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Vale Rosa Pirotta

by Lee & Peter Corrigan

“Angelic, bubbly, vibrant, vivacious, kind and amazing. That is my mother.” Those were the words spoken by Hall resident Vanessa Pirotta to open the eulogy at the funeral of her dearly loved mother Rosetta (Rosa) Pirotta.

Sadly Rosa died suddenly in her family home in Victoria Street early on the morning of Monday 25 July 2011 leaving one of Hall’s most loved families in total shock, as indeed were all of Rosa’s multitude of friends.

Born in Melbourne in 1958 to a warm and loving traditional Italian family, Rosa

lorlano later became a secretary and on weekends worked in the milk bar where she met her future husband, Sonny Pirotta. A fortnight before her passing, Rosa and Sonny celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in style in Braidwood where they enjoyed a stay in a lovely bed and breakfast house and a ride in a horse drawn carriage.

Rosa and Sonny lived in the (then) newly built Canberra suburb of Page before moving to Evatt then to their farm in Murrumbateman. A family friend suggested calling the farm “Sunrose” which later also became the name of Rosa’s successful fashion store in Dickson.

Rosa was blessed with three children, Anthony, Tania and Vanessa. Anthony and his wife Catherine gave Rosa her two beautiful blond grand daughters Zara and Sofia. Cath was heavily pregnant at the funeral with Rosa’s first grandson. Luca Salvatore Pirotta was due to be born closer to Rosa’s birthday which is 21 August but he could not wait and was born on 31 July 2011, a mere 6 days after his nonna’s passing.

Rosa had three successful business endeavours in her lifetime. The first was the rather magical “Tooth Fairy Shop” and later she took over the children’s shoe shop at the Belconnen Mall called “Bo Bo’s”. Finally Rosa opened her ladies fashion store “Sunrose” in Dickson.

It was evident to us as we looked around at the huge crowd at her funeral, that everyone who met Rosa was immediately impressed by her



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Vanessa Pirotta

heart and soul. She loved people and got particular joy from helping anyone who even looked like they needed help. For example she took a tray of drinks to those in need when the house over the road suffered from a fire.

Rosa was known for her amazing smile, generous heart but especially for her wonderful cooking! I am told her pasta sauce was something very special. I guess she was Italian to the core.

It was standing room only in the large church that is St Joseph’s Catholic Church in O’Connor, a testament to how much this wonderful lady was loved by everyone.

Family and friends participated in the service including the eulogy so impressively written and read by Rosa’s youngest daughter Vanessa, and a poem called “The Rose Beyond the Wall” was read by family friend, Sandy Sutherland.

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People came from as far afield as Perth and even London to farewell Rosa. Indeed much love and support was sent from Malta, Italy and South Africa as well.

After the church service, Rosa was transported to Gungahlin Cemetery for burial. The sun was shining brilliantly, just to remind us of Rosa's smile!

Something needs to be said about the special love Rosa had for the village of Hall and its residents. Instinctively this was known and a sign of this was the guard of honour by many residents as Rosa's funeral procession proceeded down Victoria Street on the way to the church.

Also later in the Hall Pavillion there was an absolute feast of food brought together by the locals. Rosa would have loved that!

And finally we were privileged to be in the Pirotta home to discuss this article where we were amazed to see the HUGE amount of flowers that had been delivered to the house. What a wonderful and loved woman was Rosa Pirotta. We shall all miss her.

Rest in Peace Dear Rosa.

"Grief is the price we pay for love."

Elizabeth II

A message from the Pirotta Family...

Thank you to everyone who formed the guard of honor for Rosa and to those who helped with her wake including making those delicious sandwiches and cakes, and helping set up the hall.

This time more than ever, we feel blessed to be part of this beautiful community that Rosa loved so much.

We have received so much love and support from the people of Hall and the surrounding district.

Thank you, it has been very special to us as a family.

Regards

Sonny, Tania, Vanessa, Anthony, Catherine, Zara, Sofia and Luca.



Standing room only in St Joseph's Catholic Church in O'Connor ACT for Rosa Pirotta's funeral on Friday 29 July 2011



The burial service at Gungahlin Cemetery

Tax Time Again

OK it's always tax time but this is usually the time we actually consider 'Where does our money go'?

It has absolutely nothing to do with which political party is in power. It has nothing to do with the strength or weakness in the local economy. Let's have a look.

Soon you will receive an 'Economic Stimulus' payment based around the so called carbon tax. For some this is very exciting.

Q. What is this payment?

A. It is money that the federal government will send to taxpayers.

Q. Where will the government get this money?

A. From the taxpayers.

Q. So the government is giving me back my own money?

A. Only a smidgen.

Q. What's the purpose of this payment?

A. They plan for you to spend the money on a purchase such as a enormous tv set, thus stimulating the economy.

Q. But won't that just stimulate the economy of China?

A. It is very complex. You wouldn't understand.

Now some helpful hints on how best to spend and help the Australian economy...

