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## **A TARTAN OF OUR OWN**

It's official! A new tartan to be known as the Bundanoon District Tartan has been lodged with the Registrar of Tartans in Edinburgh, and will be on display and available for purchase at this year's 23rd Annual Brigadoon Highland Gathering (BHG) on Saturday, 8 April 2000.

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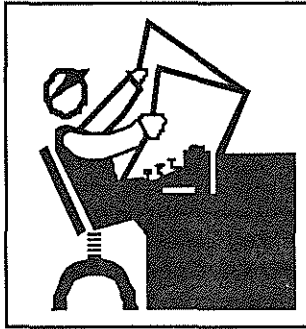
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# Editorial

Did everyone survive the festive season? the dreaded millennium bug didn't catch up with you? How about that New Year's resolution? Maybe this edition of JCG can help you maintain enthusiasm to lose those unwanted kilos by joining the walking groups, or try some of the walks in our beautiful National Park.

If helping others and your community is high on your resolution list there are plenty of worthy causes mentioned in the gazette that would more than welcome any spare time you have to offer.

On that note we to welcome two new faces to the JCG team. Don McGill and Pam Davies have offered their time and expertise in helping to bring you the gazette. Their offer is greatly appreciated and we look forward to some new energy and ideas in forthcoming editions.

The feedback regarding the success of the JCG is amazing. Everyone (locals and visitors alike) is astounded at the quality, professionalism and length of the Jordans Crossing Gazette. Keep up the good work and keep the articles coming in.

Noel Allanson, who has done a wonderful article ( in conjunction with Kate Perkins) on local artists, has decided to move on from the team and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his time, effort and involvement in JCG.

Congratulations to Chris Dwyer (former BCDA treasurer and a founding member of the JCG team) on his appointment as Supervisor of the Southern Highlands Visitor Centre at Mittagong. Chris, now living at Exeter, maintains his association with Bundanoon as an active member of the Brigadoon Committee.

A mention must be made concerning Mrs Jean Bromfield's tireless efforts as co-ordinator for the Bundanoon branch of Meals on Wheels.

For the past 10 years Jean has acted as co-ordinator for the service and has been involved from the beginning in 1978. Many people have appreciated a warm meal and a friendly smile over the years that Jean has been involved. Jean has decided to retire and have a well deserved rest, though no doubt she will always remain in touch with the service that she helped established all those years ago.

Thank you Jean for your long and faithful commitment to such a worthwhile cause.

Ron and Rosalie Peters will be taking over the reins from Jean this year.

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- Your story should be no more than 500 words and may include a clear photo of yourself and/or the subject matter.
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We are also looking for persons with interviewing and writing skills who can help put a story together for those who find it hard to do so. Please feel free to talk your ideas over with one of our JCG team.

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## BCDA President's Comments

Welcome to another great edition of *Jordans Crossing Gazette*. Once again the editorial team has done a wonderful job, and thank you to all who have contributed articles.

Well, no doubt we all survived the infamous Y2K bug, or is it the 'y worry 2 much'? Talk about a bug without a bite. More like a lady beetle on holidays.

The new millennium was welcomed in all around the world with much gusto. Here in Bundanoon one could hear the happy sounds of friends and families gathered together to welcome the start of a new century.

Since the last edition the BCDA held its Annual Community Dinner. The night was a huge success enjoyed by all who attended. The efforts of the organising committee, Michael and Coralie Flint, Pam Davies and Kate Perkins, was marvelled at by all (see story page 15). Sincere thanks go out to all who helped on the night.

The official new Bundanoon Tartan is surely a sight to behold. Draped across the front page, it's a fitting tribute to all those who have worked so hard over the last 23 years to make Brigadoon such a success.

I'm sure that it will be proudly worn by many Bundanoon residents on the 8 April at the next Brigadoon Highland Gathering. NB: Many thanks to our local businesses on page 4 who have sponsored the Tartan publication.

The story on page 12 featuring artistic residents is a fascinating insight into the depth of creativity which exists here in Bundanoon. We are fortunate that people with these artistic skills choose to call Bundanoon home.

In the coming weeks the BCDA is planning a movie festival on the 11 and 25 of March. The old projectors in the Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall, now fully restored and working beautifully, will be used to show two movies, to be accompanied by commentary from people involved in their writing, production and direction. 'CADDIE' is to be screened on 11 March. Produced by Mr Anthony Buckley AM in 1975, this is an internationally acclaimed film that has won 14 awards including the San Sebastin Jury Prize for Best Film. The second film, 'ON OUR SELECTION', to be screened on 25 March, was produced by Mr George Whaley. For further information please telephone Rosemary Page on 02 4883 6499 or Stuart Reid on 02 4883 6951. We hope everyone is able to come along and enjoy.

On a final note, our annual AGM will be held on 17 February at 7.30 pm in the hall. New committee members are always warmly welcomed. All that's needed is a desire to help within the community, and from personal experience I can say that it is a very rewarding experience. I look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Mark Corbett (*President BCDA*)

Just a reminder that BCDA membership renewals fall due on 17 February. Intending new members can join on the night of the AGM or alternatively pick up a form from the Bundanoon Post Office. The annual subscription is only \$5 per person which goes towards local community projects.

Michael Flint (*BCDA Membership Secretary*)

**NEXT BCDA  
MEETING**

**A.G.M.**

**17 FEBRUARY  
7.30 pm  
in the  
Memorial Hall**

**GUEST SPEAKER  
David Fairall  
Wingecarribee  
Shire Councillor**

**BCDA  
COMING EVENTS**

**MOVIE FESTIVAL  
Saturday 11 & 25 March**

**GARAGE SALE  
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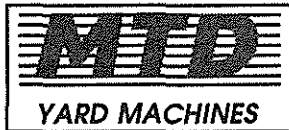
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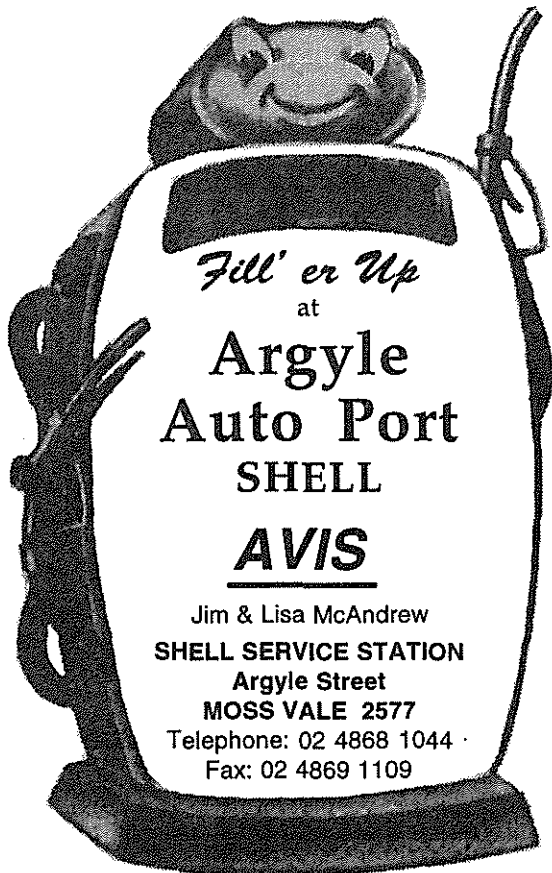
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## BUNDANOON IS BRIGADOON

Saturday 8 April 2000

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The first order for 90 metres of tartan cloth (made of medium weight 100% worsted wool) has been placed with the traditional weavers, Dalgleish of Selkirk, Scotland and, depending on the demand, more orders will be placed following Brigadoon.

Bundanoon folk can be 'first come, first served' by placing their individual orders now with Peter Rocca at the Peter Rocca Real Estate Agency, Railway Parade, Bundanoon. Peter reckons you will need something like 4 metres of cloth for a kilt or a skirt, or these can be made up for you if required. Orders are also being taken for tam o'shanter, ties, caps and shawls.

Well known Bundanoon identity, Pat Green, a member of the BHG Committee, was the first to raise the possibility of designing a tartan to represent the local district, and the idea was subsequently taken up with enthusiasm by other committee members, including Val Hadfield, who happens to be a retired professional kilt maker (which helps, of course!) and by Vice President Peter Rocca who went away and actually designed the tartan.

It's fairly safe to say that Peter Rocca knows more about tartan design now than he did 3 years ago when the topic first came up for discussion. As he explains, 'One of the first lessons I learnt was that a tartan is worked on thread count. Now, I may be able to count but I know absolutely nothing about the intricacies of cloth weaving, so I went in search of help and luckily found it in the person of Betty Johnson who owns her own House of Tartans in Canberra.' According to Peter, the Bundanoon District Tartan design owes a lot to the expertise and generous help of Betty Johnson.

The tradition of the tartan goes back into the mists of Highland time when the colours woven into the cloth came from local vegetable dyes and signified an area as much as the clan that inhabited the area.

The colours chosen for the Bundanoon District Tartan tell the story of the village and its surrounds. The pattern is based on a green background (the word Bundanoon means deep green gullies) with yellow, from the wattles growing in the bush, the red of the waratah (our Shire's floral emblem), blue from the sky and a touch of white representing the mists. Blue and yellow, of course, are the traditional colours of the Bundanoon sporting teams and of Bundanoon Public School. You may also notice in the tartan design the feature of parallel lines acknowledging the arrival of the railway line that opened up the district back in the 1860's.

Remember, any reader of this community magazine is entitled to wear a kilt, a skirt, a tam o'shanter, a cap, a shawl or a tie made up of our very own local tartan. Order one now and wear it with pride at Brigadoon 2000!

JOHN ROYAL

NB. The front page of this edition of JCG showing the multicolours of the Bundanoon District Tartan was sponsored by the businesses whose advertisements appear on page 4.

# A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

by JOHN HARTLEY

## BCDA's ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

*The BCDA's last annual community dinner of the Century was a wonderful evening full of surprises.*

The tickets had all gone weeks in advance. The evening was organised by Michael and Coralie Flint, Pam Davies and Kate Perkins, who has been involved with the dinner since its inception in 1996. Thanks to both real estate agents who assisted with the bookings. Coralie Flint, an expert calligrapher, had hand written all the invitations and the tickets, as well as the individual dinner menus and place tags.

