

# Jordans Crossing Gazette

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The Voice of Bundanoon Community Development Association

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## MEMORIAL HALL KITCHEN



*BCDA President, Mark Corbett, receives cheque from Joanna Gash, MP*

The formal part of the grant has now been completed with the handing over of the cheque from Federal Member for Gilmore, Joanna Gash, in early October.

When the original plans were circulated some time ago, concern was expressed by some members of the community, who raised the point that steps had to be negotiated to deliver food to the Main Hall. With the Main Hall being used for food-related functions more often than the Supper Room, this was a

very valid point and these concerns were taken on board.

Discussions were held by the hall committee and as a result of these discussions it has been decided to move the kitchen area down to the lower Main Hall area and do away with the stairs within the kitchen area. The upper area adjacent to the existing kitchen area will be used for much-needed storage. Hall storage has been a major problem for some time, and this will be a welcome addition to the hall.

As a result of this re-think, new plans and specifications are now being drawn up in readiness for council approval.

We are also applying to Council for another loan similar to the previous one used to complete stage one refurbishment of the hall. When the loan is in place it will be used, along with the grant, to construct the kitchen.

Though it may appear that not much has happened with this project, members of the BCDA have been quietly procuring some major items needed for the internal fix-out: commercial ovens, extraction systems and stainless steel benches are ready for installation.

It is hoped construction can start early in the New Year, depending on council approval.

## BUNDANOON CELEBRATES CENTENARY OF FEDERATION

A glance at the calendar confirms that we are racing, at somewhat unnerving speed, towards the 100th Birthday of this nation of ours on 1 January 2001.

You will remember from our August edition last year the good news that Bundanoon had been honoured with a grant of \$20,000 under the Federal Government's \$30m National Centenary Program. The project that won the award for Bundanoon was the upgrading of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall and, in particular, the kitchen facilities. The photograph (left) shows the cheque for \$20,000 being handed to the BCDA President, Mark Corbett, by the federal member for Gilmore, Joanna Gash.

Further funds will be needed to complete the kitchen but it is heartening to know that community support for the BCDA has never been greater. Bookings

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## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER  
AT 8PM

Community Carols will be held at:

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(Memorial Hall as a backup if it rains).

The Wingecarribee Shire Band will be playing and local children singing.

We are hoping the Pony Club will be involved in a musical item or two. Reserve this date to celebrate with your community.

BCDA MEETING DATES are: 16 November 2000  
21 December 2000  
18 January 2001

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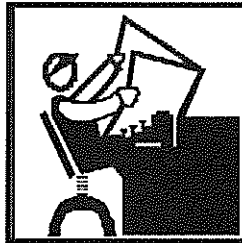
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# Editorial

In the coming Centenary of Federation we celebrate an act of union; the gathering together of the states of Australia. The resulting sense we have of belonging to a nation---complete with diversity and disagreement---was captured brilliantly in the operatic spectacle of the recent Olympics. So many people---from such diverse backgrounds, skills and circumstances---worked, competed, volunteered and welcomed visitors under one flag. From those who worked on Federation to us here today, contributions big and small accumulate to shape our community and nation.

In keeping with this idea, it seems so fitting that Bundanoon's Federation Grant will be used to upgrade our central gathering place: the Hall. A flagpole opposite the hall has also been proposed, which will carry the national flag. So as we use the hall---for meetings, concerts, markets, to read the noticeboard or just sit on the steps---we need to remind ourselves that the nation, the community, even our clubs and groups are all made up of individual people---us. And, most importantly, that the presence of each of us is of value to all.

You will notice changes to the look of this issue, but as usual we have highlights of the great range of activities going on in Bundanoon. JCG is currently updating the lists of community services, clubs, organisations, churches and sports groups, and we would like to hear from new groups or groups that have changed details. Write to us, or call the February issue co-ordinator, Mechelle Todd, on 4883 6744, a.s.a.p.

We are also starting a Noticeboard column. We will accept brief notices confined to: what, where, when (date and time), cost (if applicable) and whom to contact. The next issue of JCG is due out in mid-February and will cover the three months to May. So send any notices for that period to our address on the front cover before the end of December.

Finally, we are looking for volunteer photographers! If you have an interest in photography we would love to hear from you, even if you have doubts about being able to commit your time. You may be able to photograph a particular event, such as Brigadoon, or the odd interviewee. Send your contact details and some samples of your work (plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you wish them returned) to the address on the front cover, or call Mechelle on the above number.

Have a safe and fun summer!

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## SAD LOSS

It is with deep regret that we extend our sympathy to the families and friends of three members of our community. Simon Watts, Debbie Mouroukas and James Angel all passed away suddenly in the month of October.

JCG

# 'Paul Gleeson, Thank You!'

Paul Gleeson, who has been responsible for the co-ordination and production of *Jordans Crossing Gazette* since its inception, is leaving our team.

**"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under Heaven."**

Having been involved with JCG for more than five years, Paul believes that his season has now come to an end. He writes, "My association with the magazine and with the many people who help to bring it into being has been a rewarding experience. I would like to thank all those who have been part of the JCG team over the years, as well as all those who have supported and contributed in so many ways. I wish the JCG team well and look forward to an ongoing *esprit de corps* that the magazine has generated in our community."

**From BCDA President,  
Mark Corbett:**

It has been largely through Paul's efforts that the Gazette has grown from a 16-page magazine to the 40-page widely read magazine that it is today. The JCG reflects a cross-section of Bundanoon and district community life and has helped to contribute to the vitality and pride of these communities.

The JCG struggled at first to get people to contribute but Paul encouraged new writers. As well as keeping us informed of local news and issues, he introduced a

love of nature, poetry, personal experiences, humour/pictures and puzzles and he was particularly careful over the layout. Latterly, Paul has been encouraging young contributors, and the writings and drawings of the teenagers and primary school pupils have been especially successful.

It is amazing how much creative talent has been discovered in the town. For instance, Mim Smith, whose delightful illustrations appear in most issues, once drew for the Bulletin. John Royal and John Hartley have exten-

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**'...it was Paul who came up with the name Jordans Crossing Gazette'**

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sive media and journalism backgrounds and Lyneve Rappell is an editor.

Fifteen people have worked on the publication since Chris Dwyer first mooted the idea of a quarterly magazine to promote the activities of the Bundanoon Community Development Association and to encourage increased membership and attendance of the meetings.

After the BCDA's AGM in February 1995, Chris consulted with Paul, who was recognised as possessing the technological expertise and capabilities of co-ordinating and preparing a quality magazine lay-out through to

printing stage. As it happened Paul had been toying with the idea of starting up a local publication himself and needed little persuasion to join the BCDA team. At the inaugural meeting it was Paul who came up with the name *Jordans Crossing Gazette* and, along with the committee consisting of Chris Dwyer, Kate Perkins, Carol Halstead and John Royal, produced the first edition in May 1995.

The outstanding success of the JCG and the size of each edition involves a large workload. Paul has created a successful system of production from which the current editorial team can carry on.

The current team is Kate Perkins, Pam Davies, Don McGill, Mechelle Todd, Lyneve Rappell, Mim Smith, John Hartley and John Royal. This edition, we welcome a new face, Lyn Mulready, to help with the layout and production. Lyn is a local carriage driver and has contributed to the JCG in the past.

Paul has left a strong team with some experience now of putting a magazine together—rather like a master builder who has laid and cemented the blocks carried by his building labourers. He can be justly proud of the legacy he did so much to help create.

Thank you Paul, we wish you long life and happiness in the town.

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## BCDA Reports

What a busy period! We're at the eve of our Annual Dinner (11 November) and there has been a rush for tickets! We had a highly successful Garage Sale followed by a successful Garden Ramble. This year a committee came up with the idea of a Festival of Scarecrows and the response was overwhelming. The Welsh Choir was again extremely popular and the Primary School helped provide the Guard of Honour for the Olympic and Paralympic games. Well done everyone.

Looking ahead, we will be celebrating the centenary of Federation in January, and we are very grateful to Joanna Gash MP and the Federal Government for the support (and cheque) they have given us.

Our new flagpole, which was nothing to do with the Government Grant, will make a great addition to the town centre. We will need our own Bundanoon flag to fly on special occasions-how about flying our Bundanoon tartan?

Finally, thanks to the soccer club, whose work at the Ferndale Oval has attracted the attention of Channel 7, which is making a TV program featuring local communities where the members volunteer time and effort to help the community.

It's all a great start for a new century.

**Mark Corbett**  
President, BCDA

It is very gratifying to see so many of you coming along to our monthly meetings. The BCDA meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the supper room of the Soldiers Memorial Hall. We would love to see more of you at the meetings as your thoughts and ideas could greatly benefit the community. Remember the BCDA is all about Bundanoon; your village, your home.

**Judith Fairall**  
Secretary, BCDA


## Thank You

*from Con Mouroukas and family*

My family and I wish to acknowledge the outpouring of compassion over the recent sad loss of Debbie.

I was touched by the offers of support and help from friends and the Bundanoon and surrounding communities. This is a beautiful and healing community reflected through all the people we have been in contact with.

To Petrea King and the embracing light of the rainbow, Rev Wayne Tildsley, the monks of the Sunnataram Monastery and my dear close friends-too many to name, I appreciate the warmth and loving kindness generated. I know this will help in the healing process for our family and the community. This whole experience increases my resolve to continue working in Bundanoon. To all involved, my family and I express our deepest gratitude.



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# BCDA Pre-Meeting Songfest

**T**he 40 or so members attending the August meeting of the Association were greeted with a surprise 'sample' recital by the newly formed group of Bundanoon singers. The official title of the group is yet to be announced but if the August mini performance is anything to go by, Bundanoon folk now have a choir in residence of which they can be justly proud.

"Delightful", "Quite majestic" and "What a lovely sound" were some of the comments expressed as members moved back into the supper room for the start of the meeting. One of the highlights was a surprise rendering of 'Hail Bundanoon', a poem submitted in the May edition of *Jordans Crossing Gazette* by former BCDA secretary, John Royal. Michael and Coralie Flint, prime movers in the foundation of the singing group, had asked their daughter Susannah, a professional musician in Sydney, to set the words of the ode to music and the result was a resounding success. It's been suggested that the singers might be persuaded to give a repeat performance at the BCDA Dinner. Fingers crossed.

