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## Farewell Missy...

Story by Lee Corrigan

Have you demonstrated how much you love and care for someone special in your life recently? It is very important that we all do that on a personal level every day but on Saturday 15 January 2011 the whole community of Hall demonstrated its love, in a big way, for one of its own beloved daughters.

On the Facebook© tribute page for Millissa "Missy" Gillard the following is written...

"On the 5th January 2011, this world lost an amazing young woman. Millissa will always be loved and missed by many."

Millissa Gillard was indeed an amazing young woman. Every time this beautiful 15 year old came into my home everyone was happy to see her and, I am pleased and personally comforted to be able to say that she seemed genuinely happy to see us and be with us. She spent many happy hours with my daughter Sally, giggling, carrying on, watching movies, riding horses in dams (thanks Andrew), pottering about in mud patches down the creek or just generally "muckin' around" like every teenager should.

Sadly though, Millissa took her own life and has left behind many devastated people, not the least being her sister Bianca, her father Derek, & family and all her many young friends.

Her funeral was very impressive and fitting. It was held at the Gold Creek Chapel before her coffin was transported to the Hall Cemetery in a horse drawn hearse which was followed by a horse drawn carriage for the family to ride in. This in turn, was followed by over 50 cars! This amazing large number of vehicles and people is indicative of how much this diminutive young woman was appreciated and loved in her community.

The service was very moving and I was particularly impressed by the show of love by all the young people. Kaitlyn Burke wrote and read a poem for Millissa. Also Kaitlyn, Sally Corrigan & Rania Yallop sang "Just the way you are" by Bruno Mars, a song Millissa had particularly enjoyed before she died and now the lyrics are very fitting for the occasion.



## Farewell Missy... (continued from front page)

Other friends including Rachel Hughes, Shay-Lee Anne McGuire, Renee Marshall and Maddison Lang read out tributes they had written for their friend. It was beautiful to watch these young people taking themselves outside of their comfort zone to do this remarkable performance in front of the chapel that was overflowing with people who were there for their friend. An amazing demonstration of the love this community has for Millissa.

Millissa did have a fun loving, mischievous streak in her, as was evidenced by the ever present sparkle in her eyes. No better demonstration of this was in the story told by close family friend Mandy Conway in Millissa's service. Mandy explained how they were out together and Missy had taken her (Mandy's) wheelchair "for a spin". Every now and then, when she was in amongst a group of shoppers who she thought would be suitably impressed, she would leap out of the chair, throw up her arms and loudly exclaim "It's a miracle!"

From the time you met her, Millissa's love for animals, particularly horses and dogs was apparent. She seemed to have a natural affinity with them which she could make good use of during the many hours she spent helping out at Jan Spate's veterinary surgery. Indeed appreciation was expressed to Jan at the service as she had

taken Millissa into her home after the terrible accident that claimed the life of Millissa's beloved grandfather and badly injured her father Derek. Sadly Millissa was no stranger to loss even at her young age. She lost her mother Stephanie, when she was only 4 years old. Our thoughts are now with Millissa's older sister Bianca and father Derek who have suffered these same losses and now of course, the loss of Millissa herself added to that.

Bianca, Derek, please know that your community whole heartedly supports you and your family through this difficult time. As heart wrenching as it was to lose Millissa, we all now need to celebrate the fact that we had her in the first place. How lucky are we, that for 15 years this beautiful young lady made a difference in many people's lives and that we were some of those people? She was indeed amazing and beautiful inside and out.

Rest in peace  
Darling Girl.

*If you are feeling depressed or anxious I strongly urge you to talk to those people around you who care for and love you. You are never alone and the bad times you are feeling will pass. Good times WILL come again even though it may not seem like it now. Remember, there are many websites that will help, just do a Google© search on "depression Australia" or you can always call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636... just for a chat.*

*We wish to send our special thanks to the Hall and surrounding district community for your ongoing love and support. We would also like to make special mention of Jan Spate, Lyn Anderson and family, the Purdam family, as well as Jimbo and Allyson from The Wood Duck Inn. I don't think we could have come through this so strongly without everyone's support. This is not the first time the community has shown us so much love and this means so much to us. I thank you most sincerely on behalf of myself and the Gillard family.*

Regards

Bianca Gillard

## Rotary News

### Guest Speaker

Allister Peek from the Special Olympics provided an inspiring overview of his role preparing to sail for the Special Olympics in June 2011 at Athens. Allister is a membership protection information officer with the ACT special Olympics. He coaches and teaches sailing. The ACT is providing 6 sailors and Australia is sending 131 athletes to Athens. They are seeking donations to support their attendance at Athens.

Glenn provided an overview of the Special Olympics, which caters for people with intellectual disabilities. Within Australia there are 50 Special Olympic regions which have amalgamated to form a National organisation. The ACT region works closely with the NSW regions. Their ACT committee has increased by 50%. These regions provide valuable social outlets to increase member's life skills such as travelling, caring for others and attending meals.

New sports have been added to the ACT region: soccer, cricket. They are planning to provide an indoor and outdoor facility for playing bouclé, they have land in Bruce for this.

### Who is Rowley Tompsett?

AG\* Rowley Tompsett is a member of the Hall Rotary Club and has a long history—over 40 years—of working with voluntary organisations, as a volunteer and a professional administrator. He was a member of the Royal Life Saving Society for over 30 years, including almost seven years as the Executive Director in Western Australia. He served the Society in Western Australia, Victoria and at the National level.

His service has been recognised with the Service Cross, the Companion of the Society and the Australian Service Order.



\* Assistant Governor of the District

Rowley also served the Scout Association for eight years, four as a professional administrator in Western Australia. He was a member of the National Leader Training Team.

Rowley is uniquely placed to comment on the management of volunteers and on the role played by professional administrators in voluntary organisations. He recently delivered a session on Managing Volunteers for the Rotary Club of Gungahlin as part of its member development program.

### Capital Region Farmers Market

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# Brian O'Connor, A.F.S.M. turns 70.



Brian was born at the Mercy Hospital in Young on the 26th Dec 1940.

He attended the Catholic Primary School going on to the Christian Bros College.

When he left School he decided that he would become a N.S.W Policeman. So he went to live for a while with his Aunt Moya Briggs in Sydney, Sydney

Brian had his apprenticeship transferred to Athol Morris Panel Shop in Braddon. While completing his apprenticeship Brian was to be awarded apprentice of the year two times running.

