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Quote from Spring by Gerard Manley Hopkins
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This year the wine trail has expanded and each of the wineries will be releasing something special... a new variety of white wine! Brindabella Hills, Capital Wines, Hops & Vine, Pankhurst Wines, Surveyors Hill and Wallace Wines will be showcasing the very best of Canberra district wines, combined with great food, live music and breathtaking scenery... This is a festival you don’t want to miss!

All 8 wineries are a pleasant 20 minute drive from Canberra CBD and will be open 10am to 5pm Sat & Sun. Bookings are advisable for those who wish to have a sit down lunch (see websites for details) otherwise platters, pizzas and casual nibbles are available for those who want to try a bit of everything on their Hills of Hall Journey.

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Coming events at St Michael’s

Garden Fete
Saturday 28 October 2017 10am-2pm

Everyone is invited to our annual Garden Fete. As usual the wonderful musicians of Victoria Street Brass will start the entertainment programme at 10am. Other great entertainers will include Silver Soles Cloggers bringing some Appalachian clog dancing to our village, our old friends Dances with Dogs and their furry celebrities, close friend of our parish Johnny Huckle, and Queanbeyan City Pipes and Drums closing the day in spectacular style. Come along for the usual yummy treats, stalls, games and competitions.

Blessing of the animals
Sunday 29 October 2017, starting at 4.00pm

Everyone is welcome to this simple service to reflect on the value of animals in our lives, either family pets, native fauna or farm livestock. Feel free to bring your pet along for a blessing, or perhaps a photograph if a social outing isn’t appropriate for your animals.

Please have your pets suitably restrained.

Regular Sunday services
A service of Holy Communion is held each Sunday at 11.00am, followed by morning tea. During school terms, Starshine Club Sunday School is also held at the same time.

All are welcome!

St Michael & All Angels Anglican Church,
Corner of Loftus and Victoria Steets, Hall

For more information please contact Beryl 0408 488 526

COME ALONG TO THE THIRD
Hall Street Party
Bigger and even better this year
To be held on Friday
27th October 2017
From 4pm until 9pm

• Lots of good food, beer and wine available
• Craft stalls
• Local produce - olive oil, eggs, jams, sauces and more
• Jumping castle
• Farm animals
• Face painting
• Wood chopping
• Marching Girls
• Sculptors
• Local band
• Fire Brigade and Collectors Club car displays

Friends of Grasslands at Hall Cemetery
7 October: Saturday morning, 9-11am.

A work-morning continuing Friends of Grasslands’ quiet efforts over many years to control weeds in the woodland block surrounding Hall Cemetery. This spring work-morning will tackle emerging weeds, especially thistles and selected patches of exotic grass. The work will comprise a combination of spot application of herbicide and more physical removal or trimming. Morning tea is provided. Please dress suitably for the weather and the work, including sturdy footwear.

MOST IMPORTANT so that enough morning tea and weeding equipment are on hand to match the enthusiasm of volunteers, REGISTER with john.fitzgerald@fog.org.au before Thursday 5 October. If you have not joined previous weeding work days with the Friends, please contact John asap to enquire about details, including tools required.
Open Gardens
The garden at ‘Yellow Box’, 447 Spring Range Road, Spring Range, will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 28 October and Sunday 29 October. The Yellow Box garden is almost exclusively comprised of native plants.

Morning and afternoon teas on Saturday 28 will be organised by the Hall School Museum and Heritage Centre volunteers, with proceeds to the museum.

The entrance fee charged by ‘Open Gardens’ is $8 for non-members.

Walk the Border, ACT – A Watershed Walk
The beautiful village of Hall will be the starting point for a 21 day fundraising walk around the ACT’s 306 km border.

A walk that crosses ancient pathways and that follows the contours that define the ACT, ‘Walk the Border, ACT – A Watershed Walk’ is supporting the Conservation Council ACT Region, the peak conservation organisation for Canberra and the Capital Region.

It is being led by the Conservation Council’s President, Rod Griffiths who will be joined along the way by a range of other fundraisers, from politicians to pensioners and CEOs to children.

The walk commences at 9am on 7 October 2017 from the Centenary Trail track head at the corner of Hoskins and Hall Streets Hall, following the border in a clockwise direction. The first stage will finish at Mulligans Flat Road after completing around 16 to 17 kms with some fantastic views over Canberra’s north. For those who don’t want to commit to the full day’s walk an option is to walk to One Tree Hill and independently return to Hall; this would be around two to three hours return.

For more details of the walk and each of its stages, as well as how you can get involved or make a donation, go to www.walktheborderact.wordpress.com.

This site and the Facebook page at fb.com/walktheborderact are also great places to keep up with what is happening with the walk.

Alternatively, Rod can be contacted through walktheborderact@gmail.com or 0410 875 731.

Local art group Girls on the Turps (Lyne Dingwall, Julie Hawkins, Helen White and Meg Dingwall) is holding a wonderful new exhibition showcasing their varied styles and subjects.

Where? Capital Wines Kyeema Gallery in Hall.

When? Opening Times: Thursday to Sunday 10.30am-5.00pm 25 November to 23 December.

Join us for the Official Opening on Sunday 26 November at 2pm and sample some local wines!

What are you doing on the 21 and 22 October 2017?

From sheep dogs, food and wine, plants, gardening and farm equipment of all shapes and sizes to children’s pony rides, a petting zoo and more – we’ll have it all at this year’s Murrumbateman Field Days. Tickets online at www.mfdays.com.
Stormwater Drains at the Park

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Richardson, and after more than a decade of disrepair, the ACT Government has cleared blocked stormwater drains and pipe outlets at the park on the corner of Victoria and Gladstone Streets, allowing water to drain freely.

Large infestations of blackberry and other weeds were also removed. Ginninderra Catchment Group is advising on suitable new plantings in the area. Residents interested in being involved should contact Bob on 0407 071 245.

