

RURAL FRINGE

Journal of the Hall district



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Hall School Centenary Celebrations

The celebrations for the Hall School Centenary are over for another 100 years but what a great event it was! Many hundreds of people enjoyed the weekend's activities including visits to the Laurie Copping Centre (School Museum), brought to life by **Elizabeth Burness** and the "Yesterday's Hall and School" heritage display. Also popular was the rogues gallery of old and not so old photos of earlier Hall school pupils and teachers.

My role in this event was primarily the staging of the heritage display and I was extremely pleased with the response from a number of families who kindly loaned and donated photographs and items for display. Some items donated included old photographs, school certificates from the early 20th century, book prizes, school slates and pencils. Great stuff!

The display was such a success that it is hoped that a more permanent display will be established and be open at the same times that the Laurie Copping Centre (School Museum) is opened on the first Sunday of each month. Updates will be put on the website www.hall.act.au.

I would like to acknowledge all those who were involved, particularly:

- **John Douse** and **Kate Kennedy** from the ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services who made the site available and arranged special cleaning and mowing for the event;

- **Linda Roberts** and **Penny Thomas** from ACT Heritage Unit for their great support;

- **Patricia Barraclough** from ABC TV, **Greg Baylis** from ABC Radio, the Canberra Chronicle and Canberra Times for the media coverage;

- the display was made very comprehensive by those who donated or loaned a wide range of interesting items and photographs, including

Kingsley and Cynthia

Southwell, Rod and Judy Roberts, Greg and Julie Welsh, Tony and Margaret Morris, Danny and Linda Clynk; Peter Corrigan; Elizabeth Kilby, Andy Fulton (who loaned the wierdest item, a 19th century fire extinguisher); **John Thompson, Sue Duggan, Colin and Linda Roach, Lauraine Hampton, Anne Hardy; Jim Rochford; Averill Muller, Greg Rule; Bessie Bardwell;**

Necia Graham; Marge Southwell; Elaine Leckey; Barbara Court; Mark Kilby; Tony and Maureen Finlay; Paul Finlay; Ian Finlay; Michael Finlay; Karen Semken; Jan Gladwin; Michael Doughty; Roslyn Osbourne; Joy Sheargold; Clive and Sue Jackman; Bill Pearson; Marjorie Crombie and many more.

- those who helped to mount the display in such an imaginative way and the hundreds of people who visited the display and made supportive and positive comments.

Let's see what we can do for the 2012 Heritage Festival!

Phil Robson
Heritage Officer
Village of Hall and District Progress Association

See pages 16 & 17 for more photographs.



Irene Copping cuts the centenary cake

Hall Collectors visit Tantangara by Richard Fulton



▲ Camp on edge of Tantangara Reservoir, Easter 2011



▲ Mk III International 1966 army truck



Lake Eucumbene – water flowing from Tantangara through a 2.5m aqueduc



The fishing was good. Caught 15 rainbow trout, the biggest 2kg.

Hall Rugby League initial game



Hall Rugby League Initial Game was held at the Hall Sports & recreation Ground. The Hall Hornets in the green and white strip served it up to Australian Defence Force Academy team. The final score was...

**Hall Hornets 54
Defence Academy 4**

Hall Rugby League prop Tau ready to run on at the initial home game. Note the new gurnsey with the Hornet emblem.



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Easter Raffle Preschool

Thank you to everyone who supported Hall Preschool by purchasing raffle tickets in our Easter Hamper Raffle.

The winners were:

- 1st: Roger Ball (Hall)
2nd Francis Turner (Macquarie)

Thanks to those who donated goods, and to The Hall Premier Store for displaying the hampers and helping with ticket sales.

Hall Preschool is a small preschool with a small parent group which can at times make fundraising challenging. The support of our local community is greatly appreciated. Please look out for and support our other fundraising activities during the year!

with thanks.
Anna Sheargold



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Flying Trip By Trish Smith

In 2008, Peter and Rev. Trish Stuart-Smith (Priest-in-charge of St Michaels at Hall) circumnavigated Australia in their homebuilt SeaRey amphibian aircraft. The trip was a combination of adventure, holiday, pilgrimage, and a fund-raiser for the "Catalina Flying Memorial" based in Rathmines, on Lake Macquarie, central coast NSW.



The trip commenced at Rathmines, and proceeded anticlockwise around the coast over 8 weeks. They visited all the Catalina WWII operational sites of significance including Bowen, Cairns, Horn Island, Karumba, Melville Bay (Gove), Darwin, Cockatoo Island, Exmouth, Perth, and Lake Boga.

The trip was recorded by video with an emphasis on capturing what remains of the historic sites and interviewing locals wherever possible. Peter's particular interest in the trip was to experience some of the places his father operated from as a Catalina captain during WWII. The trip also retraces Peter's father's last flight in a Catalina at the end of WWII.

The film is the "home video" edition of their epic journey and includes remarkable coastline views from 500 feet, Television reportage and 'exciting moments'. Length about 100 mins.

Free Film night
 (Donations welcomed with proceeds to the
 "Catalina Flying Memorial" and St Michael's)
 Coffee and slices provided.
 When: 7pm for 7.30 pm, Friday 8 July 2011
 Where: Hall Cottage

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Local Identities

Do you know a local identity who should be appreciated? Send us an email, tell us why and include a picture (if you can) for the next issue!

Thanks to Sam Scott

by Lisa Lindell

Often the days just get so busy, that we race through life without thanking the people that have touched our lives and truly made a difference. Today I decided that another day should not pass, without letting one such special person know what a difference he has made, not only to my life, but to the many people whose lives he touches on a daily basis.

I first met Sam Scott, when I called him up to buy some hay from him. Even over the phone, I could tell he was one of those charming, larrikin, rogues... with a story, a joke, or in Sam's case, even a song for every occasion!