Brian's future wife lived around the corner from him so it was a foregone conclusion that Brian would only live in Macarthur Ave until 1961.

Brian married Anne Whittaker at the tender age of 20 and they went to live in their first home with Brian's uncle, Greg Rule, who was a bachelor at the time at "Sunnyside", Hall.

Greg Rule is Brian's mother's brother. Anne didn't like the isolation of Hall, and as they were expecting their first child, they moved back to O'Connor for a short time and then procured a Government flat in Lyneham on Northbourne Ave. When number 2 child was on the way they qualified for a government house, which was situated in Dooring St in Braddon. (Brian grew an absolute market garden in the back yard. Nothing has changed there over the years.) Brian became foreman at Athol Morris. He also worked at Basil Lyon's takeaway in Lonsdale St Braddon, which was the only place a person could buy a coffee or hamburger after hours in Canberra in those days. Brian would sometimes work all night at the weekend to get extra money for his family. He later moved to Athol Morris at Fyshwick as a workshop manager.

Then his family of 6 by now moved to Selwyn St in Hackett were they bought their first home.

In 1970 Brian decided to go into business with his dad, Gus who was a motor mechanic and Brian a panel beater, it seemed like an ideal venture.

life did not agree with Brian, a country kid at heart, so he returned home to Young, where he got a job as an apprentice panel beater.

In 1959 his Dad decided that they would come to Canberra to live. Gus, his Dad, thought that there were more opportunities for his family in the A.C.T.

So they moved into Macarthur Ave in O'Connor. Imagine that, an O'Connor living in O'Connor.

They approached Jim Rochford who is Brian's 2nd cousin, (Jim's father was Brian's grandmother's brother.) to purchase the Hall Service Station garage from him. So began a wonderful business. Peter Morgan, Brian's sister's husband later joined them in the business.

Then in 1980 Brian and Anne purchased 'Kenmira' 3 Palmer St Hall again from Jim Rochford.

Jeanie Southwell, a memorable figure in Hall, told Anne when they moved in that when she was a girl that Kenmira was the prettiest garden in Hall. It did become a lovely garden again, and still is under Bob and Helen's loving care.

As well as house renovations, gardening and running a business, which employed as many as 16 people at a time, Brian found time to volunteer his services to the Hall Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

He helped organise a Brigade and became Captain. At a later date he gave his time to a new fire service at Gungahlin, as Captain there. He was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal and the National Medal for services given.

Brian also volunteered time to the Solomon Islands in 1990 for their motor industry. He was awarded for his work there as well with A.S.O.P.

One could go on and on with someone like this man. But we will just say he is a wonderful husband a great dad a loving grandfather. He is respectable, loyal, honest, hardworking (still). What more could you ask for in any man?

## The O'Connors in Hall

The first generation were the Rules and the Rochfords in the early 1880s.

Alexander and Elizabeth Rochford (nee Rolf) took up a selection on Kaveney's Rd near Hall and named the property "Forest View". David and Agnes Rule (nee Mundy) took up a selection on Wallaroo Road and named the property "Allwood". David Rule is buried at St Johns at Reid.

Edward Arthur Rule (Greg Rule's father) was born at "Allwood".

Catherine Rochford, (Brian's mother's mother) was born at "Forest View". She married Edward Arthur Rule. They had 7 children. Greg Rule lives in Loftus St.

The third generation; Marie Rule married Gus O'Connor. They had 5 children.

The fourth generation; Brian O'Connor marries Anne Whittaker

The fifth generation; Cheryl marries Neville Betts, Jennifer marries Don Smith, Christine marries Paul Waters, Shaun marries Tanya Ryan.

The sixth generation; Jennifer and children James and Jesse lived in Loftus Street. Christine and children Tom and Ellie lived in Loftus Street. Christine opened the hairdressers (Hot Gossip) in Victoria Street in 1986. Shaun and Tanya with children Layla, Austin and Nellie, live at "Winarlia", 3 Victoria Street.

The O'Connor family has always taken an active part in the community activities. Kate Betts is a 3rd generation member of the Hall Volunteer Bushfire Brigade. Shaun, Tom Waters, Neville and Jake Betts and James Smith, as well as their cousins Michael and Luke O'Connor and Duncan Clarke all play or have played with the Hall Bushranger Rugby Club.

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# Hall Ute Competition and Family Day

## Changing of the Guard – new fundraising focus

The fourth annual Hall Ute Competition and Family Day will be held on 7th May 2011 at the Hall Polocrosse Ground in North Canberra and for the first time money raised on the day will be donated to Snowy Hydro SouthCare.

For the past three years funds raised by the day have been donated to Camp Quality, the children's family cancer charity that believes in bringing optimism and happiness to the lives of children and families affected by cancer through fun therapy. These events have contributed \$8,472 to Camp Quality.

A spokesperson for the Ute Competition and Family Day, Ms Mary Vagg said the organisers would like to thank Camp Quality for working together with them for the last three years.

"We've had three successful years supporting Camp Quality but this year we felt we'd like to extend a helping hand to another very important community asset", she said.

Snowy Hydro SouthCare was established on 1 October 1998 to provide aero-medical and helicopter rescue services for the communities of the ACT and

southern NSW. It performs three different types of missions; primary missions where the helicopter responds directly to the scene of emergency to transport the patient/s to the nearest hospital for emergency care; secondary missions which are aero-medical retrievals for patients from regional hospitals to larger hospitals for higher levels of care and non-medical missions where Snowy Hydro SouthCare will assist emergency services with searches or fire-fighting.

Ms Vagg said Snowy Hydro SouthCare's dedicated and highly trained flight and medical crews had performed more than 4,000 life-changing missions thanks to the generous support of the community in which it operated.

"This year we'd like to add our efforts to that support", she said.

For more information about Snowy Hydro Southcare, go to [www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au](http://www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au).

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# A Close Encounter of the Camel Kind

By Glynda Bluhm of "Alpaca Magic"

I rolled over in bed yawning, tired after a very late night - it's only 6.30, not quite light yet - just a few more minutes in bed, I thought. Suddenly, remembering what should happen today I leapt out of bed, and got dressed. Last night I had felt Jezebel's udder, she should foal within 12 hours I had decided. Although Hi Jack, my first donkey stallion, was the proud father of around 100 donkey foals, this foaling was special. This was to be the first foal sired by 3 year old Don Key Oatey. Unlike my first jack, Hi Jack, who was *standard donkey grey* with a Jerusalem cross on his withers, Don Key Oatey, was an English donkey Jack - woolly and smaller, with harlequin splotches of dark grey, light grey, and streaks of black on a white background.