With Michael and Coralie's television and theatrical background, they made sure we were hit with tremendous impact the moment we entered the hall. They had draped 62 metres of black cloth around the hall, from below the windows to the floor, partly for decorative effect, but mainly to improve the acoustics. Against the black curtaining, however, they hung bunches of red fire-wheel proteas with wonderful dramatic effect. Thanks must go to Sue Leirch of the Protea Farm for donating flowers, and to Riita Fenwick for stage decoration. Instead of having separate tables for parties of eight or ten, as in the past, the tables were set out in four long lines banqueting-style down the hall. The idea - which succeeded - was to get more people in; to make serving easier; and to make it more convenient for individuals or couples to attend on their own. This fulfilled the spirit of the theme for the evening - "Side by Side". Here again the creative talents of Michael and Coralie paid off. The long tables were all laid with white damask cloths with dark green runners. Red candles and pots of flame-red poinsettias added the friendly finishing touch.

Oh yes - what about the food!

Pam Davies, who has a reputation for gourmet catering, was proposed, seconded and elected as Chef by the Entertainment Committee before she had time to protest that 12 people had been a crowd at Mildenhall, and catering for 180 or more was totally unheard of as far as she was concerned. Never done it before? Too late. You're it!

Pam immediately went to inspect the kitchen facilities. She found that both ovens were unserviceable and there was no hot water other than what she could heat up in the urn. Mark Corbett told her that unfortunately the brand spanking new kitchen to be built with Federal Government assistance to commemorate the Centenary of Federation hadn't yet been started, and we'd be lucky if it was ready for next year's dinner! Pam promptly consulted Neville Christensen of Idle-a-Wite who had been involved in previous BCDA community dinners, then she rolled up her sleeves. Came the night, everything went like clockwork. Extra members were squeezed in to make it 188 seated at table (against the target of 180) and it was more like a gourmet feast than a dinner.

Two production teams were organised - one for the kitchen and the other for the hall. *(Continued on page 7)*

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The Big Top (well, medium-sized top) was erected and young and old all seemed to have an excuse to visit the circus. Those strange people who lived in caravans, so different from what we were used to, and how lucky the children were not having to go to school and having all those wonderful animals to look after.

At last the night for the performance and excitement was running high, but first a parade through the town of all the performers and animals, escorted by our Mounted Policeman. All went well until the police horse sighted the camels, when according to a report, 'Troop horse no. 736 died of fright after an encounter with a camel'. We are only left to guess how Constable Rudge, who was riding police horse no. 736 at the time, felt about this. However, we can be sure that that day in 1936 when the circus came to town was well remembered by him.

Lucy Rocca

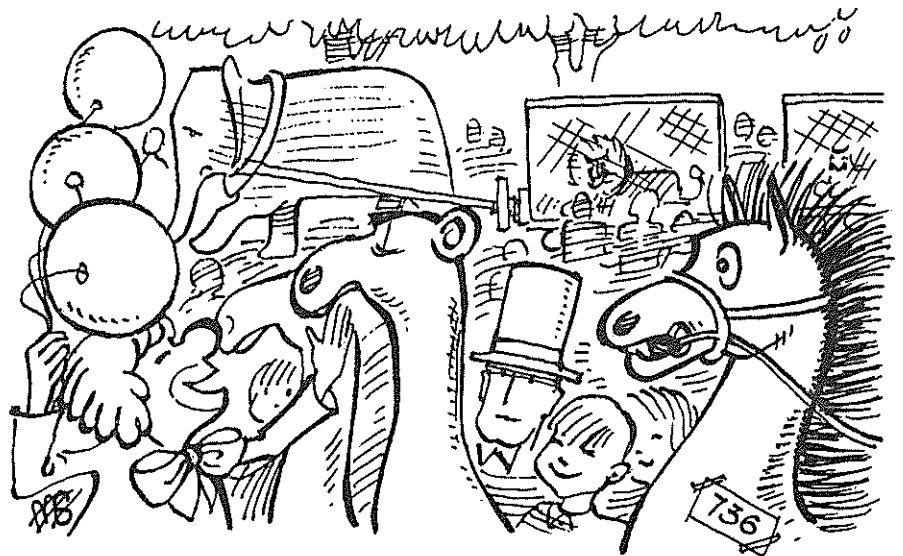


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A large number of local youth from Bundanoon primary school-age upwards (with the occasional Mum) had been recruited to help, reinforced by some students from Moss Vale High who were members of a hospitality course. Inspiration for the menu came from Stephanie Alexander's Cook's Companion.

An army of helpers washed lettuce, chopped vegetables, cooked 20 kg of potatoes, prepared 22 kg of chicken salad and baked 17 lemon cakes. It was truly a community dinner!

In the hall a long serving table stood below the stage and on this the platters of food were placed ready for serving. Four production line filled platters for entrees and desserts and served individual plates of the main course to the guests. And they weren't mean. There was plenty for everyone. Entree consisted of zucchini slice, poached asparagus with yoghurt and dill dressing, cherry tomatoes in basil vinaigrette, and Paddy's bread. Main course was delicious cold chicken (supplied by Martin Rocca) and special leg ham (from Di's Deli) salad, with celery, cucumber and peanuts, new potatoes in olive oil and cracked peppers, mixed soft leaf salad, couscous and mushroom a-la-Greque. Dessert was lemon cake with brandied apricots and almonds. Tea, coffee and chocolates followed. Considering it was all prepared at short notice under inadequate conditions it was an extraordinary feat to which many local people contributed. When the new kitchen is available it will be possible (if required) to provide hot cooked meals.

Can't wait!

The brain-teaser Quiz prepared by Coralie included a 'Name-that-Tune' segment skilfully presented by Ray Alldridge. Between courses the short, but very popular, musical segment of community singing was led expertly by Nan and Jim Thomson.

During the evening BCDA President, Mark Corbett, welcomed the guests including David Fairall, the new Shire Councillor, who is a Bundanoon resident, and Cllr David Wood, the former Mayor, who in the past has always helped and encouraged Bundanoon to develop its capabilities through self-help. Mark also paid special tribute to Paul Gleeson and the editorial team of the Jordans Crossing Gazette. He said the JCG was the force that was bringing Bundanoon people together as a stimulating and thriving community, and should be supported by everyone.

A highly successful raffle was won by Des and Kate Perkins' daughter-in-law Jane, who had driven from Sydney with husband Tim to help on the evening. Mark Corbett sprang a surprise on me by presenting me with a beautiful Certificate of Appreciation. I was taken completely unawares and would like here to again express my thanks to all. Bundanoon remains high in our affections.

PS. This year's BCDA's Community Dinner is being planned for Saturday, 11 November.

## FLYING HIGH!

by DES PERKINS

Recently I returned from a golfing holiday in Queensland, the one flight a year I force myself to board. I was met at the airport by my wife to enjoy a further week in the city, playing tourist in our old home town.

The week was to commence with a family picnic in the Botanic Gardens. As we inched our way along the motorway at the airport Kate remarked that it wasn't much of a day for a picnic. I disagreed, as the weather wasn't bad and I was looking forward to our family gathering. "No," she said, "I think we'll go to Tasmania instead." "Great idea," said I, knowing she had to be joking. She wasn't. Airline tickets with tiger emblems were waved in front of my eyes.

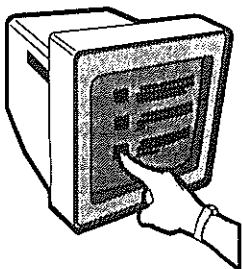
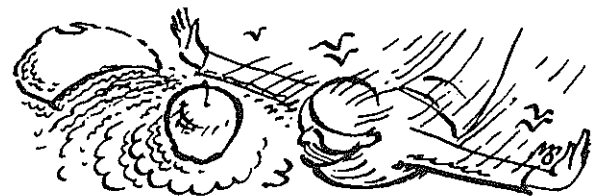
Fear gripped my heart. She wasn't kidding and meant to subject me to my worst nightmare - another airline flight.

My golfing mates were vastly amused as they know what a chronic aerophobe I am. I had kissed the tarmac on arrival from Queensland and thought, "thank goodness I don't have to fly again for another twelve months."

Two hours later I was holding my wife's hand en route to Launceston - having taken the precaution of sampling one of the island's more famous exports (no, not an apple!) and taken another Valium, I was quite relaxed. Recalling famous kidnapee Mrs Petrov (Menziess' era for the younger generation) being dragged onto a plane by burly KGB thugs en route to Russia, things were looking good by comparison.

We had a wonderful holiday, though one week is not enough to explore this beautiful state. We spent our first night in Launceston and drove anti-clockwise around the island. We stayed a night at Cradle Mountain, two in Strahan to allow for a day trip on the Franklin River, the next night in Hobart, and the final two in picturesque Coles Bay - a must for anyone who hasn't been there. The countryside was at its best and many of the small towns and villages reminded us of the Highlands.

Kate was right - as usual. Removing the anxiety and anticipation from the equation resulted in two easy flights and a memorable holiday. Can't wait to go again. DID I SAY THAT?!



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On behalf of the P & C I'd like to welcome back all staff and students for the new school year. The P & C plans to have a busy time in 2000 as at one of our last meetings in 1999, we committed ourselves to the task of raising \$4,000 for the school in the coming year. It's a realistic goal but it does mean we will be calling on both the school and the wider community to assist us in our efforts.

I think it's important to note that the success of the P & C in making a real contribution to the local school depends upon the willingness of individuals to volunteer their time and efforts. A volunteer organisation such as ours, depends on not only the contributions of parents who attend meetings, but also on the large numbers of people who help in countless ways without ever making it to a formal gathering. If you would like to help the school community in some way this year but have neither the time nor perhaps the inclination to attend meetings, then please let us know. We need help in a variety of ways, from maintaining the school's gardens, to baking scones or picking up the trestles for Brigadoon. If you would like to be part of what is very much a *community effort*, then please contact us at school.

