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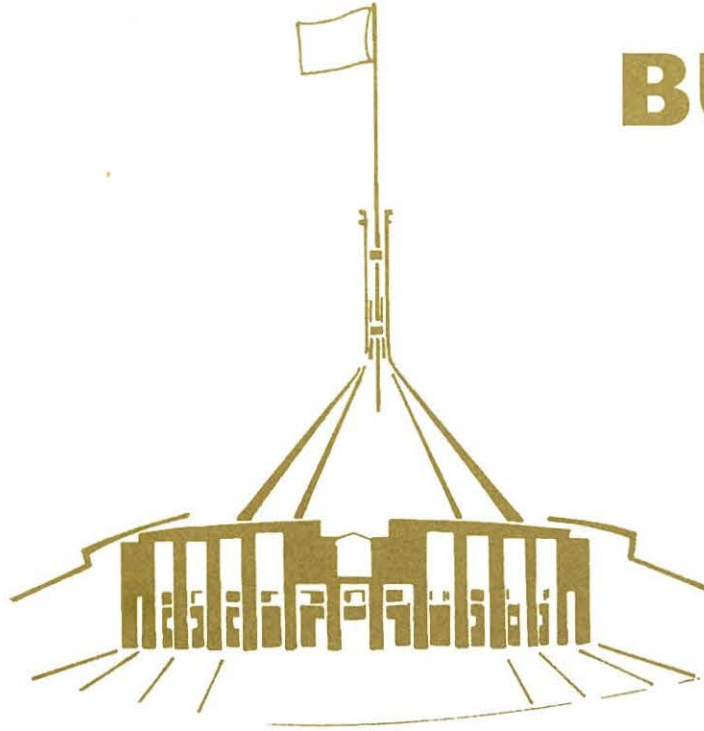
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SPIRIT OF FEDERATION



BUNDANOON HONOURED

To commemorate the Centenary of Federation in 2001 Bundanoon is to get a \$20,000 Federal Government Grant to upgrade the Memorial Hall to 21st century standards - one of only four special projects in the Southern Highlands deemed worthy of such an honour.

The grant, which comes under the Government's \$30m National Centenary Programme, is in recognition of Bundanoon's outstanding track record of community service and self-help.

Among the many congratulatory messages received by the BCDA were:

"I am absolutely thrilled that the Bundanoon Community Development Association has received a grant for such a worthy project on behalf of the community."

Joanna Gash, MP, Federal Member for Gilmore

"I can't think of a better way to celebrate the Centenary of Federation." *John Fahey, MP, Federal Member for Macarthur*

NEXT BCDA MEETING

**THURSDAY
19 AUGUST
7.30 pm
in the
Memorial Hall**

". . . Am delighted . . ." *Peta Seaton MP, State Member for the Southern Highlands*

"Council warmly congratulates the BCDA on being awarded a Federal Government Grant. The community has worked really hard on the Hall. This is a great example of a community working together to help themselves." *Dr Sara Murray, Mayor of Wingecarribee Council*

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANT TO BUNDANOON

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The other organisations earmarked for grants in the Southern Highlands are: Wingecarribee Shire Council (\$40,000), to plant avenues of trees between the major towns; The National Trust (\$20,000), to clear the Wingecarribee River at Berrima; The Berrima District Historical Society (\$20,000), to develop the Berrima Museum "to Federation and beyond".

The \$20,000 grant to the BCDA is different from these. Although it is ostensibly to help upgrade the Memorial Hall, it is basically recognition of something much more important - the strong community spirit that is currently driving the people of Bundanoon and becoming accepted as an example to others.

To quote Mr John Fahey, when the grants were announced: "The successful projects will give our community a lasting legacy by which future Australians can remember our nation's 100th birthday." In other words, we will have earned a special place in Australian history. We should be proud!

Bundanoon Nominated as Federal Capital!



At the end of the last century Bundanoon was still a very small village, but a growing and thriving community with tourist numbers increasing and plenty of activity within the village.

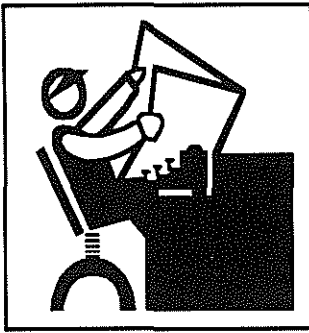
Federation was certainly being discussed, with public meetings supporting the idea wholeheartedly. If any excuse was needed for a celebration, the end of the 1800's and the expectation of Federation would seem as good as any, although according to a report in the *Scrutineer* newspaper "the year 1900 boomed quietly, but was nevertheless enlivened by some of our young folk with from house to house music and singing."

With Federation came the need for a Federal Capital, and as always, W. A. Nicholas, one of the town's more prominent citizens, was ever ready to see that Bundanoon was not overlooked. Indeed his submission of October 1902 to the Home Secretary was detailed and thorough. He thought this district was ideally situated to be the new Federal Capital.

Mr Nicholas' reasons included: "our climate surpasses that of the Western Mountains; we have good roads and the most beautiful scenery on the Southern Line; a never-failing water supply from Shoalhaven and Bundanoon rivers; the city would be perfectly drained into the Paddys River on the north side; contains unlimited supplies of timber, free-stone, coal and lime-stone; direct communication could be made with Jervis Bay where a naval fleet could lie in perfect shelter; by damming the Bundanoon River, a work that could be carried out at very small cost, a magnificent sheet of water could be retained" (in this he was certainly ahead of his time).

There were many more reasons put forward in favour of siting the Federal Capital in this district, but unfortunately, or fortunately (depending on one's point of view) the Home Secretary didn't quite see eye-to-eye with W. A. Nicholas.

Lucy Rocca (Bundanoon History Group)



Editorial

With BCDA Endorsement

The Spirit of Federation a century ago involved various groups of Australians agreeing to work together to their mutual benefit. An independent nation was born.

Bundanoon is being honoured now because we have shown that a small, rather isolated rural village can work together as a community to help ourselves and our neighbours by our own efforts. We, too, have now acquired a new status.

The Bundanoon Community Development Association represents all those local individuals and organisations who in the past few years have built up an outstanding track record of community self-help. Each year we now raise collectively nearly \$100,000 for local charities, and we support a wide range of activities and community needs.

The present Government grant will be devoted to upgrading the Memorial Hall to 21st century standards with commercial kitchen facilities to broaden the scope of the Hall for general activities, and also to introduce courses in catering for young people. We are also rebuilding the stage and putting in new lighting.

Bundanoon is now a bouyant and rapidly expanding small town with an average annual growth rate three times greater than that of the Shire as a whole. Signs of new building are everywhere.

In addition to strengthening the town's economy by attracting and catering for visitors, we need to provide an infrastructure to support facilities and activities for residents, particularly for young people.

We especially welcome the latest addition, a Youth Centre, started by Rev Wayne Tildsley in the old video shop (see story page 19). Wayne will need all the support and help he can get. Council is also helping us to create a BMX track at the oval.

We would now make a special plea to the Wingecarribee Council to help us to continue the emphasis of what we are doing by matching the Government's grant in spirit and in practice by starting to implement their own Bundanoon town planning.

The whole of the centre of our town needs a revamp, not just the hall. It would give us a wonderful start into the next century.

Finally, we have less than 18 months to go before we commemorate the Centenary of Federation in 2001. Our immediate task ahead must be to prepare to do that well. This is going to take a lot of planning and hard work, but at least we're confident we have the right people available to help. It will make for a very interesting and memorable start to the 21st century.

BCDA COMING EVENTS

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MOVIES

Saturday 14 August

(details to be announced by flyer)

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ANNUAL DINNER

Friday 3 December

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Kate Perkins - 4883 6220

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MOVIE FESTIVAL

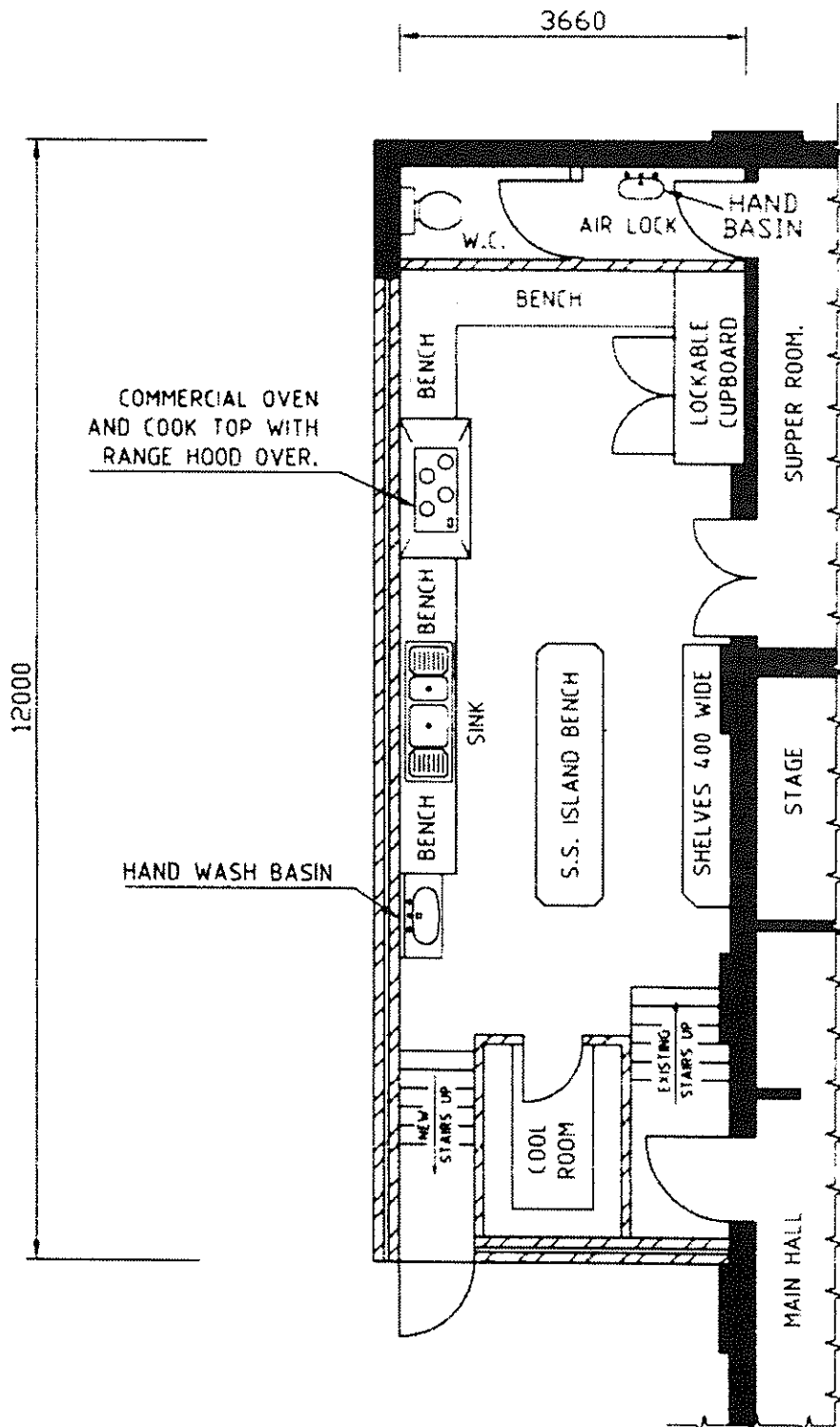
(Planned for later in the year.
Stay tuned for latest developments)

BUNDANOON SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL HALL

PROPOSED KITCHEN UPGRADE DRAFT

by Mark Corbett, BCDA President

The new century will not only mark a new millennium but will herald the start of a new phase for our Memorial Hall. The grant we have received from the Federal Government for the kitchen upgrade and stage improvement is something the BCDA has been working towards for the past four years, and has been earmarked as a "future project" since we started the initial hall upgrade.