A Llama cria (baby) meets a donkey through the fence

Hurrying to the paddock, through the drifts of mist, I caught sight of an obviously distressed jenny. I was horrified, whatever was wrong? I hurried closer. On the ground was a tiny, flat looking replica of Don Key Oatey, still wet, and apparently OK. Jezebel was frantic, kicking and snarling with ears flat back, rushing at the llamas. I was puzzled, the llamas and donkeys to date lived in harmony.

Samosa, the weanling male llama, curiously approached to greet the new baby (as is perfectly normal in *polite* camelid -alpaca & llama society). His advances were violently rebuked by Jezebel with a double-barreled kick in his direction. Samosa, obviously offended and frightened by her bad manners, pirouetted then leapt into the air and proned away (a stiff four-legged bounce), only to advance yet again even more cautiously. Jezebel was "bonding" with her new foal, and no one - not even another donkey was welcome - and certainly not those long necked, banana eared fluff balls!

The other llamas hesitantly crept forward, curiously sniffing in the new baby's direction, wondering why Jezebel's manners were so appalling. How were they to meet the new member of the herd, when it's mother was just so-o-o-o rude?! This was *too much*, Jezebel

left the foal and gave chase. The llamas bounced away. Llama Ned Kelly, on the other side of the fence, looked up for a minute, and hurriedly continued eating (*another* mouth to feed on *my* grass, he worried).



It is perfectly normal in alpaca society for the whole herd to inspect a new cria

I picked up the foal, and carried it to a grassy pen, closely followed by a concerned Jezebel. There I did my usual desensitizing (rubbing all over its body and blowing into its nose) of the foal. Certainly this foal was well worth the 12 month gestation!

Some weeks later, Alpaca Nara the alpaca gave birth to a white suri cria (baby). Don Key Oatey was fascinated. "A bit plain, and pretty small ears - obviously a cull", Don thought. "I wonder if the mother is interested in courting yet?" he inquired as he sniffed at Nara. He was pleasantly surprised when his



Donkey foal

advances were not rejected in the usual way (flattened ears, a swish of the tail and a good kick) - Nara merely spat at him. He approached again, more green spit. His confusion was obvious, what was wrong with this strange looking "donkey" - and

how come she kept *sneezing* in his face? How rude! Eventually he tired of her bad manners and casually wandered off to graze.



Don Key Oatie

It is wonderful to witness a new birth, and watch mother and baby interact. I have usually been accepted (but not actually welcomed) by my jennys when I come to inspect their new foals. It was remarkable to witness the different social structures between donkeys and camelids and witness their social neo natal interaction.

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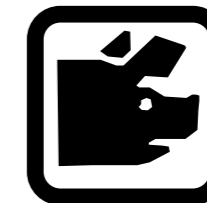
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Adult fleas are a few millimetres long. We see them racing across pets' bare bellies or find reddish-brown flea dirt above the tail base. Many dogs can be crawling with fleas and never scratch. Other dogs are allergic to them and bite and scratch, particularly over the rump, even though they don't seem to have many fleas.

Adult fleas feed on blood and lay eggs, which drop off in kennels, on sofas and beds, in the carpet or under trees and bushes. Flea numbers can build up rapidly in a wet spring or summer even in Canberra.

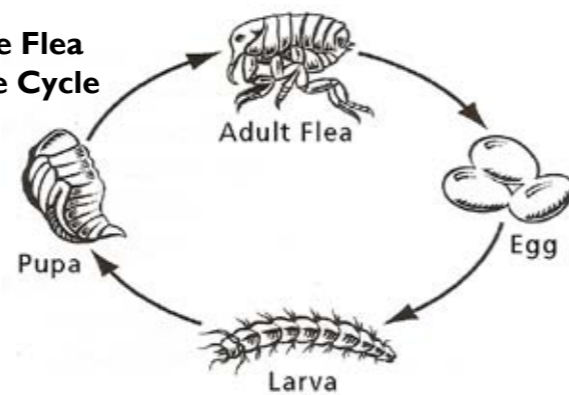
We like to say that a house and yard is infested with fleas. The fleas on your pet are only the tip of the

iceberg. We miss the bulk of the flea population that are in larval and pupae form if we only kill adult fleas on our pets.

Fumigation of the house is essential to flea elimination. Because pupae have thick shells they may not be killed by the first spray and a second spray 3 weeks later when they are ready to hatch is usually necessary.

Regular vacuuming of carpets and furniture will pick up fresh eggs and larvae although treatment of your pets to kill adult fleas will stop egg production. Bedding should be washed weekly during summer also.

### The Flea Life Cycle



Elimination of fleas from the garden or dog run is more difficult. Fleas thrive in dust so a concrete run reduces numbers rapidly. Raking up leaves and reducing the build-up of bark and branches where your pets like to rest minimises flea hideouts.

Many convenient, safe and effective flea treatments for dogs and cats are available from Hall Veterinary Surgery. Please ask any of our staff to recommend the most suitable one for your pet.

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### From the Hall Preschool

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The winners were:

- 1st B Thornton
- 2nd Lessli
- 3rd E Kingston

Thanks to those who donated goods, and to The 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.

Look out for our Easter hamper raffle coming soon!!!!

### Warraroo Rural Fire Brigade Report

At a recent general meeting of Warraroo Rural Fire Brigade, held on 15 December 2010, Neil Shepherd was appointed Captain and Geoff Morris was appointed Senior Deputy. At a previous meeting Shane Allen was appointed Deputy.

### Contact Details

NSW Rural Fire Service web site: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) .  
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### Hall School Centenary – 16-17<sup>th</sup> April

Interest is growing in the Centenary of the Hall School – including from far flung places such as South Australia and Perth! Anyone interested in being kept informed is asked to register their interest on the Hall community website (<http://www.hall.act.au/register.html>)

We now have agreement from government that the school buildings will be open during the day, and get a bit of a scrub up before hand! Those coming 'back to school' will be able to wander through the scenes of their past glories and embarrassments!



Hall School Kindergarten 1982

The Centenary Dinner on Saturday night will be a centre-piece of the celebration. It is likely that bookings will be essential.

