

A Happy Ending

for an Orphaned Miniature Donkey Foal

By Glynda Bluhm, *Alpaca Magic*, Sutton

It is routine to check the livestock and the paddocks, but in the next week or so I was expecting the birth of a new American Mediterranean Miniature Donkey foal, so I was keen to see if the Donkey Isabella had birthed. Isabella was still with the herd.

By chance I noticed donkey Tip Top at the furthest end of the paddock, well away from the herd. On closer investigation, Tip Top had a new born foal by her side – but Tip Top had never been pregnant – so it wasn't her foal – and despite Tip Top's motherly instincts, she had no milk on which to feed the foal.

Rejected by Isabella, or perhaps stolen by Tip Top, little Istata only 9kg and 18" high, had been beaten & bruised by both mothers on the day she was born.

"I have her locked in a pen with her real mother but the mum kicks her away every time she tries to nurse." I told the vet.

Llama mum nursing her own baby and the donkey foal.



Istata the donkey foal is very tiny.

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"Does she look like she's fading fast? Then you'd better bring her over & we'll give her some of the magic potion" was the vet's reply.





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Once with the vet, little Istata received an i/v drip of mare plasma, antibiotics and vitamins. "She's bruised head to tail. Forget about getting her back on the mum, she's too frail for that—you'll need to bucket rear her—and find her a gentle paddock pal" advised the vet.

Istata, spent her first couple of nights in the house, with 2 hourly feeds, with Tessa, the dog, happily washing Istata's face after each feed. As a temporary solution it was fine, but Istata really needed to live outside and needed a paddock pal for company.

Rasulka, a gentle pregnant llama, shed-bound while recovering from an injury seemed like a possible option. The foal ran straight up to Rasulka and after a good sniffing by her new fluffy mum, began to nurse. With amazement Glynda watched as Llama Rasulka allowed the new born donkey foal to suckle even though she had no milk.

Every 2 hours Glynda gave Istata 200 mls of formula, and always Istata would then run to "nurse" from Rasulka. The big surprize was the day Istata finished pseudo-feeding and gave Glynda a big wet milky kiss. Llama Rasulka had come into milk for "her new foal"!

A couple of weeks later Llama Sweet Pea gave birth to Saracen – 6 weeks premature. Too premature to be able to stand, I was concerned that he may not survive. Saracen also received the "magic potion" (camel plasma). Saracen too was on 2 hourly feeds, each feed I first milked Saracen's mother, and then bottle fed that milk to Saracen.

After a couple of weeks, Saracen became strong enough to stand and then walk and feed. Not only was he surviving, but he was thriving and energetic. Istata & Saracen became best mates, chasing each other around the shed. Saracen even had Istata over to dinner – mother Sweet Pea, didn't seem to mind – or maybe she didn't notice a second baby feeding between her back legs.

Istata quickly learned to play "musical mums" – feed from Rasulka or Sweet Pea – whoever was closest.

As Rasulka's birthing date came closer, I was grateful that she decided that Istata was no longer welcome to nurse. Istata was only a little put out – she knew she had a standing invitation to go home with Saracen for dinner.

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Congratulations go to Meg Hobson for winning the first annual **Rural Fringe Junior Reporter for 2010**.



In our last issue we invited all young reporters to submit their stories for consideration for being used on the front page of this, the colourful Christmas issue.

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Dutch families: Pender Groos

We left Holland at the end of October 1952. We were sponsored by Mr and Mrs van den Heuval, who were friends of our parents in Holland.

We arrived by plane in Sydney on November 5, 1952.



got lost. It had a huge kitchen, lounge and lots of bedrooms. A verandah ran all around the house.

We caught a bus to school, as we went to St Christopher's in Manuka. We had to get off the bus at



Mr and Mrs van den Heuval had arranged accommodation for us. It was a little house at Ocean Beach near Woy Woy. We lived there for about 7 months. Our father was unable to get work there, so he moved to Canberra. Living at Capital Hill Hostel and only able to come home every few weeks to see us. This was very difficult, especially for Mum, who was there with 5 children and very limited English.

After about 7 months, Dad had found accommodation for us in Hall. This was a 2 room cottage with an added on laundry/bathroom with toilet outside. We had to boil a copper located outside to do the washing and for a bath, which was a laundry tub.

We all slept in one room. To make us all fit in, Dad cut a piece off the cot to make it fit in the room.

Mum and Dad slept in the lounge/kitchen on a bed that lifted to the wall.

From here we moved to Palmer Street behind Jim Rochfords Garage. This house was so big, we almost



The Groos family:

- Johannes Groos (Dad)
- Francisca Groos (Mum)
- Ria Groos (b. 1940)
- Jo Groos (b. 1942)
- Fransien Groos (b. 1945)
- John Groos (b. 1940 d. 1965)
- Helma Groos (b. 1950)
- Robert Groos (b. 1956)



Ainslie Public School, then another bus to Manuka. And vice versa going home. All this made it a very long day for us. Our brother John went to the Public School in Hall until we were allocated a government house in Yarralumla.



Ann and Bert Penders-Daamen, 1958. Flower girl: Thea Daamen Bridesmaid: Theresa van Pelt (now Theresa Penders)

We used to walk to St Xavier Church every Sunday as Dad only had a motorbike as transport to travel to work. We couldn't afford a car then.

Written by Ann Pender

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Village of Hall Progress Association – from the President

Hall School Centenary preparations

The efforts continue to make sure that Hall's one teacher bush

school gets a fine 100th birthday. In particular, a big effort is under way to contact former pupils, parents, staff, and friends of the school, to let them know



there will be a warm welcome 'back to Hall' over the weekend of 16th-17th April 2011. There is now a website address [<http://www.hall.act.au/centenary.html>] a Facebook page [search for 'Hall School Centenary'], and a flyer.