If you spend your tax refund at Costco, Aldi or Woolworths, most of your money will go overseas.

If you spend on petrol, your money will go to Saudi Arabia AND Singapore.

If you purchase a computer, India, China Taiwan will take the money.

If you buy a car, Japan Korea Germany will take your money.

If you pay your credit cards off or buy stock, it will go to management bonuses and they will hide it off shore.

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—Bob Richardson



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Schoolhouse Lane

No. 3 in the series

Lane 3 bounded by Palmer, Hoskins, Hall and Victoria Streets.

- For generations this lane provided safe access to the Primary School.
- Children used the lane to walk or ride horses to the original school, opened in 1911, with continued access to the school and later the pre-school for almost 100 years.
- Before the road by-pass, the Barton Highway followed Victoria Street and the huge amount of traffic along it made the lane a safe route to the school and the connecting buses into Canberra.
- Hall has provided quality education to the district's children for almost a century.

Schoolhouse Lane represents the importance of education in a community and the school as a focal point for friendship and social interaction.

Inaugural Winter Solstice Bonfire



On Saturday 2nd July the Wallaroo Bushfire Brigade staged its first Winter Solstice Bonfire. It was a relatively warm evening with a wonderful sunset followed by a great bonfire and free sausage sizzle. Some 50 members of the local community at-

tended, sparklers were provided for the children and a good time was had by all. The Brigade is hoping that this will become an annual community event to pay homage to the shortest day of the year. Watch this space as winter approaches next year for information about Winter Solstice Bonfire 2012.

Quotable Quotes...

- Regular naps prevent old age, especially if you take them while driving.
- Having one child makes you a parent; having two, you are a referee.
- Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right and the other is the husband!
- I believe we should all pay our tax with a smile. I tried - but they wanted cash.
- Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.
- Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.
- My wife and I always compromise. I admit I'm wrong and she agrees with me.
- Those who can't laugh at themselves leave the job to others.
- You are getting old when you enjoy remembering things more than doing them.
- Saving is the best thing, especially when your parents have done it for you.
- There is only one perfect child in the world and every mother has it.

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Hall Winter Ball 2011

Photos by Katie Puttock



From the time guests arrived in the car park they were in a winter wonderland. An avenue of candles and lanterns lead merry makers to the bedecked dining tables. "Popsicle" was the cool combo that had the dance floor jumping.



Congratulations to all for another wonderfully successful Hall Ball. Shaun O'Conner, Trudy Mansfield, Anna Sheargold some of the movers who make our famous Hall Ball in the hall at Hall such a success.



Tanya, Wendy & Lisa. Soaking up the feel-good atmosphere at the Winter Wonderland ball.



Dennis and Garrie Greenwood enjoy the Hall Ball with Trish McIntyre. Trish was sporting one of her amazing millinery creations.



Rosemary and David Butler enjoy the Hall Ball.

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John Starr demonstrates sheep shearing to visitors from Korea. Johns sheep shearing shed stand at West Gold Creek Hall.

Please send your contributions to ruralfringe@hotmail.com

Birth Announcements!



Rocky John Hensley
Born 13th May 2011
A little brother for Molly

A son for Anthony & Catherine
Luca Salvatore Pirotta
born on 31 July 2011.



A son for Brett & Annabell
Max David Cook Fenton
born on 18 July 2011.



Condolences

“Ernest Edward Yallop, a great man, passed away today at around twelve. Rest in peace.”

—Andrew Yallop

This was written on Facebook by Ted Yallop’s grandson, Andrew on Thursday 4 August 2011. Our condolences to the family, especially to Robert on the loss of his father who was obviously someone that Andrew thought a great deal of. Love to Robert, Jo, Andrew & Rania from all in the Hall community.

RIP Roma Starr

“Roma has lived exactly a remarkable 99 years treasured by many friends and a large family of whom she was extremely proud. Being courteous, affectionate and always a lady in the true sense of the word, she shared her life and her considerable talents with us and the whole community so that we mourn the loss of a great woman in our society.”
Our condolences to John & Beverley Starr on the loss of John’s mother, Roma from all in the Hall community.

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Happy Birthday!

Best birthday wishes to the following people for August & September.