Incidentally, just to put the record straight, the poem published in the May edition contained a printing error. Here it is in its unblemished form!

## Ode to Bundanoon

Hail Bundanoon! O precious gem  
Enshrined in thee our diadem.  
Hail Bundanoon of rare descent,  
Thy tartan's rich in sentiment.

Go forth, ye Highlanders, go forth.  
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for our annual fundraising dinner on 11 November have again been a tremendous success--a complete sell-out, with many people waiting for cancellations! This, of course, was one of the principal reasons why Bundanoon was selected for the federal grant--its "outstanding record of community service and self help."

A project such as upgrading of the kitchen facilities is not perhaps the most visible of commemorative features---as far as the seeing eye of the public is concerned. So it is rather gratifying to learn that another, and hopefully less costly, project to mark the occasion is on the drawing board, and this one you really will be able to see!

A proposal from one of Bundanoon's senior citizens---that a decent-sized flagpole be erected to provide a lasting symbol of the town's national pride and unity---was given the initial go-ahead at the BCDA's September meeting, and a committee was formed to examine the project in detail. Since then, the Wingecarribee Shire Manager of Strategic Planning, Geoff Lawrence, and local councillor, David Fairall, have both endorsed the feasibility of the idea; and hopefully Council will see fit to come to the party to offset costs. One good sign, as David informs us, is that the Mayor, Phillip Yeo, is also extremely supportive of the concept, in principle.

The town centre site (favoured by Geoff Lawrence as being the most practical from the Council's point of view) is in front of the history shed in Railway Avenue. Another proposal, also being considered by the BCDA committee, is to bury at the site a time capsule containing copies of Jordans Crossing Gazette and other details of day-to-day living in Bundanoon.

More discussion is taking place as we go to print but there are hopeful signs that we will have the pole installed and the flag up and flying in time to celebrate the centenary on New Year's Day 2001. Keep eyes and ears open for developments. JR

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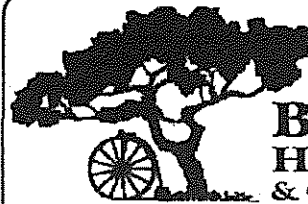
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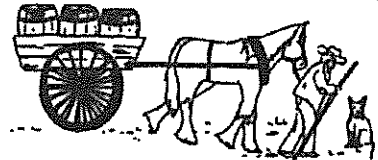
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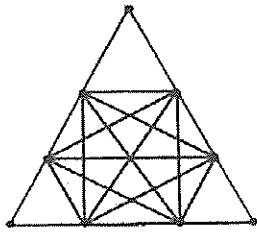
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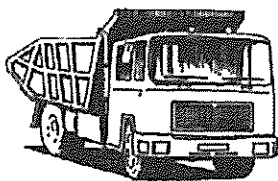
In 1889, Sir Henry Parkes' Tenterfield Oration became known by his admirers as a clarion call for federal union. However, it was Sir Edmund Barton who became the first Prime Minister when the nation was proclaimed in 1901. Sir Alfred Deakin followed. He did more than any other politician during the first decade of the Commonwealth to give shape and direction to our national aspirations.

*(The Restless Years by O'Shaughnessy, Inson & Ward, 1968  
Jacaranda Press)*



So what happened in Bundanoon at Federation? Well, if W. A. Nicholas---one of the village's worthy citizens---had had his way, Bundanoon would now be the Federal Capital. Don't laugh, he was deadly serious about this and made submissions in detail to the Home Secretary, but to no avail.

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# Garden Ramble 2000

## What is it about Bundanoon that attracts visitors?

Probably many things, but one we know for sure is the Annual Village Garden Ramble!

The weather was absolutely perfect. Ramblers were happy and enthusiastic. And thanks to a dedicated and hard-working committee and many volunteers, last year's figure was matched.

The Pre-school and the Scouts had good results with their refreshments.

We know there wouldn't be a ramble if not for the generous garden owners, who willingly opened their beautiful gardens for inspection and to whom we are extremely thankful.

We had visitors from Stanwell Tops, Central Coast, Eastwood, Corrimal, Goulburn, Canberra and many other locations near and far--many were return visitors--who accounted for some of the 600 ticket holders.

Garden owners, volunteers and the committee saw Mark Corbett, President of the BCDA, present beautiful Certificates of Appreciation (created by Coralie Flint) to the garden owners at a lovely after-ramble gathering at Marie and Paul Klausen's. Thank you very much Marie and Paul.

What is there left to do now the Ramble 2000 is over? Get on with the Ramble 2001, of course!  
Norma Waldon

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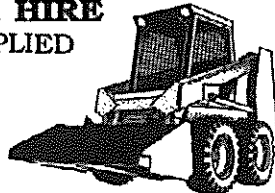
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# The Hungarian from the Humpy

Illustrations: Mim Smith

by Judith Fairall

He shuffled down the drive, a short, stocky man, balding head wobbling from side to side.

"Jutka, Jutka," he called.

Judith raised her head and immediately a frown creased her brow. She was fond of the old man but he usually proved to be a nuisance in the garden.

"Hi Imre, what are you doing?" she asked, as if she didn't know.

Dressed in tatty shirt and shorts held together with string, he carried his rake and garden tools and he was ready for action.

"I do it, I do it," he said, as his mischievous eyes twinkled in the age-weary face. She forced a smile as she tried to find a way to decline the help of one very determined Hungarian.

"Thanks for offering but you have plenty to do at your place."

"Non ... non ... non. I do it, this men's vork. I start here."

Judith bit back a reply as she moved to another part of the garden and thought maybe he would stay put. But no, he had started scratching the leaves from under her.

"Do you want to rake here? Yes? Well I'll start over there."

"Jutka I do it, you rest," he insisted.

"Imre please, I like to rake. You should rest," she replied.

"Non ... non ... non. Dr McKenzie, he say Imre, vork, vork, vork. Plenty time to rest when you six feet under."

"It's very hot today."

"Not too hot, I rake."

"You need to be careful now you're getting older."

"Old! What is old? Old is when you dead," he muttered, waving his arms in disgust. "Better I vork and live." Judith had had this problem before with Imre, and other than being downright rude there was no way to get her message across.

"OK. I'll get a cool drink," she said, as she headed inside. While she poured the juice her mind wandered to the neighbours who called him 'the Hungarian

from the humpy.' They said he was trouble, and they disliked him because he didn't conform. He had rubbish all over his yard and pieces of tin lined the fence "to keep the veeds down," he said. He consistently lit fires, "just a little erl [oil] and tyres and poof up she goes." Judith had often asked why he lit the fires when he knew he shouldn't. Always his reply followed the shrug of his shoulders, "I no understand."

She knew he did but that was his way of doing exactly as he pleased. With a sigh, Judith carried the juice out to the garden. As she started up the drive the colour drained from her face. There stood the bandy legged little man clutching his secateurs with the decimated agapanthus lying at his feet. No more strappy green leaves, just a mass of sticky white edges.

"W...what have you done? How could you? God! Imre! Why?"

"Vhat, vhy you angry Jutka?"

"That! How could you?"

"I clean up, I cut them vith my scissors."

"You don't cut them at all, they look terrible."

"I no understand."

"You never bloody understand, do you? Do what you want, you will anyway," she yelled as she raced inside and slammed the door.

He shrugged in dismay as he picked up his rake and secateurs. "She very angry," he muttered as he shuffled off home.

Later that evening, Judith was still seething as she related the tale to her unsympathetic husband.

"That always happens, why do you put up with him?" he asked.

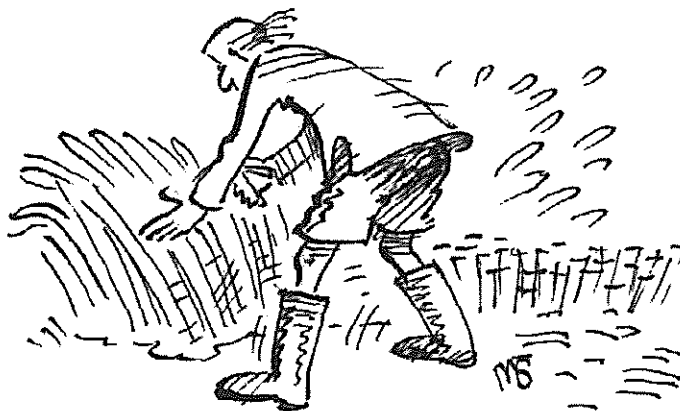
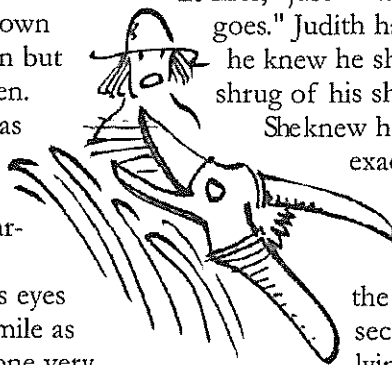
"You know he thinks of me as a substitute for ..." she trailed off as she answered the doorbell. With tears running down his cheeks, Imre held the much loved photo of his baby daughter taken from him by the war in Hungary.

"Today her birthday. I just wanted to help you."

Judith reached out and put her arms around the sad, lonely, old man. She held him as he continued to sob, and she knew that the loss of a few

plants was nothing compared to the pain he suffered.

"Jutka, I sorry, I just vant to help. My daughter, my daughter, I sorry."



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# Rebels With A Cause

**B**ack in autumn, researchers from Channel 7's Hot Property program focused in on Bundanoon, looking for a community project. What I heard is that they wanted to make a show about your basic horde of locals with some project on the boil. Well a light switched on, and John Sant, president of the Rebels Soccer Club, put up his hand.

Now, the Rebels' home ground---Ferndale Reserve, out on Old Wingello road---is basically a flat paddock with lines drawn on. Lately, however, the sod has been turning. The club has scored a grant to install an underground trickle-fed irrigation system. That should keep the grass on the pitch through summer. Next came floodlights. Both of these projects should be finished and ready to go before the start of the season in March next year. So, what's missing?

Well, when the Rebels played at home to Exeter in July, the Channel 7 crew (Rob, Mark and Tim the cameraman) came down to catch it all on film. But the game wasn't all they caught. They walked in on players changing in the open air---or, more accurately, fog---and I understand the camera copped a lens-full of more than one frozen behind. The clubhouse (a donated caravan) materialised out of the mist behind Dean Rowley's ute, as the team

tried hard not to look at the camera or fall about laughing. Naturally, they won the match, and the exec's at Channel 7 loved it and wanted more ... so I'm told.

