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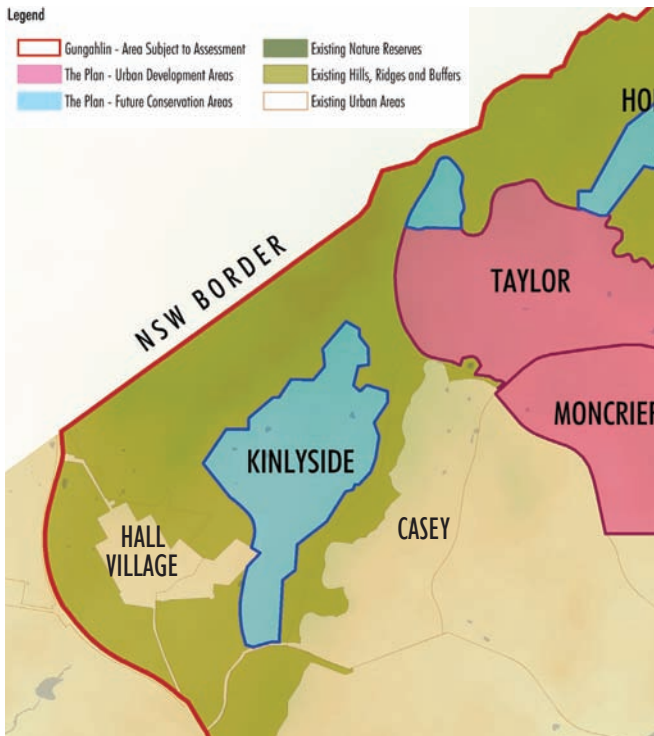
Journal of the Hall district



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COUNTRYSIDE! NOT KINLYSIDE!!



Occupying more space than the village itself, Kinlyside Nature Reserve is bounded on the north-west by the Baldy-One Tree Range, on the south by Clarrie Hermes Drive, on the east by the Casey Ridge, and touches the pologrounds on the west. Whilst designated to be a nature reserve, please note it is on a private leasehold and there is **no public access**.

This result has come about as a result of trade-offs that secure completion of the urban development of Gungahlin to a population of around 100,000 - now set out in the 'Gungahlin Strategic Assessment Biodiversity Plan'. Under this Plan a 'biodiversity offsets package' will place an additional 781 hectares of land supporting threatened species and communities into protected areas within the district. This will include the creation of Kinlyside Nature Reserve (201 hectares), eliminating any likelihood of urban development for the Kinlyside area. This action will avoid impacts to Kinlyside's box gum woodland and habitat for the endangered Golden Sun Moth and threatened Pink-tailed Worm-lizard.

Surveys by ecologists and the Canberra Ornithologist Group have identified Kinlyside's key habitat for threatened birds and high diversity of plant species that tend to occur only in sites in good condition. The ACT Conservation Council said this is largely due to leaseholder John Starr and his family's conservation farm management.

Many residents will be well aware that the suburb-now-reserve is named after George Kendall Kinlyside, member of the well known pioneer family in the Ginninderra-Hall area. George followed in his father's footsteps as wheelwright, coachbuilder and blacksmith at Hall. In 1907 he built a hall which served the Hall community for many years (now Hall Antiques), was active in local affairs and joint secretary of the Hall Progress Association when established in 1906.

Please note that this area remains on private leasehold.

The suburb of 'Kinlyside' was gazetted in October 1991, and the Halls Creek valley has been carefully watched by Hall residents for the past twenty years. Now, as a result of a decision by (then) Commonwealth Environment Minister Tony Burke, Kinlyside - part of the Gold Creek rural lease - is now designated to be a Nature Reserve and is entirely surrounded by land designated 'Hills, ridges and buffers'. There will be no suburban development.

Ten years ago, after protracted consultation and lobbying, the Hall community, through the Progress Association, won a very significant struggle to have a 'buffer zone' around the village recognised, and rule out any direct road connection into Gungahlin. This was enshrined in the Hall Master Plan (May 2002). The provisions of the Master Plan and the Heritage Place Registration (August 2001) of the village were integrated into a single instrument to ensure consistency between these two important documents. The Master Plan has since been superceded by the Hall Precinct Code.

While the buffer zone still extends right around the village, the major concern of residents was the north eastern flank, where housing would have come up to the back of the Showground, and very close to Hall Street.

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Yass Area Network Lunch

If you thought landcaring was all about hard work and getting dirty come and have **lunch** in **Yass** on **Saturday 26 October**. We want to hear from you on how the Yass Area Network of Landcare Groups (YAN) can better help local Landcare efforts.

With increasing climate variability we will see tougher threats to both our living environment and rural productivity. To tackle this before it bites any harder YAN needs to focus clearly on your needs. With your participation, a planning day can cut through to spot problems and, most of all, look at future opportunities.

YAN has invited three outstanding Landcare Groups to show us how they have hurdled problems and galvanized community resources. The forward plans and benefits they have made for themselves are truly inspirational.

So please put this day (10am to 3pm) into your calendar as a 'must attend' event, just after the Murrumbateman Field Day.

All local Landcare groups and their members are invited to participate.

RSVP: by 20 October 2013 by emailing news@yan.org.au with your name and contact phone number.