Early in our friendship, Sam spent many long hours, patiently teaching me the finer points of training young horses and starting them under saddle. During that time, Sam not only imparted his knowledge of horses but taught me so much more - about kindness, giving, love, acceptance and overcoming fear.

While stories abound about Sam and his wild old days, what many people don't know is just how compassionate, kind and selfless Sam is. A visit to Sam's place on any given day, will find a multitude of people, both young and old, coming and going in a constant whirlwind of activity.

Once a month, Sam opens up his home to a group of about 14 senior citizens for morning tea or lunch. They spend a few hours eating, chatting and soaking up the country atmosphere.



A prime example of Sam's generosity—Sam (left) with Peter Welch (President of the National Sheep Dog Trials Association) presenting the first annual Millissa Gillard Memorial trophy at the national sheep dog trials held in Hall. Sam made a substantial donation for this trophy as Millissa was one of the "horse mad youngsters" mentioned in Lisa's article above as well as being a champion sheep dog trialler herself. (You may be interested to see an online video at <http://www.abc.net.au/local/videos/2008/03/12/2187314.htm> which shows Millissa with her father, grandfather and dogs back in 2008.)—Editor

On any day of the week you will find countless horse mad youngsters who have come out to Sam's place for a ride around the property. He provides his horses and happily spends time teaching them, transporting them back and forth to Pony Club, showing them how to care for the horses and often helping them to gain back lost confidence. This he does without any strings attached, purely for the joy of seeing others share in his love of horses and knowing that he is giving them the opportunity to do something they adore. This is an experience which, for many, might otherwise have been out of reach, if not for Sam.

Sam embraces opportunities to make new friends, often opening his home to total strangers. I remember one evening when Sam was traveling back from town in a taxi and began a conversation with the taxi driver. It was almost Christmas and the conversation turned to who they would be sharing Christmas day with. The taxi driver told Sam that he had only just immigrated to Australia and had no family or friends in the country, so would be spending Christmas day alone. Sam would not hear of this and invited the driver to come and spend Christmas day with him, his friends and family. He accepted and spent the day surrounded by new friends, on a day that could otherwise have been a very lonely, first Christmas in Australia.

It's not always the grand gestures, but often the simple ones, that make you appreciate having Sam in your life. Countless are the times that Sam will ring and ask someone to pop in on their way past - he's been in the kitchen cooking and has got some mouth watering meal ready for them to pick up and take home... no need to bother cooking tea tonight!

Sam, probably more than anyone else I know, would love to think that we can all take some time out of our hectic lives to make a difference in someone else's. Even if it is only by pausing to think for a moment... who has touched your life in some way that you may not have acknowledged? It only takes a moment and can make all the difference in the world to that person, knowing that they made your life, or in the case of Sam, many lives, better by being a part of it. Life should never get so busy that we forget to tell those people that have really made a difference in our lives, just how much they are appreciated.

Loriendale Orchard

Wintertime Pears CT Food 27 Apr 2011

The cold nights are settling into our valley and the misty mornings are turning the leaves to colour. As we come to the end of Autumn, there is still the opportunity to enjoy the taste of the late apples of the trees. Apples and pears are good winter fruits for baking or turning into delicious desserts.

Late ripening pears are often referred to as 'winter pears'. In our orchard along Spring Range Road we have picked a good quantity of the large brown Beurre Bosc. We also treasure the French pear with its purple skin called Rouge d'Anjou – the fruit of the kings. We shall soon harvest the little Winter Nelis.

Pears have been improved over the past 300 years, as the result of careful breeding programs often by head gardeners working for the Lords and Counts, in Belgium and France. Their main aim was to produce new varieties with a softer flesh than those grown for hundreds of years. Nicolas Hardenpont, a Belgian priest, is said to have produced the first modern pears at his monastery in the 18th century. Modern pears combine flavour with a soft, juicy flesh.

The Beurre Bosc pear has its origin in Belgium. It is one of the most graceful looking pieces of fruit with a long, tapering neck and the skin often has a russet look. This pear has been selected by artists for centuries to portray the richness of the autumn harvest. The Beurre Bosc can grow to quite a large size and when picking, you may need to use two hands to prevent it from slipping through the fingers and getting bruised on the ground. Its skin colour can range from light to dark tan.

The Beurre Bosc is an excellent pear because it will ripen evenly and become sweet and buttery but still hold its shape. It is not especially juicy, but it can be used for preserving and for cooking. Try using some Beurre Bosc pears when preparing pear desserts and in pear cakes.

And when you come to late season apples three stand out, the Granny Smith, the Rome Beauty and the Pink Lady. I am amazed with how many people have only eaten very green Granny Smith apples. It is a real shame that the big supermarkets have locked in the big commercial orchards to harvest their crops before fully ripe – especially the Granny Smith. There is no richness or maturing flavour. Old timers know that the time to harvest the Granny Smith is when the first frosts have come – they are still very spritely but are then a good, rich tasting eating apple.

As the winter comes, it is a good idea to rake up all of the fallen leaves from your fruit trees, especially the apple trees. Compost the leaves over winter and spring time with some horse, sheep or cow manure. The removal of fallen fruit and the leaves is good orchard hygiene.

Recipe from *Loriendale Fruits of the Orchard*
Recipe Book

Apple Meat Loaf

4 Granny Smith apples 2 free range eggs
500 gms minced beef 250 gms minced pork
¼ cup fine breadcrumbs | 1 teaspoon ground sage
¼ cup tomato salsa

Peel, core and dice two of the apples. Finely chop the onion. Beat eggs in a small bowl. Combine in medium sized bowl the minced beef and pork, the onion, the diced apples, eggs, breadcrumbs and sage. Mix well. Place the mixture into a greased, loaf shaped ovenproof tin.