August

- 1—Eric Karu
- 3—Jo Hall
- 5—Peter Corrigan
- 7—Andrew Yallop
- 7—Lyn Corrigan
- 13—Murray Logue
- 21—Rosa Pirotta

September

- 26—Kate Karu
- 27—Rebecca Cadman

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

PIONEER ROADS OF EARLY CANBERRA AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO MODERN CANBERRA

Uriarra Road runs off Crawford Street in Queanbeyan and its path therein has changed considerably in recent years at it left the City. Also up until the 50s it ran closer to the Railway line than now as Canberra Avenue, when development of the Fyshwick Industrial area forced a change to its current alignment. From where Canberra Avenue crosses Jerrabomberra Creek at the poplars at Narrabundah it is back on course on its historic alignment.

closely following that road's current route to the Cotter area and Uriarra.



Yass Road left Queanbeyan from the north as it still does and quickly curved west at which point the Sutton Road branched north as it still does. Yass Road then followed closely the present Pialligo Avenue except in the early days it followed in a straight line through the middle of the existing airport, pretty much straight through the modern terminal. Majura Lane branched off to the right as it still does and Yass Road crossed Woolshed Creek at the same point where the present bridge is located. The road then followed the path of the modern Fairbairn Avenue passing straight through the War Memorial grounds where it joined the present Limestone Avenue at the previously mentioned terminus of Mugga Lane near Ainslie Hotel. Yass Road continued along the present path of Limestone Avenue until about Merici College where a right hand fork took the traveller to Sutton. Approaching where the ABC is now Yass Road proceeded straight ahead very close to Lyneham High School where a left hand fork known as the Weetangera Road went out through O'Connor. On O'Connor ridge near the Black Mountain Caravan/ Motel Complex part of the road is still visible. Weetangera Road continued from there out into where the suburbs of Belconnen are now found. As this area is not within the sphere of my current discussion and as there were many roads in the Weetangera district I will not go any further in this direction. Back to Yass Road at Lyneham High School where it proceeded straight past St Ninian's Church and the Old Canberra Inn. Opposite the Inn was an open area where sporting events were held and a little further down the road near the Tennis Centre was what was



Interestingly, at this point in the early days when this was unfenced Campbell land, travellers in horse and buggy along Uriarra Road to Queanbeyan had to ford Jerrabomberra Creek. After wet conditions this area became notoriously boggy and everyone tried to divert around the boggy ground. Consequently after a short period the whole area became a quagmire and the Campbells were most outraged as reputedly about a mile of grazing land at this vicinity was lost to bog due to everyone taking sidetracks to avoid the mud. Events like this no doubt hastened the introduction of wire fencing. The track previously mentioned, from Duntroon to Mugga Cottage and on to Mugga Lane crossed the creek near this point. The creek at this point was also widely known as Mill Creek due to the Campbell Estate mill being located slightly further downstream on a rise near the present sewage treatment works off the Monaro Highway (Dairy Flat Road).

Uriarra Road continued straight on through the present Manuka Oval to where as I indicated earlier it intersected Mugga Lane at the Crossroads. It then curved southwest roughly following Adelaide Avenue till it linked up and became the existing Cotter Road, fairly

called the Stone Hut School. Opposite that was a later school called the Gungahleen School and that wooden building lies hidden among the houses of modern North Lyneham. Just past this area where the present Ellenborough Street comes out of Kaleen, Yass Road became what is now called the Barton Highway proceeding past the village of Ginninderra, through the village of Hall and on to Yass. The Gungahlin Estate and the Palmerville Estate were notable features either side of the Yass Road as it approached Hall Village. Slightly before reaching Hall Village another notable feature on the left was The Cricketers Arms Hotel, now commemorated by a plaque where it stood at the old pine tree on the left of the road about half a kilometre before reaching the village.



The last road that I want to mention is that which is now called Constitution Avenue. In the early days it basically started at St Johns Church where the road from Mugga Lane that I have previously detailed intersected. From St Johns Church this road (Constitution Avenue) went across in a straight line through the modern Russell Offices around the middle heights of Mt Pleasant, then called Russell Hill past the Dairy and dropped down into Duntroon where it meandered through the Estate across to Woolshed Creek and on to Queanbeyan on Yass Road. I well remember this road even until about the late 50s after which time it was considerably altered at the Russell Offices area to allow for the building of that complex. Up near the old Duntroon Dairy quite a bit of the old road remains where it skirted around Mt Pleasant. East of the buildings of Duntroon when it was a rural Estate the road would have gone direct to Woolshed Creek, but with the advent of the Royal Military College, the creation of sporting fields made a diversion necessary after passing through the College firstly towards the Molonglo River

then across to Woolshed Creek past the cricket oval. Morshead Drive was non-existent until it was created to eventually divert traffic from going through the Royal Military College. Two things are of interest along Constitution Avenue. The first was that up until fairly recently where it joined Blamey Crescent was a small quarry where some of the stone was obtained to build St Johns Church. Secondly in a lasting reminder for me personally of Canberra's rural origins is a memory that I have from the late 1940s on that original road opposite St Johns Church heading towards Duntroon. To avoid the necessity of a gate on that road, there used to be a sheepdog tied to a kennel at the road to prevent sheep escaping from the paddock that ran from the now suburb of Campbell through to Blundells Cottage.