Murrumbateman Field Days



When: 19 & 20 October 2013

Where: Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds

Free Bulky Waste Pick up Hall Village 30 & 31 October

The ACT Government is currently conducting a trial of a bulky waste household collection service. Residents may be interested to know that if they are a pensioner or concession card holder they are entitled to one free bulky waste collection under the ACT Government trial.

To be eligible for the service, people will need to be a resident of the ACT and hold one of the following concession cards:

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- A Seniors MyWay Card.

If you would like to participate in this free service, bookings are essential. Please call the Bulky Waste Pick up Service on **6249 7974** and have your concession card number with you to reserve your spot.

- It is a collection of bulky items such as furniture, whitegoods, TV, computers, large electrical appliances, items from the garage such as lawnmowers, tools etc.
- There is a maximum amount of 2 cubic metres which can be collected, please note a maximum of 10 pieces can be collected within that limit and nothing can weigh more than 46kg.
- The service is not a rubbish removal service, and they will not take away garden waste, household rubbish or building rubble.
- Items need to be outside on the day ready for pickup.
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For more information call 6249 7974 or visit **www.bulkywaste.com.au**. Pickups are done on behalf of the ACT Government by The Green Shed.

The Green Shed is contracted by the ACT Government to offer the public an alternative to depositing their unwanted items to landfill. Anyone with goods that are reusable and have a resale value can drop them off at The Green Shed at either The Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre in Symonston or at The Flemington Road Resource Management Centre in Mitchell. They sell a large variety of goods at bargain prices and have staff that can assist you.

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Centenary Trail Launch

The Centenary Trail will be officially launched on Sunday 27 October between 10am and 2pm. Hall is one of the five 'hubs' selected to host a 'Try the Trail' day. Canberra Scouts will be on hand to leads groups on 'taster' walks along the trail, which goes around the north-western part of the ACT border to Mulligans Flat and beyond.

'Try the Trail' will be based at the Primary School, where refreshments will be available, and walkers will be given a complimentary map of the Trail and a 'passport' for recording the sections walked. Most of the Trail uses existing pathways. The section northwards from Hall is the longest newly constructed part of the Trail - and one of the most scenically attractive. The Trail will go from the Hall reservoirs up onto One Tree Hill, following the border round to the Mulligan's Flat Nature Reserve.

The Trail is a Canberra Centenary 'legacy' investment. Costing some \$4 million, it will be promoted as Canberra's prime outdoor recreation experience for visitors and locals. This presents great opportunities for Hall and district - beginning with the village's retail businesses.

The Progress Association has worked closely with the Trail developers and will keep residents informed of future developments. Meanwhile, come out and 'Try the Trail' on Sunday 27 October! [Note : construction is still underway and the Hall section of the Trail is not yet open to the public.]



An Exhibition:

Present at Birth. Schools and Teachers of the Capital Territory, 1913

Narrabundah (Crossroads) School, 1910



WHERE: Hall School Museum, Victoria Street Hall. Easy parking. Disability access.

WHEN: Friday 25th October 4.30 – 7.30 pm. **Exhibition Launch** at 4.30 pm. All Welcome. October 26th and 27th 10 am – 4.00 pm.

Then every Thursday morning, Hall Market Days (12 – 3), or by appointment

ENTRY: Free. Gold Coin donations will assist *Friends of the Hall School Museum*.

This project was supported with funding made available by the ACT Government under the ACT Heritage Grants Program.

Also supported by: ACT Surveyor General, Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc museum.hall.act.au

Sixteen one teacher bush schools were operating in the Territory in 1913. Where were they? What were they like? Who were the teachers? ... Come and find out! Featuring Hall School (1911) – a living representation of the early schools.



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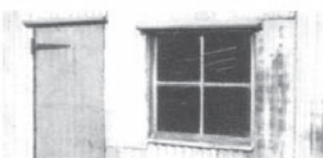


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St Michael & All Angels Anglican Church

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Christmas church services

Parishioners at St Michaels are looking forward to the appointment of a new priest in charge, since sadly farewelling Rev Trish Stuart-Smith in July. However in the meantime, we are being ably pastored by our assistant priest Rev Helen Dean, and residents of Hall and the surrounding district are invited to share our regular services at 11.00am on any Sunday.

In addition, all are warmly invited to celebrate the beginning of Advent and the approach of Christmas at a Service of Lessons & Carols, at St Michael & All Angels on Sunday 8 December, starting at 7.00pm.

In this simple, candle-lit service the true Christmas story is revealed in six short Bible readings and old favourite Christmas Carols. We hope that many Hall residents will join us for this beautiful service.

As has become a tradition at St Michaels, we will hold a family service at 10.00pm on Christmas Eve, and again we invite everyone to come along. The service time for Christmas morning is not yet confirmed, until our new priest is appointed. Please keep an eye on the notice board at St Michaels for details a little closer to Christmas.

Sunday 8 December 2013

7.00pm Service of lessons and carols

Christmas Eve: 10.00pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day: Service time to be confirmed

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Portrait of a Nation: Unmade Edges

Uriarra, Tharwa, Hall, Pialligo, Stromlo Settlement and Oaks Estate, 'villages' in Canberra, share commonalities through their relationship of being on the outer edges of the national capital and reflect a diversity through their individual connections to the foundation and development of the national capital.