Peel and core the remaining two apples and cut into 1cm thick slices. Place lengthwise onto the top of the prepared meat loaf. Cover with foil and bake in moderate oven for 40 minutes, draining any liquid from the meatloaf at intervals during cooking. Remove foil, drizzle with salsa and cook for a further 10-15 minutes. Allow to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before serving.

Owen Pidgeon, Loriendale Organic Orchard



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Hall Sports Association Inc. by Jade Barnes

Dear Hall Resident,

It is with great excitement that we write to you and announce the formation of a new community group, the Hall Sports Association Inc.

The objects of the Association are to promote and support community well-being through sporting and recreational pursuits. It aims to one day provide facilities, equipment, resources, advice, direction and funding to anyone who wants to have a go at making their recreational based idea, that has a benefit to the community, a reality.

The issue that instigated the formation of the Association was the lack of facilities on the current Hall oval. The Hall Bushrangers celebrate 20 years this year and for those not yet aware, it is the inaugural year of the Hall Hornets Rugby League team. The inability for non professional players and officials to at least get changed behind a door is disappointing.

Enquiries made to the ACT Government have been received most favourably with the approval of a temporary structure and invitations to consider building a permanent structure in keeping with the uniqueness of our village.

Other ideas have been proposed and it was recognised that the formation of an association was required if the ideas were to become a reality.

Capital Ideas

- Upgrading the other half of the oval to accommodate 2 fields
- Purpose built outdoor exercise station/s
- Erecting lights on the oval
- Erecting lights on the tennis court at the school grounds
- A concrete bike path through Hall
- Purpose built dog exercise equipment and area

Participation ideas

- Midweek tennis lessons
- School holiday activities and camps
- A kid's soccer program
- Social cricket



Membership
Similar to most associations and clubs, membership will be by application, including nomination by an existing member, approval by the committee, and payment of a nominal fee. An additional condition of membership particular to the Hall Sports

Association is a commitment to provide 4 hours per annum of volunteered time to the association. Too often noble causes eventually fail once the shine wears off and the willing few who have persevered eventually give up. We aim to ward off this outcome with the compulsory commitment of some time which of course has an array of associated benefits as well.

Jade Barnes
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The following article is best read with an ACT map in hand. There is satisfaction and clarity achieved with the use of a map. Enjoy.

PIONEER ROADS OF EARLY CANBERRA AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO MODERN CANBERRA

This paper discusses the most significant of the many roads and byways that evolved in the early years of settlement on the Limestone Plains in the 1800s. To avoid any reader becoming totally confused I suggest that they have a Canberra and Queanbeyan map in front of them before they read on.

These roads were established as thoroughfares following the introduction of wire fencing in the late 1870s. Prior to that travellers simply took the most direct route to their destination unencumbered by any real barriers over land that they did not own. However in many cases the straightest route for most people was not that different to the road established by the introduction of wire fencing. However those differences following the erection of wire fencing did cause a lot of ill feeling between the large land owners and the small settlers and the population in general who were then forced in many cases to go in rather indirect routes and in many cases also cut the small settlers off from water for their stock. Also the establishment of wire fencing meant that the large landholders now no longer needed to employ as many workers such as shepherds to the detriment of the community in general, but that is a separate story.

To understand the early roads of the district, it is best to look at the street names of Queanbeyan because in those early years around here, all roads led to Queanbeyan. The relevant names to my story are, from the North of the city of Queanbeyan to the South; Old Sydney Road, Yass Road, Uriarra Road, Tharwa Road and Cooma Road. The names are the obvious clue to their destination and I will follow all to some degree in my discussion.

The Old Sydney Road can be dealt with first and quickly as it took travellers away from my subject area. It left Queanbeyan from the North East, further east than the present Bungendore Road and some evidence of the road was clearly visible when I last looked many years ago. It proceeded to Bungendore than Tarago and ultimately to Sydney via Goulburn.

Cooma Road is also largely outside my story as it left Queanbeyan from the south east and still does, going through the Googong area and after reaching a branch to Burra, swung back to where at Royalla it was joined by the now Monaro Highway coming from Canberra then proceeding to Cooma.

In those early pioneer years there was no road to Cooma along what is now the Monaro Highway from Fyshwick, past the Alexander McConachie Centre and Hume to Royalla. There was a track further east of the present highway and closer to Queanbeyan which ran from Duntroon Estate directly and only to Woden Homestead opposite the now Hume industrial suburb, but went no further.



Tharwa Road leaving Queanbeyan from the south has been changed as it leaves the City quite dramatically in recent years and simply it was a road straight to Tharwa. It went in a direct line past the present Hume Industrial Estate where Hill Station property has previously existed then passed close to Rose Cottage. There is a belief that in very early settled times Tharwa Road or a parallel public road when along the eastern side of the

Railway line from Queanbeyan to Cooma through the rural property called 'Tralee' coming out at Tuggeranong Siding, however this requires further investigation. There is certainly a direct road there on the property, but whether it was a public road is unsubstantiated. At Rose Cottage, the present Monaro Highway at the roundabout in about the late 1970s or early 1980s was redirected uphill to allow for the construction of the suburbs of Gilmore, Richardson and Chisholm. On the old part of the road where Chisholm is now located, on a hill overlooking the old road is an old pioneer school now hidden among the modern houses. The existing Highway rejoined this old road at the present roundabout near Tuggeranong Homestead after which Tharwa Road turned west through the lower slopes of Tuggeranong Hill though slightly differently to now, when it straightened to head north past Lanyon on to Tharwa. A later branch of this road went to Tuggeranong Siding opposite Tuggeranong Homestead and another branch was at Point Hut Crossing.



