

## FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER

### Rotary sponsorship for *Heritage in a Suitcase* program

Our education program has been operating for many years now and has been very successful. Last year was the first year where we couldn't manage all the bookings from schools to attend the campus and participate in a 'Then & Now' excursion. The reason – not enough volunteers!

So we decided to double the number of sets of our *Heritage in a Suitcase* resources, which are 'rented' out to schools for a nominal fee.

The Rotary Club of Hall offered us a financial sponsorship to assist with the purchase of all the resources needed. Purchasing has begun and the two new sets should be ready for use in Term 3.



### Recent visitors

We have had a busy year already with community groups coming to the centre for an introductory talk and tour of the displays. Gungahlin CWA came in February, ANU Archaeology students in early March and Yass U3A are soon to attend for a lunch & tour. Masters students from ANU, who are completing a unit of work investigating heritage exhibition design, participated in their first workshop on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March



### Royal Canberra Show Centenary



A small group of volunteers, under the stewardship of Jane Southwell, have been meeting with the Canberra Show Management team to plan for a 2027 exhibition celebrating 100 years of the Canberra Show.

Many Canberrans don't realise that the show originated from early Ginninderra Farmers' Union events, starting with rural shows in 1908–1909 and formalising as the *inaugural* Canberra Show in 1927 at Hall.

### Diary Date

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Palmerville Exhibition Opening**

12.30pm - followed by light lunch