

## FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

### Bowling School – 175 years



Jane Southwell, Alastair Crombie & Peter Bowling at the centre's pop-up display

The Bowling community were out in force on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their rural school. The centre set up a heritage display that featured the history and travels of the Kangiara school bell, which once rang out its message in the Hall School's quadrangle.

### Southwell family saddle donated

The *Selected Southwell Stories* exhibition came to an end last week and local members of the Southwell family held a final afternoon celebration at the Hall Heritage Centre.

Jane Southwell presented the centre with a 90 year old saddle that was given to her dad Mack (Malcolm) when he was a boy, learning to ride. His dad, John Southwell, purchased a *youth Poley* stock saddle in 1934 and over the years it has been extensively used - initially by Mack when he was wool classing and working full-time on two Southwell properties - *Rosevale* and *Fernhill* (present day Lyneham).

Jane's children, Kathleen & James used the saddle and their children Molly, Isabella and Charlotte have seen the saddle used by the family for the long trek to the Coolamine Homestead in the Kosciuszko National Park and for the Bicentennial trek from Kosciusko to Canberra.

Four generations of love and care for a family heirloom.

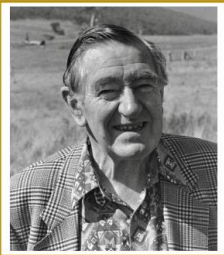


Come along and join us on 14<sup>th</sup> April to recognise and celebrate the life & work of one of Hall School's most famous alumni

Lunch served after the opening ceremony

hall HERITAGE CENTRE

The Journey of Lyall L. Gillespie  
1919 – 2006



A new exhibition about the work of an eminent Canberra historian

**OFFICIAL OPENING**  
Sunday 14 April @ 11am

Sundays in April 10am – 4pm