Back tracking to Tharwa Road at Hume there was and still is a road now named Mugga Lane. This was a major thoroughfare in the early days of the Limestone plains as it linked the north of the plains to the south. This road has had different names as it proceeded in a fairly straight line right through the heart of modern Canberra but we will call it Mugga Lane all its distance. From Tharwa Road it headed north with a branch going west called Long Gully Lane, Mugga Lane then passed between Mt Mugga and Mugga Cottage a shepherds swelling on the Duntroon Estate where a track from Duntroon passing very close to the cottage joined it. Mugga Lane then continued in a fairly straight northerly direction passing just west of Manuka where an intersection with Uriarra Road (to be discussed later) occurred. This area was called the Crossroads. At this point about where the old Forrest Fire station is located, one block

towards Parliament House from Manuka Oval was one of the early schools in the district called Narrabundah or Crossroads School. Up until fairly recently where a block of flats now stands stood the pine trees on the site. Mugga Lane continued northwards crossing the Molonglo River at a point called Scotts Crossing in the early days of the National Capital up until the Lake was established and earlier still, Church Crossing. It went by Blundells Cottage on the right, with Francis William's Blacksmith forge on the left hand side of the road. Williams also ran Canberra's first Post Office. The road then continued past St John's Church at about a 33 degree angle to the present Anzac Parade, giving the St John's Church grounds a different layout to fall in to line with this road. It went straight to Yass Road, now Limestone Avenue (to be discussed later) approximately where Ainslie Hotel is now to be found. Canberra's second Post Office was at this intersection exactly where the block of flats opposite the Hotel between Allambie Street and Coranderrk Street is now located. It's hard to believe that Mugga Lane once had so much significance in pioneer days, linking every important thoroughfare on the plain.



A walking economy

A man is walking with his friend, who happens to be a psychologist. He says, "I'm a walking economy."
The friend asks, "How so?"
"My hair line is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and both of these together are putting me into a deep depression!"

Keep the chimney clean

Dancing flames, spreading warmth and the crack of well-seasoned wood are the pleasures of a roaring fire.

Before lighting the first fire of the season, it's important to perform a thorough safety check. Chimneys and flues should be serviced on an annual basis. Cracks and leaks can lead to heat loss or even chimney fires. Debris, including leaves, nests and dead animals, can block your chimney and must be removed prior to use. One of the major safety issues is the build up of soot and grease, particularly highly flammable creosote. Gas fires may not produce smoke, but safety checks are still vital. A damaged or blocked flue can lead to a dangerous build up of carbon monoxide. There are some visual checks you can make yourself, if you're game to climb on the roof, but chimney maintenance is best left to the professionals.

The Rural Fire Service recommends the following safety tips:

- Keep any combustibles at least two metres from a fire place to minimise the threat of a fire starting
- Always use a fire screen in front of open fires and close combustion heater doors to prevent sparks or embers from coming into contact with carpet, furniture and other combustibles
- Never leave children or pets unsupervised in a room where an open fire or combustion heater is in use
- Keep matches and lighters well out of reach of children – storage above adult shoulder height and out of sight is recommended
- Never place hot ashes in household bins – only cold, fully extinguished ashes should be deposited in bins. Have a metal bucket which you use only for ash.
- Install reliable, working smoke alarms that are less than 10 years old and have a Home Fire Escape Plan.

Annual General meeting

The AGM of the Wallaroo Rural Fire Brigade will be held on Wednesday 15 June 2011 at the station commencing at 07:30 pm. The meeting will elect field officers and other officer bearers for the coming year. Nominations closed for all positions on Friday 8 June 2011. All are welcome and a light supper will be served after the meeting.

Winter Solstice

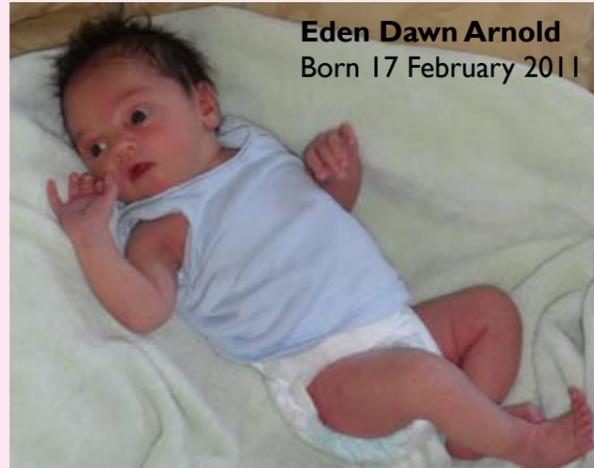
The Brigade will hold its' inaugural Winter Solstice Bonfire on Saturday 18 June adjacent to the fire shed. This will be an opportunity to engage with the brigade and our local community in celebrating the shortest day of the year. There will be a free sausage sizzle and seating will be provided. RSVP to Rod Roberts 62302436. Hope to see you there!

Birth Announcement!

To Craig & Belinda Morris in Burnie Tasmania, on 26 April, a daughter, **Lucy Juel**. Grandparents Julie and Greg Welsh and Margaret and Tony Morris are delighted.



Eden Dawn Arnold
Born 17 February 2011



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Come and join us!

All are welcome to join us at
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SUNDAY 31st JULY at 2pm
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Olive Harvest Time at Homeleigh Grove by Bob Richardson

Homeleigh Grove owner Peter O'Cleary gives some serious advice to fellow olive grower Ross Hamper from Spring Range Road (see picture below).

Ross was keen to see Peter's harvesting equipment in action. Time and cost have been reduced by utilising mechanical rather than labour intensive hand picking. Labour and skill shortages have been developing relentlessly for over a decade and are now a national crisis. Peter uses 'state of the art' harvest equipment (see picture right) to gather and process a much larger than expected abundance of olives. The harvest equipment resembles something from *Star Wars* as it

moves from tree to tree grasping and shaking free the fruit with no damage to the tree. Some table fruit is hand picked and some trees require hand finishing.



