

	Shire of Politarcopolis	College of Saint Aldhelm
Seneschal	Lady Ysabeau Chanteuse	Lady Myfanwey Mc Nicolle
Archivist:	(Megan Jackson) The Wild Wood.	(Bethany Leditschke) The Yew
Herald:	Lord Dafydd ap Donal ap Gwilym (David Osborne) Dancetty	Nimue (Kate Fletcher) 15 Prescott St Farrer, 2607
Reeve:	Lord Hoskuld Atlason (Norman Gray) Dancing Biscuit	Lord Danemund Alric Gifford (Andrew Grienke)
Marshal:	Lord Hugh the Little (Darren Huett) 288 0396	
Capt. of Archers	Vacant	Lord Alexandro de Florenzi (Simon Price) The Yew
Capt. of Fencing:	Lady Sine' the Shameless (Cerridwyn Murphy) The Tinderbox	
Arts & Sciences:	Lady Viviane de Burgh (Hazel Marchant) Barrow Downs	Lady Miranda Sherley (Miranda of Ravensglass)
Chronicler	Master John of the Hills	
Griffintayle:	(John Stewart) Il Castello Piccolo	
Chronicler	Lady Louisa Reynell	
Promises:	(Louise Volk) Dancetty	
Constable:	Lady Isadora de Este (Jacinta Miller)	Lady Myfanwey Mc Nicolle (Bethany Leditschke) The Yew
Lists:	Lady Lucia da Carpazi (Karen Vaughan) Villa de Nana	
Hospitaler:	Lady Mathilde Adycot of Mynhenioy (Katrina Hunt) Mummery	Lord Eric of Tobermory (Paul Sleight) The Independant Duchy
Chandler:	Lord Stephen Aldred of Rockley (David Hunt) Mummery	
Chirurgen:	Elena ate Weghacche (Sandra Hyde) Weyhacche	
Lochac Capt. of	Lord Francois Henri Pierre Guyon	
Fencing:	(Shayne Lynch)	
Lochac	Lady Morag Freyser	
Needleworkers:	(Helen Whitchurch) House Minimus	

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Griffintayle December-February AS XXVIII

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
F E B R U A R Y	31	1 Dance. Music.	2 Shire Meeting.	3	4	5 Combat Archery.	6 Drama. Archery.
	7	8	9 Dance	10	11	12 Scarlet Women's Feast	13 Town Archer. Drama. Tourney
	14	15 Dance.	16	17	18	19 Combat Archery.	20 Drama. Archery.
	21	22	23 Dance.	24	25	26 AAF Feast	27 Drama.
M A R C H	28	1 Dance. Music.	2 Shire Meeting.	3	4	5 Combat Archery.	6 Drama. Archery.
	7	8	9 Dance.	10	11	12	13 Womble Pic Nic. Drama. Town Archer.

- Shire Meetings, Contact Seneschal, 7.30pm 1st Wednesdays, Gnd Flr John Dedman Building, ANU.
- Dancing, Contact Hoskuld Atlason (Norman Gray) at Dancing Biscuit, 6.30pm 1st & 3rd & 5th Tuesdays, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, Gnd Flr John Dedman Building, ANU.
- Music for dances, Contact Marston Mortaine, 7.30pm, 1st Tuesdays.
- Drama practise at the Mummery 7.00pm on Sundays.
- Arts and Sciences, Contact Arts & Sciences, 7.30pm, 4th Tuesdays, Barrow Downs.
- Archery, Contact Captain of Archers, 10.00am Sundays, Willow Oval, ANU.
- Town Archer 2nd Sundays, Same time & location but in costume.
- Combat Archery 1.30pm 1st & 3rd Saturdays, Southwell Park.
- Fighter Training, Contact Shire Marshal, 6.30pm, Tuesdays at Il Parco Cellini for novices but phone. 6.00pm Wednesdays at Barrow Downs but phone first. 1.30 till 6.00pm Sundays at the Macquarie Oval near the primary school (This is not Jamieson shops).
- Fencing Practice, Contact Captain of Fencing, 10.00am Sundays, Willow Oval, ANU.
- Armouring, Contact Shire Marshal.

Publications Received

I receive many publications each month. If you would like to view any please contact the chronicler or have a look at them at the shire meeting.

General Information for New People.