The plan shows the basic layout perceived, although final details still need to be worked out. We are also looking at adding extra storage areas to the main hall, which are much needed.

Planning for the construction phase is still in the preliminary stages. Before any work can begin Council building applications and the tendering process will need to take place.

It must be noted at this point that the Federal Government grant, whilst a great help towards the project, will still require topping up with further funds to complete the kitchen. It's to be hoped that actual construction work will commence in 3-6 months.

The upgrade of the stage lighting is already underway with most of the wiring complete. All that remains is for the lights to be installed.

At this moment I would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in the project so far, especially Chris Dwyer and Peter Ellsmore for their vision and help in the planning stages, the BCDA committee for their enthusiasm and support and those involved in the grant application. Many thanks also to Michael Flint for his involvement and commitment in the development of the project.

Thank you all.

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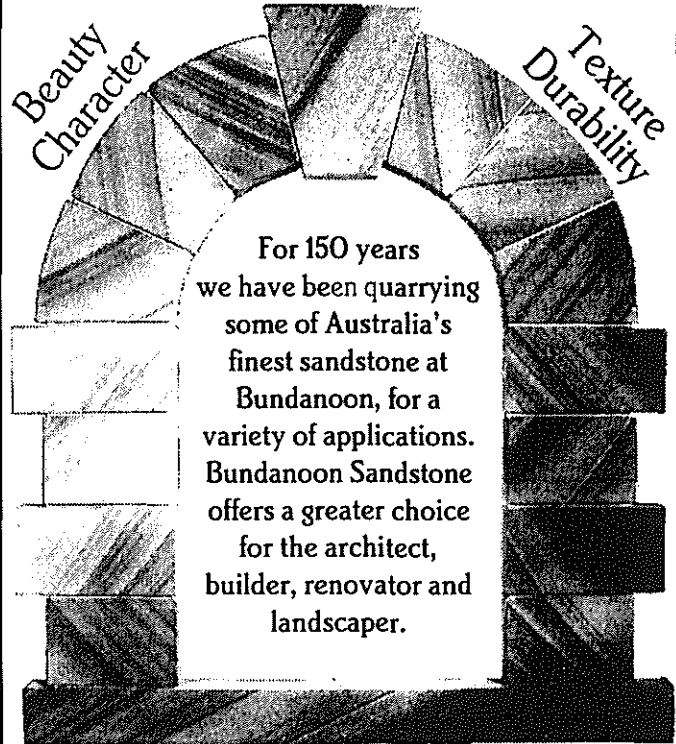
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TRIBUTE TO TWO JCG PIONEERS

The JCG editorial team announces with regret the resignation of two of its most valued members, John Hartley and Chris Dwyer, neither of whom is now resident in Bundanoon.

Chris Dwyer was one of the founders of the magazine back in the early months of 1995. As Treasurer of a newly elected BCDA Executive, Chris was imbued with the idea of promoting community involvement in a number of worthwhile projects in Bundanoon and of attracting a more active BCDA membership. He and the Secretary of the day, John Royal (also newly elected) presented the idea of a community magazine, similar to the 'Bundanoon Business Guide' which had been produced by the Bundanoon School P&C some years earlier. It was considered that a BCDA sponsored magazine would further promote Chris's ideals and arouse community interest in the aims and objectives of the new look BCDA.

Chris and John enlisted the invaluable help of Paul Gleeson with his expertise in layout and design and the support and assistance of fellow BCDA members Kate Perkins and Carol Halstead in forming the initial editorial committee. It was decided to publish quarterly to coincide with the new format of quarterly general meetings.

In May 1995 the first issue of the magazine was published bearing the name Jordans Crossing Gazette (an idea brilliantly conceived by Paul Gleeson). Interestingly, some of those earliest editorial meetings took place over tea and coffee at Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe when Chris Dwyer was the proprietor there.

Then, 12 months later, with publication of the magazine now firmly established, John Hartley was persuaded to join the committee (which by then had grown with the arrival on board of Valerie Crampton and Mechelle Todd) and his influence and professional background as an international journalist soon began to enhance the quality of the Gazette. Apart from his natural writing skills, John's ability to select and focus on good lead stories and to bring balance and polish to the magazine quickly became apparent, and, under his guidance, a new stage of excellence was achieved.

Thus, today, some four and a half years further down the track, we salute two people who have given of their time, their enthusiasm and their talents to help create a magazine of which we can all be proud.

Happily, both John and Chris have indicated they will still retain an interest in the Bundanoon scene, since neither has moved far away. (Chris is living in Exeter, while John and Pam Hartley are in Bowral.) And, of course, Jordans Crossing Gazette will always welcome any further contributions they are able to make. In the meantime, on behalf of the community each has served with such distinction, we thank them again and wish them both good health and future happiness in their new surroundings.

John Royal

Ed. Since submitting the above story, John Royal has also tendered his resignation from the JCG editorial team to devote more time to writing his memoirs, as requested by his children and family! We add our thanks and appreciation for his faithful and talented contributions to the magazine and to the community. Thank you John.



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Bundanoon Concert: A Huge Success

It's probably true to say that the concert featuring the Berrima Singers at the Bundanoon Hall in late May was a success wrought from the shackles of near despair. Less than 48 hours before the event the organisers, Michael and Coralie Flint, had been stunned by the news that two of the principal supporting artists (bass-baritone Terry Sloan and clarinetist Susannah Pinter) were unable to appear due to illness, and their dream of a successful inaugural concert of this kind seemed in danger of disintegrating.

Happily, however, a quick scurry round found two more-than-adequate replacements in popular Bundanoon tenor, Jim Thomson (*of Oklahoma fame!*), and former Sydney soprano Susie Matthews whose CV includes a stint with the World Festival Choir singing with Luciano Pavarotti in Verona in 1990.

An added bonus was the emergence from the wood-pile (so to speak) of one of the choir members, Alan Blake, who delighted us with his rendition in "accents" loud and clear of some fine old Scottish and Irish ballads. And then, of course, there were Bundanoon's own Nan Thomson and Margaret Vooght who confirmed their reputation as two of the most accomplished and sought after duo-pianists in the Southern Highlands, although, as Nan says so endearingly, for them both it's simply a "labour of love".

As for the Berrima Singers, they were in scintillating form with a varied repertoire extending from a charming set of English madrigals to lovely old songs like Sweet and Low and others by Gershwin and Jerome Kern. Their final number, a lively arrangement of The Keel Row, all but brought the house down and was repeated as an encore by public demand.

John Royal, wearing his old ABC hat (which he cheerfully admits is a tad moth-eaten these days!) was MC for the afternoon and recalled acting in a similar capacity when compering Sunday afternoon concerts for the ABC at the Sydney Town Hall more than 45 years ago.

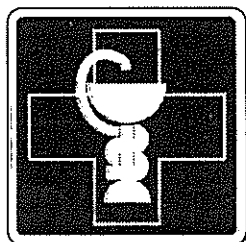
The enthusiastic audience of well over a hundred proved to be much larger than the organisers had expected and after the concert many of them stayed on to mingle with the performers over a welcome cup of tea/coffee and cakes served by a band of willing BCDA volunteers including Rosemary Page and John Brock, Gale and Frank Pritchett, Peg and Judy Coleman and Paul and Libby Elliott. Special thanks to them and all the other helpers on the day.

A delighted BCDA President, Mark Corbett, described the concert as a huge success. Over \$800 was raised towards the fund to purchase a grand piano for the Hall, with the aim of attracting top class artists to Bundanoon for future concerts and recitals.

The only question being posed a number of times at afternoon's end was, "When are we going to have another one?" When, indeed!

Interesting footnote: Did you know that of the 25 or so Berrima Singers, 5 come from Bundanoon and only 1 from Berrima? However, we are assured that a change of name is NOT under consideration!

J.R.



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Kathleen has sung with the company many times in the past and although she is very involved with her prize winning *barber shop quartet* the smell of the grease paint has lured her back into the world of theatre.

George Gilmour (Marco) performed with our company when in his first year at the Opera School. He has since performed with the Australian Opera, Opera Queensland and has spent the last few years touring with German opera companies. Although he had decided to give himself a much earned rest he, like Kathleen, could not resist the idea of once more *treading the boards*.

Karen Bruce (Gianetta) is a welcome addition to the company. She attended the Canberra Institute of Arts and is now in Sydney. Karen has recently been awarded first place in many of the sections in the current eisteddfods.

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I apologise for harping on this particular subject yet again, but the Stop Signs at Penrose Road and Anzac Parade, Anzac Parade and Church Street, Erith Street and Ellsmore Road, and William Street and Railway Avenue, are all there for a purpose. YOU HAVE TO BRING YOUR VEHICLE TO A COMPLETE STOP AT THE WHITE LINE PAINTED ON THE ROAD. You don't stop a car length back because the car in front of you stopped at the line; you don't hit the brakes quickly to slow the vehicle and roll through the intersection; you don't just drive slowly through like a Give Way Sign. YOU HAVE TO BRING THE CAR TO A COMPLETE STOP!!

Why am I going on about this? Most serious motor vehicle accidents that occur at an intersection where Stop Signs are erected, are usually FATALITIES and the drivers who cause the accidents are the ones who DON'T STOP AT THE STOP SIGN. For example SHEEPWASH ROAD & THE ILLAWARRA HIGHWAY.

I do not like delivering death messages. I do not like having to tell a person they are to be charged with Culpable Driving which caused a death. I do not like trying to explain to friends and relatives that the person they think is so wonderful just killed or seriously injured someone because they didn't stop at the Stop Sign. If you think about it, you wouldn't like to be in any of those positions. So STOP AT THE STOP SIGN. (You will also save yourself \$204 and 3 points.)

Lastly, if you see or hear any crimes occurring, no matter how small, please pass the information on to Police. Yes, I know I'm "never here", but I do start and finish my shifts at Bundanoon and if you leave a message under my door - even anonymously - that information might be the missing piece of the jigsaw needed to solve something. Also remember the Police Assistance Line 131444 will take reports of some things that don't require Police to attend.

Megan BAILIE-MACE
Police Station, Bundanoon

Neighbourhood Watch

At the last meeting of Bundanoon Neighbourhood Watch it was decided to discontinue our branch of the organisation due to lack of support over many, many months. There has been very little input from the townfolk and although one or two stalwarts have regularly turned up every three months, there comes a time to say 'enough is enough'. Very many thanks to those people who have supported Neighbourhood Watch over the years. The engraver has been bought by the BCDA and is available for loan by phoning 4883 7125.

Sue Marshall

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Sydney Hail Damage

By Alan Fairbrother (Captain - Bundanoon Rural Fire Service)

It was well documented when Sydney was extensively damaged by a sudden and severe hail storm on 14 April 1999 causing wide-spread damage over parts of suburban Sydney. The number of homes damaged was well into the thousands and the SES put out a call for assistance. Bundanoon Rural Fire Service was brought into action by a phone call on the evening of Monday 19 May asking if we could assemble a crew to go to Sydney the following morning.

Drew Webb, Alan Fairbrother, Craig Rowley, Brian Scott and John Brock ventured out at 4.30 am and combined with crews from Moss Vale and Mittagong forming a small convoy of three Cat 1 bush fire tankers and one personnel carrier. After a slow trip through peak hour traffic, which I must add is a lot of fun in a bush fire tanker (I don't think) we arrived at 7.45 am at SES HQ Maroubra.