## Important Dates for 2000

The P & C meets at 7.00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month in school term in the staff room at Bundanoon School. Membership is open to all parents and members of the community with an interest in public education.

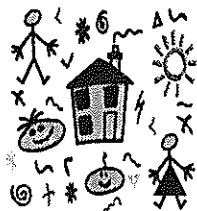
The Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday, 14 March 2000. This meeting will include the election of P & C office bearers, namely: President, Vice-Presidents (x2), Minute Secretary, Correspondence Secretary and Treasurer. We need people who are willing to perform these duties for a year. We are a very small organisation, and the duties are not onerous. If you are interested in finding out anything more about any of the above positions, please leave a message for me at the school on 4883 6192.

Dennis Lenane (*President*)

## BUNDANOON PLAYGROUP

Meets every Monday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at the Bundanoon Community Health Centre (just down from the Post Office).

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The 1st Bundanoon Scout group were extremely busy during the last term of 1999 with visits to Glenfield scout camp for JOTA, where the joey scouts were able to join in many craft activities and communicate with scout groups from different areas on 'ham' radios. We were also involved in local community activities, such as visiting the local fire station on a semiregular basis to change safety signs. We took part in the community carol festivities at Christmas. Along with craft activities and songs and games and visits for bicycle safety checks from the local police department, we also took part in bush walks within our own group and with visiting scout groups.

One walk was done with the Goulburn scout group, walking to Fairy Bower Falls and the Amphitheatre, which was a rather long walk for our joey scouts mob, not to mention some leaders, but we all made it. Considering we only found out about it the night before the event, we had a rather large turnout of our joey scouts and their dedicated parents. There were about 50 people altogether, and the groups mixed so well that Goulburn left vowing to send 1st Bundanoon Scouts invitations to the next walk held that will be suitable for joey scouts. The day ended for the 1st Bundanoon Scout group on a rather lovely note - after our bush walk we were kindly invited to an art exhibition at Tree Tops by one of the local artists, Wayne Richards, who also donated a painting for the scout group to auction. It was decided to auction at a date to be decided, so keep your eyes out around town for the notices. We thank you Wayne for your generosity and we wish you well with further exhibitions.

To top off our year we had a hugely successful Christmas campfire at which children, parents and leaders had a great amount of fun joining in all the games and activities. The highlight, of course, was the arrival of Santa bearing gifts for all. The night would not have been so successful if not for the overwhelming generosity of members of our local community who donated time, and local business houses in the Southern Highlands who donated goods for the children's party. A huge THANK YOU to all these people.

The last joey scout mob activity was a special morning tea thanking all the parents who have given us their time and knowledge throughout the year. The joey scouts did a wonderful job of seating and serving the parents, as well as giving special awards to the parents. Everyone seemed to leave smiling, even the children who did all the work. Lastly, we wish to welcome the new leaders who have come forward to train and be part of the 1st Bundanoon Scout group. Of course we always have room for anyone who has a little spare time, whether it be 5 minutes or 5 hours. You would be most welcome.

Any enquiries contact Liz (4883 6166), Michelle (4883 6582) or Darren (4883 6990).



# Mail Box



Dear Editor

I have watched with great interest the quality of Jordans Crossing Gazette improve with every edition.

In particular I was impressed with November 1999 edition. This edition had some excellent articles that helps give us all an account of our local history. In the days of telephone, fax machines, e-mail and Internet chat sites we are losing the art of recorded history. In the past a common source of gathering historical documentation was from diaries and personal letters.

I see Jordans Crossing Gazette as providing a very good opportunity for us as a community to record our history and record our visions for the future, in addition to promoting local businesses and tourist activities.

I urge all local residents to assist the editorial committee make the Year 2000 editions, bumper editions as a means of recording our local community's achievements at the beginning of a new millennium. Let's make sure we have an excellent record of our achievements at an individual and community level. This will give us all something very significant to pass on to future generations.

Congratulations to all hard working members of the editorial committee for doing a great job.

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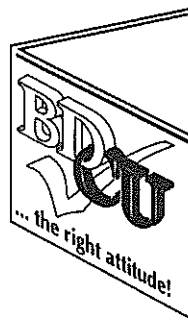
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE LIONS CLUB

The Bundanoon Lions Club had a very busy but very rewarding December. The members held their annual Christmas party for our older residents but this year, instead of an afternoon tea party, we decided to serve lunch. About 50 of our Senior Citizens attended the function at the Bowling Club with delicious home cooked corn beef, marinated breast of chicken, several different salads, fruit salad and plenty of ice cream. In addition, as in prior years, there was plenty of hot finger foods, nuts and lollies. All the food was donated, prepared or cooked by the Bundanoon Lions and this year, as last year, a special donation towards the cost of the food was made by Tycan Australia. Our special thanks go to that company.

During and after lunch, we were entertained by about 16 members of the Lions Choir, who came at their own expense from Canberra to join us for the day. Our Canberra friends have been making the trip every Christmas for the past 5 years and it is wonderful that they choose to put aside a day from their busy schedules so that they can entertain us so marvelously.

Santa Claus made his usual visit to make sure that all our guests took home a small gift, and of course he was most welcome. Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy themselves immensely, including the workers, and this is what makes this occasion so worthwhile.

If there are any Bundanoon residents who have not had the opportunity to attend the Annual Christmas Party and would like to join us for Christmas 2000, please let our Secretary, Lion Shirley Scott, know by ringing her on 4883 6851.

Our members have also been very busy with the big job of ensuring that all our local residents receive a free calendar, compliments of the Bundanoon Lions Club. Each year, advertising spots are sold, invoices sent, money collected, the calendar designed, printed, glued, rolled and then hand delivered to every home in the village. It is a major job for our members but one we are committed to because all profits raised from the advertising are used for special projects in our community. However, we would not be able to complete this project without the help of ex Lions Roy and Heather Taylor. Roy and Heather have been a huge help to us over the years and we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for their invaluable assistance.

If anyone does not receive a calendar and would like one, or if anyone wishes to advertise on next years calendar, please contact Secretary Lion Shirley Scott on 4883 6851.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our residents and very happy, safe and successful 2000.

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## LINKSIDE UPDATE

Linkside residents and staff wish you all a Happy New Year and best wishes for a safe, happy and prosperous Year 2000.

The festive season has been busy here with a Christmas Party held on December 20, 1999. Along with the Christmas celebrations we were able to welcome a large number of relatives and friends and were entertained by the Presbyterian Ladies group. THANK YOU to all for making this event a great success.

1999 was a busy year with many changes for all at Linkside - some good, some not so good, some self imposed and some imposed upon us. All tested our skills, patience and humour - however the services provided to our residents has improved because of staffs diligence and dedication and for that I congratulate them.

A new year does not allow us to rest on our laurels - we undergo Accreditation finally on February 28 and 29, which will review the services and systems we provide. All Aged Care Facilities must undergo this process by January 2001 in order to stay in business, so Linkside approaches the event with a mixture of assurance and trepidation.

Since asking for community involvement via this column last year, we have been extremely fortunate to have volunteers who assist residents with reading and other activities e.g. music for sing-a-longs. The Bundanoon Lions Club is tirelessly working to improve our outside areas and we now receive great donations of cakes and delicious buns from the new Bundanoon Bakery.

THANK YOU to all those folk and the many religious groups who continue to bring spiritual well-being to the residents.

In the next Update I will give the results of our Accreditation Survey and hopefully will be able to report the ultimate result of a "3 Year Status".

Please feel free to pop in and say "hello"

Judy McLoughlin (Director of Nursing)

## 'People need friends'

Graduates from the 'University of Life' would enjoy the company of others, with time to visit on a regular basis, to develop a meaningful friendship. Volunteers are needed urgently to take part in a program, run by Australian Red Cross, that supports volunteers who offer new friends to people living in nursing homes or their own homes. Volunteers visit their new friend at least once a fortnight to have a talk, check on their well being, and spend some quality time or on occasions going on an outing.

The Red Cross gives volunteers support, including access to monthly support meetings, insurance cover and the backing of the administration staff. Any amount of time you can give as a volunteer can help a person enjoy life a little more. It can be very rewarding as many older people have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share.

Volunteers are needed in the Southern Highlands and in particular the Bundanoon and Mittagong areas. People interested in finding out more about the Community Visitors Scheme should call the Red Cross on 4868 3482 at their new office situated in HarbisonCare, Yarrawa Road, Moss Vale.

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## EAST WIND

*The long east wind of morning  
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of ancient 'thyme' and sage.*

*And from the womb of trembling night  
- in the luminescence of the dawn,  
within the hearts of all mankind  
a gentle child  
- again is born.*

by Barbara Hand

Ed. EAST WIND was penned by Barbara as a new millennium prayer of hope for the return of gentleness and peace to the hearts of all men and women; especially those who are perpetrating horrific crimes against humanity in our world today.

## The Country Women's Association

Bundanoon CWA had another successful year, culminating in a Christmas luncheon held in our rooms in December. Members and friends joined together to celebrate the Christmas season. At the luncheon were Dorothy Anderson and Joyce Youdale, who have kept their memberships active, even though they no longer live in Bundanoon. We were all so delighted to see them again. Dorothy donated two beautifully knitted dolls to the Branch, to be used in future raffles.

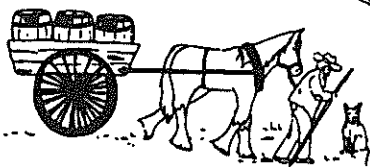
A highlight - "special women's business" as President Kath Jay laughingly referred to it, (or should that be "women's special business"?) - was the presentation of Long Service badges to five of our esteemed members - Lauretta Magill, Gwen Street, Veri Irwin, Josie Straeker, and Joyce Youdale. Their looks of surprise gladdened the hearts of all their friends. Josie was absent but the other four ladies could have been knocked over by the proverbial feather. The badge is awarded to those members who have been actively involved in the CWA for 20 years or more. Gifts were distributed and carols were sung and lots of reminiscing ensued. It was a memorable day. The cake raffle, Pat Well's award-winning novelty cake for which tickets were sold locally, was won by a lucky lady from Bowral, ticket sold by Marie Reid.