The scene was set---minus a clubhouse; and the Rebels had their 'cause'---getting one. At this point, the plot shifted and the camera panned out for a wide-angle shot of the community. To build a shed, the club committee had to apply for a grant and, should they win the grant, they needed local tradespeople to help get the thing up. As it happens, Bundanoon has a long history of building and maintaining its own facilities. So, on cue, locals gathered at the Bowling Club for the soccer committee meeting. There, under the sweaty glare of camera lights, Paul Sedgebeer, Frank Davenport, Wayne Todd, Sherwood Machinery, Peter

Rocca, and many others, volunteered for parts. But the climax was yet to come. You'd think it would be winning the comp. but you'd be wrong.

Winning the NSW Sport and Recreation grant is where the real excitement lies. The Council's Parks and Maintenance officer, Mark Chapman, showed good form as he helped the committee get the grant application into Council along with the Land Use Application.

As we go to print, the story is not yet over, but as always I watch the action with every expectation of a happy ending. I can see the subtitles rolling up the screen as our team retires from training, tired and muddy, across the miraculously plush turf, away from the supernatural lighting and into the sheltered privacy of ...

the Rebels' Clubhouse.

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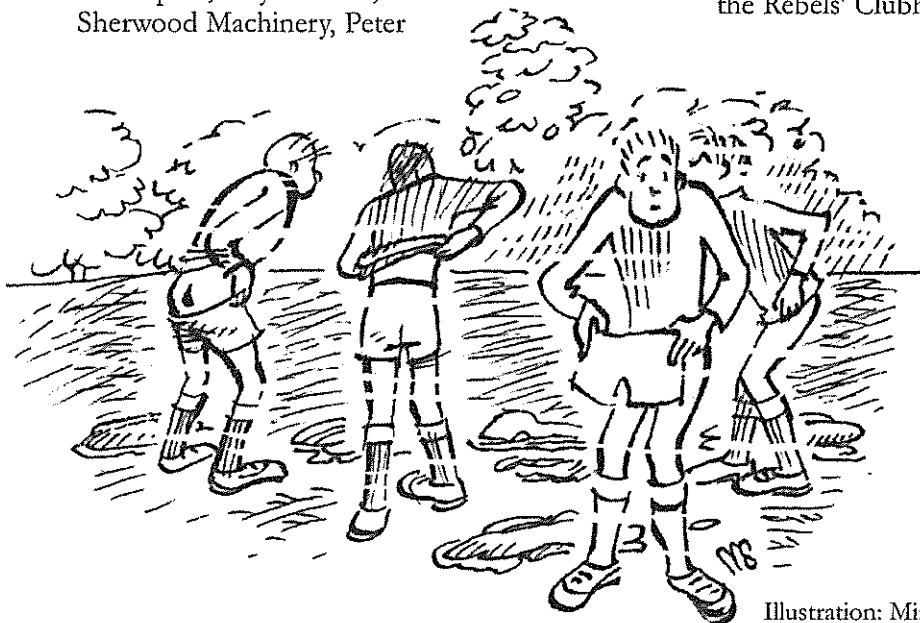


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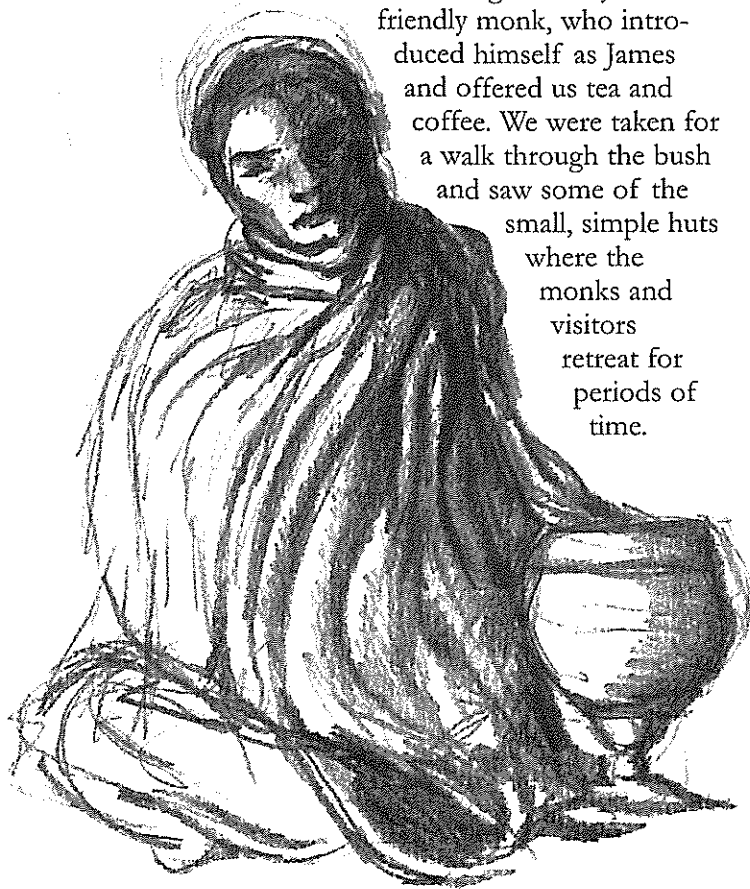
# Sunnataram Forest Monastery

by 

Most of us have noticed the orange-robed monks in and around the Southern Highlands and felt some curiosity. When the idea to write about the monastery came up, we truly thought that we had no preconceived ideas of what to expect. In retrospect, we realise we had a picture in our minds of an austere, formal place.

The Sunnataram Forest Monastery is set on 99 acres on the Penrose side of Bundanoon. The beautiful buildings and Buddhist statues are surprisingly in tune with the surrounding eucalypt bush. Ducks and peacocks roam the grounds and the atmosphere is quiet and peaceful.

We were greeted by a friendly monk, who introduced himself as James and offered us tea and coffee. We were taken for a walk through the bush and saw some of the small, simple huts where the monks and visitors retreat for periods of time.



We passed the most senior monk, who is 93 years old, crouched down working in the garden. We only went for a short walk, but the track leads all the way to a river at the bottom of the valley.

After our walk we talked to another of the monks, Char, who told us a lot about his life in Thailand. We found the monks to be understanding and aware of issues, and they comfortably answered all our questions. There is an obvious blend of cultures, yet the monks seem to manage to maintain their own cultural identity.

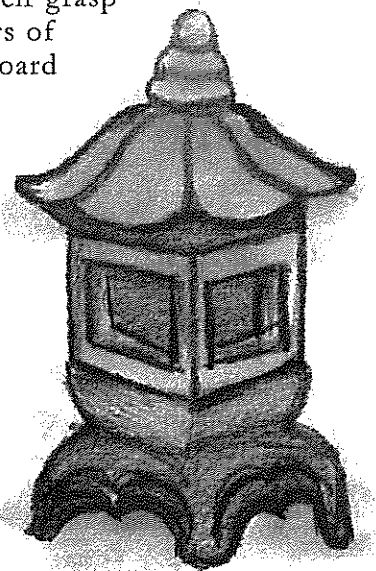
We were invited to stay for lunch. The monks sat cross-legged, side-by-side on a platform and we sat

cross-legged facing them on the ground. We were served spicy Thai food and then Char gave a talk about some of the principles they live by.

The monks are self-disciplined, eating only once or twice a day and they do not eat after 12 o'clock mid-day. They rarely sleep more than 4 hours. In keeping with their beliefs and culture, the monks maintain a healthy lifestyle. They discourage alcohol, smoking and other drugs, none of which are allowed within the grounds of the monastery. Char is qualified (in Thailand) to teach physical education. There is an overall enthusiasm for sport and most play a variety of different games.

Although we thought they would be reclusive, the monks are a positive and active part of the community. James teaches yoga, tai chi and meditation. Some of the monks study English at Moss Vale TAFE and we were impressed by their grasp of the language. Letters of thanks on the notice board showed that they have recently been to Berrima gaol instructing inmates in the art of meditation and that nursing home visits have also been a part of their community involvement.

We were impressed by their openness and enthusiasm, and we felt very welcome. Their lives and ways of thinking are different and interesting but now we feel less distanced from them. When we see them in the street now we can say "Hi" and know we can go and visit the monastery any time.



*Illustrations by Rachel Freeman*

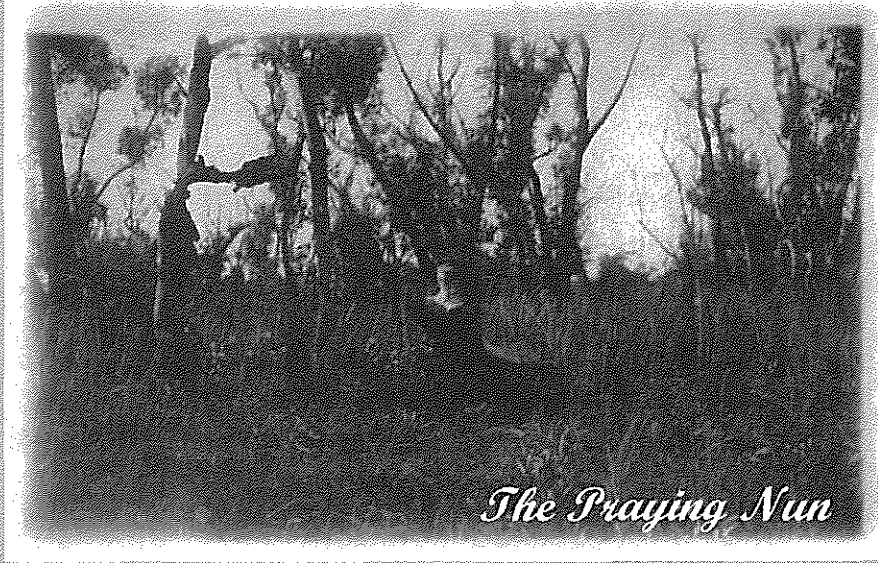
# Do You Remember?

by Lucy Rocca

Do you remember the **Praying Nun** or the **Sphinx** or **Tooth's Folly**?