Harvesting normally takes place in May and takes approximately one and half days. Within 6 weeks the harvested fruit will be ready for market. Peter planted his first 125 trees in 1999 and at present has about 2000 trees. Peter's award winning Homeleigh Grove estate specialises in Tuscan varieties of olive such as Frantolo and Correggiola.

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Hall Bushrangers celebrate 20 years in style!

On the 9th April the Hall Bushrangers unveiled its 20th anniversary present – a 4 metre by 8 metre custom made marquee tent. This was made possible from a generous grant from the Sport & Recreation Services ACT as part of the 2011 Community Sport Development Grants. President Shaun O'Connor in announcing the marquee tent noted stated that the marquee tent would provide much needed shelter for players, support staff and volunteers of the local community at home games. Mr O'Connor also acknowledged the untiring work of the Club Committee who had worked closely together from preparing the grant application, sourcing a supplier (Extreme Marquees) and developing the design of the marquee tent. In particular the efforts of Stephen Fagg, Nigel Page and Sander de Vries were appreciated in ensuring that the marquee tent was ready to go for kick-off on Saturday 9th April.



2011 Non-playing Memberships

For the first time, the Hall Bushrangers Rugby R.F.C is giving its supporters the opportunity to become non-playing members of our ever growing club. This year to commemorate our 20th year, we are gifting each financial member with a limited edition numbered Hall Bushrangers Key ring bottle opener (photo right).



You can receive a 10% discount off Hall Merchandise by showing or quoting your key ring number.

Memberships are only \$20.00 and available via www.hallbushrangers.com.au or see Nigel Page (Oners) or Shaun O'Connor.

It is hard to believe that we now have players who were born the same year we started the Bushrangers in 1992! Keep up to date by checking our website! www.hallbushrangers.com.au (very easy to remember!). Keep up to date with the latest news, scores and upcoming events!

For more information contact Shaun on 0427 363 747.



Note the bushrangers new marquee

Family Days at the Hideout (Hall Oval)

Our Family Days at the Hideout (Hall Oval) are not to be missed!

- Jumping Castle and Face Painting for the kids;
- Seating for spectators
- Beer and soft drinks on sale
- Sausage and steak sandwiches
- 2 big games of Rugby on Saturday afternoons

Upcoming Home Games break (Reserves – 1.35 pm/1st Grade — 3.00 pm)

- June 4 — Hall vs Cooma
- June 18 — Hall vs Easts
- July 2 — Hall vs Wests
- August 6 — Hall vs Royal Military College

Join us after the game at the Wood Duck Inn.

Golden Oldies — Saturday 2nd July at the Hideout.

For players over 35, the Bushed Bushrangers will be taking on the Wests Old Boys. This will be the curtain-raiser to the Hall vs Cooma game.

The Bushed Bushrangers are proudly supported by Dymocks Belconnen and raise funds for Camp Quality and Prostrate Cancer Research.

Hall Rugby would like to thank the following businesses for their financial support:

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"Hall Stories" is a fine publication that has just been produced by the Village of Hall and District Progress Association (VHDPA) on the history of Hall Village, the District, the Hall School and the surrounding Bush Schools. It is a collective work by a number of people and contains more than 50 photographs and maps from the VHDPA Archive. Every Hall family, home, business and anyone who has a connection to the Hall region should have a copy!

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Affordable composting for cropping and grazing By Paul Wyer

Affordable composting for cropping and grazing.

The world is being buried under its own waste...

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) has trebled in our cities in the past 20 years and we will see a fivefold increase in waste generation by 2025. The urgent question continuing to plague us is what we do with all of the waste our society is producing; Australians on average produce 690kg of MSW per person every year. About 60% of household waste is organic, which can be composted and returned to the soil. Compost is produced by the breakdown of organic matter. It is one of the many materials produced by recycling organic matter.

Around 90% of greenhouse gas emissions from landfill are the result of decomposing organic material. When organic material is landfilled, it can contribute to the greenhouse effect. This is because when the organics breakdown in anaerobic (oxygen free) conditions, it creates methane, a greenhouse gas that is more than 25 times stronger than carbon dioxide.

Traditionally we have either dumped it or burnt it but things are now changing.

Hi-tech recycling facilities are now sorting the household rubbish collection. Advanced Waste Treatment (AWT) technology, such as that developed by Global Renewables, provides an alternative to dumping separating organics from non-organics. The Global Renewables approach to MSW is based on the premise that it is a renewable resource that should be collected, sorted and processed. This has resulted in the development of the UR-3R Process® (Urban Resource – Reduction, Recovery and Recycling Process). The UR-3R Process® is currently in Operation at the AWT/resource recovery facility at Eastern Creek in Sydney. Plastics, glass and metal are sorted and recycled whilst the high nutrient organic component is composted.

Farmers Impact on organic carbon

Clearing of vegetation and soil disturbance has all added CO₂ to the atmosphere, resulting in a 37% increase in atmospheric CO₂ since 1750. If agricultural production can store more carbon in the soil as organic carbon, we can reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere.

In agricultural systems soil organic carbon levels dropped when natural areas were cleared and used for agricultural production. The change in soil organic carbon is the balance of organic carbon inputs over losses. Generally, increasing organic carbon inputs and/or reducing losses can increase soil organic carbon.

Adding composted organic matter to the soil improves the cation exchange capacity. Organic matter contains carbon which plays a central and fundamental role in soil quality and fertility. The organic matter acts like 'glue' to bind soil particles into aggregates thus improving soil structure, infiltration, air porosity, water and nutrient holding capacity. In most pasture or cropping systems, carbon is taken off the farm through silage, cutting of hay or grazing. Applying compost replenishes the soil quality and fertility and maximise sustainable production over time.

