

FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER



The 2023 Heritage Festival wound up on Sunday 30th April and for those who participated it was often difficult to choose which events to attend, with many interesting and varied options.

The Centre's special exhibitions, curated for this year's festival, will remain on show for varying times so there is still time to come on Sunday afternoons or Thursday mornings to view our offerings.

Our major exhibition, *Selected Southwell Stories*, 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.



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

FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th May

10am – 4pm

Open Garden at 'Yellow Box' –
447 Spring Range Road.

The Centre is catering for the event so come & enjoy the garden and our delicious home cooking

IT'S OFFICIAL



Karen Moore hanging her beautiful cross-stitch on the door of Home Sweet Home

Karen Moore has been a volunteer with the Centre for the past 5 years. She has other heritage interests and also volunteers with the ACT National Trust and previously the Queanbeyan Museum and so comes with considerable knowledge and expertise. Little did we know that her talents also extend to needlecraft!

Last year we re-purposed one of the Centre's old classrooms into a display area, especially for young school students and visiting families, featuring a domestic scene in the village prior to the coming of electricity – pre 1948. We named the space *Home Sweet Home*. With the hanging of Karen's tapestry the room is now officially 'open'. Students also visit the old bush school and experience what it was like to sit on hard wooden planks, use slates, and how, if you brought a gun to school, you certainly got the cane!

In our *Hall Village* classroom students can familiarise themselves with early farming tools and practices, what was on sale at the *Southwell & Brown Premier Store* in the 1930s and see how much it cost to go to the pictures on a Saturday night in the old Kinleside hall.