

# RURAL FRINGE

*Journal of the Hall district*



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February 2012

Wishing all our families and our community  
a safe and happy new year!

from

## Hall Preschool



## Christmas past in Hall



Hall had a Christmas market, a Christmas wedding at our pavilion, our own Wood Duck Christmas Santa arrival in a luxury car, Mrs and Mr Santa at the school cottage, a giant Christmas tree with lights in the Park, the Australian Bureau of Statistics Christmas at the old show ground, and it's own Christmas edition of it's community newspaper .

*" He puzzled and puzzled  
till his puzzler was sore.*

*Then the Grinch thought of  
something he hadn't before.*

*Maybe Christmas, he thought ...  
doesn't come from a store.*

*Maybe Christmas, perhaps ...  
means a little bit more!*



See more  
inside this  
issue!

Old  
Father Time  
welcomes in  
the New Year



# Hall Markets



Victoria Street Brass Band at the December Hall Markets



December Hall Markets at the Showground

## Clean Up Australia Day



Sunday 4th March 2012

Site organised by the  
Walleroo & Spring Range Residents' Group  
and the  
Walleroo Rural Fire Brigade

Meeting Point: **Walleroo Fire Shed**  
Start time: **8.00 am**  
End time: **12.00 noon**

Please register ahead of time at  
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Fire Shed on the 4th  
before you start collecting

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or email: [allwood3@aapt.net.au](mailto:allwood3@aapt.net.au)

## National Sheepdog Trials

Tuesday 13th – Sunday 18th March 2012  
Hall Showground



Tuesday 13th March

### Wine & Cheese Welcome

6–8pm  
Gold coin donation.

Wednesday 14th March:

### Morning Tea & Scones

10am – 12pm  
Gold coin donation.

Thursday 15th March:

### The Dogs Dinner

6pm–7pm: Wine & nibbles.  
7pm–10pm:  
Dinner & Entertainment

\$30 (See insert for  
dinner reservations)



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Tony and Margaret  
Morris

Congratulations to  
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on the 16th December

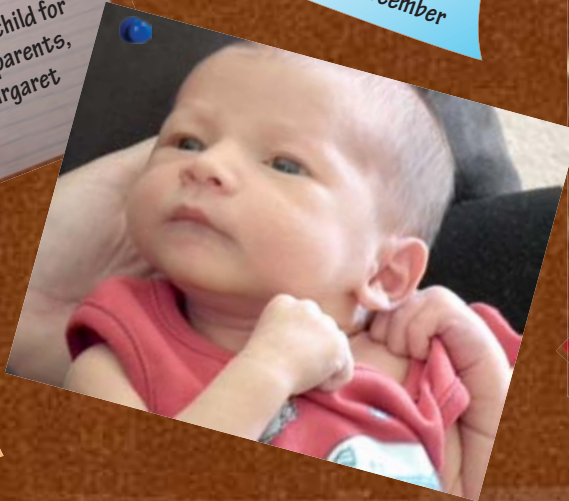
## WANTED

Volunteers to man the gates  
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17-18 March at the Hall  
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## 4th Annual Twilight Concert



The Hall Village Brass Band  
will present a free Twilight Concert  
at 5.00 pm on Sunday 25th March  
at the school.

The Band will be under the direction of new  
Bandmaster, Viv Martin, for this now well  
established annual event.

The concert will be on the grass, with some  
seating provided. Bring a blanket, a bottle, and  
something to nibble while you enjoy the music of  
our very own Brass Band!

# West Texas Crude

at the Canberra Country Music Festival



Local Hall Band West Texas Crude withstood 32 degree heat to play at the Canberra Country Music Festival in November 2011. They played a set of their originals.

Copies of the CD can be purchased at the Hall Premier Store.

Video of several of the songs can be seen at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTE-9ESdNX4&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51ngIwoZ17E>

## BE PREPARED FOR THE FIRE SEASON

Act now don't make a last minute decision.

Prepare your family's written Evacuation Plan now.

Include your pets in your emergency procedures.

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When it's code RED, what will you do?

Prepare to leave early, don't wait to see the flames.

For help and advice contact Hall Rural Brigade and/or Hall Community fire unit.

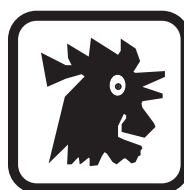
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# Marjorie's Christmas

Each Christmas Marjorie Rule lovingly plans, organises and presents her special Hall Christmas with the arrival of Mr and Mrs Santa, and the distribution of gifts. Five years ago Marj had a the idea to create a special Hall Christmas for the children of her church group. Marj funded the organisation and delivery of the gift giving from her own pocket. That's REAL Christmas giving: time, love and money.



Hall community is honoured to have generous friends and neighbours like Marj and Greg Rule.

Born in Canberra at Pierces Creek, Marjorie came to Hall 35 years ago and has been with us ever since. Marj and Greg met in 1970 at a Hall Pavilion Dance where Ann and Brian O'Connor introduced Marjorie to their Uncle Greg Rule. Greg is a man of all trades and skills; predominately a shearer, but worked at the Old Parliament House as an



Attendant. They were married in 1976 in their house at Loftus St, Hall and have lived there ever since. Marjorie worked for Telstra as a telephonist and has many stories to tell of the early history of Canberra. (There will be more on that in future editions of your Rural Fringe) After working for Telstra from 1976 till 2000, Marj moved employment to Myer Department Store and has been there for 12 years. Marjorie has three sons from a previous marriage. Ian, 50 years, Andrew, 48 and Mathew, 45.

This last year, 2011, Marjorie's Christmas had 40 children. It's becoming a huge event. The parents now fund the gifts and the celebration is held at the School Cottage which is ideal. This year was a brilliant success and Marjorie's Christmas will continue.



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A Christmas bush wedding at the Hall Pavilion, with the Hall Village Brass Band



Hall Volunteer Fire Brigade Christmas party, with an innovative 'fire hose' Christmas tree!



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# National Arboretum

## Canberra

by **Lisa Walmsley**

A little while ago, I made the pilgrimage to the National Arboretum, as a Friend of the Arboretum I felt it was time to become acquainted with the site while it was still in its youth.

What a treasure the 250 hectare plot of bushfire ravished land is turning out to be. This is a wonderful example of a blessing in disguise. The devastating fires in Canberra in 2003 took out thousands of hectares of farming land and pine forests and have forced us to use our ingenuity and creativity.

