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## LOOKING BACK . . . LOOKING FORWARD



**remember**

THE SEASON

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19 DECEMBER**

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MEETING**

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in the  
Memorial Hall**

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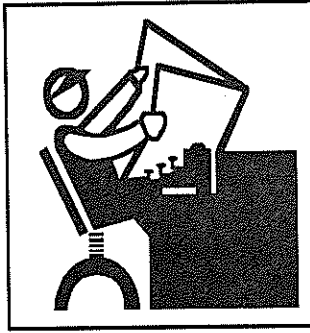
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# Editorial

As you sit and relax with a cuppa to read this bumper issue of Jordans Crossing Gazette (40 pages in all) you will come to appreciate how fortunate we are to live within a community that strives to maintain the community spirit of yesteryear.

Where others towns and villages have failed Bundanoon has successfully recaptured mateship and camaraderie, the generosity to help others in need, and the willingness to work together to achieve common goals.

As we enter the YEAR 2000 (Y2K) it is an opportune time to reflect on the perseverance and effort of others that has been spent in the past to establish this wonderful village we live in.

The articles in this edition, from long term residents like Chubby Nurse, Jean Bromfield, Ross Counsell, Lucy Rocca and others, enforce the knowledge that Bundanoon has always been proud of its self-help attitude and keenness to improve the town.

The entertaining stories from Bundanoon Public School children and some of our local young people show that there is much talent in our midst. We hope these people are proud of the community they live in, as we are of them, and will become active participants in helping to maintain the high standards of community spirit already in place.

So as we enter the Year 2000, looking back at the past and forward to the future, we wish all readers, contributors, advertisers, sponsors and YOU, our readers, a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

The JCG Team looks forward to receiving letters and comments from the community in regard to articles published in the Gazette. From time to time we receive wonderful, encouraging letters that are always a pleasure to read. We have also recently received a letter of constructive criticism. Unfortunately, this letter was unsigned so we cannot directly address the issues raised, but the general tone of the letter implied that we had criticised our youth in the August edition.

As regular readers will know, the JCG has sought to promote awareness of the many achievements of our young citizens in previous issues and we hope to make this a regular feature. If anyone has a story about a young person and their achievements (or maybe even an older person - it is the Year of The Aged) please let us know.

### BRAVERY AWARD

Special recognition is made of 17 year old Peter Ingmire of Penrose for his bravery in rescuing a neighbour and her two dogs from their vehicle stranded in a flooded Paddy's River last year.

A Penrose bush Fire Brigade member and greenkeeper at Mt Broughton, Peter received the Royal Humane Society's Certificate of Merit at a presentation at Government House in October.

Well done, Peter, from JCG and our readers!

## Penrose Pine Products

### BCDA President's Comments

Welcome once again to another edition of the JCG, the last edition of the century and the biggest to date at forty pages. The JCG team are to be congratulated once again for this sterling effort in putting our community magazine together.

The theme of this edition is a wonderful way for us all to appreciate the past, present and future of Bundanoon. From the wide variety of contributions it is interesting to note the perspective of both young and old. The refreshing thought is that everyone is moving forward in the same direction.

Reading some of the stories one can see that Bundanoon has enjoyed a prosperous past and residents enjoyed life and involved themselves in many activities. I was interested to read that the first Progress Committee was formed in 1888 and has continued almost continually to this day. It seem community spirit has been alive and well in Bundanoon for a long time.

The BCDA has held successful community events since the last edition. The Movie Night in August (see report page 18), the Annual Garage Sale in September, and of course, the popular Garden Ramble (see report this page). All were very successful and I would like to thank everyone who was involved and helped. Your contribution is gratefully appreciated.

Upcoming events planned by the BCDA include our Annual Dinner on Friday, 3 December and a Movie Festival planned for early 2000.

I would also like to welcome three new businesses to Bundanoon. The Pioneer Flask, Country Bakehouse, and Saville & Company Craft Shop. It is always good to see new business ventures start up as they offer hope for continual growth of our economy and employment opportunities, as well as expanding the range of services available.

As this edition of JCG goes to print, invitations and flyers are being posted for the **4TH ANNUAL DINNER**, to be held on **Friday, 3 December, 7 for 7.30 pm in the Hall**. There may still be some places available.

For bookings contact either of the Bundanoon real estate agencies or phone Coralie Flint 4883 6588, Kate Perkins 4883 6422, or Pam Davies 4883 7196.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (century) to all.

*Mark Corbett (BCDA President)*

PS: Congratulations to David Fairall, our new Bundanoon Councillor.

### The 3rd Village **GARDEN RAMBLE** through Bundanoon

For the third year the weather was kind and 640 people were able to gain an appreciation of what gardening in Bundanoon means as they wandered around the 15 beautiful gardens opened for the day. The shuttle bus proved even more popular than last year, with 70 people using it to 'ramble'.

Ramble Day was not only a fund raiser for the BCDA. The CWA and the Primary School P&C also ran very popular refreshment stalls in two of the gardens and the Friends of Morton National Park sold merchandise in the Hall.

The success of the day was due to many people: the **garden owners**, who had to cope with a deluge in the last important week leading up to Ramble Day; the **volunteers** who manned gates, supervised gardens, drove the bus, created certificates of appreciation for the garden owners; the **'phantom mowers'** who ensured a groomed entrance to the village and the **businesses of Bundanoon** who supported our publicity drive and decorated their shops.

This year all three prizes in the raffle went to Bundanoon residents - Mrs Pam Holmes, Mr Malcolm Smith, and Mr Hart.

It would appear that profits are similar to last year, with approximately \$4700 being raised for village improvement projects. Which brings us to . . .

### Community Working Bee

**SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER**

8.30 am - 12.30 pm with time out for morning tea  
Last year's Ramble funds were directed to two projects: Extension of Picnic Park and the completion of the Railway embankment gardens. State Rail is also assisting with the funding and the Bundanoon Garden Club is purchasing the plants.

All the heavy tasks are being subcontracted. However, volunteers are required to assist with the planting under the guidance of the Garden Club and to also undertake some general tidying and the easier landscaping tasks.

IF YOU CAN ASSIST FOR EVEN JUST AN HOUR ON 27 NOVEMBER, PLEASE RING VALERIE CRAMPTON ON 4883 6574.

PS: The Ramble Committee is having a rest for the next few months but they would certainly be interested to hear from any gardener who might consider entering the 2000 Ramble!

# BUNDANOON THIS CENTURY

by LUCY ROCCA

How different is the Bundanoon of today from the Bundanoon of 1899? And what has caused the changes? Is it just the passage of time, or has the change been brought about by the people who live, and have lived, here?

To look at our main street, much has changed. Late last century Bundanoon had two main streets with the railway line between. The Post Office was in Erith Street, and while the shop is still there it no longer trades. The Post Office has moved (three times), as has the General Store and the butcher shop. Nowadays almost all the commercial area is in Railway Avenue, which has grown over the years from just one or two shops and a boarding house to what it is today, although the railway line is still where it has always been!

Bundanoon has always been a self-help community. The first Progress Committee was formed in 1888 to try and improve roads and promote the village. With very little break there has always been a Progress Association of one sort or another, culminating with the Bundanoon Community Development Association of today. Bundanoon always seemed to be in the forefront with help in times of trouble, whether local or national. During the World Wars and the Vietnam War many men and women volunteered their services, some paying the supreme sacrifice. Those left behind were kept busy working the land, raising funds for various war efforts and Red Cross and Comforts Funds. Some were involved in making camouflage nets, or knitting socks, scarves or balaclava helmets, or aeroplane spotting, or collecting salvage, or learning first aid and home nursing to be of help in any emergency. A disaster within the town has always seen help coming from all quarters, with everyone rallying around with assistance of all kinds.

The children who have been born and raised here, had their schooling here, and in some cases worked in or around the town all their lives, have made their own changes. From sliding down Nick's (Nicholases) gully after school on pieces of tin or board - a tin of water was a requisite to make the slope really slippery - to exploring the Gullies, fishing in the river, catching yabbies at Glow Worm Glen or Fairy Bower, growing up and making their home here, wanting to make Bundanoon just that much better - all have contributed to making this small town unique.

Sport has always had a great following, and while cricket would be the earliest organised sport, foot-racing was popular late last century; also horse racing, tennis, golf - at one time Bundanoon boasted three courses. Football, soccer, hockey, horse riding, bowls, swimming, rifle club, mini golf, croquet, pony club soon followed.



Illustration by Mim Smith

Brigadoon, and before that the Boronia Festival, has become the best opportunity for many village organisations to raise funds. The vast amount of time and effort put in by members of the many and varied organisations in the village to raise funds during the year is colossal, with the money helping to improve the amenities of their clubs.

Moving from candles and kerosene lamps to electricity in 1929 was a welcome change and made life easier, making almost redundant the local ice works, as refrigerators were now available to replace ice chests and drip safes. Another change affecting the daily lives of the townsfolk was the introduction of a town water supply from Bundanoon Creek Dam in 1963, and later the commissioning of a sewerage system.

A change that brought home to Bundanoon the inevitability of change was the closure of the manual telephone exchange and the installation of an automatic exchange. No longer was it possible to pick up the phone and speak to a real live "Hello Girl" at the other end.

The arrival of the railway brought much change to Bundanoon enabling the coal, timber and sandstone to be utilised, which gave employment to local men. Tourists started arriving in increasing numbers right up to the middle of this century, and with them came the need for more guests houses, more sports facilities, better roads and tracks in the Gullies. And so sports grounds were laid out, shelter sheds built at the look outs, swimming pools were built, all changing the face of Bundanoon.

In almost all cases the changes were gradual. Another shop built, more houses going up, small sub-divisions on what was once farmland, and with quite different types of businesses in the main street. In response to the bush fires which from time to time took their toll of the village, a bushfire brigade was formed with the town brigade formed later.

So has Bundanoon changed? Of course, physically it is very different. And the people? Maybe all those residents over the years wouldn't be so different from those of today in wanting to improve their town and to help their neighbours.



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# BUNDANOON BEYOND 2000

(from the perspective of a couple of 78 year olds)

by JOHN ROYAL

It was in the mid 1980's that Elizabeth and I decided that Sydney suburbia was not where we wanted to spend the rest of our retirement years. After a brief sojourn on the mid-south coast we began to reconnoitre inland, seeking the more distinctive spring and autumn seasons of the highlands, and discovered, almost by chance, the magic of Bundanoon.

That was over 10 years ago now and we've never once regretted our decision to set up home here. Once or twice we've flirted with the idea of moving into Bowral, or even further afield to be closer to our younger kith and kin, but (like a magnet!) Bundanoon has always succeeded in claiming and reclaiming us as two of its own. And because of this sense of affinity and belonging we feel a need to express, albeit briefly, our hopes and aspirations for the Bundanoon of the future.

Before tabling our wish list we would make the observation that within a year or two of the start of the new century all towns and villages in the Southern Highlands, including Bundanoon, are almost certain to face the spin-off from the early introduction of a very fast train service linking Sydney and Canberra (perhaps even Melbourne). And if, as we have heard mentioned on the grape-vine, the station serving the Southern Highlands is to be located at Sally's Corner, the ramifications for Bundanoon could be quite staggering. Soaring real estate prices and pressures for population growth could easily follow. Nevertheless, we would hope that appropriate community response will restrict any prospect of unfettered growth. Which brings us to our wish list . . .

\* A town, in size, not much larger than the present but retaining and, in fact, capitalising on its unique village atmosphere which sets it aside from other towns in the Shire. Growth (where permitted) to remain in harmony and empathy with the local environment and character of Bundanoon.