The Praying Nun was a legacy of the 1939 bushfires. While driving tourists to Echo Point to take in the view and perhaps try for a 'coo-ee' to come back from the bluffs opposite, a driver saw on the left-hand side going towards the shelter shed what he thought was a nun at prayer. On closer inspection it was seen to be a partly burnt stump, a very good likeness of a kneeling figure in a black habit with white face and collar. The driver was very impressed and after some further inspection proceeded to alert the Progress Association, which had photos taken and generally cleaned the site. The nun knelt at prayer for many years and only disappeared not so long ago. I heard the story of the discovery of the nun many times; the driver was my Dad.

The Sphinx was the work of man rather than the result of a disaster. When Paddys River at Lever Park was cleared and a swimming pool made with a picnic area, the lessee saw potential in a large anthill. The result was a magnificent replica of the Sphinx, carved with great patience and accuracy. Over the years the Sphinx, like the



*The Praying Nun*

Praying Nun, suffered the ravages of weather and age, and finally disappeared.

Tooth's Folly was to provide drinking water for thirsty hikers. The idea was that because it was so far down to the river a small well, cut into the rocks near the road and filled with rainwater, would be just what was needed. Unfortunately, the water became brackish (with maybe the odd drowned wallaby in it) and unfit for use, so Tooth's Folly became the wishing well.

While the Praying Nun and the Sphinx are remembered by many of us, Tooth's Folly predates even the oldest of us, but the Wishing Well is still there to receive our wishes.

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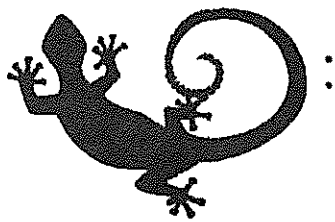
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# the simple things in life..

In our last issue, Pat Jordan challenged readers to add to her list of "The Simple Things in Life--Ten of the Best" (p. 17). Congratulations to the following contributors who have won themselves a box of chocolates each.

1. Watch a spider spin its web  
And perceive its mastery of design.
2. Take time to see how ants work  
Never ending chains of movement and strength.
3. Sit on the side of a creek  
Contemplate reflections in the water.
4. Watch a honeyeater sink its beak into a flower  
A perfect harmony of two gifts to us.
5. See the moon rise over the sea  
Stay till its light floats across the water.

by Diane Gillham

The first of my five best  
Is simply that I'm alive  
The second is happily  
My time with my family  
The third comfort brings  
Sharing a cuppa with friends  
The fourth a gift divine  
Warm days with sunshine  
Last is a little nook  
A place to enjoy a book

by Susan J McKie

# They Were My Friends

by Pam Bishop

**W**hen we came to Bundanoon in 1968 we knew no one, and we weren't sure where to begin to know others. However, our nursing home, which we had bought with much enthusiasm but not much knowledge, was our learning place, and boy did we have fun. Our staff members were our teachers and soon became our friends when they realised we were a young family who just wanted to make people feel cared for and loved in the home. We had ups and downs as any business must, but we gained so much in friendships, not only with our staff but also with the patients, relatives, tradespeople, reps, etc. Bundanoon took us to its heart. We made it plain that we were here to 'do our bit' by the town and the girls on the manual telephone exchange certainly took us at our word; even when we went out to dinner they would find us and I would be called to an accident (only one-man ambulances in those days). Or I would find myself, at dawn, attending a golfer with a suspected heart attack; Bundanoon Golf Course was beautiful but tough! The doctors would call and ask me to turn out and do 'an assessment' till they could get here, and it was flattering that they trusted my reports---no community nurses in those days!

Some of the characters we cared for will still be remembered by some of the townfolk. Our darling Granny Grice who at 102 years of age declined sleeping tablets "because they might be habit forming". The same lady at

one stage shared a room with her niece who was only 88 years old, and it was hilarious to hear the older lady keep the younger one in order! I tried to demonstrate the use of a quad walking stick to Granny Grice and her response was "well I hope I don't look as silly as you do with that thing."

Another of our darling oldies was mortified when I employed a male night nurse and she dared him to go near her. Guess who cried when he left!

We quickly gained a reputation for being a fun place to work and always had a long waiting list of would-be employees. Our children brought their friends home, and they all became an integral part of our extended family. Our patients knew what the kids were doing in play and at school and they all joined in our joy at our newest family addition born at Bowral Hospital. When we added a Murray Grey cattle stud to the property I think we had a party every time a new calf was born. And our every success was supported by an old gentleman who would make a wonderful speech of congratulations to all the staff and toast us with a cup of tea. This same oldie could recite Banjo Patterson by the hour.

They were happy days when we could care for the patients and for each other and words like 'bureaucracy', 'accountability' and 'harassment' were not in our vocabulary, and we had time to touch, talk and listen.

# SCARECROW SEASON

**A**s I write, Bundanoon is coming alive with scarecrows of every shape and size. Our Carnival of Scarecrows got off to a good start on the 30 September, and a drive around the village proved just how creative and inventive our residents are. Over 50 scarecrows were registered with names such as: Tin Can Harry, Droopy Drawers, Methuselah, The Weird Mob, Flash, Cloe Cottersleigh, Gerry Atric, Austin Powers and Jeeves. All whetting the appetite of the organising committee.

With registrations such as *Enfant Terrible* stopping traffic in William Street and with inquires from young and old as to whether it is too late to register, interest is running high and new creations are appearing overnight.

A walk down the high street brings a smile to your face as businesses have joined in the fun, well and truly. Thank you all for your participation--how clever you are! A new dimension has certainly been added to our yearly Garden Ramble with plenty of smiles and chuckles around the streets of our village.

*Marina Beaumont*  
*Scarecrow Sub-Committee*

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# Low Worm Glen TRACK COMMITTEE

The work on the track continues, with most of the beautiful rock wall on the flat area now exposed and weed free. We will be following up any recalcitrant blackberries with some treatment in the spring.

After obtaining permission from our neighbours, council personnel will now be able to access and remove piles of weeds from the track, hopefully in the very near future.

There is a great deal of evidence of wombat activity on the track, and two Eastern Grey Kangaroos were sighted nearby at the beginning of August. A swamp wallaby was seen at the top of the track earlier this year. These are very good signs that we are not disturbing the habitat too much.

We should be able to start replanting natives as soon as the blackberry problem has been overcome. The ivy is starting to

die in the trees, but unfortunately it is too late to save the trees. We are leaving them as nesting and perching sites for the many birds which frequent the area.

There are now about ten volunteers working on the track and we welcome anyone who would like to join us on the second Sunday each month from 9.00am until 12.00 noon. For further information please call John Dorman on 4883 6296.

*Rosemary Kirkby*

## Country Women's Association

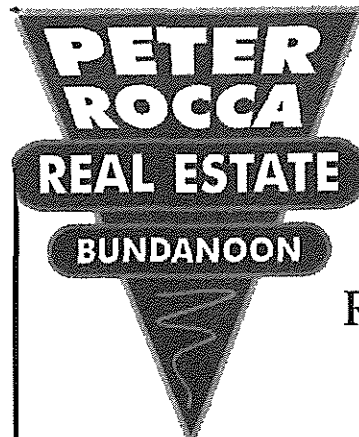
In the last issue of *Jordans Crossing Gazette* the CWA article was about our involvement in the local environment through knowledge being made available to our local members. In this report we shall tell you about our study this year in our international work. We have been learning about Hungary, a country which in the last ten years has been 'opened up' to the world after 30-odd years of Russian domination. It has been a most rewarding activity during the year 2000, especially as it is such a milestone in that country's history---they are celebrating the millennium of their nation!

We have been able to involve the local school children with the usual project competition, which this year was compulsory as the work was under the guidance of the school's librarian, and also a number of parents have Hungarian links. Well known Bundanoon identities, Sandy and Margaret Kalman and their daughter Mrs Erica Petersen, contributed in many ways. Sandy came to the school and spoke to the children, and, again, he was the guest speaker at our International Day. Two Bowral High School students, Amy Lister on the violin and Laurel Austin on the flute, played the Hungarian National Anthem and several other pieces of Hungarian music, while we had a lovely exhibition of mementoes and embroidery from Mrs Petersen's collection. Later that month we joined a Wollondilly group bus tour to Canberra where we visited the Hungarian Embassy, which is located in a beautiful Hungarian-style building only erected in 1991.

While the Olympic Games have been here, we have seen Hungarian entrants and the particular

sports in which they are participating, and we realise it is very much due to their history and environment.

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# RAILROADING in the EARLY DAYS

Here are some significant items, abstracted mainly from the local paper *The Scrutineer*.

**1876** About 2 miles on the Sydney side of Jordans Crossing, a timber mill with its own rail siding was milling sleepers for the rail extensions then approaching Wagga Wagga. A second mill was connected by a 1/2-mile tramway. The staff of about 100 men was assisted by 110 bullocks and 25 horses.

**1884** The building of the Goods Shed commenced. The Bowral Free Press news reporter recorded on 31 December, "... it is a nice compact little building."

**1890** The Progress Committee resolved to press for Bundanoon to become a stopping place for the Melbourne Express and the Express Goods (Paper Train), and for a summer service between Mittagong and Bundanoon.

**1891** *The Scrutineer* criticised the long hours of duty required for the Station Master---a seven day week of 12 hour days, having no breaks from that routine in two or three years. And in the following year, the new residence for the Station Master was also criticised, being only 25 by 28 feet, insufficient for his family of eight.

**1892** Kareela Station was downgraded to part-time service during slack periods. That was the next stop south of Bundanoon. In July, the Railway Commissioners visited Bundanoon and announced major revisions to passenger services. *The Scrutineer*

said, "The people at Bundanoon cannot grumble at the Commissioners nor say they are very hard men to deal with."

**1896** Ornamental trees were sent by the Botanical Department for planting at Bundanoon Station.

**1903** Bundanoon Station garden, pronounced as "the finest on the Southern line" by the visiting Railway Commissioners.

**1906** The State Governor, Sir Harry Rawson, arrived by train and was greeted by the Public School children, to whom he proposed a holiday be soon proclaimed and he would get the Minister to do that. After luncheon he attended the laying of the foundation stone of Holy Trinity Church.

**1906** It was proposed that the station verandah be raised and the platform lengthened. Minimum excursion fares set at 2d per mile 1st class, and 1d per mile 2nd class.

**1908** Easter arrivals: "On Thursday evening last ... train after train drew up to the platform and the visitors made their way to the several accommodation houses." Later in the same year, a group of about 80 day-picnickers arrived from Goulburn, dancing in the evening at Tyler's Hall after the day spent at Fairy Bower.