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2017 Fire Ball
A fundraising event for the Wallaroo Rural Fire Brigade

Friday 10 November 2017 - 7:00pm

A three course dinner, live music and wine followed by an auction to raise money for the Wallaroo Rural Fire Brigade

Auction items include:
- Ride on mower with 42inch deck
- Two seat 125cc ATV buggy
- Outdoor equipment
- Gift vouchers
- Beauty treatment
- Power tools
- Sporting goods
- Cinema tickets
- Plus loads more!

Where: Poachers Pantry - 451 Nanina Road, Hall NSW 2618

Tickets $85
with at least $55 being donated to the Wallaroo Rural Fire Brigade

Tickets can be purchased online at wallaroo.rfsa.org.au or click on the link at www.wallaroo.rfsa.org.au
Ticket sales close on 1/10/17

Seating requests can be made by emailing: twa43887@bigpond.net.au
Any questions or to donate auction items call John Baird 0405 121 586

Dress: Smart Casual
With a change of weather now that spring is well in our midst, why not enjoy a gorgeous lunch at Poachers Pantry with our Australian Fine Food GOLD Medal winning smoked duck breast, accompanied by a glass of the Wily Trout Pinot Noir.

Want to avoid a boring Christmas party? Book now and make it an event that all of the corporate team will be talking about.

From a dinner in our kitchen Garden to a gala event in our marquee. We can cater for 30 to 500 guests.

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Visit drummuster.org.au for more details on collection times, or call Vernon Keighley on 0406 745 030.

The ACT has a helpful website at Access Canberra where you can explain what needs fixing and someone will come and deal with it. It seems to work!

accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/forms/fixmystreet/

If it relates to an urgent safety issue, please ring Access Canberra on 13 22 81 (available 24/7).
Don’t know much about it?
The Rotary Club of Hall was chartered in 18 November 1989. There are currently 26 members from various backgrounds including primary producers, the public and private sectors, private enterprise, academia, trades and the military. There are currently eight women.

What does the actually club do?
Rotarians are renowned for sausage sizzles but our members do much, much more. We started the Canberra Region Farmers Market (CRFM) at Epic 14 years ago and it is still going strong. The revenue from the CRFM has enabled us to provide financial support to many diverse organisations and to individuals from within the local region and from overseas.

Why are you telling me all this?
Like most volunteer organisations world-wide membership in Rotary is decreasing. There are about 1,300,000 million Rotary members world-wide but it is estimated that Rotary will cease in a few years unless our membership stops the current downward spiral. There are only 450 members in the ACT.

What does membership entail?
The Rotary motto is Service Above Self. Our members are rostered about once every six weeks on Saturday mornings to assist at the CRFM, and also to provide our help when needed elsewhere. We meet weekly for dinner from 6.30-9pm in the Rotary room within the grounds of the Hall Primary School. It is preferable if attendance is at the least on a 50 per cent basis except when members have conflicting commitments. The cost of dinner is $25. Potential new members are invited to attend three meetings as club guests. Fees are $285 per year. We enjoy the occasional social gathering at other venues.

What can I bring to the club?
We value and welcome everyone. Our top priority is to attract members who have altruistic goals, who maintain a reasonable level of well-being in order to be able to assist in some capacity and who simply want to be part of a volunteer group. This is why Rotary exists. Because of the CRFM we also seek members who possess financial, legal, primary production or a business background in order to maintain the viability of the market. We would really appreciate new members who have management, marketing, social media and IT background to supplement the skills of our existing hardworking members.

How can I register my interest?
There are several ways to seek further information about the Rotary Club of Hall. Our website is www.hallrotary.org.au, or feel free to contact me as this year’s keen as mustard President Yvonne Robson via email p.robson50@bigpond.com, my mobile 0419 148 948 or visit us at our Rotary booth at the upcoming Hall Village Street Party on Friday 27 October between 4.00pm and 8.00pm.
Paralysis ticks may have moved to Canberra!

Every year many companion pets die from tick paralysis. Until recently, the risk of tick paralysis was confined to pets that visited the coast or contacted a tick brought back from the coast, for example in rugs or vegetation. However, we are now seeing tick paralysis in pets whose owners have not recently travelled outside of the Canberra region.

Paralysis ticks appear to have developed the ability to survive the cooler, drier Canberra climate and whilst more prevalent from August to March and after heavy rain, ticks are a risk to pets all year round.

Bush ticks and paralysis ticks

Not all ticks are dangerous. Bush ticks are occasionally seen locally but do not cause illness. The most effective action is, if you find a tick on your pet, bring it to the vet to be identified.

Paralysis ticks are capable of killing a pet within three to four days of attaching, so don’t delay.

Early signs include tiredness staggering, vomiting, breathing difficulty, progressing to paralysis. The signs may continue to worsen even after the tick is removed.

Although most pets treated for tick paralysis survive, prevention is much safer and far less expensive. Tick prevention products vary between dogs and cats. They also vary in efficacy as well as length of protection. Talk with our staff about the most suitable tick protection for your pet.

Prevention – The daily search

A daily search is recommended, even in pets receiving tick prevention treatment, as no treatment is 100% reliable. The ticks may attach anywhere but are more often found on the front half of the body.

Tick preventatives

Newer products in the form of chewable tablets, such as NexGard and Bravecto are providing effective tick protection for dogs. The rinses and top spots that we previously used for dogs are less effective and can be toxic to cats that groom or have close physical contact with a recently treated dog.

For cats, prevention options are more limited and we recommend Frontline® spray, although the Frontline® Plus top spot or Seresto flea collars may provide some protection.

Clipping the coat

Trimming the hair assists in searching for ticks. Be prepared, if your pet has a long coat and presents to us with suspected tick toxicity, we may want to shave their entire coat to aid the tick search.