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Worms, bacteria and fungi help plants grow and will be encouraged to grow in soil that contains compost. Using compost in the soil reduces water loss from evaporation by up to 70% and improves the drought resistance of plants; it can reduce water needs for plants by up to 40%. Current applications of this product in local areas has proven to be highly effective, increasing production and improving soil structure giving huge long term benefits like increased macro and micro soil biology, as well as increasing moisture holding capacity.

Improving soil organic carbon is the basis for sustainable agriculture. Increasing soil organic carbon of agricultural soils is a win-win strategy because it improves soil fertility and assists in mitigating climate change. Every tonne of carbon sequestered in the soil is a tonne of carbon not in the atmosphere, hence why good management of soil carbon is an important tool in the reduction of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Every tonne of Carbon is equivalent to 33.67 tonne of CO₂.

With all of these recycled products there are benefits but achieving a cost effective result is almost impossible as the application rates are high. For the first time we are seeing this change, the manufacturing process for this compost is paid for by the rate payer and we have some subsidy to help you use it on your farm.

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▲ Flag raising ceremony



▲ Mrs Irene Copping, representing her late husband, Laurie



▲ Former Principal Jan Day



▲ Heritage Council Chair, Dr Michael Pearson

MC David Kilby



▲ John Thompson, Grandson of Charles W Thompson, first Teacher-in-Charge at Hall School, speaking at the Centenary Ceremony.



▲ Centenary Cake (by Jane Graham)



The time capsule arrives carried by Andrew Yallop (obviously one of the coolest former students) & Alistair Crombie (current President of the Hall Progress Association)



▲ Kyle McCaskill rings the bell



'Yesterday's Hall and School' exhibition



▲ Kingsley Southwell's 1911 Renault



▲ Visitors to the Museum



▲ Bush Dancers Display group



▲ Monaro Folk Society music-makers



▲ The 'forties group'



▲ The 'fifties group'



▲ Spring Range Road Southwell first cousins

Injured Wild Life Signs 2011

Following a request from the Wallaroo & Spring Range Residents Group the Yass Valley Council has installed signs on the Community Notice Boards. These signs display the phone numbers to ring for injured wildlife and stray stock in NSW.



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Gorgeous Gullies Field Day at Yass

"A healthy productive Murrumbidgee catchment and its communities working together – Yindyamarra"

On the 27th of March, after months of planning and hard work by Yass Landcare members, the Yass Landcare Gorgeous Gullies Field Day, proudly sponsored by the Murrumbidgee CMA (Catchment Management Authority), went off without a hitch. Over 120 people participated in the day. The field day was held across two properties—Jeremy & Kate Wilson's *Goldenholm* and Mike & Denise McKenzie's *Nanima Gold*. Both properties each have an extensive erosion gully that they have undertaken works on, funded by a *Landcare Australia* project which was sponsored by *Leighton Holdings*. The two erosion gullies are quite different in shape and size, the *Goldenholm* gully being wide and fairly shallow and the *Nanima Gold* gully being narrow and deep.

Yass Landcare President Gordon Allen introduced keynote speaker Dr John Williams, Chair of the *SW Natural Resource Commission*, who spoke of the place of farms within the natural landscape and John Franklin, Catchment Coordinator from the Murrumbidgee CMA Yass Office, who talked about erosion and erosion control methods. Participants were then taken on a walk along the erosion gully at *Goldenholm* to view the works undertaken by Jeremy & Kate Wilson and Matt their trusty dozer driver. As the groups made their way down the erosion gully they were able to stop at each site where works were undertaken, marked by signs with 'before' photos, and discuss the works. John Franklin gave advice on dealing with erosion problems and field day participants Martin Royds, Peter Marshall and Dr Maarten Stapper also gave the crowd the benefits of their knowledge.* There was a lot of lively discussion and many landholders were heard to discuss their own erosion issues and ideas they now had for dealing with them.

After lunch the field day moved to the second site on *Nanima Gold* where a long, narrow, and deep erosion gully makes its way down to Yass River. John Franklin believes that this erosion gully may be the result of an iron wheeled cart being dragged up and down the hills between the old mines and the river where the miners would have camped. "Often these narrow and

**Regarding advice given to some participants at the field day to plant willows and use them in-stream as an erosion control device—please note that Willows (Salix sp.) are a Weed of National Significance and planting them is an offence under the NSW Noxious Weed Act 1993. The Murrumbidgee CMA does not support the planting of willows.*

deep erosion gullies are caused by some unnatural disturbance of the soil" he said, "once the gully gets started it goes fast."

Dr Williams commented "When you have an erosion gully coming off a first order stream then you know that something has gone wrong." Mike & Denise have trialed a number of different erosion control methods on their gully and at each site had a sign with a 'before' photo plus details of the cost of each type of erosion control, which was very interesting and helpful for participants. Many of the participants were surprised at the low cost of some of the measures.

Yass Landcare also wish to thank the Conservation Volunteers. Jeremy Wilson, whose property *Goldenholm* hosted the first part of the field day praised the efforts of the Conservation Volunteers team who came out to assist with preparations for the day. "The team were just fantastic." he said "I just pointed them at the job and off they went and didn't stop until it was completed. It was great. We couldn't have done it without them."

2011 Beyond the Drought Photographic Competition

The Murrumbidgee CMA's Photographic Competition is on again in 2011. This year's theme is *Beyond the Drought*. The competition was launched last month. For further details about the 2011 competition please contact Karen Thompson, Communications Officer on 6932 3255 or 0428 287 532. You can email Karen on karen.thompson@cma.nsw.gov.au. Entries close at 5 pm on Monday 18 July 2011.

To view the winning photographs from the 2010 competition visit www.murrumbidgee.cma.nsw.gov.au.

