

FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

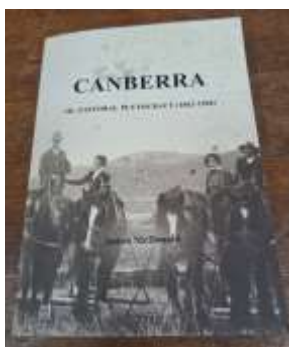
Welcome to our new team member



Kseniia Maksimova is a Masters student at the University of Canberra

Kseniia has been working as a part-time Cataloguing Officer at the centre for the past few weeks. She is studying at the University of Canberra, in her last semester of the Masters of Creative Industries degree, specialising in conservation. She lives in Canberra with her husband and two children and is passionate about heritage and is enjoying working with us in an education-based heritage centre.

Kseniia is aiming for a full-time job in the future, but in the meantime we are delighted to be able to utilise her considerable practical knowledge of cataloguing and conservation skills, gleaned from her studies.



James McDonald's family hail from the early years of settlement at Ginninderra. His great grandfather was Henry Curran, the talented local blacksmith and his grandfather was Babe Curran, a master breeder of Merino sheep, breaking many records for fine wool prices in the 1940s and 50s.

James has been writing a history of Canberra, eventually to be a five-volume set. His third volume, *Pastoral Plutocracy (1862 – 1906)*, is now available for sale at the centre for \$45.

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Old school mates meet up again

Alma Haycock lived in Hall with her family in the 1940s and 50s and attended Hall Public School. They lived in the old Morris Bootmaker's shop in Victoria Street, so it was just a hop, skip & a jump for her to reach the school. In those days the old bush school had just one classroom and although a couple of years younger, Kingsley Southwell was in the same class group, along with all the other village kids.

Kingsley of course had a bit further to travel, often on his pony, from the family farm at *Brooklands* on Wallaroo Road.



Kingsley & Alma reminiscing about old times in the 1911 bush school