If you have not attended any SCA events all that you must do is make an attempt at pre 1600 clothing. It is traditional that you bring your own eating implements to any feasts. Clothing and feasting gear may be hired from the Hospitaller who is listed on the last page.

For more information about the Society for Creative Anachronism please call Katrina Hunt on (06) 254 3059 or Megan Jackson on (06) 294 1572.

The Editor's Words.

Many apologies for not producing Griffintayle earlier but Christmas and moving house got in the way. Various people gave me many different papers and flyers to go into Griffintayle. I hope they are all here. If you have any comments about Griffintayle and especially if you spot any errors please write them down and send it to me. Also items for inclusion in each issue of Griffintayle MUST be received on the third Wednesday of the month prior to the month of issue. If needed items may be faxed to the editor but first phone (06) 216 4636 during office hours.

Local events.

At Electric Shadows from January 26 there is a French film showing which is called 'The Visitors'. It is about two people who move from 1123 to 1993 by a wizards potion.

At the Australian National Library in the Peoples Treasure section are four books of hours and a bible on display. Also two books by Albrecht Durer and one of his woodcuts. As well as a Korean book called Samgang huengsilto, printed in 1490. In the recent acquisitions display, which is on the way to the main reading room, is a coloured world map printed in 1588.

Lochac Arts and Sciences Competitions.

May Coronet ASXXIX (1994):

Woodwork:

Shoes:

A child's clothing:

A comfits or jewellery box.

Leather, felt, any period or style.

Court or Tourney of any period.

Tourney.

A tourney will be held as part of the Scarlet Women's celebration at Black Mountain Peninsula. The Marshal will be Little Hugh. Lists open at 12.00 and will close at 1.00pm on 13 February. Any questions contact Hugh on 288 0396.

February 12th, SCARLET WOMENS' ST VALENTINES QUEST & BALL, Politarchopolis

This famous annual event will be held at Commonwealth Park, carpark entrance off Constitution Avenue, and St Johns Church Hall, ACT. The Quest starts at 4:30pm and the ball at 7pm. Cost: quest, \$3; ball, \$10/\$12 (members/non-members); cheques payable to "SCA Politarchopolis." One of the scarlet women has been captured and transformed by an evil spirit. Others of the scarlet company have followed her to rescue her, but have been captured too. Your help is needed to return the scarlet company back to themselves. A fun-filled romp through one of Politarchopolis' most beautiful parks, meeting monsters and magic at every turn, followed by a ball with the famous "Politarchopolan Light Supper." Autocrat: Kiriell du Papillon (Robyn Hodgkin) 7 Elizabeth Cres Macquarie ACT 2614 (06) 253 1287.

At this years Rowany Festival there will be

The Fifth Annual Best Looking Unit Competition.

The prize is one dozen bottles of Strongbow Cider for the best looking unit that forms up on the main erics and marches off to the field battle. This will take place on the Sunday. A unit consists of at least three people with at least one of them being a fighter (either heavy or light). The non-fighters could include banner bearers, weapon carriers, musicians, etc. Just use your imagination. On the day please inform John of the Hills who should be lounging around beside the eric somewhere doing the judging. May the best looking unit win.

The Ancient Arts Fellowship presents a

MEDIEVAL FEAST

Saturday 26 February 1994
Hall Pavilion 7.30pm

Canberra's medieval re-enactment society, the Ancient Arts Fellowship, is holding a feast to mark the passing of the season.

It is a pot luck feast which means everyone is requested to bring a plate of food which will be shared amongst all, such as soups, chickens, cold meats, cheeses, bread, pies, vegetable dishes (or anything that tastes good), as well as their own drinks. It is advisable to bring a plate or bowl, knife and spoon, and your own goblet, tankard or other drinking vessel. Medieval costume is preferred but not compulsory (you can always whip up a quick tunic).

As well as the feast which will be served in three courses, there will be a number of competitions and awards (for which there will be a small prize) including:

- * bardic (time limit 5 minutes per entry)
- * grovelling
- * individual tug-of-war
- * best costume
- * best food dish
- * most festive attendee
- * door prize

There will also be a demonstration of medieval combat by some of the senior warriors in full dark age gear, and presentations for some of AAF's fighters will be announced.