**1914** The southbound Temora Mail collided head-on with the locomotive of a goods train at Exeter. This occurred at midnight in heavy fog. There were fatalities and serious injuries, and many carriages and wagons were destroyed. An inquest was held the next day in Goulburn, and the driver and fireman of the mail train judged responsible. They lost their jobs.


*Alec Cameron  
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# Bundanoon Public School P&C Association

The spirit of the Olympic games formed the focal point of school activities during the concluding weeks of term three. Under a large sign proclaiming the Bundanoon Olympics the annual school Celebration Concert was a resounding success, and Bundanoon was well represented by its students during the focal points for the Southern Highlands' leg of the torch relay.

The Soldier's Memorial Hall was packed the night of the annual Celebration Concert. Year 6 started the program with an Olympic tableau and the rest of the evening provided parents and the audience with many opportunities to take pride in the skills and achievements of our younger citizens. The many weeks of

preparation and rehearsal were obvious in the well-polished performances, and I'm sure I speak for many parents in expressing my appreciation for the hard work and long hours put in by the teaching staff. To principal Lyn Fraser and her staff---many thanks.

The school was represented at the Bowral celebrations for the torch relay by School Captains, Pia Lenane and Shane Scott, as well as Year 5 students, Dimitri Giannakos and Thomas Armfield, who all formed part of the Torch Honour Guard. The next morning, Tom Dyer, Laura Coyle, Samuel Burnham and Alicia Spacek waved the torch off as it left Bowral heading for Bundanoon where the whole school gave the flame a rapturous

welcome as it passed through town on its way south.

During the last term parents were canvassed as to how they would like to see the P&C direct its accumulated funds towards meeting the school's many and varied needs. Many suggestions were forwarded and a short-list will be presented to parents early in term four for everyone to decide upon. It's likely that the final choice will represent a focal point for P&C efforts and fundraising for the next couple of years. If anyone is interested in assisting the P&C with its work, our next meeting starts at 7.00pm, 14 November, in the staff room at the school. All welcome.

**Dennis Lenane,**  
P&C President

## Bundanoon Public School Principal's Report

Since the last edition we have had a number of significant highlights for our school.

On 1 September we had our annual Celebration Concert with an Olympic theme woven throughout the evening and all our students from kindergarten to Year 6 participating. The hall was full of family, friends and community members. Our students were delighted to perform for such an audience!

Earlier in the term, for Education Week, every student exhibited at least one piece of artwork at our Annual Art Exhibition. In addition to this, our students were all invited to exhibit their artwork at the Blu Roc Café at Bowral because of the high quality of work. The café supports both children's and adults' art exhibitions. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students.

Our students also participated in welcoming the Torch Relay to Bundanoon and enjoyed experiencing the community spirit with our green and gold colours and our Australian flags.

We look forward to another exciting term of learning in Term 4 at Bundanoon Public.

**Lyn Fraser, Principal**

## Bundanoon Playgroup

Bundanoon Playgroup would like to thank all those people who contributed to our recent annual raffle. The raffle raised a considerable sum for the Playgroup, which will go towards purchasing new equipment and craft items for the children.

We would also like to thank Carlos and Kirsten at the Post Office for all their help and support and send out a big thank you to our mystery contributor who made a wonderful donation to our raffle!

If you would like to call into Playgroup, our sessions run from 9.30am to 12.30pm every Monday morning at the old Community Health Building in Bundanoon. The first two visits are free then \$16.80 to join and \$2 per session for each family. Just bring along a piece of fruit for each of your children and come and join in the fun! For further information, call Robyn on 4883 6455.

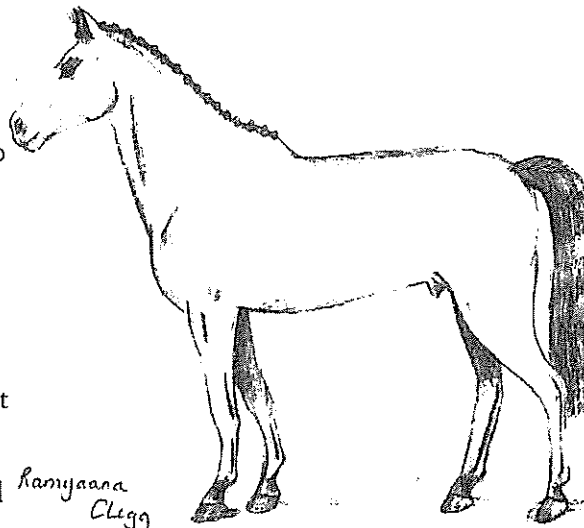
# Kids at work

## My Achievements

by Joshua Parry

My maths achievement. With my speed maths I haven't taken longer than five minutes to finish. Also I've learnt how to do big divisions. I also know most of my times tables.

My sports achievement. Every Thursday I go to soccer practice because on the weekends our team plays against other teams in the district. Recently the school had its sport carnival, and I came 1st in the 100 metres, 4th in the 200 metres and 4th in the 8 hundred metres. In the field events I came 1st in long jump, 5th in shot put and 1st or 2nd in high jump.



## Nicole Johnson - Future Public Speaker

by Nicole Johnson

What have I done that's special? Well it's not keeping my room tidy for actually two days, or that I kept my little brother from crying for at least ten minutes! It's public speaking. Public speaking is what I like to do best.

Competing in it is really fun. I have competed in public speaking for the last three years. 1998 was the first year when I went down to Cringila. In '99 I went to Bowral for it again. Fortunately I won and got to go down to Minnamurra. This year, in 2000, I got to Minnamurra again but unfortunately did not go any further.

I have four special people to thank for it. Mrs Pollard the organiser, Mrs Williams who took over Mrs Pollard's job and my parents, who gave me tonnes of support. My feelings on public speaking are not that I'm embarrassed to do it, but that I love it because I'm not up there to show off but to make a point, to show everyone my view because I want people to know just what I think about our world.

## My Biggest Achievement

by Jessica Hines

Drama is my biggest achievement. Recently I acted in a play called "Cinderella Rides Again". I played the part of the Scene 7 narrator. My other achievement is art. I enjoy doing art because it's fun. I especially like drawing cartoons. In art we are carving cats. My cat didn't turn out as good as I would have liked it to. Well. I think it was a bit of a disaster, never mind.

My family encourage me and helped me rehearse at home. My friends, Gabby and Angela, helped me rehearse when I went over to their houses. Mrs M encouraged me when I did art. She always said "Well done" and "I love your art work".

I hope I'll be able to get a bigger part in my next play. Maybe a main part. I hope my art work gets to improve a little too.



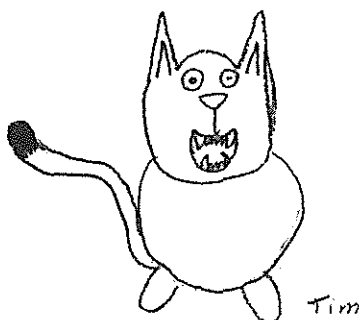
## Drama, Drama and More Drama

by Thomas Armfield

My most outstanding achievement is drama. I have done six productions in Bundanoon Hall and hope to do many more. I really enjoy performing and acting. My uncle is a director in Sydney. I am around his theatre a lot and have met many great actors and had a fun time.

I wouldn't be so good at drama (not only because of my uncle) without my wonderful teacher, Mrs Mesiti, who taught me great drama. I would not be on the stage without her.

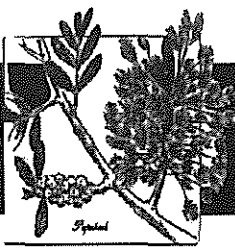
My feelings for drama are very strong, because one day it could be very important.



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# Bundanoon Garden Club NEWS

We have wonderful news to report! Our club has won the prestigious '2000 David Award of Excellence' for services to Garden Clubs of Australia, our club and the community. This award was granted in recognition of plantings and maintenance of gardens and trees in our village. Added to this award, Deirdre Hall of Quindalup Specialist Nursery has donated a 'Margaret Davis' camellia to our club to commemorate our success. Thank you Deirdre. On the subject of donations, we have been most fortunate and say 'thank you' to Wayne and Ali at Red Cow Farm for the lovely St Hildegard plaque, to Rita Baird for the beautiful hand-painted plate and to Lesley and Lloyd Gallegos for the delightful hand-crafted pottery giraffes.

Our speakers continue to educate us in the art of gardening in the Highlands and we are very thankful to Wendy Johnston for winter garden care and appreciation, Jim Merson for his wonderful advice on roses and also for the first hand pruning in his own garden (thank you also Leila), and to Jonathon Purvis for advice on pruning trees and shrubs and for his donation of the very easy-to-follow booklets on pruning. They have proved most popular and all three are out on loan from our library.

Lucy and Rita have taken us to some wonderful places over the last three months and perhaps the one that stands out is the garden on top of the Readers Digest building in the city---a truly magnificent achievement.

We were guests of the Corrimal Garden Club in September---their hospitality and generosity will long be remembered.

With the year-end approaching we look forward to more guest speakers, outings and garden visits and also our Christmas Luncheon. If you are not a member and would like to join in our activities, we meet in the Conference room of the Bundanoon Hotel on the 1st Thursday of each month at 9.30am, for a cuppa and chat before our meeting which starts at 10am. Want to know more? Then please ring our secretary Marina Beaumont on 4883 8285. We look forward to welcoming you!

**Norma Waldon, President**

## Many Thanks

from Gale Pritchett

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Bundanoon and the Southern Highlands for their sincere condolences on the loss of my son, Simon, especially those who stopped by the side of the road and tried to help him. To Con Mouroukas for what he tried to do and to Megan for all her kindness and assistance rendered to my family and me on the night and afterwards. This is the reason why Frank and I call Bundanoon home.



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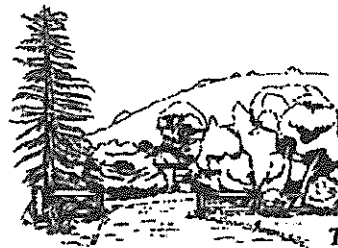
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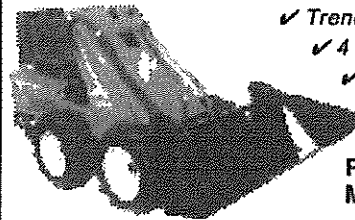
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# Hello from the Lions Club

The members of the Bundanoon Lions Club have kept very busy since the annual changeover of executive at the beginning of July. Lion Shirley Scott is now our Chief Executive Officer until the end of June 2001 and we have a very busy program ahead of us.