If symptoms of tick toxicity are noticed, a thorough search of the animal should be made and a veterinarian contacted immediately. Do not offer food or water prepared, if your pet has a long coat and presents to us with suspected tick toxicity, we may want to shave their entire coat to aid the tick search.

If you find a tick on your pet, contact your vet immediately.

The toxin produced by paralysis ticks is very potent. Even when the tick is removed, most animals get worse before they get better. This is because the toxin already in the animal’s body continues to circulate and attaches to nerves for a period of time. Remove food and water as your pet’s ability to swallow may be compromised, putting your pet at risk of inhaling food and developing aspiration pneumonia.

What are the signs of tick paralysis?

Signs of tick paralysis vary depending on the length of time the tick has been on the animal, as well as the potency of the toxin, which can vary between ticks.

Signs include:

- a change in vocalisation
- increased or laboured breathing
- coughing
- excessive salivation
- vomiting or regurgitation
- weakness in the hind legs, which typically progresses to involve the forelimbs.

Hall Veterinary Surgery

to animals suffering from paralysis as their inability to swallow may cause an aspiration pneumonia.

Ticks can be very hard to find, so don’t rule out tick paralysis if you cannot find one. There may also be more than one tick on the pet. If a tick is found on a pet which is not exhibiting signs, remove the tick by firmly grasping the tick close to the skin and plucking it off. Keep searching and remove any other ticks.

So long as signs do not develop, there is the option to keep your pet quiet and cool for 24 hours. Please keep the tick in case it is required for identification.

If you are at all uncertain, call for an appointment and bring your pet in for a vet check. Depending on the case, we may recommend home monitoring, or monitoring for signs in hospital with or without treatment with tick anti-serum.

Treatment

Veterinary treatment of tick paralysis includes:

- Thorough searching and removal of all ticks. This may require clipping the coat.
- Application of a tickicidal wash or spray.
- Administration of tick anti-serum.
  - Oxygen supplementation if necessary which may require transfer to an emergency centre for overnight monitoring or ventilation.
  - Maintaining hydration using intravenous fluid treatment, until the pet is able to swallow and therefore eat and drink again.
  - Keeping the pet cool, relaxed and comfortable.
Ginninderra Catchment Group is coordinating a number of upcoming Landcare activities for landholders in the Hall/Wallaroo area.

Pasture identification and management workshop
**Date:** 1-4pm Friday 3 November
**Location:** Rural property in the Hall area
TBC
Topics covered:
• main species present, how to identify them and what they indicate about soil and management
• grazing management for production and persistence
• feed quality (digestibility and crude protein).

Erosion control and water movement in the landscape
**Date:** 9am-12pm Saturday 3 December
**Location:** TBC
The workshop will cover:
• Gully and riparian erosion – how, why and when should we fix it?
• The movement and storage of water within a functional local landscape
• A range of low-cost, human-scale techniques, using locally available materials to tackle a variety of erosion issues.

The hands-on component of the workshop will:
• demonstrate the application of principles for low cost erosion control
• provide skills in interpreting the landscape
• allow the opportunity for hands-on experience in addressing erosion

Opportunity for tree planting on your property
Ginninderra Catchment Group and Greening Australia have developed a partnership project to assist rural landholders undertake revegetation works in the Wallaroo/Hall area. GCG or GA will conduct a site visit to provide useful information on site preparation, planting methodology, species selection and answer any questions you may have.

For more information on any of these contact Karissa Preuss landcare@ginninderralandcare.org.au 6278 3309

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The Wallaroo Rural Fire Brigade has had an outstanding couple of years with a lot of hard work from our volunteers and generosity from our donors. A major extension to the fire shed has been completed, additional safety equipment has been purchased for our vehicles, we have purchased a minibus for crew transfers and we have taken delivery of a Category 1 fire tanker. Cat 1 vehicles are the largest fire fighting vehicles available from the NSW Rural Fire Service and they carry between 3000 and 4000 litres of water. This vehicle has been fitted with a remote controlled monitor (or water jet) that allows crews to fight fires from within the cabin of the truck, thus significantly improving the safety of our volunteers.

Another major development has been the purchase of area lighting to be used when our crews attend motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) at night. As well as fighting bush and structural fires, our crews are frequently required to attend MVAs in the local area (see photo). Since these often occur at night, being able to light the scene is crucial both for the safety of our crews and to allow for a better working environment for emergency personnel.

These developments have all required brigade funding and we still have an external training area to complete. This year, on 10 November at 7pm the brigade is holding a Fire Ball and Auction at Poachers Pantry in aid of the brigade. Come along and have a wonderful time!! Auction items currently include a two seater All Terrain Vehicle, a ride on mower with a 42 inch deck, a Webber Baby Q, sound systems, a number of wonderful hand made quilts and much much more. There will be both a Silent Auction as well as a normal one, and a wonderful three course dinner provided by Poachers Pantry. Come and join the fun! Tickets are available on the web at wallaroo.eventbrite.com.au

John Baird, President of the Wallaroo Rural Fire Brigade
Springfield Rural Fire Brigade News

Bushfire Danger Period Begins 1 October 2017

a. What is the title of the book written by Ray Bradbury and which is reputed to be the temperature at which books burn?

b. What is the only letter not appearing on the Periodic Table of Elements?

c. What are the three levels of Bushfire Alerts?

The questions above were just some of the ones put to people attending the Inaugural Furies Funtastic Quiz Night held at the Murrumbateman Pub on Saturday 9 September – a new way engaging with our community.

Everyone in our community has a responsibility to prepare for and take action to protect and support themselves from bush fire and other emergency risks. The Rural Fire Service recognises that we have an important role in engaging with our community to provide fire preparedness advice, support, interventions, warnings and information. The challenge is how do we engage with our community when everyone is so busy and it is hard to cut through and get people’s attention. How do we ‘nudge’ a bit more fire awareness in our community?