After a briefing on the situation we were told that we were part of Delta Group and we would be working with crews from Wilberforce, Oakville and Mt Hunter. Equipped with tarps, ropes, plastic, tape etc; and armed with names and addresses we headed off to our first location.

The majority of work consisted of retarping, retying ropes or adding additional tarps. The problem when we arrived at particular houses was that numerous people would come from all around asking for help - could we do this and could we do that - so, in fact, one job turned into six or more jobs. It's very hard to refuse someone when they ask for help.

On the lighter side, a house in Kensington Rd was owned by a Chinese gent and he had asked if we could help with the tarps on his roof, which we did, tightening the ropes and adding more where required. Upon completion he thanked us and said "The one thing I love about living in Australia, when someone in big trouble, people come from everywhere to help." (please add Chinese accent to above statement). I guess that's the Aussie spirit.

Another house in Cottenham St was a two storey at the front with a narrow roof over the front verandah. Brian Scott climbed a ladder onto the verandah roof to secure a flapping tarp from the main roof and a small problem was encountered. The steepness of the pitch and a very shiny, slippery glaze on the tiles prevented him from coming down the same way he got up. Solution: bang on the upstairs bedroom window until someone opens it for you and climb in the window, making your exit through the front door downstairs. Mission - complete, injuries - nil, pride - slightly dented.

A house in Kensington Rd had no tarps on its roof whatsoever and we had to cover that one completely with help from Moss Vale Brigade. The front section of the roof was slate and the rear was very brittle terra cotta tiles. Whilst walking around the roof, Craig found some rotten tile battens and disappeared down to his waist through the roof. Luckily no injuries resulted and after that this writer found himself moving around the roof on all fours or shuffling around the roof on his backside. No medal for bravery here!

Just on dark we returned to Randwick Army Barracks for a meal before returning home arriving at 10.15 pm after a long day. After about 4 1/2 hours sleep it was back down to the shed and with the addition of Rosemary Page to the crew we headed back into Sydney. We attended 12 homes during the day with varying degrees of repairs required. The weather the day before was sunny and mild but today it was cold, windy and wet which made walking around on roofs more dangerous. Fortunately, no accidents occurred which is a credit to the crew in very trying circumstances.

Saturday 24 May: Alan, Craig and Brian were joined by Dean Rowley and Justin Barker. Being a weekend, crews are easier to get and a large number of Wingecarribee brigades were in Sydney. Crews from Wingello, Penrose, Bundanoon, Moss Vale, Mittagong, Hill Top, Yerrinbool and others were all represented. Organisation had improved and we were given whole streets to work in rather than individual houses and by going from house to house we were able to completely finish off a street before moving on to the next one.

The second job of the day was to retie tarps that had come loose in the wind overnight or had completely blown off. The owner, an elderly Greek gent was so impressed with the job that when we had finished he asked us if we would like something to drink. I thought maybe a cup of tea or a soft drink perhaps, so I said that would be very nice. What he returned with was six shot glasses and something in a bottle that looked like methylated spirits. Oh those Greeks! The offer was graciously declined.

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The crew worked hard all day with the last house we did being in Winkurra St. Craig, Dean and Brian were up on the roof of the house, Justin on the garage roof relaying equipment with yours truly and the crew from Wingello on the ground tying off ropes, etc. Everything was going to plan when a sudden rain storm hit. Hanging onto a rope attached to a rather large tarp in a strong wind is not my idea of fun by any stretch of the imagination and being up on a roof hanging onto anything available is even less fun. The storm passed as quickly as it arrived and the job was finished just on dark to a very grateful owner. We returned to Randwick - dry clothes and a hot meal works wonders.

Speaking of meals, the Rural Fire Service Canteen which is captained by local David Lidgard, sent three personnel to Sydney to help with catering for the volunteers. They were preparing and serving breakfast at Randwick Army Barracks for between 700 and 800 people each day. Vince Nimmo and Wal Glading from Bundanoon and Ursula Cupitt from Mittagong did this great job from 26 April to 2 May, 1999 and totalled a massive 358 hours between them. Bundanoon Brigade members attended Sydney on eight different days and committed a total of 383 man hours. Wingecarribee Shire Rural Fire Service as a whole amassed over 6,000 hours.

To everyone who gave up their time and especially to their employers, I would like to say THANK YOU. I know the people of Sydney appreciate what you have done for them.

PS. Bundanoon RFS and the Canteen Brigade (McDave's) are always looking for new personnel. Anyone, female or male, who is interested in either of these rewarding jobs, join us on a Wednesday night, 7.30 pm at the RFS shed in Burgess Street.

Ed. Congratulation to Alan Fairbrother on his promotion to Captain of the Bundanoon Rural Fire Service, and to Drew Webb to Group Captain of the Wingecarribee Shire Rural Fire Service.

Whose House?



A sensation,
Not a sound.
I'm being watched.
No-one around?
Slowly I arise.
"Aark aark,"
A magpie flies
Around the room,
Out the door.
My house?
Not any more.

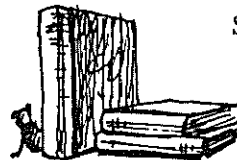
A sensation,
Not a sound.
I'm being watched.
No-one around?
Two black cats
Creep out,
Pounce on the bed.
Each licks a paw.
My house?
Not any more.



A sensation,
Not a sound.
I'm being watched.
No-one around?
Slowly up I glance.
A huntsman,
As if by chance,
Catches a fly,
Looks for more.
My house?
Not any more.

A sensation,
Not a sound.
I'm being watched.
No-one around?
Slowly I sneak out,
Past the cats
Asleep on the bed,
Past the lizard
Behind the book,
Past the huntsman
On the wall,
Past the magpie
Near the door,
Into the garden.
My garden? . . .
And dream.

by Pat Jordan



A sensation,
Not a sound.
I'm being watched.
No-one around?
Slowly down I look.
A lizard,
Behind a book,
peeping out,
Is what I saw.
My house?
Not any more.



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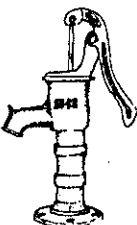
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PRIDE IN THE LIONS CLUB

The Bundanoon Lions Club started the winter season with a wonderful Change-Over Luncheon on Sunday, 13 July. Ninety people attended, including Mayor Sara Murray, Councillor Helen Chadwick, Council Chairman and Past District Governor of 201N2 Franz Mairinger, as well as three other Past District Governors, representatives of 20 Lions Clubs and many other distinguished guests from the local area and from other Service Organisations. All enjoyed the hospitality provided by our local Hotel. Fine food, wine and conversation flowed all afternoon and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

Past President George Heaven outlined his disbursement of income raised during his term in office, including donations to Berrima District Volunteer Rescue Service, the Shoalhaven Dialysis Appeal and the New South Wales Aerial Patrol, before handing over the gong and gavel to incoming President Maggy Thatcher.

During the next 12 months under President Maggy's leadership, the Club is planning a varied and full year of activities, including street raffles in Bundanoon, running raffles at the Sutton Forest Market Days and selling sausage and steak rolls at the Moss Vale Markets. We are also planning a big effort to raise funds for the Cancer Council on Daffodil Day in August.

On 1 September the Club will be holding a "Golden Luncheon" as a major fund raiser for our main project for the year - Linkside Nursing Home. This is a big project and the citizens of Bundanoon are going to be encouraged to support the Lions Club's efforts in helping Linkside, which is the largest employer in Bundanoon. The Luncheon will be held in September - watch for posters.

Interested members of the public will always be made welcome at our meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at the Bundanoon Hotel. For more information please phone the Secretary, Shirley Scott, on 4883 6851.

Maureen Martin (Publicity Officer)

PS. The Bundanoon Lions Club urgently need clean, under cover storage space for equipment. If you can help please contact Shirley Scott (Secretary) on 4883 6851 or Maggy Thatcher (President) on 4841 0360.


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The Editor

Dear Sir, Einstein may have been a mathematician but he certainly was not a linguist. Whilst I will happily concede that the answer to the fish quiz may not necessarily have been out of the people mentioned as house owners, I can not accept that an 'Ichthyologist' is the correct answer.

An Ichthyologist is a person who practices ichthyology which latter is described by Collin's Dictionary as "The study of the physiology, history, economic importance etc of fishes". There is no reference to the need to own or keep fish. In fact I would assume that very few would in fact do so.

I therefore suggest that the more correct answer to the problem of "who keeps fish" is - the owner of the aquarium.

Jo Rossiter, 'Newbury Farm', Penrose.

Ed. Good point!

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LINKSIDE UPDATE

Since I became Director of Nursing at Linkside a little over 12 months ago, there have been many changes within Linkside itself and also the Government regulations.

One of the biggest Government regulations is "Accreditation" which will take place at Linkside within the next few months. It is necessary that all Aged Care Facilities meet the standards for the benefit of the Residents.

An issue on the Accreditation is the community involvement with Linkside - which presents a small problem as we do need more volunteers. We do have a few volunteers, to whom we are eternally grateful and they are:

Dorothy Quigg and Mavis Giles who recently helped us out with our Resident Satisfaction Survey, Brian Lawler who does the residents' much loved barbecues, Lionel Miller, from Exeter, and his wonderful church group, Les Rundle our singing plumber, and Maggie Thatcher, the in-coming President of the Bundanoon Lions Club, who is kindly working towards helping us beautify Linkside.

To this group of thoughtful people a A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

There is no shortage of ways in which you could help - read, write letters or simply sit and chat . . . Our Residents love new faces.

Talk to you again next issue (hopefully with a few more people to thank).

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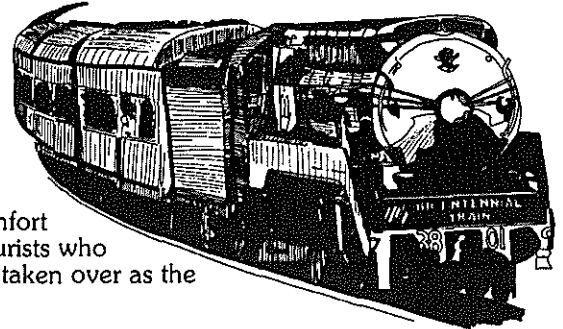
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Rail Tales from Bundanoon

By Geoff Dwyer

*"I hear that train a-coming,
rolling round the bend,
and I ain't seen sunshine
since I don't know when. . ."*

(J. Cash, Folsam Prison)



Johnny Cash never caught the 'Honeymoon Express' to Bundanoon, nor was his guesthouse (Falsom Prison) in any way comparable to the comfort or class of the numerous guesthouses built for the flocks of train-borne tourists who descended on Bundanoon well into the 1950's, when the car had not yet taken over as the family mode of holiday transport.

For 24 of his 32 years working on the railways, Stationmaster Ron Wilkinson has heard the trains a-rolling through Bundanoon Station on the main Southern Line. Bundanoon has always been a railway town. Even now, when so little of the railway remains, if there was no longer any growl of engines cresting the grade, no squeal of wheels on track, no more clanking of couplings, then somehow Bundanoon wouldn't be complete.

Although starting as an outpost settlement called 'Jordans Crossing' when the Southern Line came through in 1868, by 1881 'Bundanoon' had come into being and was already a railway holiday destination for Sydney-siders. So, 1868 to 1994, over a century of rail history steaming through our town and echoing in the gullies. What is the rail action in town today?