The next meeting of the ad hoc group planning the Centenary will be at The Cottage on 8th December, at 7.15 pm. If you can help us in any way, please come along.

Chief Minister to launch Heritage signs

Readers will be aware the Progress Association has been working with ACT Heritage in the development of a series of heritage interpretation signs which are to be placed at various sites around the village. The official Launch of this project by ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope will be in the park opposite Hall Stock Feeds at 11.00 am on Thursday 20th January. All are welcome.

There will be signs relating to Henry and Mary Hall, 'Winarlia', 'Kinlyside Hall', the Hall Showground, Hall churches, and other places, telling the story of the early years in the village. The Launch will be followed by a short guided tour up through the village to view the signs.

ACT Heritage is organizing refreshments, and has asked those planning to attend to RSVP to Penny Thomas (Phone: 6205 9974; Email: penny.thomas@act.gov.au)

Volunteer Museum Guides wanted

The Association is very keen to attract a number of **Volunteer Guides** to help us provide access to the Hall School Museum. At present this would be no more than one hour a month, on Hall Market Days. As part



of our recent Heritage project we now have copies of a **'Volunteer Guides Resource Kit'** which tells the story of district settlement, the proclamation of Hall in 1882, establishment of the School in 1911, and its history since then. There is no expectation however that the Volunteer Guides will be experts on such matters.

This role might be of particular interest to 'seniors' who went to a one-teacher school of this sort, and will relate easily to the atmosphere and the contents of the Museum. However, youngsters (under fifty!) might also find it interesting and rewarding. The collection includes an interesting small library with lots of books on the origins and early years of Canberra for volunteers to read their way through!

If you are interested in joining the present small team, or would like to know more, please contact our Heritage Officer, Phil Robson – 0408 259 946, or Alastair Crombie – 6230 2977.

'The Cottage' – our Neighbourhood Centre.

The Cottage is available rent-free for Hall and District community groups and associations for non-commercial activities.

We are pleased that the Parish St Barnabas Charnwood and St Michael and All Angels Hall will be using The Cottage regularly on Sunday mornings for a new childrens ministry group, while St Francis Xaviers church is holding their annual childrens Christmas party there.

The Cottage is already home for the 'Broadband for Seniors' project, and regular meetings of the Rotary Club of Hall and the Mens Shed group. It can also be used by groups playing tennis, who may like to use the kitchen and toilet facilities – and find some shade if it gets hot again one day!

It is likely that in the future a small charge will be made to help cover the costs of gas, electricity and water.

If you are interested in making use of The Cottage, please ring Tony Morris on 0427 302 317, or email the Association : info@hall.act.au

Hall Village Brass Band Concert – March 20th

One for your diary - by overwhelming popular demand, the Hall Village Brass Band will be back for the third annual Twilight Concert on 20th March 2011 at 5.00 pm. This great event will again be supported by Financial Consultants Barnett Lilley and Associates. Funds raised at the Concert will be shared by the Band and the Hall School Museum. Don't miss it!

Barraclough's Farewell.

Phil and Allana Barraclough are leaving Hall for Melbourne early in the next year, after living in the village since 1983. 'Dr Phil' was our community GP for twenty

years or so, and Allana worked with him for much of that time. Their family has grown up here. We are very sorry to see them go, and wish them all the very best for life after Hall. Knowing that many community members will want an opportunity to say 'farewell', the Progress Association is organising an informal 'Farewell' gathering at The Cottage on Sunday 16th January, 4.00 - 6.00 pm. We appreciate that a lot of people will be away from home at that time, but Phil and Allana have a wedding to plan, as well as Christmas and all the chores of packing up, before then. To keep it simple, those coming are asked to bring a plate of nibbles, and something to drink. Tea and coffee will be provided.



Our photo shows 'Glenona', the home that the Barracloughs are leaving.

The block was once owned by Ebenezer ('Ebb') Brown, and has been the home of George Shumack and Ellis and Jane Smith, whose son Leon wrote 'Memories of Hall'.

Join the Association

It costs just \$10 a year to be a member of the Association. As well as helping to defray our administrative costs, your membership is welcomed as a sign of interest in and support for the Association's many undertakings on behalf of the Hall and district community. You can find Membership forms and a box to leave one in, on the counter at the Post Office.

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Dear Editor

As a former long time resident of a heritage listed government property I have followed the lamentable saga of the cottage in Stromlo with interest. Jenni and Peter Farrell were evicted from the cottage after living there and looking after the place for 26 years. The cottage (built in 1926) has now been heritage listed and it is intended that it be used by a community group. In the meantime the ACT Government is spending \$3000 per month on private security which is ineffective - the Stromlo house was recently vandalised. The issues are complex but it is clear that heritage listing and "community use" are not the answers to long term management and security for properties of this type.

My concern is that a similar "solution" was put in place for the Ginninderra Police Station which is near the speed camera on Barton Highway. In the case of the Canberra's original policeman's house and lock up which is now used by Bernados, there is an infrequent presence,

the access from one of Canberra's busiest roads is permanently open and the buildings are sitting in overgrown paddocks threatened by the first summer fire. The heritage fabric has been altered to suit the new use, there is no provision for community use of the site and there appears to be no budget for maintenance.

A better alternative in such situations would be to transfer these properties to a carefully selected owner with covenants providing for upkeep, full time presence and selected opportunities for community access to the sites such as during Heritage Week. The ACT Government needs to remove its blinkers and think imaginatively if our heritage assets are to be protected.

Greg Hayes
Hall

Halloween comes to HALL



Big year for Zombies Witches, Vampires.