The Quiz Night was jointly hosted by Springfield and Murrumbateman Rural Fire Brigades and was aimed at introducing community members to the work of the RFS in a fun, relaxed and informal setting. The event was supported by generous donations from many local businesses and over 90 people attended, including over half who were not members of any brigade and many of whom had not attended any RFS events before.

The outlook for fire in Australia indicates that we will experience increasingly frequent days of extreme fire danger and fires burning with increasing intensity in the future. This may limit the effectiveness of both offensive and defensive firefighting strategies, placing greater emphasis on the role of the RFS in providing information, warnings and public engagement to prioritise primacy of life.

RFS brigades will face increasing demands as an emergency service agency both operationally and as a communicator with the community expecting high level and frequent information. We are also a unique public service agency given that 99% of our members are volunteers responsible for implementing the vast majority of community engagement activities. We are working hard to directly engage our own communities because if we don’t, who will?

We will keep trialling new and different ways of engaging with the community and promoting the services available to assist NSW residents to get prepared for the coming bushfire season.

These services include free property inspections, which help residents to understand their bushfire risks including factors such as topography, fuel loads, previous fire history, fire paths, vegetation and weather impacts and the AIDER program which is a program to Assist Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents in bush fire prone areas with a one-off free service to reduce bush fire hazards.

If you would like any information about these services please get in touch.

Help us help you to stay safe!

Regards
Rebecca Morrison
President
0407 943 813 tomandbecmorrison@hotmail.com

It only takes three minutes for a fire to take hold.

If you see an unattended fire, call 000 without delay.

The Answers:

a. Fahrenheit 451
b. J

c. Advice, Watch and Act, Emergency Warning

Springfield and Murrumbateman Rural Fire Brigades would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous donations of prizes and auction items for the Inaugural Furies Funtastic Quiz Night held at the Murrumbateman Pub on Saturday 9 September 2017:

Barrie Smith Motorsport
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Big W Gungahlin
Clonakilla Wines
Daughters at Hall
Four Winds Vineyard
George Southwell and Ray White Real Estate Hall
Geranium Spa
Karen Shaw
MBK Hair Designs
Merry Branson
Murrumbateman Butchery
Murrumbateman Pharmacy
Murrumbateman Pub
Murrumbateman Rural Supplies
Murrumbateman Take Away
Murrumbateman Tennis Club
Poachers Pantry and Wily Trout Vineyard
Ravensworth Wines
Robyn Rowe Chocolates
Rosedale Hair
Shaw Vineyard Estate
Spring Hill Phil
Southwell Water
Stripey Sundae
The Wandering Goose
Village Café
Murrumbateman
The VHDPA Annual General Meeting was held in August 2017. This year’s committee was elected and I am pleased to warmly welcome the newcomers — Jo Hall, Margaret Monahan and George Southwell. The AGM was also an opportunity for the various groups of the association to ‘check in’ and it is great to see that they are going strong and remain wonderfully rewarding for those involved in them.

We have held our first committee meeting for the new year and there is already a full agenda which includes ongoing management of the pavilion and school site. The school site again looms as a significant issue for the committee as the expiry of the license, upon which the committee relies for tenure of the site, expires on 30 June 2018. The community’s input into the future of the site is sought.

Other items with a particular focus presently include:

- upgrading of the bicentenary trail along Victoria Street between the bridge and the Barton Hwy;
- laying of synthetic turf on the concrete cricket pitch;
- carparking solutions around the Gladstone St and Victoria St intersection.

As always, the initiatives and involvement of you the residents and members, not the committee’s, are key to the preservation, progress and sustainability of our beautiful village, district and community.

Bike Track Consultation
The Progress Association is organising a community meeting about the proposed bike track in Hall. Please watch the noticeboards for a date and time.

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Flexible Bus Service arrives in Hall

Advocacy efforts of the Village of Hall and District Progress Association paid off with the extension of the ACT Government’s flexible bus service to include Hall from 11 September 2017. The Flexible Bus Service is designed for residents such as the aged or people with a mobility difficulty who have limited access to public transport options. It is a free service which operates off a basic timetable, picking up residents from their home and taking them to local community service providers such as local shopping centres and hospitals. The fleet of minibuses are all wheelchair accessible.

Hall is in Zone 4 – Gungahlin, with a service as follows:

Pick up from home and then to Gungahlin Marketplace/ Gold Creek Village via Calvary Hospital on request. Return journey: Pick up from Calvary Hospital/ Gungahlin Marketplace/Gold Creek Village then home drop off.

The service is assessed on a case by case basis. To qualify, you may be asked if you comply with the following criteria:

- seniors card holders with mobility issues
- seniors card holders aged 70 or over
- living in a nursing home and/or retirement village impacted by a permanent or temporary disability that prevents you from accessing regular route services
- holders of a Vision Impaired (VIP), or Total and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) travel pass.

**Bookings**

To book the bus please phone 6205 3555, or via email to fbs@act.gov.au. **Bookings must be made two days prior to travel.** Pick up of passengers from suburbs around particular zones commence at 9.30am and return trips start promptly at 1.30pm. The Flexible Bus office hours are 9am-4pm Monday to Friday. Full details at https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/bus-services/accessible-transport-options
What is laminitis?
Laminitis is a painful hoof condition that affects the laminae, which are the soft tissues attaching the pedal bone (coffin bone) to the hoof wall. Disruption of blood flow results in inflammation of the laminae, and if not treated can lead to separation and rotation of the pedal bone away from the hoof wall. Laminitis most commonly affects the front feet, however it can also occur in the hind limbs. If recognised early, long term effects can be avoided; however, chronic laminitis can lead to ongoing pain, unsoundness and even penetration of the sole by the pedal bone.

What is the cause? As the exact cause of laminitis is not completely understood, prevention and successful treatment is often limited. Currently a lot of research is happening about laminitis and its causes, and hopefully more information about this frustrating disease will become available soon.