My roving reporter, Elizabeth Norrie, spoke with Stationmaster Ron. He informs us that four people work three shifts at the station. They are all employees of Network Control, a division of State Rail. No Country Link or City Rail employees work at the station though they do sell tickets for both of those separate entities.

By the way, many readers may have noticed the new white shelter being erected at the station without realising that it is Bundanoon Station's leap forward into the 20th century (just as we enter the 21st). It is a ticket vending machine for City Rail.

Recently we nearly lost a piece of our past. A fire was started in the Heritage Listed Station building, suspected arson. However, the toilets and waiting rooms, which were badly damaged in the blaze, have been rebuilt and fully restored.

Ron and his team are in charge of managing the signal boxes and train movements from Moss Vale through to Goulburn, and that's quite a lot of movement. In every 24 hour period, from Monday to Friday, between 70 and 100 trains pass through Bundanoon, less on weekends. This includes 27 passenger trains, not all of which stop here - a fact confirmed in the following tale from a local resident who had had more than one experience with unstoppable trains, and wishes to remain anonymous.

Several years ago a young Bundanoon mother, after a shopping excursion to Moss Vale, loaded down with perambulator, parcels, a ten month old baby and a tired two year old, caught the 'Red Rattler' back to Bundy. As she prepared to exit, juggling the children, the train sped through Bundanoon Station and she found herself on the way to Goulburn, and at the end of her tether. Believe it or not there's a lucky ending to this tale. The driver, realising what had happened, actually reversed the train back into the station and all was well. It's worth remembering that not all trains stop and for some you need to approach the guard and let him know you're getting off at Bundanoon or you may find yourself 'rocking, rolling, riding' along the line to Goulburn town.

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The same resident, 6 months later, found herself waiting and waving on the station platform as her mother-in-law, visiting from Canberra, sped past smiling on her way to Moss Vale. A car chase ensued.

Bundanoon once had not only its own passenger trains, but also its own goods siding and shed (still standing), where just about anything could be delivered by rail. Most freight trains passing through are now actually run by the 'corporatised' National Rail. They are the container chains of a corporate railway culture.

Yet local historian, Railway Raconteur and Dramatist Bruce Mumford, informs me that visitors are still known to ask for rooms near the railway and Christ Tarakson, when an owner of a local guesthouse (now runs "Dial M Events"), once hosted regular murder mysteries with a railway theme. One featured a railway chase through local towns and another was based in the time when Bundanoon was a popular R&R retreat, particularly for US sailors, during World War II.

The old railway still lives through regular steam excursions passing through Bundanoon run by '3801' and of course, 'Brigadoon' always features a steam train to town. Block limestone trains still haul their loads several times a day from Marulan Quarry to Berrima cement works. Passengers, 40 - 50 board daily: pensioners, commuters, school children and many others, on business and pleasure. All have a tale to tell. Throughout the township we still 'hear that train a-coming'.

If you have a Rail Tale from Bundanoon, post it in to the editors of the Jordans Crossing Gazette, PO Box 201, Bundanoon 2578.

Joanna Gash Federal Member for Gilmore

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Sylvan Glen at Penrose offers golfing facilities to their guests as part of their accommodation packages and this has proved to be very popular. We would like to congratulate Chris and Ros Taylor on the success of their charity golf day held earlier this year to raise funds for Wingello Bush Fire Brigade.

Our new brochure is now being prepared; however, a revised version of the original one is at present being distributed by the Visitor Information Centre at Mittagong as well as being available locally.

Two of our members, Wilf and Maree Greg, of Maree's Collection, have found a new retail outlet at the Mittagong Antique Centre and we wish them well.

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After holidaying in Bundanoon for about 10 years, Phil decided he would like to live here. As a fully licensed builder, he built his own home in Hill Street Bundanoon and started his own small building business, being readily accepted by the community. He met his wife, Rosemary in 1981 and they married in 1982. Phil became involved with Moss Vale Apex Club and enjoyed serving both the community and his clients, carrying out both minor repairs to building larger extensions as well as new houses. He enjoys extensions and renovation work the most and it appears to fill that niche!

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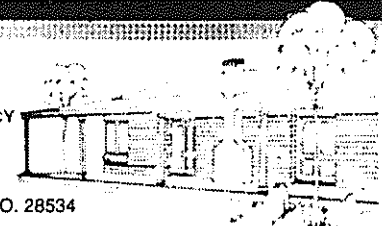
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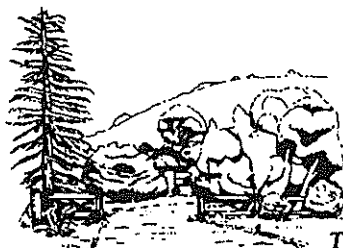


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What's been happening at Our Public School?

Well, this term we have had a number of outstanding achievements with our students and staff.

Ms Lorna Millard, our Year 4/5 classroom teacher, has worked with four very talented students who have just recently participated in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition which was held at Bowral Public School. (Other schools involved were Bowral, Exeter and Hill Top). Nicole Johnson, Emily King, Pia Lenane and Courtney Broad represented our school very proudly indeed. All of our students spoke with precision and poise. They all worked extremely hard in preparation for the event. Nicole won the Junior Division and Courtney won the Senior Division - a truly outstanding achievement. They will now proceed to Inter-District Level in August at Minnamurra.

Book Raps via email? Yes, that's what's happening in the library at Bundanoon Public! The Year 3/4 Kookaburras and their teachers, Mrs Kate Chauncy our Teacher-Librarian and Mrs Lisa Noble, the Class Teacher, have been involved in an innovative and exciting learning program this term.

Mrs Chauncy our coordinator has been working with Mrs Noble and her class and the students have been rapping by email to other local (Wollondilly Public) and non local primary schools who are part of the Book Rap Program.

The focus has been reviewing a selected author and book and the children have been linking up to share ideas and discuss concepts. They have also been investigating their local area and researching associated topics. This learning program directly links not only to the library program but obviously across the curriculum areas such as English, Human Society and its Environment and Technology. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our students and has been very ably coordinated at our school by Mrs Chauncy and supported by Mrs Noble.

Book Week Celebrations are coming up in term 3 and we have invited community members to share their favourite book with the children. Invitations have been sent to over 30 people. It's important that we promote to our students that reading is a lifelong and valuable skill in the process of learning. We hope you can be part of our celebration.

Lyn Fraser (Principal)

Bundanoon Public School's Parents and Citizens Association

The Bundanoon P&C is pleased to announce that this year's Brigadoon was, for the P&C, our most successful Brigadoon ever. We made a net profit of \$3,185.35 which, in large, helped us to meet our commitment to donate \$3000 towards curriculum support. Many thanks to all the parents, citizens and staff who assisted on the day, and many thanks to all the residents who patronised our stalls.

To help further fund raising for the school, the P&C has been invited by the Garden Ramble Committee to provide refreshments to the many visitors expected at this year's Garden Ramble in Spring.

We are planning to sell tea, coffee and scones to the public from one of our local gardens on the day. If you would like to help us with this, or make a donation to sell on the day, please contact us at Bundanoon Public School.

The P&C meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month during school terms at 7 pm in the staff room at the school. All parents and citizens are welcome.

Dennis Lenane (President, Bundanoon P&C)

BUNDANOON PLAYGROUP

Meets every Monday 10 am to 12 pm at the Bundanoon Community Health Centre (just down from the Post Office). The first two visits are free, then \$17 to join and \$2 per session for each family. Just bring along a piece of fruit for each of your children.



For information call:
Katrina on 4883 6183 or Tina on 4884 4480

Bundanoon District Pre-School Kindergarten



Bundanoon Pre-School has been operating since 1981. The pre-school was built by a committed and concerned group of residents, and opened in August, 1983. The aim was to provide an affordable, accessible quality pre-school program for 3-5 year olds, for the community of Bundanoon and surrounding districts.

Sixteen years on, the pre-school operates 5 days per week, 9.15 am - 3.15 pm, has a staff of six and is continuing in the pursuit of providing a quality program based on the needs and interests of the community and its families.

Pre-school provides a bridge between home and school. Children need love, kindness and emotional support in order to develop self esteem, personal worth, independence and the ability to interact appropriately with other children and adults.

Through supporting parents, and sharing with them the task of educating their children, the children have the opportunity to develop to their full potential.

Everyone is always welcome to visit our pre-school, and any donations would be greatly appreciated. For example, paper for drawing, your time, monetary, personal skills.

Helen Waterhouse (Director)

BUNDANOON YOUTH CENTRE

With the help of eight enthusiastic young people from Capernwray Bible School in Moss Vale we were able to open a youth centre for one week back in May.

You can't help but notice that youth have been gathering in places around the streets and seem to need somewhere to 'hang out'. The old Video Shop was vacant. The owner was approached and generously agreed to give the Anglican Church free use of the shop to establish a youth centre until it was leased.

The idea of having a centre was quickly accepted and strongly supported by people who donated two pool tables, table tennis table, lounges, TV and video.

On Monday 24 May the Capernwray team met students at the bus stop in the morning and told them about the youth centre. Everyone was surprised and encouraged when 12 youth attended the centre after school that afternoon.

No doubt you have seen that the centre has been open for more than a week. It has been opened at different times for year 6 primary students and other times for high school youth. The average attendance of year 6 students is about 20. The average for high school students is 20-25.

In the first few weeks since it opened there have been activities beyond the centre, such as bushwalking and abseiling and attending the Corazon concert at Mittagong.

This centre is a meeting place for older children and youth and the Church intends to use it as a place for other activities with the community.



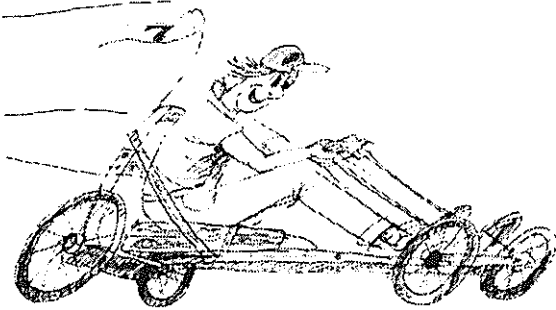
The Council's Youth Needs Assessment Report (which came out 2 weeks after the centre opened) confirmed the desire of the youth for a shop-front meeting place. In this Bundanoon has taken a significant step forward in understanding and providing for the needs of our youth.

In partnership with the community, we will be addressing the major issues in Council's report which are: drugs, alcohol, tobacco, legal and illegal drug use, self esteem and confidence, reducing and releasing stress, how to have serious fun, looking good and cooking for pleasure.

If you would like further information about the centre contact:

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The Country Women's Association

Been past the CWA Rooms in Railway Parade recently? Well then, you've noticed the great face lift, haven't you. I'm referring to the painting done by the Osmonds and financed in part with a grant from the Wingecarribee Shire Council's Community Grants Programme. President Kath Jay, and all the members, are delighted with the results. Our grateful thanks to the WSC.

Pat Wells continued her extraordinary run of success at State level when she won, for the 15th time, the Novelty Decorated Cake section at the State Conference at Dubbo. Every year Pat donates her cake and it is raffled in December. Over the years a great deal of money has been raised, thanks to her generosity.

In the last JCG I mentioned that Pat's stump-work picture, together with Kath Hogg's knitted cardigan (own design), were two of the items in the Wollondilly Group's set-of-six at State level. (Wollondilly Group stretches from Bundanoon through to Mittagong, and south to Ulladulla - over six hundred women). They gained 85 and 83 points - very gratifying. The Wollondilly Group exhibit came 7th, with only 7 points separating 1st from 7th. Bundanoon members contribute consistently in various successes enjoyed at State and Group level.