Since the opening of the Bastion Memorial Garden at Linkside, we have worked at the Sutton Forest markets each month, and did our six-monthly turn working the barbecue grill at Moss Vale markets. Of course, all money raised goes to local charities. At the same time, we also held our annual Fathers' Day raffle, which has also proved to be very popular, and of course, once again our members worked all day on Daffodil Day raising much needed funds for cancer research.

So as you can see, we have been very busy.

Also, during this time, we held our third information night for interested Bundanoon residents, and we like to think that those who attended left us with a greater understanding of what Lions do for our community.

On Sunday 8 October we held our annual bowls day to raise money for Careflight. This event is open to everyone, whether they are 8 or 80 years old, and is a day of fun, laughter and good fellowship.

For all our mature-age residents, our annual Christmas get-together will be held on Sunday 3 December at 12 noon at the Bundanoon Bowling Club. A light lunch will be served (at no charge), the Lions Choir will once again be entertaining us with their repertoire of Christmas songs and of course Santa Claus will be visiting. Why not join us and celebrate Christmas with songs, laughter and good food. If you would like to attend, please ring our President, Shirley Scott on 4883 6851.

## Arts Bundanoon

The Bundanoon Voices (the vocal ensemble) has enjoyed performing once a month for the past five months, and is looking forward to giving an afternoon presentation next month in words and music called 'A Christmas Celebration'. This event will take place at 3.30pm on Sunday 10 December in the historic church building of All Saints, Sutton Forest.

That is the good news. The next news is good and bad. Our 'tenor' is back singing a leading role with the Australian Opera. Good for him-bad for us. We now have the task of searching for a sensitive, fun-loving male adult with a high voice, who can sing in tune.

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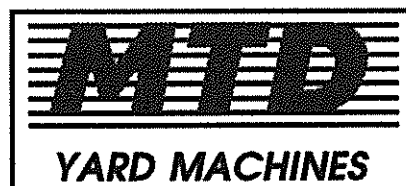
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# The 'Volunteer' Olympics!

by Rosemary Page

An exciting, exhilarating, exhausting experience—one that the volunteers from the Bundanoon Bush Fire Brigade will never forget. Nine of our members, Jill and Alan Fairbrother, Kay and Dave Lidgard, Brad Parker, Craig and Dean Rowley and their father Lou from Mackay, John Brock, Rosemary Page, Dale Chalmers from Penrose Brigade, 'Wheelchair' Steve Horne of Exeter Brigade and ex-captain Drew Webb, who travelled from Ipswich in Queensland, participated in the games in the role of Olympic Volunteers in Policing (OVIPs), part of the 'thin green line' or 'Greensleaves'.

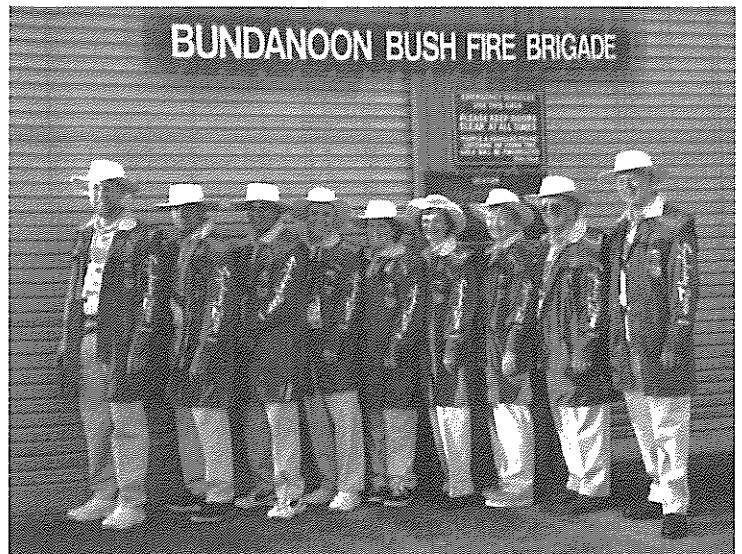
A big accolade goes to the Fairbrother children, who held the fort at home so that their parents could attend.

Primarily our job was 'mags and bags'; monitoring magnometers and checking bags at entry points to all venues. However, it became an exercise in 'meeting and greeting', with a wide range of people from all over the world passing through, including athletes and their families, a police chief from Atlanta who was full of praise, the media and thousands of friendly Australians.

We were situated at Southgate, near the Expo Centre and big screen. During our bag searches we found an assortment of surprising objects, particularly in ladies handbags! There was the little old American lady with a handgun, "I carry it all round the world!"; and the lady in the wheelchair (not paralysed, just paralytic) three quarters of the way through a bottle of gin and determined to finish the bottle before we confiscated it. Whistles, knives in varying sizes and a 2-litre bottle of bourbon.

Several members attended Sydney Football Stadium to assist with security and were fortunate enough to watch most of the soccer matches. This included working extra shifts. Craig Rowley attained 'Olympic Legend' status by working 21 shifts.

Most were given free tickets to athletic events and to the Closing Ceremony, after queuing for 1 1/2



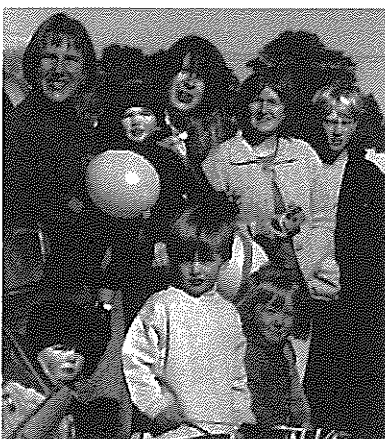
LtoR: Alan Fairbrother, Dean Rowley, Craig Rowley, Brad parker, Jill Fairbrother, Rosemary Page, Kay Lidgard, Dave Lidgard, John Brock.

hours before dawn on the final day---a wonderful finale.

We were accommodated at The Kings School in Pennant Hills in dormitories with eight in each section---the world champion snorer award comes from Bundanoon. Guess who? We were looked after well, the meals were great and the kitchen staff was on hand to serve a hot breakfast at 5am with a smile.

Some of our members were able to attend the Parade for Volunteers on Thursday 5 October. More than 40,000 people marched, surpassing the number of volunteers in the recruitment 'Cooee March' from Gilgandra to Sydney at the beginning of World War I. They marched to war; we marched in peace and goodwill.

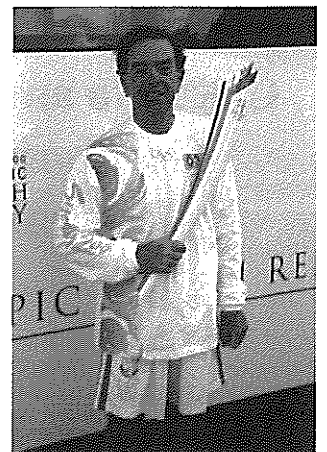
Juan Antonio Samaranch said we were "the most dedicated and wonderful volunteers ever." We were proud to have been involved.



Andrea Lenane, Sue Reid, Jack & Anna Reid, Helen Lenane



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View of Railway Parade.

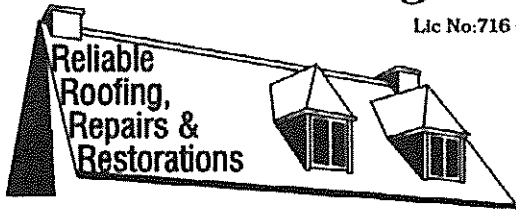


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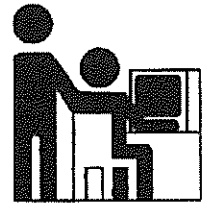
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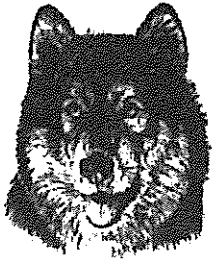
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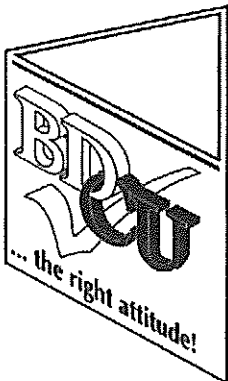


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- up-grading of lookouts
- up-grading of roads
- new interpretation
- improving the camping area
- restoration of the steps to Fairy Bower.

Work on the roadways has already been completed; also new toilets have been installed at the Echo Point picnic area.

We continue to keep the walking tracks in the park free of undergrowth and overgrowth on our monthly working bees, and on one of these a few months ago we were joined by Peta Seaton, Member for Southern Highlands. In spite of her demanding sched-

ule as Shadow Minister for the Environment, Peta Seaton makes time to become acquainted with groups such as ours, and demonstrated that she is no novice when it comes to lopping overhanging branches. It was a pleasure to have her with us. Incidentally, two of our members, who are regular participants in working bees, are Sydney residents who are undeterred by the distance they have to travel to be here.

Quite apart from its obvious attractions, the park at Bundanoon and the Blue Mountains also has some rare plants and fungi:

- Murphy's Zieria (*Zieria murphyi*) is found only in Bundanoon and the Blue Mountains--- nowhere else.
- A new Guinea Flower (*Hibbertia praemorsa*) has just been described and is only confirmed for Bundanoon, with a possible small population in the Northern Budawang.

• Fairy Lanterns (*Thismia sp.*), an unusual underground plant that is all white except for its flower, has been discovered here. Only one species of *Thismia* has ever been described for Australia. If that is our species, we have the only known site at present in NSW; if not, we have a new species. Either way, we have found a plant that is very rare. We are now eagerly waiting to find a flower.

• A strange purple pine fungus, thought to be *Hydnellum fraudulentum* grows here. This fungus has only previously been reported from an undisclosed locality in Victoria.

Christmas will not be too far distant by the time this issue of the Gazette is published. To all readers, the Friends of Morton National Park take the opportunity to extend **Seasons Greetings.**

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# Bundanoon Tennis Club

Helene Jessep 4883 6033

The tennis club goes from strength to strength, with well over 60 members now (many coming from other areas of the Highlands as well as local Bundanoon residents). The last Wingecarribee District Ladies Competition was won by our Division One team-members: Janet Glover, Helene Jessep, Lynda Kirkpatrick, Kim McSweeney, Susie Purvis and Lee Robinson. Well Done! Many juniors are now actively involved in coaching and junior competitions. That's great for our future.