By studying these early roads it is easy to understand how they were incorporated into our evolving National Capital and how they were important to the residents on the Limestone Plains and still are very relevant to our modern City.

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Bootmakers Lane gets the attention it deserves. New millings, grading and drains cleared.



Victoria Square Development news flash! Work has begun to rectify the the deviations from the development application.



Bootmakers Lane gets make over.



Stormwater damage repaired. Bootmakers Lane received serious damage from storm water run off in March 2011. Roads ACT have become responsible for the lanes of Hall since the official acceptance of names and place. Roads ACT organised the clearance of soil accumulated in Gladstone Street, cleared the clogged drain and graded large amounts of millings the entire length of Bootmakers Lane. This is an ongoing exercise year in, year out. This is the first time in over a decade any progress has been made to control the endless wash outs of this important access and egress.

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Bus Interchange Traffic Calming

The Progress Association has just been advised that Roads ACT is ready to implement the proposal discussed last year with the Hall community and Trans border Bus lines. Ginninderra MLA Alistair Coe initiated this meeting for us.

A number of anxious parents had approached the Association concerning road safety along Gladstone Street during the morning and afternoon movement of school buses.

The plan includes the introduction of refuge island and kerb blister at the intersection of Gladstone and Victoria Street, and speed cushions on the road in Gladstone Street.

A plan showing the proposal can be downloaded from <http://www.hall.act.au/documents.html> [listed under the 'ACT Government' documents heading which is about halfway down the page].

The proposal took into consideration the community concerns regarding vehicle



speeding and safe movement for pedestrians at the interchange. It also addresses the turning movement of large vehicles accessing the intersection.

We are requested to provide feedback by 15 August 2011. Greg Palethorpe is coordinating our response. If you have any questions or comments you can contact him on 0402 840 834 or by email at

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Hall Bushrangers Team of 20 years



Dear Past and Present Bushrangers,

As you may be aware, the Hall "Renaissance Homes" Bushrangers is celebrating 20 years of Hall rugby.

The club has put together a special committee to coordinate a weekend of celebrations to recognise this milestone. The committee is organising a number of initiatives that will help make the weekend one to remember.

One such important initiative is the selection of the best Hall rugby team from the last 20 years. The 20 years Celebration Committee (sub group to the Rugby Committee) has agreed for a team of 15 players and a coach to be selected and acknowledge at the 20 years celebrations gala dinner on 20 August 2011.

To ensure we get maximum nominations and exposure of players from across the 20 years, we are seeking input from all past and present Bushrangers to nominate players and a coach who they think are worthy of a position in the team.

As you can appreciate, selecting a team comes with subjectivities and sensitivities. To avoid this as much as possible, the committee has nominated Hall coaches covering the 20 years to judge the nominations and pick the team. These include: David Eriksson, Luke Jansen, Ben Reedy, Dave Kinnane and Adam

Gladman. Once we get initial nominations, the judging panel will then review all nominations and make a recommendation to the Rugby Committee. As noted above, the team will be announced at the gala dinner.

1] Qualification Criteria - To ensure consistency, a prescribed qualification criteria is required. Each nominee must satisfy one or more of the following criteria to be eligible; (Suggestion for Criteria)

Players

- A minimum of 3 years or 50 games with the club;
- Has received awards from the club (ie Best and Fairest, Best back, forward;
- Was a standout player in his respective position over a period of time; or
- Has played representative football during their time with the club.

Coach

- Demonstrated commitment to establishing and implementing a training program that fulfils the clubs objectives;
- Demonstrated commitment to ensuring that club ethos and playing culture is installed, understood and maintained by all players;
- Achieved results such as finals, minor premierships and premierships;
- Cultivated or introduced change to good effect or outcomes for the club.

It must be noted that satisfying one or more of the selection criteria does not automatically gain the nominee selection in the honour team.

2] Process & Procedure - A nomination of a honoree "Team of 20 Years" member must be completed on the prescribed nomination form (the nomination form is available on the Hall Rugby Club website www.hallbushrangers.com.au or from the Secretary) and received by the "Team of 20 Years" Committee through the Secretary of the Club on or before 4 August 2011. Nomination forms may be completed and submitted either electronically via the website or in hard copy via mail. Nominators will receive a notice of acknowledgement.

A "Team of 20 Years" jumper will be presented to the successful 15 players and coach nominees at the "20 Years Celebrations" Gala dinner.

