

FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

New books for sale

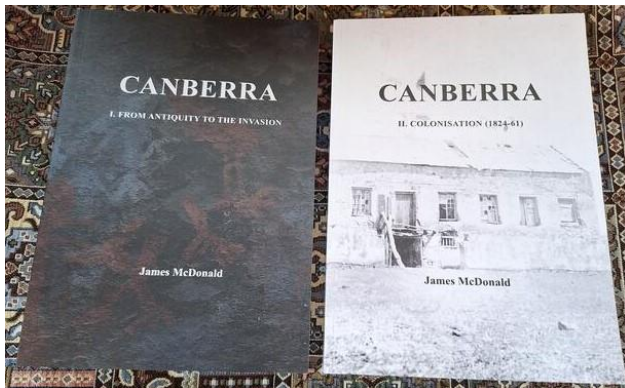
Member, James McDonald has been working on his five-volume history of Canberra for the past decade.

Volume I. From Antiquity to Invasion and *Volume II. Colonisation (1824-61)* have been published and are available at the centre for viewing and/or purchase.

Volume I commences with the prehistory of the district and goes on to discuss Aboriginal occupation along the available waterways and the local alpine regions.

Volume II covers colonisation from 1824, when the European pastoral teams first arrived, until 1861, the eve of Robertson's major land reforms.

James is working on Volume III and is due to finish the project in 2025. Each volume is \$40 and can be purchased from the Centre during opening hours.



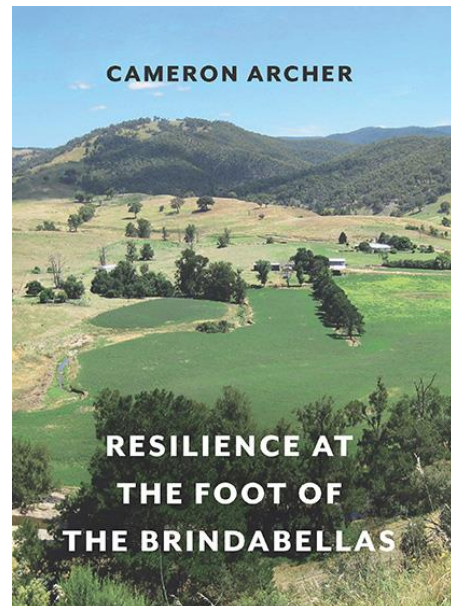
New volunteers

We are delighted to welcome three new volunteers to the Centre:

Wendy Duke who comes with vast experience, volunteering at Calthorpe's House and Lanyon.

Benn Fleming who has Southwell family connections and expertise scanning and digitisation of documents.

May Duncan who will be working with Ken Heffernan and his team cataloguing and digitising the Gillespie Collection.



Cameron Archer's latest book was launched at St Clements Anglican Church, Yass on Sunday 26 May. The book centres around *Cavan Station*, in the country where Cameron grew up.

Cameron has a long career in agriculture, retiring from Tocal Agricultural College after 28 years as Principal. As a result this book is particularly well informed on the development of Australian agriculture, and the sheep industry in particular - as well as the district concerned.

The book is available for sale at the Hall Heritage Centre at a price of \$40, along with his earlier book, which is also of considerable local interest - *Highlands to the Limestone Plains* - the story of his Cameron forbears.



The new National Trust of Australia (ACT) heritage brochures have been updated and several were launched by the Minister on Saturday 1st June. The brochure featuring Hall village will be launched in the near future - watch for announcements!