Common causes of laminitis include:
- obesity/overfeeding
- equine Metabolic Syndrome
- equine Cushings (PPID)
- diets high in carbohydrates eg. grain, lush spring pasture, or abrupt changes in diet
- retained placenta in mares
- gastrointestinal disease eg. colic, diarrhoea
- severe infections eg. pneumonia, placentitis
- adverse drug reactions
- standing for long periods eg. travelling by road, rail or ship
- non-weight bearing lameness (causing laminitis in the opposite limb)
- poor hoof care
- intense exercise on hard ground
- previous history of laminitis.

Management of laminitis: With early intervention, many laminitis cases can be successfully managed. However, unfortunately there is no specific cure. The most important aspect of treatment is early identification, removal, and/or treatment of the cause. For example, if the inciting cause of laminitis is obesity, the horse’s diet should be restricted, with weight loss as the goal. Veterinary advice should be sought from us as soon as possible, as early treatment can prevent further deterioration.

Management and treatment of laminitis by your veterinarians may include: radiographs, increased cushioning under the sole of the affected feet, farriery techniques to correct forces placed on the coffin bone and hoof wall, strict rest, restricted diet, ice/cold therapy, pain and inflammation management, and intravenous fluid therapy.

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At this time of year many clients share concerns of dry lack lustre skin following on from winter and their exposure to the Canberra climate as well as trips to the snow or for some, the heat of Europe. Geranium House is pleased to add a new offering to its current range of skin rejuvenation treatments.

Micro needling infusion therapy is an advanced aesthetic treatment used to treat many skin concerns. These include sun damage and pigmentation, wrinkles, fine lines, open pores, mild acne scarring and dehydrated skin types.

Many skin needling systems require a preparatory analgesic to numb the skin prior to the treatment. Dermafrac does not as it gently separates the dermal/epidermal barrier so that pain is not felt. By using a roller that contains 180 superfine needles to stimulate collagen production and skin renewal, Dermafrac helps to plump, firm and smooth the skin. The roller creates micro channels in the skin which allows the infusion of specific serums to boost the impact of the treatment. This is where Dermafrac differs from other skin needling machines, a far more comfortable treatment and the serum is infused to the area where it is most needed.

The end result is that your skin will have an immediate change in texture and hydration. Mineral makeup can be applied immediately following the treatment to ensure sun protection. Although Dermafrac can be used as a one off treatment, ideally a series of 4–6 treatments will ensure dramatic change for those specifically targeting fine lines, dehydration and sun damage. The treatment includes a full skin analysis prior to commencement and an appropriate home care package will also be recommended.

Our introductory offer will include the MAX 7 Light Therapy, to ensure skin is left calm and hydrated prior to departure. For further details and Spring specials (including the joint offering between Luxe Hair Studio in Hall and Geranium House’s Oriental Sensations treatment), please refer to our website (www.geraniumhouse.com.au) and/or Facebook Geranium House.

We look forward to helping you prepare your skin for summer, special occasions and in targeted treatments for specific concerns. And if you are interested in previous results, simply Google Dermafrac before and after images.

Warmest regards,
Sue.
It is a measure of Phil Robson’s contribution to the centre that he has been replaced by a team of three – incoming Honorary Curator Alastair Crombie and two deputies – Judy Roberts (of historic ‘Allwood’ on the Wallaroo Road) and Mardie Troth (former principal of Hall Primary). While no dramatic changes are foreseen, past success means that the challenges facing us grow bigger. Properly accessioning, storing and giving public access to the Gillespie Collection alone is a very demanding but critical task. A very good start has now been made, as evidenced in the current exhibition ‘Stones that Speak’, which showcases a selection of Aboriginal stone artefacts from that collection.

To meet the challenges we are focusing effort on recruiting and fund raising.

The active core of volunteers numbers around two dozen; we aim to add another dozen. The range of valuable interests and experiences is very extensive and includes:

- general administrative skills – record keeping, filing, documenting, as these skills are valuable for recording details of what is in the collection, where it is kept, etc.
- keyboard skills, basic word-processing, finding information on the Internet
- ‘guiding’ skills – being in attendance when the centre is open to assist visitors (there is a lot to see!)
- publicity and promotion, including writing for the media and our own publications
- ‘research’ skills that can be deployed in searching out information about early people, families and places in the Ginninderra / Hall district for inclusion in exhibitions
- practical skills in repair and maintenance of equipment, fittings and furnishings and minor building maintenance (we are greatly helped here by the Hall Men’s Shed)
- catering and hospitality for the many groups that come to visit the Centre
- photography, and managing digital photo collections
- librarianship and related skills in organizing and taking care of books, documents, maps, etc.
- teaching skills and experience are valuable to our education program of school visits
- graphic design and all related skills required in mounting displays and exhibitions.

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While this list may sound imposing, most of us have learned what we know ‘on the job’ or from a handful of precious ‘experts’!

Our volunteers choose which projects or activities they get involved in, when they contribute, how much and to some extent where; a good deal can be done at any time, at home. The group gets together on Thursday mornings at the centre (Hall Primary School) and is a friendship group as well as having jobs to do. If you are interested in knowing more about opportunities for you as a volunteer please drop by one Thursday morning or contact one of us:

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**Fundraising**

Community museums are generally not known for their wealth, but for making a little go a long way. Other than specific purpose grants (eg for development of a Disaster Management Plan; digitising photographs in the Gillespie Collection), the centre raises (and spends) around $7,000-$8,000 a year – donations, fees for visiting groups, sales, membership subscriptions, and fundraising events such as the annual Twilight Concert. The Progress Association has in the past been a regular ‘co-funder’ in support of the centre’s applications for ACT Heritage grants. An extraordinary amount has been achieved on this very modest level of income.

