

FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

ANU INDIGENOUS STUDIES STUDENTS & STAFF VISIT

Dr Matilda House, a Ngambri-Ngunnawal elder, hosted a visit to several important local indigenous sites, as well as a visit to the Centre, on Monday 20th May. Around 50 students & staff from the ANU College of the Arts & Social Sciences attended. Many of the students are in their first year of a course which focusses on understanding place and space through colonial story telling. The course concentrates on real and diverse stories of everyday experiences to explore the truth of colonisation. The Dean of the College, General Manager & the Course Convenor joined the group as well as scholars from the College and several PhD students.



Dr Matilda House, with Ken Heffernan, addressing the ANU students & staff

POLLING DAY BONANZA

Heather & Alf Wilford set up their trading table on Saturday 18th May outside the Hall Pavilion and voters were lured in – baked goods, jams & pickles, craft work and a large stash of locally grown pumpkins were snapped up and the Centre is \$450 richer! Congratulations on a job well done.

NEW (and not so new) VOLUNTEERS!

We are very fortunate at the Centre to have four 'new' volunteers.

Graham has been researching his ancestors who were married at Parkwood Chapel in 1875. When

he attended the Heritage Week open day at the chapel he learnt about our new project – the Southwell Family Archive. He is now working with Phil Robson, our Archives Officer, to develop a user-friendly search & retrieve process for the Centre's growing archive collection.

Graham WILSON



Marilyn Folger, Karen Moore & Robin Astbury

Robin joined us in 2018. He donated a folder of information about John Winter, an early selector (1861) in the Parish of *Goorooyaroo*, and was attracted to our newly established Family History Unit, his speciality. He has continued to add to our research stores and has become our 'go to chap' on all things genealogical!

Marilyn's claim to fame is a convict ancestor – John Crinigan who selected land in Ginninderra in 1859. She has a deep interest in local history and was the recipient of many of Lyall Gillespie's note books, which she is cataloguing, to render the information more accessible to future researchers.

Karen first experienced the Centre as a visitor. She liked what she saw and the people she met and she decided to volunteer. She is worried that local history is slipping away and she wants to use her skills in database development to initially save the knowledge and then create user friendly search procedures.