Of course Walter Burley Griffin, Canberra's architect, in his original drawings had included an arboretum in this space but too many other things prioritised the evolution of Canberra and it was left out until now. In its juvenile state, the arboretum is already splendid. Enormous amounts of soil have been moved around the site, creating soft rolling hills framing expansive valleys and enhanced by terracing which has the effect of wind on sand. There is a westerly aspect to the site but most of the fall is to the east. The views are sensational, with areas at the top of the site having 360 degree views. The eastern views sweep across the valley taking in the Zoo, Lake Burley Griffin, Woden, Civic, Black Mountain and out as far as the airport. As the forests mature, views will be less obvious but trees will frame and provide long vistas to the focal points beyond. This is a prime piece of real estate and is being used to its absolute optimum. I can't wait to watch it grow.

Of the 100 forests to be planted, 65 are now in, that's about 29,000 trees and counting. Each forest contains rare, threatened and symbolic tree species from around the world. Collection of trees and seeds has been a fascinating exercise on its own, with many trees no longer growing



in the wild and seed collection proving to be interesting to say the least. With the ideal seed collection coming from a minimum of 30 trees, many of these rare specimens don't have stands that big in nature. There are plantations of certain species of trees bigger in the arboretum than anywhere else in the world.

Within each forest, the trees have been planted to form different patterns and shapes. The Bunya Pine forest is planted in the shape of a heart and some

of the trees were planted by Glenn McGrath and his family in honour of his wife Jane the founding member of Jane McGrath Foundation. The tree guards on site are all pink and a percentage of the profit of these goes to the McGrath Foundation.

Originally, electric fences were constructed around the forests, but the local fauna had not received that memo and the fences proved useless. With further experimentation, it was discovered that tree guards taller than the average roo were viewed as a threat and treated with contempt by kangaroos, so they too had to be re-assessed.

It was mentioned that in time, giraffes' may be encouraged through the underpass from the zoo, to graze in various areas of the arboretum, that is my idea of biodiversity and what a lovely site from the GDE when you are driving past.

There is still so much to do and many areas of construction including the visitors centre, the reflection pavilion a water wise garden and the new home for the national bonsai and penjing collection of Australia. But even in its juvenile state, it is easy to see that the arboretum is going to be a National Treasure.



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# Riverview Fresh Hazelnuts

As seen on "Mecurio's Menu"

by **Les** and **Robyn Beresford**

Each February Les and Robyn Beresford invite members of the public to pick their hazelnuts at "Riverview". Their hazelnut farm was established some 14 years ago in the grasslands on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River at 1173 Wallaroo Road, Hall. The hazelnuts were planted on gentle slopes and follow the contour lines, and there are over a dozen varieties of hazelnuts in their orchard of 1000 trees

The "Riverview" hazelnuts are unique in that they are grown as bushes rather than trees. Hazelnuts are a bush in their natural state. This makes the "Riverview" hazelnut orchard easier to pick from as well as being ideal for a "pick your own" family experience.

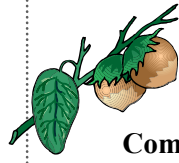
Once again February and the "Pick your Own" hazelnut season is fast approaching and Les and Robyn invite you and your family to visit their farm and pick your own hazelnuts. Hazelnuts can be eaten when freshly picked from the bush (after cracking them from the shell), and eaten raw, dried or roasted to intensify their flavor. Most of us know hazelnuts from "in the shell" or wrapped in chocolate. Freshly picked hazelnuts are great in salads, eaten raw with grapes and cheese as a snack, or sprinkled over desserts. Paul Mecurio made an apple hazelnut tart, braised them with prawns and tossed them in a salad. They can even be used in soups, biscuits, cakes etc --- their uses are as flexible as you can be creative.

Health wise, hazelnuts are higher in Vitamin E and have more monounsaturated fats than other nuts. They are also an excellent food for maintenance of healthy blood and development of muscle cells due to their generous supply of nutrients - iron, copper and manganese. Hazelnuts also supply ample amounts of calcium and potassium.

When you visit "Riverview", Les and Robyn will give you information on how to care for your "Riverview Fresh Hazelnuts" – unlike other fresh food products, when correctly cared for, hazelnuts will last indefinitely in their shell. Les and Robyn have had delicious hazelnuts from their orchard more than two years after they were picked from their bushes.

So look for the advertisement in this Rural Fringe giving details of directions and details of picking times. Les and Robyn look forward to welcoming you to "Riverview" and your "Pick Your Own Fresh Hazelnuts" experience.

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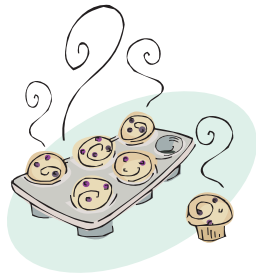


## Search for Grandma's best recipes

Do you have a family favourite recipe and an accompanying anecdote you would like to share with others? Your recipe could be biscuits or beef, scones or soup - just as long as the recipe is a family favourite and has an interesting story to tell.

The recipes will make up a boxed collection to be printed by Artforme Letterpress Studio and made available from the Hall Premier Store. If your recipe and story is included in the collection you will receive a complimentary box of recipes. So, if you have a recipe you would like to see in the collection, please drop it into the Hall Premier Store (with your name and contact number) or email it to:

sam@artforme.com.au  
by 29 February 2012.

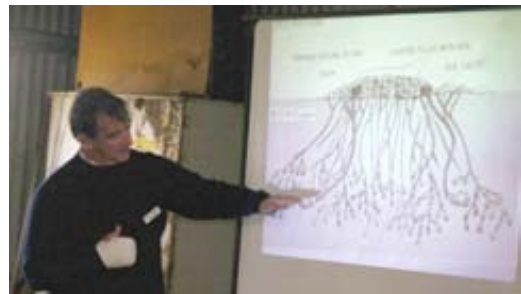


# Dung Beetle

## field day at Minto

by **Chris Stuart**

Chris & Greg Stuart, of Minto Galloways, recently held a dung beetle field day at their Hall property. John Feehan, OAM, formerly from CSIRO, where Chris worked for many years, presented the talk to an audience of local people and Galloways Australia members.



John Feehan showing how far dung beetles tunnel 

John emphasized that dung beetles were a natural way to return dung to the soil, with all the benefits that come from removing surface dung – particularly removing the breeding ground of many flies and parasites, incorporating organic material back into the soil, breaking up compacted soils and allowing better water penetration. Chris & Greg have worked hard to improve their soil, using sewerage ash and compost rather than commercial fertilizers. They practice rotational grazing and find that their Galloway cattle are ideal for browsing all sorts of rough pasture and weeds, as well as improved pastures. The result is that their cattle produce well marbled beef which Chris & Greg sell at the local Rotary run Capital Region Farmers market.

