



## 'HALL AND DISTRICT 1913 EXHIBITION'

by Phil Robson

*Sean Robson (first editor of the Rural Fringe) painted an amazing mural of Victoria Street over the summer. So big, we can only show a small part here.*



pioneer families who still reside in the area and who take an active role in protecting its cultural heritage and promoting its history.

At the close of the formal part of the morning, the large stream of visitors studied the various displays and activities and enjoyed morning tea at the Cottage provided by the members of the Hall Churches.

The highlight was the display dedicated to the re-creation of Victoria Street as it was in 1913; the main feature being the large mural painted by Shaun Robson. This mural was brought to life with the large array of artefacts loaned by the descendants of those families that operated the businesses on Victoria Street in 1913. Combined with the visual display were bird sounds in the background, straw on the floor, gum tree branches and flowers which gave the visitors an added experience. Many hundreds of visitors commented that the attack on their senses took them back to a time when Hall was a vibrant and active village at the time Canberra was being proclaimed. We were further delighted by the wonderful and surprising visit of 'Lady Denman' (Georgina Pike) who took time away from her official duties to come out to Hall.

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The dedicated volunteers from the Hall School Museum wowed the ACT community again with their fabulous exhibition 'Hall and District 1913' on the weekend of 13 -14 April. Visitors were treated to an exhibition comprising 6 different displays that amazed many visitors with the attention to detail and of the amount of work that had gone into the presentation. There was a range of fun activities for all the family to enjoy combined with an assortment of food and drink. The weather was perfect for the event which attracted a large number of visitors estimated to be in excess of 2000.

The opening ceremony on Saturday morning began with the ringing of the school bell by Mr Kingsley Southwell and the raising of the Australian flag by Mr Bevis Brown to the airs of 'God Save the King' (as it would have been in 1913). These two gentlemen are both descendants of families who were heavily involved in the activities of Hall and district in 1913.

After the introduction and welcome to the visitors by the Museum's Honorary Curator, Phil Robson, there was a formal opening address by Dr David Headon, the Cultural and Heritage Adviser to the Canberra 100 Celebrations. In his address Dr Headon gave an outline of the history of the ACT and how the established rural communities were an important feature of the region. He also acknowledged the descendants of the

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**Country Music Family Day**  
**Gold Creek Station**  
**29 June 2013**  
**12.30pm to 7pm**

# What's On

A Country Music Family day is being held for the Annalee McGuigan Foundation at Gold Creek Station in Victoria Street, Hall ACT which has been generously donated by Craig Starr. The fundraiser is for Lauren and Troy Mcguigan, married in 2008. They tried for years to fall pregnant, after going through the IVF program, and when that didn't work they finally fell pregnant naturally.



For two years they enjoyed and cherished their healthy baby girl until Annalee McGuigan (Annie) started losing her balance. It was discovered that

Annie had a large tumour on her brain. Whilst Annie has had to endure an operation, not the entire tumour was able to be removed. After the operation the tumour was identified as an atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumour, a form of cancer said to be a 3 in a million tumour. They have at least 12 months of treatment ahead, undergoing radiation and chemotherapy and possible further surgery with trips back and forth from Canberra to Sydney. To date Annie has already undergone 7 operations. Troy and Lauren have both put their lives, dreams and future on hold, but the bills are not always sympathetic.

There will be live bands with local and interstate artists performing, including, Kimmy Williams, Wayne and Kate Sneddon (Wayne is also known as the Wayne Ryder Band). Guy Argæet, Sylvia Williams, Noel Cotter, Kath McCall, Col Anderson, Rod Flynn, Di Flynn, lead guitarist Grant Naokes and Katrina Lee Goldstraw, and more. We will be having a jumping castle, sausage sizzle, lucky door prize, cake stalls with tea and coffee. Beer, wine and soft drink will be sold on the day and all proceeds go to the Annalee foundation. We will have major prizes to auction and loads of raffles. There is a \$20 entry fee for adults and gold coin donation for children. This will be a packed fun day for the whole family.

Any donations would be much appreciated to raffle or auction on the day with all proceeds going to the foundation. Sign up Australia is donating all signs and advertisement and your company will be well publicised for your generous contribution. If you would like to sponsor this event please call Kim Shalders 0403246643 or Sylvia Williams 0419172700.

## The West Texas Crude Gundaroo Gig

For those who were kind enough to support our fundraising album launch at The Abbey in August 2012, you may recall furious bidding to have West Texas Crude play at a venue and event of the top bidder's choice. The top bidder was George Nicola from the Gundaroo Colonial Inn.

So the event is to be held at the Gundaroo Colonial Inn on 17 August. Come for dinner and a great night of entertainment. For those who haven't heard us visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zall0fjwGgs> for a sample. And here's another one from a previous gig at Gundaroo: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFxCrWaxzTM>

For more information contact the Gundaroo Colonial Inn: (02) 6236 8155 / 0411039505 or [email\\_manager@gundaroo colonialinn.com.au](mailto:email_manager@gundaroo colonialinn.com.au)

Hugh Watson



# In Hall

## HALL PRESCHOOL ENROLLING NOW FOR 2014

Hall Preschool is a well resourced preschool in an idyllic semi-rural village setting. A great first "school" experience in a nurturing and friendly environment.

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Enrolment forms are available from, and should be submitted to:

Gold Creek Primary School  
Kelleway Ave, Nicholls  
Ph: 6205 2955 (during school hours)

### ENROLMENTS NEED TO BE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

#### Sutton Landcare Event

##### Landscape Regeneration in Practice: visit to Talaheni Farm, 15 June

Soils for Life, a non- profit, non-government environmental organization formed to enhance environmental sustainability, has undertaken a series of case studies of leading practitioners in regenerative landscape management. The regenerative work undertaken by John and Robyn Ive over many years on their farm Talahini in the Yass Valley, forms one of these case studies.

John and Robyn have kindly agreed to host Sutton and Yass Landcare at Talahini on Saturday 15 June for a morning field day commencing at 9.00am. John will explain and show us what has been undertaken on Talahini to arrest a severely degraded landscape characterized by very acid soils and considerable dryland salinity and turn it into a productive farm with strong environmental sustainability.

Talahini is located at 140 Butchers Drive Yass. From Sutton head up Sutton Rd toward Gundaroo and turn left into Murrumbateman Rd. After 15 km turn right into Dicks Creek Rd. After 8 km turn left into Butchers Drive. We will be providing morning tea. To help with the catering (or further details) could you please let Tony Redman (ph 62303266) how many of your family will be coming. It would be a good idea if those attending could read beforehand the case study on Talahini prepared by Soils for Life. See [www.soilsforlife.org.au/case-studies.html](http://www.soilsforlife.org.au/case-studies.html). You will then be suitably primed to ask the right questions and get most from the visit.