At the school earlier in the day we are making plans for a vintage car display, bush dancing, open day at the School Museum, an exhibition focussing on the history of Hall and the School, opening of the Time Capsule, a barbeque and other light refreshments. Planning for these and other activities is all being done by community volunteers; your ideas, and help, would be greatly appreciated.

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One particular way in which many community members might be able to contribute is by digging out old school photographs. We are building up a collection of these, and will of course be including them in the Centenary exhibition. Photographs from any period are welcome. We can quickly scan and return them to you.

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### Hall School Museum – special grant

More very good news regarding the Museum. We have received an 'emergency' grant of \$5,000 from the Heritage Unit to undertake high priority conservation work on the collection. These priorities were identified for us in the Conservation Assessment and Management Plan which we commissioned last year. Anyone interested in helping with work on the Museum collection, or being an occasional volunteer guide, is encouraged to contact Heritage Officer Phil Robson [0408 259 946]

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## Harvest Season commences at Loriendale Orchard

The middle of summer brings the first fruits to ripeness in our orchard along Spring Range Road. We are harvesting some delicious strawberries, variety called Albion. With plenty of water in our dam this summer we shall try to keep them producing well into Autumn.

As many local people know, we have planted over the past 20 years a wide range of apple varieties. Some are very early maturing ones. They generally have short 'shelf life' but are still a deliciously fresh when eaten fresh from the tree. The first two varieties which can be kept for 2 weeks or more are the Gravenstein and the Summer Red.

Our first nashi pears will ripen in the middle of February. These trees always need to be heavily thinned to allow the remaining pears to grow to a good size. Our European pears have set a good crop this year and we have not yet had problems from fruit bats. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

This summer we are also experimenting with growing a wide range of heritage tomatoes, some large such as the Rouge de Marmande and the Australian Red, some with a purple to black colour including the Black Russian, Black Prince and Paul Robeson. We grew the middle sized red tomato called St Pierre last year and found that it grew very well and produced a tomato with great flavour. We are trialling some other medium sized tomatoes and a number



of the small cherry tomatoes. Grown on fresh soil they are all progressing well, so we hope to have an abundance of tomatoes.

We are hoping to return to be a stall holder with the Hall Rotary Capital Region Farmers Market in a few weeks. And for local residents who make long range plans, you are invited to set aside the Saturday afternoon of 2 April for our annual Apple Day Festival.

Owen & Noreen Pidgeon, Loriendale Orchard, 16 Carrington Road, via Spring Range Road

## Poet Corner

### A Difference of Zoos

I went to the Hotel Broog;  
and it was there I imagined myself singing  
Click go the Shears  
to a bunch of hoary, ligneous goblins.  
I believe in gnomes, in midges.  
I believe to convert the bogeyman, take Medusa to  
MacDonalds  
beg Zeus Polyphemus a new eye;  
and I thanked all the men who ever lived,  
thanked life the world for the chimera,  
the gargoyle, the sphinx, the griffin  
Rumplestiltskin -  
I sang Ave Maria  
for the Heap, for Groot, for the Mugwump, for Thoth,  
the centaur, Pan;  
I summoned them all to my room in the Broog,  
the werewolf, the vampire, Frankenstein, every monster  
imaginable  
and sang and sang Click go the Shears.  
The room got to be unbearable!  
I went to the zoo  
and oh thank God for the elephant.

*With apologies to Gregory Corso*

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# Greg's last sheep

7 January 2011

What does a one-time shearer do for his 90th birthday? Shear his last sheep of course. Local identity Greg Rule did exactly that on Friday January 7th, before an enthusiastic and appreciative gathering at 'Gold Creek West'.

Before getting into the job, Greg was asked to sign the stand, which henceforth will be known as 'Greg's Stand'. Greg and the hand-picked sheep then became the most photographed sheep and shearer in history, followed by a stirring rendition of 'Happy birthday!'. Before 'smoko' an impressive line-up of local shearers joined Greg on the stands.

Greg started shearing in 1945 at the age of twenty four and over the next eighteen years went shearing up and down the east of Australia, and in Tasmania. As you would expect, he is full of stories of the places and people from his shearing days. After hanging up the blades he worked for another twenty one years as an attendant at (the 'old') Parliament House – and has some yarns to tell from those days too!

After retiring from Parliament House Greg entertained tour groups with his shearing skills at Tralee Station, and was also back-up shearer at 'Gold Creek'.

Greg Rule, under the eye of Craig Starr, shears his last sheep (for this year)



Greg Rule shears another fleece in the seniors' grand final event.



Men of the land, shearers and gentlemen all. John Starr, David Cathy, Mick De Britt, Greg Rule, Willy Dever. Gold creek shed, 2011.



Greg Rule's 90th birthday guests Betty Meachan and Heather Tulloch from West Wyalong. The Hall Pavilion was packed with well wishers. Old friends swapped yarns and recalled the good times.



Greg Rule celebrates his 90th birthday @ the newly refurbished Hall Pavilion. Greg, Janene Warner and Donna Warner from West Wyalong.



Another fine wool Italian suit on the way. Shorn by Greg Rule.



Greg Rule receives the golden shears award from Willy Dever at the Hall pavilion birthday bash.

Greg comes from one of the district's early settler families. His grandfather David Rule built a slab cottage on the Wallaroo Road near Hall in the 1870's, which is still standing, and being cared for by present owners Rod and Judy Roberts.

Greg's final shearing was overseen by fifth generation Australian farmer John Starr and son Craig at the relocated 'Gold Creek Station', a rural tourism enterprise run on one of the largest and most notable working pastoral properties in the Canberra region, 'Gold Creek'. The new site for this successful tourism business is 'Gold Creek West', with access from Victoria Street, the road that runs into Hall off the Barton Highway.

'Gold Creek Station' has been catering to international and domestic tourism groups for the past thirty years. It is now run by John's son Craig and his wife Sandra. Around 5,000 visitors a year experience Australian kelpies working merinos, sheep shearing, and a good Aussie barbeque.

The new complex, currently under construction, will cater to the needs of the existing tourism clientele, but will also open up for the enjoyment of the wider Canberra community.

The new facilities will incorporate a substantial function centre, as well as the shearing shed, and the centre will display a range of wool industry memorabilia – including, of course, a photo of Greg Rule, shearing his last sheep.

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by Sue Admonson

To ensure a good flush of Autumn blooms, roses need to be fed and trimmed in mid-February.