\* Shops to remain in their present compact location in Railway Parade and their historic facades to be jealously guarded and retained. We see a need eventually for the present supermarket to be relocated in the main shopping precinct, not only for the convenience of shoppers, but to help bolster trade for other shops and businesses.

\* Efforts should be made to continue to attract tourists to the town (especially of the money-spending variety!). Morton National Park will always be a major attraction, and as long as the Friends of the Park remain active its future as a tourist magnet will be assured. Top quality eating houses are an essential tourist requisite.

Equally important is the need to maintain street cleanliness (including swept gutters) not only in the shopping area but also at both entrances to the town. The arboretum at the Information Bay, Picnic Park on Railway Parade and the Memorial Garden adjacent to the Hall all need constant surveillance by a concerned community. Remember, where litter lies, beauty dies - and tourists depart, seldom to return.

\* Bundanoon should seriously consider (again, with tourists in mind) the construction of an 18 hole golf course. With Brigadoon, the Scottish connection would thus be doubly served.

We could go on . . . for instance, the construction of decent bike tracks from Bundanoon to Exeter, Penrose and beyond; the transformation of the present open-air public swimming pool into an indoor complex, enabling community use the whole year round; the tree-lining and widening of Osborne Avenue with kerb and guttering and provision for angled street parking . . .

And just one more (this is in the pigs might fly category) - wouldn't it be 'lovely' if State Rail could be persuaded to lay a special track, bypassing Bundanoon, to carry those snorting locos hauling the cement trucks between Marulan and Berrima.

What a peaceful century that would usher in!

God bless Bundanoon long after we are gone, and may its special magic continue to stimulate the hearts and minds of all who choose to live here.

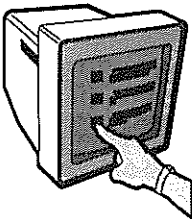


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# Rainforest Cathedral

by Pat Jordan

Extending roots;  
 Roots stretching out for food and strength  
 Like flying buttresses of old cathedrals.  
 Faintest zephyr,  
 Makes fern fronds dance like marionettes.  
 They quiver, twist and twirl, controlled by the wind.  
 Rainforest art;  
 Dappled sunlight on forest floor,  
 Patterns of the canopy, a roof to surpass all.  
 A drop of rain;  
 A spider's web gleams. As fine silk  
 It sways in the breeze, a tiny parachute.  
 A lyrebird calls  
 With first his own metallic song.  
 Copies parrot, whipbird, thrush to lure his mate.  
 Acoustics so perfect,  
 That every sound is magnified  
 To fill the forest with music;  
 Music so clear,  
 That the world seems to stop  
 And to listen and dream;  
 Dreams of Forests long gone  
 And Futures uncertain.  
 "Let us learn from you,  
 Great Forest Cathedral".

# The of Bundanoon

Even though Bundanoon has expanded over the years the sense of community has not been lost. Everybody knows at least somebody.

When tragedy strikes one in our community the care and concern of others becomes evident very quickly.

Connie Swift's home in Amy Street was badly damaged by fire on Saturday 28 August. At the sight of smoke the Town Fire Brigade was called. Within minutes they had started dousing the flames with water and called for back-up brigades.

Neighbours rushed up to comfort Connie, with help being offered on the spot. By the end of the day Connie had somewhere to stay and arrangements were in hand to start salvaging what was left.

Over the next two weeks many people in the community were involved in salvaging furniture and household goods, washing smoke and water damaged clothes, towels and linen, cleaning chinaware and glassware, washing and cleaning walls, floors etc.

Members of the Anglican Church and the Rural Fire Brigade removed all the debris. The dangerous remains of the roof have also been taken down and removed.

Connie, through this time, was receiving TLC from friends and neighbours with many cups of tea being provided. Whenever there was a request for help no one hesitated and, in fact, further help was offered if needed.

There is a very generous community spirit in Bundanoon. It is there everyday but stands out even more when someone suffers tragedy or hardship.

Lyndall Nurse

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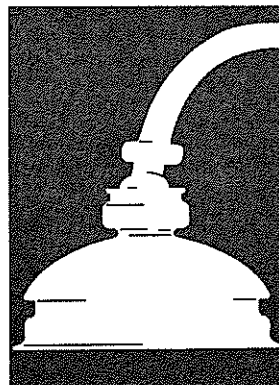
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# POLICE WATCH

The majority of work I encounter in the Police Service is of a negative nature. People do not like hearing bad things about youth; that there is a drug problem; that nearly all motor vehicle accidents are actually caused by the driver; that homes and businesses should be made as secure as possible, and if that includes bars on windows and a complex alarm system, so be it. Anything I have written in the Jordans Crossing Gazette has always been as a result of enquiries from members of the public. Unfortunately, I can't produce lots of positive information - it's not in my line of work.

Back to business! For those who may have noticed, the Highway Patrol has been targeting several roads in Bundanoon, Penrose and Wingello. This will continue due to the ongoing disregard for the speed limit and stop signs. The Highway Patrol is also targeting Not Wearing Seat Belts (\$114); the use of mobile phones while driving (\$114); and U-turning across double lines (\$204), particularly at the corner of Railway Avenue and Church Street.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the people who helped identify, locate and arrest the two young offenders for the Break, Enter and Steal between Penrose, Bundanoon and Sutton Forest on 3 October. All the property was recovered and I appreciated the help. It's nice to see 'Neighbourhood Watch' is still alive even though there's not an official meeting anymore.

Please have a safe and happy Christmas.

Megan BAILIE-MACE (Senior Constable)

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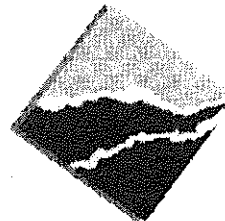
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# BACK TO THE FUTURE

Time travel adventures with students from Bundanoon Public School

## TERROR TEACHERS!

Hello there. My name is Caitlin. I'm sorry, I've got to go. If I stop right now I will not be able to catch anyone. We're playing tag. Wait. What's that hole doing there? It wasn't there a moment ago! I try to stop but I skid. I can't stop!! Suddenly I'm falling, falling, falling. . .

When I finally wake up I'm lying in the middle of a busy street, unaware of the approaching danger. I sit up and the carriage stops just in the nick of time. The driver jumps down and helps me up. It takes me a few minutes to realize that I'm in the past!

A large man approaches. He grabs my hand and canes me across my palm. Then I see the hole. I close my eyes and leap. Suddenly I am falling, falling, falling.

I land hard on the ground. No, not the ground. More like a steel desert. Two people in bulky red suits jab me with a needle and take me into a large room with a small computer on a table in front of me. They are mumbling something but I can't hear them. I have to do hard work. When I turn around there is the hole. Oh well, here I go again!

When I come to, I am lying on the grass, in my present time. I get up and dust myself off. I look at my watch. It's 1.25 pm. No time has passed.

I see the hole sometimes, but I seldom jump in. My normal school is terrifying enough, thank you!

by Caitlin Drane

## BLINKING!

It's Monday. Just another boring old day. But something happened that was not at all boring! Today during maths, Ms Millard was putting sums on the board. I closed my eyes for a split second, just blinked, and suddenly it wasn't now! WE WERE IN THE PAST!!! All of a sudden we had slates instead of books!

I blinked again and . . . WE WERE IN THE FUTURE!

At first I thought it was all a dream but then I saw that everyone else was confused as well and realised it couldn't be. We went outside and it was 3.00 pm so it was time to go home, but I didn't get it. We didn't even have lunch. I got on my hoverboard (we don't have cars any more) and went to where I thought my house would be and saw it wasn't there! I closed my eyes and told myself it would all go away. When I opened them again . . . I WAS HOME!

And I never hated maths again!

by Morwenna Daly

## TRAVELLING THROUGH TIME

When I was cleaning out the garage I found a time machine. It had a seat and lots of buttons. I didn't know what it was so I hopped in. Some of the buttons had numbers on them. I pushed one that said 1870. All of a sudden it started shaking and making a humming noise. It started to spin.

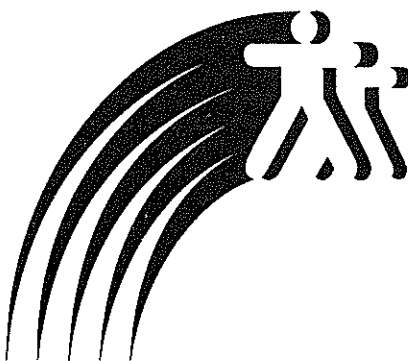
When it stopped I was in an old fashioned classroom. I asked a girl where we were. She just ignored me, then a teacher came up to me. She said, "I'll see you later." Soon the teacher came up to me and put this metal thing down my back and told me to sit up straight. Later I went to the teacher's office. She had a wooden cane. She said, "Since it's your first day I'll let you off easily."

When the day was finally over I ran to the time machine and hopped in. I reached for the button that said 1999 but I slipped and pressed 3099. It started to spin. When it stopped I was in a strange room. I didn't think it was a school. I mean it didn't have any teachers and it had lots of computers. All of a sudden the computer started talking. It said, "I'm your new teacher." My teacher was a computer!

Later when we were having maths I heard a buzzing noise. "Lunch time," the teacher called. I went outside. It was like a fun fair. There were roller coasters! Just then a girl said, "I'll show you where the cafeteria is." "Okay," I said. When we got there, there were all these square pellets. I saw people with normal food. People were lined up in front of this machine so I joined them. When it was my turn I pressed a button and water came out and landed on the pellets, then they started to grow. One grew into a piece of chicken and one grew into a roll.

When the day was over I walked to the time machine. I pressed the button that said 1999. The time machine started to shake. When it stopped I was finally in my own room with my normal teacher and my normal friends.

by Rebecca Stinton



## FUTURISTIC SCHOOLS

In the future I think that schools will be better because of more things like robots. You could get to school much differently. You could take a flybike, hoverboard or hovercar. I wish that some teachers were robots.

In the future all the pens and pencils would change. You might put on a suit and tell it what to do and it would do all your work (heaven!). At playtime you could play virtual soccer. So over-all I think that the future is better.

I would take a hoverboard to school!

by Finn Ruth-Duffy

## A FASCINATING JOURNEY THROUGH SCHOOL LIFE!

Let's find out about schooling. Into the time machine and let's go. Here we are, the site of Bundanoon Primary School 1800. What's this? Where are all the buildings? There is only one.

Let's go inside. Look how still it is! Everyone is working hard. There are wooden benches down both sides of the room. Let's walk down the aisle. The children seem to be getting smaller and younger as we go. Now the teacher stands up. We did not notice him before. He is a tall, dark man with bushy eye brows. His eyes are hard and cold like rocks. Not a flicker of light shows in them. He speaks. What is he saying? We cannot tell. A girl and a boy get up. They walk to the front. Picking up chalk they proceed to work out sums on the board. Let us look more closely at them. The girl has straight black hair falling down her back in two long plaits. She wears a faded brown dress going down to her knees. She is barefoot. The boy's hair is brown and straight. Impatiently he brushes it away from his eyes. He wears a shirt and shorts. They go back to their places.

Someone whispers. The teacher is angry! He rises from his seat. Picking up his cane he strides down the aisle. We hurry before him - back outside.

Now for the present. Let's try 1999. The school has expanded. On looking through a window we see children working in their books. Going through a door we hear the steady hum of computers. The clothes have changed. The children are all in uniform.

Let's go into the future - 3000. What's this? Children in stiff grey uniforms are sitting with plugs in their ears! Information rushes across screens. Once more teaching has changed. No more teachers. Only machines with endless information to pour into children's ears.

by Pia Lenane



## JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

Hi! I'm Nicole and it's the year 1999 and I have a friend called Laura. Once I was caught in a Time Machine. What!? You don't believe me! Well I'll tell you then . . .