# Hall Ball

## A Celebration of Community

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## Wattle Park Uniting Church

As always, Easter was a very moving experience. Our Maundy Thursday service attempted to recreate as best as possible the last supper and what it meant (or did not mean!) to the disciples. Then on Good Friday the three Hall churches (St Francis Xavier, St Michael and All Angels and Wattle Park) again combined for a Stations of the Cross service in Hall. This very moving service has become a regular event and is in its 7th year. Some 150 people took part in this recollection of that day's events nearly 2000 years ago.

Easter Sunday was a great celebration of the Christian faith and I am pleased to say that Wattle Park enjoyed one of its largest attendances for some years. Now we need to pay heed to the messages of Easter and transform our lives to be better people.

Wattle Park continues to provide services that aim to challenge the individual and enable us to discuss together just what it is that makes us the people we are.

Our Girl's Brigade continues to flourish with some 30 girls turning up most weeks at 4.30pm on Thursdays during school terms. If your daughter would like to learn more, please contact us at Wattle Park for more details.

Finally, may I again take the opportunity to invite each one of you to any of our services:

10.30 am every Sunday

Who knows! You may even enjoy yourselves.

*Many Blessings  
Pastor Bernie*

## St Michael & All Angels Anglican Church

There's a lot happening at St Michaels!

Firstly, our priest-in-charge of the last 3 years, Rev Trish Stuart-Smith, sadly, is leaving our parish. Trish and her husband Peter will be returning to their home state of Tasmania to begin a new challenge. Trish's last Sunday service with us will be on 7 July - a combined parish service at St Barnabas in Charnwood, starting at 10.00 am. Under Trish's prayerful guidance, our parish has grown in many ways over the last few years, and while we are very sad to say goodbye, all parishioners wish her and Peter all the very best in the future. We would welcome any Hall residents who wish to bid Trish farewell to join us at our regular Sunday Services at 11.00 am on any Sunday during June, or for her final service on 7 July.

The process of appointing a replacement for Trish may take some time, and in the meantime our locum priest will be Rev Helen Dean, who has been assistant priest in the parish for a number of years. We warmly welcome Helen to her new role.

In the meantime, parish activities continue. After many years of praying, planning and fund raising, at St Michaels we are celebrating the construction of an access ramp. We would love to welcome visitors to join us in relishing the new, improved access. No longer is it a struggle to get prams, walkers, wheelchairs, or just dodgy hips and creaky knees up those stairs!

The next big activity for the parish will be our Garden Fete - to be held this year on Saturday 21 September. Make a note in your diary now, to come along and enjoy great food and entertainment and browse the stalls and activities.

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### Hall Pre-School Update

Parents of Hall pre-schoolers led by Sue Mc Clusky met with the principal of Gold creek school to discuss the future of our Hall pre-school. The pre school is all that's left of the Hall Primary School that was closed down in 2006 by the ACT Government. 15 children are enrolled at present, including some from NSW. The Principal of Gold Creek school has had charge over our pre-school since 2007. The Principal, Lyn Baird, told parents that she has not been informed that any change was likely to occur to the present arrangement. The parents of our pre-schoolers were informed that cross-border and out of area enrolments would have to be validated by the Principal at Gold Creek.

The pre-school is now leased to the Department of Education by another Government Department (Health and Community Services), which manages the whole Hall Primary School site. The old administration building on the Hall Primary School site is being cleared of the furniture which has been stored there since the 2006 closure.

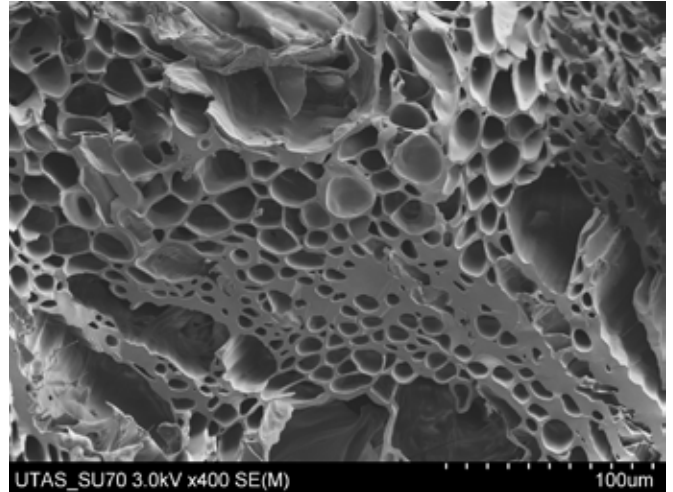
School reporter, Bob Richardson



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(opposite the Yass Veterinary Hospital)

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Electron microscope image of biochar (a form of carbon sequestration by pyrolysis of plant mass) supplied by biocharproject.org (thanks Jocelyn Parry-Jones, Uni of Tas)

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# TARDIS lands in Hall Village!

On April 26 2013 the most amazing thing happened at the historic house, Winarlia, next to the shop. The TARDIS landed in the front garden! Home to Shaun and Tanya O'Connor, their beautiful children Laila, Austin and Nellie and majestic dog Henry, Winarlia was built in 1901 of pise (rammed earth) and is one of the oldest surviving buildings in Hall. It was the residence of Ebenezer Brown, who ran the original Hall Premier Store from 1901 in partnership with Charles Southwell. And it was here that Dr Who decided to bring his TARDIS!

Why exactly he chose Hall is unclear. Shaun O'Connor has not said what the Doctor's mission is, and he refuses to confirm or deny any sightings of daleks. But he has confirmed the TARDIS (Time and Relative Dimension in Space) is definitely bigger on the inside. He also claims to have shared screwdrivers with the Doctor, and is definitely impressed with his multi-purpose sonic screwdriver.



Rumour has it that this particular Doctor Who is coming to the end of his time, so the question is out there – who is the new Doctor? Is Shaun O'Connor in fact a Time Lord? Some, however, are predicting the next Doctor will be a woman. Tanya? Nellie? And is Henry K9?

A TARDIS is a product of the advanced technology of the Time Lords, an extra-terrestrial civilisation to which the Doctor belongs. A properly maintained and piloted TARDIS can transport its occupants to any point in time and any place in the universe. The TARDIS can blend in with its surroundings using the ship's "chameleon circuit". The TARDIS also possess a degree of sentience (which has been expressed in a variety of ways ranging from implied machine personality and free will through to the use of a conversant avatar) and provide their users with additional tools and abilities including a telepathically-based universal translation system.

The Doctor pilots an apparently unreliable, obsolete TT Type 40, Mark 3 TARDIS. Its chameleon circuit is faulty, leaving it stuck in the shape of a 1960s-style London police box after a visit to London in 1963. A police box was a British telephone kiosk or callbox located in a public place for the use of members of the police, or for members of the public to contact the police. Unlike an ordinary callbox, its telephone was located behind a hinged door so it could be used from the outside, and the interior of the box was, in effect, a miniature police station for use by police officers.