In mid-November the Bundanoon branch of the CWA hired the local hall for an afternoon function to celebrate *The Year of the Older Person* in our community. It was a grand get-together. Guests were welcomed by President, Kath Jay. Secretary, Kath Smith, spoke of the ideals of CWA and its history in the village. A representative from the Commonwealth Bank spoke about banking in general and specifically about Automatic Teller Machines, how handy they are and also the reluctance of many older persons to use them. He concluded that seniors - many of them - just don't feel comfortable dealing with a machine and prefer the personal touch.

The entertainment programme was varied: Elly-Anne Lenthall sang several songs - warmly received. Pat Wells recited one of her poems and Marie Reid scored with 'The Eavesdropper'. Pat Wells, Kath Jay and June Jones showed their talents in the skit, 'The Crossing'. 'To a Miniature', where members dressed in period costume, was a highlight. Betty Whitworth presented 'How we looked at things in the 40's', which took us back down memory lane. We are grateful to Wendy, from Bundanoon Hair Care & Design, who donated \$30 worth of hair care as a raffle. About 20 gifts were handed out to lucky door ticket holders. The scrumptious afternoon tea was really appreciated by everyone, as were the doggy bags that were taken home. Our contribution to the Year of the Older Person ideals was appreciated by the local community. It was a grand day. CWA members look forward to a bountiful 2000. We thank everyone who helped us throughout 1999. May 2000 be a year of gladness and success.

Kath Hogg (*Publicity Officer*)

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When the Gulf War broke out, a woman in America heard about soldiers in the service who had no family and needed pen pals. Letters addressed to "Any Soldier" were distributed by commanding officers who noticed any soldiers getting little or no mail. Georgia wrote to 25 such soldiers almost daily, most of them men. Keeping up with 25 pen pals on a daily basis almost consumed Georgia's time and talents. She sent poems, little stories, and words of hope and encouragement. When there were time constraints, she would write one letter and copy it for everyone. Greetings were sent whenever she knew about a special event, like a birthday. One day, Georgia received a letter from a soldier who was depressed and discouraged. She pondered as to how she could help lift his spirit. It was then that she noticed that at work there were paperclips of various colours. Georgia took one of the yellow paper clips and photo copied it in the palm of her hand. She sent this picture with the paper clip with the following message: "This yellow paperclip that you see in my hand represents a hug that I am sending to you. You can carry this paperclip in a pocket or anywhere, and whenever you feel down, you can just touch and hold it and know that somebody cares about you, and would give you a hug if she were there." Georgia sent a copy of this picture along with a paperclip and the message to each of her other correspondents. After the war ended, Georgia received one of the pictures of her hand holding the yellow paperclip, and on the back were over 150 signatures of people who had been given her "hug". During the years, Georgia named other paperclips. Pink came to mean a kiss, green was for good luck, and so on. Years later, Georgia was giving a class as part of a seminar for positive thinking. She shared with the members of the class her paperclip symbolism, and made a bracelet of multicoloured paperclips for each of them. One of the women exclaimed, "So you're the one!" The class member told Georgia that she was visiting her brother and needed something to hold papers together. She had noticed a yellow paperclip on the refrigerator held there with a magnet. She borrowed the paperclip for her papers. When the brother saw it, he grabbed it and scolded her, and told her never to touch the yellow paperclip again. Now she knew why. No one will ever know how far her message has spread, nor how many lives have been touched by a simple yellow paperclip.

Ed. Shades of Arthur Stace and his immortal signature 'Eternity'.

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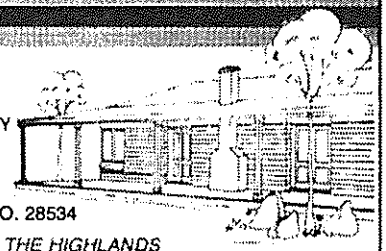


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# Bitten By the Bug

by Pat Jordan



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I've been bitten by all of these;  
Wasps and bees, the minister's dog,  
Red-backed Spider under the log,

But what about THE OTHER BUG?  
Did you stock up with cans of food.  
Buy candles, fuel and lots of wood?  
Did you panic and draw out cash,  
Close your windows, wait for the flash?

I wonder?

Have you been bitten by the bug?  
My hope is "Yes"!  
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And more,

The bug that makes you happy  
When you open the door;  
The bug that makes you smile  
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That's the kind of bug,  
I hope has bitten you today!

(Illustration by Mim Smith)



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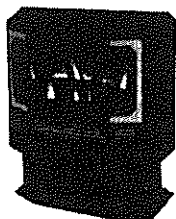
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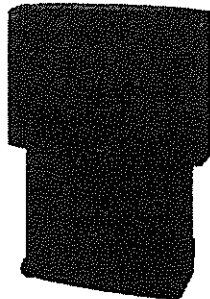
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A group of our newest members has just returned from a 4 day fire training drill at the new Southern District hot fire training ground at Albion Park Rail. They were trained and refreshed in areas of breathing apparatus, hot cell search and rescue, abseiling and rope rescues, as well as fire suppression etc. These training courses are part of the requirement of NSW Fire Brigades training commitment to the public as well as fire fighters' safety.

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The foundation stone was laid on May 2 1959 by Rev H J Hillman, BA.

Plans and Specifications were prepared by Rev W Drooger and numerous volunteers came forward and helped with the building of the new church.

On 10 October 1959 the church was opened and dedicated by the State Moderator, Rt Rev J Vernon McKeown, MA.

Part of the Bundanoon, Moss Vale, and Berrima, Burrawang congregations elected to remain Presbyterian after the Church Union in 1977 and remain so to this day.

Services at St Andrew's are held on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Lucy Rocca  
Bundanoon History Group



# BUNDANOON RURAL FIRE SERVICE



As we head into a new year I would firstly like to thank all of the crew for their dedication and support during 1999. It certainly made my job that much easier.

As for fire-fighting, we have had a very quiet season so far with only one major fire at Buddaroo on the Mt Jamberoo Road. This was started by a stolen car being set on fire, with the fire then spreading to adjoining bush.

During the past few months a number of members have completed various courses and, without sounding like the new year's honours list, I would like to congratulate the following members:

Craig Rowley, Dean Rowley, Brian Scott and Justin Barker for completing and passing the Village Fire Fighting Course. Craig Rowley and Brian Scott for completing and passing the Crew Leaders Course. John Brock for completing and passing the Four Wheel Drive/Heavy Vehicle Course. Andrew Taylor and Rebecca Oldfield for completing and passing the Basic Fire Fighting Modules.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome two new members to the Brigade, Michael Mullins and Bruce Slater. Michael joins us as a fresh recruit and I am sure will be an asset to the Brigade once he does his basic training. Bruce joins us from the National Parks Service and comes with a vast knowledge of fire-fighting practices and of the local area. To both of you, welcome aboard!

To all readers of the Gazette, a very Happy New Year!

Alan Fairbrother (Captain, Bundanoon RFS)



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# CREATIVE BUNDANOON

by NOEL ALLANSON

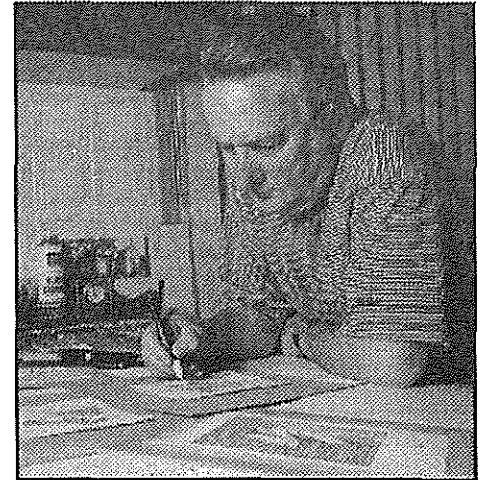
The after dinner conversation was flowing well and someone remarked that Bundanoon appeared to be the focus for a great deal of creative energy nurturing a very wide range of artistic endeavour, deeper than is immediately apparent. There are those who have achieved recognition and awards in writing, musicianship, painting and so on but there appears to be a much wider community of artists and artisans who quietly go about producing fine work in fields such as embroidery, quilting, drawing, sculpture, and preserving arts such as fine woodwork and dry stone. Bundanoon is a cohesive and caring community and we were debating whether it attracts artistic people or does the pace of life here free the spirit?

Each of the guests had an opinion but the question wasn't resolved. Perhaps another dinner! But it seemed to be a subject that readers may like to explore and contribute short articles on the theme 'Creative Bundanoon'.



■ Ink drawing by Ernest Twist

You would probably put **ERNEST TWIST** in the 'attracted to' group. Ernest's Railway Parade studio is open to the public frequently and his work includes a wide variety of subjects and media. Australian born, Ernest has held many exhibitions in the Southern Highlands as well as Sydney and the Blue Mountains. He has exhibited in Paris and New York and his work now features in a number of international collections. He is a self taught artist who spent the first 10 years of his working life as a signwriter and 20 years in advertising as a manager and art director.



■ Ernest Twist at work on his miniature ink drawings

Ernest and his wife, Annette, started coming to Bundanoon as weekenders and for a number of years his work was displayed at the Bundanoon Gallery and the Molonga Gallery in Erith Street. They bought a home here in 1994 and became permanent Bundanoon residents in 1998.

Best known for his detailed pen and ink drawings, Ernest was commissioned by a major publishing house to illustrate a book used internationally and his list of Bundanoon commissions and patrons is growing. If you've dined at *The Highlander* lately you'll recognize his work. I think his pen and ink vignettes are quite delightful.



■ Bruce Pryor and Ib Odfeldt comparing notes

**BRUCE PRIOR** can turn his hand to anything but he's been a master potter for almost 30 years. New Zealand born and educated in Auckland, Bruce came to Australia in 1970. He taught ceramics at Cessnock TAFE and established and operated the Martinsville Pottery from 1972 until 1988 when he and Fiona established the Bundanoon Pottery and Gallery.

Definitely in the 'attracted to' group, Bruce is concerned with quality of life issues involving the right balance of home and family, artistic development, professional satisfaction and good citizenship. His work is exhibited in New Zealand and New South Wales Galleries and many of his art pieces have found their way to Japan.