The feast will finish between 11.30 and 12.00. To cover the costs of hall hire, candles, table cloths, prizes, etc. entry to the feast will be:

\$3.00 financial members of AAF and the SCA

\$3.50 for those which the above does not apply

For further information please contact:

Andrew Ridley	Victor Connor	Sarah Arthur	Katja Owens
254-1496 h	295-7058 h	258-5365 h	249-8971 h

REGISTERED OFFICE
10 Granville Close
Queanbeyan NSW



Crossroads Medieval Village
Co-operative Ltd

POSTAL ADDRESS
PO Box 24
Woden ACT 2606

Site Planning & Design Weekend 5-6 February

Where are we going to put the castle?

How many hamlets? How big the house blocks?

Time and Place for the Re-creation Village?

Sign up with the Authenticity Police!

**Have your say! Come to the Crossroads Design Weekend
and help us plan our medievalist community.**

Venue: map sent on request
Starts: 10 am Saturday with a tromp around the land
12 noon in Yass for planning
Ends: 5 pm Sunday, then a barbeque (BYO meat & grog)
Cost: \$15 (negotiable)
Accommodation: ring Rhys on (06) 226 3737

More Information

We have a project overview available for \$5, and members and supporters receive our regular newsletter *Signpost*. Please write to the Secretary, through our post box, or ring John or Sharen on (06) 299 4962.

The Crossroads Project is a proposal for a medievally-inspired eco-village near Canberra. Project elements include a community titles residential subdivision, a craft guild, a permaculture farm and help for members to establish their own businesses. A Co-operative has been established to manage the project.

This is not an SCA event.
The Crossroads Project is not affiliated with the SCA.

Hills War - Politarchopolis 19-20/3/94

Bandits have formed a strong hold in the mountains South of Politarchopolis. The Shire Garrison has been roused to crush these wretches. All Gentles to whom Justice is of worth, gird yourselves for war.

or

Good folk who have for too long suffered under the harsh rule of Politarchopolis, Join us in forming a new region of freedom and liberty

Hills war includes:-

- Field mixed war with light fortifications - Saturday
- Ambush mixed war - Sunday
- Period Fencing Ambush scenario
- Catered Feast Saturday night including the celebration of the wedding of Francois Henri Guyon and AElfthrythe of Saxony
- Partially catered lunch Sunday
- Camping space available
- Field archery competition
- a shuttle service from Michelago Petrol Station for those who feel uncomfortable driving dirt roads
- Page school
- Please bring drinking water as water on sight is limited
- Motel accommodation is available at The Michelago Inn 06-235-9011

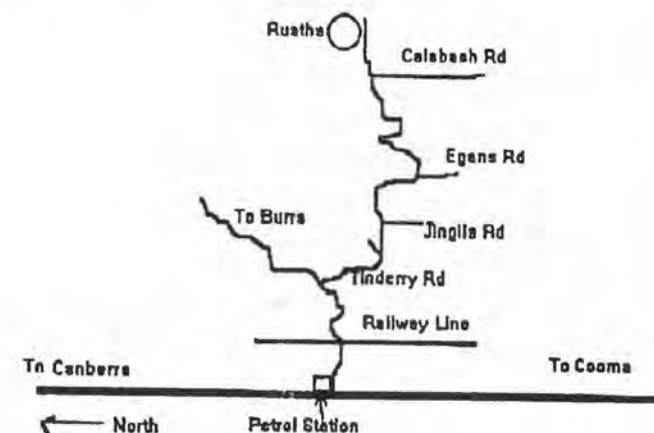
Armour inspection starts at 12:00 - Saturday
Light, Heavy and Fence authorisation will be available. This may be you last chance to authorise for the Rowany Festival.

Cost: \$22/\$25 Members/Non Members

Bookings & Autocrat: Llewellyn of Strathclyde
(Ian Leithhead)
"Ruatha"
RMB Tinderry Rd
Michelago NSW 2620
(06) 230-8258 (h)

Cheques made payable to "SCA Politarchopolis"

Site: "Ruatha"
Tinderry Rd
Michelago NSW
(South of Canberra, see map)



Drive South along Monaro Highway until you reach Michelago Petrol Station. Approx 35k south of Tuggeranong.

Turn left at the Petrol Station.

Follow the road under the railway bridge.

The road becomes dirt approx 2km after railway bridge.