Portrait of a Nation: Unmade Edges supports artists in each village to conceive, develop and present a creative response to the exploration of the place naming and the history of their village. The artists will explore the living histories through interviews with residents, historians, ACT Place Name committee members and their own research. Portrait of a Nation: Unmade Edges is produced by Belconnen Arts Centre with support from the Centenary of Canberra, the ACT Government, the Commonwealth Government and ActewAGL.

Search www.canberra100.com.au for more info.

There are at least six artists participating in the Hall project, and they have been meeting with community organisations in Hall. Various projects are underway and the final event is scheduled for Sunday 17 November.

Kinlyside/Hollingsworth Family Reunion

Close and distant 'cousins' of the Kinlyside and Hollingsworth Families will gather for a reunion on the first weekend in November to retell the story of the pioneers who arrived in Australia in 1839 and settled on the Limestone Plains between 1841 and 1861.

On Saturday 2 November participants will visit sites associated with these early settlers, beginning at St. John's Churchyard, Reid, and later on to Hall Village where George Kinlyside established his wheelwright and coach building business in 1898 and Susan 'Granny' Hollingsworth conducted the Cricketers Arms Hotel and then the Village Guest House between the years 1896 and 1934.

On Sunday 3rd November there will be a picnic and sharing of family information in the grounds of the Hall Public School. A feature of this day will be the Hall & District 1913 Exhibition on display at the Hall School Museum.



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Hall Fire Ball

ANOTHER HOT NIGHT AT THE ANNUAL POACHERS PANTRY FIRE BALL

On a glorious winter evening in August Poachers Pantry opened its doors to a night of raising funds and having fun at the annual Fire Ball dinner. Joined by over a hundred people, Poachers Pantry saw \$8775 raised for the Hall Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade. This incredible figure was reached through ticket sales for the dinner and the usual boisterous auction.

On the night we saw some fantastic auction items, including a Brindabella Hills Winery wine pack, delicious Robyn Rowe chocolates, a private riding lesson from Champion Equine Services, and a hotly contended bottle of sour apple schnapps from the Hall Premiere Store. (The winning of this particular item was greatly celebrated and the prize was quickly consumed.)

The rooms were packed, meals were eaten, drinks were drunk and music was enjoyed. Local band The Folks kicked off and got everyone warmed up with their dulcet sound while entrees were served. Then West Texas Crude took over and played for the rest of the night, treating the guests to covers from the 80s as well as their originals. A song quiz tested everyone's musical knowledge and there were a few speeches of thanks. The atmosphere was on fire, and as the evening wore on the tables were pushed back to make way for dancing.

As always, Lynn Anderson's dedication to getting this event together, and the Hall Village community's support, saw another fantastic night – with great food, great wine and fantastic fundraising results.



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Term 3 at Gold Creek Preschool - Hall

The Hall Sleepy Bears have had a busy Term 3. We have been involved in many fun, hands on learning experiences which helped the children to become confident and involved learners. We took a close look at the minibeasts that were found in our surrounding area and had fun playing and creating all things creepy and crawly! Many interesting discussions were held on the interdependence of living things and their relationship with us.

Right: A student from Hall enjoying the picture book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. The children have been practising appropriate social skills while



singing, dancing, dressing up and through dramatic play. Most of all, Term 3 has been a time of fun and exploration through play for the Sleepy Bears and we look forward to

sharing Term 4 together in our wonderful rural setting out at Hall Preschool. While digging in our digging pit, we discovered a frog!

Cindy Condon



HALL VOLUNTEER RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Mother Teresa once said that it is not how much we give but how much love we put in to the giving” and although she never worked in Australia, she could have been referring to the good people of the Hall District.

On Saturday 24 August the Hall Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade was lucky enough to enjoy the patronage of the Poacher’s Pantry team. The fundraising evening, aptly named the Fire Ball, could in the end have been called Friends of the Hall Brigade Ball as members, partners, friends and family came together to raise funds for the Brigade to support its various projects.

The Brigade has embraced the centenary and as a project we have targeted the restoration of our original tanker HALL 104 as a fire protection asset for the Village. But more importantly as a gift back to the local community and a part of the Capital’s memorabilia. HALL 104 was once one of only two volunteer brigade tankers available for response in the early 1980s in the ACT. We look forward to bringing this proud little tanker back to its former glory.

The Poacher’s Pantry evening would not have been possible without Sue Bruce, Katie, Annika, the Poachers staff, Lyn and Sue, West Texas Crude and all those who gave up an evening to be part of a fabulous night and a whole lot of fun. Hall Brigade thanks you. And to our generous sponsors who donated auction items, thank you too.

As we march toward the 2013-14 fire season the Brigade would also like to thank you for continuing to remain focussed and vigilant about bushfire preparation and bushfire readiness. With the predictions of a difficult fire season ahead, it is well worth having your bushfire survival plan in place. We may thank you but more importantly you will thank yourself in the long run.

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Hall Memorial Grove replanting



A small group gathered at the Hall Memorial Grove on 26 August to observe and take part in the re-planting of trees recently removed due to age and disease. The group included representatives of district families, members of the Rotary Club of Hall, and some local residents with an interest in this bit of our local history and heritage.

Five Memorial trees were replanted to replace those trees that honoured the following individuals from the surrounding area – J. Rolfe, K.A. Clark, A.V. Southwell, N.J. Southwell and E.G. Crace. Urban Treescapes, with the assistance of the ACT Heritage Unit and the Hall Progress Association, made an effort to contact descendants of these families to notify them of the planting.