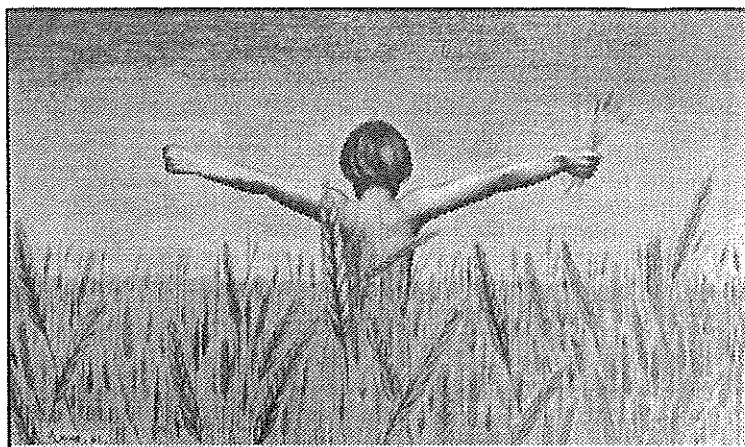
Bruce looks to the *Living National Treasure, Mr Shoji Hamada*, for artistic inspiration and his creative pieces are founded on ancient Japanese techniques, but he also enjoys a niche market supplying the craft trade.

**IB ODFELDT** lived and worked in his Erith street studio for 11 years and his prodigious output of painting and sculpture covered a wide variety of subjects and styles including some allegorical stuff after the style of Francis Bacon. A self-taught artist, he was interested in drawing at an early age and his vocational training in the course of becoming a marine engineer was put to good effect in his heavy metal sculpture. Ib's background, his sense of history and his professional training led him into the very specialized field of marine art. Born in the Danish harbour city of Aarlborg, he was a seaman at 21 and he later served with the Danish Merchant Navy in the Far East and Australasia. We reminisced about visiting Shanghai but his interest in marine history is focused very much on Australia, the vessels associated with migration to this country and those trading in the northern waters.

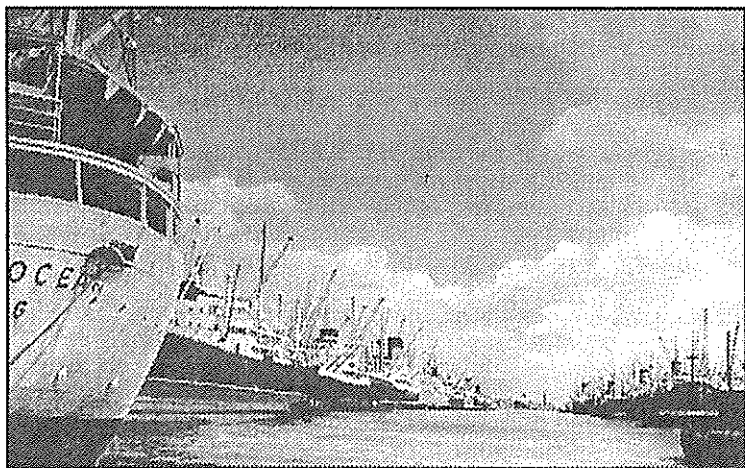
Ib has been commissioned, both internationally and in Australia by corporate and private clients. A number of his exhibitions have been purchased by shipping companies and for private commissions. Ib likes to provide with the painting several pages of concise but detailed history of the vessel. His deep love of the sea and ships, his ability to present naval architecture accurately and his masterly painting skills have been recognized by the Australian Society of Marine Artists. His painting of the 'Nella Dan' - the Danish ship so long associated with Australian Antarctic expeditions - is part of the permanent exhibition of the Melbourne Maritime Museum and arguably he is the most famous marine artist in Australia.

With his sense of maritime and colonial history, and a new commission from P&O, Ib has decided to spend some time in Hobart but I shall always remember his comment about the complexity of his marine paintings - some of the smaller ones only take forty minutes - and forty years.

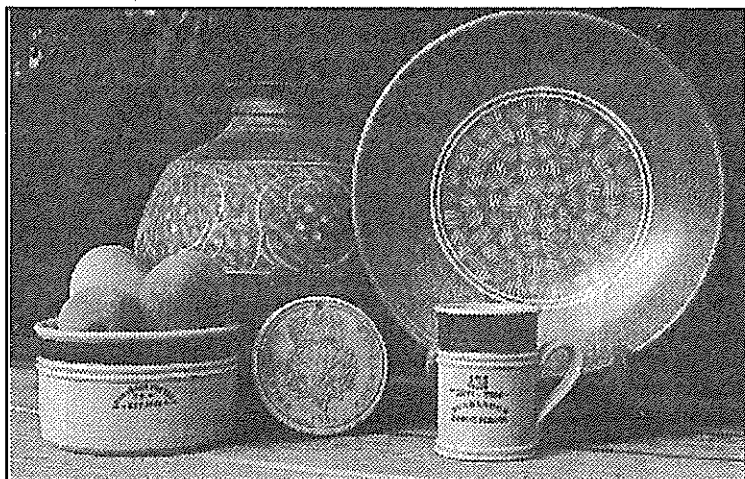
Then I met **JOCK LAINE**. I'd been told that Jock does book illustrations and I suppose that is technically correct but it is something of an understatement and I'm not sure how to begin. Jock was born in Finland and his family emigrated in 1959. He told me that during the past 11 years he had moved away briefly but returned realizing that Bundanoon was the right place for him. He trained as a carpenter and is a self-taught musician, building and repairing stringed instruments. Jock is also a self-taught artist. His exquisitely executed large format coloured pencil drawings will one day illuminate a manuscript. Jock said he is blessed with the ability to see simple concepts very clearly and he likes to contemplate the goodness described in so many of the world's cultures. He is well down the track writing a book with a 'fantasy' theme and I was impressed.



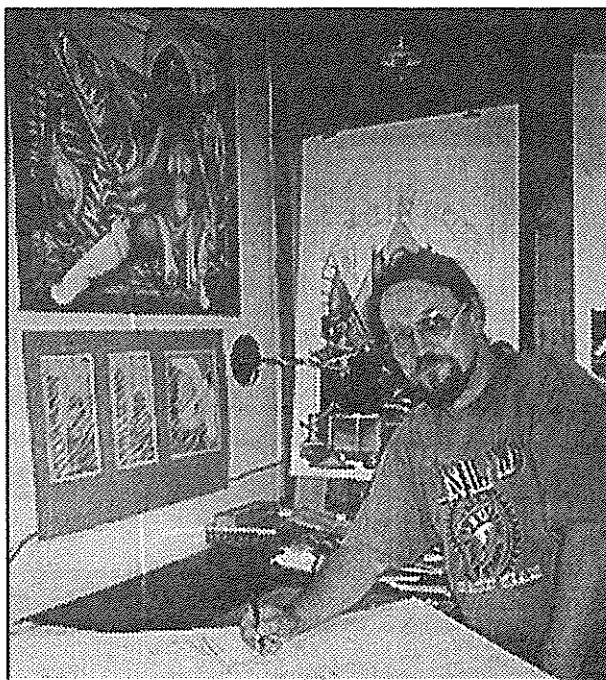
■ 'The Harvest' - coloured pencil drawing by Jock Laine



■ 'Ships at Dock' - oil painting by Ib Olfeldt



■ Collection of high fired stoneware pottery by Bruce Pryor



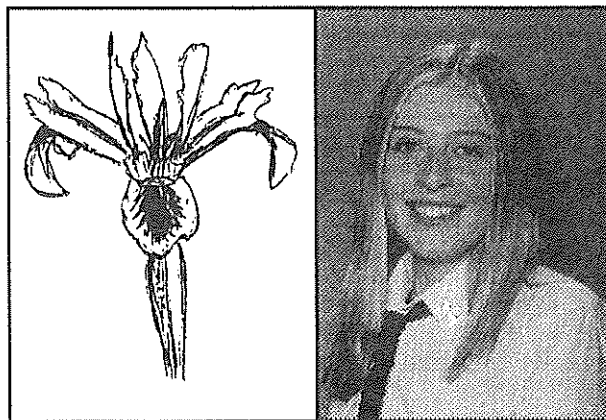
■ Jock Laine at work in his Bundanoon Studio

**ALISON WILLIAMS** of Garland Road has been a pupil at Moss Vale High School to year 10. Her younger brother, Geoffrey, attends Moss Vale High where their mother is the librarian - quite a family involvement!

Ali has always had an interest in things artistic and has drawn and painted since early primary school. She particularly enjoys drawing with pencils and crayons and has been encouraged by her teacher, Mrs Mumford. In the family living room hangs a very creditable - and instantly recognisable - self portrait done by Ali in 1999, which was chosen to be exhibited at the Moss Vale Gallery. The influence of the 19th century painter and sculptor Modigliani is shown here.

Water colours and collage work are other media explored by this budding artist. Ali loves drawing flowers and her own photo albums are most artistically set out. Black and white photography is another interest and she hopes to pursue this art form for her HSC studies. The annual Art Express display is compulsory viewing, giving her ideas for her major work.

Ali leaves Moss Vale High for boarding school for the next two years at St Scholastica's College, Glebe. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her art work maturing - with perhaps a little Glebe bohemian influence? - in the coming years.



■ 'Iris' - pencil sketch by Alison ■ Budding artist - Alison Williams

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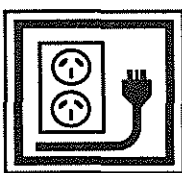


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# OLD TIME MOVIES IN BUNDANOON

Movies were first shown in Bundanoon in 1924 in what was known as 'Tyler's Hall'. It was owned by Miss Ella Tyler who owned the Royal Hotel - now the Bundanoon Hotel. The Hall used to be where the Hotel swimming pool now stands.

The proprietor of the Picture Show was Mr Roger Terry, who was licensee of the Royal Hotel, and later built the Bundanoon Golf Course.

The first movies, like most other theatres of the time, were silent movies, until about 1928. As electricity had not yet come to Bundanoon, a portable generator was used to supply power to the Hall and projection room. Around 1928 sound was introduced and so ended the era of the silent screen.