Turn right onto Tinderry Road (To Captains Flat).

Follow the road up into the mountains.

Pass Calabash Road on your right and travel approx 2.5km.

The House on your left is Ruatha. The gate is at the top of the hill, near the water tank.

If you reach a House & shearing sheds called "Little Tinderry". You have gone approx 5km too far.

Address:

"Ruatha"
RMB
Tinderry Rd
Michelago 2620
PX (06) 230-8258



Crossroads Medieval Village Cooperative

Costume Workshop

Date: 26th & 27th February 1994

Place: Australian National University, ACT, Crisp Building, Rooms G7, 8, 9

Cost: \$10 includes tea, coffee, biscuits and some materials

Time: 10am both Saturday and Sunday

7pm start for video night on the Saturday night

The year is getting on and there are a few things you've wanted to make but either don't know where to start or don't seem able to make the time, or perhaps you've got stuck in the middle of something and don't really know where to go from here, or maybe you just want to get together with a whole bunch of other costumers and have a good weekend.

There will be two streams run on the weekend, one will be a schedule of classes conducted by people fairly conversant in their fields. At the same time a room will be set up with a few sewing machines and there will be people available to ask help or advice from.

On the Saturday night we'll do the pizza or whatever thing and sit down to a costume fest where all the good (and some bad) bits out of various movies will be spliced together so you can go - "I want, I want, I want"

At present we have classes planned on - Sewing Techniques, Women's 14th century gowns, Men's Renaissance costuming, German Renaissance Hats, Colours and Fabrics in Costuming, Easy and Fast T-tunics, Women's Italian Renaissance Dress, Other Dates and Places in Costuming, Medieval Shoe Construction, Fighting Tabards, Gambeson Construction, Embroidery in Costuming, Wholistic Costuming, Design your Purgatorio Costume. More classes are planned and there will also be a wide range of resource materials provided to browse through if you are looking for some new or further information.

Send bookings or queries to Meaghan Waters, P.O. Box R477, Royal Exchange, Sydney, NSW 2000, or phone (02) 318 1291 before 9.30 pm

This is not an SCA event.
The Crossroads Project is not affiliated with the SCA.

GRAN WOMBLE invites the populace to join us for

The Gran Womble Picnic & Tourney

Sunday, March 13th

Glebe Park, Canberra

11 of the clock.

Gran Womble is holding a Picnic and Tourney Day to raise money for the Purgatorio Travel Fund, in the hope that their Gracious Majesties will be able to bring their full retinue to enjoy the hospitality of this Principality of Lothac. There will be a catered Picnic luncheon for those who book early, and as many others as we have food for. Following the luncheon, there will be a Period Fencing tourney, an Heavy Infantry tourney, and diverse pleasures, games and entertainments.

Competitions: Best Entertainment, Best Game

Prizes for the Competitions are being donated by

The Renaissance Trading Company

Prizes for the Tourneys are being donated by Sigmund der Angesehete

Cost: \$10. Bookings are strongly recommended to ensure food. Dietary requirements will be catered to if advised. All profits from this event will be donated to the Purgatorio Travel Fund. For more information and booking, contact Slegfried der Freundlich (Michael Dowling) Ph (06) 290 0079 (h) (06) 252 5024(w) PO Box 406, Belconnen ACT 2617

The Autocrat for this event is Marlana the Breathless, contact as above.

Master Charles of the Park and Master John of the Hills wish to announce, for the fourth year in a row, that the

South Somerset Bakery

Will be baking again at the Rowany Festival.

Fresh Bread will be available every morning. Baroness Buns will be available during the fighter auction. Also Cheese Rolls and Hot Cross Buns.

The Pre-order service is available for those who wish to ensure that they will not miss out on having fresh loaves of bread for each morning of the festival. There are a restricted number of loaves available for pre-orders and orders will be filled as they arrive in the mail box with any excess orders returned. A few loaves will be available each morning for purchase. Alas it is not possible to pre-order any buns or the rolls.

Special breads for dietary needs (ie yeast or salt free) will be considered. Please contact us.

The South Somerset Bakery Order Form.

Name:		SCA Name:			
Address:					
Camp Site: (If known)					
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Total
Number of Standard Loaves:					
Number of White Loaves:					

Costs for standard (non-white) loaves are 2gp and special white loaves are 5gp.