The trees planted are Upright English Oak

(*Quercus robur Fastigiata*). These trees have acorns like a usual English oak tree, but differ in that they grow tall and column-like - similar in appearance to the original *Populus alba* (White Poplar) trees. White Poplar trees are no longer suitable to plant as they are listed as a pest plant under the Pest Plants and Animals Act 2005.

Above: Progress Association Heritage Officer Phil Robson supervising proceedings.

Below: TAMS staff hard at work.



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Progress Association President's Page

Following the Association's AGM on 21 August I'm pleased to introduce myself as the new President. Angie, Monahan, Mackenzie, Harvey and I moved to Hall nearly six years ago and were soon joined by Molly, our golden retriever. Like many residents of the Village and District, we feel very lucky and proud to call Hall home. I'm happy to be able to serve the community in a small way through the Association.

A big thank you to Gavin Mansfield and Shaun O'Connor for a terrific year as President and Secretary. Tony Morris (Vice President), Bob Richardson (Secretary), Rod Barnes (Treasurer), Phil Robson, Peter Howard, Judy Roberts and David Fussell have all continued on the Committee. We've been joined by Danny Clynk, Dean Crowe and Robert Noake. Gavin Mansfield, Shaun O'Connor and Paul Porteous have stood down from the Committee to make room for new Committee members but have signalled their strong interest in continuing as active members of the Association.

The new Committee met on 18 September. We will be kept busy on a range of existing projects, such as completing renovation of the gardens along Victoria Street and addressing the long-standing safety issues relating to the school bus interchange. Community events will also remain a focus with highlights being the National Sheep Dog Trials, the Hall Ball and the Night Markets.

However, the number one priority for the Committee this year will be engaging the community to confirm a proposal for the future of the Hall Primary School site that we can put to the ACT Government. In recent years the School Museum has gone from strength to strength, the pre-school has operated successfully and a very popular Men's Shed has been established and is making valued contributions to the community. Many ideas have been explored for the longer term future of the site that continues to preserve its



Elected committee. David Hazelhurst, President; Rosemary Jovanovic, Public Officer; Rodney Barnes Treasurer; Judy Roberts Wallaroo Resident; Peter Howard; Dean Crowe. Front Row: Tony Morris Vice President; Bob Richardson Secretary; Phil Robson; Robert Noack. Absent: Danny Clynk

heritage value and also secures its future as a community asset.

Over the coming months we will further develop proposals and consult with you, so we're then able to present a strong vision for the site to the government on behalf of the community. I look forward to talking to you about this.

As always, all members of the Association are welcome at Committee meetings (see the Progress Association's page at www.hall.act.au for details).

And, if you see Angie and me walking Molly in the Village please stop, say hello and have a chat.

David Hazlehurst

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Four Winds Vineyard wins award

Local Four Winds Vineyard received a gold medal and the Best Riesling of Show at the NSW Small Winemakers Wine Show for their 2013 Riesling.

Four Winds Vineyard's business manager, Sarah Collingwood, said that she was thrilled with the result. 'We had a great season this year and our winemaker Bill Crowe has been pleased with the wine the whole way through the process,' she said.

This result comes on the back of the winery opening their new cellar door in May and receiving 94-points for their 2012 Riesling and being named a five-star winery by James Halliday in July.



Four Winds Vineyard is located in the Canberra District. The cellar door is open weekends and public holidays and serves wine and wood-fired pizzas.

Vale Graeme Watters

Hall has unexpectedly lost a cherished resident, Graeme Watters (19/6/1959 - 14/9/2013), a mate and friend. A large group of family and friends gathered at Mitchell and later at the Wood Duck to bid farewell to a much loved mate. Graeme was an ex-navy man who loved the land and his life as a rural woker. Working cattle, managing weed control, relaxing playing bowls that was the happy life for Graeme. RIP.



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Sweet Scents

I have just had my birthday weekend in Adelaide and the Barossa, having not been there before. I was very excited to explore a new city and region, and I was not disappointed.

Their season is a quite a lot ahead of ours and many plants were in full bloom, in fact magnolias were finished and ours have not even started.

This time of the year the garden can be full of the most divine scents and although fragrance can be a very personal thing I thought it would be great to list my favourite scented plants for each season. They range from trees, shrubs and perennials to climbers and bulbs.

SPRING

Jonquils and Freesias, Lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*), Port Wine Magnolia (*Michelia figo*), Viburnum x burkwoodii, Lemon verbena, Thyme, Flowering Quince (*Chaenomeles speciosa*), Betchels Crabapple (*Malus ioensis 'Plena'*) Roses and Wisteria

SUMMER

Magnolia grandiflora, star jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*), Butterfly bush (*Buddleja sp.*), roses, lavender, rosemary and Liliams



This flowering quince in Hall Village attracted a native red wattle bird (pictured slightly hidden) for weeks.

AUTUMN

Belladonnas or Naked Ladies (*Amaryllis belladonna*), Autumn crocus, rockery cyclamen

WINTER

Magnolia sp. (many varieties have a lovely scent), Wintersweet (*Chimonanthus praecox*), winter honeysuckle (*Lonicera fragrantissima*), Daphne sp. (white, pink and burkwoodii, all divine), Wallflowers, Osmanthus sp. and Hyacinths

I do understand that what is a lovely scent to one person can be nasty to another and jonquils are a good example of that. I have even had a client who could not stand the idea of scent in the garden. But personally, I love the garden when something attacks me simply because you can smell it. This list allows you to have some scent all year.

