

## FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

### A CHRISTMAS VISITOR



*Ken Heffernan & Neil Gillespie examine  
a rare book from the Collection*

Distinguished Canberra historian Lyall Gillespie left his extraordinary collection to the care of his son Neil. It was 2015 when Neil decided to move to far north Queensland that the Centre was given the opportunity to become the collection's next keeper. We keep Neil posted on the work being done on the collection and take the opportunity to catch up with him when he is in Canberra. On this most recent visit curator Ken Heffernan was keen to have Neil's views on the significance of different parts of the collection, ahead of the formal 'significance assessment' process soon to get under way.

### PIONEER FAMILY DESCENDANTS VISIT THE CENTRE

The Shumack and Gozzard families purchased blocks of land in the village of Hall in 1892: George & Edith Shumack (nee Gozzard) on Gibbes Street and Eliza Gozzard (nee Morris) on Victoria Street. Descendants of the families visited the Centre recently and were delighted with the information we were able to offer them via our Family History Unit.

### FRIENDS OLD & NEW

We are very pleased to welcome new members Marilyn Folger and Karen Moore and look forward to working with them. Marilyn has written a history of the McInnes family, which she belongs to, and Karen has long experience as a research librarian.

We lost no time in putting them to work – here they are sitting in on a meeting with Marion and Helen Warman, descendants of the Hatch family, who are helping us with research for a 'case story' on the Hatch family farm, Rosewood'.



*Helen, Marion, Marilyn & Karen checking over  
some early maps.*

The case story on Rosewood will be part of the new display - 'Selected spaces' - under preparation for the 2019 ACT and Region Heritage Festival, April 13th - May 5th.

### DIARY DATE

**Pencil in Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April for a double-header. We will launch our Heritage Mapping display at 11.00am, followed by our lunchtime concert fundraiser event at 1.00pm.**