The early operators in Tyler's Hall were Jack Hillier, assisted by Tony Lopes. Screenings continued here until the 'Soldiers Memorial Hall' was built in 1934. At this time, Mr Terry transferred his show to the new hall and continued screening until his death in 1939.

At this stage, the Picture Show came under the ownership of Mr Lou Terry, a nephew of Mr Roger Terry, with Jack Hillier and Bob Hayman as operators. This continued until the early 1950's when the theatre closed down.

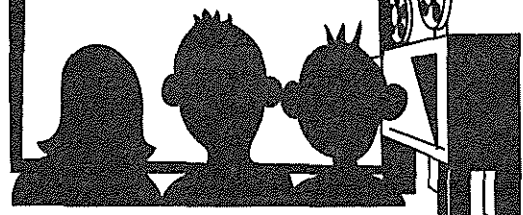
In June 1956 the theatre was reopened by a Mr Fred Baxter who came from Sydney. The operators then were Bob Hayman and Ross Counsell. After two years Bob Hayman retired and the show then continued with John Simcox and myself as operators. Movie nights continued twice weekly until about 1965, but with competition from television and the late night closing of hotels, the theatre closed again.

Several attempts were made by the Bundanoon Community Development Association to keep the theatre open and functioning, mostly on a voluntary basis, however it finally closed. The plant, screen and projectors to this day remain in the Hall and projection room, and on my last visit were still in operating condition. In recent years the BCDA have very successfully shown movies several times a year.

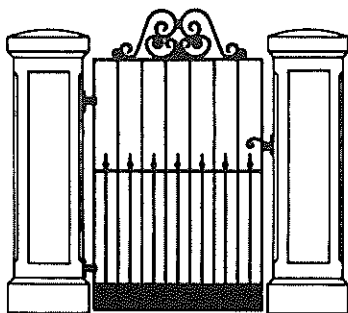
'Tyler's Hall' was pulled down at the end of 1934 by Mr Joe Counsell and rebuilt as two houses - one owned by Mrs Gwen Tarrant and the other is in Old Wingello Road at the bottom of Hill Street.

Ross Counsell.

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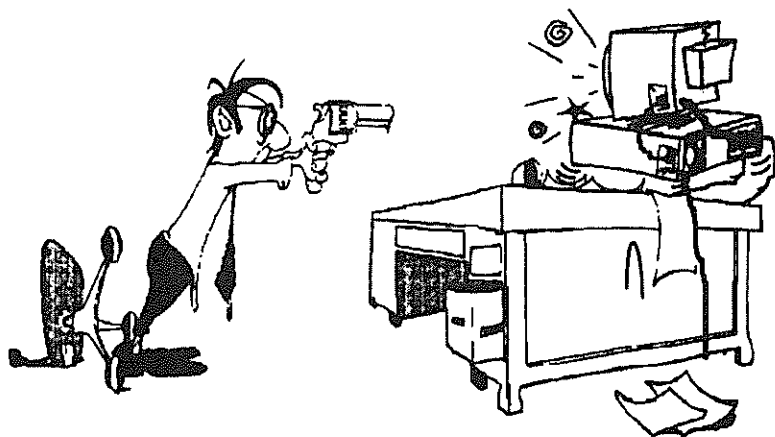
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# OGDEN'S REST ... AND ALL THE REST

DO YOU REMEMBER? THEN, LOOKOUT, HERE COMES THE REST!

by DON MCGILL

[If you have suffered the misfortune of missing PART ONE of my story (last issue), I have been discussing the 25 lookouts that are dotted along the edge of the escarpment overlooking Bundanoon Creek gorge.]

## 3. RIVERVIEW SECTION (Riverview entrance - via Gullies and Riverview Roads):

**Amphitheatre:** This lookout is near the top of the Amphitheatre walking track which commences at the end of the light fork of Riverview Road. The track which starts here descends and follows along under the cliffs to Fairy Bower Falls. This popular walking track is known as Nicholas Pass, named after W.A. Nicholas who operated the famous mail-order "pill factory" in Bundanoon late last century, and who donated land to both the Church of England and the Catholic Church.

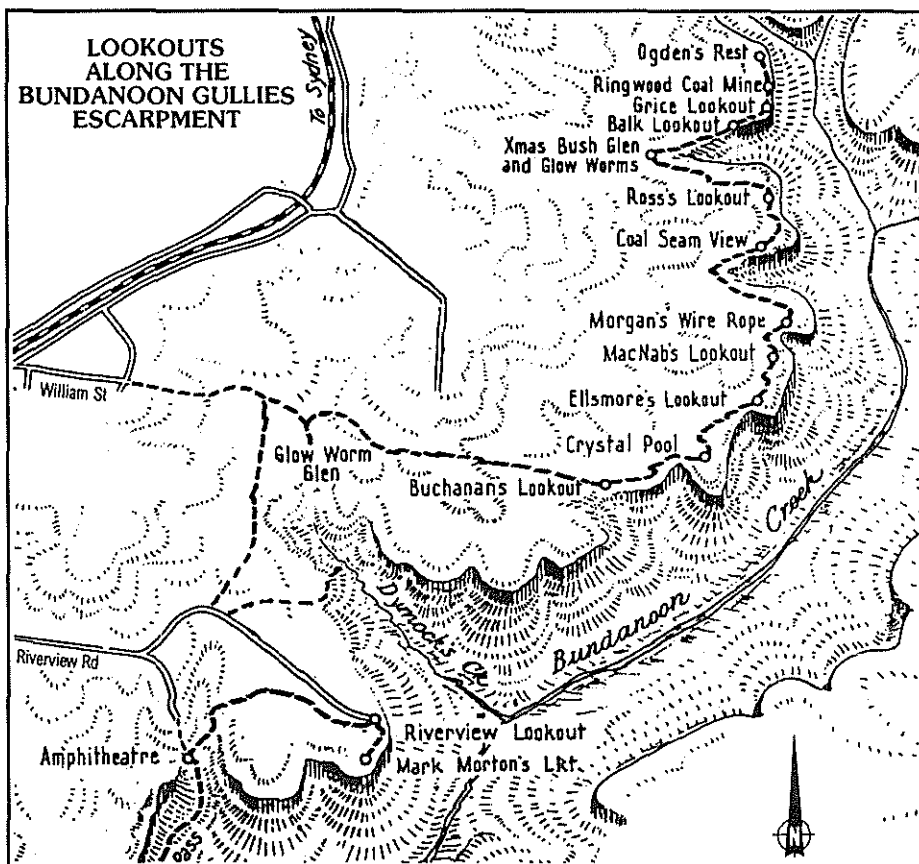
**Mark Morton:** Named after the "founder" of the park which bears his name, this is, in my opinion, probably the best of them all. It is located at the very end of the left fork of Riverview Road, and can be accessed by 4WD or by walking about one kilometre from the car park at the Riverview entrance to the park where there is an old cattle grid. The walk is level all the way, except for the short downhill approach to the lookout. Recently, a new fence was installed here which makes it an excellent and safe place to view the magnificent Bundanoon Creek gorge. This lookout is only one of a handful of lookouts from which one may view the actual water in Bundanoon Creek far below you - the others being the next one, Riverview, Buchanan's Lookout (Mark Morton's "twin" on the opposite side of the large gully of Dimmock's Creek) and Ross Lookout.

**Riverview:** Close to Mark Morton (a short walking track joins the two), it looks down into Dimmock's Creek gully as it joins Bundanoon Creek. The fence here was recently extended and repaired to make it safer for viewing. A fine outlook, but the view is not as extensive as at Mark Morton.

Another lookout, Hopetoun, is mentioned in old tourist guides, but does not appear on any of the maps. From the description given, I believe it may be a former name for Mark Morton Lookout.

## 4. OLD LOOKOUTS SECTION (via Glow Worm Glen track - no vehicular access):

**Buchanan's:** This is the first lookout situated in that section of the park which is not regularly maintained by the N.P. & W.S.: and is not promoted for tourism - hence there are no signs to assist you to find your way. All the lookouts in this section, constructed at the beginning of the century, have long been neglected, and the fences are very old and rusty - certainly not to be leant against! Please take extra care if venturing into this area. However, it is a very wild and beautiful part of our park for those who care to do so. Buchanan's and its "twin", Mark Morton, seem to complement each other - both have splendid views of the water, but whereas Mark Morton looks upstream, Buchanan's looks downstream. Access is via a track (mostly level walking) branching off the main Glow Worm Glen track, but it is not sign-posted. [The track to Buchanan's is actually the first part of a long track to the old Ringwood Coal Mine - a full day's walk out and back, and only recommended to the fittest, or to the experienced bushwalker.] The lookout was named after Jack Buchanan who operated the old corner store (now partly demolished) opposite the Bundanoon Hotel in partnership with a chap named Fred Posker in the 1920's and 1930's.



**Ellsmore:** Some distance further north along the escarpment one will find this next lookout - somewhat similar to Buchanan's (but without the water view), and a fence in similar poor condition. Between these two lookouts there are no fewer than three gullies to cross, and a track that becomes increasingly harder to follow. This lookout was named after a well-known identity, the late Herbert Ellsmore, a former Shire President.

**MacNab's:** The first of a series of four lookouts located fairly close together, and all virtual cliff-hangers, with decaying fences. Not for the faint-hearted! MacNab's is a "forgotten" lookout, as it is off the main track, and the short branch track to it is overgrown. Named after the McNab family who owned "The Shack" Guest House in Ferndale Road earlier this century.

**Morgan's Wire Rope:** This intriguingly-named lookout is the site of a heavy wire rope that used to hang over the cliff - originally used in connection with hauling logs across the gorge by flying-fox. However, some years ago, this (rusted) rope broke off at the cliff-edge and fell to the floor of the valley.

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The remaining piece still lies on the ground (albeit half-hidden by scrub and silt) adjacent to the lookout, and extending back into the bush some distance where it was (and still is) anchored to a large old tree. The lookout is just off the main track, but is easily visible from it. It is only a short distance past MacNab's. Unfortunately, I know nothing, as yet, about this fellow, Morgan, except that he owned a wire rope, and probably a flying-fox as well!