They have been flowering for months almost without pause and the fertiliser applied in Spring has long since been used up. Even if you gave them a supplementary feeding in November they are ready for another ration now.

Well established bushes need a couple of handfuls of complete fertiliser or one of the specially formulated rose foods. Halve this amount for young bushes in their first season. On unmulched soil fertiliser should be lightly raked in but where bushes have been mulched, it may be scattered evenly over the mulched surface. But remember the Golden Rule for the application of fertilisers – water first so that the soil is thoroughly and uniformly moist, then water again after the application of the fertiliser to wash the nutrients down into the root zone.

The summer time trimming of roses really consists of a general tidy up of the bushes. Dead branches and twigs are removed first of all and wherever die-back has occurred, cut back to an outward pointing bud well below the dead or dying wood. Then look along the stems from which blooms have been cut and shorten them back to an outward pointing bud.



You will probably find that many of your bushes have developed vigorous new shoots. These may either be retained or shortened back at your discretion. If you trim, you will get a heavy concentrated flush of blooms in April. If you retain the new shoots, you will probably achieve the same amount of flowers but they will be less concentrated and spread over a longer period.

During this summer trimming, it is best to leave the water-shoots (those tall sappy growths that have developed from low down on the bush) untouched. They can be dealt with in the Winter when the wood has fully matured. If a sucker shoot (a shoot that comes from below the bud union) has developed it should be pulled off with a sharp downward jerk rather than by cutting. If you cut and leave a stub it is almost sure to regrow.

The good rain experienced in Spring and early Summer has promoted heavy outbreaks of black spot and mildew. Any diseased foliage on the ground beneath a bush is a constant source of infection so it is important that it should all be gathered up and disposed of with the trimmings.

Following the tidy up, bushes need a thorough spraying with one of the all purpose rose sprays and the treatment should be repeated the following fortnight.

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Put it in your must do list for later in the year.



This colt, Paro Kai Shaklan, owned by Karen Pullen, won "Champion colt or stallion", and then he won "Supreme champion pure bred arabian"

Rural Fringe and our Hall website. What a wonderful Community we have with events like this returning year after year. Hall for one, one for HALL.

*Summer Sizzler @ Hall Showground.*



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## From the Hall Bushrangers President Shaun O'Connor

20 years ago this great club of ours kicked off and every year becomes more exciting with growth, player talent and supporter base. It is hard to believe that we now have players who were born the same year we started the Bushrangers in 1992!

This year we are celebrating 20 years of Hall Rugby with many activities planned at our 9 home games. We have so much to celebrate with 2 great teams in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division and we are so proud of our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade boys taking it to the big clubs reaching the 2010 Grand Final against a very strong Tuggeranong Vikings side who were the better team on the day.

Adam (Adsy) Gladman has agreed to continue as our head coach. Adam brings to the club a higher level of management, respect and mateship, hence giving the team the right attitude to be successful. The Club's coaching staff are also experienced in team management which is already making a perfect team in 2011.

In fact we are playing touch football each Wednesday evening at Hall Oval which starts at 6.15 pm. Old and new players are extremely welcome! Pre-season starts on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and continuing on Tuesdays and Thursdays to the end of daylight savings. Pre-season training then continues under lights at Palmerston Oval.

A big thank you to our 2011 sponsors, coaching staff, players and supporters for your commitment and diligence in building our clubs continuous improvement program. I look forward to seeing you around the Hideout!

Yours in Rugby  
**Shaun O'Connor**  
President

Hall Rugby Club  
**Capimus Sed Tradimus**

**Have you seen our new website?** [www.hallbushrangers.com.au](http://www.hallbushrangers.com.au) (very easy to remember!). Keep up to date with the latest news, scores and upcoming events!

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For more information contact Shaun on 0427 363 747.

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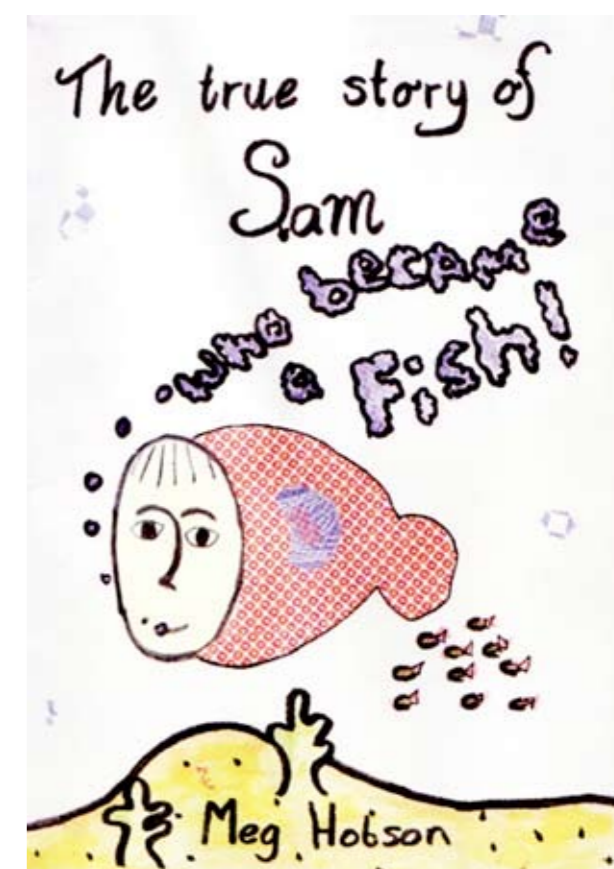
# Local Schoolgirl's project published

Available at the Hall General Store is a children's book by first time local author Meg Hobson. Meg wrote and illustrated "The True Story of Sam Who Became A Fish!" for a school project when she was nine. Everyone who saw the book said it should be published. The publisher said it was almost impossible for adult authors to achieve the style and feel that Meg had managed naturally. So, after two years waiting, it is now available through Angus and Robertson and online bookstores as well as being promoted in Australia, the UK and USA.

The story follows Sam through his magical transformation, the comical situations he experiences as a boy/fish, and how he solves the problem to remain with his loved ones. The feedback is kids just love its offbeat story and images.

Meg is really proud that her book is going to be in the Australian National Library. The release of the book has capped a great year for Meg who, her proud parents revealed, also received awards at Radford College for Choir, Art, the prestigious Year 6 Girl Leadership award, and role of Little Red Riding Hood in next year's school musical, Into The Woods.

