

## Annual Report for The Rural Fringe 2026

Opening balance \$13802.18

Expenses \$9815.51

Income \$11662

Closing balance \$15648.64

The Rural Fringe was produced six times last financial year, with most editions at 24 pages (half of those in colour) and the February 2025 edition only 20 pages due to lack of content.

Unending thanks to our layout editor Gail Condry who puts in many hours to lay out the magazine to such a high quality we've been asked for her details by other magazines. Thanks too to Kevin Stone for his meticulous proofreading and Bill Pearson for loading the Fringe onto the Hall Facebook page so it is available to all the Facebook techno's.

Instant Colour Press also deserve thanks for producing a high quality product, always on time and always easy to deal with.

Thanks also to Karen Hughes at Hall Post Office for her prompt placement of the Fringe into the PO Boxes and her wonderful flexibility with any request I have.

Thanks too to the Hall Men's Shed for their continued roadside delivery which saves a lot of money but most importantly means that the mail does get through, especially our December issue which remains a very low priority for Aust Post.

Thanks too to our very much appreciated advertisers. We had 27 ongoing advertisers, five one off ads and sadly, for the second year in a row, two bad debtors, (a total of \$232 will be written off)

I continue to be asked about advertising in the Fringe and can only assume that it presents good value for money and is seen as a quality publication worth advertising with.

Please keep the articles, ads, announcements, opinions, photos, sports results etc coming so that the Rural Fringe stays interesting and relevant. I do find that I have to write at least one article, usually the lengthy one for the front page. I often have to work hard to find something local, relevant, interesting and that falls within the publication time frame. Just when I think there's nothing left to cover something often pops up. So please, dig deep for contributions!

Jenny Whittaker

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