**Sponsorship opportunity?**

If we can recruit more volunteers this will of course mean we can do more, but we now see the need to make some investments that are above and beyond our regular fundraising. Visitors to museums and galleries in Canberra and elsewhere will know by now that digital display of various kinds is becoming ‘standard’. It allows display of text and images, including video and audio, that can add a whole new dimension to relating the history of a place or a family. It is particularly helpful in engaging the attention of young people. Accordingly we are hoping to be able to purchase three large screen ‘smart TV’ monitors (unit cost about $500) in time to add them into the exhibition now being developed – ‘A tale of two villages’. This will be a permanent exhibition telling the story of Hall and its origins at Ginninderra to be launched in April 2018. If you would be interested in sponsoring our acquisition of one or more of these items, and if appropriate, having your business name permanently associated with it in the exhibition, please contact Alastair Crombie 6230 2977 a.crombie@bigpond.com

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Joshua Fife - 2017 KZ2 Australian Karting Champion

At just 17 years of age, Canberra local, Joshua Fife has become the youngest person to win the Australian KZ2 National Karting Championship. The KZ2 series is the elite category in the Australian Karting Championship, with the winner announced at a Gala Dinner held at Etihad Stadium in Melbourne. He was awarded the honour of being the Karting Representative in the Ricciardo Kart Team, racing at either of the following European Races – 2018 CIK-FIA Winter Cup, 2018 WSK Champions Cup or the 2018 CIK-FIA International KZ2 Super Cup.

Josh was also voted by his peers as the MG Tyres Driver’s Driver of the Year.

Josh is a member of the local Canberra Kart Club and spent his early years in karting racing in many local club events. Last year he was part of the official opening of the Circuit Mark Webber and was given the honour of being the first karter to officially do a lap around the newly named track. He has also been guaranteed a place on Team Australia for 2017 and will represent Australia at the World Rotax Finals in Portugal in November and then later at the SKUSA Nationals in Las Vegas.

FERAL AFTERNOON

Like tiny black comets
starlings streak ahead
ahead of the wind,
zip upwards,
climb to the rear
of the storm of angry air
and hurtle forward again,
exultant.
Little sharkfin wings
gleam irridescent as
they ride the elements
at daredevil speed
then claw height to go back and do it
all over again
with urchin glee.
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Jane is a Yass resident and ‘sometime poet’
A Fundamental Driver of Disease

by Anita Kilby, Naturopath

What do mood disorders, inability to lose weight, hormone imbalances, poor memory, fatigue, stress, dementia, fatty liver, heart disease and cancer have in common? That’s a wide range of conditions, so a common denominator must be something fundamental.

It’s poor blood sugar regulation! It could be type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes, or insulin resistance at the earliest stages. You don’t have to be overweight to have blood sugar problems. A diet high in foods that are quickly broken down into glucose (sugar) is at the core of poor blood sugar regulation. If that’s your normal diet then you will be at risk of developing some chronic conditions.

Your doctor may test your blood sugar levels, but that’s only part of the story. More comprehensive testing can measure fasting insulin, to see how well your body manages your blood sugar response, and haemoglobin A1c (HbA1c), your average blood sugar level for the past three months. Thyroid hormone imbalances can cause insulin resistance, so that should always be checked.

How it works

When you eat sugar and carbohydrates (e.g., grains, cereals, bread, biscuits, fruit, vegetables) they get broken down into the sugars glucose and fructose. Dairy products also contain a sugar called galactose. How quickly the sugar is broken down will determine how quickly the blood glucose levels (BGLs) rise. You may have heard of the glycaemic index (GI) – a measure of how foods affect BGLs. High GI foods quickly raise BGLs and insulin and low GI foods cause a more gradual increase in both.

High BGLs are inflammatory so the body quickly tries to reduce it. The pancreas pumps out insulin to tell body cells to absorb glucose. A diet of high GI foods creates a rollercoaster ride of very high BGLs followed by a dramatic drop (as insulin is released), which triggers cravings for sweet foods or carbohydrates like white bread, consumption of which again causes a quick rise in BGLs – a vicious cycle!

Insulin resistance can develop when BGLs are chronically high – the cells stop responding to insulin’s message. The pancreas must pump out more and more insulin to try to get glucose into the cells. Eventually the pancreas can’t keep up and pre-diabetes and type 2 diabetes can develop.

Glucose is used by the cells for energy and excess glucose can be stored as fat. The liver is a major storage site for excess glucose, converting it into glycogen. When BGLs drop (e.g., while you sleep or exercise), the liver converts glycogen back into glucose and releases it into the bloodstream. Chronically high BGLs can contribute to the development of fatty liver. While BGLs and insulin are high the body is actively trying to store excess energy (as fat) so weight loss is almost impossible.

So, improving blood glucose regulation can have widespread benefits – immediate effects such as stable energy and mood, and reduced risk of developing a major chronic health disease. Implementing a low GI diet and taking regular exercise, especially working the large muscles like the thighs, are the essential steps to reverse insulin resistance. Specific supplements can help provide essential nutrients to stimulate a return to sensitivity to insulin’s message.

The New Glucose Revolution books by Dr Jennie Brand-Miller will guide you in implementing dietary strategies to control your BGLs.
Brand loyalty or rip-off trickery?

The dictionary definition of a brand is a type of product manufactured by a company under a particular name. When you are handing hundreds of dollars over to a brand you don’t only expect a good product, you generally want to know a bit about who will be enjoying your money once it’s gone, what it will be used for. One would hope the money is going to a hardworking team who endeavoured to develop something worth your money. One would hope these people are ethical and care about their clientele. That is why cruelty free, vegan and against animal testing have become valuable stamps to have on your products labels. But what if you were handing hundreds of dollars over to a ‘company’ that isn’t even making these products? What if the exact same products with the exact same formulas were available from countless other places for a fraction of the price? And what if, instead of developing their own line and building a respectable brand, these people use your money to pay influencers and famous people to deceive and lie to you, telling you these products are unbelievable and to go and buy them right now and hey, why not use their discount code? While quality eyeshadows are being made ethically and carefully with the best ingredients, finely milled in the best factory possible in France, a social media based, expensive makeup brand Morphe Brushes are cheaply private labelling in sell-outs Crown Brushes factories in China.