Please send any information on Dr Who's current mission or which of the O'Connors is a Time Lord to the Rural Fringe at [ruralfringe@hotmail.com](mailto:ruralfringe@hotmail.com).



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## LEARNING FROM OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

As the 2012-13 fire season draws to a close we are reminded by recent fires in South Australia that fires actually don't keep a diary and that as volunteer fire fighters we need to remain available to respond. With this in mind the Brigade has been fortunate to have had our newest recruits complete their Basic Fire Fighter training over the last few months and we now have a strong membership base to support our operations.

Basic Fire Fighter training is provided as block training by the ACT Rural Fire Service office and involves several evenings of theory and several days of practical assessment to complete. We thank our 'newbies' for their dedication and look forward to mentoring them on the fire line, the next step in their development.

The Brigade continues to explore options for delivering training and development regimes that keep our members engaged. We have also learnt over the years that encouraging our members to think outside 'the box' is a valuable skill set as fires don't follow text books either.

It is also about sharing our unique character with the community and this was never more evident when during the recent Historical Day at the Hall School we were asked to leave our fire tanker and join in with the colonial dancing. Thankfully the dances didn't require too many lefts and rights but definitely proved that fire boots don't make you light on your feet. We will just need to decide if we introduce a bush dancing competency to our training regime.

As well as being valued for their new training competencies and involvement in community activities and awareness, our newest members remind us of the importance of being prepared for bushfires. Although we are entering the coldest months in Canberra and a cosy warm fire has endless appeal, this is a great time to take stock of our bushfire preparation and make sure our property is clear of excessive vegetation, as trees lose the last of their leaves that our gutters are clear and to take the time to plan your bushfire response.

The ACT Rural Fire Service website has many downloadable tips to help you with this preparation, but if you are in doubt you are welcome to contact the Brigade via our email at [hallfirebrigade@gmail.com](mailto:hallfirebrigade@gmail.com) and our Executive can assist you or you are welcome to drop in to the Shed on our training nights on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and talk to us directly.

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## HALL COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT #13

The end of season team leaders meeting took place April 16 at Fairburn. Hall Unit 13 was represented by team leader Bob Richardson. Canberra community fire units report to Canberra Urban Fire Brigade Chief Paul Swain. Paul reported that volunteer numbers are continuing to grow with 1100 volunteers operating from over 50 units. The resources required for effective operation of these units need to be funded. If the millions of person hours volunteered were given a dollar value the actual savings to the Government would be clear. Urban Fire has been charged with the effective operation of the CFU, but struggle to meet expectations with limited funding.

I am happy to report communications between our CFU at Hall, the local Urban Fire Brigade and the Police have dramatically improved. Hall Rural Brigade has taken us under their wing. We are fortunate to have a local volunteer Rural Brigade as there is only a handful in the ACT. There are some 10 year service medals to be presented in the near future. Some Hall CFU volunteers will receive recognition. There will be a letter box drop to encourage a new generation of volunteers.

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# The Boffin, The Builder and The Bombardier


Through the fog of war and the mist of the smoke machine, three mates, a shed and a tonne of explosives go DIY on history. By the time were finished with it, it will be as good as new...

Local film production company Bearcage along with John Concannon produced an eight part mini series 'The Boffin, The Builder and the Bombardier' that aired Sunday night on ABCI after 'Dr Who'. The mini series was filmed in early 2013 in Canberra and surrounding regions.

In the opening credits some Hall locals may notice two iconic Hall locations.. The Bombardier character, Tony Miller, closes up the antiques shop and leaves for the day. At closer look you may notice that this is the Hall Attic on Victoria Street. The Boffin character, John Concannon, also is finishing up work for the day teaching in a school, this is the Hall School museum.



The series is about three mates who together rediscover history and the weapons that made it, from the periscope rifle to the Chinese fire lance all weapons and explosions were filmed live and not done in post production although this did prove to be a challenge for the film crew and cast but luckily members from the Hall Rural Volunteer Fire Brigade were willing to give up their time joining cast and crew on the film set to help keep all safe from potential fires.



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# President's Page

What makes Hall Hall? Is it the buildings, the streets, the trees? Frankly, yes it is. But it is also the people of Hall. What then brings us out? What brings us together? What is it that makes Hall Hall and not just another suburb? There is no doubt that Hall is different to suburban Canberra. Arguably the majority of us who live here choose to do so and it is not by mere luck, fate or fortune.

The long and proud history of Hall and district was superbly displayed by Phil Robson and his team recently at the 1913 exhibition. Hall in all of its glory over its 100+ years as a community and commercial centre of the district.

It is notable how the region thrived on a number of dynamics. As a residential area, Hall seems as strong as ever. Houses are fully occupied and prices generally rise with every sale. As a commercial area though the dynamic is shifting. Whilst one may not expect to find a bootmaker here more than any other town nowadays, it seems that where one business goes, there is none replacing it. Whilst not an exodus, it seems our imports are increasingly exceeding our exports.

The loss of the school was clearly the most ground shifting change to the dynamics of the village and the school site remains vacant with no plan whatsoever from anyone as to its future. The future of the Hall Village Court is uncertain and there are several commercial space vacancies on the east side of Victoria

street that are now longstanding.

Among many things that the exhibition demonstrated was our role as custodians. This not only concerns the preservation and honouring of our past but necessitates the active planning of the future. As a current custodian, your input into the use of its buildings and fostering of multiple dynamics in our village is essential. These are issues that the VHDPA committee constantly seeks your input on and all members are encouraged to be involved in the processes of sustaining the future of the village and district.

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Parvovirus infection in dogs causes vomiting, diarrhoea and dysentery. A high fever and depression are the first signs and vomiting usually starts within 24 hours.

Pups become dehydrated very quickly as they are losing fluid in the vomit and the diarrhoea. Blood in the diarrhoea indicates loss of the intestinal lining. Bacteria and toxins

then leak from the intestine into the body causing septicaemia.

Hospitalisation and aggressive treatment with intravenous fluids, antibiotics and drugs to stop the vomiting combat the disease.

Pups vaccinated against parvovirus three times as pups with a final needle at 16 weeks are protected against

the disease as long as they are healthy at the time of vaccination. Pups with worms or other types of intestinal or systemic disease will not develop a good immunity.

The live attenuated vaccine gives better protection and lasts longer than a killed vaccine.

Adult dogs must have a booster at about 15 months of age and then every 3 years.

The cost of the annual examination and vaccination review is a fraction of the cost of

treatment for parvovirus. It is a difficult disease to nurse and treat and sometimes pups die despite intensive treatment.

Please check to make sure your dog is well protected. Don't hesitate to phone your vet if you have any doubts.

