

FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Volunteers from the Men's Shed and the Museum joined forces for their Christmas Party on Thursday 5th December at the Hall Pavilion. From all accounts it was a great event, with ample and very tasty food, great company and lots of 2019 achievements to share. The troops from both organisations have been busy and no doubt 2020 will be another successful and satisfying year.



Drone view of the Christmas party participants.

2020 AGENDA

Our bid for funds for the **Southwell Family Archive**, and the Canberra and District Historical Society bid in relation to '**Fooling around in flannels**' (our Heritage Festival event) was successful and these two projects will focus our energy in the New Year. Our Brass Band lunchtime concert is again on the April events calendar and we have just received our first booking for our education program, with Macquarie Primary School a new customer. Our loyal band of volunteers would always welcome new members, so why not come along one Thursday (9am – 12 noon) for a cuppa, and find out what we get up to.

For further information visit our website www.museum.hall.act.au

BACK TO 'NINE ELMS'



Boreham family members - Eric, Angela and Ros - at the 'Nine Elms' site

The site of this old homestead is now on CSIRO land nearly opposite where Curran Drive joins the Barton Highway. The original timber homestead was built by Edmund and Margaret Ward in 1877, and from here they ran the 'Ginninderra Nursery'. The Wards were followed at Nine Elms by Edward and Lucy Boreham [nee Cook], and a small group of Edward's descendants visited the site recently. There is little evidence of the nine elm trees that used to mark the track from the homestead to the highway, but extensive stone footings and piles of bricks and concrete blocks clearly delineated the old homestead, a tank stand, and a shed.

IT TASKFORCE PROGRESS

An inventory of the Centre's existing equipment has been finalised, with the computers found to be satisfactory for our future needs. Emphasis will now be placed on purchasing a Network Accessible Storage (NAS) device appropriate for the Centre. The on-site Ethernet cabling and outlets will be assessed to determine their suitability and graphical display requisites for future exhibitions are being identified.