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# Minto Galloways

Greg & Chris Stuart, from Minto Galloways have had a very busy year. As well as selling their premium grass fed Galloway beef at the Capital Region Farmers Market, run by the Hall Rotary Club volunteers, they have been Australian delegates at two international conferences and exhibited at a number of cattle shows. Their 9 month old heifer, Minto Irene 4th, won Supreme Galloway Exhibit at Royal Canberra Show this year. Equally as pleasing, Minto Kyla 4th, a cow they had sold, won Supreme Galloway Exhibit at Royal Sydney Show. To top it all off, their young bull Minto Kai, won Supreme Interbreed Bull against a strong field at Scottsdale Show in Tasmania.



are hardy and don't need to be shedded over winter, they are being used to graze many marginal areas, often owned by National Trusts or National Park systems. Not only do they help preserve the ecology of these reserves, they produce meat from marginal areas that would otherwise be unproductive. We were thrilled to visit to the famous Danish Mols Institutes, where much work has been done on the benefits of the nonselective grazing habits of Galloways. As part of the same trip, we visited many Galloway studs in Scotland, again often on marginal land --such as all the way to the top of Ben Lomond. We saw Galloways in Ireland being grazed on the land where the UK Army trains before departing to Afghanistan and also

on small National Trust islands, on which they arrive and depart by boat! In Germany we were thrilled to see Galloways being run with the very rare Konik horses on land which used to be an army tank exercise ground. Meat from these Galloways is direct marketed in Germany.

In September, we attended the World Galloway Conference, which was held in Denmark. As part of the conference, we were shown several examples of Galloways or Belted Galloways being used for what is called "Conservation Grazing". Because Galloways are non-selective grazers and also because they

In October, Greg & Chris were delegates for both the Canberra Slow Food Convivium and the Southern Highland Slow Food Convivium, to the Terra Madre Conference in Turin. As part of fundraising for this trip, Slow Food held a very successful all Minto Galloway Beef dinner at Centennial Vineyard Restaurant in Bowral. Terra Madre is held every second year and is a coming together of over 6,000 delegates from all over the world. Delegates comprise producers like us, chefs, teachers and food community organizers, we spoke at a number of the technical sessions detailing how, at Minto Galloways we holistically promote soil, pasture and cattle wellbeing and productivity, some of our standard activities such as rotational grazing appeared to be novel concepts to many delegates. As well as these technical sessions aimed at fostering Slow Food principals of "Good, Clean and Fair", producers from all over Europe and some other parts of the world take part in the "Salon de Gusta" --a massive farmers market covering over 6 acres and featuring over 1000 different stalls selling, providing tastes and explaining the benefits of all varieties of cheeses, small goods, fruits and vegetables. Terra Madre provides all accommodation and meals during the conference. We were assigned to a picturesque convent in a small town an hours drive out of Turin. Greg now likes to claim that he has slept in a nuns bed --a very austere bed at that.

For the fourth year in a row, Minto Galloways were pleased to have been shortlisted for the Delicious magazine's Producer Awards and we are hoping that this year will be our year to make it into the finalists.

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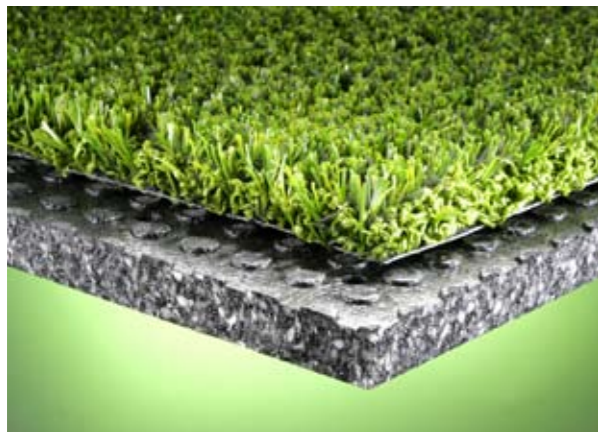
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# Artificial Turf

By Lisa Walmsley

As many of you know by comments I have made in my articles for years, I really find it difficult to submit to the ever increasing demands of artificial turf. I have had clients for years asking about the benefits of the stuff mostly associated with drought tolerance and low maintenance. And I have had a standard response about it not been environmentally friendly, hard to walk on, prone to fungus problems etc etc etc. I just couldn't bring myself to admire it on any level.



But yes, the powers that make you do the things you don't want to do have arrived and I have recently been delivered a job that I have no choice but to use it as the entire garden sits over a car park and is all on concrete.

It's not that I am not up for the challenge, and I do have a small deep root zone area to get excited with real plants. It's just that plastic doesn't cut it for me in the garden, no matter how 'real' it may look.

So I decided I needed to get acquainted with synthetic turf and although I have been sent samples, I now had to look at them more closely and with some level of enthusiasm. Terms like 'captured the essence of the Australian way of life' and 'adds ambience to your everyday life' spill out of the reading material and try to draw me into a sense of 'real', but it's not working for me.

What I needed was a new attitude to it. So I visited a site where it was being installed. They wokka pakka crusher dust to a firm solid base, then the synthetic grass gets laid over the top and nailed down, or in my case with the concrete, glued down, voila. All my senses were troubled with the fact that my entire life when I walked on grass it had some spongy give under my feet, now it was as hard as concrete. There is no way I would want to do a summersault or cartwheel on this surface, and I can't imagine a dog thinking how lucky he was to have a patch of green in his back yard.

So for me, the jury continues to be out on this one. I've reached a stale mate where I have to use it whether I want to or not, but I am fairly sure, I will continue to whinge, and I think I will only use it if I have no other choice. Even green concrete is starting to have a weird kind of charm.

## Advantages and disadvantages

### Advantages

Artificial turf can be a better solution when the environment is particularly hostile to natural grass. An arid environment or one where there is little natural light are examples.

Artificial turf can withstand significantly more use than natural grass and can therefore be used much more frequently. This allows sports ground owners to generate more income from their facilities.

Ideal for holiday homes when maintenance of lawns is not practical. It is also a solution for elderly home-owners who find the upkeep of lawns too much hard work.

Suitable for roof gardens and swimming pool surrounds.