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## Strangles and Hendra, Two Infectious Diseases in Horses Controlled by Vaccination

**Strangles**, a bacterial infection, has been circulating worldwide through equine populations for centuries, being documented from as early as 1251. Recently, strangles has been reported in the Canberra Region. In comparison, Hendra Virus is a relatively new disease, (the initial outbreak occurred in 1994), and to date, Hendra has only been reported in Australia. The consequences for the horse and human handlers are far less serious for Strangles, but thankfully we have vaccines for control of both diseases.

A highly infectious disease, strangles is of particular concern when horses are living in close confinement, sharing fences, water troughs and feed buckets. Young horses are more likely to be infected. In days gone by, it was the dreaded disease of mounted infantry as it could spread rapidly through the army horses. Today, strangles tends to reappear when quarantine and biosecurity are suboptimal, for instance, when new horses onto a property are not isolated and monitored for 3 weeks, medical/vaccination records are not obtained and transport vehicles are not disinfected between horses.

Initially sick horses display high fevers, cough, reluctance to eat and lethargy, progressing to swelling at the throat and under the jaw as lymph nodes in this region become abscessed. The abscessed lymph nodes often rupture and discharge a thick, creamy yellow pus, which can also be seen coming from the nostrils. These discharges contain high numbers of the bacteria and infect other horses and contaminate the environment. Usually the infection is cleared within 3 or 4 weeks and horses recover. However, around 10% of horses harbour the bacteria in their upper respiratory tract without further signs, so continue to infect other horses. Some complications can occur, including spread of abscesses to other sites in the body ('bastard strangles') and a severe, life-threatening condition known as 'purpura haemorrhagica'.



Vaccination will reduce severity and spread of the disease and typically starts with a course of 3 vaccines, 2 weeks apart when the horse is young and then a 6-monthly booster is recommended. Strangles should

not affect humans.

**Hendra Virus** on the other hand, is a far more sinister disease due to its risk to human life. The virus was named Hendra after the Brisbane suburb in which it first occurred. It appears that fruit bats are 'natural hosts', so carry the virus with little effect to them and pass it onto horses, which are severely affected by vasculitis (inflammation of blood vessels). This manifests 5 to 16 days later as fever, neurologic signs, depression, colic and usually fatal respiratory disease.

Since the initial cases, over 33 further outbreaks of



Hendra have occurred. Direct transmission of Hendra from bats to humans has not been reported. Humans contract the disease through virus-containing bodily secretions from infected horses. Sadly, four of the seven humans who contracted Hendra have died. Horses in close contact can also spread the virus to each other through secretions including from the nose, blood, urine and manure.

Thankfully, a highly effective vaccine for horses was developed in 2012, which stops replication and shedding of the virus if a horse is infected and makes the risk for human infection minimal. Accredited veterinarians can administer the vaccine, with an initial course of two shots 21 to 42 days apart then 6-monthly boosters currently recommended. As Hendra Virus has been isolated from fruit bats all over Australia, the Australian Veterinary Association recommends vaccination for Hendra in all horses across the country and is working to educate horse owners about its importance.

If you are a horse owner and require further information on either of these diseases, please view our website [www.canberraequinehospital.com.au](http://www.canberraequinehospital.com.au)

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## WHERE'S MY TUCKER?

G'Day.

Some time ago I was helping a group assessing Hall's vegetation as part of a proposal to create a buffer zone around our village.

I reacted to an assumption by the members that a lack of evidence of remnant stringy bark and local wattle species in the area, indicated both species had not been prolific and they proposed to report accordingly. My quiet suggestion was to assist them with some local history research on the early uses of both species which might change their view.

We found the local wattle species was in demand in the late 1800 and early 1900's for leather tanning, building and domestic purposes.

Tanning pits at Ginninderra and "Dellwood", Hall, consumed large amounts of bark. Hall leather and skins were used for boot making, saddles and harness. Saplings became whip and tool handles, but by far the greater use was in construction of wattle and daub walls in buildings. This method involved attaching wattle saplings horizontally, as close as possible together, to vertical posts to make a stick wall, which was then plastered both sides with mud and whitewashed to make walls. An old relative told me that by the late 1920's hardly any local wattle trees or saplings remained.

Stringy bark was probably one of the most valuable and versatile trees available. Both trees and saplings grew tall and straight and their timber was easy to work. Saplings became roof rafters, stays, football goal posts and were used for any other purpose where long thin lengths of timber were needed.

Mature trees were a treasure

trove, in the early years. Their bark was stripped and dried flat to make waterproof roofing and wall sheets for bark and slab dwellings as well as sheds and stables. Because the timber was straight grained, its early use was hand split into shingles, fence palings or any purpose where thin flat boards were required. Some was pit sawn and later mechanically milled to produce timber for buildings constructed in the Village in the late 1920 to 1940,s. At least one private sawmill existed in the Hall, Sutton, and Gundaroo area until the supply of millable stringy bark was exhausted.

But stringy was most famous as a fuel for cooking. Wood carters gathered it by the tons for baker's and pastry cook's ovens and housewives demanded it for every household's wood fuelled cooking stove. It was quick to catch, gave instant heat and was ideal for a hasty batch of scones or a super sponge cake. It left a fine grey powder ash so ash pans needed emptying less often.

For the chore doer, it split easily into kindling or larger size and was a great log fire starter to ignite heavier slower burning timbers.

However stringy bark has always been ferociously eaten by termites (white ants) which are prolific in the region. As their food supplies diminished to meet human need, the ants demolished almost all of the remnant trees, stumps and fallen timbers that remained. Local houses have been, and are still under, invasion.

It is interesting how two prolific local tree species can disappear almost completely over a few years.

