

## Annual Report for The Rural Fringe 2025

Opening balance \$13622.40

Expenses \$11500.22

Income \$11680.00

Closing balance \$13802.18

The Rural Fringe has continued for its usual six editions last financial year. I have edited five editions and Jo Hall has edited the August edition while I was away on holiday.

Our staff roster remains the same with Gail Condry providing wonderful layouts of the Fringe for printing, Kevin Stone for his proofreading with his usual expertise and Bill Pearson loading the Fringe on to the Hall Facebook page so it is available electronically.

Thanks to Instant Colour Press for their reduced publishing costs, for their timely printing and having it ready and on a trolley when promised.

Thanks also to Karen Hughes at Hall Post Office for always delivering the Fringe to the PO Boxes within hours of receiving the bundles from me.

Thanks too to the Hall Mens Shed for their continued roadside delivery, and their comments that delivery day doubles as a social outing! Our donation for their efforts is much appreciated, helping to fund their Christmas party.

Thanks too to our very much appreciated advertisers, without whom the magazine wouldn't continue. We had 34 ongoing advertisers, six one off ads and sadly, two bad debtors, one of whom went out of business. I continue to chase the other for payment.

I continue to be amazed at the extent of the reach of the Fringe with many people I talk to having either read our magazine, taken it home for others to read or even post it out to those too far away to receive a copy in their mail. Everyone speaks highly of the Fringe and are enthusiastic that it continues in its present, printed format. I rarely have spares come back from the post office or Daughters at Hall who have copies on their counters. An added bonus is that a lot of new customers are coming to Hall Post Office and hiring a post office box or merely coming to Hall as it is so much easier to access than the Gungahlin Post office, and Hall is such a nice place to visit.

The village and surrounds also stays at front of mind of our local MLAs with our VHDPA president posting copies to their offices.

Please keep the articles, ads, announcements, opinions, photos, sports results etc coming so that the Rural Fringe stays interesting and relevant.

Jenny Whittaker

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