Some artificial turf systems allow for the integration of fiber-optic fibers into the turf. This would allow for lighting or advertisements to be directly embedded in a playing surface, or runway lighting to be embedded in artificial landing surfaces for aircraft

Some artificial turf systems allow for the integration of durafill. Durafill is the latest in infill technology. It is pet and eco-friendly, withstanding animal urine and elements, preventing the growth of spores and bacteria within the surface. It also prevents degradation throughout time and does not need multiple applications. It does not overheat in the sun, preventing overheating of the actual surface. It does not contain zinc, heavy metals, or silica dust.

### Disadvantages

Abrasion injuries caused by artificial turf have been linked to a higher incidence of fungal infections.

Some artificial turf requires infill such as silicon sand and/or granulated rubber made from recycled car tires. This material may carry heavy metals which can leach into the water table.

Periodic disinfection is required as pathogens are not broken down by natural processes in the same manner as natural turf. Despite this, recent studies suggest certain microbial life is less active.

Friction between skin and artificial turf causes abrasions and/or burns to a much greater extent than natural grass. This is an issue for some sports: for example, football in which sliding maneuvers are common and clothing does not fully cover the limbs. However, with some third-generation artificial grasses, this is almost completely eliminated by the use of polyethylene yarn.

Artificial turf tends to be much hotter than natural grass when exposed to the sun.

It's plastic.

# Wattle Park Uniting Church

How pleasing it was to see Christmas attendances up yet again. Not quite as good as last year, but very close. This community response continues the trend of recent years where people are more understanding of the true meaning of the Christmas season and coming together to celebrate a very happy occasion. It is good to enjoy all the festive trimmings, but equally good to see a time set aside to thank God for our lives, families, friends: and the impact of the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ.

Wattle Park continues to provide a family based traditional service where all are welcome. 2011 will see us meeting every Sunday at 10.30 am and Sunday School will meet during the

service in school term periods. Our Girl's Brigade will also resume this year and for any information please contact our church office on 6258 1196.

Wattle Park is 130 years old and we hope to continue providing an outlet for God's love well into our current century.

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Pastor Bernie



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# One Tree Hotel – Hall (later known as the Cricketers Arms Hotel)

In the early 1860's Patrick Grace purchased Lots 21 and 14 (a total of 81 acres) near Halls Creek on the Yass-Queanbeyan Road near the present day village of Hall. On Lot 21 he built and opened the One Tree Hill Hotel and was granted the hotel's first license on 8 March 1864. Patrick held the license until March 1871 when he transferred it to his son, James Grace. James held the license until April 1876.

While Patrick and James were at Ginninderra (now Hall) other members of the Grace family were there too. Most of James and Martha's children were born at Ginninderra between 1865 and 1877. Francis and Catherine Coulton (daughter of Patrick and Mary Grace) also had their five children at Ginninderra between 1866 and 1876. There is also evidence that Patrick's son, John, spent time at Ginninderra. We do not know if he was just visiting or if he lived there.



Cricketers Arms Hotel – about 1916.

1916: At the time, the One Tree Hill Hotel was the only hotel between Yass and Queanbeyan, so we can imagine Patrick's premises being well patronised. Local teamster Thomas Southwell and his sons of Ginninderra transported hotel supplies by bullock dray to the One Tree Hotel for Patrick as the Southwells were teetotallers.

After Patrick had been operating the Cricketers Arms for only three years it was held up by bushrangers. Two armed men took £8 in cash and some spirits but left a large sum in cheques. Three weeks later Patrick's son, James Grace, saw the men at an inn at Picton and they were apprehended by police and sentenced to fifteen years hard labour.

Lot 14 which was a flat area opposite the One Tree Hotel (Cricketers Arms) was also owned by Patrick Grace and used as a sports ground. Ploughing matches and race meetings were conducted there and apparently were a very popular form of entertainment. The first race meeting was held at the ground the day before St Patrick's Day on Friday 16 March 1866. Cricket matches were later held on the ground.

While James Grace was at Ginninderra he was part of a group of parents who undertook to send their children to the local school when an application was being made at the end of 1872 to convert the school to a provisional school status. Earlier in March of that year a school-church building, known as St Francis, had been completed at Ginninderra for the dual purpose of Roman Catholic worship and a school.

Dentists from Queanbeyan made monthly visits to Hall and used rooms at the Cricketers Arms Hotel. The hotel's liquor undoubtedly helped provide some of the dutch courage needed on the part of patients for some of the procedures which were undertaken with no anesthetic.

The last person to hold the license at the Cricketers Arms Hotel was Montgomery "Mon" Lazarus. In June 1917 the then Minister for Home Affairs decided that the Cricketers Arms Hotel must close within six months as the sale of liquor in the Federal Capital Territory had been prohibited. Mon was forced to vacate the Cricketers Arms in June 1918 when he moved to Appin to run another hotel.

A ploughing match on the grounds opposite the One Tree Hotel.



Mon Lazarus and his wife hold horses at the Cricketers Arms Hotel about 1918.



The O'Brien family occupied the premises for a few years and eventually the building was demolished in 1938.



A pine tree which was at the Canberra end of the hotel still stands there today, near a gateway on the right side of the road just out of Hall as you go towards Canberra. The hotel was situated one mile from a local hill called One Tree Hill, hence the hotel's name. The hotel was known in later years as the Cricketers Arms Hotel. A Heritage sign has been erected to mark the site of the hotel.

The attached article is an extract from "Graces of the Murrumbidgee: Patrick Grace of Yass and his Descendants", Jim and Pam Grace. Photos are from Lyall Gillespie's collection, courtesy of Neil Gillespie.

# The flooding

Last year saw the second highest rainfall in December since 1939. The Hall creek ran a "banker" and Derek Watkin has supplied us with photos of the flooding.

Photos by Derek Watkin



Road bridge



Bridge



Well



Fence



Car

Canberra Ford small car club rally comes to HALL for lunch at the Duck. After 2 days of meet in Canberra Ford small cars relax at HALL.



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# ABS Christmas Party

Christmas came early to Hall as the Australian Bureau of Statistics continued its tradition of Christmas in Hall. Every year the old show ground at Hall comes alive with the staff and their children as they celebrate with a huge array of amusements.



ABS cup saucer ride.

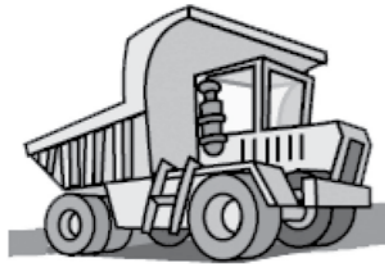


ABS horse & carriage



ABS dodgem cars.