*Echidna Ernie's Mate*



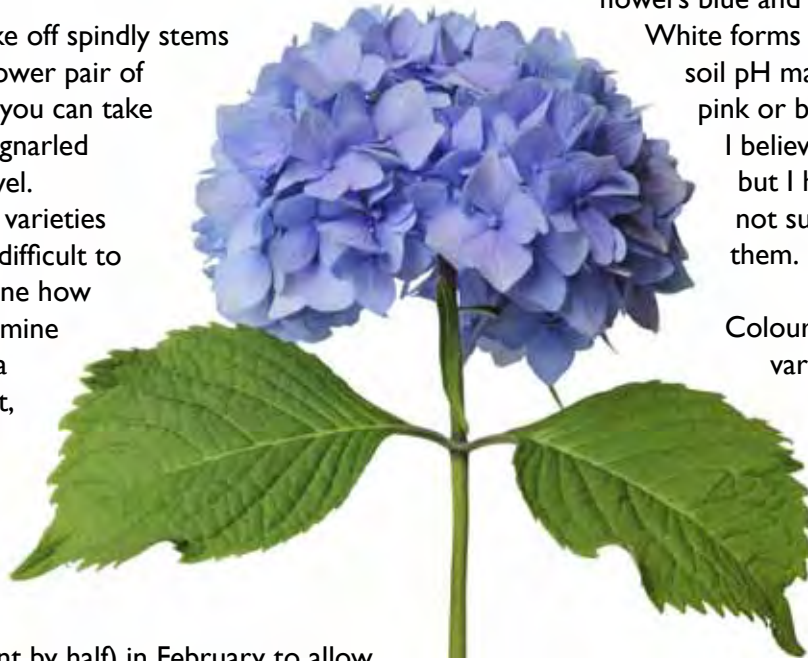
# Hydrangeas

Summer was a disaster for many of our plants and for my garden particularly my Hydrangeas. They are decidedly worse for wear; the flower heads became a dehydrated potpourri during January instead of the voluptuous flower heads of previous years. All the hydrangea passionatas will tell you to prune in winter as I have done for many years but this year I am considering doing them this month to tidy them up. I love to leave the old flower heads on to enjoy the glorious shades of purple, green and bronze, but this year they are a very dead brown colour.

When pruning I take off spindly stems and cut back to a lower pair of fat buds. Each year you can take of a few of the old gnarled stems at ground level.

There are so many varieties now that it can be difficult to know which to prune how and when. Most of mine are the macrophylla type, tall and robust, however there are a few smaller growing varieties that I have been told should be pruned (cutting back the whole plant by half) in February to allow them to regrow there flowering wood for the following spring.

The relatively new release hybrids of macrophylla such as mophead and lacecap can be pruned back several times to get a new flush of blooms. Mopheads are best pruned near the top of the stems at a pair of buds and well fed after pruning and again in late winter.



I also love the oak leaf hydrangea which requires very little maintenance, thrives in a dark shady spot and once established only needs water when it rains. I have tried the climbing hydrangea, which my mother propagated for me, but it was not happy with its spot and unfortunately perished. I believe they are lovely although do not produce many flowers, I would love to know if anyone has had success with these?

Flowers from hydrangeas vary from pink to blue depending on the pH of the soil, acid soils make the flowers blue and alkaline turns them pink.

White forms remain white, although the soil pH may alter the centre slightly pink or blue.

I believe red ones are now available but I have not seen them and am not sure how the soil pH affects them.

Colours may be altered with various substances from the nursery, although some of these products can be very slow to take effect.

Hydrangeas love compost enriched soil and respond well with a good mulch. During establishment they love extra water, but once established will cope quite

well with less water.

They prefer to grow in the shade of a building and don't like to compete with big tree roots. Some morning sun makes them flower better, but afternoon sun can burn their leaves and blooms.

Lisa Walmsley



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## Hall Tennis Courts to Close

The old Hall tennis courts by the Pavilion are to be demolished. ACT Heritage has given permission and some time in future the two courts will be removed



and a car park will utilise the space. Do any of our readers recall when the original single court was constructed? Or when the second court was built?

*Sports reporter, Bob Richardson*



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## Bob... Bob Bob

Yes it's a BOB -CAT. The machine not the person. Although a Bob was there with the all singing all dancing community boot strap brigade. Jade Barnes volunteered his equipment and his expertise to manipulate the huge blue -gum logs left in Hall park by the tree removal teams . Suitable logs were cut to size by Bill (the BladeRunner) Pearson and Dennis of the GreenWood. These recycled timbers will stand proudly as gate posts at Hall show ground. Future generations of Hallites will marvel for years to come at the appropriateness of local grown blue-gum gate posts.

*Bob Richardson, tree reporter  
(for he's a jolly good fell-ow)*



## Prime Time

Our very own Andrew Purdam, when he's not doing stuff at Hall Vet Surgery or laying out the Rural Fringe, is a very talented musician. He played ukulele, accordion and percussion and sang with the Worldly Goods Choir in the recent Shortis and Simpson show 'Prime Time' at the Q theatre in Queanbeyan. That master of music John Shortis researched and wrote songs about all 27 of Australia's Prime Ministers. With a back story of a couple with opposing political views, the show was a stunning combination of theatre, clever visuals and music. "My favourite songs were 'I did my best work on day one' (about John Howard and the gun control laws and Kevin Rudd's apology to the stolen generation) and 'I didn't raise my son to be a soldier' (protesting Billy Hughes' proposed conscription)"



said Andrew "Working with John and Moya was an absolute joy for me. Not only do we share many values, but John's writing is always interesting." The show worked backwards

through all the Prime Ministers, an amusing and educational potted history of Australia since Federation, ending with Edmund Barton, who was put up in a tiny attic in Melbourne's Parliament House where he boiled his billy and cooked his chops over a little paraffin stove. Congratulations Andrew!

If you missed this fabulous show, there's another coming up. Shortis and Simpson will research the Canberra connections to the Basin (both physical and metaphorical) and use community workshops to create a suite of songs for broadcast in Canberra and throughout the basin on community radio during August 2013. Worldly Goods Choir and other local singing groups will form a massed choir that will perform as part of the final One River presentation event at dusk in Canberra on Fri 23 August 2013. See <http://www.canberra100.com.au/calendar/view/1427/one-river-local-project-canberra/>



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Jim Rochford, our own living treasure and soon to be centenarian, attended the opening and enjoyed chatting to old chums and seeing the displays.

The Deputy Leader of the Opposition Alistair Coe and his charming wife Yasmin enjoyed walking around and talking with locals. Alistair is a long time supporter of the Hall School Museum and has been to all of our exhibitions. Shane Rattenbury, Minister for Territories



and Municipal Services, also attended the opening and visited the various displays. He commented that it was a wonderful exhibition.

The displays included the old School, 'Memory Lane' (the heritage display), a re-creation of the churches, a theatre showing Charlie Chaplin movies, the Hall Mens Shed display of old trades and tools with blacksmith Adam Fromholtz and a display of the 18 Bush Schools that had existed around the Hall district in the past. Each of these displays attracted large numbers of visitors.

Other activities included the Hall Rural Fire Brigade with a pumper in action, giving the kids an opportunity to use a fire hose to put out fires that mysteriously started in witches' hats! Jenny White from Bunning's and her colleague doing face-painting duties for the children. An array of classic vehicles from the Hall Collectors Club were positioned in the quadrangle for all to enjoy. I must also mention Yvonne Williams' wonderful quilt depicting the 'Gungahleen Homestead' in its heyday with Frances Lo demonstrating spinning

all day Sunday.

Entertainment was provided by the Monaro Folk Group bush dancers, bagpipes by Allan Collins and folk music by Andrew Purdam. The bush dancers were all dressed in period costumes that further added to the ambience of the day. Their music and dancing was so popular that a number of visitors joined in.