One day I was walking home from school and I tripped over my shoelaces! I fell over and banged my head on the hard stony path. I was out cold for sure!

When I finally woke up it was dark and cold but the streetlights were still on so I could still see my way home. Then the strangest thing happened! As I was walking up my street I saw a time machine! I couldn't help myself - I had to have a look inside. When I got to it there was a steel door. I pulled at it with both hands; I stepped inside. It was like a time line, except the years were buttons. I turned around to have a look, but, oh no, my elbow accidentally hit the button 1810! The steel door slammed shut and the noise I heard sounded like a truck accelerating. I felt seasick and thought I was about to be physically sick. Then suddenly everything went silent. The door opened. I stepped out and found myself in a classroom. At least I think it was a classroom.

"What are you doing, Johnson?!"

"Excuse me?" I said.

"Come to me," she replied.

I quickly walked over to her.

"Hold your hand out and close your eyes."

Oh goodie! Maybe she was going to give me a sweet or something. But then, "O w w w w w w w!!" My hand was throbbing with pain!

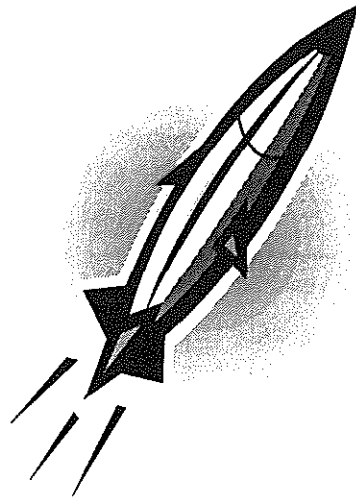
"Sit down!" she boomed.

I sat down but there were no pens, pencils or even paper! It was just a scrappy old piece of paper and a piece of chalk. I have got to get out of here, I thought. Where's the Time Machine? Ah, there it is near the door but no-one else seemed to see it. Oh well, I had to take a chance. I got up and bolted for the Time Machine. Good thing I got there in time! Then I thought, "Maybe I could explore in the future!" Yes! I pressed 3000. It was exactly the same feeling as last time. It stopped, the door opened, I stepped out and looked around. Cool! Every single desk had a computer! (I love computers!) And children were flying around on hovercrafts! I looked outside. There was even a cafeteria! Cool!

I spent the whole day there and when the electronic bell rang I said goodbye to everyone and climbed into the Time Machine and pressed 1999. The door opened and I found myself in a classroom. The teacher was just saying, "For a project this week you will write a story about schools in the past and the future. You have till Monday to do it." Cool! I can't believe my luck! I can do it tonight!

So do you believe me now? Good. Oh yes, did you guess I got an A+++ on my project!?

by Nicole Johnson



### ZAPPED!

Help! What's happening to me!? My body is wobbling. It's becoming like jelly! Whoosh! Suddenly I'm all right. I'm sitting in a classroom. I look around. All the boys have bare feet and the girls are wearing lace-up boots and frilly dresses. Yuk! I look down at myself and "aaah!" - I'm wearing a frilly dress! Just then the teacher walks in. She has neat hair tied back in a bun. She looks kind of familiar. I don't know where I've seen her before. Probably the X-Files by the looks of her.

"Quiet class!" she orders in a bossy tone. I put my hand up.

"What is it Morgan?" She knows my name! Maybe she's a witch or something.

"I . . . I . . . I was wondering, well, what year is it?" I stutter.

"How forgetful of you Morgan! It's 1988!"

"B . . . But th . . . that was the year I . . . I was . . . was (gulp) BORN!" I exclaimed bewildered.

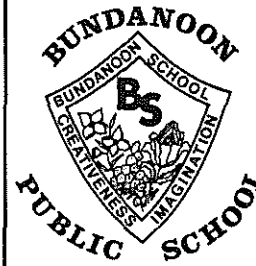
"Enough of the smart talk missy! Now get to work!" she bellowed.

I screamed and leapt out of my seat like I'd been stung by a bee. I raced outside. But I was no longer in 1988! I was in Bundanoon School playground 1999! "What's happening to me?" I yelled to no-one in particular. I closed my eyes, overwhelmed with dizziness. I sank to the ground. Next thing I knew I heard a robotic voice saying, "C-h-i-l-d-r-e-n c-o-m-e-i-n-s-i-d-e."

I wandered into a glass dome marked "4/5". My teacher was a robot! By the way, I forgot to tell you about 1999. It was neat! My teacher's name is Ms Millard. She's nice.

But I'd rather not go to school past, present or future! I leapt as high as possible! I floated up and became lighter than air! Whoosh! I woke up in a sweat. It had all been just a dream. Just a dream! More like a nightmare actually!

by Morgan Starling



At Bundanoon Public School we have had a very busy but very rewarding Term 3 with a focal point being our Education Week activities. The theme for the week was 'Learning For All'.

Our annual whole school performance was held on the 14 September at the Memorial Hall.

Our Celebration Concert featured each of our six classes performing a variety of musical and dramatic performances and our students showed a wonderful wealth of talent on the evening. It was a lovely opportunity for all of our students, parents and community to share an enjoyable time together.

Throughout the week we had a whole school art display which featured every child from Kindergarten through to Year 6. Our open day featured a number of musical performances by a variety of classes. Parents and visitors also had the opportunity to visit classrooms and stay for a picnic lunch.

The week was also a wonderful opportunity to see the excellent Creative and Practical Arts Programs (a key learning area) implemented in all classes across our school.

Other highlights of the term were:

- \* Outstanding student achievement in sport. Many students achieved at District Level representation while two extremely talented students reached State Level.
- \* Distinctions were achieved in the University of NSW English and Maths competitions which are run State wide.
- \* The achievement of two very talented students who reached District Level in the Multicultural Speaking Competition.
- \* Our Book Week Celebrations, during which community readers were invited to read to our classes. Our book parade which involved our local preschool and our book fair were also successful.
- \* The Blu Roc Cafe Exhibition at Bowral. Fifty pieces of art work were exhibited at the Cafe by our students and the official opening on Saturday 21 August was attended by staff, students, parents and grandparents.

We have had a wonderful term!

Also included in this edition of the Gazette is a selection of work from our students who have written about the past and future in the classroom. There are some exciting implications for the future! We hope you enjoy their work.

Lyn Fraser (Principal)

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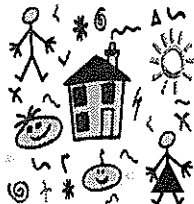
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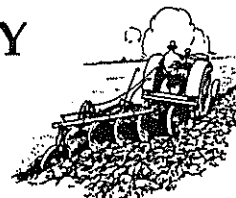


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# THAT WAS THEN

by KATE PERKINS

As roving reporter I was invited to chat to some of Bundanoon's senior citizens over morning tea at their Wednesday Carribee Club meeting. They were keen to share a few early reminiscences.

**Mrs Alma Massingham** has lived here always. Her grandfather, Samuel Tooth, took up land in Bundanoon in 1862 - land which is still occupied by his descendants. We wrote of his achievements in an earlier issue of the magazine.

**Mrs Maud Mangold** grew up in Sydney. She recalls family camping holidays at Avalon where there was not one house, just a few fishermen's shacks. Her father would drive their old Ford from Dulwich Hill to Dawes Point where they boarded the punt to Milsons Point. She remembers a wonderful childhood herself and has nothing but praise for today's children, especially her own grand- and great grandchildren. She married in 1931 at the height of the depression and lived in Greasons Road where she and her husband brought up their family. She and her children walked everywhere and picnicked in the gullies, pushing a pram up and down the aptly named Constitution Hill. Mrs Mangold celebrated her 85th birthday a few years ago by riding pillion with Jim Rundle on his Harley Davidson - not just around Bundanoon, but to Robertson! She scoffed at my idea that next time she might travel in a side car. "That," she said, "would be boring."

**Mrs Dulcie Cowgill** was born in Burwood and spent a large part of her childhood in Central Tilba while her father was away at the war. Her first memory is as a three year old seeing the trains at Central Station loaded with troops, and troop ships at Woolloomooloo. Dulcie and her husband Allan ran a guest house at Narooma - she remembers happy times around the piano and particularly the evocative music of WWII. During this time she came to Bundanoon where she met Ada Fowler and decided this was where she would like to spend her retirement. She still plays the piano, and she and Allan spend much time in their lovely garden, in between times hitching up their caravan and travelling north.

**Mrs Jane Buckett** was one of seven children whose father had difficulty finding work during the depression. She literally remembers eating bread and dripping and left school at fourteen when she got a job with a mens' tailoring firm. She spent some early years in Goulburn but lived in Sydney when she was first married. When I asked about memories of early flights she recalled taking her son to Mascot to see the planes - wonderful excitement for a small boy.

**Mrs Emilie Terrassin** who lived in Morocco and France before coming to Australia remembered a different flight - the transatlantic crossing in 1927 by Charles Lindbergh - and, of course, rationing and coupons during the war.

**Mrs Sylvia Oliver** came to Australia from England in 1950. After living briefly at Kogarah she moved to the Highlands - Exeter. When Queen Elizabeth was crowned in 1953 there was a party at the Sutton Forest Hotel where the guests gathered around the radio, standing for the National Anthem, and celebrating afterwards with a bonfire and crackers. She also remembers the thrill of standing by the side of the road as the Olympic torch was carried through Exeter in 1956. Our own Denny Hoye perhaps? Although she has no children of her own she is proud of great-nieces and nephews in Queensland, five fine young people due to the influence of good parental example. She mentions, too, that despite TV and canned entertainment, Meccano sets are making a come back.

**Mrs Beryl Seinor** was born in 1906 at Milsons Point where her parents had a newsagency. She remembers her uncle going to war - and, more importantly, returning safely. The opening of the Harbour Bridge remains fast in her memory.

**Mrs Diana Sedgbeer's** father served in WWI - she grew up in England - and she of course lived through the harrowing times there of WWII. Her childhood was different from that of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren here in Bundanoon but, as she says, "We move with the times and grandmothers are getting younger."

**Mrs Betty Shipway** and her sister Mary Quigg were born in Exeter and are lifelong highlanders. Betty worked at Lynbrook, now the Youth Hostel, and one of her early memories is of a plane crashing near the dairy on Sally's Corner Road during fog in about 1945. There were movies in Bundanoon every Wednesday and Saturday, and, in her opinion, more for the young people to do than there is today. (See also Lucy Rocca's article on the outdoor skating rink - a feasibility study and council permit would surely be needed today!)

I felt privileged to be speaking with these people, some of whom have lived through almost the entire 20th century. Our young citizens may indeed wonder what lies ahead in 2000 and beyond.



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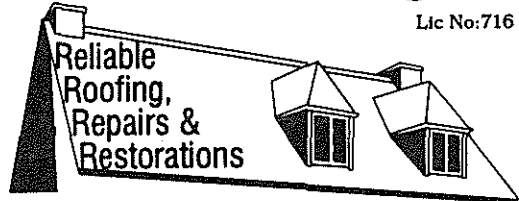
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Visitors can expect English food and drink, English customs, English animals . . .

The Ancient Arts Fellowship will turn on something resembling the Battle of Hastings, and the Routiers will recreate a battle scene from the English Civil War.

The Jack Russell Terriers will create havoc and hilarity once again and the Winsome Wenches from the Bundanoon Hotel will be serving (warm) English beer at the Exeter Arms!

The Fayre is in aid of improvements to Exeter Park (easily the prettiest in the Shire) but, like Brigadoon, it's a great chance for local organisations and charities to conduct a stall or event to raise funds for their own purposes.

For information about stall sites, contact secretary Patricia Denett, care of Exeter Post Office, telephone 4883 4021.