## DARRALEE QUARRY



Darralee Quarry has recently been re-opened. It was one of the RTA's main sources of road base for many years.

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### Preschool 2010 class



Hall Preschool Graduation Class of 2010

Hayley Shea, Will Parker, Nick Agnew, Indigo Flores, Ellie Maglasis  
Toby Paethorpe, Jacob Reid, Noah Goodchild, Ash Johnston, Dakota Chaplin  
Ryley Goodchil, Sam Hackett, Ruby Sheargold, Atticus Mansfield, Lahni Hall

# An historic moment for Hall

The lanes of Hall have official recognition with the names of each lane now clearly signposted. We encourage residents to walk around their lovely village and note the names. You

can visit our website for further information. There will be an article in a future edition of our Rural Fringe documenting how and who named our lanes.



### Barraclough farewell

Farewell to Allana and Phil Barraclough at the Hall Community Cottage. Phil and Alanna have been in Hall for 28 years, and for much of that time Phil was our local GP. There is a poem specially written for the event - see it on the Hall District website.



### Annual Twilight Concert Hall Village Brass Band - 20th March

Our own Brass Band will again bless us with a Twilight Concert - a joint venture between the Progress Association and the Hall Village Brass Band, supported by Barnett Lillley and Associates.

The 2011 Concert will be on 20th March at 5.00 pm, and will again feature local soloist mezzo soprano Bronwyn Douglas.

Bring a rug, and something to eat and drink.

Gold coin donation and raffle. Funds raised will be shared between the B and and the Hall School Museum. The Museum will be open from 3.00 pm.

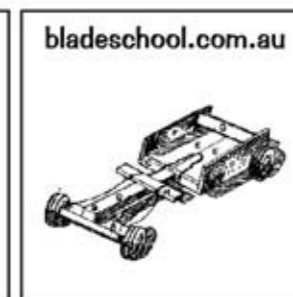
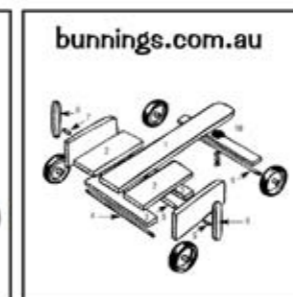
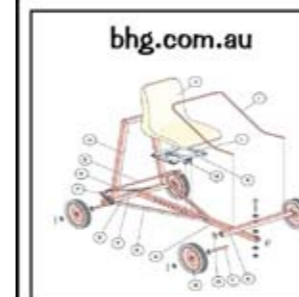


Are you interested in participating in the Hall Grand Inter-Galactic

## Billy Cart Derby?

Contact the Rural Fringe co-ordinator for details.

Here are some websites that have ideas for constructing your billy cart:

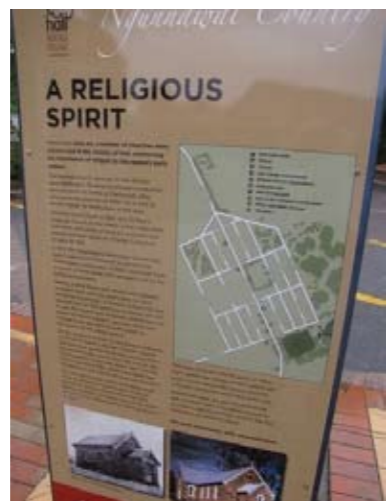




# More snippets!

## New Heritage Signs at HALL

Just follow the guide map on the first sign outside of Winarilla or refer to the HALL district website.



## Jesus of Cebu Festival

Every year the ACT Catholic Filipino group from the Island of Cebu meet at the Hall Pavilion to celebrate and commemorate the Jesus of Cebu Festival. The Hall Community welcomes and encourages our multi-cultural friends.



## St Francis Xavier Christmas



Santa and Mrs Santa in their you-beaut ute



Trudy Mansfield with her daughters Scarlet and baby Harriet receive their gifts

## Santa in Hall

A large and festive community came together to celebrate the arrival of Santa in Hall. Every year a Community Christmas is organised by Allyson Wedrat, proprietor of the Wood Duck Inn. The event unites our community and is always a big success. This year Santa arrived in a jeep, there was a male choir and our own famous Hall Village Brass Band. The weather was perfect and with the drought broken all were in a festive mood. What a great place to live and raise children. BOB Richardson



Perfect weather greeted Santa in Hall as he showered gifts on the good children of the community.

## Christmas choir

The air of the village rang with Christmas carols as parents and children joined in with our choir singers.



## From the Editor

Oh by golly I am late for my Rotary meeting! I am needing to get this issue off to good ol' Bob Richardson so he can get it printed. I promised it by 6pm and it is now 6.28! Sorry Bob!



This has been a very emotional time for my family with the loss of my daughter's friend, Millissa Gillard (see main story) but I am hoping we are now over the worst and the healing can begin. We are now the proud owners of Millissa's little Maltese Terrier who is called Missy (same nickname that Millissa had).

Please keep your contributions for the Fringe coming, they are great. We are so lucky to be part of the Hall community.

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## Dates for your diary

2011

## National Sheepdog Trials



**Tuesday  
15 March**

Welcome to the **Triallers' Wine & Cheese** at the Wood Duck Inn 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Wednesday  
16 March**

**Morning Tea** – scones, jam & cream at the Pavilion 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Thursday  
17 March**

**"The Dogs' Dinner"** dinner & entertainment (see insert in this Fringe) Pre dinner drinks (free!) : 6:00 – 7:00 pm Dinner : 7:00 – 10:00 pm

**Friday  
18 March**

**"Mad Hatter's Morning Tea"** at the Pavilion 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Hats for all occasions will be on sale, by

*Hats by Trish* Trish McIntyre of Hall

## Cricket match

Boxing Day cricket in HALL. Craig Sheargold continued the legend as he led the annual Cook memorial cricket club onto the Hall

Oval for their annual match. The weather was perfect unlike last year when a huge and unexpected



downpour made for ducks on the oval as well as on the pitch. This year saw the biggest run chase since 1980 and some exciting skill with bat and ball.



What would our own community Christmas be if we did not have our Hall Brass Band? How good does it get? The perfect weather, the drought broken, the best band and all in Hall.





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