Halloween (or Hallowe'en) is an annual holiday observed on October 31, primarily in the United States, Canada, Ireland, and the United Kingdom.

The word Halloween dates back to the 16th century and is a shortened form of All-Hallows-Even ("evening"), that is, the night before All Hallows Day, i.e. All Saints Day, on November 1.



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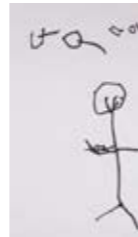
My days in preschool are almost done.
I'm off this summer to have some fun.
Then on to kindergarten I will go
(My teacher says I'm ready you know.)



Through the topic of transport I learnt a lot about math.
I've been sorting, ordering, and I even made a graph.
I've learned my colours and my shapes,
And I can count way past eight.



I know I have senses and there are five
And I learned that without a brain I couldn't be alive.
I know my body has systems with different jobs to do,
The heart, the blood, the bones and digestion too.



Through judo I discovered more about me.
There's body awareness, respect, and of course, safety.
Through dance and movement I learnt about camouflage
And discovered the Pygmy Possum's appetite for Bogong Moths is very large!

I know some letters and their sounds.
I can push myself on the swing, and sing out loud.
I can help and I can listen and be nice to my friends,
And if something goes wrong I can try and make amends.



I'm ready to learn to read and write,
And I know how to share, not fight.
There's so much I already know.
It's been lots of fun to learn and grow.

I'm a preschool graduate – way to go!

(Lisa Ryan. Hall Preschool)

Congratulations to our preschoolers who are going off to kindergarten next year:

Ash Johnston	Dakoda Chaplin
Ellie Maglasis	Hayley Shea
Indigo Flores	Jacob Reid
Nick Agnew	Noah Goodchild
Toby Palethorpe	Will Parker

Well done to our 3 year olds who will be going on to their preschool year:

Atticus Mansfield	Lahni Hall
Ruby Sheargold	Ryley Goodchild
Sam Hackett	

We wish you all a very happy and exciting 2011.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all at
Hall District Community.

From Lisa and Wendy at the preschool.

Congratulations to Ruby Sheargold, Indigo Flores and Hayley Shea, all from Hall Preschool. They each won a prize in the Australia-China Friendship Society's annual art competition. The competition was open to all school children in the ACT. Hall was the only preschool represented. Well done!



On Friday 22nd October, they were presented with their certificates and prizes at the Legislative Assembly in Civic. The above photo shows them with Mr Ke Yasha, the Counsellor for Cultural Affairs from the Chinese Embassy.

The battle took place in July 1916, in northern France, one of the bloodiest of the First world war. More than 1300 Australian soldiers were killed and 4000 wounded in just 24hrs. Archaeologists recently located previously undiscovered mass grave at Pheasant Wood, close to the Fromelle battle site. The grave contained the bodies of 250 Australian and British soldiers.



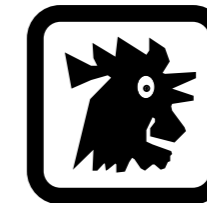
Governor General Quentin Bryce and military attaches at Fromelle, France, 2010



Hall local Chris Coulton travelled with family and friends to Fromelle to attend the Anniversary of the battle. Pictured are: Karen, James, Tom, Lorraine and Chris

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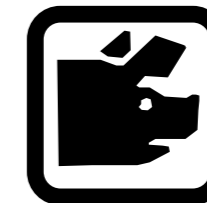
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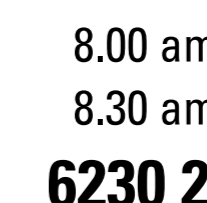
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Remembrance Day at Hall 2010

11 November 2010

Remembrance Day was again recognised in Hall, with a large and appreciative group attending the ceremony organised by the Rotary Club of Hall. The ceremony began with the mounting of the Guard by Army Reservists of the 5th Combat Engineering Regiment, and the music of Piper Jim Davey.

Club President Vic Gibbons then gave a welcome, including a special welcome to Jim Rochford, on whose initiative the Rotary Club established the Remembrance cairn as part of the Memorial Grove. [Our photo shows Jim, with Mrs Marjorie Rule, at the ceremony].

The President then introduced Group Captain Sheldon D. Kimber, Chief of Staff, Australian Defence College to give the Remembrance Day address, in which he made careful reference to the contribution of Hall district residents to armed conflict. (His speech is reproduced below)

Prayers were lead by representatives of the three churches - Father Bernie Maxwell, Mrs Dimity Manton, and Pastor Bernie Rodgers before wreaths were laid by representatives of Rotary, the Hall Rural Fire Brigade,

and the Progress Association. The came the Ode of Remembrance, the 'Last Post' (by Bugler Luke Glassen, RMC Band), a minutes silence, and the raising of the flag (Amy and Annabell).

Many of those present proceeded to the Wood Duck Inn following the ceremony, where nibbles were generously contributed by the Rotary Club of Hall.

Address by Group Captain Sheldon D. Kimber, Chief of Staff, Australian Defence College:

"President of the Hall Rotary Club, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys - thank you for inviting me to give this Remembrance Day address. I feel both honoured and privileged to deliver this address to the Hall community.



Remembrance Day, Hall Village 2010. Hall rotary organisers Bill Pearson and Dennis Greenwood ensured a tasteful and moving ceremony was well attended and remembered by all. Jim Rochford now in his 97th year, attended the proceedings.

Known originally as Armistice Day, Remembrance Day is an important date in Australia's national calendar. It commemorates the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month; the day in 1918 when the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continual, horrific and bloody warfare. From a population of fewer than 5 million, over 400,000 Australians had enlisted, with over 300,000 deploying. More than 2/3rds of those deployed were casualties; over 61,000 died and 156,000 were wounded or taken prisoner. In terms of loss of life, it was, and remains, our most costly conflict.