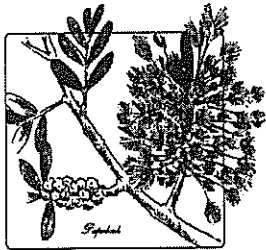
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# Bundanoon Garden Club News

Spring is here and summer is not too far away. Doesn't our village look beautiful! Meryn and Wendy have certainly brought a good deal of pleasure to all with their wonderful shop front gardens.

The coach trip to Mt Pleasant was a 'Colour Spectacular' - Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Clivias in bloom, with the Wollongong Botanical Gardens just as beautiful. As well as organised coach trips, our club enjoys a monthly picnic outing (by car), to some of the most delightful picnic locations, which are generally no further than a half to one hour drive from Bundanoon. These outings are organised by Rita and Bob Baird, who must know every beautiful spot to simply relax and enjoy yourself, both with scenery and good company. Rita and Bob go to some trouble in checking out each location for facilities before recommending an outing, and we all say "Thank you, Rita and Bob!"

Our guest speakers continue to be the best. In August we welcomed Adam Neilson who is a Greenkeeper. Adam was a wealth of information regarding suitable grasses for the Highlands, as well as advice on weed eradication. In September we had the pleasure of Deidre Hill's advice on Insects, Pests and Diseases in Gardens, also plantings which are particularly suited to the Southern Highlands. These two speakers gave so generously of their time and knowledge and we hope to hear from them again. In October, Wendy Johnston, Bundanoon-based horticulturist and garden designer was our speaker. Wendy spoke in a most entertaining way on cottage gardens. We were interested to learn that this form of gardening dates from enclosed monastic orders in England who literally gardened behind high walls. Wendy made suggestions for plantings and her talk brought forth many questions. A future speaker will be Jill Cockram, Lecturer on Permaculture, who also writes articles for 'Permacultivator'. We look forward to her presentation.

We are most fortunate having had such quality speakers to our club during 1999 and we thank them most sincerely for their time and advice. We are all the better educated through their support.

December brings us to our Christmas Luncheon. This year we will celebrate at The Bundanoon Hotel, on Thursday, December 2. If you are not already a member of our club we would be happy to have you join us on this day so please ring me on 4883 6966 for further details.

It is pleasing to welcome new members. The last two months have seen new faces from Exeter, Fitzroy Falls and Penrose. As this will be the last Gazette before the year 2000 - A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all!

Norma Waldon (Hon Secretary)



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## "The Gondoliers"



Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, composed in the 19th century, continue to be perennially popular and this was proven yet again when the Savoy Arts Company opened its 1999 season 'in the provinces' - Bundanoon - as it has done for the last decade. Many Southern Highlanders joined family and friends of the cast on a Saturday afternoon in August and were treated to a delightful performance of The Gondoliers. Musical director Manu Prasad provided the piano accompaniment as the Gondoliers, the Duke and Duchess of Plaza-Toro, their daughter Casilda, Don Alhambra and the entire company romped their way through 16th century Venice with much mirth and merriment and more than a little talent. Sir Arthur Sullivan's collaboration with W S Gilbert remains the only longstanding and unbroken tradition in English of musical theatre, and the clever social commentary seems timeless, thus ensuring a long run into the next millennium.



## PRIDE IN THE LIONS CLUB

The members of the Bundanoon Lions Club have been very busy lately. On Wednesday, 1 September, a very successful "Golden Luncheon" was held at the Hotel with 87 people in attendance. Our Guest Speaker was Linda Emery from the Bundanoon History Group. Linda spoke about local identities of the past - an extremely interesting topic. This was followed by a Dutch auction. All in all a very enjoyable day - good food, good wine, good company, good fun - and just on \$1000 was raised towards our Lions' project for this year - upgrading and beautifying the courtyard at Linkside Nursing Home.

Another very successful day was held on Sunday 12 September at the Bowling Club. Members and guests participated in the fun and games, with a lunch being provided which raised \$800 to be donated to NRMA Careflight.

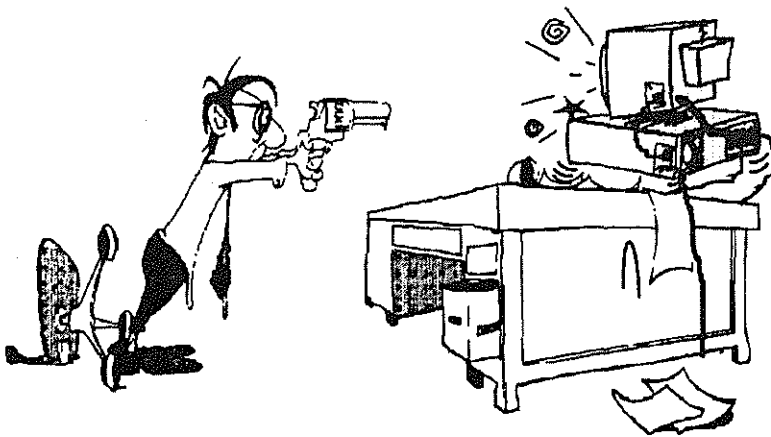
On Monday 20 September Alan Cluff, the Chairman of Warrigal Care, and Ian Wilson, Chief Executive Officer of Warrigal Care, were Guest Speakers at our Dinner Meeting and they each gave an extremely interesting and informative talk on the history of Warrigal Care and the future path being taken by that Group. Members all agreed they would like to hear more from these gentlemen at another Dinner Meeting in the future.

With only a few weeks to go until our Christmas Party for the Senior Citizens of Bundanoon, we are now well into the planning stage. This annual event is very popular with our older friends.

Remember, anyone is welcome to attend our meetings - just phone our Secretary, Shirley Scott, on 4883 6851, to book your place. We would love to have you.

*Maureen Martin (Publicity Officer)*

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When Bundanoon Chamber of Commerce was disbanded some years ago, a small group of business people interested in attracting visitors to our town decided to form an association which is a sub-group of the Bundanoon Community Development Association known as Bundanoon Visitors Group.

Our regular dinner meetings and lively discussions have ensured a continued interest in the future of Bundanoon as a tourist destination.

We welcome the opening of the Country Bakehouse in the main street. Having worked in Braidwood and Bungendore, Dianne and David Hayman are enthusiastic about opening their business here, offering a variety of breads, cakes and pastries.

The Saville family have opened a craft shop in Railway Terrace, with a continuous supply of hand-made goods ensured by Kate and her eight sisters. Together with the recent addition of the liquor store this reassures us that business opportunities are still available here and we expect further development as the town's population increases.

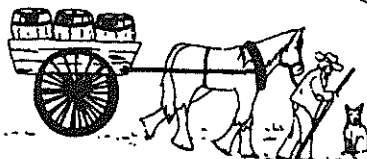
As a group, we will continue to have input into ideas for beautification of the town where we have chosen to live.

We welcome new members to the Visitors Group (there is no joining fee) particularly craft persons working from home.

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In the last issue of JCG we mentioned the fact that we had too few volunteers to thank for giving their time to Linkside Nursing Home. In this issue we are delighted to add our 'thank you' to Evelyn Lush, Jean Hackshall and Donald McGill, all of Bundanoon.

Evelyn and Jean chat and read to our Residents and also help with morning and afternoon teas. Donald, who is an accomplished pianist, comes along to accompany the church choir, so that hymns are no longer a'capela. He also plays for half an hour or so beforehand for an old time sing-a-long.

On Thursday September 16, Lionel Miller, the choir and Donald were joined by students from Capernwray Bible School in Moss Vale and the afternoon was wonderful for our Residents.

The fund raising put on by the Bundanoon Lions Club at the Bundanoon Hotel in September was a great success and an enormous amount of fun, especially the dutch auction - some of our staff had never been to a dutch auction and got quite carried away. Apparently there are going to be many more such fund raisers put on by the Bundanoon Lions Club, so we hope to see you at some of them.

It's another glorious spring in Bundanoon and our Residents are thoroughly enjoying being out in the fresh air. This, of course, means that they like to spend their time in the courtyard. The courtyard is one of the areas that the Lions Club is raising money to beautify, so please, next time you see a poster for Linkside fund raising, come along and meet some of us.

*Judy McLoughlin (Director of Nursing)*

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## GAMBELLS REST, OGDENS REST, AND ALL THE REST

OR ..... LOOKOUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

by DON MCGILL

Q. Which is the odd-one-out? A. Gambells Rest.

Explanation: "Ogdens Rest" and "all the rest" refer to the numerous lookouts (there are 25 - possibly more) dotted along the edge of the escarpment overlooking the beautiful Bundanoon Creek gorge within Morton National Park. "Gambells Rest", is not, of course, a lookout - it is the name of the main picnic area, camping area and ranger station just inside the main entrance to the park at the end of Gullies Road.

How many local people can name at least half of these lookouts? I will endeavour to name all of them, with brief notes about each one. The lookouts I have listed in order from west to north. West to north? Shouldn't that read west to east or south to north? No, because the gorge doesn't run in a straight line - it is roughly crescent shaped. We start travelling in an easterly direction, and finish in a northerly one. (Please note that the following information is from my own observation and research, and I cannot guarantee the accuracy of historical data.)

I have divided the lookouts into four sections - as there are four different access points. In this edition of JCG I describe the first two sections:



Illustration by Mim Smith

### 1. VIEW POINT SECTION (off Coal Mines Road):

**View Point:** This is the first lookout that overlooks the Bundanoon Creek gorge, and, perhaps, the oldest. (Another lookout, Teudt's, further along the escarpment towards Penrose, overlooks the gorge of Johnstones Creek.) I discussed View Point in my story on Hell Hole in the last issue of JCG. The lookout is unfenced, but relatively safe as it is not a sheer drop.

### 2. GAMBELLS REST (MAIN) SECTION (Main Park Entrance - Gullies Road):

**Echo Point:** Probably the best known lookout within the Bundanoon section of the park. This one (fully accessible by all vehicles) has the most extensive view of all the subject lookouts. One can see to the Shoalhaven River and beyond to the Ettrema Plateau in the distance. If you have a keen eye, you can also pick out Hell Hole from here.

The lookout was probably named after its bigger cousin at Katoomba. A picnic area is located close-by, with a large picnic shelter, barbecues and toilets.

**Mt Carnarvon:** This lesser-visited lookout is only accessible on foot, and is approached from the Echo Point picnic area by a relatively short, but somewhat steep, track. The lookout, itself, is in good condition, but, unfortunately, the view is partly obscured by tree growth around and below it. However, it is a good spot to get away from it all for a short while.

**Bonnie View:** The first of two lookouts located close together and approached via a branch road (2WD) off the main Echo Point Road, which runs past the Wishing Well (theres a story to this place - perhaps in a later issue of Jordans Crossing Gazette).

The lookout fence needs extending, and I understand this is planned to be accomplished in the near future. There used to be a picnic shelter here many years ago. For some reason, this is a favourite spot for lovers (probably because it is located at the end of "Lovers Walk"), and for people who like to sit and contemplate. An early settler of Scottish descent called this a "bonnie view", and it somehow stuck.

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**Beauchamps Cliffs:** A sheer-drop, but well-fenced, lookout approximately 100 metres east of Bonnie View, accessible by all vehicles, but there is only a tiny car-park. Most people leave their vehicles at Bonnie View and walk up and back to this one. It was named after, and actually opened by, Earl Beauchamp, Governor of N.S.W. at the turn of the last century.

**Gambells:** No, not Gambell's Rest - Gambell's Lookout, but both named after Thomas Gambell, a railway ganger who lived at Springvale, and who opened up many of the walking tracks in the area. A relatively unknown little lookout located off the track to Fern Glen from Grand Canyon, accessible only on foot, and situated immediately below and alongside its bigger brother, Grand Canyon. This is another sheer-drop, but well-fenced, lookout.

