

FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

SUCCESSFUL BRASS BAND CONCERT

Sunday 14th October proved to be fairly close to perfection for our 12th brass band concert event, now fondly referred to as *Brass on the Grass*. A little more sunshine would have topped off the day.

The concert is the Hall Heritage Centre's main fund-raising event and thanks to the visitors who came with cash and card it was a great success. The Centre does not receive any government funding so we rely on events like these, and money from various heritage and infrastructure grants that we apply for on an annual basis, to continue our important work.

The brass band began in 1984 when four chaps who lived and worked in Hall got together to make music. The group grew to become known as Hall Village Brass Band and it became well-known as a community based band which played at festivals and parades in the ACT & surrounding district.



Members of Canberra Brass at the 2023 Brass on the Grass concert

Today the group is known as Canberra Brass Inc. with 3 main bands: Canberra Brass, Victoria Street Brass (named after the main street in the village) and a newly established Training Band which gave its first public performance on Sunday, under the baton of Gypsy Cook.

Our new sponsors, Dr Wilson Lo from Bruce Sports Medicine and Mark Johnstone from Ray White Real Estate, were there to join us in celebrating a great community event.

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

AN OFFICIAL STREET NUMBER AT LAST



Alf Wilford showing off our new street number which he fashioned and painted

Street numbers have been allocated to all Hall village residences but if you drive around the village, spotting an actual number adorned to a picket fence or a post box or on a street-facing wall, is a rare event. That is because there is no postal delivery service in the village. To receive your mail you either have to have a Post Office box or you walk down to the Post Office to collect it.

By the turn of the 19th century, when families began arriving in the village, rather than give their houses a number families chose to identify their residences with a name: *Sunnyside, Cooee, Winarlia, Choisel* to name a few. Some of the nameplates still survive.

On navigational maps the Hall Heritage Centre was identified as being located at 17-19 Palmer Street. We decided that was too vague and in order to identify an exact location for our main entrance we decided on #19.

Alf Wilford, one of our very talented band of volunteers, has created our street number sign, in heritage colours, and it has taken pride-of-place on one of our heritage pine trees planted in 1919 to commemorate the end of the First World War.