Joyce Spencer was elected last year as our Agricultural/Environmental Officer, a position that has recently been added to all branches throughout the State. CWA members feel that care of and for the environment is the responsibility of EVERYONE. Over eighty members of the Wollondilly Group turned up at Fitzroy Falls Park and Wildlife Centre to hear Pat Hall (Parks and Wildlife) and Jane Lemann, an expert on weeds. So many points were made, among them that children from Moss Vale schools are planting 5000 Snow Gums in the Cecil Hoskins Reserve. Joyce is keeping us up to date about what is going on in our district.

Have you heard of the Southern Highlands Division of General Practise at Bowral? Well, we had, and guest speaker Gail Atkins spoke about its object and aims at our June meeting. Gail is a clinical nurse consultant with this group, formed to help various medical services within the district. She spoke to us about Falls and Falls Prevention. Various points, eg:

1. What are the main causes of falls?
2. Which medications (used together) can significantly increase the risk of falling?
3. How to reduce hazards around the home.
4. How to help after a fall.
5. Do hip protectors work?
6. What can be done to prevent falls?

All in all a big thank you, Gail, for drawing our attention to ways of preventing injuries that older people often sustain. Monies raised from the Afternoon Tea will be donated to the Anti-Cancer Appeal.

Kath Hogg (Publicity Officer)



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Bundanoon History Group

Do You Remember When...?

Do you remember when the general store was a feature of every suburb and town? Especially smaller towns where the general store sold everything, or almost everything.

Going into the shop and smelling the aroma that was peculiar to all these shops - a mixture of cheese and bacon and soap and kerosene. All the goods were on display; bins of potatoes or onions, tins of biscuits or dried fruit, all waiting to be weighed up into brown paper bags. "Cheese, Madam?" Not "what kind?" but "how much?" Cheese was cheddar and was cut from a large block covered with a clean cloth. The long wooden counter filled with all sorts of goodies, including a tin of honey, kept warm by a small light globe. In one section all the sewing notions one could possibly want: paper, sheets of pins, packets of needles, reels of cotton, plaits of darning wool, cards of snap fasteners and hooks and eyes and buttons for every use.

Needs were certainly simpler in those not-so-far-off days, and shoes and shirts, crockery and candles, gumboots and 'Gumpton', bars of Sunlight soap for the washing and carbolic soap and scrubbing brushes for the floors could all be procured. Toys for Christmas were there, and bags of cement as well as feed for the cows or chooks.

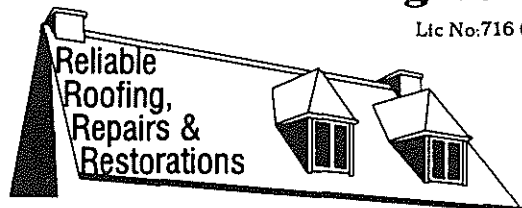
Perhaps in retrospect the best feature of local general stores was the service. Orders collected and delivered, monthly accounts, helpful advice, a chair to sit on whilst a purchase was made, the dissemination of the latest local news, and in my case, a verandah on which to leave my bicycle which I rode from home each morning to catch the school train to Bowral. Can't quite see the big supermarkets doing that!

Lucy Rocca

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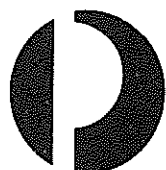
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Bundanoon Garden Club News

We are enjoying a busy and informative time at our club this year. Judy Campbell continues to supply us with a wonderful mix of guest speakers. Recently Ken Arnold presented his collection of slides on Australian Native Plants and we look forward to welcoming our Zone Coordinator, Jenny Simons, as well as Deidre Hill of Quindalup Specialist Nursery to our future meetings. We also have a wealth of information and knowledge amongst our own members. Graham Wilson has spoken from his own experience on the merits of Compost Worms and their by-products in the garden, and Bob Hargrave is educating us in the Benefits of Permaculture.

We are most fortunate that our President, Kath Hogg, organises a variety of coach trips - the next being to the Mt. Pleasant Rhododendron Display and Wollongong botanical Gardens on Friday, September 17.

We are endeavouring to arrange a combined meeting with Bowral Garden Club, Moss Vale Horticulture Society and our own club with the express purpose of swapping plants and learning more about gardening in the Highlands.

Any new settlers in Bundanoon will, I am sure, agree that we do have four definite seasons and therefore find it necessary to relearn some gardening skills. Some questions you may be asking: "When is the best time to prune roses?"; "Have I taken off too much?"; "Should I lift the bulbs this year?"; "The wattle tree looks sick, what should I do?" etc. etc. There is one sure way of finding answers to these and many other questions you may have - COME ALONG TO OUR NEXT MEETING! We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Uniting Church Hall at 9.30 am. We look forward to extending you a very warm welcome. For more information please phone 4883 6966.

Norma Waldon (Hon Secretary)



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Most of our guests are families and couples escaping the rat race of Sydney for the weekend, with the occasional international traveller passing through during the week. The lone traveller is always assured of a comfy bed and someone friendly to chat to. Large groups (up to 40ish) may choose to book the whole hostel as a venue for family reunions, workshops, birthday celebrations . . . there are lots of possibilities.

We try very hard to provide a welcoming environment to all our guests and with prices that start at \$14 we are quite affordable.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested to drop in sometime and have a look at our newly spruced-up hostel. Local residents who can regale us with historical snippets about "Lynbrook" are particularly welcome.

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Most local people would or should know where to find places like Gambell's Rest, Echo Point, Erith Coal Mine, Fairy Bower, Grand Canyon, Amphitheatre, Glow Worm Glen, Mount Riverview, etc., but how many of you know where "Hell Hole" is?

Yes, it is part of Morton National Park, but no, it is *not* a mysterious bottomless pit that some hapless bushwalker might happen to fall into if that person is not watching where he or she is walking. "Hell Hole" is the recognised name of an old long-abandoned farm down in the gullies below View Point Lookout. The reason it got its name is simply because "it was a helluva place to get to (and out of)". Access to this fascinating place is now only possible on foot - the old road being too washed out and blocked by fallen trees, etc., for a 4-wheel drive or a horse to negotiate.

Those locals who have not been to View Point Lookout (probably the oldest in the Bundanoon section of the park) should make an effort to do so.

It is a relatively short, easy, level walk from the small car park at the almost-unknown entrance to Morton National Park off Coal Mines Road, directly behind the Bovine Semen property. A small hand-made sign on a tree simply reading "Viewpoint" indicates the vehicular track to the car park and lookout from Coal Mines Road.

To reach **View Point Lookout**, take the left fork at the T-junction where the small car park and a partly-broken sign reading "Morton National Park", is located (walk or 4WD) or alternatively (walking only), use the first part of the "Hell Hole" walking track (see below). It is about one and a half kilometres out to the lookout. Please note that the lookout is unfenced, so care should be taken.

To reach "**Hell Hole**" take the walking track that begins *behind* the "Morton National Park" sign. This track will actually lead you back on to the main View Point vehicular track, but instead of rejoining the vehicular track, take a sharp right through a low gate, and follow the walking track down a hill. This track (the revegetating original access road to the property) descends around the base of the cliff-line below View Point Lookout, then takes a sharp right hair-pin bend, and drops into the valley. This will lead you to the old property.

You will know when you reach the site (even though the forest has reclaimed it) as signs of human habitation start to emerge, e.g. old water tanks, laundry tubs, numerous other metal objects, and in the centre of all this, the foundations of the old house, remains of a brick fireplace (minus the chimney), scattered bricks, rusted brass bed-heads, broken crockery, bottles, etc.

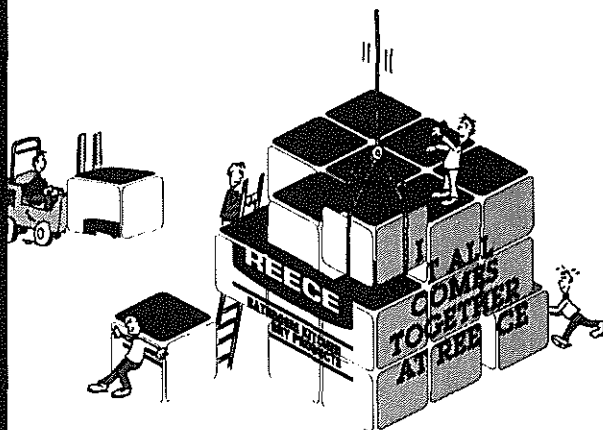
The former occupiers established an orchard and a large garden on several levels, and although the orchard has disappeared, the remains of the gardens (including a profusion of arum lily plants) can be clearly seen between the old stone walls that separated the different garden levels. Of course, anything of value has long since been souvenired, and bushfires have taken care of all combustible items. However, a wander around this old site (now part of Morton National Park) is certainly worthwhile, and who knows what you might stumble across!

The way out is the way you came in, and please remember, it is almost all uphill coming back, so allow plenty of time for rests, particularly if the weather is warm. Take water with you, as there is none available at, or on the way to or from this historic site (except for one small creek that may be polluted - if there is water in it). Do not attempt this walk if there is any danger from bushfires. The distance is approximately two and a half kilometres each way.

(See map on page 25)

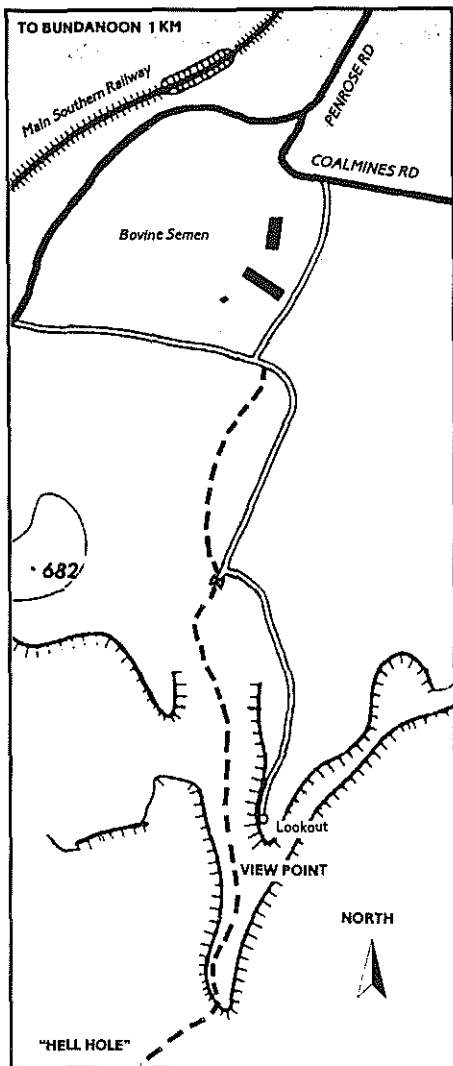


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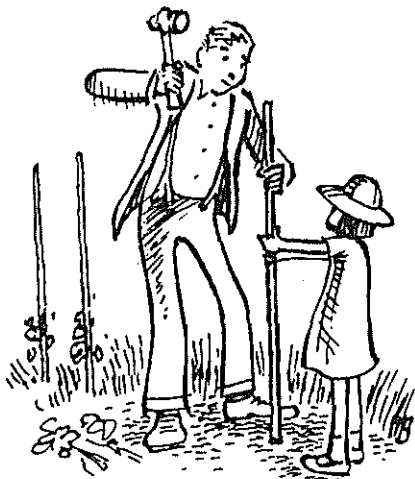
■ "To Hell (Hole) and Back" - see story on page 24

WHEN PERPENDICULAR IS NOT STRAIGHT

When I was a small child of 8 in 1932 - the year we walked across the Harbour Bridge after it had met in the middle - I had a back problem. We were supposed to march into class at school with straight backs. Straight backs were applauded, mine wasn't.