**Grand Canyon:** A well-known lookout with its own large and popular picnic area (despite the lack of a shelter or toilets). This spot is approached via the one-way circular road that branches off the main road to Echo Point a little over a kilometre south of Gambells Rest. The right fork some distance further on (not sign-posted as at the time of writing) leads you to this beautiful spot. Named because of the canyon-like shape of the gorge at this point, and probably after its much-larger distant relative in the U.S.A.

**Sunrise Point:** Another much-visited lookout just up from Grand Canyon and situated right on the circular one-way road. There is a small parking area immediately past the lookout. A similar view to that at Grand Canyon. This is also a popular resting spot for walkers who take the circular road from and to Gambell's Rest - it marks the half-way point.

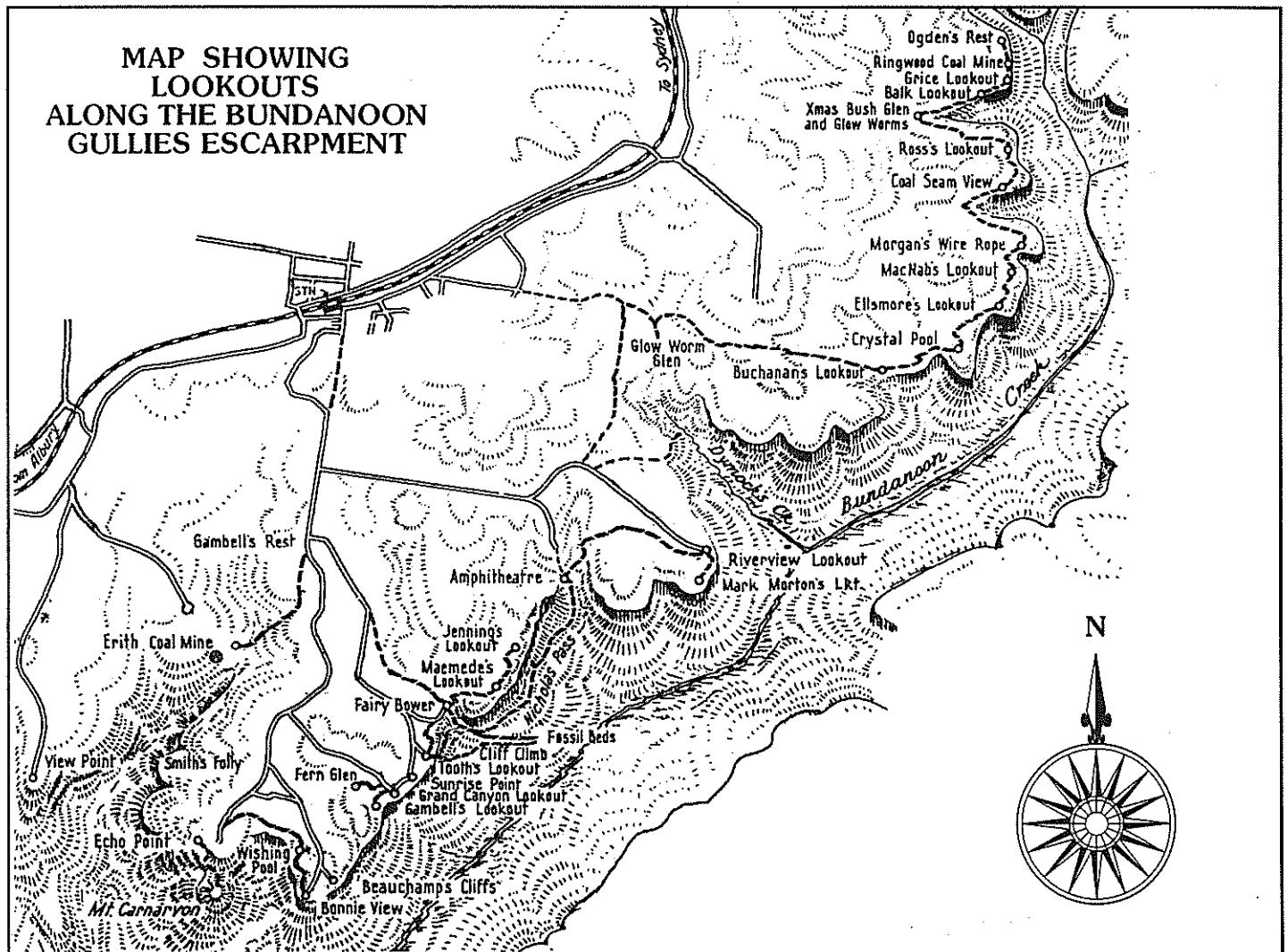
**Tooths:** This lookout is at the top of the amazingly-constructed Cliff Climb track that takes you right down to Bundanoon Creek. It is accessible only on foot, but is only a very short distance (level walking) from the road. It was named after Samuel Tooth who owned and operated a sawmill further up the escarpment at Riverview long before the National Park existed.

**Spooners:** This is the relatively-unknown, but *correct*, name of the lookout adjacent to Fairy Bower Falls. Because of the popularity of the walk to this magic spot, the lookout is well patronised by all who pass by. It is accessible only on foot, and requires a steep climb down from the large parking area just off the main circular road. It can also be reached via the longer, but less-steep, walking track which leaves the road somewhat further along and the best track to use if walking from Gambell's Rest. Named after Eric Spooner, M.P., who actually opened the lookout.

**Maemedes:** The first of two forgotten or "lost" lookouts along the top of the escarpment between Fairy Bower Falls and the Amphitheatre. I am unsure as to its exact location, and any track leading to it is now overgrown. (There was one earlier in the century.) It is shown on various old maps, but the exact location differs on some. One day, I hope to re-discover this, and the next, lookout. The lookout was, curiously, named after four members of the Tooth family - MAy, EMma, EaDiE and Sam.

**Jennings:** The second of the said forgotten or lost lookouts - a little further along than Maemedes. Its exact whereabouts remain also unknown to me. This lookout was named after another local family.

And WHAT ABOUT OGDENS REST AND ALL THE REST? Sorry, you'll have to wait until the next edition of JCG.



# FORTY THOUSAND HORSEMEN RIDE INTO BUNDANOON

As announced on one radio station, 'forty thousand horsemen' rode into Bundanoon on Saturday 14th August! Despite an extremely cold and wet night, 180 people braved the inclement conditions to enjoy a night of 1940's nostalgia in the Hall with the viewing of the Australian military epic *Forty Thousand Horsemen*.

Mr Charles Slater got our old projectors working beautifully and the Hall resounded with peels of laughter at the most amusing advertisements from the 1940's. He also showed us period cinesound newsreel of the Snowy Mountain Scheme and the champion swimming Conrad siblings.

Our audience were treated to popcorn, choc tops, ice cream, lolly bags and a marvellous supper in the interval, after which we all settled back (the wise and experienced with cushions under bottoms and rugs on knees) to enjoy the main feature *Forty Thousand Horsemen* starring Chips Rafferty in his first major role.

Over \$700 was raised towards the Soldiers Memorial Hall refurbishment fund. Many thanks to all those willing volunteers who helped to stage this most successful evening. (Thankfully our prediction that our team of volunteers would outnumber the audience was proved wrong quite emphatically!)

Watch this space for news of more movie gems coming early in the New Year.



## Bundanoon RSL Sub-Branch

A Brief History - by Ross Counsell

The Returned Services League evolved as a direct result of the camaraderie, concern and mateship shown by the "Diggers" for the welfare of their mates during and after the 1914 - 1918 War. That ethos of compassion and service remains today the motivating influence of the league.

In the early 1930's a move was made to form a Sub-Branch in Bundanoon. At this time some of the returned men from World War I belonged to Moss Vale Sub-Branch and some used to meet at various venues around the district, at places such as Bundanoon, Exeter, and Wingello.

The Sub-Branch was finally formed and was granted the Charter in March 1933. In the same year the Sub-Branch arranged a Carnival in Bundanoon (next to where the Police Station now stands). The money raised was used to purchase the land where the Soldiers' Memorial Hall now stands. The Sub-Branch, not being a Statutory Body, was unable to borrow money to build a hall. The land was given to the Shire who built the Hall which was opened in 1934 and has been used as a Memorial Hall ever since.

The Memorial Hall is still used each year for our Anzac Day Celebrations. We have had fifty-four Anzac Day Services since the war finished in 1945, and I have had the honour of attending all of them.

In 1953 we decided to build our own meeting room where it now stands, near the main gates to the Oval. This building was built mainly by the efforts of two of our members, Carl Bromfield and Boy Voller. We have been meeting there ever since.

Thanks to assistance from the Wingecarribee Shire and Federal Government, through local member Joanna Gash, we were able to erect a Memorial Stone at our Club Rooms.

Since the Sub-Branch was formed in 1933 we have only had ten Presidents:

1933 - 1950	Charles Ross	1980 - 1984	Ted McManus
1951 - 1953	David Jones	1985 - 1988	Gordon Harmon
1954 - 1960	David Friend	1989 - 1990	Ray Capper
1961 - 1968	Ross Counsell	1991 - 1996	Tom Colquhoun
1969 - 1971	Roy Bellchambers	1997 - 1998	Ray Capper /
1972 - 1979	Ross Counsell	1998 -	Aub McArthy

In the last thirty years we have had 150 members on our books. Today we have a membership of 27. I have seen a few hundred members come and go over the last fifty years. Since the war ended in 1945 we have had 54 Annual Meetings, and I have attended 53 of them. Since 1951 I have been in office continually, for the past five years as Secretary.

Over the years we have taken part in a variety of community activities. Some years back we helped in the National Park by repairing and painting some of the shelter sheds at the lookouts. We were also able to provide finance for the first men's hockey team in Bundanoon. The Sub-Branch has had a stall at Brigadoon for the past 22 years.

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Our International Day brings together members from other branches in the Wollondilly Group and this year we had a lunch featuring Spanish food which proved very popular. The children at Bundanoon Public School were invited to participate in a poster competition and we were thrilled to have 36 entries. Four of the children and their mothers attended the International Day and this was of great interest to our visitors.

Some of our members visited the Spanish Embassy in Canberra on 14 September. We were made very welcome at morning tea and were shown two videos about Spain. We are planning to see another video of Spain which has been shown on Don Burke's programme and this will probably finalise this year's International work.

We took a group of nineteen ladies (members and friends) on a bus trip to Cobbity to visit Margaret Peel's Fibre Supplies to see the wonderful work being done there by this very innovative cottage industry. They have even just imported new spinning machines from Canada so that they can now complete their fibre process. Previously they mainly supplied wool ready for spinning. This proved to be a most worthwhile and enjoyable experience. We then visited the Woolaby factory at Mittagong which has recently relocated to our area, where we viewed their wonderful range of garments and saw the machinists making the jumpers. This is a completely 'on shore' operation using woollen materials spun and woven here in Australia. We feel quite special having them in our area where they are looking to move even more of their operation from Sydney. The materials are made in Victoria.

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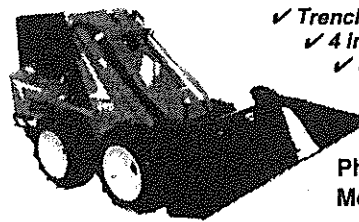
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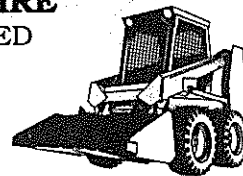
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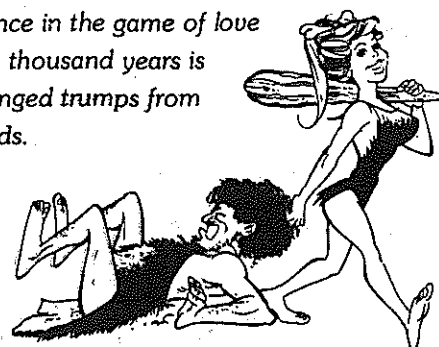
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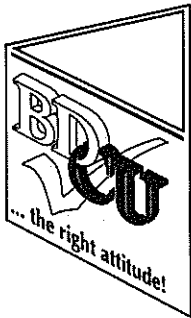
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### Will the "Bug" affect me?