Yours in Rugby
Shaun O'Connor
President
Hall Bushrangers

Jiaozhou Bridge



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"Hall Stories" is now available

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

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Hall Hornets By Bob Richardson



Hall Hornets mix it with Braidwood Tigers at Hall Sports Ground.



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Hall Cemetery and that Rare Orchid

The ACT Public Cemeteries Authority is asking some Hall residents who hold burial rights to plots in the local cemetery to consider transferring their rights to another plot to help save a rare orchid.

Hall Cemetery, the oldest operational cemetery in the ACT, is unique in a number of ways, for example it is a remnant of the original woodland, contains the graves of early pioneers to the district and is the home of rare plant species and communities.

In particular it is the home of a rare tiny orchid, *Prasophyllum petilum* or Tarengo Leek Orchid.

Because so little is known about the ecology of the orchid the only practical way to ensure that it continues to grow is to remove, as far as possible, anything that has the potential to cause it damage. This means limiting burial activity that results in destruction of habitat for the orchid.

A report by scientists at the ACT Government Environmental Research and Planning Unit recommended that the cemetery be closed for the sale of new allotments. It also found that a number of orchids grow in empty reserved allotments and



suggested that those families who had an unused allotment containing an orchid be asked to move to an alternative site.

The Cemetery Authority has also been advised that burial activities that damage orchids or their habitat could amount to a serious breach of the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999. The Authority has started a process under this Act to determine if some of these activities can continue with appropriate conditions, but this is a long process and may not be successful.

In the meantime the need to provide an environment which allows the rare and threatened plants and community to thrive, together with an increase in demand for burial spaces in Hall Cemetery, has been a problem for the Canberra Cemeteries Authority.

For some years now the Authority has been working to a management plan which sets out a timetable for various season activities, such as mowing and this plan has served to maintain a stable environment for the plant community.

The Authority is also seeking to expand the cemetery into an adjacent block and has obtained a change to the Territory Plan that will allow this. An environmental survey is to be conducted over the next few months to ensure that any special values remaining in the proposed extension are maintained.

The Authority welcomes any comment from the community regarding the future of Hall Cemetery and such comments should be addressed to:

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Hall School Centenary Photographs *Thanks to Alistair Crombie*

These are the photographs of students (and others) who attended the centenary celebrations, grouped in their relevant decades.



The Heralds of Spring - Magnolias by Sue Edmondson



The waxy chalice shaped blooms of Magnolias are set to once more delight all those who grow them. These lovely heralds of the springtime are among the finest of all flowering shrubs. For sheer prodigality of bloom they are unequalled – almost every twig produces its tulip-like flower. With the exception of a couple of species they are deciduous and the flowers appear before the foliage, making them even more attractive.

Coming predominantly from the Himalayas, Magnolias favour cooler districts. Magnolias will thrive in moist, well drained soils except those which are naturally alkaline. Their preference for slightly acid conditions can be assisted with regular mulching using cow manure or leaf-mulch. Mulching has another advantage. Magnolias have a dense fibrous root system which is comparatively shallow and the layer of cow manure acts as an insulator keeping the roots moist and cool in the hot summer months.

Magnolias are superb landscaping plants. They produce their branches with such great artistry so that no pruning and little or no shaping is required. If by chance a wayward branch does appear it should be shortened back immediately after flowering to allow the maximum time for new growth to develop and form flower buds for the following season. Magnolias are not troubled much by either disease or the attacks of insect pests; in fact they give very little trouble.

Although Magnolias need plenty of sunshine they are at their best when protected from the summer heat and strong dry winds which, in exposed situations, can quickly destroy a beautiful display of blooms and cause leaf burn. The best location is near a building or sheltered by other shrubs and trees.

Feeding should be carried out in early spring just when the new season's growth is beginning and the best way to do this is to scatter a ration of blood and bone or complete fertiliser into the cow manure or leaf mulch.

The most popular Magnolias are the several varieties of the hybrid "Soulangeana". One has rose pink tulip shaped flowers with white inner petals, another has slightly scented white flowers tinged with pink, still another has rich rosy red cup shaped flowers. Then there is the magnolia *M. denudata* or Yulan Tree with its large white sweetly scented flowers. This one is a real gem.

All of these deciduous Magnolias can be expected to reach about 15 ft in height with quite a wide spread so give them plenty of room. Some cultivars of the evergreen species can become sizeable trees. If you have a smallish garden, then the *M. stellata* species would be very suitable reaching about 6 feet in height.

As Magnolias are usually sold when in flower you'll find them in the nurseries and garden shops from late August and early Spring. Magnolias can also be propagated from cuttings taken in early summer, or from layers. Propagated this way they flower almost from the beginning.