Greg also gave a talk on cattle handling for some of the newer members of the association. Galloways Australia often holds cattle handling field days at Minto and local residents are always welcome to attend.



Examining enriched soil with dung beetles. 

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# Community Christmas Party in the Park

by **Allyson Wedrat**

10 December 2011

Like all events that are subject to the elements, we are at the mercy of the Gods. This year the Gods were smiling. We had the best weather so that we could all listen to the Hall Brass Band play an array of Christmas carols and for the children to meet Santa and collect their present.

One of the highlights each year is to find a different form of transport for Santa to arrive in. This year Santa arrived in a Z6 Corvette, in a matching red colour no less (so he can go fast I guess). Prior to his arrival, Santa and his "sleigh" did the rounds of all the streets of Hall, ringing his bell and dishing out lots of lollies. He then paid a visit to the retirement village and gave out hampers to each unit.

The number of children receiving a present from Santa was well down from previous years. Usually there are approximately 165 children. This year there was only 75 but that didn't mean there was less fun to be had. Families still



came and set up picnics and caught up with friends, old and new, that they hadn't caught up with for awhile.

As usual there are a few people I would like to thank. First of all, a big thank you to Santa "Phil" (Carey) for his presence and to his partner in crime (Rudolf??), Troy Mayger for the loan of his "sleigh", Shaun O'Connor for his microphone system and putting up the lights in the "Christmas Tree" (at his own expense) at the Canberra Rural

Stockfeeds, Chris Coulton for allowing us to use the tree and his electricity, the Hall Brass Band for entertaining us every year in great style, and a number of "elves" for helping out with the food stall, setting up, pulling down and wrapping presents – Phil Goode, Zac Goode, Daniel Guy, Warren "Wazza" Calder and Naomi Joiner. Sorry if I have left anyone out but know you are owed a big thank you.

See you all again on the 8 December 2012 for more carols, great music and great friendships.

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# Trivia night for Utopia dogs

6:30pm, Saturday 25th February  
Jamison Southern Cross Club



Hall Vet Surgery's Dr Kate King and Nurse Geraldine Wickham will run a desexing and health clinic for the dogs of the Indigenous communities of Utopia, near Alice Springs in March.

They join a Canberra veterinary team working with the national organisation, AMRRIC (Animal Management in Rural and Remote Communities). The volunteers will desex & treat dogs for diseases that they can pass to children of the community.

A trivia night at Jamison Southern Cross Club will raise money for equipment, drugs, travel and surgical materials for the clinic.

Buy your tickets for \$20 from Hall Vet Surgery.

Make up a table of eight for a night of fun.

Be in the draw for lucky door prizes, join in silent auctions and bid for a beautiful Indigenous art work.

The veterinary team has established a strong working relationship with the communities of Utopia and ACT AMRRIC volunteers to visit Utopia at least twice a year. To make an impact on the communities' dog population and improve dog and human health they must make regular visits.

If you see cup cakes, raffle tickets or vouchers for sale when you visit the Surgery please donate generously!

*Your support is vital.*

**contact: Kate 0417 666 225**  
**Geraldine 0409 011 530**

# Hall Preschool

news

by **Anna Sheargold**

You may have noticed the gorgeous Gingerbread House on display in the Hall Premier Store before Christmas.

In a kind gesture of Christmas spirit, community minded Spence resident Maximiliane Bohl made and generously donated this authentic German gingerbread house to the Hall Preschool for our Christmas Raffle. We are most grateful for Maxi's thoughtfulness and support.



The winner of the Gingerbread House was Isobel Shearman, and the Hamper of Christmas treats won by Pam Errington.

(Whilst the Gingerbread House took an entire day to make, we have heard that it was absolutely delicious and took family members much less time to devour).

Thank you to all those who supported our preschool by purchasing tickets for our raffles during the year, and those who donated items for the hamper.

We also thank Hall Premier Store for displaying our raffle prizes, helping with ticket selling and hosting the drawing of our raffles.

Hall Preschool has remained open due in part to the resolve of our community to continue supporting and promoting Hall Preschool, and we hope that our community will continue to support our preschool in 2012. Fundraisers already planned for this year include our ever-popular **Easter raffle**, and also **Sausage Sizzle** at the **Twilight performance** of the **Hall Village Brass Band** on Sunday 25th March.

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# Wallaroo Fires

Wallaroo Rural Fire Brigade report

by **Rod Roberts**

The members of the Wallaroo Rural fire Brigade would like to wish our community a safe and prosperous 2012.

Summer has finally arrived and the grasses are very quickly drying out. The brigade has been busy already this season with calls to fires, car fires, motor vehicle accidents and property inspections.

The grass growth this year will present the potential for a very busy fire season locally. Care will need to be taken in doing all those maintenance tasks around dwellings and sheds, especially those involving machinery. If mowing, it is best done very early in the morning when the moisture level is generally higher. Do not undertake these activities on days of Total Fire Ban; with the right conditions a single spark can ignite grasses very easily, and spread quickly, destroying homes, crops and valuable items like sheds and machinery.

Since our community letter we have had 7 people indicate that they wish to join the brigade and are set to undertake the BF [basic fire-fighter] course starting in February. It is not too late if others wish to join and participate. The brigade meets most Wednesdays at the Wallaroo fire shed, 468 Wallaroo road from 6pm – 8pm.

The Rural Fire Service is made up of volunteers from all walks of life - men and women from different cultural backgrounds, age groups and professions. Rural fire brigades are a reflection of every local community. Becoming a volunteer fire-fighter is easier than most people think. Brigades offer training ranging from bush fire-fighting, village fire-fighting and first aid to breathing apparatus operation. We don't just offer fire-fighting roles, we have a multitude of areas that require volunteers. Communications, catering, logistics, planning and aviation support are critical – there is a job for nearly everyone in the RFS. We rely heavily on the support of people from all backgrounds in our community. The people that make up our Service are as different as the society that we protect. The minimum age to join the Rural Fire Service as a volunteer is 16 years.



From the RFS Website: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

There are steps you can take to be safer and are you "Prepared to Survive"?