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Virtually all of the appliances you rely on to cook, wash and clean will not be affected by the change of year as most are not dependent on a date to function. Some appliances have a timer which is a 24-hour clock rather than being date dependent. Some old video recorders may not recognise the change but a test can be performed to check:

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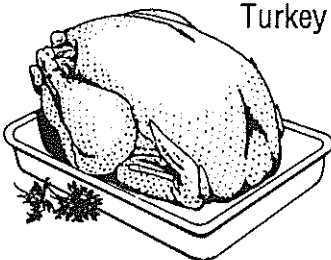
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During World War II an open air wooden skating rink appeared on vacant land in Phillips Street near where the Scout Hall now stands. A small 'office' shed housed the skates for hire and a member of the Burke family who collected the admission money, but most importantly a bottle of methylated spirits to dab on the many splinters which found their way into various parts of the skater's anatomy. As hardly anyone in Bundanoon had any experience of roller skating, falls were many. However, with practice came proficiency and it wasn't long before young, and not so young, were whizzing around the floor, a water pipe railing the only barrier preventing a headlong rush off the rink onto the grass. Bench seats were provided for spectators who came to watch the sport, mostly in the evenings. It was lights out at 10 pm, when the music stopped and the 'swish' of the skates was stilled. Music was supplied via loud speakers. 'The Skater's Waltz' - what else? - was one of the most popular tunes.

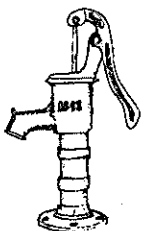


As with most activities during the War any excuse was used to raise money for the War Effort, and skating was no exception. Among other things, fancy dress nights were held, and the late Madge Burrows delighted everyone with her jokes and eccentric skating.

As quietly as it had arrived the roller skating rink departed, leaving many memories behind.

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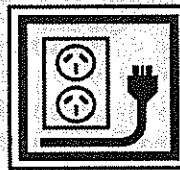
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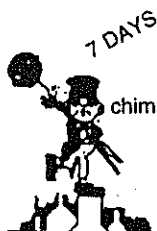
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# NSW FIRE BRIGADE

## Bundanoon Station No. 242



By Captain Denis Hoye (Bundanoon Station Commander)

The NSW Fire Brigade (NSWFB) has responsibility to provide fire prevention, mitigation and suppression services to the major metropolitan areas, regional centres and towns in rural New South Wales, together with rescue responsibilities and the State-wide management of hazardous material incidents.

These services are provided from a network of 327 fire stations to directly protect over 90% of the State's population (approximately 5,400,00 people).

The Brigade's Mission is to minimise the impact of emergency incidents on the community. Ongoing programs and use of community resources are intended to increase its capacity to:

- save life and reduce the number of injuries caused by fires and other emergencies;
- minimise property damage at fires;
- promote fire prevention and safety; and
- minimise the likelihood of deaths, injury and damage to the environment from hazardous material incidents.

The NSW Fire Brigade continues to pursue its vision of being a world class fire and emergency service providing the community of New South Wales with a service it can trust, rely on and be proud of into the next millennium.

The Brigade has 2833 full time and 3206 part time retained fire fighters and officers, who are all trained and equipped to provide immediate and rapid response to fires and other emergency situations.

The residents of Bundanoon should be made aware, and be proud of the fact that they have a highly trained crew of 12 firefighters stationed at the Bundanoon Fire Station, mainly local boys who were born and educated in Bundanoon.

It is the requirement of the NSW Fire Brigade that all firefighters must be fully trained. They must attend two hour drills twice each month, plus extra special drills every four weeks, conducted by fully qualified Training Officers from Sydney. These officers specialise in Fire Fighting, Hazmat and Rescue procedures. For good measure, firefighters must attend the Hot Fire Training Centre for two days at Albion Park, twice a year.

The Bundanoon Town Fire Brigade was first started in November 1959 on the site of the present new Fire Station. Our first Captain was Ross Counsell, who retired 10 years ago. Still remaining in the Brigade are Captain Denis Hoye and Dept Captain Chubby Nurse. I will let you into a little secret - we are both retiring at the end of November this year, after 40 years service. I must say that with the well trained young people who will take our place Bundanoon will always be well covered by good fire protection.

If any schools or local groups wish to make an inspection of the Fire Station, please contact the Fire Station on 4883 6333.

As this is our first report in the Jordans Crossing Gazette, more and interesting news will follow in further issues.



■ Captain Denis Hoye

# FIRE SAFETY STARTS AT HOME

# BUNDANOON RURAL FIRE SERVICE

## FROM LEATHER BEATERS AND KNAPSACKS

By *Captian Alan Fairbrother (Bundanoon Rural Fire Service)*

Since taking over the role of Captain in April this year I look around at the equipment and facilities that are available to us today and I am grateful for the progress that has been made. We've certainly come a long way from the leather beaters and knapsacks that are hanging up on the back wall of the shed.



The Bush Fire Brigade itself goes way back to the turn of the century, but the Fire Station that we currently occupy in Burgess Street wasn't built until 1982. The Auxiliary had begun raising money twelve years earlier, back in the mid 1970's by selling cakes and running raffles in the main street.

One of the big fund raisers was the "Boronia Festival" (the forerunner to Brigadoon) and I'm sure some of the long term residents would remember the festival itself. The money raised by the Auxiliary was, I'm told, to go towards the purchase of a new fire tanker and as things panned out, a brand new Isuzu Category 1 tanker was allocated to Bundanoon with delivery being taken late in October 1995. The money raised over many years of hard work was then redirected to a one bay extension of the existing shed to house the new tanker and the concreting of the rear of the premises to enable us to wash and dry hoses. This was done and the official opening was held on 28th May, 1995. At this point I would like to say thank you to everybody who was involved with the project. I won't name names but you know who you are.

Over the next four years everyone in the Brigade worked hard to improve on this very solid foundation and between fundraising and donations we have managed to purchase equipment which is not normally issued through the Rural Fire Service, but which we believe is necessary. Such things as a GPS (Global Positioning System), structural fire fighting helmets, additional hoses and nozzles, a weather station, mobile phone (ah, the comforts of home) and a hose washer but to mention a few.

Training of members over the past few years has also improved greatly and courses that are now available along with basic training modules consists of Village Fire Fighting, Advanced Fire Fighter, Crew Leader, chainsaw courses, four wheel drive courses for light and heavy vehicles. Two of our members have completed a Group Leaders course.

The future looks bright for the brigade with all active members doing courses whenever time permits and I think the biggest event facing us in the Year 2000 will be the Olympics. Most members by now have attended interviews and will come under the banner of OVIP's (Olympic Volunteers in Policing). Training for this will commence in the near future and I think everyone is looking forward to being part of the Olympic movement.

In the past or in the future the one thing that doesn't change is good housekeeping, and by this I mean in a bush fire sense. With the start of the bush fire season spring cleaning outside your house is just as important if not more important than cleaning inside. Now that winter has gone take time to walk around your house and do a general inspection and ask yourself are there any fire risks that I can reduce by generally cleaning up.

Just by raking up leaves around your house you reduce the risk during a bush fire, by removing any over hanging branches from around your home, you reduce the risk. By cleaning out your gutters and roof channels of leaves and debris, once again you reduce the risk and don't forget that pile of firewood. Is it stored away from the house?

As you can see, it all comes down to common sense and in the event of a bush fire it could be the difference between saving your property or losing it. If you require further information give me a call or better still come down to the shed on any Wednesday night (7.30 pm) and have a chat and a cuppa with the crew. I'm sure they will answer any questions you might have.

If any one is interested in becoming a member of the Brigade or the Canteen, and we do need new members, come along and find out just what we do. You never know, you might enjoy yourself. Have a safe summer.

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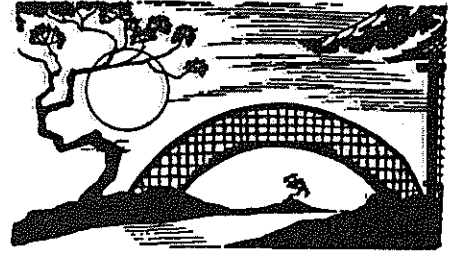
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# Grant L. Pearce

## Tour of Japan

... By Melanie Spence



Two years ago I was one of a group of seventeen Chevalier students who toured Japan for three weeks. The experience was vast and one we all enjoyed. The first week we backpacked around Tokyo, Hiroshima, Nagasaki and then on to Kyoto where we completed a two week homestay.

When we were travelling around the major cities one thing that surprised me was the availability of public transport. We would never spend more than five minutes waiting for a bus or train. However, travelling by Japanese students was mostly by bicycle. It was while we were travelling that I realised the friendliness of the *nihon jin* (Japanese people). Whenever we were in a shop or needed assistance they would happily help. One of the problems which most concerned us was the possibility of a language breakdown, as most of us only knew the basic words and phrases. Again this was not a problem as most of the Japanese knew as many words in English as we knew in Japanese, possibly more.

My host family consisted of two younger brothers, mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, and my host sister. The house was small and cramped but the other students also experienced this. My host sister was rarely home as she had basketball commitments and so I spent most of my time with my Grandmother and Mother. These two ladies were very welcoming and we had a wonderful time together. My mother spoke fluent English but Grandmother spoke no English. The three of us would regularly go out for lunch. Mother would lead the way and Grandmother and I would follow in her wake, Grandma pushing everyone out of her way so we wouldn't lose Okaasan (mother). All the while Obaasan (Grandmother) would talk to me gibbering in fast Japanese. We both knew that neither had a clue what was being said but despite this I think my Grandmother was the best friend I made in Japan. Each morning we would go for a walk around the beautiful gardens relying solely on gesticulation, smiles and laughter for communication. She was a wonderful old woman, full of life and fun.

Many think of Japan as being technological; this is true. In the train stations there were electrical devices everywhere for different types of trains and tickets. The trains had adjustable seats so that in peak hour the seats would be folded up so the maximum number of people could stand in the train. In peak hour there are people hired to push you onto the train. Everyone lined up on an exact position on the platform adjacent to the train door; then these people would push as many people on as possible. This experience was frightening but also very entertaining.

I will never forget the bathrooms in Japan. The majority of the toilets were sunken which required a squat job. I still don't understand the advantage of these toilets but that is probably because of my western upbringing. Another thing that was a new experience for me was the communal bathing. On the first night we stayed at Sangubashi Youth Hostel. After travelling for a whole day we were exhausted and needed showers. No such luck - the only thing available was communal bathing. This consists of a large room surrounded by tiles and walls lined with massive mirrors and adjustable hoses. One showers using the hose, then goes and socialises with others in the big hot bath which is more like a boiling pool. This communal, public bathing was a bit hard for Aussie students as we were not used to stripping down to nothing in front of our friends. But, by the end of the tour I think most of us were more comfortable with this unusual custom.

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Food preparation and presentation in Japan is amazing. In all the restaurant windows there were complex wax models of the dishes so the customers can see what the meals will look like. Once you receive the meal it appeared exactly as the ones in the window.

The meals at home were nicely presented and tasted beautiful. I remember coming home from school and mother had already started to make dinner, so elaborate and precise was the preparation.

Japan has a very different lifestyle to Australia. I am glad that I went there as it has given me a clearer understanding of its people and culture.