And here's a practical hint. If after removing the plant from the container you find that it is even slightly root-bound, it is a good idea to gently loosen the outer roots. This will get it off to good start and assure rapid establishment in its permanent home.

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Hall Collectors by Bob Richardson



Club Secretary, Bill Pearson doing what he loves best - assembling a Vespa scooter. Normally an unassuming lad about town, Bill in his other guise assembles and disassembles all manner of equipment. In moments of creativity he has been seen crafting leather into horse bridals. Recent forays into the wilds of eBay rewarded Bill with a Vespa 1991 PX200. As you all probably know the PX200 is to die for. Problem—The treasure arrives in numerous boxes with no instructions! There were lots of unmarked plastic bags with nuts, bolts, screws and tiny other stuff all in pristine condition. Bill never hesitated. Young Dr. Frankenstein began to assemble his little monster. Sometime later the transformation was complete. Bill had his 1991 PX200 on the road. He told our reporter he has started on another model ready for the birth of his grandchild, due in a few weeks. [Editor's note—Bill's grandson, Max David Cook Fenton has now been born! See page 6.]



Hall collectors gather at the new Starr Function Centre. John Starr, Greg Hayes, Alan Monahan and mates spin a few yarns... as collectors do.



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Rotary News

Rotary Youth Exchange

We are currently hosting Jessica Yen from Brazil. Jessica will spend 3 months at each of 4 different homes of members of our club. She has been on many outings including an 18th birthday party we held for her. She attends school here in Canberra and has joined a soccer club and is greatly enjoying the experience.



New Board Members

The new board for the new financial year have begun their year of hard work. (see picture below) Members are...

- President—Barbara Baikie
- Vice President—John Hodson
- Immediate Past President—Vic Gibbons
- President Elect—Brian Goldstraw
- Secretary—Brian Goldstraw
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- Community Service Director—Chris Edwards
- International Service Director—Tamara Arnold
- Capital Region Farmer's Market Director—Clive Badelow
- Youth & Vocational Director—Liz Rodgers



Canberra's market favourites recognised at awards night

Media Release – 19 July 2011

The best of Canberra and regional stallholders from the Capital Region Farmers Market were last night recognised at the inaugural Capital Region Farmers Market Stallholder Awards.

"For the past two months we've been searching for who the public think are the best stallholders in eight people's choice categories," said Farmers Market spokesperson, Clive Badelow.

"We had eight clear standout winners in these categories, plus we were pleased to announce that the best overall stallholder award went to Hillside Orchard," he continued. Awards were announced for the best in vegetables; fruit; meat and seafood; baked goods; gourmet, fine foods and smallgoods; flowers, plants and garden; onsite, ready-made meals and food; and dairy and eggs.

The evening was a great success with Deputy Chief Minister, Andrew Barr, addressing the guests about the importance that the role of markets and small producers plays in the economic development of the capital region. "The Capital Region Farmers Market has reached a level where the produce is wonderful and the market experience is great for our customers each week. Plus there are numerous benefits for the small businesses involved as stallholders," Mr Badelow said.

"Our awards have also happened at a time when Canberrans' move to buying local produce is really picking up speed," he concluded.

The Capital Region Farmers Market in Canberra is a genuine farmers market with over 100 stalls offering a diverse range of fresh food and agricultural produce

straight from the producer to the customer. All funds generated from the Market are fed back into local and regional communities and other projects chosen by the **Rotary Club of Hall** which founded the Market in 2004. For more information go to www.capitalregionfarmersmarket.com.au Capital Region Farmers Market Stallholder Award Winners 2011...



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**Blessing of the Animals –
Sunday 9 October, 11.00 am**

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Rugby Union Bushrangers

The following is a summary of a recent survey of Hall Residents' about their issues and ideas for June 2011.

The Village of Hall and Progress Association (VHDPA) is most appreciative of the responses from residents to prioritise their wishes, ideas and issues for the future progress of our Village.

The suggestions were as follows:

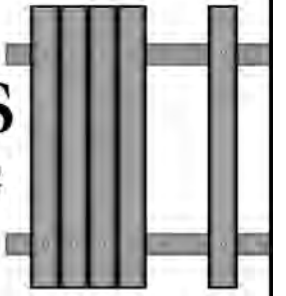
- create walking paths
 - landscape Pavilion grounds
 - landscape streetscape & entry to village
 - have a gateway to the showground
 - have a dog sculpture at the Pavilion/showground
 - other sculptures. Inclusiveness in the ACT Arts programmes.
 - create an enclosed dog exercise area with bins and water
 - have dog and/or horse trails/walks with bins and water
 - Construct a fitness trail
 - grade and gutter laneways
 - replace floor in Pavilion
 - have an Australia Day billy cart race
 - have night markets
 - develop a management and business programme for the community assets: Pavilion, Cottage & tennis court etc.
 - close off Victoria Street for a week-end & have stalls with local produce; ie wineries, food supplies, olives, art etc. Include a vintage car display. Have the eldest resident to 'cut the cake'. Promote the event in the media. Create an identity for Hall.
 - What are we trying to create for our Village? How do we market ourselves? We want to be proud of our Village!
- Issues of concern:**
- Drainage (major issue): Storm water damage in lanes and adjacent properties. Compliance audit required. Swimming pools being drained into laneways. Drainage overflow into people's homes. Children slipping into drains.
 - Street lighting in public areas not to ACT standards.
 - Completion of 8 Victoria St. Units. (Being undertaken after 9 years!)
 - School Bus & traffic control.
 - The dumping of waste, for example 50 tyres at the northern end of Victoria Street.

