

FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

GILLESPIE COLLECTION

- significance assessment begins

Dr Roslyn Russell and her assistant Rachel Watson visited the Centre on 1st March to meet with Ken Heffernan, Curator of the Gillespie Collection, and others who have been involved in cataloguing it. Dr Russell lives in Canberra, and knew Lyall Gillespie, adding an interesting dimension to the task in front of her.

Dr Russell will be writing a report for the National Library's Community Heritage Grants Program, which is funding her investigation. Depending on her findings the Centre may become eligible for further grants to undertake conservation or digitisation work on the Collection.



Rachel Watson, Phil Robson, Roslyn Russell, Margaret Morris, Ken Heffernan

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Term 1 for ACT schools is about to conclude and we can report successful visits from 3 schools: Giralang, Miles Franklin and Palmerston. Term 2 is also shaping up to be busy with advance bookings from Farrer, Majura and Gold Creek.

SCHOOL VISIT APPETISER FOR BINK REUNION



Jenny Butler (nee Bink) about to demonstrate use of the cane in the old school room

A hundred or so descendants of Reinhold and Anna Bink enjoyed a family reunion gathering at the Pavilion on 23rd March. Reinhold and Anna arrived in Australia in December 1950 with their five children. Reinhold established Bink Cement Products in 1960, from which a number of other businesses have subsequently been developed. Three more children were born after the family arrived in Australia - twins Peter and John, and sister Sylvia.

In 1957 the family came to live in Hall, at 'Avoca', on the corner of Hoskins and Victoria Street, and a number of the younger children attended Hall school. Twenty-five or so family members took the opportunity to visit the school, now a museum.

COME & JOIN US

Our double-header event is less than 2 weeks away - Sunday 14th April.
Dr Barbara Dawson will launch our new display *Selected Spaces. Settling in Ginninderra District* at 11.00am, followed by our lunchtime concert fundraiser event 'A Taste of Brass', at 1.00pm.