**Coal Seam View:** A little further along the escarpment, and the only lookout in this section that is right on the main track. A similar view to Morgan's Wire Rope, except that one now gains a good view of the junction of Bundanoon and Stonequarry Creek gorges. One is supposed to see also a coal seam on the opposite side of the gorge, but it seems that the seam is no longer to be seen (forest growth?).

**Ross:** The last lookout in this series, and just off the main track. This lookout offers an even better panorama of the junction of the gorges, and gives a good view of the water in Bundanoon Creek. It is only a short distance past Coal Seam View, but has a more northerly aspect. It was named after Charles Ross whose wife's name was "Nell" and who owned "Rosnel" Guest House from about 1920 to 1950. He was also a former Shire President.

Between Ross Lookout and the next one, Balk (a considerable distance), lies the magnificent Christmas Bush Glen - a deep ravine, and one of the most spectacular places in our park. If only this glen were more accessible, it would be an even greater attraction than the popular Glow Worm Glen. There are supposed to be glow-worms here, too, but no one is prepared to go up there in the dark to find out!

**Balk:** This lookout, beyond the glen, is a little off the track, and difficult to locate for three reasons. Firstly, any side-track leading to it has disappeared; secondly, there is a rock shelf that hides the lookout from view until you are almost on top of it; and thirdly (and unfortunately), a large fallen tree has virtually demolished the fence. This lookout was named after a guy called "Balk" who was Station Master at Bundanoon in the 1930's.

**Grice:** This next lookout is quite close to Ringwood Coal Mine, and only a short distance beyond Balk. If one is observant, it can be spotted just off the track as you reach the old mine cuttings. It was named after one of the Grice family, possibly Joseph who lived at "Lynbrook" - now the Y.H.A. Hostel.

**Ringwood Coal Mine:** One comes, at last, to the old coal mine site. This place is also historically fascinating, but must be the subject of a separate story. There is actually no formed lookout here (hence no fence), although one can, of course, view the gorge from near the edge of the cliff above the old mine entrance (which is located towards the bottom of the cliff-face, and can't be seen from the top). It should be noted that the creek below you here is not Bundanoon Creek, but Stonequarry Creek. The walking track ends here, but it didn't many years ago - it went on to one further lookout.

**Ogden's Rest:** Yes, finally the secret of that elusive place is out! Ogden's Rest, situated beyond Ringwood mine and near the northern boundary of Morton National Park, is a forgotten lookout, and the last lookout marked on all old maps. Any track leading to it has long been overgrown. It was named after a chap called Ogden (no kidding!) who conducted a guest house called "Netherway" in Railway Avenue in the 1930's. I "guess" he sure needed a rest after walking all that distance! This is a unique one because it is the only formed lookout from which one gains a view of the junction of Stonequarry and Indigo Creeks, and what a view it is! (A bluff between the lookout and the old mine prevents any such view from the mine site.) A good aspect of the continuation of the Stonequarry Creek gorge is gained, but as one cannot see into Indigo Creek gorge, I can only guess what's beyond. Maybe, one day, I'll find out.

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## COMMUNITY WORKING BEE Railway Embankment

Organised by the BCDA and Bundanoon Garden Club, the working bee was held on the last Saturday in November. So typical of this summer, rain fell all the night before and was only thinking of easing off at 8.30 am when the working bee was to begin. Luckily our 15 volunteers ignored the weather and reported for work. Norma Waldon was armed with the garden plan devised by Wariapendi Nursery and soon Alice and Ron Tilden, Margaret Murty, Tom Merrick, Bernie Waldon and Michael Martin were hard at work planting the 176 plants.

The bulk of the preparation of the bank had been completed by Stuart Shepherd for the BCDA but there was still considerable tidying and weeding to be done. Four loads of wood chips had also to be spread. Don Turner worked tirelessly with his bobcat, placing piles along the embankment, but the steepness of the bank meant a lot of manual labour to finish the job off. Mark Corbett, Brad Parker, Dave Lidgard, Andrew Nosworthy and Anthony from the Table Tennis Club, Valerie and Phillip Crampton and Rob Spence were in this team. Morning tea at 11.00 am was very welcome – generously provided by Di from the Deli. When knock off time came at 1.30 pm the rain started again. However a few hot weeks followed and the Rural Fire Brigade came to the rescue with weekly waterings from their tanker and the promise to do this when necessary until summer is over. Thank you Rosemary Page and John Brock.

Within a year or two it is hoped the whole embankment will be green with native plants and Bundanoon residents will be well pleased with this utilisation of BCDA Ramble Funds.

PS. The extension of Picnic Park is underway with the new fencing complete. By the time this edition reaches you, it is hoped that the timber kerbing will be in position and the turf laid.

Another BCDA Ramble project.

## COMMUNITY CAROLS

Over 250 people braved the elements to enjoy the Christmas carols.

The night of 19 December was very wet, so the community carols were moved from the Bundanoon Oval to the Memorial Hall.

This is very much a community event for the people of the southern villages, and so the name of the event has been changed to 'Southern Villages Community Carols'.

People from the community, including the joey scouts, were involved in performing items, reading the lessons or singing in the choir.

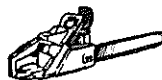
The Southern Villages Community Carols will continue to be held at the Bundanoon Oval, with the Memorial Hall as a back-up should there be wet weather.

Thank you to the sponsors and the people of the community who helped to make this a great night. A thank you also to the BCDA for providing the hall for the carols.

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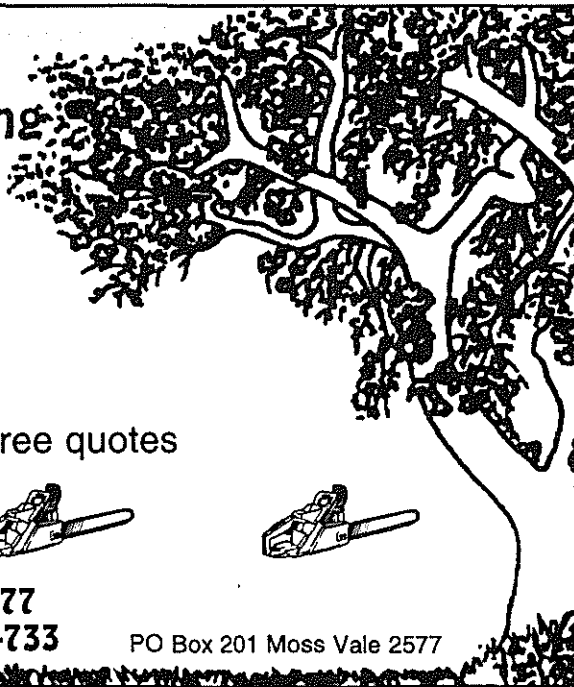
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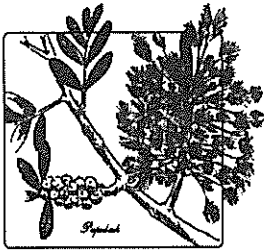
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# Bundanoon Garden Club News

**Happy New Year everyone!**

We have been very busy since the last Jordans Crossing Gazette. During November we welcomed Jill Cockram as our guest speaker. Jill supplied members with very explicit hand-outs and her presentation was very well received. Question time proved far too short and we hope to organise a visit to Jill's garden during February to see Permaculture first hand.

Visits were made to Margret Hibbert's "Old Nursery" at Exeter and "Red Cow Farm" at Sutton Forest in November, and we were kindly invited back to "Red Cow Farm" in December to see the summer blooming perennials, where we were treated to Christmas cake with tea and coffee. Thank you Wayne and Ali.

November also saw our combined working bee with the BCDA on the railway embankment. Even though the weather was threatening, Margaret Murty, Tom Merrick, Alice and Ron Tilden and Bernie and myself turned up and joined forces with the BCDA volunteers. Approximately 170 tube stock and 6" pots were planted on the day and there was no worry as to what should go where as Carolyn at Wariapendi Farm Nursery had provided a layout which certainly helped speed up the planting. We are very grateful to Carolyn, who has visited the site on three separate occasions, giving excellent advice.

Christmas luncheon at the Bundanoon Hotel was a roaring success with a turn-up of over 60 members. Unfortunately we had some last minute cancellations due to ill health and our best wishes go to those members.

We anticipate another busy and fruitful year and look forward to beginning our volunteer work with Meals on Wheels as well as welcoming our Zone Coordinator, Jenny Simons, who will be speaking on Clematis during February.

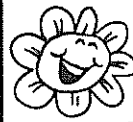
In closing, sincere thanks to Diane in the Deli for morning tea, Langdon in the Newsagency for no-charge photocopying, Chris Petersen and David Kerrigan for extra water when needed between Fire Brigade weekly waterings - again, thank you one and all.

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by Sally Ruth, Publicity Manager, Killarney at Bundanoon

Having overheard this question many times, it seems community interest needs to be satisfied!

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In her many years of counselling, naturopathy and teaching, and during her own illness, Petrea noticed that many people question their priorities, their direction and their sense of meaning. Whether the crisis or crossroad faced is precipitated by illness, the sudden death or diagnosis of a loved one, retrenchment, aging, an accident or any other challenge, more and more people are asking "is this the sort of life I thought I'd have?" and "what can I do to regain a sense of control over my life?"

For many, learning how to take better care of ourselves, especially if we are carers of others, is an important beginning. Petrea teaches, "We have 168 hours in a week and all of them are yours. It is your responsibility to learn to use them in ways that do not lead to resentment and which ensure that you nourish your body, mind and spirit."

The fast pace of life and the stresses in work and school life are becoming increasingly less attractive to many. Those seeking a place of calm for themselves and their families may move from city to country, may change their lifestyle or job and still find they don't feel calm inside. At *Killarney at Bundanoon* Petrea and her team offer many resources and supports to help people find peace in their mind, body and spirit. Meditation, particularly, has been extraordinarily helpful to many and Petrea has responded to the many requests from clients to produce a range of tapes on meditation, guided imagery and teachings based on her books, and these are very popular.

## Southern Highlanders benefit from Killarney

Local businesses benefit as Killarney is bringing a new and wider group of visitors to Bundanoon, as well as attracting new residents to move to the area. Their publicity is publicity for the Southern Highlands, especially for Bundanoon.