How should we proceed, fellow Villagers? Residential meeting? Residents to 'adopt' some of the suggestions? The VHDPA will undertake to resolve the issues of concern, with drainage being at the top of the list.

Thank you for your interest and concerns.

—Members of Hall Progress Association

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On 8 July, a small band of hardy souls braved the icy wind & dark night to share Peter & Trish Stuart-Smith's story of their recent flight around Australia – in a home-built sea plane!

Trish is the recently appointed priest in charge of St Michael & All Angels Anglican Church, and Trish and her husband Peter might just be the envy of all would-be adventurers who read this! Peter has had a long-held interest in sea-planes, since his father flew Catalina flying boats during WWII, and in recent years, Peter's dream was fulfilled when he bought and built a SeaRey amphibious plane. This tiny plane carries two people and just 30 kg of payload, and is able to take off & land on both land & water.

In 2008, Peter & Trish spent 2 months flying around the coastline of Australia re-tracing many of his father's war time flights. Those of us who ventured out to Hall Cottage on 8 July shared the journey by watching a DVD of Trish & Peter's journey.

What an adventure! What scenery! The little plane flies at about 500 feet altitude, so we enjoyed every detail of the landscape passing below – rugged headlands, sparkling beaches, rolling surf, thick bush.

Peter & Trish visited all the WWII Catalina bases – at most sites little remained but a search of the encroaching bush often revealed a few crumbled foundations, however Peter's clever editing included some of his father's photos taken when the bases were a busy and important part of our coastal defences.

Most overnight stops were in coastal towns, and Trish's filming often caught the surprised looks of local fishermen as the plane, not much bigger than the average 'tinny', suddenly landed close by. The trip was not one wrapped in luxury – of the plane's 30 kg payload about 20 kg was taken up with spares, hydraulic fluid etc, leaving just 10 kg to be shared for personal luggage, including the lightest sleeping bags etc for the occasions Trish and Peter camped on a lonely airstrip.

Peter & Trish have shared an amazing adventure, and those of us who braved the cold have shared it too. We hope that they will offer another screening when the weather is a little more clement.

Anyone with an interest in history, adventure, Australian landscape or the social experiment of two people spending 2 months crammed in a tiny cockpit is guaranteed of a great night's entertainment.

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Mosquitoes pick up heartworm larvae, or microfilariae, from one dog and inject more mature microfilariae into the next dog. These microfilariae migrate through the body to the heart and lung vessels where they disrupt blood flow and the pumping action of the heart.

Heartworm disease is insidious. It can take a few years for the number of heartworm in the heart and lung vessels to build up to the stage where they cause signs. The signs can be subtle at first but eventually quite deadly.

Working dogs show signs early. They knock up quickly especially in warmer weather.

Alarm bells ring when a previously keen dog prefers to sit under a tree or jump in the trough instead of pushing stock. If he gets out of breath before you leave the house yard then the disease is already quite advanced.

In more sedentary dogs the first sign is a cough, weight loss, and lack of interest in exercise. Dogs with massive infections faint or occasionally collapse and die with minor exertion.

Prevention of heartworm is easy and effective. A once a year treatment kills the microfilariae before they mature in the heart and lungs. A monthly tablet or chew is also very effective but for full protection you cannot afford to miss a dose.

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Shannon Wilson Wins Hairdressing Award

Hall Hair Salon, "The Shearing Shed" opened the champagne in congratulations to their employees who entered the State Hairdressing Competition 2011 at CIT.

Not content with being a super, state of the art Salon; two of the skilled staff, Shannon Wilson and Naomi Joiner put in the hard yards to compete in this year's state competition 2011.

Shannon Wilson fresh out of a 4 year apprenticeship went for the big market. "Open Bridal Total Look". Shannon specialises in this field and has competed in previous years.

Preparation is required. Research, internet search, pro-active planning and photo recording of overseas trends and Totallook ideas are some of the year long preparation if one is determined to take a shot at the "Open Bridal".