Our thanks are extended to the Rotary Club of Hall who were in control of the Saturday sausage sizzle, with the 'Friends of Hall School Museum' and their friends taking over on Sunday. The weekend of the 'Hall & District 1913' exhibition was a great success and a tribute to all the volunteers who worked on the project and the families who kindly loaned or donated artefacts. It was wonderful to see and be a part of the many family gatherings that took place over the weekend.

Descendants of the Kinlyside, Hollingsworth, Southwell, Brown, McClung, Thompson, Morris, and other associated families were all represented and took the opportunity to make the occasion an informal re-union.

Thanks again to the Village of Hall and District Progress Association and the Rotary Club of Hall, Bunning's and Masters for their support. Also thanks to the Community Services Directorate for access to the buildings.

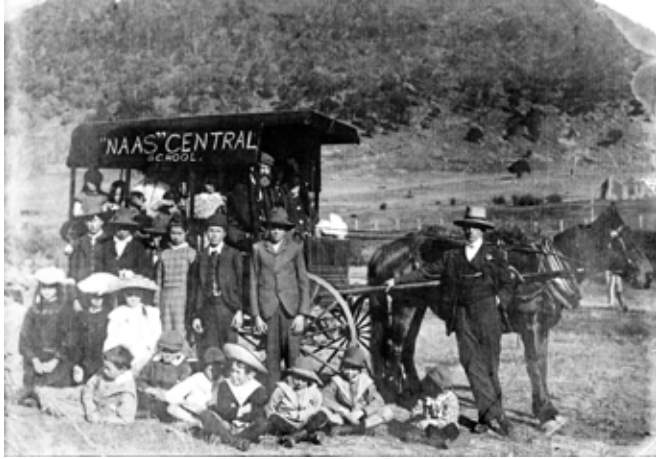
The exhibition has proved so successful that it has been extended for the many people who expressed that they would like to return and bring friends. Since the heritage weekend the Museum has had group visits from diverse groups including Probus, Respite Care Centre and Church groups. The Hall Pre-Schoolers are visiting the Museum next week dressed up in period costume.

The Museum is open on Thursday mornings and on the first Sunday of the month (Hall market day), and by appointment by emailing [museum@hall.act.au](mailto:museum@hall.act.au)



# The next 'blockbuster': Earliest Canberra Schools

The exhibition 'Hall 1913' put on by the Friends of the Hall School Museum for the ACT Heritage Festival in April has been a great success, with lots of visitors and very favourable comments. This exhibition remains for the time being and can be viewed on Hall Market Days, or on Thursday mornings.



Meanwhile the 'Friends' are now busy working on the next big thing – an Exhibition to tell the stories of the fourteen NSW bush schools that were 'captured' by proclamation of the Federal Capital Territory border in 1911, and their teachers.

This project has already produced an on-line database of early Canberra schools and teachers, including many schools that had already closed by 1913. Some 250 teachers are listed in this database, and we are hoping to progressively add biographical information for them. The data base can be found on the Hall community website at:

<http://museum.hall.act.au/schools.html>

We are hoping that members of the general public will contribute information; the website makes this easy. If any 'Fringe' readers have information about the



bush schools of 1913 the Friends would be delighted to hear from you. The schools of particular interest at present are:

- Canberra (Ainslie)
- Gibraltar

- Majura
- Naas
- Naas Upper
- Narrabundah
- Royalla
- Tuggeranong
- Williamsdale

Similarly, we would like to hear from anyone who has information about any of the pioneer teachers of these little one-teacher schools.

This project is supported by a grant from ACT Heritage, and also has the support of the Canberra Centenary, the Australian Education Union (ACT), the ACT Education and Training Directorate, the ACT Surveyor-General and the Australian National Museum of Education. It is hoped that we will be able to officially open the exhibition to coincide with UN World Teachers Day, which is celebrated in the ACT in late October.

New 'Friends' are always welcomed. Just turn up at the school on a Thursday morning, or contact the Honorary Curator Phil Robson ([p.robson50@optusnet.com.au](mailto:p.robson50@optusnet.com.au)).

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Dear Editor,  
 Thank you Jo for your kind words and article about the National Sheep Dog Trials, 2013. The social organisers of this event for Hall have been working tirelessly behind the scenes for many years and also deserve to be mentioned and thanked profusely! Garie Greenwood (who was honoured at the Dog's Dinner as one of the original organisers), Trish McIntyre (new organiser), Rowena Dragh, Angie Hazlehurst, Diana Aston, Marion Banyard and Margaret Monahan. I will be stepping down as organiser but will still be involved.



Helen White

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### Thanks Andy & Janet!

Those in Friends of Grasslands (FOG) already know that Andy and Janet Russell have decided to let go the reins of organising Hall work days for FOG after May's event this year. The FOG group gathered at the Gumnut in Hall after the morning working in Hall Cemetery. Over lunch the group exchanged tall tales and true. The mysterious Piper who appeared out of the mist, the fact that not one snake had been sighted over 5 years of working bees. Lots of friendly kangaroos. And certainly a massive reduction in briar, hawthorn and eucalypt suckers. Approximately 100 hours per year volunteered for over a decade.



John Fitzgerald will take over the coordination task and Janet Russell will continue the secretary role. The Russells were congratulated for a job well done and presented with a bottle of local wine grown and harvested within a few kilometres of the Hall Cemetery. A motion of gratitude and a bottle of 'Dog's Dinner 2013' was presented by the Village of Hall and District Progress Association.

Bob Richardson, Friends of Grasslands reporter.



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## From the Editor...

Congratulations to Phil and Yvonne Robson, Sean Robson and all the Friends of the Museum volunteers who put together such a spectacular exhibition for the Centenary of Canberra. We thoroughly enjoyed several hours looking at such interesting displays. Sean's amazing mural of Victoria Street was definitely the highlight and very many hours of hard work from Sean and a large band of volunteers was evident. You did the village proud.

We are now in the seventh year since Hall Primary School closed at the end of 2006. For the first couple of years we were preoccupied with a Greens-forced inquiry into all the school closures in which we fully participated. The report of that inquiry, in September 2009, recommended that: "...the Government immediately commences the process to reopen the Hall and Tharwa Primary Schools." The Government rejected the recommendation, and neither the Greens nor Liberal parties were willing to take on reopening our school following the 2008 election. Hall was let down by all political sides and, aside from Hall Preschool which thankfully remained open when the primary school was closed, the buildings lay empty.

Well not quite empty because the Progress Association had taken immediate and insightful action to secure use of and refurbish the Headmaster's Cottage, the Museum, the garage for the new Mens Shed and the Tennis Courts.