Make sure you have the right plant for the right place, and double check with your nurseryman. This is not a definitive list, and there are many more plants worth investigating.

Lisa Walmsley

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Sammy's Wagon

Resting amongst the olive groves at 'Homeleigh' awaiting new adventures sits Sammy's wagon. Now a little derelict but still returnable to its former glory and saved from an inglorious fate by having its wheel removed and used as fence decorations.

Sam, or Sammy to most, was an enterprising young lad born into a large family where all had to contribute to the family income. His father, with a brother, had taken up land adjacent to each other not far from Hall.

Of great pride to Sam was the team of draft horses he bred up in his teenage years for use with the carrying business his father conducted for extra income.

Saving his share of earnings

Sam was able to have a new wagon built in Yass by Cusacks, Wheelwrights and Blacksmiths. Cusacks later became a prominent business family in Canberra as it developed.

With his own horses harnessed to the new wagon Sam joined the family carrying business with pride and enthusiasm.

Wool and wheat to Sydney were principal cargo and



general goods on return until the Goulburn, then Bungendore and Queanbeyan rail heads were built.

A special contract was the cartage of alcohol to the One Tree Hotel (Cricketers Arms) because Sammy and his family were abstainers and were certain to deliver the consignment complete and untouched.

Wet seasons occasionally flooded Lake George making the roads impassable so Sammy would secure the wagon and cargo for safe keeping on the eastern side

of the lake. To get home quickly he drove his slow walking team horses into the lake waters where instinctively they swam and walked through the shallows towards home on the west

side. Sam rode his faster saddle horse over a much greater distance to collect his team and head for home. As waters subsided and roads dried the team was taken to retrieve the wagon.

As the railheads reduced longer trips, the wagon carried goods to and fro around the district until faster motor vehicles overtook the need for wagon and horse team services. Not daunted, Sammy's outfit carted hay on several farms over a long period until tractors replaced horse teams. The wagon was then modified for hauling by tractor.

As more modern cartage methods became affordable Sam stored the wagon and kept some of his draft horse team for many years. As a grandfather he would occasionally harness what was left of his team to the wagon, load it with hay and take his flock of grandchildren for long rides.

Sadly over time the wagon shed was needed so the wagon came to rest under a gum tree until the O'Clery family took pity and rescued it at a farm auction sale. I bet it stands and dreams of greater days and waits for an enthusiast like Sam for rejuvenation.

Ernie the Echidna's mate

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Rotary Club of Hall Provides Support to Sick Baby

Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) is a Rotary program that works to treat and, in many cases, save the lives of children who do not have access to the necessary medical treatment in their homelands. The Rotary Club of Hall, through one of its club members Yvonne Robson, has recently been providing assistance to Timor Leste mother Lelia De Jesus and her baby son Reinaldy. Yvonne has assisted with a number of families since being involved with the ROMAC program.

Lelia was 33 weeks pregnant when doctors in Dili diagnosed that her in utero baby had a blocked bowel and would starve to death once he was born. Through ROMAC Lelia was flown to Canberra where, at 37 weeks, she gave birth to a baby boy at The Canberra Hospital (TCH) who was named Reinaldy. Reinaldy was born on 22 July, the same day as Kate and Wills' baby George. He underwent the bowel operation on 23 July and remained in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at TCH for three weeks until he was stable enough to be discharged.

Lelia and Reinaldy returned home to Timor Leste on Monday 9 September.

As part of ROMAC Yvonne was responsible for providing 'family support' to Lelia from the time she met her at Canberra airport until she flew home with her baby nine weeks later. The care included providing accommodation to Lelia, taking her and Reinaldy



to numerous medical appointments, taking them on outings and providing hugs and tears on the many occasions they were needed. Yvonne was also the liaison between Rotary and the Timor Leste Ambassador and his staff.

ROMAC is supported by the ACT Government through a Memorandum of Understanding where four children per year from the oceanic region are provided medical treatment by doctors working on a 'pro bono' basis. TCH provides the intensive care nursing and post operative hospital care.

Attached are photos of Lelia de Jesus with Suzanne Carter from the Rotary Club of Hall and Lelia with Rotary Club District Governor (elect) Rowley Tompsett also from the Rotary Club of Hall.



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Managing the Foaling Mare

Foaling season is upon us, so here are some suggestions to help you prepare for a safe and successful foal delivery. This article provides a brief overview of foaling, but please be aware there is much more to know and be alert for during foaling and first few days of life for the foal. Most importantly, have your veterinarian's phone number handy and keep written notes on how the mare is progressing and record the time of events.



Most mares foal at night or early morning, and prefer to do so in a quiet, private location. Regardless of whether your mare is foaling on pasture or in a stall, a clean environment is essential. Stalls should be cleared of manure and urine, have fresh bedding and be disinfected. A grassy paddock cleared of manure is also a suitable foaling environment.