Being prepared this bush fire season is an important part of protecting your family and home from the impacts of bush fires. A key to being prepared is to understand the level of bush fire risk you and your property are exposed to and the ways you can reduce this risk. The NSW Rural Fire Service has developed the following stepped process that ensures your *Bush Fire Survival Plan* is appropriate for your circumstances. To access these tools simply log on to the RFS web site and go to the "For the Community" section and follow the steps: These include **Step 1** – *Household Assessment Tool*, **Step 2** – *Bush Fire Survival Tool*, **Step 3** – *Prepare Your Property Checklist* and **Step 4** – *Recovery after a Fire*, or contact the brigade for these tools.

The brigade email address has change to:

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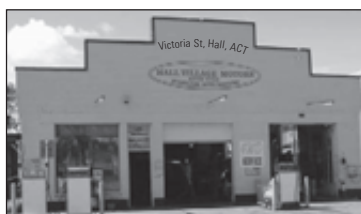
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# Out and about



Australian Bureau of Statistics Christmas Party has been held at the Hall Showground for nearly a decade. Many children will fondly remember Christmas at Hall



# Happy Birthday Stan!

It's birthday time for another of Hall's senior citizens. You can't tell by the cut of his jib but Stan Sparrow has recorded 77 years on the highseas of life. Born in 1935, Stanley Raymond Sparrow (known by some as Capt. Jack of the Black Pearl); Stan is shown in the photograph with a replica of the Pearl presented by his family (crew).



Great year 1935, end of the great depression and beginning of the second world war. Stan lived in Sydney at Randwick went to school at Coogee, then Sydney High.

After the war, tradesmen were in short supply, so Stan took on a trade as a plumber. He played rugby league for Coogee and moved to Randwick Rugby Union 1957-59. He joined his young mate Ken Thornett and travelled to England. Ken stayed to play for Leeds, Stan came home in 1962 and gained a university entrance to Sydney University. He was recruited by the Federal public service spending 7 years in Trade/ Industry. Stan then went back to the building game, picked up another degree and became a teacher. Stan continues to teach at age 77 on a non-permanent contract, as he was over 60 when he signed on. He plans to go on with his teaching because of the enjoyment and the endless learning involved.

Stan came to live in Hall in 1987. He wanted a country rural environment with easy access to hospitals, libraries, schools and the feeling of community.



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# Summer Tasting Evening

by **Trudy Mansfield**

## at the Hall Premier Store

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Our local vineyards were represented by The Canberra Wine Collection, Barton Estate, The Quarry, Pankhurst Wines, Teamus Wines. It's always lovely to support the local vineyards, and enjoy a local bottle of wine amongst friends.

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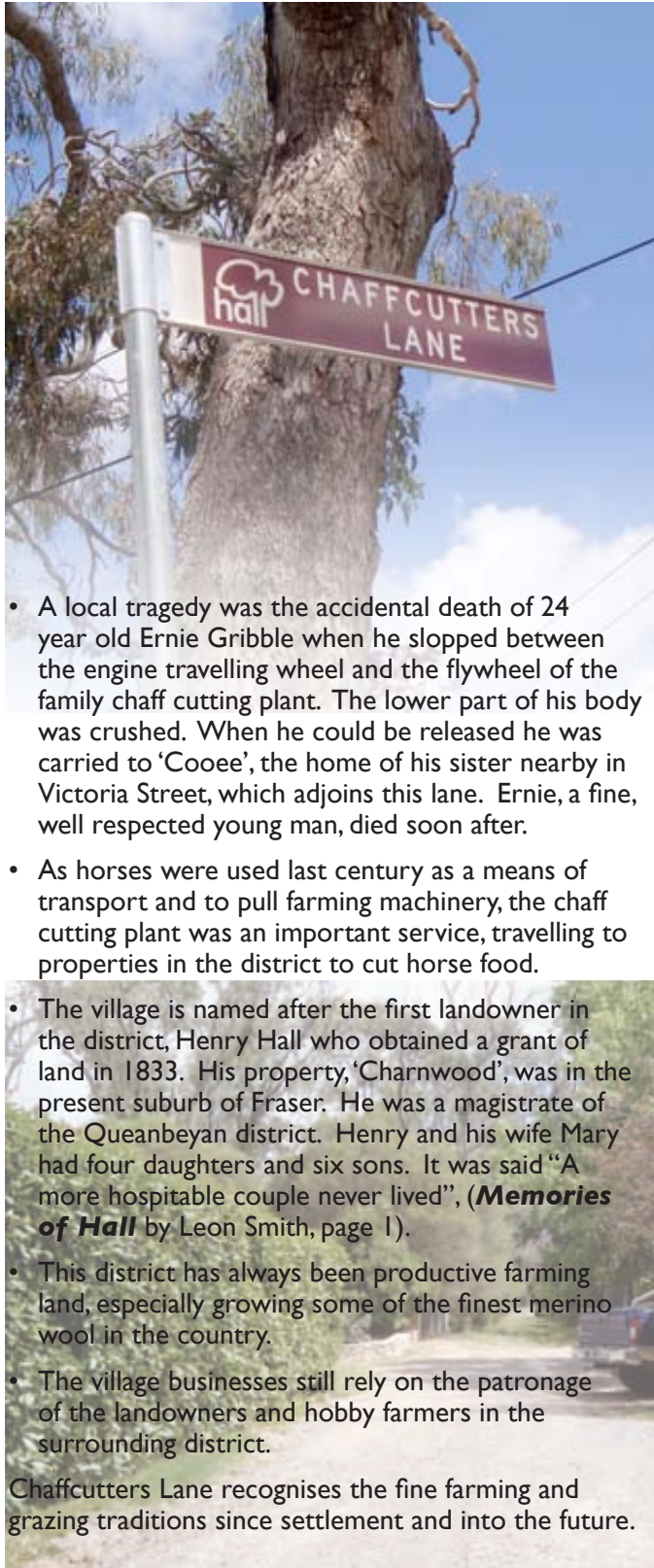
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# Lanes

of Hall ... the fourth in a series of  
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- A local tragedy was the accidental death of 24 year old Ernie Gribble when he slopped between the engine travelling wheel and the flywheel of the family chaff cutting plant. The lower part of his body was crushed. When he could be released he was carried to 'Cooee', the home of his sister nearby in Victoria Street, which adjoins this lane. Ernie, a fine, well respected young man, died soon after.
- As horses were used last century as a means of transport and to pull farming machinery, the chaff cutting plant was an important service, travelling to properties in the district to cut horse food.
- The village is named after the first landowner in the district, Henry Hall who obtained a grant of land in 1833. His property, 'Charnwood', was in the present suburb of Fraser. He was a magistrate of the Queanbeyan district. Henry and his wife Mary had four daughters and six sons. It was said "A more hospitable couple never lived", (**Memories of Hall** by Leon Smith, page 1).
- This district has always been productive farming land, especially growing some of the finest merino wool in the country.
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# Beer Club

by **Nigel Page**

In September 2009 there was a gathering of Beer Sommeliers that was headed by a small group of ex Rugby Union players from the "The Hall Bushrangers" and a mixture of current players and friends. This was the first meeting of what has aptly been named the "Australian Beer Club".