Please send the payment with the order and please make cheques payable to John Stewart.

Receipts will be available at the bakery.

Send to: The South Somerset Bakery
 C/o John Stewart
 PO Box 1085
 Queanbeyan
 NSW 2620

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Mundane)	Name (SCA)	Member No.	Price	Age (if under 16)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Contact Address: _____
_____ Telephone No. _____

Group you would like to camp with:(eg Barony, Household etc): _____
If your group wants a specific site, contact Mistress Marguerite de Rada y Silva (Meaghan Waters) on (02) 318 1291 as soon as possible.

If you would like to camp in the Period Encampment please tick this box. ☐

Will you or your group require equipment, e.g. tents, gas burners etc to be hired for you?
If so please contact the autocrat by Twelfth Night.

Newcomers If you are new to the SCA or this is your first Rowany Festival, please tick this box. ☐

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help the Festival run smoothly. Please circle if you can help with any of these areas: Herald (field, court), Marshall, Lists, Constable, Chirurgeon, Page School

Collegia

Can you teach a collegium? What subject? Which days?

Page School

Do you have any children interested in attending page school? How many? What ages?

(This is just an indication, NOT registration)

Please send this form with a cheque or money order (no cash) to:

Rowany Festival,
P.O. Box 178,
AUBURN NSW 2144.

Please make cheques payable to: SCA Inc. Rowany.

If you have any further suggestions or queries, please contact the autocrat, Lady Bess Haddon of York, by writing to the above address, or phoning (02) 568 2968 before 10.30pm eastern time. You may leave a message on the answering machine.

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INFORMATION SHEET

Good Gentles, you are invited, one and all, to participate in the festivities of the annual Rowany Festival. It promises six days filled with fun - fighting and feasting, drinking and dancing, court (and courting) and collegia, madrigals and merchants, arts and archery, and of course, the Annual Sunshade Lounging Competition (and much, much more).

Date: Thursday 31 March, to Tuesday 5 April, 1994

Place: "Fairholme Park", Ashwood Road, Wilton, N.S.W.

Fees:	Members	Non-members	Family
Until 12th Night	\$30	\$40	\$95
Until 14 February	\$35	\$45	\$100
Before Arrival	\$45	\$55	\$120
At the Gate*	\$60	\$70	\$140

Day Rates: \$5

Children: 0-4 years free, 5-15 years half price, 16+ full price

Family rate is for 2 adults plus children.

Hardship cases will be considered, please contact the autocrat at least one week before the Festival.

* Cheques will only be accepted at the gate if accompanied by a current membership card, driver's license, or other form of identification.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

<u>Thursday 31 March</u>	Archery Tourney, Bottle Tourney, some Collegia, Bread and Soup Kitchen, cars allowed on site
<u>Friday 1 April</u>	Cars off site by 8.30 am, Opening court, War muster, Little Rock War, Bridge Battle, Pelican Meeting, Quest?
<u>Saturday 2 April</u>	Fair Day, Games, William Tell Archery Competition, Laurels Prize Tourney, Laurels Meeting, Pot-luck Feast in the Tavern
<u>Sunday 3 April</u>	War Muster, Fort Battle, Field Battle, Chivalry Meeting, Collegia
<u>Monday 4 April</u>	Fighter Auction Tourney, Annual Sunshade Lounging Competition,
<u>Tuesday 5 April</u>	Closing court, cars allowed on site, pack up and farewell.

After Payment you will receive a receipt and a detailed information package.

*The Battle of Portland:
A Weekend War*

Your attention is called to an official event which is to be held in the vicinity of Portland, Victoria during the 19th and 20th of March, 1994. Interest is sought from all members of the society who wish to participate.

We are in need of people to help us organise our first event. Assistance is also sought from available surgeons and marshals. It is proposed to hold a tournament, feast and possible war between Stormhold and Innilgard over the two days. As this is being held in conjunction with a private function (namely a combined 21st birthday, Engagement and Hand-fasting) there will be a number of mundane people in attendance who will be joining in the spirit of the occasion. We hope members will be able to create the correct atmosphere and encourage non-members to join in.

Provided: Camping areas, fresh water, feasting hall, off road parking, fire sites, drop loo's and a variety of combat venues suitable for tourney, battles and archery.