In preparation for foaling, the mare's udder will start to enlarge 2 to 4 weeks prior, while the teats will become engorged 4 to 6 days prior and then wax up (yellow secretion appears out the teats) 1 to 2 days before foaling. If the mare is dripping milk (whiter) or the important immunoglobulin containing colostrum (yellowish), this is a major concern as the foal won't receive vital nutrition and antibodies, making it susceptible to infections. The muscles of the croup and vulva relax and the tail head becomes more



prominent a few days prior to foaling, while some swelling and oedema may be present along the midline in the weeks prior. If your mare has a Caslick's in place, this should be opened by your veterinarian 4 weeks to 10 days prior to the expected foaling date.

Tetanus and strangles vaccinations should be administered 4 to 6 weeks prior to foaling, while Equine Herpes Vaccinations are recommended through pregnancy (in the 5th, 7th and 9th months). Mares should be drenched with a product that combats *Strongyloides westeri* the day of or few days before foaling.

When foaling is imminent, mares usually become anxious and restless, potentially appearing colicky and sweating. This is the first stage of labour. At this point, it is best to allow the mare to foal undisturbed and unassisted, but be ready to contact your veterinarian for assistance if a problem arises.

Once you observe the first stage of labour, wrap the mare's tail (not too tightly), and wash the mare's udder,

vulva and hindquarters with a mild soap and rinse thoroughly.

Thirty minutes to 4 hours later, the foetal membranes should appear and the sac break with a rush of fluid, signaling the end of the first stage. Second stage labour is the expulsion of the foal and should only take 30 minutes. If there is no significant progress in 10 to 15 minutes, contact your veterinarian for advice. Stage 3 labour is the phase during which the afterbirth (placenta) is passed and this should occur within three hours from foaling. A placenta retained for more than six hours can cause serious problems including infection and laminitis. Again, contact your veterinarian if the placenta is retained beyond three hours.

If the foal is not in a normal presentation, (the front feet first, hooves down and nose closely following), you should call your veterinarian immediately.



Additionally, if a red bag delivery occurs, which is when the placenta has separated from the uterus before the foal is delivered and its oxygen supply is disconnected, this is an emergency

and the bag should be torn and the foal removed immediately.

Observe the foal for breathing once it has broken through the membranes, but allow the umbilical cord to break on its own when the foal or mare stands. Usually the cord breaks close to the foal's belly and a dilute solution of 0.5% chlorhexidine can be applied. Iodine can be caustic and should be avoided.

Leaving the mare and foal to rest and bond undisturbed is important. Following birth, monitor that the foal stands within 1 to 2 hours and is suckling without assistance within 1 to 3 hours. An enema of warm water may be required to help the foal pass its first stool, the meconium, which is dark and sticky. Keep the placenta and spread it on the ground to examine for any missing pieces or abnormal areas. The mare



should be bright and alert, and should be offered feed and fresh water. Some mares reject their foals and require extra handling to allow the foal to

suckle. If the foal has not suckled 3 hours from birth, is straining to defecate, the placenta is not intact or there are issues with bonding between the mare and foal, please contact your vet immediately for assistance.

Dr Natasha Hovanessian

Emmaus Visit Hall

The preschool at Emmaus Christian School at Dickson has been interested in shopping. They have made a shop at preschool, it even features little shopping trolleys. Perfect for little people.

This interest in shopping sparked an invitation by Scarlett Mansfield for her classmates to visit her



store. To make the most of the visit, the children were treated to not only a visit to the store for morning tea and posting of letters, but also a visit to the old school, the Memory Lane exhibition and the 1913



exhibition. The children loved writing on the slates with chalk, but the thought of the cane wasn't as appealing! Phil Robson was a wonderful tour guide and the children enjoyed wearing his racoon hat!



The Hall Rural Fire Brigade also kindly opened their doors. The children enjoyed wearing the hats and coats of our local Fire Fighters and sitting in the fire truck. The highlight was holding the fire hose and we were amazed no one went home wet! Richo Fulton was an informative host.

The Preschool Principal and staff expressed their gratitude for the warm welcome and kindness shown to the children and many expressed that they would love to live in the village.

Scarlett was so proud to show her classmates her shop, the museum and the Fire Shed. The preschool are hoping to make it an annual event!

Trudy Mansfield



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Dear Editor,

I am appalled at Jo Hall's editorial in the August edition. This is a community newspaper established to cover local issues, and should not be used to promote a particular political view. She is entitled to her opinion but surely not to use the *Rural Fringe* as a vehicle for her political beliefs.

I have lived in Hall for nearly 15 years and have never seen such an inappropriate editorial before. If she wants to raise this type of issue, there are numerous talkback radio stations plus *The Canberra Times* that are ideal outlets for her opinions.

The issues she raises are all widely debated, probably none more than the issue of unauthorised boat arrivals. There are approx 45 million refugees worldwide and it's fair to assume that a lot would love to come to Australia, given that we are a peaceful and prosperous nation.

From the 1940's Australia accepted about seven million migrants, the highest per capita outside of Israel. By the time John Howard left office, one in four Australians were born overseas, confirming Australia's success as a migrant nation. Australians have always supported increased immigration when the government of the day manages an orderly immigration program and when it serves the interests of Australia. As a sovereign nation, the Government of the day must secure our borders, and also determine who is allowed to come to Australia.

People who destroy their documentation, jump the queue and assume that they will be fast tracked for Centrelink and Medicare benefits - a relevant comparison would be strangers who gatecrash your house and demand you feed, clothe and house them, despite the fact that you never invited them.