I had a really enjoyable time and have fond memories of my short time spent there.





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Personal Profile

**Reverend Wayne Tildsley**  
Anglican Minister of Bundanoon and Police Chaplain

Wayne Tildsley started his working life as a Policeman, fourteen years on the Force and nine years as a general duties officer in the Camden district. I imagine that beyond an awareness that police assistance is available in the event of need, few of us give much thought to the police officer's role and the special abilities that are needed.

We expect them to take a high profile in emergencies and, while fortunately few of us are involved in emergencies, the officers are all too often called to deal with personal tragedies and help people who, perhaps through no fault of their own, have to deal with the difficult side of life. Police must have strong people skills and the ability to deal with difficult cases, often alone and without resort to force. Wayne said that there were many times when the problem seemed insoluble, no way out, and he began to realise that prayer had led to some dramatic resolutions.

He concluded that there was a community need for a police chaplain and he spent six years researching that possibility before putting a submission to the Commissioner. The proposal was approved and Wayne was offered the job. Being unqualified, he decided to train for the Ministry at Moore College and following his ordainment he was a bit surprised to be sent back to Camden. People were very supportive but after a decade or so of close community involvement, you can see the problem. People passing in the street would say "G'day remember me?" and Wayne wasn't too sure whether he'd baptised or booked them.

Wayne said he is pleased to have a continuing role assisting the police and to be free from formality and ceremonial responsibilities. His Ministry is very much focused on community affairs, concern for young people in the district, and looking for ways to engender a cooperative community spirit. Wayne is often called when the police are struggling with a crisis and through such cases he is very conscious of the generosity of spirit that we see so often in the district with people prepared to give a hand. Wayne mentioned particularly Rob Spence's guidance on counselling which had been invaluable in matters such as the Thredbo disaster, a buddy system that has been set up to assist young people, the youth centre established through generosity, and the cooperative spirit that makes possible events such as the Carols in Bundanoon.

Wayne is a keen jogger. In his quieter moments he's a bush walker and he enjoys looking for the signs of past activities, old mines, logging tracks and other evidence of pioneering spirit that demonstrates how much can be achieved through cooperation. He complimented the work of the BCDA and said he considers himself privileged to have a pastoral role in this strongly cohesive community. He doesn't look for the limelight but sees it as the role of the Church and the Minister to encourage people, activate the human spirit, nurture a sense of caring and concern, and help generate that cooperation through which the community can achieve so much. Go for gold!

*By Noel Allanson*

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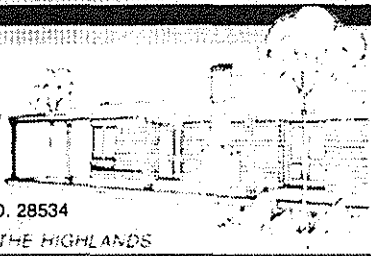


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I
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Congratulations to the winner, Kaye Lush of Garland Road.

Try this one:

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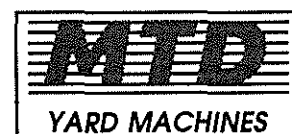
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In 1998 Mr and Mrs Riley, the owners at the time, retired and Graham and Anne Bishop became the new owners. The 'Old Gasthof Heidelberg' became 'The Highlander'.

Graham Bishop has been a Bundanoon resident since the mid 60's. He went to school locally, followed by further training in Sydney. His experience covers a-la-carte restaurants, hotels and clubs. His wife, Anne, comes from Tasmania and has also trained in Sydney, followed by similar experience to Graham's. They have four children.

The Highlander also boasts a chef with a lot of experience and talent. Derek Hamlen has been cooking in Australia for the last seven years, having emigrated from England. He trained in catering and hospitality management at Bath Catering College. Since graduating (with honours) he has worked in a wide variety of environments from vegetarian and fish restaurants to rock concerts, racing yachts, executive boardrooms and five star hotels. His dedication and attention to detail have gained him major accolades and star ratings from Michelin and Egon Ronay and various good food guides.

Derek and his wife Susan have lived in the Highlands for the past six years, enjoying the area and seasons that remind them of England. Derek has headed the kitchen of several of the Highland's restaurants in that time, including The Catch, Milton Park and The White Horse Inn. He has also taught catering and hospitality at Ryde and Campbelltown TAFE.

Derek has travelled extensively and accumulated a large repertoire of dishes, flavours and techniques from around the world, which together with his classical training give him a wealth of experience. These show through in Derek's seasonally changing menus at The Highlander, where the freshest local produce can be enjoyed in traditional, modern or innovative dishes.

The following dish is based on a classic with a modern twist and a hint of Derek's own creativity.

## Marinated and Barbecued Rack of Lamb

Preparation time 10 minutes  
Marinate for 8 hours  
Cooking time 20 minutes

Ingredients (for 4 people):  
4 racks of lamb about 850g  
6 cloves of garlic  
2 tbs fresh grated ginger  
180g brown sugar  
250 ml soy sauce  
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Preheat your barbie, a Webber style or one with a lid is best.

Drain the lamb and seal on all sides on the hot plate. Reduce heat to a low flame and cover with the lid for about 10-12 minutes or until medium/pink. A metal skewer pushed into the meat should be warm when touched against the bottom lip. If it burns the lip the meat is overcooked.

Allow the meat to rest for 5-8 minutes before it is sliced and served.

Serve on a bed of creamy mashed potato with copped spring onions. Drizzle the lemon myrtle oil over the top (optional).

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## DOWN MEMORY LANE with Chub Nurse

I have lived in Bundanoon for about 55 years and in that time I've seen some changes. When I first came to Bundanoon the population was only about 360 people so it was a very small village, but also a very social community.

Many of the guest houses were still operating. There was the Knoll (now known as Solar Springs), Lynbrook (now the Youth Hostel), Rosnel, Devonleigh, Bellevue Park and the Hotel.

Tourists used to arrive by train on Saturday and the horse and buggy would collect them from the station and take them to Rosnel. As there were many guests, the horse and buggy had to return to the station to collect the luggage. Guests just didn't stay and do 'their own thing', their days were organised. Bundanoon used to have a golf course so a Golf Day was organised. There were also Tennis Days and Bowls Days. If people wanted to go to the National Park the horse and buggy (open coach) would take them down.

In line with the tourist trade, there were also many more eating places. There was the Bon Ton, Primula and Pierre's which was located at the corner of Railway Avenue and Osborne Street (where the pottery shop is). During the week guests from all the Guest Houses, about 200 people, came to Pierre's for supper. Now only the Primula remains.

There used to be many Balls held in town up to the end of the late 1960's. The RSL used to arrange Balls and the P & C Association of the Primary School arranged many Debutante Balls. Dancing was one of the big social events.

The showing of black and white movies used to be popular in town with regular movie nights being held.

A lot of the rural industries which existed from the 40's to the 60's are no more. There used to be many dairy and poultry farms in Bundanoon. Nowadays no poultry farms exist in the town and dairy farms can only succeed on larger properties, thereby taking them out of the town areas of Bundanoon.



The dairy farmers used to take their milk to the southern side of Bundanoon, near the bridge at the corner of Erith Street and Railway Avenue for collection. Today there is now a garden planted where the railway sleepers used to hold the gallons of milk.

Change is a part of life and in many respects Bundanoon is a much quieter and a less industrious place than it has been in the past.





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## St. Brigid's Catholic Church

- A Short History -

By Lucy Rocca (Bundanoon History Group)

St Brigid (or Bridget) was an Irish Saint of the 6th century, who was so beautiful that she desired to be made ugly in order to be free of temptation. She is the second Patron Saint of Ireland.

The foundation stone of St Brigid's Bundanoon was laid in March 1891 on land donated to the Catholic community by W A Nicholas.

It was a gathering of some two hundred people who witnessed the laying of the foundation stone - "A bottle containing the usual documents was laid in the cavity of the stone in the usual orthodox fashion" - reported the *Scrutineer* newspaper. An address was given by Cardinal Archbishop Moran, who considered it a good omen that a brown snake had been killed on the outskirts of the crowd.

Many fund raising events were held to raise money for the new church. Sports days were especially popular, and according to our correspondent in the *Scrutineer*, picnic fare was not overlooked - "the festive board . . . large rounds of beef, tongue, pork pies, apple tarts, big plum puddings with some good seasoning in the ways of Irish O P and old scotch whiskey etc. that made glad the heart of man for manly sports of all kind". It would seem that these events were not for the faint hearted, being usually followed in the evening by a concert or a Ball, or both in some cases, dancing commencing about 10.30pm and not until "the morning sun came peeping through the windows did the company disperse".

It was through no fault of the Catholic community that building was delayed. Money raised for the church was placed with the E&A Bank, which closed, causing much anxiety. However, tenders were called in August 1894 and awarded to "Jackman for bricklaying and Walker for carpentry". The bricks were locally made in what is now Ross Street. Work began almost immediately.

Another delay occurred when the church was to be opened. Heavy rains had caused such flooding of creeks and made roads impassable that the event was delayed for six weeks, which "will bring us to the anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint which will be an excellent and appropriate day for the ceremony of opening and blessing the church". When the great day arrived on 31 March 1895, large numbers were present to hear the Right Reverend Dr Higgins preach, and open and bless St Brigid's. In the lengthy report in the *Scrutineer* it was remarked on the "decay of religious bias and bigotry" in the community, the harmonium being loaned by a member of the Primitive Methodist Church, a member of the Jewish faith was on the platform, and the land was given by a member of the Church of England.

In 1935 renovations and additions were carried out that almost doubled the size of the original building, and accommodated the growing number of parishioners. The late Peter Otto carved a beautiful baptismal font for St Brigid's, and a new altar of Bundanoon sandstone and a new organ were later additions to the church which stands ready to serve the community for another 100 years.



**The 1st Bundanoon Scout group, after many years of inactivity, have reformed at the Scout Hall in Philip Street, opposite the school.**

At the present time we consist of a Joey Scout Mob which is for both girls and boys from 6 - 8 years of age. We hope that as more community members come forward and volunteer their time as leaders we will be able to offer other groups to the older age groups such as cubs, scouts, venturers, rovers etc. Our Joey Scout Mob currently has 14 members enrolled. In September we had an investiture for both the Joey's and a leader, which was followed by a disco and sausage sizzle. Great fun was had by all those who attended.

We meet every Wednesday between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm at the Scout Hall.

So far this year our Mob have enjoyed a variety of activities, crafts, games and songs. We were also able to attend a Joey jaunt with other Mobs from within our region. I do not know who had the most fun on this day out - the parents, the Joey scouts, or the leaders! All those who attended were able to participate in activities like pillow fights, experiments, musical activities, obstacle courses and rope bridges. All activities were closely supervised, therefore children and parents had extreme amounts of fun without any risks to personal safety. Through these fun activities, which we take part in at different times of the year and through our weekly meetings, the children are given FUN activities which encourage them to become confident, well balanced members of our community. A community from which we do, and will, need support at different times with fund raising issues, ideas and opportunities.

However our greatest need at the moment is that precious commodity TIME. We need members of our community to volunteer their time as leaders. Leaders are trained by qualified scout members and training is also paid for by the group. In order for our group to progress we need leaders for cubs, scouts, venturers and rovers, otherwise our older children 8 years and up will have to travel in order to obtain the wonderful experience of scouting.

IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ON A LEADERSHIP ROLE OR IF YOU HAVE A SPARE AFTERNOON one Wednesday and feel that you have a talent, such as sewing, dancing, woodwork skills etc, and you would like to share with the younger members of our community - please contact us.

Meanwhile the children and ourselves are having a great time and I know that the leaders have a great deal more fun activities planned for the future. If any children or parents would like to join us please feel free to come down and meet us, or phone: Darren or Tracey (4883 6990); Liz (4883 6616); Michelle (4883 6582).