The principle reason why the club was set up was to provide opportunities for members to meet regularly to appreciate the different styles of beers from both International and Australian brewers in a relaxed and informal environment.

We also use our gatherings to raise awareness and conduct fundraising activities related to different causes and charities in the Canberra community.

We have limited the membership to approximately 50 members to keep an eye of exclusivity. New members are introduced to the ABC generally via one of our Beer Nights. A new member is an invited guest of a current member and is given the opportunity to go on our membership waiting list. Once a vacancy becomes available they are welcomed to the fraternity. The new member is officiated and recognised with the granting of the 'FEZ'. A fashion accessory all our lady folk are very jealous of.



The formula we have been using is pretty simple; every 2 months we source a venue and we ask them to put on a minimum of 4 beers and 4 tapas style food dishes that complement each beer. We also ask the venue to provide a beer guru where possible and have them explain the complexities of each beer and the matching of the different food dishes to each beer.



Our club covers a wide range of demographics within our community. We have members who are tradies, public servants, small business owners, teachers, bankers, lawyers & farmers to name a few. All of our members have the same interest, trying different beers.

Several of our members recently travelled to Hobart to attend the 2011 Beerfest. All of the feedback has been very positive and we can certainly recommend this event to any beer lover.

We have just had our 13th ABC gathering and we can't see any reason why we won't be having many more.

We have recently set up a new web site: [www.australianbeerclub.net.au](http://www.australianbeerclub.net.au) and we are in the process of completing the

paper work to incorporate our association, which will help us with any future fundraising activities. Please feel free visit our web site and read the reviews from our past ABC gatherings.

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## Letters to the editor

# Bits from Bette

### Who speaks for the whales?

They certainly need friends as they have plenty of cruel, ruthless enemies who murder them on site. The failure and indifference of the Australian Government over many years to protect these defenceless creatures in our waters is shameful and an unnecessary tragedy,

We must cease the annual slaughter and harvesting of the remaining whales on our planet which continues unabated on our watch. Paul Watson has lead a team of fearless activists, who have put their own lives at risk many times to stop this unnecessary slaughter of whales. Paul Watson captains the "Sea Shepherd" with the support of volunteers and funding from 'Friends of the Whales'. The combination of gutless, democratically elected governments and the financial muscle of Japan ensures the mindless, continued, irrational murdering of these defenceless creatures. Demonising the anti-whalers is a pathetic attempt to justify the genuflection to a cruel and savage trading partner. A visit to the sea shepherd web site is enlightening.

Bob Richardson

### "Ode to the Oldies"

*I remember the cheese of my childhood  
And the bread we cut with a knife,  
When we all helped with the housework  
And men went to work — not the wife!  
The cheese never needed an icbox,  
And the bread was so crusty and hot,  
Ms kids were seldom unhappy,  
And Mum was content with her lot.*

*I remember the milk from the billy  
With lot of thick cream on the top,  
Our dinner came hot from the oven,  
And not from the fridge at the shop!  
Ms kids were a lot more contented,  
We didn't need money for 'kicks'  
But a game with our mates in the paddock  
Or sometimes a day at the flicks.*

*I remember the shop at the corner  
Where a penneth of lollies was sold,  
Some think I'm a bit too nostalgic ...  
Or is it I'm just getting old?*

Thank God for Family History, eh !!

### Great Local Dining Experience

Recently we discovered a delightful dining experience on our doorstep. "Versatile" (which is also known as Functions at Federation) at Federation Square offered a three course meal for \$55 or \$45 for two courses.

The setting was lovely, the food superb and the service very good. The owner, Andrew Hollands also runs Ellacure at Bruce and Soju Girl in the City and knows how to put a great meal on the table. Ros loved the fresh vegetables which came as a matter of course and I loved the pan seared scallops as an entrée.

Hugh Watson



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# Wattle Park

## Uniting Church

Pastor **Bernie Rogers**

Well another Christmas has gone and we enter the new year with lots of hope for a good one. At Wattle Park we had another good attendance for our traditional Christmas Eve carol service where we hear seven readings regarding the birth of Jesus and sing ten traditional carols. I always give the congregation a special present by limiting the sermon to three minutes! This service always has a special feeling as our church building seems to get that extra special "look" about it at dusk.

Christmas Day numbers were down, but it was most pleasing to have so many interstate visitors. The fact that so many of our regulars were away this year obviously affected attendance. We certainly wish them all a safe return.



As always I would like to remind you that you are all very welcome any Sunday at 10.30 am and I trust that 2012 will indeed be very happy for you.

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Pastor Bernie

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# Museum

## Musings



**Phil Robson** Honorary Curator

Happy New Year to you all!

The Hall School Museum Conservation Group is back in action having returned to duty on 12 January.

2012 will be a big year for the Museum with the finalisation of the displays in the building, the cleaning and accessioning of all books and objects, the setting up of a museum webpage, continued specialised conservation and other training, promotion of the museum with flyers and links to other museums and of course, the ACT Heritage Festival in April where we will be focussing on "Bush Schools in the Hall District", and more!

Who is it?



Due to the overwhelming lack of responses to the last "Who is it?" photo, I still don't know anything about it! Perhaps it was taken in the 1920's?



However, I shall persist with another! This T Ford is having a tyre change. Can any of our readers please tell us about this photo eg. who is in it, where and when the photo was taken?

The prize for the person to identify the photo will receive a free conducted tour around the Hall School Museum for two.

I recently visited the Batemans Bay Old Courthouse Museum. The museum contains a wide range of interesting items covering all aspects from life from the early days of the region. The Museum has an active group of volunteers and I recommend that you take the time to visit when you are down that way. Details can be found on their website: <http://www.batemansbaymuseum.com/index.html>

If you would like to join our team of conservation volunteers that meets on Thursday mornings from 9am until 12noon at the school. If you have any old photos or memorabilia relating to Hall School, the Village or the surrounding district and are willing to donate or allow me to copy them, please let me know at [p.robson50@optusnet.com.au](mailto:p.robson50@optusnet.com.au) or 62595221.