Private label brands are brands not owned by the manufacturer, but by a retailer who obtains goods under a private contract with a manufacturer. Their products often look the same but are of low quality. Because of these quality issues, this particular brand has extensively used advertising through social media. Sales of private labelled products have reached $50 billion and make up 15% of CPG (consumer packaged goods) sales in the US alone. Its value share is as high as 45% in Europe.

Yet what is everywhere, every review, all over social media? Morphe. Now, there generally is nothing wrong with private labelling with good intentions. Each brand must start somewhere especially in the makeup industry. (It’s worth mentioning that this is certainly not the only industry doing this, if you walk down a supermarket aisle you will pass a handful of private labels.) It is not an illegal practice, more like buying cheap products made to the bare minimum in massive bulk.

But Morphe’s private labelling is not done with optimisms of branching off once it gains recognition and finances to build a quality reliable brand. Its optimisms are instead for a band of loyal followers. They are reimbursing influential figures to tell their audiences how astonishing their products are.

Brand loyalty or rip-off trickery?

by Ella Mansfield
Youtubers, artists and influencers such as Jaclyn Hill who makes YouTube videos for young girls, who has a net worth is $1.5 million from endorsement deals, have discount codes and glowing reviews for Morphe.

There, again, is nothing wrong with a company sending an influential artist or figure a product and requesting sponsored content. It is a time old practice, the reviewers living, and the respective companies utilizing the new formats of advertising that are far more effective and readily available to them. However, the line must be drawn. The audiences are young girls. Children, if you will, discovering their unique style in this artform and working to earn their money. It is disturbing to me that figures these girls look up to and trust are pushing these poorly made products at them with ruthless force, urging them to go out and get the funds, quite large funds for young girls. Then after the work they did to earn it, they hastily throw their money at companies like Morphe, and wait. They wait for this built up, overstated and false experience of magical, high-quality products. What these young hopeful girls get in return is in my view slow shipping times, lousy customer service and eventually, instead of beautiful high quality and priced by cost per gram eyeshadows, they get a bit of pigmented talc, stored in deceivingly large pans that are astonishingly thin, in flimsy packaging. Instead of soft quality brushes they get scratchy, poor quality synthetic brushes prone to breakage. So where does that leave these young girls? Frustrated and confused. And the cycle continues, as it continues in almost every industry.

It is growing into something we cannot stop. The clever minds manipulating the system with it are making money we could not imagine. Do not be fooled, be an informed consumer: Whatever you buy, pay attention to the owners, where it is made and question advertisements. It would be a real shame to have these minds taking over industries, turning keepsakes we love into cheap remakes. Imagine never being able to buy a vintage car or bag. Imagine Bali fakes being where the industries begin and end. Where quantity overrides quality. I would certainly prefer a concise, first-rate world that finds beauty in simplicity than one cramped and bursting with flimsy swindled crud.
The Conservation Council ACT attended the 2017 Eco Focus Seminar on Wednesday 30 August. The event was held at the Gold Creek Station, Kinlyside, the only ACT nature reserve managed by private operators. Thanks to Craig Starr and John Starr for being such good hosts in the newly rebuilt premises (after fire destroyed the former building in April 2015) and for keeping the grassy woodland in such good condition. The birdlife was mildly and pleasantly distracting but not disruptive! The event is an annual information seminar by the Conservation Research Unit of the Environmental, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate and as usual there were short brilliant presentations on some of the range of research on biodiversity issues being undertaken within ACT Government. Topics this year were:

- Conservation Research – overview of current research (Margaret Kitchin)
- Carping at Isabella Ponds (Matt Beitzel, Aquatic Ecologist)
- Conservation Effectiveness Monitoring Program (CEMP) – grassland results (Renee Brawata, CEMP Officer)
- Grappling with groundcover (Nicki Taws, Project Manager, Greening Australia)
- Little Eagle – flying across Australia (Sam Reid, Fauna Ecologist)
- Spatial data for decision making – flying through the landscape (Jennifer Smits, Spatial Ecologist)
- Quolls and Bettongs – how are our new residents going? (Will Batson, Manager, Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary)
- Dieback in the eucalyptus – recent survey and mapping (prepared by Greg Baines, Vegetation Ecologist but presented by Margaret Kitchin).

If there is any criticism of the event it might be that the ACT Government does not realise how valuable it is and how interesting it would be to a larger audience. Did you know that carp in some ponds get up to 14kg whereas they are usually smaller in the lakes? What about the Little Eagle that flew from the ACT to the NT in a few weeks reaching speeds up to 127kmh and at very high altitude too. And what is happening to our eucalypts? Is it part of a wider trend of tree decline across the world? And we saw a heat picture of kangaroos (taken by a drone) that might make them easier to count!

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• food scraps

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Find a good spot: In the warmer months, worms need to be kept cool and in the cooler months they need to be kept a little warm (not in a frosty area). If its possible, keep them where you have easy access to maintain and add food scraps.

Set up your worm farm

May I suggest you buy your worm farm, they are constructed to optimise worm lifestyle and for you to get castings and tea (more on that in a moment)

Feeding

Worms love paper, manure and coffee grinds (which also aid in warming the worm farm during winter). They also eat all fruit and veg scraps, egg shells, some bread and pasta.

They are not fond of citrus of any kind, onions, garlic, chilli, meat, bones, fish, oils or grease and particularly not cat or dog poo.

Try not to over feed as decomposing veggies etc only attract other insects and pests.

A worm can eat its own body weight in food. Food cut into small pieces is best as its easier for the worms to consume.