I deliberately walked upright, at right angles to the ground, perpendicular, there-fore straight.

Their straight was slanted at an angle. Straight to me was as a stake hammered into my Dad's vegetable garden. He and I knew what was straight!



I didn't argue my opinion because you need only to argue if in doubt or need convincing or converting.

This story is told in case other 8 year olds are having trouble knowing their backs.

Also so teachers can explain to reasonable small marchers that straight actually means backs slanting at an angle with chin up, chest out, shoulders back, tummy in and nothing whatever to do with straight stakes in vegetable gardens.

Story and illustrations by Mim Smith



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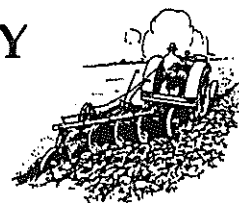
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Solution: Notice the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th number i.e., 8594. Now reverse the numbers to read 4958. Note that the numbers in the 2nd, 4th and 6th positions in the original string are 495 . . . and so the missing number we were looking for is 8.

Congratulations to the winner, Trish Newnham of Bundanoon.

Try your hand at this next puzzle.

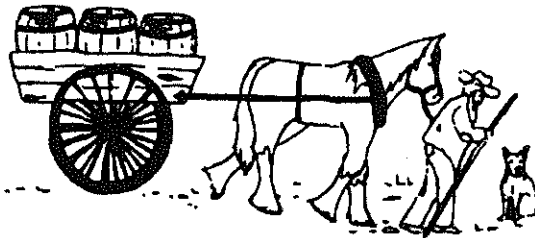
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SOME SPECIAL KIDS

By Rosemary Testaz

If my involvement with horses has enriched my life, I have to say that the children of C4 (The Haematology & Oncology Ward at Prince of Wales Children's Hospital) have taught and given me much that I will value always. Anyone who has known or worked with these kids cannot move on without changes to their view of life. What makes them special is hard to put into words, but they are and they remain in our memories forever.

I had worked at Prince of Wales Children's Hospital barely a year when I had to have my first horse put down. My father died and a child that I had grown rather fond of also died. The staff and children of the ward helped me during this time. It was not easy, yet it was the beginning of my journey of self discovery, it took me on a journey with my God that has developed and grown over the years and it gave me friendships that I will value forever. These special kids unwittingly helped me face death, to be honest with my feelings and gave me values and attitudes that have helped me live life more fully. Indeed, their influence came again to the fore when I had my own brush with cancer three years ago.

In March this year, it was 20 years since we did Australia's first successful child bone marrow transplant. Mark was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia when he was 18 months old. A bone marrow was planned for 1978 and put on hold when Mark contracted hepatitis. Shortly after this he relapsed and his survival was in question. Remarkably, Mark went into remission again and became our first success story. As a nine year old, he was full of life, talkative, enthusiastic and always had a big smile. Today at 29, he is no different!

The day before all Mark's treatment began, his extra activity and continual talking was seen as a mask over his anxiety of what lay ahead. I encouraged him to draw and within a short time he showed me his picture of a Martian with three heads. The centre one was being bashed and battered while one laughed and the other cried! The day he went home after flying through the transplant with ease, he did a picture of a huge whale about to eat all the party foods that a nine year old would crave! Mark didn't talk much about his feelings but these drawings to me told the story! Twenty years later and Mark is a positive and remarkable person.

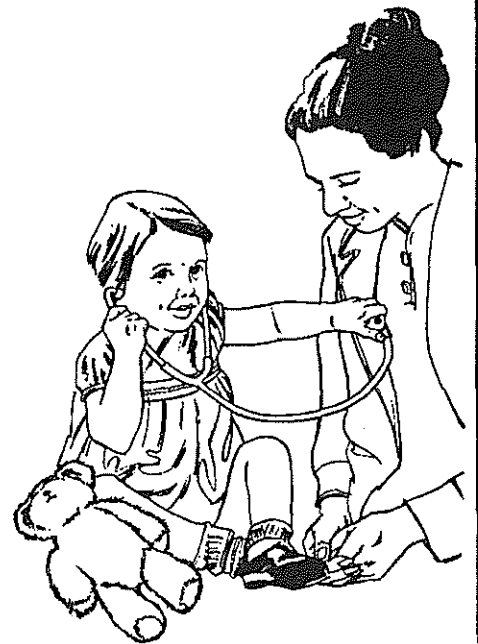
Janet and James received their bone marrow transplants in 1980 and both are well and living productive lives. Janet is married and has a young child which is a remarkable feat.

Whilst Mark's transplant went with ease, Janet's was full of difficulties and several times we were concerned that she wouldn't make it. Janet however, was a very determined and courageous little girl and won the fight for her life. James's transplant was relatively straight forward. Soon after these three, bone marrow transplants were considered routine in our ward!

I met Ken in 1976 as a very ill and scared nine year old with big brown eyes. Ken had aplastic anaemia involving his white cells and platelets. He had a partial recovery as his white cells responded, thus easing the threat of infection, but his platelets never regenerated sufficiently to rid him of bleeding problems. Ken's parents lived a distance away and because of their situation were unable to visit as often as Ken needed them. The first few months saw Ken go through many tests and treatments and he was very reluctant to talk with any of us. Another child in the ward at this time had her mother and grandmother with her almost constantly and Ken ventured out and spent most of his time with them. They gave him some of the love and attention he needed, allowed him to have some fun and taught him how to knit!

Unfortunately the little girl did not return from the operating theatre and I had the difficult task of breaking this news to Ken. We were all aware that Ken was hurting and his non-communication was a real issue. I started to spend time with him every day and began reading him stories about Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer. For quite a while Margaret, the Hospital School teacher, and myself were the main ones that Ken would communicate with. Both of us felt we were substitute mothers and supported each other in our roles. I could fill a book with all Ken's highs and lows over the next nine years as he spent much of that time in hospital and not much time being a normal kid.

A few months ago, Janet my daughter was doing a project on H.I.V. AIDS and late one night I dragged out all the ward photos and shared many of these stories with her. Yes, Ken died of H.I.V. AIDS at 18 years old in 1985 after an incredible struggle of survival over the nine years. Bone marrow transplants had been considered several times but there were difficulties associated with this for Ken, so it was delayed. In April, 1983 Ken fell off his B.M.X. bike and sustained an intracranial haemorrhage that brought him close to death. The pain and trauma he suffered was great and Ken pleaded with the Doctors to go ahead despite the difficulties as he felt it better to die than to continue as he was.

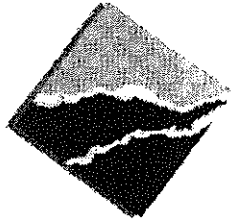


The bone marrow transplant was done soon afterwards and all went well for about 10 months. He developed pneumonia twice and during this time it was discovered that Ken had received H.I.V. infected blood at the time of his accident just prior to his transplant. By this time I had left Prince of Wales and was now living in Bundanoon. I found this news devastating and felt the pain and despair beyond comprehension. At this time I wrote to Ken trying to express my feelings as honestly as I could as I gave him over to my Lord. Within a few months he passed away and many staff past and present gathered to farewell him at his funeral. He has had a profound effect on many of us, perhaps for the challenges he presented as well as his special qualities. He was loved by us all, we saw him grow up and we all grew because of him.

C4 is now C2West at The Sydney Children's Hospital. Dr. Marcus Vowels still leads the team, but is now a Professor, bone marrow transplants have progressed from using a relative as donor to using mismatched donors from the marrow bank and now with the commencement of the cord blood bank the scope for success is even greater! This means that more children/adults will win the fight. I also know that along the way, kids like Ken and the many others that didn't make it have contributed to all this learning.

Perhaps if you know or have known one of these special kids, you may or may not think differently. It is not an easy road to travel but if you can share it with another, it may help to lighten the load.

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Living History Encampment

The skirl of bagpipes is nothing unusual for the Bundanoon area, but it would take a discerning ear to recognise the sound of 17th century reproduction English bagpipes drifting through the Penrose State Forest over the June long weekend.

The occasion was a living history encampment by a group of historical reenactors interested in the history of 17th century England. The group, known as The League of Diggers and Levellers, focuses on the history of the English Civil War, and this encampment was to mark the 350th anniversary of the events at the end of that war.

In 1649 a group of landless people took over wasteland on St George's Hill. They came in peace to dig the soil, plant crops and build houses. Their utopian vision was to live in harmony with each other and share the fruits of the earth, as God intended. Their experiment did not last long before Cromwell's troopers drove them from their settlement, destroyed their crops and burnt their huts.

The encampment at Penrose was a chance to talk about this event and the history of the Civil War in general. It was also a chance for 17th century music, dancing and singing. Participants dressed in 17th century style clothing and the campsite was free of 20th century influences. The reenactors slept in replica tents, on straw with woollen blankets. Food was cooked on a large central fire and consisted of root vegetables, coarse bread and a little meat. The weather was very cold and reenactors froze authentically amongst the straw!

Participants from as far away as Geelong in Victoria attended and an enjoyable and educating experience was had. Amongst the pines, with the low grey smoke of the fire hanging in the air, the skirl of the bagpipes and the huddled figures of the campers, one could imagine what life might have been like for a group of landless people camping in the wastelands in fear of Cromwellian troops!

Why do they do it? A bit of fun, a love of history, a challenge. All these elements are there. Maybe they are all a bit crazy, to boot!

Submitted by David Sanders of Geelong.

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MONTAGUE ISLAND REVISITED

Further to the report in our May issue by Diane Gilham on her visit to Montague Island, we have had a letter from Mrs Edna Townsend of Connell's Point informing us that her daughter, Nicola, resident in Bundanoon, is the great-granddaughter of Charles Townsend, one of the three original lighthouse keepers on the island from 1884 until his death in 1894.

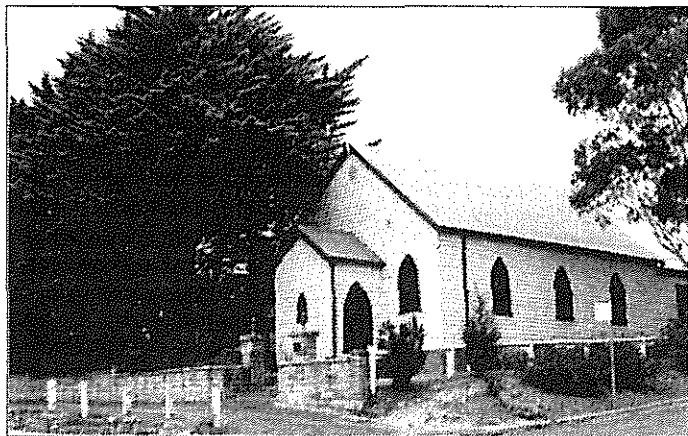


Mr Townsend's children rowed six miles to school on the mainland and came home at weekends, weather permitting.

Upon Mr Townsend's death his destitute widow was granted a gratuity of £67 - true pioneers!

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Bundanoon Methodist Church



Jordan's Crossing was just a collection of very simple dwellings when the first primitive Methodist Church services were held, firstly in the home of Walter Grice. Walter had arrived in Jordan's Crossing from England via Foxground (near Berry) about 1865.

Early in the 1870's church trustees were appointed - Walter Grice, Thomas Gambell, Walter Layton, Alfred Phillips - and land was purchased from George Osborne. A slab church with porch at the end was built on the site of the present Memorial Hall. As well as Sunday services, this building was also the first school. A provisional school, classes were conducted by Mrs Dinah Osborne (wife of George) from January 1870.

