

FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

National Trust walking tour



Participants enjoying morning tea and an introduction to the centre by one of our volunteers

More than 30 participants meandered around the village on Sunday 23rd February, following a trail that is listed in the Hall self-guided heritage tour booklet - one of a series produced for the ACT government by the National Trust ACT and launched in July 2024.

Phil Robson and Rosemary Blemings led the group, offering expert information about the history of Hall and the native environment within which it is located. Following on from the walk volunteers hosted a morning tea and tours of the centre, including our 1911 bush school.

Community group visits

Melba Men's Shed and the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin visited the centre recently and were greeted by Peter Browning, our Family History Co-ordinator. Peter enjoys sharing some of the wonderful stories he and other volunteer researchers have amassed over the past ten years.

Visitors are offered a tour of the campus as well which includes our 1911 bush school and *Stones that Speak*, an exhibition of local Indigenous artefacts & information from Lyall Gillespie's Collection.

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HERITAGE:FESTIVAL:

The theme for this year's festival is **UNEARTHED** and we have three interesting offerings for visitors:

- new, never before displayed items from the Gillespie Collection, 'unearthed' during recent research;
- the moving story of a WWI soldier, Charlie Sigvart AIF, who has local village connections; and
- a display of ten interesting items recently 'unearthed' by a metal detector in the old Palmerville Estate grounds

New exhibition @ Cook Community Hub



Peter Browning has been very busy curating and setting up a new exhibition called *Along Weetangera Road*. It features several storyboards which tell the stories of early settler's lives in the Weetangera District.

Open Mon – Fri 9.30 – 4.30

DIARY DATE – MORNING TEA LAUNCH

Sunday 4th May @ 11 am

New facsimile edition of Lyall Gillespie's

Ginninderra: Forerunner to Canberra