building the Hobart and Launceston water supplies, he came to Melbourne in 1849. With three others, he founded Melbourne Water, but died of typhoid before Yan Yean was completed.

Attached are maps of how to get to Craigieburn, and to Yan Yean.

As we will be visiting a working factory, we do not recommend wearing thongs or high heels !! Safety gear will be provided by Austral Brick for the visit.
We look forward to seeing you all, and don't forget to bring your picnic lunch!

WHEN: **TIME**: **WHERE**:	Saturday **3rd October 2009** 10:00 am – 2:30 pm **Austral Bricks: Clearance Centre** Craigieburn East Road, Craigieburn. Just off the Hume Freeway (Craigieburn Bypass) Mel Ref: 387 H10	RSVP before Tuesday 29th September 2009 to Peter Tolé, Ph 03 9810 5700 (BH) Mobile 0412 435 344 president.vic@afas.org.au