Many thanks to Richard Fulton who donated cricket gear and old fire fighting equipment and to Tony Hazleton for the oil heater. These items will be added to the 'Yesteryear' collection. Any other items of interest would be much appreciated, particularly items relating to early Hall School or the Hall District.

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# St Michael and All Angels

## Anglican Church

As Christmas holidays come to an end and the new school year starts, parishioners and visitors to St Michael & All Angels Anglican Church are remembering the joy of Christmas which was celebrated in a number of ways. Many attended the Combined Carols presented at the North Belconnen Baptist Church on 18 December. This is an annual community event presented jointly by churches of all denominations in the Belconnen area, involving carols from local choirs, community carol singing, wandering shepherds, barbecue and a great family picnic atmosphere.

On 11 December, St Michael's welcomed a full house of visitors and parishioners for our Service of Lessons & Carols. The little church in the centre of the village looked a picture filled with candles as we heard the true Christmas story told in 6 short bible readings and some favourite carols, including a beautiful presentation of 'Away in a Manger' sung by all the children. St Michael's was again filled to capacity on the night of Christmas Eve as we once more enjoyed the beauty of candle light for a traditional service. Then what a joy to welcome Christmas Day itself when Christians all around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus.



A Shepherd, Mary and her baby, and an angel at the Combined Christmas Carols



Rev Trish Stuart-Smith with Hayden Park at the Service of Lessons of Carols

Residents of Hall and visitors are always welcome to share our regular Sunday Services at St Michael's. Services are held at 11am each Sunday, and during school terms our children enjoy Starshine Club in Hall Cottage at the same time. Our Youth Club is growing – teenagers from our parish join with others from St Paul's Ginninderra for activities on alternate Fridays. Please contact our Parish Office for further information about these and other parish activities – phone 6258 6088

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Kingsley Southwell remembers seeing 'Limelight' here, a famous film by Charlie Chaplin.

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# Annual Cook Memorial Cricket match

sports reporter **Bob Richardson**

Craig Sheargold of Hall, captains the Cook memorial cricket club. Each year since 1986 (15 years ) Cook memorial cricket club has played an annual single test match against a locally recruited World Eleven. These challenge matches have been played at Hall since 2000. This year the World 11 fielded players from India, Nationalist China and Spain. Cook won the test match played at Christmas 2011 in Hall. So it is back to back wins for Cook MCC who also won last year's 2010 challenge.

The weather as usual produced rain. This is part of the tradition for the match , as it rains even in drought years. This may explain why there are so many ducks on the score sheet.



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by **John Howlett**

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There have been many changes to FBT over the years but one of the most recent was the introduction of a flat statutory rate of 20% for motor vehicles.

The previous system provided an incentive to travel more kilometres in a year as this reduced the applicable FBT rate. Needless to say that this wasn't a very environmentally friendly policy. There are still two methods for valuing car fringe benefits and while the operating cost (log book) method has not changed, the change to a flat rate for the statutory method will be phased in over four years starting on 10th May 2011. This change only applies to cars purchased after that date but there will be winners and losers from this. If you travel less than 15,000kms per year your FBT rate reduces from 26% to 20% while if you travel more than 25,000 kms per year your rate increases from 11% to 20%.

Another common FBT query is what items can be provided to an employee without attracting FBT. The main FBT exempt items are certain work related items such as mobile phone, protective clothing, tools of the trade, briefcases, computer software, minor benefits costing less than \$300, relocation expenses, laptops and portable electronic devices. In today's IT dependent society, there is an increasing number of people with mobile phones, tablets such as the iPad and laptops. Even though all three devices have common characteristics they can all be used for different functions and so can be provided FBT free to an employee as long as they pass the "work test" and are used more than 50% of the time for work purposes.

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# International Women's Group visit Hall



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Ned, the resident dog, waits to catch the boomerang, to the delight of the audience.

Local and overseas delegates met at Hall. The venue was West Gold Creek Function Centre, property of Craig and John Starr.

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# Discovering different Tomatoes

by **Owen Pidgeon**

phone: 6230 2557

During the years when our children attended Hall Primary School, there was a propagation nursery at the back of the school. Some years there was a wonderful array of little plants being grown from seed. In similar fashion, we have been discovering a number of heirloom type tomatoes during the past two summers.

Many varieties have a rich history and well as a rich flavour. They come from as far away as Russia, Italy, France and the Czech Republic. In a manner of speaking they represent the rich heritage of families who have lived in the Hall district over the years. Let me describe a few of the select varieties.

**Cour di Bue** is an Oxheart type Italian heirloom and a favourite among the country people of Italy. It is also known as the **'Bulls Heart'** and **'Giant Ox Heart'** tomato, with fruit weighing in at around 150-180 gm. It is a lovely slicing tomato due to its dense meaty flesh, and few seeds. Also a good tomato for making sauce and it is unbeatable in salads or when served with slices of fresh Mozzarella and basil.

**Rouge de Marmande** is the classic beefsteak type French heirloom variety dating back to 1925. It is early

maturing and the bush will produce clusters of 170gm deep scarlet red, slightly flattened, ribbed tomatoes. It has been prized by cooks as it has outstanding flavour and very few seeds. As it can withstand colder conditions it will set more fruit in Canberra as the days become cooler. It has good disease and pest resistance.



**Black Krim** is one of the Russian heirloom varieties producing large, 350gm, beefsteak type tomatoes. It has a dark red to maroon colour and the fruit has a rich flavour. The shoulders of the tomatoes have a dark green blush but the flesh is dark red. It is a heavy producer but the fruit is prone to cracking in wet weather.

**Black Russian** is one of the best black heirloom tomatoes. The fruit is round, medium in size, with a purple blush and the flesh is dark chocolate red in colour. It has a superb complex taste.

**Jaune Flamme** is a favourite of mine. It is a French heirloom tomato which is round and medium in size with an orange to apricot colour. The fruit is sweet and juicy with a full bodied taste. Excellent for eating. This variety is early maturing and the bushes are prolific.