On this nationally significant day each year, we pause to recognise the sacrifice of those men and women – we also take this opportunity to remember all those who have served Australia during the past 100 years, defending this nation and preserving our democracy and way of life.

It is a fact that Few Australian families were left untouched by the events of World War I. I note that Your Hall community was no exception. a much smaller community then, Hall lost two World War I veterans killed in action. They were: M. Brown and C. Hollingsworth and are recognised on plaques here in your Memorial Grove. Very appropriately Their sacrifice is enshrined – as also are 15 of their World War I Hall mates, who fortunately returned home at the end of hostilities, recognised on plaques in this Grove. I am not a Hall resident; however I understand that many of their relatives still live in and around Hall today. Indeed, I'm aware that the 'Southwell' family have obvious strong linkages to the four 'plaqued' Southwells separately identified in this Grove.



Jim Rochford with Marge Rule. Behind are Bill Pearson and Bernie Rodgers.

Some of you may not be aware that your small Hall community contributed some 34 veterans who subsequently served in either World War II, Korea or South Vietnam.

Now, thankfully, a great many Australians have no personal experience of war, and no way of knowing the anguish of enforced separation, or the greater grief of separations made permanent. And for that reason amongst others, it is appropriate to pause and reflect and remember. For most of us, not the reflection made by past generations to remember a loved one lost to war, but a promise to remember all who have been lost to war and to give thanks for their valiant service in defence of our freedom and to demonstrate the value we place in those freedoms so selflessly forged.

Most importantly, the central element of Remembrance Day ceremonies is an invited silence urging all Australians to observe at least one minute's silence. This opportunity for contemplation and reflection helps ensure that tradition and prominent history is not lost; that the significant events of our past remain an important part of Australia for present and future generations.

The hall community has made its contribution to Australia's history, and your attendance this evening, continues to recognise the sacrifice of our forebears in forging our country's future. Thank you again for inviting me here this evening to participate in this ceremony with you, and for the privilege of being able to deliver this address".

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Hall School Heritage

In the Christmas spirit and to keep with the flavour at the moment of encouraging past pupils, teachers, parents etc. to register on the Hall website and therefore attend the Centenary celebrations of the Hall School in April 2011, I've included a small selection of old school photos in this article.



- Heritage Village entry signs
- Lane name signs
- Long term management and conservation of the school museum building and its collection
- Urgent conservation work required on some of the collection



The Hall School Centenary celebrations is just one of the heritage projects the Progress Association is currently involved with. Some of the others are:

- Heritage interpretive signs to be launched by the Chief Minister on 16 December

- Recruitment of volunteer guides for the school museum
- Hall Village association with the ACT Centenary in 2013
- On-going work on collecting, copying and digitising historic material relevant to the area. Don't forget that if you have any old photos, articles memorabilia associated with the Hall region let me know (p.robson50@optusnet.com.au) or phone 62595221.



In 2011 there will be many other tasks that will be added to the list as interest in the Village history grows and its important place in the development of the region, particularly with the ACT centenary just 3 years away.

Letterpress printing comes to Hall Village

After two years at M16 Artspace, **Artforme Letterpress Studio** moved to Palmer Street, Hall in June this year.

The arduous task of moving the two heavy letterpress machines and manoeuvring them into place was helped considerably by Andy and Richo from Hall Metal Fabrications (and their fork lift) – many thanks chaps.



John (Sam) Steggall set up Artforme to indulge his passion for traditional letterpress printing and produce work with a unique, hand-crafted quality. Sam's interest in printing started in Melbourne, when he was apprenticed as a hand and machine compositor (linotype operator) in 1970 – winning two trade awards during his apprenticeship. Sam worked with Acacia Press and Dominion Press before moving to Canberra in 1977 to begin working in government publishing.

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Wallaroo Rural Fire Brigade Report

Changes to the Statutory Fire Season

The statutory fire season, for our area, commenced on 1 November 2010. A decision has been made to make this a permanent change. However, the fire season can be brought forward or extended if the fire conditions warrant it.

Permits are now required if landholders wish to undertake any type of burn. If you would like further information on this, you can contact the brigade Senior Deputy, Neil Shepherd or Yass Fire Control Centre (see contact details below). If you wish to undertake a burn, you must obtain a permit from Neil Shepherd and notify Yass Fire Control centre and your immediate neighbours at least 24 hours beforehand. In the event that a total fire ban is declared, all permits to burn will be revoked and no fires can be lit.

RFS Open Day

The RFS Open Day was held on Saturday, 6 November at the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds. Participants included Rural Fire Service brigades from the Yass Valley as well as the police and South Care. The Open Day was well attended by members of the public.

Preparation for the Fire Season

The recent rain, while most welcome, has resulted in a great deal of pasture growth and, as this cures, it will increase the risk of major grass fires across the area. It is very important for households to take steps to reduce the amount of fuel on their properties.

As part of Wallaroo Brigade's ongoing preparation for the fire season, members of the brigade will be making themselves available to talk to property owners. If you would like to make a time for brigade members to provide advice, contact Neil Shepherd.

Just as the brigade members are preparing for the fire season, it is advisable that all households do so as well. This preparation should include:

- Cleaning gutters
- Reducing flammable material in the immediate vicinity of all buildings
- Making sure pumps and hoses are in good working order
- If pumps are electric, making sure you have a working generator to ensure water supply
- Knowing how to make 000 calls
- Having a plan in place for the household (making sure that everybody within the household knows what to do in case there is an incident).

Further information on the above can be found on the NSW Rural Fire Service web site (see contact details below). In addition, we encourage all new residents to contact the brigade for more specific information on preparing their properties for the fire season.