B.Y.O.: Food, tents, camp showers, covered lanterns (a request from the land-owners for safety reasons) and of course, garb, personal banners and feasting gear.

Situated 40 km west of Portland and 30km east of Nelson (VIC/SA border), and roughly half way (4 1/2 hours) between Stormhold and Innilgard on the Portland-Mt Gambler Road, Nicka Farm is run by Ruth and Terry Stanley who have kindly consented to provide the site for the occasion. A small fee will apply, payable on arrival, as this is a working sheep farm.

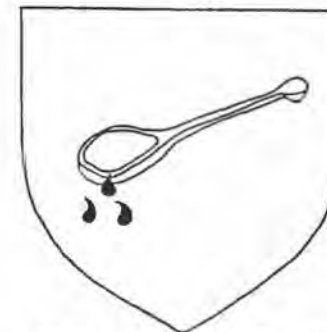
Members interested in attending and/or assisting should contact Kim or Ian on (06) 236 8195 AM/PM (Phone may be sometimes unattended so please keep trying) or may wish to write to "Crock Cottage", Balrinsdale Farm, C/o Post Office, GUNDAROO NSW 2620 up to the 9th of March.

Warning!!

Consuming or molesting the livestock in any way is an executable offence.

Ye Greasispoone

*Yes, the number one victualer of the Principality
is going to be at Rowany Festival XXIX.*



There are NO catered feasts this Rowany
So Book Early

only \$50 for a ploumman's lunch a day & all
the soup & bread you can eat.

Household catering or partial catering
also available

Inquiries to
Monique du la Maison Rouge.
(Libby Kennedy)
18/46 Catchpole St
Macquarie
ACT 2614
(06) 2514491

To ensure adequate
provisions pre bookings
with payment
Are Essential!

September Coronet

Hosted by Innilgard

Saturday September 3rd & Sunday September 4th

A two day event in Innilgard including the Investiture of the new Prince and Princess and the Tourney to choose Their successors.



Costs:

- Up to August 5th: \$25 (members) & \$30 (non-members)
- August 6th to 27th: \$35 (members) & \$40 (non-members)
- August 28th to event: \$40 (members) & \$45 (non-members)
- Sunday only price: \$8 (members) & \$10 (non-members)
- Cheques payable to 'SCA Inc. Innilgard'

Autocrat:

Finnian the Red (James Conlan)
14 Suffolk Road, Hawthorndene SA 5051, (08)278-2330.

Places in Politaropolis.

Dancing Biscuit	6 Meyrick Pl, Florey, 2615	258 9978
The Tinderbox	10 Gunn St, Yarralumla, 2600	285 2137
Marston Mortaine	12 Shippard Pl, Kambah, 2902	231 9962
Smithfield	14 Hannam Pl, Mawson, 2607	286 1887
The Common	14/block 4, Northbourne Flats, Turner, 2601	249 7726
The Wilde Wood	15 Sturgeon St, Conder, 2905	294 1572
Schloss Unordentlich	17 Forward St, Monash, 2904	291 4260
The Cloisters	18 Cambridge Gardens, Catchpole St, Macquarie, 2614	251 4491
House Minimus	21 Wade St, Watson, 2602	241 2201
The Mummery	24 Edwards St, Higgins, 2615	254 3059
Dancetty	24 O'Sullivan St, Higgins, 2615	254 1358
Cross Florey	25 Rowe Place, Swinger Hill, 2606	290 1492
Villa de Nana	29 Knox St, Watson, 2602	241 4903
Winter Palace	32 Roseberry St, Fisher, 2611	288 9693
Weyhacche	34 Trumble St, Pearce, 2607	286 1280
Des Cartes	48 Burrinjuck Cr, Duffy, 2611	288 1262
Barrow Downs	51 Kingsmill St, Kambah, 2902	231 2465
Independent Duchy	59 Barnard Circuit, Florey, 2615	258 3470
		fax 259 2328
Wenlock	2/62 Knox St, Watson, 2602	241 8219
The Garret	68 Block B, Currong flats, Ainslie, 2602	257 1240
Il Parco Cellini	77 Bennelong Cres, Macquarie, 2614	251 6043
The Yew	97 Henry Melville Drive, Gilmore, 2905	291 6802