Village of Hall & District Progress Association is calling for

ISSUES OF COMMUNITY CONCERN

The Progress Association wishes to address issues which are of concern to the Community. To this end, the VHDPA is calling all residents to submit their issues/ideas/dreams so the Association can prioritise future action.

A box will be installed in the General Store for residents to forward their issues to the VHDPA.

A prioritised list of issues will be published on the website (names withheld) and in the Rural Fringe, followed by a General Meeting to discuss these issues.

Here's your opportunity to assist your elected Progress representatives to make the future **you** want. Have **your** say!

Seize this opportunity to help us help you!

Sarah Schirmann



Meet Sarah Schirmann of Lubeck Germany. Sarah works in our hall general store.

Sarah has been on a working holiday in Australia for only six months. But in that short time Sarah has worked on farms in Victoria (Koorumburra), visited the Kangeroo Valley, travelled to Batemans Bay, North to Brisbane and south to Tasmania.

Sarah told our reporter that an early interest in Australian literature sparked her interest to travel around the world to see the places mentioned in Colleen McCulloch novels and specially to see real Koalas. Sarah liked koalas from her early childhood.

Sarah will return to Germany in June this year then return to "OZ" in 2012 to study education and biological science.

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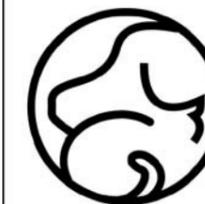
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Diamond Henderson By Bob Richardson



The dependable land care group who maintain our Hall cemetery on a volunteer basis were hard at it again. Greg Hayes and Bob Richardson as usual were the Hall community reps. There we were weeding and poisoning hawthorn surrounded by a swirling mist. From nowhere a lone piper in full kit appears. Our first thought was, this is a film set. No! It was bonny piper Diamond Henderson leading a family group of some 20 people. All members of a family that rendezvous from

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St Michael & All Angels Church



Construction of Steps, Platform and Ramp

In mid 2006 Hall Rotary members suggested that they would like to assist St Michael and All Angels's to build a ramp and steps to provide better access to the Church for elderly parishioners. It was decided to construct a landing directly outside the main entrance, steps leading to the current path and a ramp towards the vestry entrance. Plans were drawn up and finally approved in 2008, however, estimates provided by several builders indicated a cost of over \$27,000, which was way beyond the means of the Parish funds even with assistance from Rotary.

Research indicated that we might be able to afford just the steps and platform, with the ramp to follow when more funds were available. Hall Rotary was approached and agreed to provide \$4000 towards the construction. Consideration was given to buy the materials and use local labour and businesses to construct the project, however, it proved impossible to find a builder to just oversee the project.

In 2011 a builder was located who agreed to manage the project. The steps and platform are now almost completed. St Michael and All Angel's appreciate the assistance provided both financially and with offers of help from the Hall community.

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Eventually, of course, he died. He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there - dressed in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, and just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, 'Wait just a moment!' She had a metal box with her; she came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down and they rolled it away. So her friend said, 'Surely you didn't really put all that money in there with your husband?'

The loyal wife replied, 'Listen, I'm a Christian; I cannot go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money into the casket with him.' You mean to tell me you put that money in the casket with him!!!!?' 'I sure did,' said the wife. 'I got it all together, put it into my account, and wrote him a cheque.... If he can cash it, then he can spend it.'



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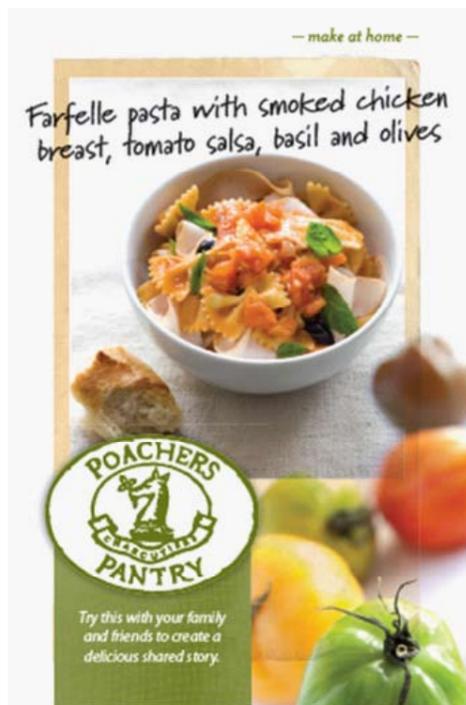


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Easter Sunday completed Holy week and it was a very pleasant opportunity to share with the Morris family the baptism of their daughter: a very traditional event for Easter Sunday.

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In the preparation of the Village of Hall Master Plan, by 2002, the community were united in seeking and securing a one kilometre buffer zone of natural vegetation to be preserved surrounding the village. It was felt that a substantial environmental border would be the best security for the village to retain its individuality and to prevent it becoming just another ACT suburb in the future.

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Gardening - How to move that shrub? By Sue Edmondson



Transplanting shrubs can be a gardener's nightmare and is best avoided if it is at all possible. But this prospect quickly becomes a reality when extensions are under way; a large growing shrub or tree has been planted too close to the house; a shade lover has been planted in full sun or the growth of tall trees has changed a formerly sunny spot into a shady one.

The likelihood of the plant's survival varies from species to species. Native varieties are the least likely to transplant successfully for they strongly resent any interference with their roots. However, at this time of year there's a good chance of success with most other garden plants, up to 2 metres or so in height, provided they are dug up with an unbroken rootball.

Success depends on the preservation of enough fine rootlets and the root hairs which grow on them to supply the plant with food during the period when the shortened roots are re-establishing themselves. Where the need to move a shrub is not immediate, it pays to 'trench' the plant six months before the planned move, by digging a trench to the depth of the roots on the edge of the leaf canopy or drip-line. Compost placed in the trench encourages the plant to produce new rootlets and the risk associated with transplanting can be reduced.