Changes at Wallaroo

Wallaroo Brigade's Captain, Darren Marks, has taken up a new job interstate and has formally stepped down as Captain. Until new elections are held, the Senior Deputy, Neil Shepherd, will be the person to contact. (See contact details below). The Brigade would like to thank Darren for his service and we wish him the very best in his new career.

Contact Details

NSW Rural Fire Service web site: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
 Wallaroo Senior Deputy, Neil Shepherd: 0418 628 095
 Wallaroo Rural Fire Brigade web site: www.wallaroorfb.org.au
 Yass Fire Control Centre: 6226 3100.

Rowena Harvey and Kathleen Harvey

No Public Transport?



Hall has a party bus, a double decker bus, a tram, antique trucks and rebuilt army vintage trucks, but we don't have public transport to Hall.



Dates for your diary 2011 National Sheepdog Trials



- Tuesday 15 March** Welcome to the **Triallers' Wine & Cheese** at the Wood Duck Inn 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Wednesday 16 March** **Morning Tea** – scones, jam & cream at the Pavilion 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Thursday 17 March** **"The Dogs' Dinner"** dinner & entertainment (see insert in this Fringe) Pre dinner drinks (free!) : 6:00 – 7:00 pm Dinner : 7:00 – 10:00 pm
- Friday 18 March** **"Mad Hatter's Morning Tea"** at the Pavilion 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Hats for all occasions will be on sale, by **Hats by Trish** Trish McIntyre of Hall

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Wallaroo Rural Fire Brigade

70th Anniversary

Past and present members, and the Wallaroo community, are invited to attend a 70th Anniversary afternoon tea.

At the Fire Station

Sunday 12 December 2010
2pm – 4pm

RSVP: **Rod Roberts** on **62302436**



Osage orange

Interested in fitness?

Henry Hall planted many osage orange trees on his properties. Some survive today.



Alistair Crombie is compiling historic data on Hall and osage orange trees for future articles in the Rural Fringe.

The Osage Orange is so called because the bright yellow wood was used by the Osage Indians in America for bows and because its large green non-edible fruit, resembles the shape and skin texture of an orange. The tree is more closely related to the mulberry tree than to an orange.

The tree was grown as a hedge plant in the prairie states of the United States before the invention of barbed wire in 1874. It was planted in Australia as hedges for fencing in the mid 1800's, but by the 1860s the standard fence in Australia was post-and-wire.

The timber is used also for fenceposts.



The timber is very dense, fine and long grained, with a distinctive bright yellow to orange colour and is also ideal for fishing rods, walking sticks, furniture and other decorative ornamental and wood craft uses.

A local group want to build Exercise stations in Hall. We need ideas, volunteers. Contact the Fringe co-ordinator.

Examples of fun & fitness areas in Ocean Grove Park in Victoria.



Army trucks

Hall now has a dedicated work group who spent huge amounts of time and effort scouring dilapidated old machinery, ex –military vehicles and skilfully returning them to pristine condition. Father and son, Andy and Richard Fulton, Matt Boulton, Malcolm McLeod are the originators and wish to hear from those interested with the intent to form a OLD MACHINERY CLUB IN HALL. Contact fringe editor or Andy Fulton 62302600.



1972 F1 6x6 International troop movement/cargo truck. It came from Hill View property near Cowra, and was used by a rural fire service.



Sourcing parts is understandably difficult, eg truck tyres, which are sometimes offered at army auctions. One difficulty is sourcing army paint. There are many different shades and finishes. The cost of re-birthing was approximately \$6000 for the parts alone.

The cupola was used as an observation turret. There was just one driver.



Interior of cabin showing engine cover, and winch controls and gear levers for selecting high, low or 6 wheel drive.

The next project is a 1944 Bedford truck, which will be built from the ground up. At present it is just a skeleton frame.



1966 MK3 international 4 wheel Australian Army truck.

The truck took nearly 2 years to build, from being a total wreck to being registered.

The parts were sourced from clearance sales and from eBay. A User Handbook, which is ordinarily nearly impossible to find, was found on eBay.

The MK3 with winch, has cost approximately \$15,000 for parts alone.



Are you interested in participating in the Hall Grand Inter-Galactic

Billy Cart Derby?

Contact the Rural Fringe co-ordinator for details.

Here are some websites that have ideas for constructing your billy cart:

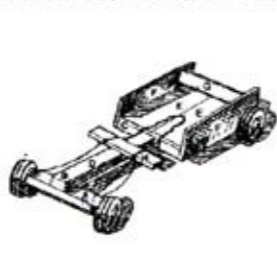
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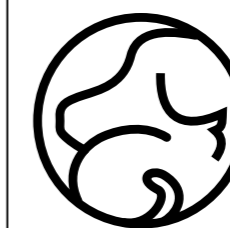
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Heritage at Allwood in 2010

In 1981 our family moved from inner city Sydney to the property known as "Allwood". What we actually purchased was a derelict farmhouse and an old slab cottage. After many years renovating the house we live in we have now turned our attention to the "cottage".

We have reason to believe that this dwelling was built in the 1870's by David Rule. In 1999 the Canberra Times published an article called "Canberra's Pioneer Families" in which the following was written. "David Rule was a native of Brent, Herfordshire, England. He came to Australia with his parents James and Mary (nee Hammond) Rule, and his elder brothers William and John on the ship Herald which arrived at Sydney on August 22, 1856. He eventually took up land and followed pastoral pursuits at Allwood near Hall. David married Agnes Munday, daughter of James and Ann (nee Trow) at Parkwood Wesleyan Church in August 1871. They had nine children one of whom died at birth."