Shannon chose Kelsey Green as her model bride. Entrants are fully kitted out in full bridal gowns and accessories as they would be on their wedding day. (Not sure about the 3 carat diamond ring).

Colleague and fellow artist at the Shearing Shed, Naomi Joiner stepped up to the mark and presented her skills in the "Men's Catwalk and Cutting Event". This event has a time limit and competitors are on stage for all to assess. Shannon finished on the winners dais with a bronze 3rd. Naomi had not competed before and now has a

taste for the "high" of being the Champ.

Congratulations to the Shearing Shed team, the community is proud of you all. We are lucky to have such a bevy of delightful and highly skilled women operating a successful business in HALL.

—Bob Richardson

Ford Airconditioning

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees.

The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed. Now old man Ford was more than just a little antisemitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords.

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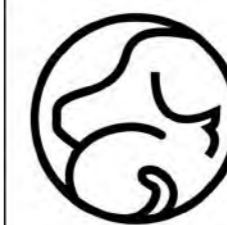
Winter shearing at Gold Creek West. Home of the Starr Family. Sheep go in jollywooly jumbucks come out hoping Jack Frost will give them a break!



Shearing time again at Gold Creek West, property of John and Craig Starr. 1600 sheep to put through in 3 days. Winter shearing often has sunny cool days. The ewes are in lamb ready for September lambing. A hard working young team of shearers keep the traditions alive with hard yakka and humour. Brett Robinson keeps the wool press going as he compresses the high quality wool into bales of gold fleece. Jody (JO) tables and sorts the fleeces, 3 fit young shearers expertly remove the wool for the sheep. There's —Wayne (Tommy), Nicolas (Cabbage) and NAT (Roy).



Brett Robinson and Jody feed the woolpress at Gold Creek West. Heavy work done with expertise and laughter.



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Friends of Hall School Museum



Friends of Hall School Museum complete a 5 week restoration skills training program. There's a lot of work to be completed to clean, prepare items for display and restore some damaged equipment.

The Men's Shed group have put their hands up to assist with repair of show cases and site maintenance. Phil Robson is Hall Heritage officer and can be contacted via the Hall website for further information.

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Keyholes in Time by Bob Richardson



1889 Rescue operations continue at Hamilton Colliery, Newcastle NSW. Workings collapsed and eleven men and boys were killed. Rescue was difficult with remaining roof unstable. Seven men who were rescued some injured,

received six pounds each from the mine owner, the AA company. Those who volunteered to attempt rescue operations were paid one pound per shift or until they reached a body. Many put their hand up to volunteer at a meeting at the Rouse Hotel Newcastle.

1875 Introduction of education in Britain was not appreciated by "the poorer classes". The London School Board was a name one that provoked fear. Ann Ward, who has 8 children, the youngest six months old and supported by a husband earning 26 shillings a week. Received a summons from the board relating to her children and their schooling. Ann became so distressed she drowned herself. Thank heaven we have learned from our past and moved on to a much more enlightened world.

1860 A hawker named Morris Green, disregarding advice he received at Goulburn to take a Bill of Exchange on his journey to Yass rather than take so much money, was camped in the bush when three men came into the camp and held up Green and his company. Green was deprived of 437 pounds in banknotes and robbed of his jewellery box. It was speculated that the three must have had prior knowledge of what he was carrying, rather than being opportunists.

Do you have a key hole in time that you would like to share? Contact your Rural Fringe editor or email it to — ruralfringe@hotmail.com

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Indonesian visitors to Hall School Museum



Good friends of the Hall School Museum, Dr Malcolm Beazley and Dr Geoffrey Burkhardt of the ANME wanted to show the visitors an example of an Australian school museum. They know the Hall museum well, having undertaken the task of creating an inventory of the entire collection.

The museum visit was followed by afternoon tea at the Cottage, kindly prepared by Margaret Morris.



The Hall School Museum hosted a visit from two members of the Yogyakarta State University during their five day study visit to Australia.

Yogyakarta State University has an educational museum which it is keen to expand, and are particularly interested in the model of the Australian National Museum of Education (ANME), based at the University of Canberra.

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From the Editor...

Just a tiny space left for my editorial this time. The 'circle of life' has really hit home for me with this issue with the passing of three people and the birth of three (see pages 1, 6 & 7). Be sure to let us know if you have any significant events in your family by emailing ruralfringe@hotmail.com. Until next edition...

Regards,
 Lee Corrigan

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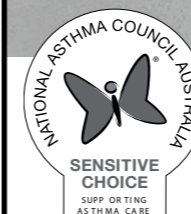
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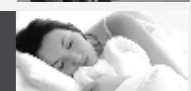
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