**Olomovic** is a delightful little round tomato which comes from the Czech Republic. It is early maturing and a



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prolific producer of small - medium, red, globe shaped fruit to 40 mm. Its flesh is firm and so it is ideal for bottling, cooking, sauces, pastes and drying. It performs well in Canberra and this season gave us our first tomatoes – at Christmas time.

The **Yellow Roma** is a variant on the versatile paste tomato. It has a beautiful bright lemon yellow fruit which can be 9 - 11cm long. The plants produces good yields of sweet and smooth tasting fruit that are thick and meaty. The thick wall of the Roma makes it perfect for salsa and it can be used for making sauces, bottling and drying or just eaten fresh in salads.

The **Roma San Marzano** is the vigorous, cousin which produces clusters of larger meaty textured, pear shaped fruit. They will store well and are crack resistant. This is the original Italian cooking tomato, due to its high solids. It is very tasty eaten fresh and ideal for bottling, cooking, the perfect variety for soups, sauce, paste, drying and puree.

**St Pierre** is a traditional French heirloom variety that produces medium-sized, red, round fruit with soft, thick, meaty flesh and a superb flavour. The bushes can grow abundant crops even in poor soil conditions. It is a favourite of mine and yields well in cooler growing regions.

**Camp Joy** is one of the larger red cherry tomatoes, producing fruit to 25–35mm. This tomato has a delicious, sweet flavour and is considered to be one of the best. It is a heavy cropper and has good disease resistance.

**Gardener's Delight** yields very large clusters of sweet, egg shaped, large cherry tomatoes which have excellent flavour. It produces over an extended period. The fruit are most delicious when left to sun-ripen on the bush. They

have a good acidic, complex tomato taste. It is considered one of the best tasting cherry types of tomato, having the true tangy flavor of tomatoes of a century or more ago.

**Thai Pink Egg** tomatoes produce a jade pink egg shaped fruit to 40mm. It has a sweet flavour, and the flesh is firm. The bushes are very prolific and the fruit resists cracking even in heavy rain periods.

We are hoping to have a good selection of these tomatoes when we hold our annual Apple Day Festival at our Loriendale Orchard, along Spring Range Road on 31 March. With good water supplies in our dams and the days of summer with us, we are hoping to have a very good supply of both the heritage and modern apples, pears and tomatoes available. The event commences at 1.30pm and it is a fund raising day supporting several community development and medical charities including in Nepal, East Timor in Northern Australia.

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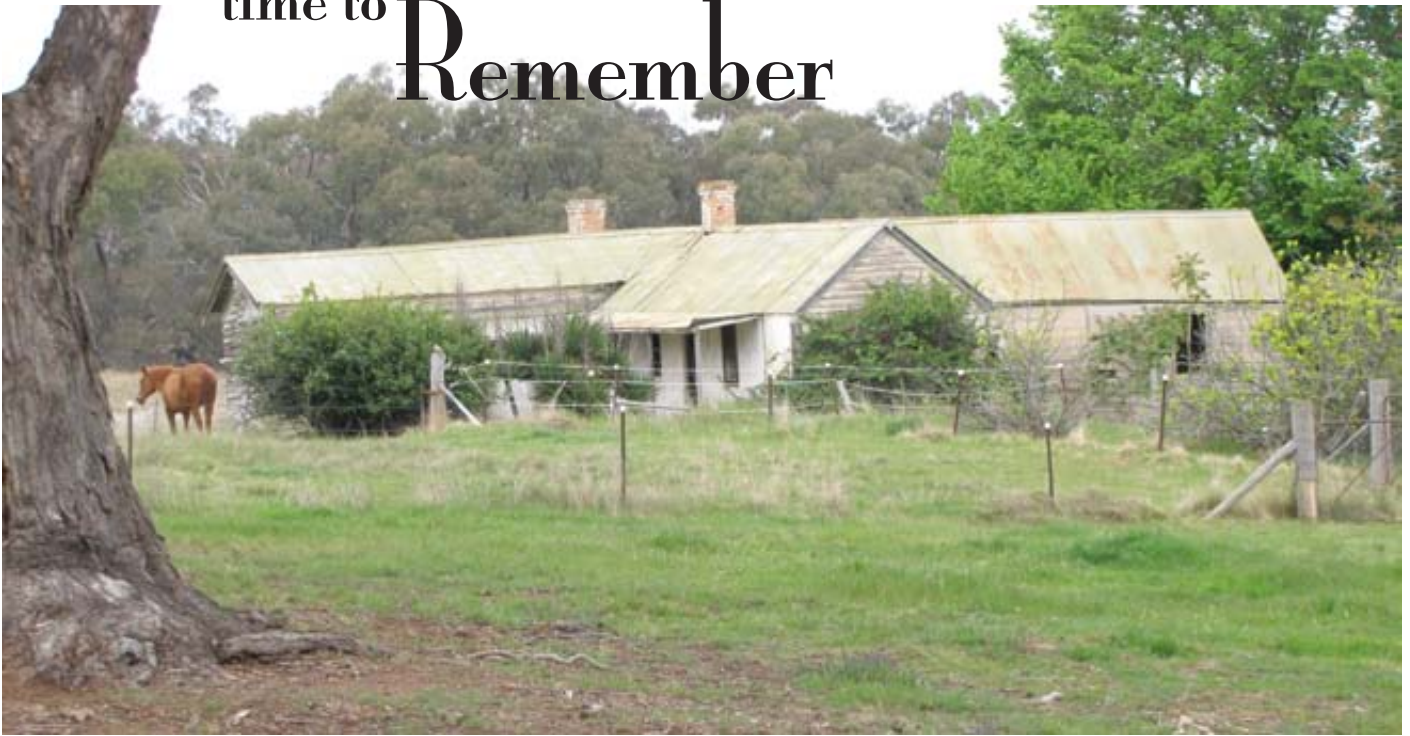
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## Rotary exchange student Jessica Yen returns to Brazil

Jessica Yen, who has been hosted by the Rotary Club of Hall for the last 12 months, has just returned home to São Paulo in Brazil. During her year in Canberra she spent three months with four different Rotary host families giving her an excellent experience of life in Australia.

During the year she developed from a rather shy girl with very limited English to become a confident young woman able to speak in front of a group of people. Before returning home she spoke to the Club about her experiences here and what she has enjoyed about Australia since she arrived.



↑ Jessica Yen being given the District Banner by District Governor Rob Woolley to take back to her sponsoring club in São Paulo

The Exchange Program requires that she attend college as a normal student (she attended Dickson College) doing the same coursework as her fellow students as part of the normal curriculum. She also joined the Majura Football Club playing for the Under 18 Ladies Team. Her team was the runner up in the finals.