Their youngest son was Edward Arthur Rule born in December 1888 at Allwood. He in turn married Catherine Rochford and together they had seven children. On 7th January 1921 Edward Gregory (GREG) Rule, well known resident of Hall was born.



We have recently been successful in obtaining a small dollar for dollar Heritage Grant from the Yass Valley Council in association with the Heritage Branch of the NSW Department of Planning and are currently undertaking some repair and restoration work on the cottage and its surrounds.



Greg Rule, Grandson of David Rule at "Allwood" in September 2010

In September this year we had the pleasure of having afternoon tea at Allwood with Greg and his wife Marge. It was very exciting to have one of David Rule's grandsons visiting the "old house" and it certainly makes this history come alive. There are many other descendants of David and Agnes still living in and around the Hall district.



Eventually we are hoping to open the old house to the public, but if you have an interest in the history of our district and its early settlers you are most welcome to arrange a visit to the property, preferably with hammer in hand as we can use all the help we can get.

Submitted by Judy Roberts
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Hall Christmas Tree

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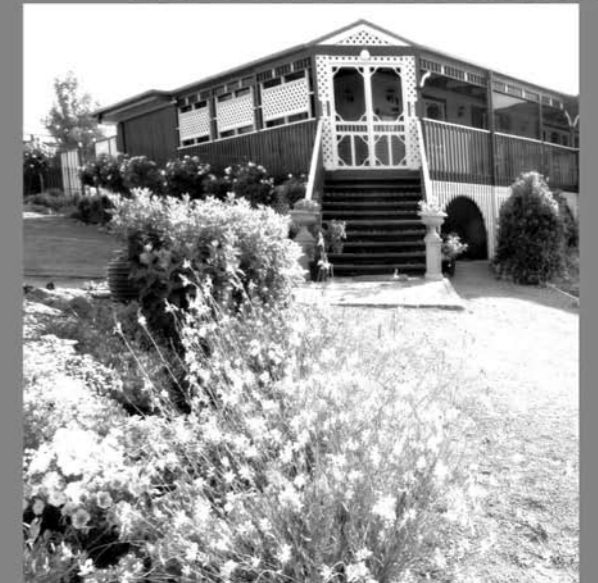
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PREPARING FOR THE BUSH FIRE SEASON



This spring has been one of the best for many years. You can almost see the grass grow! Our vista is finally green and the drought conditions that we endured for so many years have gone for now. Grass is long and the dams are full!

But good spring growth comes with the added risk of bush fire during the summer months. While the grass still looks lush it is easy to forget what kind of hazard it could become. It only takes a day of hot winds for the picturesque to become a powder keg waiting for denotation.

The devastating Black Saturday fires that ravaged Victoria in 2009 should be a constant reminder to us all to be vigilant in lessening the risk and proactive in preparing our homes and property should the worst happen.

NSW Rural Fire Service and Yass Valley Council are urging all residents to play their part in ensuring that the Yass Valley is prepared for the Fire Season.

"The weather has provided us with excellent growing conditions", Peter Dyce, Community Education Officer

Southern Tablelands Rural Fire Service Zone said. "We have already received a number of calls from residents who are concerned about overgrown grass particularly on vacant blocks and on agricultural land that is very close to residential areas."

"Not only does long grass pose a bushfire risk" added Paul de Szell, Director of Planning and Environmental Services at Yass Valley Council "it also causes other issues such as sight obstructions, aggravates allergies and provides an environment which harbours some of the least popular of our wildlife such as mosquitoes, spiders, mice and of most concern, snakes."

During early November inspections of overgrown grass will be undertaken in and around Yass and all villages in the local Government area. We urge everyone to keep the grass under control and ask that owners of vacant blocks and absentee farmers be particularly vigilant. Last year it may have taken only one mow or slashing to maintain the block, this year however it may take quite a few more.

Pictured: Peter Dyce from the Rural Fire Service and Sheri Norton from Yass Valley Council inspect an overgrown block in the local government area.

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For further information regarding this and other media releases please contact Cathy Cooke, Customer Service Manager on 02 6226 9222.

A Man of Words and Not Deeds

This rhyme can be found in A History of Nursery Rhymes (1899) by Percy B. Green. Green wrote about this rhyme, "In a copy of rhyming proverbs in the British Museum, written about the year 1680, occurs the following Puritan satire on Charles II.'s changeability".

A Man of Words and Not Deeds

A man of words and not of deeds
Is like a garden full of weeds
And when the weeds begin to grow
It's like a garden full of snow
And when the snow begins to fall
It's like a bird upon the wall
And when the bird away does fly
It's like an eagle in the sky
And when the sky begins to roar
It's like a lion at the door
And when the door begins to crack
It's like a stick across your back
And when your back begins to smart
It's like a penknife in your heart
And when your heart begins to bleed
You're dead, and dead, and dead indeed.

Charles II ruled from 1660 until 1685, during a time known as the Restoration (after the Puritans ruled England under Cromwell). At the beginning of his reign Charles promised religious Dissenters freedom of conscience. But later he began to persecute them. His words did not translate into deeds.

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What's happening in the Parish St Barnabas, Charnwood & St Michael and All Angels, Hall?

How to spend a relaxing and spiritual Saturday, in the garden at St Michael and All Angels, Hall.

Gorgeous spring weather, feathery wattle trees and the scent of blossoms provided a great backdrop for the annual Garden Fete at St Michael & All Angels at Hall on 18 September. Locals and visitors enjoyed the usual Fete treats, snapping up home-made cakes & jams, pre-loved books, plants, pottery, Devonshire teas & sausage sandwiches, as well as spicy Indian curries made by one of our parishioners. Curries were rated at one, two or three chillies in spiciness, and reports are that all were delicious.

