

FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER



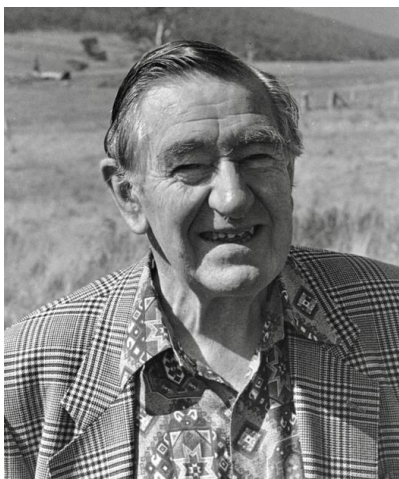
The Journey of Lyall L. Gillespie ISO, AASA, FAIM, Assoc (Tech) IREE 1919 – 2006

Our contribution for the Heritage Festival this year is an exhibition featuring the life and work of Lyall Gillespie, the well-known Canberra historian. Lyall attended Hall School and lived in the village and the surrounding district as a young man.

In 2015 his son Neil bequeathed his father's collection to the centre and a team of committed volunteers, under Ken Heffernan's guidance, have been beavering away identifying, cataloguing and storing the thousands of items that make up his very eclectic collection.

The exhibition will be opened on **Sunday 14th April at 11 am** by Dr Ros Russell, a former colleague of Lyall's and a well-known historian and museum consultant. Members of Lyall's family will also be in attendance.

Visitors are most welcome on the day or on **Sunday 21st & 28th April** when the centre will be open from **10am – 4pm**.



HURRY – LAST CHANCE



A feature of the display is the family's beautiful bible, inscribed with details of births, deaths and marriages over many generations.

Selected Southwell Stories, our 2023 ACT Heritage Festival exhibition, is about to be dismantled. It is a wonderful mix of information, stories and artefacts from the Southwell 'dynasty' that began when four brothers and their nephew emigrated to Australia from Sussex, England, the first arriving in 1838. Come along and enjoy the myriad heritage items on display.

BUSH SCHOOLS' CELEBRATIONS

Students from Bowning and Wee Jasper schools visited the centre recently to savour what it was like in the 'good old days' to attend a bush school, live without electricity and learn about how Hall village grew and developed.

Both schools are celebrating significant centenaries this year – Bowning 175 years and Wee Jasper 125 years.

Back on the job for 2024

Looking for a rewarding volunteering experience?

Come along & join the troops at the centre on Thursday mornings and/or Sunday afternoons