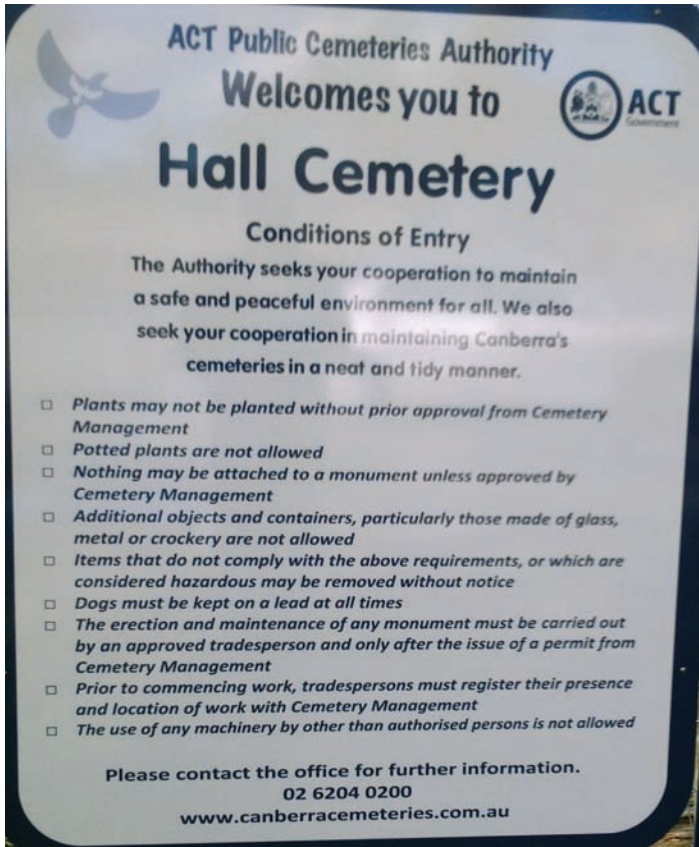
If we want to open Pandora's box concerning the national issues of the day, then what next? Climate change? The economy? Foreign Affairs policy? The carbon tax? There are multiple media, TV and social media outlets to discuss all of these issues in depth.

I personally don't want to see the Rural Fringe turned into a northern suburbs version of the *Green Left Weekly*, as I believe this will divide Hall residents rather than unite them.

My dear old daddy told me years ago : never get into an argument over politics or religion, people have deeply held beliefs, and are not likely to change. All you do is cause problems and destroy relationships. Live and let live.

John Burns

PS : I appreciate that it is at your discretion whether to print this letter or not - I sincerely hope it is printed in full without any editing, as I am after all, just raising the issues I care about.



Dear Editor,

On a recent visit to the Hall Cemetery (where my son is buried) I was concerned at the new sign which has recently been installed at the front gate of the Hall Cemetery (Photo attached).

I consider this sign to be totally unacceptable and objectionable.

It is an inappropriate design and size and located at an inappropriate location. It is within the boundaries of the heritage listing of the Hall Cemetery and does not conform to the requirements of any new structure within the heritage precinct. I do not believe it has the approval of the Heritage Council!

I also understand that there has been no consultation with the Hall Community regarding this sign.

The wording on the sign is particularly offensive.

Why is there a requirement to have plantings approved? A number of the graves have very attractive plantings within the gravesite.

What is the rationale of not permitting plotted plants?

A number of the graves have personal objects, containers, attachments etc placed on the graves. These are a memorial to the person and mean a great deal to the surviving relatives. It is totally inappropriate to not permit these objects in a rural setting such as exists at Hall.

Why are these memorabilia considered hazardous?

Kind Regards
Graham Moss

the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was heartened to read the Editorial in last month's *Rural Fringe* (August 2013) raising the issue of how we treat people coming to Australia seeking asylum.

I was born in Sri Lanka to Indian Tamil parents, lived in Nigeria for five years and came to Australia with my family when I was five. We were economic migrants and were blessed to have family over here who could sponsor us to come over. This country very quickly became my home. I grew up in Sydney, had a wonderful childhood and education, met my beautiful wife.

Now we live in one of the most beautiful places in Australia, Hall Village, surrounded by eucalypt reserves, rolling hills, amazing birds and wildlife and wonderful neighbours.

While there is a lot about this country about which I feel immensely proud, the way that we have been talking about people seeking asylum is not one of them. Our political leaders and media have been very quick to negatively judge people who seek asylum, particularly those who arrive here by boat. All of a sudden, we want to shift the goalposts on an international agreement our nation signed in order to ensure that the indifference shown to people fleeing the atrocities of World War II could never happen again. I present the reader with these points regarding boat arrivals and asylum seekers in general:

Despite the recent spike in asylum seekers who come by boat, they still comprise a very small percentage (less than 5%) of our total migrant intake.

If, as has been the case, 85% of boat arrivals have been

found to be genuine refugees, then the claim made by some key parliamentarians and commentators that they are just economic migrants" is blatantly false.

There is no 'queue'. Resettlement through the UN is only available for a small group. Asylum seekers often move through countries where they are not allowed to work and have no guarantee of safety until they reach somewhere like Australia.

Asylum seekers do not immediately receive Centrelink benefits and do not receive more money than other Australians. While they are having their cases heard and if they are eligible, they receive an Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme from the Red Cross which works out to 89% of the Centrelink Special Benefit, still less than the single age pension.