Commencing in October the popular Tuesday mixed social competition (under lights) will have begun. Members and non-members are invited to come along.

Contact Pat on 4883 6322 for further info.

Also social tennis on weekends is proving very popular.

Contact Margaret on 4883 6112 for info on times.

Bye for now,  
'The Net Post'

# Bundanoon Hockey Club

Elaine Angel 4883 6353

Although we had an enjoyable year, success on the field wasn't forthcoming.

Our U10s, boasting some very talented youngsters, managed to play some very good games, although not coming away as winners too often. Their stronger and older rivals certainly couldn't take their games against our side too lightly. For many of this team it was their first year playing hockey, while for others it was their first taste of full field hockey. All in all, experience of this year will stand them in good stead for next season. Congratulations to all U10s players: Shane Bishop, Krystal Meindl, James Meindle, Dane McAndrew, Leslie Johnson, Stephanie Catlin, Lorin Yalg, Amelia Burnham, Daniel Stirton, Joshua Stirton, Ellise Thurtell-Hoare and Rowland Thurtell-Hoare.

The U14s endured a season of rebuilding, with many playing their first game out of U12s.

Although suffering huge defeats throughout the season, to their credit they continued to play and train with enthusiasm. Hopefully all these players will be back next season with brighter results on the horizon. Our players this year were: Richard Manning, Tim Folkard, Ben Morgan, Fiona Angel, Rebecca Yalg, Rebecca Hitchcock, Samuel Burnham, Jessica Catlin, Jessica Bishop, Andrew Williams, Laura Acreman and Sally Hoye.

Thank you to our coaches, David Folkard, Kathryn Murray, Rebecca Yalg and Fiona Angel, and thank you to all the parents for stretching themselves between venues most Saturdays throughout the season.

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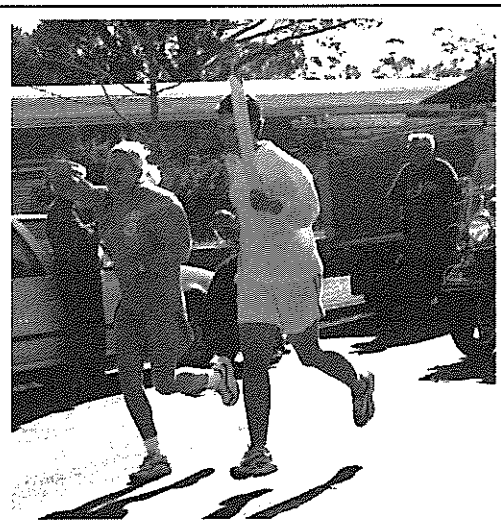
The Bundanoon Croquet Club's Annual General Meeting gave the club a new committee determined to carry on the good work of the previous committee.

The lovely spring weather has made playing croquet very enjoyable and members are benefiting from our great new shelters, giving important protection from sun, wind and rain.

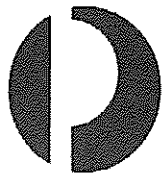
Michael Walker has just played in the Australian Croquet Association's Gold Medal Competition, and Dick Topham was the winner of the Silver Brooch Competition, being runner-up in Sydney. In October, three of our members participated in the National Handicap Singles Title at Rich River.

We look forward to the Twilight Games starting again and also to being able to dine at the recently opened Chinese Restaurant at Bundanoon Bowling Club.

If you feel that you might like to join us in the game of croquet, then don't hesitate to ring Margaret Coffey on 4883 6371 or Diane Gillham on 4883 6895.



*Above: The Olympic Torch being carried along Railway Parade. (Note the train on time in the background).*



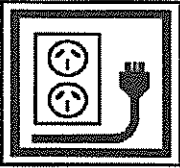
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## **Bundanoon Pony Club NEWS**

Rosemary Testaz 4883 6201

September has been a busy month for Pony Club activities with the Zone Jamboree being held on the first weekend and Bundanoon's gymkhana on 24 September and visits to the Olympics fitted in as well. Six ponies, with their young riders and parents, set out long before sunrise to travel to Sugarloaf Equestrian Centre on Saturday 2 September to meet with the other clubs of our Zone 10 for two days competition.

Some challenges were experienced and conquered regarding floating horses and competing, and improving our ability to work together as a team is an ongoing goal!

We returned home tired but feeling the effort was worthwhile. Our gymkhana was a great day with 44 competitors coming from the clubs in the district. Hannah Coyle won the horse rug donated by Stirrups of Bowral for the highest point score awarded to a Bundanoon Pony Club member.

It is good to see our young riders improving in their riding and becoming more experienced in handling their ponies. We would welcome any newcomers to our club as we see riding as a sport, and involvement with horses a very healthy family activity. For more information please call Rosemary (Chief Instructor) on the above number or Kate Coyle (Secretary) on 4883 7334.

## **Bundanoon Womens' Bowling Club**

Roslyn Hippiisley 4883 6787

Our ladies have been very busy since the last *Jordans Crossing Gazette*. We have attended many special days held by neighbouring clubs within our District. We always enjoy these days. We held our annual charity day on Tuesday 10 October. Money raised on this day goes to a charity that has been voted on by our members. The weather is becoming warmer and it is a lovely time of the year to be out playing bowls.

Any lady wishing to try the game of bowls, please ring me, Roslyn Hippiisley on 4883 6787 or come to the club on Tuesdays at 10.30am. We would make you very welcome.

Roslyn Hippiisley  
Honorary Secretary

# Bundanoon Rebels Soccer Club NEWS

John Sant 4883 6271

Another season has come to an end and all of our teams performed well.

**UNDER 7s** What a team! When most 5- or 6-year-olds are learning which way to run these guys were picking the ball out of the opposition's goals. Great coaching from Chris Sewell and Kurt Singer enabled the kids to learn their skills quickly and they lost only one game all season. Even on the Gala Day they were undefeated and came first. Well done to future champions.

Best & Fairest: Ben Sewell

Most Improved: Geoff McKeown & Zac Todd

Coaches Award: Douglas Cabban

**UNDER 9s** What a great team and what great soccer they played. Coaches Marcus Fenwick & John Sant had a great time teaching these boys and girls the finer points of soccer. They ended their season on a high note. After a slow start and losing two of their first four games the coaching got more serious and so did the kids. They then never lost another game, and even against the undefeated Bowral hotshots, they played their hearts out and held Bowral out for a very good draw. We were unlucky not to beat them. Hoping to see you all next season.

Best & Fairest: Michael Dyer

Players' Player: Adam Murchoch

Most Improved: Tanya Sant

**Under 10s** One of our teams that made semi-finals, but could not kick on to make the grand final.

Bad luck but I know you will all do better next year. Jill and Ken did a great job with youngsters. They spent more time on improving the players' skill level and it showed in the end. Well done.

Best & Fairest: Jesse Bunt

Players' Player: Joshua Hall

Most Improved: Daniel Woodcock & Bridget Acreman

**UNDER 11s** Mr Jay's team did not go as well as we thought they would. The team at times showed glimpses of attractive soccer, but could not carry that form into each game. Some players showed great improvement and determination, but it takes every player to make a good team. There is always next season.

Best & Fairest: Pia Lenane

Players' Player: Jordan Scott

Most Improved: Alice Dowton & Dale Knight

**UNDER 13s** What a season you guys had! Finished on the highest note. Champions of the joint Highlands and Tablelands under 13s competition. The whole team needs to be congratulated along with Glen and Debbie, on the sportsmanship shown throughout the season and the finals. You have done the whole soccer club proud and now you are going to represent Bundanoon in the Champion of Champions. Good luck, you guys and gals can feel real proud.

Best & Fairest: Dean Armida

Players' Player: Steven Dodd

Most Improved: Stevie Cheetham

& Jamie Davenport

Coaches Award: Cory Webber

**UNDER 14s** What a stuff-up this season was. First we were put up to under 16s. Then when that was found to be ridiculous we were put back to the under 13s which made a few players drop out. But, to the credit of the players who kept going, they enjoyed the rest of the season. Well done and I hope to see you all next season.

Best & Fairest: Mitchell Eirth

Players' Player: Ben Hayman

Most Improved: Joshua Grant

**ALL-AGE MEN** What a great season we had. We nearly won the Minor Premierships, we made the final of the Liberale Cup and we were knocked out of the grand final game. So close and yet so far. With the influx of the monks into the side we became very competitive and won many a fine game. Just disappointing in the end, but I'm sure everyone had a great time.

To all the supporters who came and cheered all season, especially in Goulburn for under 13s grand final, well done---20 points. Bundanoon Soccer Club is proudly sponsored by Bundanoon Bowling Club, Dux, Concrete, Primula Café, Sherwood Machinery and Bundanoon Country Bakehouse.

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## Bundanoon Swimming Club

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**B**undanoon Swimming Pool officially opens on Saturday, 11 November 2000 for a 17-week season. The Bundanoon Swimming Club will continue to meet on Wednesday evening commencing on 15 November 2000. The club has negotiated access to the pool from 6pm until 8pm, extending the program into the summer holiday period.

The viability of the Swimming Club was under threat due to the council's decision to slash the Bundanoon Pool swimming season. Therefore, the committee has been working together, and in consultation with, the council and the pool Manager to ensure a successful 2000/2001 season. Changes to the organisation of the Swimming Club format and program will be introduced in an attempt to ensure well-organised swim meets. Swimming Club registration will be held in the Bundanoon Pool grounds between 2pm and 4.30pm on Sunday, 12 November 2000. The Bundanoon Swimming Club is open to all ages and costs just \$10 per member or \$20 per family---no GST!

Margaret Brignall, Secretary  
Bundanoon Swimming Club

## Bundanoon Table Tennis

Pat Jordan 4883 6590

**W**e meet each Tuesday to play Table Tennis. The second Tuesday of each month continues as our 3 Clubs Social Night with players from Bundanoon, Goulburn and Berrima district clubs meeting (coffee and cakes provided) and a chance to challenge some 'A' grade players.