In 1885 Mr Samuel Tooth Snr was engaged to build the present church (now the Uniting Church) which was opened free of debt on 3 May 1885. The cost was £355. The original slab church was purchased by Walter Grice and moved to his home "Summer Hill" in the vicinity of the present Broughton Street, to augment accommodation for visitors, as Bundanoon was becoming well known as a tourist centre. The land on which the original church had stood was sub-divided by the church and leased. Osborne Avenue was a requirement by Council to allow access to the rear of Railway Avenue buildings. The corner block, Railway Avenue and Church Street, was leased by Sam Tooth Snr who built a shop and residence; the second block was leased by Mrs Bearman, who built a two-storey guest house "Mountain Home".

In 1927 the Trustees decided to sell the corner block, and eventually the RSL began building the present Memorial Hall and Good Yarn Shop, which are now owned by Wingecarribee Council. A covenant placed on this land by the Trustees to prevent the sale of "Spirituos liquor" still stands, so while a function in the Memorial Hall can be BYO, no sales of liquor can be made. On the second block the Trustees built two shops, now the Bundanoon Deli and the Newsagency, both of which the Trustees have only recently sold.

The church building has remained mostly unchanged since 1885; stained glass windows were added in 1947 and a stone fence and memorial gates replaced the early picket fence in 1948. Recently a ramp and glassed-in porch were added to the building. In the early days a Band of Hope and Christian Endeavour were active, and many concerts were held. A Sabbath School had 65 children enrolled in 1884. Early services were conducted by local preachers but shortly after the church was finished an ordained Minister travelled from Bowral.

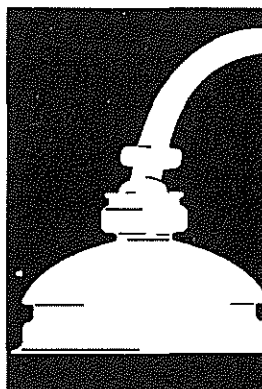
No writing about the Bundanoon Methodist Church would be complete without mention of the church organist of 66 years, Miss Lil Calverley and her father James Calverley, who was Treasurer for 51 years.

In 1918 a Women's Guild was formed, then merged to become the Ladies Church Aid, who held an Annual Fete to raise funds for the church for many years. It was quite a day when seven of the ladies, Mrs Gambell, Miss Gibson, Mrs Grice (mother of Aileen Grice, the subject of the article in the February 99 edition of JCG), Mrs Fowler, Mrs Baker, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Calverley, all well into their 80's, retired as stall holders after many years of service stocking a stall at the fete entirely by their own efforts.

The churchyard, like that of Holy Trinity opposite, was used for burials until the General Cemetery on Ferndale Road was opened for use about 1904. One of the more poignant stories associated with the early graves is that of Martha Lovell, wife of the school teacher. On 25 March 1887 she gave birth to a daughter, but died that same day, as did her baby daughter "after a brief existence of just 8 hours." *The Scrutineer* newspaper reported the death of James Layton on 28 March 1896, adding, "the coffin was made by Mr Walker of Kareela and showed a sample of skilled workmanship." Mr Walker was the builder of Holy Trinity in 1905.

In 1977 the Uniting Church of Australia came into being, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches merging to form one church. So Bundanoon Uniting Church goes forward to witness and to serve as it has done for well over a century.

Research by Lucy Rocca, Bundanoon History Group



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Friends of Morton National Park Bundanoon



A signal to members - and others who may be interested - regarding our monthly meetings. These continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Bundanoon Community Health Centre, but in future, will commence at 2.00 pm.

Members - and friends - are welcome on our work days in the Park, the second Wednesday and fourth Saturday of each month, meeting at Gambells Rest at 9.30 am. Necessary tools are supplied, but bring your own work gloves and some morning tea.

A dedicated, small group of members has recently cleared the track from Fairy Bower Falls to the Junction, Cliff Climb and Tooths Lookout, and has completed about eighty percent of the track from the Falls to the Amphitheatre. Both tracks were heavily overgrown following summer rains and were also obstructed by a number of fallen trees. Two Field Officers from National Parks & Wildlife Service, equipped with chain saw and brushcutter accompanied us on several work days and we are grateful for their assistance, particularly in removing the fallen trees.

The picnic tables and benches referred to in an earlier issue of the Gazette are to hand and will shortly be assembled for installation at Gambells Rest and Grand Canyon.

The Friends have funded interpretive signs recently installed along the track to Erith Coal Mine and are currently considering other projects to which they can contribute financially.

Our address for membership enquiries etc is PO Box 225 Bundanoon NSW 2578.

Glow Worm Glen Track Regeneration

First Newsletter from the Glow Worm Glen Track Committee

Last year, a small group met and decided to form a committee with the aim of weeding and regenerating the Glow Worm Glen Track, between William Street and the Morton National Park. It took a little time to get established, with insurance, Council recognition etc., before we could start work, but now we have had a few working bees, received grants from the Council and Landcare and purchased some tools to facilitate the weeding.

Our aim is to remove introduced weeds without removing the habitat of the native animals, starting from the National Park boundary and working up the hill, finishing at the William Street end. We are identifying the weeds and native plants and keeping a record of them. The track has been divided into 4 sections and we are at present working on section 2 just below the wet area. We also hope to plant indigenous species so that the canopy is retained and improved for the animals and birds to use.

As so many local people and visitors use the track, it would enhance the profile of Bundanoon if it were cleaned up and made safer for the night time walkers who are on their way to view the glow worms.

The track passes through several different habitats and vegetation, and we have seen wombats, wallabies and birds too numerous to list. To begin with, the weeds we are targeting are blackberries, privet, berberis, thistles, banana passionfruit, English ivy, cape ivy, hawthorn and cotoneaster. As we clear a space, we will replant with natives so as not to leave a gap for weeds to reestablish.

We would welcome any help with this work and have working bees on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 9 am to 12 pm. We meet at the start of the track at William Street and then proceed to our weeding spot. It is really satisfying after the session to stand back and survey the pile of weeds on Ken's plastic ground sheet!

For further information contact:

John Dorman, Chairman on 4883 6296 or
John Kirby, Secretary/Treasurer on 4883 6523



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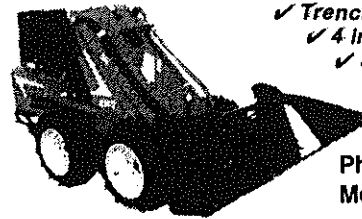
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Well where else would he be but the Post Office Restaurant! Greg Post joined Paul Hollis and Kheng when they took over the restaurant in 1997 and as a team they've been doing great things ever since. The internal make-over is Mediterranean but the pillar box red facade must be authentic as I understand lots of visitors wander in with a postcard looking for stamps, and come out with a caffeine hit - the coffee's great. So much the better when you have a good restaurant nearby that is prepared to share some trade secrets with us blokes.

The cuisine at the Post Office Restaurant is Australian modern and as a matter of policy they restrict each menu to ensure consistent high quality with the freshest ingredients. I think they do that very well and they manage to include a pleasing range of international flavours that reflect the team's broad experience.

Greg was trained in the French style at Christies of Kogarah. Born and bred in Tumut, he is now well known in the Southern Highlands with a clientele that has followed him from Links House to the White Horse Inn, and now to the Post Office Restaurant. The French connection!

Paul had about ten years' restaurant experience in Canberra but he is a man of many foreign parts. He lived in Beijing for a time and speaks Mandarin. Having lived there myself I can assure you that life in China as a foreign language student is an adventure. However, Paul counts his yachting experiences among his real adventures: sailing via Singapore, the Indian Ocean, the Bay of Bengal and an intrepid trip around the North African coast to Egypt. The North African connection!

Kheng and Paul married in Canberra but she hails from Penang where even the roadside stall food is famous, and I think I see Kheng's influence in the following recipe:

COCONUT CHICKEN WITH CORIANDER AND GARLIC

Ingredients:

4 single chicken breasts
400 mls of coconut cream
Half a bunch of fresh coriander
2 cloves of garlic, crushed
Half teaspoon chili (optional)
Half a cup of water
2 cups jasmine rice

Equipment:

Oven dish with lid
Can opener
Knife and chopping board
Rice cooker

The Process:

Preheat the oven to 220 degrees
Place the coconut cream, water, garlic, coriander, lemongrass and chili in the oven dish and stir to combine
Spread chicken breasts in the dish, cover and bake for 20 to 25 minutes
Prepare the rice in a rice cooker and while all this is going on why not steam some broccoli.

There you have it. Ten minutes preparation and about 20 minutes cooking produces a Thai treat for four people. If you happen to have a pandan tree at the bottom of the garden, substitute pandan leaves for the lemongrass and you'll discover a Malaysian masterpiece.

This recipe also works very well with fish but take care not to over cook it - about 15 minutes. If you feel like spoiling yourself get some Orange Roughie and serve with perhaps a sauvignon blanc and lots of panache.



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"IF YOU KNEW SUZY . . ."

It took quite a bit of organising to catch up with busy local resident, Suzy Taylor.

After establishing that she was taking a well-earned vacation we were able to squeeze in an appointment for me to see her (after searching high and low on her paper-bound desk for her diary).

Suzy and her family moved to Bundanoon in 1980 looking for a change in lifestyle. Her young family, Peter, Ben and Sarah, attended the local Public School and Preschools and this opened a pathway for Suzy to become more involved in the local community.

As some of us know, this community spirit has continued up to the present.

Originally from Manly, Suzy had established a women's support group there which she believes gave her the knowledge and experience to help establish and contribute to so many committees and worthwhile causes in the local area.

As many will already know, Suzy's youngest child, Sarah, has Williams Syndrome. Upon arriving in Bundanoon, although happy to be in a smaller village, Suzy soon realised that the support and understanding of the needs of disabled people were lacking in the area.

This became her motivation to establish services that offered help with the care of the disabled and also helped to support the family as a whole in the way of respite care, counselling and education. Also to try and educate people in the hope that their attitudes and understanding of disabled people would change and help integrate them into the community. To this end Suzy has seen a great improvement in facilities, care and attitudes over the years and her involvement and dedication has helped to achieve this result.

I asked Suzy what committees and groups she belonged to. To list those associated with her work at Toybox I would run out of pages! Community Welfare Sector of Council, Wingecarribee Action for Citizens with Disabilities, Area Advisory Committee - involved in establishing Interchange, are just a few. She has also written and presented papers at National Conferences. Add to this that she is currently studying for a Bachelor of Adult Education having already accomplished a Diploma in Human Resource Practice and a university Diploma in Community Management and it's a wonder that she has any spare time. But she does find time to be actively involved in the Anglican Church and 'Home Group' which is a way of people getting together to have a chat and good time.

Personality Profile

To say Suzy is a people person is an understatement. She describes her home as an open house for friends to drop in and feel at home. Bundanoon is a special place for Suzy, her home being her refuge. When she purchased her home from Ada Fowler she instantly felt at home and fell in love with Bundanoon. She enjoys gardening in her lovely old garden and also has a weakness for hoarding, or should I say collecting, old 1940's farm equipment. Maybe it was the look on my face, but she went on to explain that her ancestors had been farmers and she feels an obligation to preserve this part of history. Being a grandmother to 13 month old Cooper is obviously a joy to Suzy. With her family grown up, Sarah is now 21, Suzy hopes to travel overseas and hopefully have some R&R at home. When retirement is mentioned Suzy explains that such a word does not exist in her vocabulary, and I believe her.