Asylum seekers are not permitted to work while their claims are being processed so they are forced to live off the Assistance scheme.

No boat arrivals have ever been found to be a threat to Australia's national security and asylum seekers are 45 times less likely to be charged with a crime than the general public.

Based on the above points it appears that a lot of unfounded anxiety is being directed at a very small group of people who are, by and large (85% is not a small proportion) extremely vulnerable. It seems absurd that this should become a significant national issue.

When I attended school we proudly sang both verses

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of our national anthem, the second of which included the line, 'For those who've come across the seas we've boundless plains to share'. When I sing this line I think particularly of the small proportion of our migrants who seek refuge here, including those who make the difficult journey by boat, who are not jumping any queue (except in our heads) and are not taking advantage of our generosity (because we don't even allow them to work), but have been forced to leave their homes and pin their hopes on a safe future in this wonderful wide, brown land. I was not one of those people but if things had been not much different, I might have been in Sri Lanka at the wrong time and ended up between a rock and a hard place. It could have been me on one of those boats. It could be any of us. I just hope that one day in the not too distant future, Australians will move beyond demonising asylum seekers, particularly those who come by boat, and trying to outsource the problem to our less wealthy neighbours, but focus instead on compassionate and constructive ways in which to create safer pathways for

those seeking refuge to come here and contribute to our future. Local communities such as ours can play an important role in bringing about a change in attitude and a shift in the tone of the discussion.

Maresh Radhakrishnan

Happy birthday Hall dojo!

The Hall karate club celebrates its 2nd birthday in November.

Our pee wee, junior and adult classes are steadily growing and we now have a strong base of graded students. I congratulate those students who have been with us from the beginning and continue to train regularly – your efforts are to be commended.

A grading is planned for Tuesday, 26 November and dojo birthday party in early November.

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Sensei Sam

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Golden Sun Moth

The endangered Golden Sun Moth (*Synemon plana*) is a medium-sized moth with the slightly larger male having a wing span of about 34 mm. The upper surfaces of the males are patterned bronzy brown and grey; the female has dark grey patterned forewings and bright orange hindwings with black spots. The adults are without functional mouthparts and have strongly clubbed antennae. Once relatively widespread in native grasslands of south-eastern Australia, the species is now known from 16 sites in the ACT (six of which are small and isolated) 11 sites in NSW and five sites in Victoria. The adult Golden Sun Moth is a day-flying species that may be found in

the ACT from about mid-November to early January. They do not feed or drink as adults and usually live for only one or two days. Females rarely fly and eggs are laid in the base of wallaby grass tussocks.

Above Left: An adult Golden Sun Moth

From the Editor...

My August editorial encouraged us to raise the issues we care about and I'm pleased that John and Mahesh have done just that in their letters to the editor. Thank you. For the record I am very careful to remain non-partisan in my editorials. I agree with John that the *Rural Fringe* is not the right place to advocate for a particular political party. I also believe that change comes about when ordinary people like you and I discuss things openly and factually. I therefore differ from John's views that the *Fringe* is no place to talk about things beyond Hall—because I see that global and national issues affect all of us. And what all of us do affects things nationally and globally. But what do you think? Please keep the letters to the editor rolling in.

This glorious spring has brought with it two very exciting pieces of news for Hall. The far sighted decision for Kinlyside to become a nature reserve rather than be developed as a suburb (front page) is very significant for Hall. It means endangered woodland surrounding the village will not be further fragmented. And it means we can better retain our village character without houses encroaching to the back of the polocrosse fields. The nature reserve will remain part of the Starrs' rural lease and we congratulate them for their careful management of the land. As a consequence of their hard work, the endangered Golden Sun Moth thrives in Kinlyside — one of only a few sites left in the ACT, NSW and Victoria. While the protection of Kinlyside is significant for Hall it is also significant for biodiversity which has implications beyond Hall. It's another example of local-global connections.

The imminent opening of the Centenary Trail is also fantastic news. I hope lots of us will try it out at the end of October when we'll be able to walk past the water tower to Baldy and One Tree hills and beyond. How lucky we are to have the short version of the Hall Walk around the village and a longer version for when we're feeling more energetic.

Until next time.

Jo Hall

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Jim Rochford turns 100!!

Jim Rochford and Avril Meuller would like to thank all those who organised and attended Jim's 100th birthday celebration at the Hall Pavilion in August.



Greg and Marge Rule with the birthday boy



Jim and the amazing birthday cake portraying various aspects from his long life.



St Michael's Spring Fete

The Band, not the bells, rang out across the village to mark the start of the annual Fete at St Michael and All Angels. The Good Lord provided a fine sunny day and the result was a large and lively gathering.

It was especially good to have 'Victoria Brass' performing on Victoria Street, and we hope to keep seeing them here regularly. With music in their ears, fete-goers checked through boxes of books and tables of cakes, plants and craft items, while some settled for a seat and strawberries and cream or Devonshire teas, pondering their chances of winning the raffle.



Some ventured into the little church, 65 years old this year. The local Anglican congregation worked for 20 years to establish the church, which was finally built and dedicated in 1948 in the presence of Governor-General McKell. While waiting for a church of their own, they held services for a while at Kinlyside Hall. Neil Manton, author of 'St Michael and All Angels. The history of a village church', was at the gathering, catching up with some old friends from the village where he used to live.