We are always privileged to have the support of Hall Village Brass Band to entertain us, and this year we were very pleased to have the HVBB development group play for us. The Band has no worries about succession planning if the standard of these players is anything to go by - as usual it was a joy to relax with great music in the beautiful grounds of our lovely little church.

The guessing competitions were popular, and for those who weren't present when the winners were announced, we can reveal there were 1583 jelly beans in the jar and 5.84 kilos of potatoes in the basket! Many thanks to all who attended and supported St Michaels.

A Special Service for St Francis Day. On Sunday 3rd October at St Michael and All Angels, the parish held the Blessing of the Animal.

Our Priest in Charge, the Reverend Trish Stuart-Smith and Deacon, the Reverend Helen Dean welcomed 50 men, women and children who brought their animals for a very special blessing in the picturesque gardens of our church. There were dogs, a cat, a guinea pig and a gorgeous baby goat called Angel (how appropriate). We were doubly blessed with the weather as it was forecast to rain but we were able to hold the service outside as planned. We could not imagine having that many people and animals inside and see the smiles on the faces of the handlers' were a sight to behold.

As the day was such a great success we hope to be able to continue this event in the years to come.



Enjoying Devonshire Tea, Sausage Sizzle or a Holy Curry whilst listening to the Hall Village Development Brass Band



Having fun with Constable Kenny Koala



Some of the congregation gathered for the Blessing of the Animals



Everyone is invited to share the joy of Christmas at services at **St Michael & All Angels Anglican Church**

Corner Victoria & Loftus St, Hall

Service times will be as follows:

- **Christmas Eve** at **10 pm** – Holy Communion
- **Christmas Day** at **10 am** – Holy Communion with children's activities
- **Boxing Day** at **10 am** at St Barnabas Ministry Centre, Charnwood

Apart from Boxing Day, Holy Communion with children's activities is held each Sunday at 11am followed by morning tea, plus a service of Prayer & Praise at 5.30pm on the first Sunday of each month.

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Tues 28th: 11am – 5pm, platters from 11am, lunch 12pm – 3pm

Wed 29th: 11am – 5pm, platters from 11am, lunch 12pm – 3pm

Thurs 30th: 11am – 5pm, platters from 11am, lunch 12pm – 3pm

Fri 31st: 12pm – 5pm

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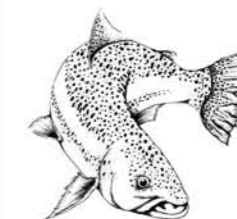
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Canberrans can report neighbourhood issues such as cracked footpaths or potholes to the ACT Government using a newly refreshed online service, called Fix My Street.

Chief Minister and Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Jon Stanhope said the online service would help the Government to improve its responsiveness to community issues.

"Fix My Street is an one-stop point for Canberrans to alert the Government to issues in their neighbourhood," Mr Stanhope said.

"Graffiti, potholes, broken footpaths and grass mowing can be reported online at any time of the day. Canberrans can also use the service to track their request online.

"The Government will use this service to better track and improve its responsiveness to the local issues that affect Canberrans and the livability of their neighbourhood."

To report a problem, Canberrans need to simply fill out a form, give a brief description of the problem and the

location and click the send button. Users can identify the location via a clickable map and upload photos to accompany their report.

By registering for an account, users can also login to see the response from the Government and the progress on their request.

"Canberrans have, for some time now, been able to report neighbourhood issues through Canberra Connect and track their request online," Mr Stanhope said. "Over 20,000 people have already registered for an online account

"Fix My Street is an extension of this service and makes it easier for Canberrans to report neighbourhood issues online."

The launch of Fix My Street coincides with a refresh of the ACT Government and Canberra Connect websites. The new-look websites have a greater focus on news, events and hot topics to keep Canberrans informed about the issues that affect them the most.

Fix My Street can be accessed through www.act.gov.au and www.canberraconnect.act.gov.au.

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Hall cemetery maintained by Friends of Grasslands group.



Teams of volunteers continue their follow ups to eradicate noxious weeds at HALL Cemetery. Locals Greg Hayes and Bob Richardson joined Andy and Jenny Russell's team to remove weeds such as Hawthorn and Sweet Briar .

And so it's Christmas, full of good cheer, another year older! - where did 2010 go?



In our busy lives of non-stop "things" to do, I somehow always think of Christmas as a time of great hope. A time when humankind thinks of others for a few weeks: where we try to make each other happy. So why not do it all the time? Surely we can make a new-year resolution to treat people as if it is Christmas every day. To smile and say "good day" with cheer in our voices.

Hopefully, at Wattle Park, we can maintain that hope of peace and joy for all people at all times; and to help you go down that same track, here are our Christmas worship times for 2010.

Christmas Eve 8.00 pm (our traditional carol service; not to be missed)

Christmas Day 10.00 am Family Worship

Boxing Day 10.30 am for our normal Sunday worship, yes, we do have to miss the start of the cricket!!

We would love to see you at some time over this season of friendship and good news. We will be happy in the hope of a peaceful and fulfilling year ahead.

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Crime Prevention Meeting

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Monday 27th September 2010

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- Senior Constable Naomi Stoddart, Rural Crime Squad and
- Clare Strong, Monaro Analyst

The issues covered included:

- **Contacting Police in an Emergency DIAL 000**

It is important for residents of Wallaroo and Spring Range “to state in an emergency that they are in NSW, but border onto the ACT, to enable an AFP vehicle to be dispatched as well as a vehicle from NSW, as NSW may have a longer response time due to the distance involved”

If ACT police respond, they are responsible for containing the incident until NSW police arrive. ACT police are unable to carry out any investigations in NSW.