Deciduous shrubs and trees are the safest of all to move for there is no foliage to cause excessive loss of moisture. In the case of evergreens, some moisture loss is bound to occur through transpiration but it is less in winter than at any other time. For the next two or three months most plants can survive on a reduced water supply.

It is important to soak the root area a couple of days before the move is to take place. This will reduce the chance of the soil breaking away from the roots.

You will also need a couple of metres of hessian to wrap up the rootball. The larger the rootball the greater chance of success but you are limited by the weight which can be practicably lifted. Having

determined the rootball area, open up a trench to give space to undercut the roots. Working from one side, cut halfway under the roots and then drag the hessian under that half of the rootball. Undercut the other side and pull the hessian under so that the rootball can be wrapped up and tied tightly. Two people can lift quite a large balled shrub but many hands make light work, so ask a neighbour to assist if they are available and willing.

The new planting hole should be deep enough so that the tree or shrub may be planted at the same depth as it was before. It should be a few inches wider than the rootball so that soil can be firmed around it. Set the plant in its new position and cut away the excess hessian. There is no need to remove it from under the rootball as it will soon rot. Fill in with layers of fine soil and suitable organic compost tramp in well to eliminate air pockets.

Staking is a 'must' for the plant should not be allowed to move. Two stakes are ideal, either side of the rootball and nylon stockings make great ties.

It is a sound precaution to reduce the size of the moved plant in order to lessen its water requirements. Some shrubs, conifers for example, will need a light all-over shortening back. With others you might be able to remove two or three entire branches without spoiling appearance.

It is essential to water the moved shrub regularly especially during the first summer in its new position.

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Working dog Bluey by Hall Vet Surgery

Last weekend Bluey the kelpie caught his hind leg in a fence rounding up the ewes. Although he kept right on working he couldn't put any weight on it that night and was still holding it up next morning. His owner felt up and down the leg but couldn't find any breaks or painful spots.

Bluey's Doctor at Hall Vet Surgery soon found the problem though. Bluey had ruptured the cruciate ligament in his knee, or stifle joint. When Dr Helen moved his stifle in a special way Bluey cried out in pain and turned to her.

The stifle joint opens and closes like a hinge and the cruciate ligament prevents the two bones that form the hinge from sliding back and forth on each other. Dr Helen could push Bluey's tibia forward at the hinge so she was very suspicious that the ligament was torn.

In any dog the ligament and joint deteriorate over time. A sudden stop or twist, such as Bluey's catch in the fence, tears the weakened ligament. Some injured dogs remain unable to put the leg down. Others, usually the smaller lighter breeds, improve to varying degrees over a few weeks.

Bluey booked in for an X-ray to confirm Dr Helen's suspicions and to rule out fractures or chronic arthritis. Surgery followed.

Because Bluey is a working dog surgery was the best way to get him back on the job. It relieved the pain, improved his mobility and prevented future arthritis.

Dr Helen removed shreds of the torn ligament and trimmed a damaged cartilage. Then she stabilised the joint with figure 8 sutures.

If Bluey had been a bigger dog she may have referred him to a specialist surgeon for a more complicated procedure.

Bluey was off work for 3 months. A specialist animal physiotherapist helped him recover to almost normal activity.

The chance of rupture of the cruciate ligament in the other leg is increased in overweight dogs so Bluey had to watch his calories while he was off work. His owner took him off working dog diet and put him on an adult food to prevent weight gain.



Okay I know this is not the real Bluey but I liked the picture anyway! —Editor

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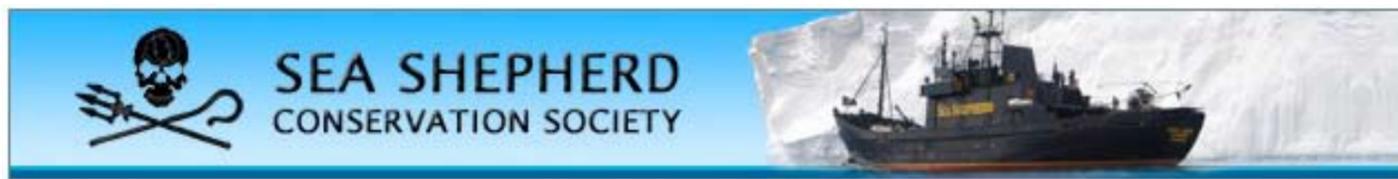
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From the Editor...

Thank you for your time in reading this, another issue of the Rural Fringe. My special thanks go to my staff member Yoonso Oh for putting this edition together as I have been sick and when I was not sick I was flat out busy with work. Yoonso, you have done a fine job!

Congratulations too must go to the organisers of the Hall School Centenary celebrations. I attended this fine event and was very impressed with the proceedings as well as the extensive display in the class rooms. I know that many people found great delight in discovering old photographs of themselves and others that they knew from days gone by.

The dinner was very enjoyable too with speeches from all and sundry. I found the confession by our fine upstanding citizen, Mr Ralph Southwell, that in his school days he threw a shovel full of white ants under the school building in the hope of a day or three off school due to the building falling down, rather amusing to say the least! Like Ralph himself confesses... it didn't work, the building is still there all these years later! Darn! I guess you were not destined for a life of crime Ralph!

Until next edition...

Regards

Lee Corrigan

Village of Hall & District Progress Association

is calling for

ISSUES OF COMMUNITY CONCERN

The Progress Association wishes to address issues which are of concern to the Community. To this end, the VHDPA is calling all residents to submit their issues/ideas/dreams so the Association can prioritise future action.

A box will be installed in the General Store for residents to forward their issues to the VHDPA.

A prioritised list of issues will be published on the website (names withheld) and in the Rural Fringe, followed by a General Meeting to discuss these issues.

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