Two kinds of fertiliser

Solid: this is known as castings and generally sits around the level where the worms rest, this can be around the middle level (or the bottom with my farm)

Liquid: this is known as tea, its actually worm wee. This will drip out of your farm, and depending on the farm you have, mind drips from the bottom. Dilute 1 part tea, 9 parts water for a fantastic plant fertiliser.
Sculpture in the Paddock

by Victoria Karabin

The annual Sculpture in the Paddock exhibition again took over the National Trust property, Cooma Cottage in Yass, from 16 September – 8 October.

This year saw more sculptures showcased than previously, with 35 pieces made from various materials on display, at the old home of the first Australian born explorer, Hamilton Hume.

In a hope to be more inclusive, Yass Arts held workshops to include schools in Yass and the surrounding regions, with the Binit Binit Learning Community. The organisation also included a scholarship for young up and coming sculptors.

Students were welcomed into the sculpture department and gallery at ANU School of Art and introduced to various materials that can be used when creating sculptures, like plaster, wire, paper and clay.

A number of awards are presented to artists with their work on display, including the 2017 Sculpture in the Paddock Prize, the Yass Soldiers Club Encouragement Award, a People’s Choice Award, the Tuggeranong Arts Centre Prize, Belconnen Art Centre prize and the ANU Exhibition prize. This years judges are Alexander Boynes, Jenni Kemarre Martiniello and Mariana del Castillo.

First prize went to Robert Barnstone for the sculpture Cleft (pictured above), praised by the judges for its depth and philosophy.

Left: Wind Riders by Roger Buckman

Right: Mould by Brian Evans
R U OK? by Victoria Karabin

On 18 September the Yass Valley hosted its first inaugural R U OK? Day Fundraising Dinner at the Yass Gold Club, to bring the community together and raise funds for the R U OK? Day Foundation.

R U OK? Day is a national day about reminding everyone we’re capable of asking ‘are you ok?’ and support those who are struggling. The R U OK? Foundation is a not-for-profit suicide prevention organisation that aims to inspire people to start meaningful conversations all year round.

Forty patrons attended the Yass fundraising dinner, with $3000 raised through ticket sales, trivia and an auction. A number of items were auctioned off as part of a silent auction.

Councillor Nathan Furry was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening, with honoured guests Deputy Premier The Hon. John Barilaro MP, Councillor Mike Reid and Mental Health Advocate Elizabeth Veasey attending.

R U OK? Day is a reminder to keep the conversation about mental health going all year round, and to ask those around us ‘are you OK?’

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From the editor

‘Nothing is so beautiful as spring’, said Gerald Manly Hopkins in his opening line to a poem I learnt at school. After what felt to me like the longest winter ever it certainly feels like nothing is so beautiful as to watch the gardens come alive with snowdrops, daffodils and tulips and to walk through the blossoms and wattle in Hall and watch for the tiny native orchids to bloom on the Hall walk. We have plenty happening to celebrate the season with the garden fete at St Michael’s, the Hall Street Party and the Hills of Hall wine festival. The Fire Ball, an Open Garden, an art exhibition, even a very long walk or weeding at the cemetery, we are spoilt for choice of events and activities. The change of the seasons is one of the pleasures of living where we live. It is a reminder of the passing of time and the passing of loved ones. As well as a reminder of renewal and the circle of life. And always a reminder to seize the moment or ‘Gather ye rosebuds while ye may’ as another great poet Robert Herrick put it. We are thrilled in this edition to include some local poetry as well as news and informative articles about what’s happening in Hall and the district just now. Enjoy.

Until next time.

Jo Hall

Andrew Purdam (this issue’s Layout Editor) remembers a different spring poem, as told to him (in terrible faux-Bronx accent) by his dad.

Spring is sprung. Da grass has ris.
I wonder where da boidies is?
Dey say da boid is on the wing.
Ain’t dat absoid?
I thought da wing was on da boid.

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The Rural Fringe is a community newspaper published in 700 copies every second month by the Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc (VHDPA) and distributed free to mailboxes of the 2618 postcode. It is also available online at www.hall.act.au This publication is funded by the advertisements so readers are encouraged to support the businesses advertised.

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Work on upper Halls Creek

If you’ve been walking the Hall Walk or the Centenary Trail you may, like me, have noticed lots of activity around the upper reaches of Hall Creek. It is a $225,000 earthworks project, building new structures and planting trees to try and prevent further erosion of Hall Creek and the sediment that flows through Hall village and along the river system that drains into the Murrumbidgee. This is one of the most eroded areas in the ACT, with deep gullies forming since the land was cleared for grazing in the late 1890s.

The work by the ACT Government is part of an Environmental Offsets scheme to provide ‘environmental compensation’ for the developments of Taylor, Jacka, Moncrieff, Throsby, Kenny and Gungahlin Town Centre. Under the Gungahlin Strategic Assessment the Kinlyside offset area (290 hectares) is located across the Kinlyside Nature Reserve (Starr leasehold) and adjoining leased land (Bolton leasehold). The offset area forms part of a network of remnant patches of box gum grassy woodland that extends from Hall, across northern Gungahlin to the Federal Highway and beyond to the Majura Valley. Combined, these remnants form one of the largest, best connected and most diverse patches of box gum grassy woodland remaining in south-eastern Australia. It is also home of the endangered Golden sun moth and many threatened fauna and flora including the pink tailed lizard and the pale flax lily.

The offset area support sites of cultural heritage including trees where bark and timber were once removed for Aboriginal cultural use and features of nineteenth century landscape use.

A group of Hall residents has formed a Bee Keepers clan called The Hall Honeys. Rod Barnes, Helen White, Greg Flowers, Richard Fulton and Jade Barnes are helping each other to produce Heavenly Honey from Hall.

The concrete flume is designed to allow the water to drop down to the lower level without continuing the erosion. It focuses the flow on the centre of the flume and reinforces this point so erosion won’t continue.

The rock pile is also designed to focus the flow at a particular spot and make sure that spot doesn’t erode, in this case by placing rocks there.

Land beside the creek is prepared for tree planting to secure the soil.

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