Since that time, other buildings on the school site have gradually been occupied, somewhat by stealth, by the amazing Friends of the Museum and by the enthusiastic Mens Shed. Not exactly by stealth because TAMS, who now run the site, are quite aware of it, but nonetheless there are no formal arrangements in place. If we were not squatting in these buildings they would have fallen into terrible disrepair by now. Some empty buildings were in bad shape when the Museum put on its exhibition, and volunteers patched them up.

There are a number of problems with the current arrangement:

- The Government wants to gather rent from users of these community facilities which it cannot do while nothing is formal (except from the Preschool). We (the Progress Association) asked at a meeting some months ago for TAMS to give us the costs involved and, as I understand it, we have had no response.
- Most of the buildings contain asbestos. The ACT Government commissioned the Martin Report to document the heritage, asbestos and other restrictions on the site. Released in January 2011, the report recommends that the asbestos-ridden demountables be removed from the site and "use of the facilities be explored in more detail with expressions of interest and consultation with ACT Government and Community." But the Government has not set aside any funds for the site, so this report (commissioned by the Government) has not been acted on.
- Nothing is particularly transparent to the wider community as to how the buildings are being used. So, while the site is becoming a mixture of Museum, Men's Shed and Preschool, this has not been broadly canvassed with those not directly involved to confirm whether this is broadly the vision we share for the use of the site. Also, if any viable, paying user is out there, there is no opportunity for them to put up their hand for some space.

- The Preschool, currently under the management of Gold Creek, appears to be under perpetual threat. It should move to one of the permanent school buildings, but TAMS advises it would need a toilet block if it moved and the costs are prohibitive. Again we asked for the costs, and again these have not been supplied.

I am surprised to find myself in 2013 about as angry as I was at the end of 2006 when the ACT Government closed the school. My anger now is over the fact that there is neither plan nor budget for the school site, when it was the Government that decided to close the school. Against our wishes.

It is up to us to create our vision and to go to the Government with a clear proposal for what we want. In my mind, securing a permanent building (and toilets) for the Preschool should be our first priority. The Preschool, as a paying tenant, is our main source of security at this stage as well as being crucially important for children and their families in Hall and the District.

Second we should develop our vision for what the whole site should be used for and lobby each of the political parties in the lead up to the 2016 election to fund our collective vision. We need to start talking about this now. If we don't, 2016 will come and go and we will still be squatting and patching up asbestos-ridden demountables with no end in sight.

*Until next time*  
Jo Hall

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## Another Busy Year For The Rotary Club of Hall

*The Rotary Club of Hall's Capital Region Farmers' Market continues to develop at EPIC each Saturday.*



**Bushrangers enjoy pizza and a beer after a hard morning's work helping the Rotary Club of Hall**  
Every year the Rotary Club of Hall has to set up sheep pens for the Canberra Show, otherwise it can't run its fundraising farmers' market at EPIC. This year the Hall Bushrangers Rugby Club volunteered to lend a hand, (helping to save many a grateful old man's back!) Thank you.

This four page special report provides a snapshot of some of the many projects

the Rotary Club of Hall's 35 members have achieved in the last financial year.

The Rotary Club of Hall started the Capital Region Farmers' Market as a community project to support agri-business in the region, to provide somewhere we could all go to get fresh seasonal produce and simultaneously enable the Club to raise funds to support community projects.

Since the Club's first market in 2004, their genuine farmers' market has now grown to over 200 registered stallholders with an average of around 100 stallholders attending weekly.



*The Club had a glorious start to Spring with the wedding of two Club members, Chris & Janine at fellow Rotarian, Suzanne Carter's property.*



**Farmers Market**

*The Capital Region Farmers' Market continues to grow, attracting thousands of people each Saturday from all over Canberra who come for their fresh produce direct from the producer.*

'The main thing that sets the Capital Region Farmers' Market apart from alternatives, is the Hall Club's strict policing of stallholders to ensure the authenticity of both stallholders and their produce,' says Hall Rotary's Market Director Bill Watson.

'We do everything we can to ensure that everything is 'two day fresh', and you won't get that from your supermarket.'

The funds generated from the market by the volunteers from the Rotary Club of Hall are used to support worthwhile community projects around the district and in our regional communities.



*Many farm visits were undertaken throughout the year to ensure quality and authenticity. Above: Hall Rotary's Bill Watson conducts a spot check at Grandma's Eggs.*



# Support for our Community

*The Rotary Club of Hall continues to support many worthwhile community projects locally and in the region. Here is a sample of some of these projects:*

## Supporting our community in Young

A few years ago the Rotary Club of Hall made a decision to donate a proportion of the profits from its farmers' market to the areas their stallholders come from. This has led to considerable donations in the past few years to projects in places such as West Wyalong, Crookwell and Batlow, to name a few.

This year the Club partnered with the Rotary Club of Young with a donation of \$5,000 toward construction of undercover electric BBQ facilities in a new \$150,000 park project in a community housing area at Young.



*Rotary Club of Hall Community Director Chris Edwards presents Rotary Club of Young President Jenny Somerset a cheque for \$5,000.*

When complete the project will offer an open playground, half basketball court and park facilities where children and families can meet.

This facility will make a substantial difference to the ongoing improvement of living standards for community housing tenants in Young.

The Club's Capital Region Farmers' Market has a number of stallholders from the Young area.

'Young is particularly well represented at the market during cherry season,' states Market Manager, Tam Arnold.

## Musical Mushrooms



Having provided significant funding for the Achieving Independence and Mobility (AIM) program at Cranleigh School last year, the Rotary Club of Hall has continued its support with the commissioning of a new sensory playground.

A local Canberra instrument maker has been contracted to build a 'Magical Musical Mushroom Garden' in the playground that all of the children will have access to.

'We would like to say a huge thank you to Hall Rotary for your support. This will be fantastic for the children. We already know how much they enjoy music, especially if they can create it themselves,' explained Principal Karin Wetselaar.

## Night Patrol - Homeless



The St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol provides a mobile outreach service offering refreshments and friendly faces to people on the streets at various hours of the night.

It is a service which engages with people by offering friendship, support, and compassion. 150 Volunteers provide warm drinks, something to eat, clothing and friendly conversation.

The Rotary Club of Hall raised another \$5,000 for maintenance and fuel to keep the Night Patrol vehicle on the road for another year.

## Painting with Parkinsons



Continuing their support of Painting with Parkinsons, a very worthwhile program for sufferers of Parkinsons Disease, The Hall Rotary Club again made a donation of \$2,000 for materials.

Convener, Nancy Tingey was extremely grateful and all of the participants enthusiastically cheered when the cheque was handed over.

'The difference this program makes to people's lives was evident from the moment they arrived. Firstly, there is the social aspect but in less than an hour you could see a distinct physical change in each of the participants as they began to paint,' says Chris Edwards, Rotary Club of Hall Community Director.

## Neonatal Intensive Care



Four hour old Max received life saving attention at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Canberra Hospital.