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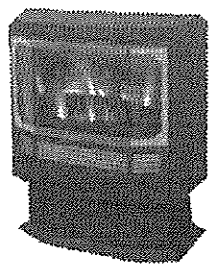
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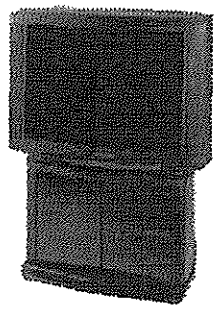
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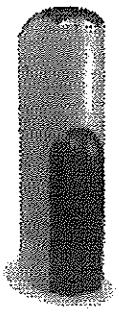


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Our Einstein Quiz for August was:

*If you push a coin into an empty bottle and then insert a cork into the neck, how could you remove the coin without taking out the cork or breaking the bottle?*

The answer was:

Push the cork into the bottle and tip the coin out.

The first complete entry opened came from Alan Ryall who will enjoy a three-course dinner for two at the Highlander Restaurant. A special prize also went to 7-year-old Douglas Cabban for his correct answer.

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See p. 33 for our next quiz.

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In August our congregation from the three centres

farewelled Mrs Elsie Peter who was a member of our church for a great number of years and devoted in her service to the church and community. We celebrated her great contribution to the life of our church. Elsie is now in a retirement village in Sydney near her family.

The annual Floral Festival held in Moss Vale church on 14/15 October was again an outstanding success and well worth a visit next year if you haven't yet visited this event.

Our next garage sale is to be held at Moss Vale Uniting Church Hall on Saturday 25 November and is always worth checking out for bargains. If you have anything you would like to donate then Alan & Margaret Brown are the folk to contact in Bundanoon on 4883 6740.

Operation Christmas Child was a great success with our churches covering and filling shoe boxes with items children can use

and treasure (an age group is selected). Our ladies who participated really enjoyed purchasing small items to delight needy children, and these boxes were brought to the services on Sunday 17 September for blessing before being sent on their way for distribution at Christmas. Operation Christmas Child 2000 is part of a project run by Samaritans Purse, an international organisation to provide relief and support for victims of war, poverty, famine, natural disaster and other crises.

**The service at Bundanoon on Christmas Day will be at 9.00am**

Revered Christopher Paine can be contacted on 4868 1134

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and what lies before us  
are small matters compared to  
what lies within us.*

## NEWS from ST BRIGID'S

A recent addition of great benefit has been the provision of an access ramp at the front door of the Church. It has been provided by Miss J Talbot in memory of her brother Keith, himself disabled, who died in October 1999. The Talbots were residents of Bundanoon only a short time before Keith's demise so we didn't really get to know them very well. June has changed that now. The ramp, which was blessed and dedicated during Mass on 29 October, was constructed by two men from our community and one of their sons and has proven a great boon to the less mobile visitors.

We learned recently of the retirement, through ill health, of Fr Tony Prentice MSC, a past headmaster of Chevalier College Burradoo. Father will long be remembered for his arrival for Sunday Mass on his shining Harley Davidson motorcycle and his entry into the Church often wearing the obligatory cycle helmet. The impact this had on the attendant kids

was something to behold. Father's health has been in decline for some time and his last visit here was marked by his decreasing mobility. We are all saddened by his decline and his passing from our midst. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Of most recent events, the passing of Mrs G Otto has left a gap in our community. She shared her life with Peter Otto who was among the world's foremost wood carvers, coming from a Dutch family firm of craftsmen from more than 300 years back. Peter has many works of excellence here in Australia (the High Court of Australia, Parliament House Canberra, Sacred Heart Convent Rose Bay and St Brigid's Church Bundanoon---the Baptismal font). Mrs Otto herself was an artist of some renown with needlework, lace making, painting and craftwork generally.

May she rest in peace.



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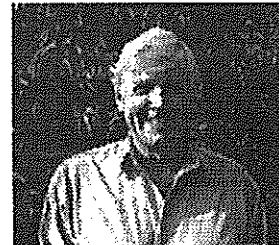
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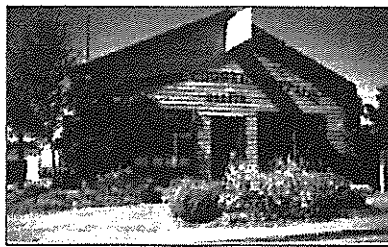
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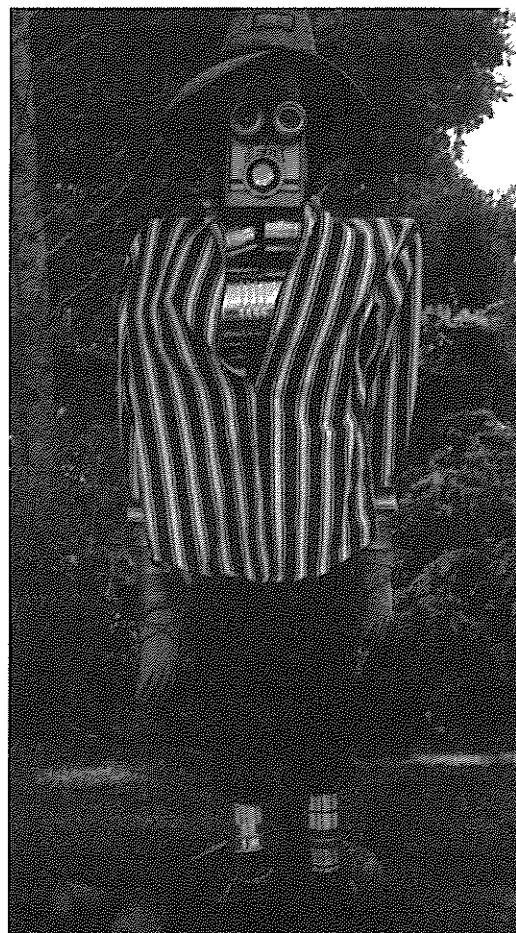
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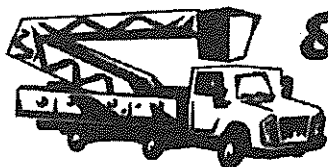


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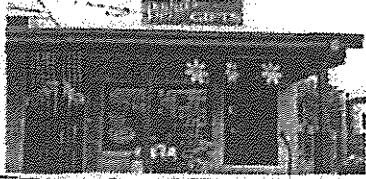
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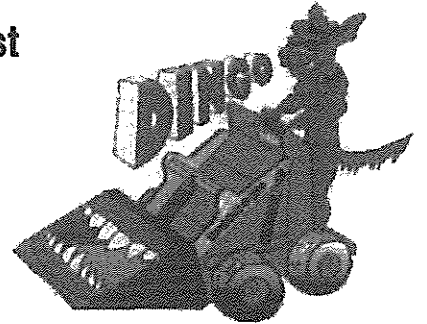


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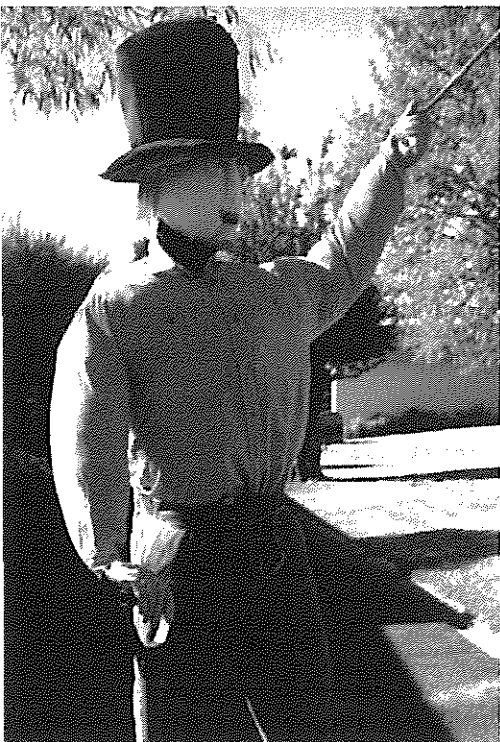
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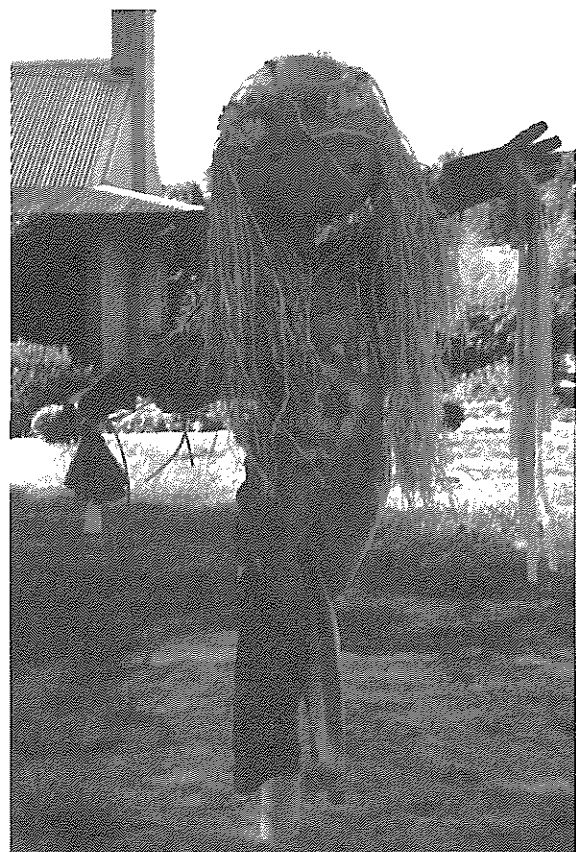
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### Anglican Church of Sutton Forest

#### Sunday Services

Holy Trinity, Bundanoon ...	7.45am & 5pm
St Aidan's, Exeter ...	8.30am
St Stephen's, Tallong ...	3.00pm
All Saints, Sutton Forest ...	11.15am

(except on 4th Sunday 2.30pm)

### Uniting Church, Church St, Bundanoon

Sunday ...	11am
Thursday ...	12.30pm

### Presbyterian, Phillip St, Bundanoon

2nd & 4th Sundays ...	9am
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### St Brigid's Catholic Church, Hill St, Bundanoon

Sunday ...	10am
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### St Paul's Catholic Church, Garrett St, Moss Vale

Vigil Mass Saturday ...	6pm
Sunday ...	8am & 9.30am

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- Secretarial & Office Support
- Metal Industry Trades
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