Local people are welcome for lunch and to wander in the grounds of Killarney. It's \$10 for one of Claudeen's delicious low fat smorgasbord lunches. (Call and book in by 11 am please.) You can participate in the daily program (\$35, including lunch) or attend a support group or hear Petrea speak (Mon, Tues, Wed). You are welcome to book in for a massage, a counselling session, a Bowen therapy or bodywork session and to have a look through the shop. The *Quest for Life* shop sells Petrea's books and tapes as well as other books and rainbow products and gifts. The World Peace Flame is housed at Killarney and community members can light their own candles from it.

## Killarney and Brigadoon

There has been some community concern that the beautiful grounds at Killarney are no longer available to campers during Brigadoon. The Board of the *Quest for Life Foundation* and the staff at Killarney regret that they are unable to support this function directly, as the legal structure of the charity's memorandum of association prevents them opening as a general purpose camping site. Some twin share rooms are available at a special 2 night rate for Friday and Saturday.

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## Community support

Killarney receives outstanding help from local Southern Highlanders. Diane Day and Tim Griffin generously opened their beautiful garden in October to raise funds for the Foundation. Many local people volunteer in the kitchen, as cleaning crew, in the grounds, and with group and management tasks. Killarney could not assist those in need of their services without this highly valued help, and staff are pleased that volunteers often say that they get as much out of coming as they do from giving their time. More volunteers are always welcome to help with tasks such as mowing, servicing the rooms, and other trades and specialist tasks. If you have time, skills and inclination to support those who benefit from Killarney's services please call Wendie Batho, the General Manager. If you would like to be on the Killarney database, join up as a member of the *Quest for Life Foundation* and/or make a donation, please call Sue.

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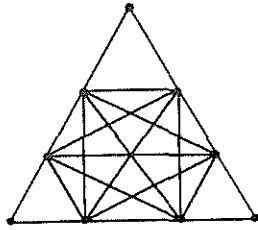
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## Bundanoon Community Health Service

### Walking Groups

As mentioned in the last edition of Jordans Crossing Gazette, the local health service has commenced a walking group here in Bundanoon as part of the Heart Foundation's *Just Walk It* campaign. The aim is to help people get into the habit of making a short, 30 minute exercise period, part of their daily routine.

If your New Year's resolutions included a promise to do something about your level of fitness, then our walking group could be for you.

The group meets at 6.30 am every morning Monday to Friday, outside the Community Health Centre in Bundanoon next door to the Post Office. Joining the group is free and the walks involve nothing more than a 30 minute stroll around the town.

If you would like more information or would like to start your own walking group at an alternative time, please contact either myself or Margaret Connor, at Wingecarribee Community Health, Ph 4861 8000.

### Early Childhood Clinic

The Early Childhood Clinic has moved. As from 11 January 2000, Early Childhood Clinics will be held at Dr Mouroukas' rooms in Osborne Street, Bundanoon. Clinic days remain the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Early Childhood Nurse on Ph 4861 8000.

### Bundanoon Community Health Centre

Residents might have read in the local papers of plans for a new Bundanoon Community Health Centre to replace the existing structure next door to the Post Office.

The General Manager of the Wingecarribee Health Service will address a meeting of the Bundanoon Community Development Association early this year on what the service's plans for the centre are. Further details will be made available to the public as plans are formulated. For the time being the Early Childhood Clinic has moved from the building, but all other groups using the old centre, such as Playgroup and Meals-on-Wheels will continue to do so.

Dennis Lenane  
Primary Health Nurse, Bundanoon & District

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The winner will be announced in the next edition of the Gazette. **POST** your answer to:

Quiz@Jordans Crossing Gazette  
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In the last edition of JCG the question was posed:

Tony likes indigo but not blue. He likes onions but not turnips; he likes forms but not shapes. According to the same rule does he like tomatoes or avocados?

The answer we were looking for is this:

Tony likes tomatoes. He only likes words that start with prepositions.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Bundanoon Anglican Church

### Pre-Valentine Day Marriage Renewal Service

This is to be held on Sunday, 13 February 2000 at 6.30 pm in St Aidan's Church at Exeter, followed by a dinner.

### Alpha Course

This is a 15 week course which helps people to explore Christianity in a non-threatening environment. The program for each week commences with a 40 minute video followed by a discussion time where people can ask questions. A booklet is provided. Nicky Gumbel is the speaker on the videos. He was a Barrister and therefore the information he presents is very accurate and well researched, yet easy to listen to. He intersperses his talk with real life and funny situations which bring greater understanding and interest to each topic.

Following the discussion time, course participants share a meal.

Alpha will run from 20 February 2000 at Camp Orana, Gullies Road, Bundanoon.

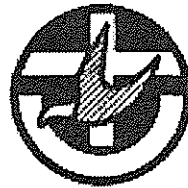
If you are interested please contact Helen Staubner by phone on 4883 4275.

### 9.30 am Service at Bundanoon

The 9.30 am service at Bundanoon will be moving to the new time of 6.00 pm from 6 February 2000 for a trial period of two months. This service is an all age contemporary service.

### BBB – Bundanoon Battle of the Bands

The youth of Bundanoon were asked what they would like to put on for the youth of the Shire and they decided to have a 'Battle of the Bands'. On 5 November 1999, at the Memorial Hall, four bands from the Southern Highlands battled for first position. With free bus transport across the Shire and a rail system with coordinating times for the big event, between 200 and 300 youth attended. The winning band was given the opportunity of making a CD. This was a successful night with youth enjoying the music. It may even become an annual event!



## Bundanoon Uniting Church

Here we are in the second month of the year 2000 and the church continues with its busy programme and welcomes a new minister.

The Reverend Christopher Paine will take up ministry in the Moss Vale Church (with worshipping communities at Bundanoon and Robertson) this month.

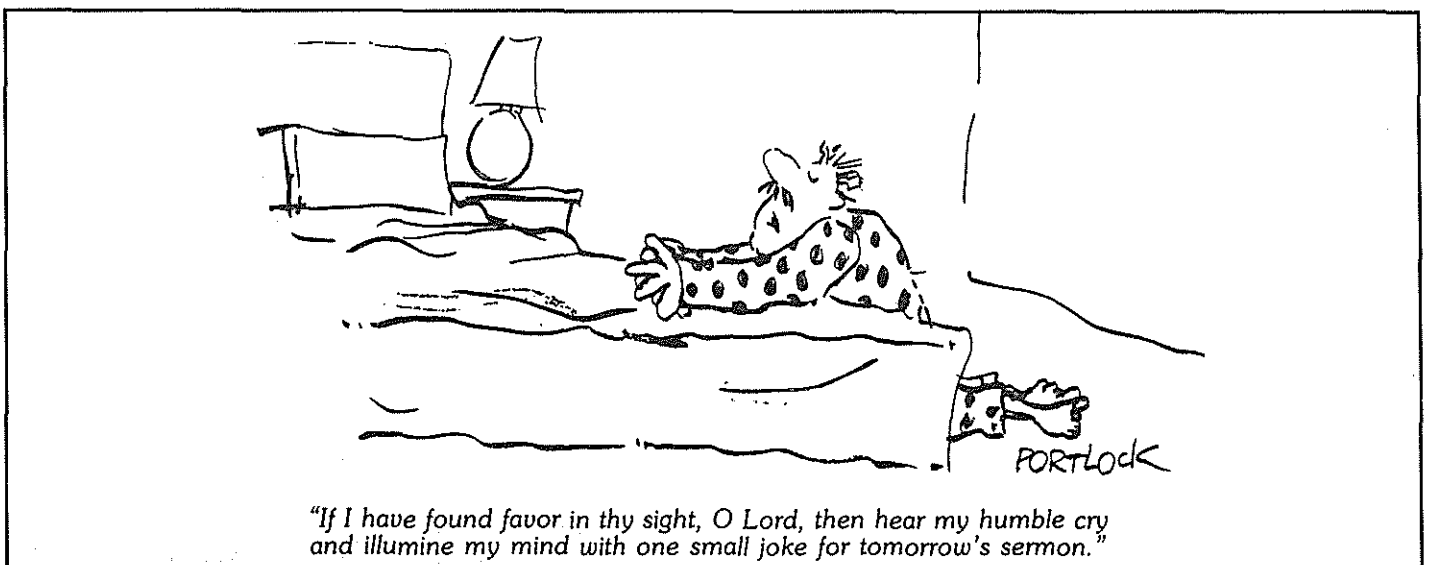
An extract from a letter Christopher wrote to the Joint Nominating Committee reads: "It is with great pleasure and a great sense of God's calling that I write to accept the call extended to me by your committee to become a Minister of the Moss Vale congregations. I look forward with great anticipation to arriving and taking up the position and working in team with the members of the congregations to seek and follow God's call to us as a community of God's people. The possibility of coming to Moss Vale was in my mind before I even knew that you were actually looking for a minister and I was not then surprised when the proposal was made by the Placements Committee. The great sense of care that I have experienced from you in the process we have joined in to this point and the great sense of match between our profiles, confirms for me that our coming together is God's will. It certainly makes me wonder what God has got in store for us!"

Just a reminder that our Thursday lunchtime half-hour service, followed by a BYO lunch (tea and coffee provided) *is in addition* to our Sunday services at 11.00 am. There is a coffee morning the first Tuesday each month at 10.00 am in the church hall.

On the second and fourth Thursdays at 2.00 pm we have an activities afternoon in the hall for Rosnel residents and fifth Sundays are a combined parish service in one of the three churches (notice of which is posted on the church noticeboard). An ALPHA programme will be starting in May.

The Bundanoon congregation have fellowship other than the above, also with the other two congregations. You are assured of a warm welcome at all our activities.

*God's faithful love extends age after age.*



*"If I have found favor in thy sight, O Lord, then hear my humble cry and illumine my mind with one small joke for tomorrow's sermon."*

## Clubs & Services

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Men's Bowling	Ron Angel	4883 6502
Ladies' Bowling	Roslyn Hippisley	4883 6787
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CWA	Kath Smith	4883 6919
Garden Club	Norma Waldon	4883 6966
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