In May she went on a three week camping tour round Australia with her fellow exchange students where she gained an understanding just how large and how varied Australia is.

With her host families and other Rotarians she enjoyed many outings including evenings at the theatre, a balloon ride and excursions to Wagga Wagga and the coast, to Sydney and to Melbourne. Her trip to Perisher was the first time she had seen snow. Just before flying home she saw the New Year in with a trip to Sydney for the New Year's Eve celebrations and fireworks over Sydney Harbour.



↑ Jess at Perisher seeing snow for the first time

Back home "Jess" will return to her old school for a short while and is then hoping to go to university to study architecture.

Jessica is the fourth student the Hall Club has hosted. The Youth Exchange Program is one of many programmes offered by Rotary for the development of youth. In particular Rotary Youth Exchange programme offers students a year to study overseas giving them an opportunity:

- to develop a real understanding of many different cultures
- to develop new language skills
- to develop a lifetime of international friendships
- to develop personal self confidence and maturity
- and to develop in many ways.

If you are interested in the many programmes offered by Rotary please contact the Club Secretary, Brian Goldstraw on 02 6230 2650 or email [brian.goldstraw@bigpond.com](mailto:brian.goldstraw@bigpond.com)

# an Aussie Poem

## THE CATTLE DOG'S REVENGE

by Jake Drake, Stanthorpe, Qld

If you've ever lived upon a farm,  
You'll know the feeling well –  
How easy it can be to get  
The visitors from Hell.  
Y'know those mongrels from the city  
That invite themselves to stay  
Because they only want a holiday  
Where they don't have to pay.

Now, I might be pretty cynical  
And I was just a kid,  
But I'd seen it happen every year –  
It's what they always did.  
Bring some ice cream and a box of fruit  
And half a slab of beer,  
And act like it's a favour  
If they stay here half the year.

And all on the assumption that  
We'd be so glad to see  
The half brother of our Uncle Harry's  
Wife's third cousin, Bea.  
They never do a tap of work,  
They clean up all our grog.  
But it all came to a screeching halt  
The year they brought the dog!

Yes, the middle seat was taken  
By this huge Rottweiler thing.  
On his neck a studded collar,  
Without a hitching ring!  
The old man stared in silence, then said  
"You'll have to tie him up."  
They said, "He's had obedience training,  
And he's just the sweetest pup."

The dog bailed out the window.  
They said, "Oh you little tyke."  
One word from this mug,  
And he did exactly as he liked.  
And like a black and tan tornado  
With a brainless, snarling face,  
He caused an orgy of destruction  
'Round our peaceful country place.



He flogged our poor old kelpie bitch  
And not content with that,  
Killed six of Mum's best laying chooks  
And murdered Grandma's cat.  
He chewed our poor pet possum's tail  
And chased it up a tree  
While this dork flicked pages in his book  
On "Dog Psychology".

And while the city bloke was trying  
To find answers out of books,  
The Rottweiler, teeth gnashing,  
Headed straight for Andy's chooks.  
Yes, young Andy's special bantams,  
Who'd won ribbons at the show,  
Looked just like they were going to be  
The next thing here to go.

But young Andy was a cunning lad  
With everything to gain.  
He raced over to the kennels  
And let Woody off the chain.  
And so to vindicate the honour  
Of our simple country mutts,  
Woody flew into the Rottweiler,  
And latched onto his . . . nether regions.

From the useless flaming boofhead,  
There arose an awful howl.  
They took off down the paddock  
At a thousand miles an hour  
With Woody hanging grimly,  
His feet skidding in the dirt,  
While my legs crossed all on their own  
'Cause struth, it must have hurt.

He swung hard between two saplings  
And set off his own dog trap,  
When Woody sliding sideways,  
Just failed to make the gap.  
The bellows of the Rottweiler  
Became a high pitched squeak.  
He lost all interest in the flight  
And sat down in the creek.

Then this poor mug from the city,  
He started acting tough,  
Till Dad roared in his face, "You bum?  
I've had a bloody 'nough!  
Old Woody did the right thing,  
The proper thing to do!  
Anyone who'd breed that mongrel,  
Would be as dumb as bloody you!"

And Dad's whole face went scarlet.  
His eyes flashed hard and mean.  
He howled, "I've seen some bludging  
mongrels,  
But you're the best I've seen!  
So pack you traps and snatch it,  
You rotten mongrel sod.  
Or I'll make a wether out of you  
Like Woody did your dog!"

With the air of people greatly wronged,  
They loaded their pet up  
And bounced off down the driveway  
With that castrated pup.  
But no more will we be troubled  
By those pushy city folk  
Who inflict themselves upon you  
Till it's gone beyond a joke.

And sometimes when the phone rings  
Getting on towards Christmas time,  
Dad's jaw begins to tighten  
As he's listening on the line.  
Our grins keep getting wider  
As old Dad begins to cough,  
Then roars, "I've only got two words  
for you,  
And the second one is . . . OFF!"

**Annual Community Consultation  
meeting**  
will be held  
**Monday 20 February 2012 at 7 pm**  
**Wallaroo Fire Shed**

Senior staff will present details of Council processes in dealing with development applications and will answer any planning (development) or engineering (roads) questions.

Issues already on the agenda following a meeting of the Wallaroo & Spring Range Residents' Group in October 2011 include:

- Lack of transparency with regard to Development Applications
- Apparent lack of consequence when conditions of DAs seem to be ignored
- General condition of roads
- Dumping of fill from building sites in the ACT and the impact this vehicle traffic is having on the roads
- Uncertainty whether permission has been obtained for this dumping to occur
- Concern re the likelihood of this fill being contaminated or unsuitable when it is dumped illegally
- Generally poor communication from the Shire

Council has advised that it would be beneficial to forward specific questions to Council prior to the meeting so that staff can investigate background issues if needed. Correspondence should be addressed to:

General Manager, Yass Valley Council,  
PO Box 6, YASS NSW 2582

or by email to [council@yass.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@yass.nsw.gov.au)

## Karate training

*resumes in Hall*

Goju Ryu karate training resumes on  
Tuesday, 14 February at the Hall Pavilion.

Weekly training times will be the same as last year:

**5.00pm–6.00pm** for **Pee Wees (under 10s)**

**6.00pm–7.30pm** for **over 10s and adults.**

*New students welcome.*

For more information contact John (Sam) Steggall  
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