When speaking to police it is important to obtain an Event Reference Number as that ensures the incident is logged.

- **Police Assistance Line 131 444**
- **Queanbeyan Police Station 6298 0555**



- **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000** - Anonymously reporting criminal or suspicious behaviour or activity when an immediate response is not required

- **The importance or reporting incidents to Police**

This enables police to look at trends and similarities between incidents and frequently leads to the solving of local crime.

- **NSW / ACT Border issues**

- Recognition of the difficulties for residents of this pocket of NSW with an ACT postcode and living adjacent to the ACT accessing policing from Queanbeyan

- Difficulties for the NSW police providing the service to this area of NSW

- Discussion re the options of trying to have our policing coming from YASS. Acknowledgement that YASS is not a 24/7 station and that at times services might need to be dispatched from Goulburn.

- **The role of the Rural Crime Squad**

Rural Crime is defined as “Crime pertaining to the Rural Sector and Agriculture service industry” It involves:

- The investigation of Rural Crime.
- Collection of intelligence relative to Rural Crime
- Providing a multi agency approach to detect, investigate & prevent Rural Crime.
- Monitor transported stock, sale yards, abattoirs, Wool Hide & Skin dealers, rural clearing sales & stock and station agents.
- Provide Rural Education programs & support to operational police.
- Provide the Rural Community with pro-active & efficient crime prevention strategies.
- Educate the community in the role of the RCI & develop working rural networks.
- Provide the Rural Community with greater confidence that Police are serious about rural crime.

The role of the Monaro Rural Crime Investigation Unit is to investigate rural crime such as stock theft, rural property offences where farming equipment etc is stolen, illegal shooting and hunting, rural related firearms offences, and serious crime committed in rural areas. Isolated dog attacks are not generally regarded as incidents that require the services of a detective, especially when the attacking dog is unconfirmed. However, all rural incidents are monitored by Rural Crime Investigators and if the incident is not regarded as

isolated and could benefit from the resources of rural detectives, then such services will be deployed to assist with resolving the issue.

There are areas of command which are further away from a police station than Hall. Whilst Hall is part of Monaro Command it will be serviced and treated by Monaro LAC with priority as with other towns suburbs and villages..

Suggestions for improved security include:

- Making it more difficult for thieves to enter your property
- eg: locked gates when at home or away from your property
- Locking up of tools, farm equipment and machinery
- Disabling of motor bikes, tractors, mowers etc
- Locking of motor vehicles and tools on vehicles
- Expensive or attractive items not visible from access roads
- Use of strategically placed sensor lights
- Engraving of possessions for identification if recovered following burglary. (Engravers can be borrowed from the Police)

- Photographing of possessions inside the house, outdoor equipment, farm machinery etc

- A large dog is always a good idea

- Beware of the dog/s signs and

- Back to base alarms

- **Good Neighbour Scheme**

An informal scheme with general recommendations for getting to know your neighbours. This might include

- Exchanging contact details, notifying when going on holidays, expecting visitors


- Collecting mail, feeding animals or just keeping an eye on your neighbour’s property when they are on holidays etc.

- Reporting suspicious activity to Police

- **Farm Security Assessment**

This assessment is designed to help rural property owners assess the security of their farms. It can be completed by the owner or with on site assistance of the local Crime Prevention Officer.


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NSW Police Farm Security Assessments.

· Farm security tips are also available on line if you "google"

NSW Police Farm Security Tips

May we take this opportunity to once again thank Naomi Nemece, Naomi Stoddart, and Clare Strong for giving up their valuable time to attend this meeting. We thank them also for the high quality of their presentation and written material they made available on the evening.

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We urge all NSW residents of the 2618 postcode area to consider joining the Village of Hall & District Progress Association without whose support such community meetings would probably not eventuate.

You can download a membership form from www.hall.act.au then Documents or telephone either of the numbers below and a hard copy can be posted to you.

Val Wiseman (6230 2459) and Judy Roberts (6230 2436)

For the Wallaroo & Spring Range Residents' Group

Be sure to check out the

Hall and District Community Website

<http://www.hall.act.au/>

Tree Renewal



20 crepe myrtle trees are planted in Loftus St.



Here is some
Irish humour
from **Greg Rule**

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost passed out when he saw him. He'd never been to church in his life.

After Mass, the priest caught up with him and said, "Murphy, I'm so glad ya decided to come to Mass. What made ya come?"

Murphy said, "I got to be honest with you, Father.

A while back, I misplaced me hat, and I really, really love that hat. I know McGlynn has a hat just like mine, and I knew he came to church every Sunday. I also knew that he would have to take off his hat during Mass, and figured he'd leave it in the back of the church. So, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that ya didn't steal McGlynn's hat, after all. What changed your mind?"

Murphy replied, "Well, Father, after I heard your sermon on the Ten Commandments, I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat."

With a tear in his eye, the priest gave Murphy a smile and said; "After I spoke about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal', ya decided you would rather do without your hat, than burn in Hell?"

Murphy slowly shook his head. "No, Father. After ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery', I remembered where I left me hat."



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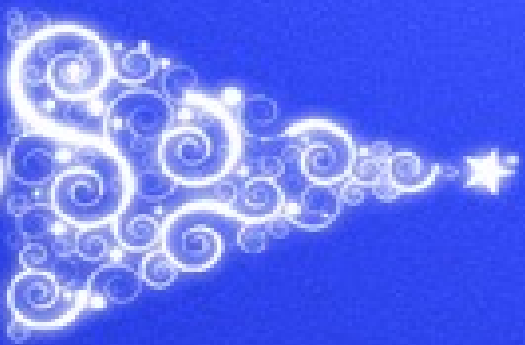
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