Suzy has a passion for helping people which is evident upon meeting her. I feel that I have only skimmed the top of Suzy's contributions to the Bundanoon community and the broader community.

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Croquet News - President Diane Gillham 4883 6895

The Bundanoon Croquet Club has been having a busy time playing club competitions to decide our Club Champion for 1999. Six new members have enjoyed their early lessons and are most enthusiastic. Our accredited coaches Bill and Margaret are very helpful and patient. Since my last bulletin our member Dick Topham distinguished himself by winning the Fransted Cup at Tempe - an excellent achievement. Six members recently participated in the Pennants Competition for high handicap players. Croquet players from Nowra, Jamberoo and Exeter Clubs also competed. There were wins and losses and a good time was had by all. Mrs Leila Merson also did very well winning her block at an important competition at Bateau Bay in May. The school children from Bundanoon Primary School have just broken up after a happy time each Friday afternoon learning the ins and outs of Croquet. Congratulations to all the children for their efforts. Champions of the future. Our greenkeeper Craig is working hard to make our green better after seasonal die-back of some grasses. Once again the members would like to thank the Bundanoon Bowling Club for the use of their excellent facilities and their friendliness. If you would like to join us and have a lot of fun playing a game where skill and strategy go hand in hand do not hesitate to ring the President on 4883 6895, or Secretary on 4883 6571.

Table Tennis - Pat Jordan 4883 6590

There has been a good response from enthusiastic people wanting to start up a social table tennis club. Anyone interested who hasn't already done so should call the above number. The more the merrier.

The Bundanoon Movers - Lee Robinson 4883 6010

After two successful years, our gentle exercise class is still going strong. Come and join us at our new venue - Killarney at 2.00 - 3.00 pm on Wednesdays. The classes are specifically designed for the over 50's but are open to anyone who may be interested. We focus on movement, with exercises that improve co-ordination, balance, strength and flexibility, plus great social contact, relaxation and laughter. Come along and have a look at what we get up to.

Bundanoon Park Womens Bowling Club - Ros Hipsley 4883 6787

Our AGM was held in June and we now have a new President - Mrs Jean Bromfield. Jean has been a member for many years and we all wish her a happy presidency. During the winter months bowling days, ie special days, slow down. Pennants and District Championships are being held. Our club hosted District's 4's on 15 June and also hosted the Pennant Presentation. We have been to Robertson WBC to their charity day and had a very happy day. Also a team attended Kangaroo Valley WBC on their charity day. Our own club championships are well on the way even though the weather hasn't been good. Again, any lady wishing to try the game of bowls, please give me a ring. We play Tuesdays - so why not call in and see us. Yours in Bowls.

Mens Bowls - Dave Piggott 4883 6502

Since our last report we have attended the Zone competition, but unfortunately we were not successful at Mudgee even though we did beat the winners and runners up! In September the club will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. On 5 September a President's Day will be held. Although the weather hasn't always been kind we are expecting a visit from the South Sydney Club, a chance for them to breathe fresh country air and clear their lungs.

Bundanoon "Rebels" Soccer Club - John Sant 4883 6271

A big 'congratulations' must go to all coaches who completed and passed their level 0-1 National Coaching Scheme. All are now qualified to coach at junior level. Well done to Debra Webber, Jill Fairbrother, Paul Jay, Shane Robson, Graham Wilson, Paul Sedgebeer and myself. This can only help our juniors more. I have noticed a lot of improvement in all our junior and senior teams but especially in the Roo ballers where learning about the game is important. Hopefully at the end of the season we will see some of our teams in the semi-finals, especially the U12's who are pressing for Minor Premiers. Both senior sides are still in the hunt for the Liberal Cup and the Darryl Kill Cup and both teams were in semi-finals in July. Other big happenings within the club have been the installation of our new lights at Ferndale Reserve. Training now will be a lot easier for some of our teams and future night games are not too far away. A big thank you must go to Don Turner and Craig Rowley for their assistance in erecting the poles. Without them it would have cost the club a small fortune. Great stuff. Also, recently the U12's have been selling raffle tickets which are drawn every Sunday at the Bundanoon Bowling Club at 6pm. Their aim is to raise enough money to kit themselves with Bundy Rebels tracksuits. A successful car wash and garage sale has helped them nearly reach their target. Great going to coach Debbie Webber and all her helpers. Also to the U12 players who put in a big day at the car wash. Thanks Jeff for manning the hose and to John at The Shell Service Station for the use of his driveway.

Now a big thanks to the local community for its continual support of the raffles, and also at the carwash. It's great to see all the support for the kids. Congratulations to the following players on their selection to the Highland Eagles. David Hopkins and Peter Wattel U14's. Daniel Parker U15's, Amelia Dever in the girls' U14 reps, Karl Fenwick U10 reps, Jordon Scott and Matthew Jay U10 rep train or squad and Frances Fairbrother for making the Combined School side. I hope I have not missed anyone. The following businesses must be thanked also for making our Trivia Night at the Bundanoon Bowling Club a success. The major prize was donated by "Idle a Wile" Guest House and other prizes donated by Solar Springs, Highlander Restaurant, The Old Post Office Cafe, The Olde Bicycle Shoppe, Cherry Bomb Hair Salon, Bundanoon Hair Design, Bundanoon Newsagency, Bundanoon Pharmacy, Bundanoon Butchers, Bundanoon Deli, Bundanoon Post Office, Bundanoon Village Nursery, Bundanoon Potter, Bundanoon Holiday Conference Centre. Thanks to all for your support. Well done Roscoe for your usual stylish self up front. The Bundanoon Soccer Club is proudly sponsored by the Bundanoon Bowling Club, Don Turner, Primula Cafe and Ken & Chris Turner. Best of luck to all teams for the last round. Enjoy your game.

Bundanoon Hockey Club - Elaine Angel 4883 6353

This season is proving to be very successful for our junior teams. Our Minkey team has been playing very well, winning most of their games. These under 8 players are really enjoying their hockey and improving every week under the guidance of Kathryn Saurine. The under 12 side are also having a good season, recording some good wins. With a good mix of boys and girls they are proving very competitive in this age group. David Folkard is doing a great job with this side. The under 14's recently recorded their first win in two years. This reflects the improvement in this side. The new players in this side have added some much needed aggression, which has been lacking. This has led to the team scoring some great team goals.

Bundanoon Pony Club - Rosemary Testaz 4883 6202

Pony Club has been active for the first half of the year having a Musical Ride and Mounted Games day in March in which the other clubs of the district took part. This has sparked our club's enthusiasm for the Zone's Mounted Games Competition to be held in August. Practising for this plus preparation for the D Certificate by many in the club is keeping us busy. Anyone interested in joining us is most welcome.

Open Day at Killarney at Bundanoon

On Monday 14 June *Killarney at Bundanoon* opened its doors to the residents of Bundanoon and surrounding areas. *Killarney* is owned and operated by the *Quest for Life Foundation*, a registered charity established in 1990 by Petrea King. It was wonderful to have more than 200 people turn up, especially after braving the blustery conditions. The afternoon provided a wonderful opportunity to tell people of our work and to show them our refurbishing efforts.

The garage sale was very popular, despite the weather, and the money raised from that, plus all the generous donations on the day, was very much appreciated.

We thank those who volunteered their time and services and we have been pleased to welcome many new members to our groups. We hope to welcome visitors once a month for a mini open day to tell people of the services we offer and show them *Killarney*. If you would like to visit *Killarney* please call to arrange a time. There will be an official Open Day for the public which will be celebrated on 4 September with a tree planting and a talk from internationally renowned author and lecturer Dr Jerry Jampolsky.

On 30 October there will be a fund-raising dinner with special guest speaker Ruth Cracknell, Patron of *Killarney at Bundanoon*.

Enquiries: Phone *Killarney* on 4883 6224

Community Health Newsletter

The Wingecarribee Community Health Service is pleased to announce that it has moved into new, purpose designed facilities in Bowral. Our new address is:

Bendooley Place
Bendooley Street
Bowral 2576
Phone 02 4861 8000 Fax 02 4861 4956
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Some of the services and teams located in the new building include Aged Care, Child and Family, Community Dental, Drug and Alcohol, Early Childhood, Mental Health, Needle and Syringe Exchange, Nutrition, Occupational Therapy, Palliative Care, Primary Health Nursing and Social Work.

For more information please contact us at the above address. Please note that the provision of local services, such as the Early Childhood Clinic in Bundanoon, will not be affected by the move to the new building in Bowral.

Some residents may have noticed the attention given to diabetes by the national media during July. It is estimated by Diabetes Australia that some 350,000 Australians have Type 2 Diabetes (non-insulin dependent), without knowing it. The aim of National Diabetes Week was to raise awareness of the common symptoms associated with this condition. Australians were asked to put the following questions to themselves:

Are you always thirsty? Often tired? Do you have blurred vision? Cuts that won't heal? Frequent urination? If you have recently experienced one or more of these symptoms you should visit your local doctor. For more information you can contact Diabetes Australia on 1800 640 862. If you would like to speak with me about these, or any other health concerns, you can contact Wingecarribee Community Health on 4861 1800 and I'll get back to you.

Dennis Lenane (Primary Health Nurse, Bundanoon and District)



CHURCH NEWS

Bundanoon Anglican Church

Subject to Council approval and a fine day, we are planning to have another Billycart Derby from 1 - 4 pm on 24 October 1999 at Parklands Estate. There were many creative designs last year and some well oiled machines, with great enthusiasm being shown by all race participants. There will be provision for those who love skateboard riding and roller blades.

Now is the time to start building your 'mean machines' and practising for the Big Event. More details about the day will be placed in the Youth Centre window, in Railway Parade.

Anglicare, the welfare arm of the Anglican Churches, has opened in Moss Vale at the former Colonial State Bank building in Argyle Street. Initially it is open on Wednesdays for people who may be in need of food assistance. By the end of July there will be a Childrens/Adolescent Counsellor available. Everyone is welcome to go into the centre and check it out.

Bundanoon Uniting Church



We have had interesting speakers at our Coffee Mornings and were delighted to have Joyce Fremlin of Bundanoon tell us about her trip to Africa. You are most welcome to join us at 10.00 am on the first Tuesday of each month.

Our Moss Vale folk again organised a stall at Brigadoon; we had a working bee in the Garden of Memories in April; and a hot luncheon in May when Ken and Mary Pogson told us about their trip to Central Australia. Lawrence Hunt who came to both our services each week, died suddenly in May and it was a shock to learn of his passing. Although Lawrence had not long been in residence in Bundanoon he had become quite an identity at our church.

"Bye Bye Bellevue" was the theme of the wonderful dinner dance and memorable night which six of our Uniting Church ladies attended in Mittagong on 21 May. We were delighted to be included as guests. "House With No Steps" has successfully housed these folk with special needs (who were previously accommodated at "Bellevue Park" Guest House) in group homes from Tahmoor to Wollongong and although we shall miss them it is wonderful to know that they are very happy indeed in their new homes.

Our Minister, Reverend Raymond Green, has announced his acceptance of a Call to Sylvania Uniting Church having been eight years with us. The provisional date for the Service of Closure of Ministry will be on Friday 20 August at Moss Vale, in the evening. We are most appreciative of Ray's ministry. We do understand that they have to move on. This will be Ray and Jan's last church before retirement.

The Rev Joan Gamble has resigned from her position of Minister-in-Association due to her full time work in Sydney. Rev Joan's substantial input to the life of the church has also been very much appreciated. Interim ministry arrangements have been made.

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