In response to a request from Max's parents to improve conditions for parents at the ward, the Rotary Club of Hall decided to try to make a difference.

'The \$5,000 of furniture and other equipment purchased by the Rotary Club of Hall has added to the comfort of the families and has already helped to give them time out space.

Without the Rotary Club of Hall's donation, parents and visitors would have been sitting on the window sills,' stated Zsuzsoka Kecskes, Clinical Director NICU.

## MULCH at Marymead



The Rotary Club of Hall has partnered with Marymead in a long term support program designed to create opportunities for young adults with disabilities to build skills, both social and vocational, in the field of primary production.

'MULCH' stands for Marymead Urban Land Community Harvest and is a program designed around small farm production to extend social connectedness of all participants.

The Rotary Club of Hall will provide expertise and some financial assistance supported by a number of Capital Region Farmers' Market producers.

*Many Rotary Club of Hall members, also participate in other community service activities in their individual capacity such as the Steve Waugh Foundation, TADACT, a group who make specialised equipment for the aged and disabled, along with membership with other volunteer organisations and at a Rotary District level.*



## 2013 Friendship Exchange with Rotary Club of Feilding in New Zealand

A contingent from the Rotary Club of Hall visited the Rotary Club of Feilding on a friendship exchange.

Club members were home hosted by Feilding Rotarians for three nights and shown around rural Feilding and the Manawatu area, including a tour of the largest saleyards where 37,000 sheep went under the hammer on the day of the visit.

15 members of the Rotary Club of Feilding will visit Canberra and be hosted by the Hall Club in September.



### Activities in Hall

#### Victoria Street Landscaping

This year, the Hall Rotary Club proposed a 50/50% funding arrangement with the Hall Progress Association toward the beautification of Victoria Street which is currently underway.

#### Hall Museum

The Rotary Club of Hall again supported the Hall community museum with a donation of \$1,500 for computer equipment to enable cataloguing of materials.

#### Broadband for Seniors

The Club continues to support the broadband for seniors program on Thursday mornings or by appointment at the Hall Cottage.



#### Remembrance Day 2012

On November 11<sup>th</sup> each year the Rotary Club of Hall organises a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph followed by a social community gathering at the pub. We'll see you there in 2013.

### Prosthetic Legs for Cluster Bomb Victim

The Dickson College community is raising money to fund two prosthetic legs for one of its students.



Suraj Habib lost both legs when, as a 6 year old, he found a cluster bomb that he thought was a can of food in Herat Province, Afghanistan.

Rotary Club of Hall contributed \$6,000 toward the fund and it is hoped that the college will be able to give Suraj a pair of legs by the end of year 12.

### International Projects

## Abundant Water Project Gathers Strength in Lao

Rotary Club of Hall has been supporting the Abundant Water Project in Lao for a number of years and this year saw the Hall Club establish a more formal partnership arrangement with Abundant Water Inc., a 'not-for-profit' organisation developing and sharing the innovation of clay-pot water filters with indigenous potters in the Lao PDR.

The organisation develops and transfers clean water solutions with communities in need of clean drinking water.

In February this project was one of six that was selected to receive a grant of \$1,000 from the Pink Umbrella Foundation for its approach to develop local capability and ownership and sharing expertise rather than transplanting alien systems, technologies or money.



#### Rotary Club of Hall gets a cheque

Brian Goldstraw receiving a cheque for the Abundant Water Project from Sue O'Neill, Founder of the Pink Umbrella Foundation.

President Brian Goldstraw received the cheque that was put with the Rotary Club of Hall donation of \$8,000 toward the project.



#### Hornesio Pereria Arrives for His Operation

One of the many very successful Rotary programs is called Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC). This initiative provides medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life saving or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

This year Yvonne from Rotary Club of Hall and Sandra Mahlberg from the Gungahlin Club received another child, Hornesio, who arrived from Timer Leste this year.

Looking after ROMAC children and their accompanying family member has been a major additional contribution by Yvonne.



# A Massive Year of Youth Initiatives

*We are always on the lookout for young people to support in the many Rotary Youth Programs*



*Rotaract Club of UC bowling night*

This has been a very active year in the area of Youth and Vocational Services with the launch of a number of large projects that were months in the planning.

The Club sponsored the chartering of the Rotaract Club of the University of Canberra which will be run by and for students and young professionals from 18 to 30 years of age, empowering them to create positive change in their community through community, social and professional events.

The Rotary Club of Hall also launched a Scholarship and Vocational Awards Program.

In conjunction with the University of Canberra an on-going scholarship program will award students who meet the University entrance criteria but may be in financial hardship. In this first scholarship year the Club has awarded two

scholarships of \$5,000 per year for three years of study.

The Club also provided Vocational Awards totaling \$4,000 to two worthy building apprentices, for the purchase of tools and equipment in their chosen trade.



*The Hall Club managed another successful Rotary Youth Leadership Award Program*

Additionally, the Club continues to support the Melba Copland Secondary School FLEX learning program assisting local students who need financial support in the purchase of specific equipment or to cover the costs of training programs.

The Club assisted many young people to achieve individual goals that will benefit the community, and to attend both Rotary and non-Rotary programs.

The Club continues to have a major input into the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for 18 to 26 year olds, with many of members involved in the organisation and running of the program that is held in January each year.

Following are some of the youth programs the Rotary Club of Hall has sponsored attendees to this year:-

- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for 18 to 26 year olds;
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) for 14 to 17 year olds;
- National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) for Year 11 students;
- Rotary Youth Exchange Program for senior secondary students to experience a year of schooling in another country.
- Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)
- The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN);
- Murray-Darling School for Freshwater Research.

There are many more opportunities to develop our youth. If you your son or daughter is interested in finding out more, please contact our Director of Youth and Vocational Services.

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## About the Rotary Club of Hall



### FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Although our Farmers' Market has continued to challenge us, it has all been well worth the

effort, as is reflected in the achievements of the Club this year.

This year, saw the initiation of long term support commitments, such as the establishment of the scholarship program with the University of Canberra, our commitment to the MULCH project with Marymead and the Abundant Water project in Lao.

It was also the year we launched the Roteract Club of UC with whom we hope to have a long and close association over the coming years.



These initiatives represent new directions for the Club as we continue to 'make a difference' with our ongoing youth, community and international aid projects.

The continued success of the Club is due to the enthusiastic work of the Club members and we look forward to continued success next year with Ralph Southwell as President.

Thank you very much indeed.

*Brian Goldstraw*

## INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Ralph Southwell — President**
- Bernie Rodgers — Vice President**
- Paul Tyrell — Secretary**
- Liz Rodgers — Treasurer**
- Yvonne Robson — Club Service**
- Tony Tucker — President Elect**
- Chris Edwards — Community Service**
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- Janine Linklater — Youth and Vocational**
- Pam Brown — International**

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