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## Friends of Morton National Park Bundanoon



During the past year, the Friends have had a measure of success, both physically and financially, in maintenance of almost all tracks in the Park. This has been accomplished by the small group of members who regularly participate in our working bees.

Our bank balance has been enhanced by a record net profit from our stall at Brigadoon and, more recently, by an award received from the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife for our efforts in fund raising.

Moneys in hand are intended for our next major project which is restoration of the access road and steps to Fairy Bower from the Fairy Bower car park. This project has certain historical significance as the stone steps were installed around 1905. They are now considerably undermined and need either realigning or replacing.

However, in the first instance, the road must be up-graded to enable access by vehicles carrying the necessary equipment and materials. This is an ambitious undertaking, the cost of which will be well in excess of our usual fund-raising capacity. We have, therefore, sought financial assistance by way of government and corporate grants, the outcome of which is awaited hopefully.

Should anybody feel moved to assist in this project with a donation, we would be most grateful. Donations are fully tax deductible and should be sent to Friends of Morton National Park, PO Box 225, Bundanoon, 2578.

Earlier this year it was unanimously decided to discontinue the Gullies Gallop Fun Run which we had organised annually on the second Sunday in October over the past seven years. We regret any disappointment that this decision may have caused regular entrants, but all good things come to an end and we have to rationalise.

We do, however, have an on-going means of fund raising from the sale of merchandise: T-shirts, polo shirts, sloppy joes and mugs, all reasonably priced and identified with our lyrebird logo. Any of these items would be ideal as a Christmas gift and may be obtained from our merchandising volunteer, Tel: 4868 1851.

The additional picnic tables and benches funded by the Friends, referred to in earlier issues of the Gazette, have been installed at Gambell's Rest.

As this will be the final issue of Jordan's Crossing Gazette in 1999, the Friends of Morton National Park take the opportunity to extend Season's Greetings to all recipients of the Gazette, and best wishes for the first year of the XXI Century.

PS

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

### CORRECTION:

In the article on the Methodist Church in the last edition of JCG, Mrs Grice was said to be the mother of Aileen Grice. This was an error. The two ladies were not mother and daughter.

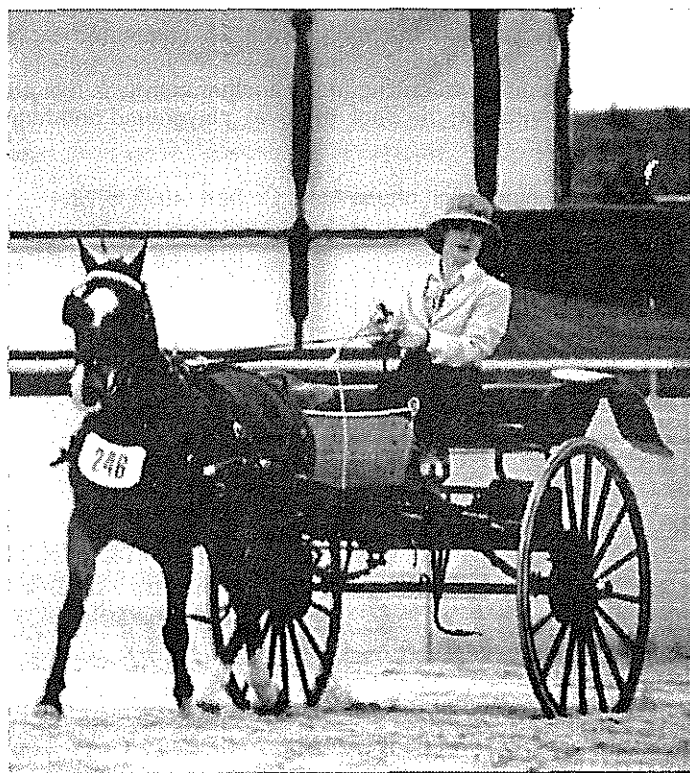


# Bundanoon Hotel

## The Tradition of Carriage Driving Lives On . . .

Some residents of Bundanoon will be familiar with the clip-clop of a pony's hooves clattering along their neighbourhood streets recently. In fact, with the better weather and longer daylight hours approaching, they will hear those hooves more often as Lyn Mulready of Quarry Road and her bay pony 'High & Mighty' resume their training for the ensuing Carriage Driving competition season.

Lyn has been carriage driving in the equestrian sport of 'Combined Driving Trials' for the past two years. A Level 1 Riding Coach, she has a strong background in riding and the local Pony Club and she first stumbled across carriage driving whilst on a tour of England with her mother nearly ten years ago. When visiting Windsor Castle, the National Carriage Driving Championships were being held and both Lyn and her mother, Ilma Cunnew, were enthralled. Great teams of four horses and talented pairs of ponies were being put through their paces tackling intricate and tight obstacles during the final phase of the 'marathon' section.



■ Lyn driving 'High & Mighty', at the Sydney Royal

Horse driving trials combines three competitions; the first is a Dressage Test which is judged in a large arena, the second competition is a Cones Competition which tests the precision of the horse & driver at speed through a course of witches hats with tennis balls teetering on top (knock the balls down with your carriage wheels and you incur penalty points). And the final competition (which draws the most spectators) is the Marathon.

The Marathon consists of cross-country driving between 20-22 kms in length. Up hill and down dale, several sections such as a compulsory Walk and ten minute Halt are included.

After this lengthy trek it's during the last couple of kilometres the competitors must navigate through several Marathon Obstacles which are timed. These obstacles can include everything from 44 gallon drums to bridges and water crossings to rings of fire - well, not quite but you get the picture and it's definitely adrenalin building stuff! The winner is the one with the best score over all three competitions.

Lyn and her husband Kevin compete at most of the competitions held and will travel long distances to participate as members of the Southern Highlands Carriage Club - the largest club in the State! The Club attends the Sydney Royal Easter Show each year competing in the Cones Challenge and Dressage Competitions and Lyn will be travelling with her pony to Melbourne this November for the first ever Equitana Asiapacific Games. Equitana is held in the UK & the USA every two years and combines an expo and competitions for most equestrian sports.

Carriage driving is alive and well here in the Southern Highlands and around the rest of Australia. The local Club welcomes Competitive, Pleasure and Social Members - and there's plenty of opportunity to enjoy this wonderful sport.

To find out what's coming up for the next few months please contact Lyn Mulready on 4883 7147.



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# My Love of Sports

by NIKKI LAWLESS

I love sport. I've tried many: netball, rugby union, water-polo, triathelons, cricket, athletics, croquet and swimming.

The biggest achievement I've had was to be selected in the South Coast Schoolgirls Rugby Union Squad. My school (Moss Vale High) went down to Nowra with a team where we played against Nowra, Shoalhaven, Lake Illawarra and Dapto. Mr Rob Drinkwater and the umpires picked 25 budding union stars to play a game against Northern Beaches. Luckily I was chosen, the only player from Moss Vale. At training, which was weekly, the first time was the hardest because I was by myself, but the next time everyone was getting along and really friendly. Considering they were tough and rough union girls, they were the most caring and kind team I've played with in any sport.

When the game with Northern Beaches came up, everyone was very excited although when we saw the size of our huge opposition a bit of nerves arose. Jerseys were put on, mouthguards were put in, and we ran out onto the field. Unfortunately we lost, their speed and ability was too good for the South Coast team. As soon as the whistle blew for game over, the sky opened up and poured victory on both Northern Beaches and South Coast, because all of us had a personal best and enjoyed the game anyway. Back in the change room we were discovering scratches, bruises even bite marks! We got out of our sweaty clothes and returned the jerseys that we had worn with pride, very thankful that we had the ability to be chosen.

The memories I have are so special and precious to me. It's moments like these when I think I wouldn't be the person I am today without sport.

# NEW BMX TRACK FOR BUNDANOON

You may be aware from previous Gazettes that Wingecarribee Shire Council, through its community grants program, allocated \$5,000 to create a BMX track at Bundanoon Oval, to be used predominantly by the young people of the area.

The project has been progressing steadily and to date the following has taken place:

- \* A site survey conducted by Mark Corbett and Glen Robinson has been carried out.
- \* Council has agreed to waive development application fees.
- \* Council is prepared to provide landscaping, in the form of trees and mulch for the site.
- \* The local primary school has been consulted and asked to provide concept drawings.
- \* Glen Robinson is preparing design concept drawings to be available for public exhibition, particularly for young people in high school.
- \* A special meeting of the BCDA will be held to discuss the project proposal in conjunction with the Oval Committee.
- \* Council has agreed to provide the landfill currently located in piles at the northern entrance of Bundanoon opposite Yuille Avenue.
- \* Ken Turner has offered his assistance in moving the landfill and in constructing the track.

It is envisaged that the project will be completed by the Christmas school holidays and give the young people of Bundanoon and surrounding areas another activity in that area currently containing the pool, the oval, playground and tennis courts.

For further information phone Mark Corbett 4883 6922.

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# Local Sports

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### Men's Bowls - Ron Angel 4883 6450

Dave Piggott, after six years as secretary of the men's bowls, is having a well deserved break. Ron Angel is now acting as secretary. We hope to catch up on all the bowls news in the next edition.

### Bundanoon Park Women's Bowling Club - Roslyn Hipsley 4883 6787

Our ladies have had a very busy time since the last newsletter. We have attended special days at Bowral, Taralga, Robertson, Moss Vale, Goulburn Railway and Crookwell. NSW Women's Bowling Association had its 70th Birthday this year and all district associations held a versatility day playing singles, pairs and triples and four games on the one day. Our club championships are continuing a little slowly due to our many interruptions. Again, any lady wishing to try the game of bowls, please contact me on 4883 6787 - You will be made most welcome.

### Bundanoon Hockey Club - Elaine Angel 4883 6353

Another very successful season has just ended for our 3 junior mixed teams. The Minkey side under the guidance of Kathryn Saurine did remarkably well, winning most of their games, but also improving with every game played. Even the younger players overcame their shyness and were getting very involved in the play. The Under 12 side had an excellent year with Coach David Folkard leading the way. This team stepped up from playing under 10's last season, and handled the stronger opposition very well. The experience they gained from their first season in this age group should see them perform even better next year. Our U14s once again proved they can compete with the best of the teams the district can offer. Coached by Elaine Angel, the team won their first game for 2 years, but also drew with teams which were expected to win easily (according to them).

Congratulations to all the players in these teams for your sportsmanship on and off the field, and for the effort you put in this season at training and during your games. Thank you to the parents who made sure their children were at their games and at training on time and for supporting the teams every Saturday morning. Your support is greatly appreciated by the club. Our presentation date is yet to be set, but we will advise everyone as soon as we know.

### Bundanoon Pony Club - Rosemary Testaz 4883 6202

This year we have seen an increase in membership, greater numbers attending our rally days as well as more of our members keen to compete at other Pony Clubs within Zone 10. Current events: Our Gymkhana 24th October, Zone 10 Dressage 14th November and Robertson's Gymkhana 28th November. We will fit in 2 rally days in November before we have our end of year presentation to round off a busy year. For enquires phone Rosemary Testaz on 4883 6202

### Bundanoon "Rebels" Soccer Club - John Sant 4883 6271

Another season gone, bring on the next (after the rest, that is). Well done to all teams and coaches on ending the season on a high note. The Roo ball teams performed very well at their end of season GALA DAYS. So much improvement in all the players was noticed, which is a credit to the coaches.

The under 10s under the guidance of me, Paul Jay and Glen Seward umpired every game. Mr Jay had a very inexperienced side and by the end of the season were playing very attractive Soccer. Well done! What about Mr Jay's speedy recovery from his illness, he was back coaching before the kids had started to miss him, you just can't keep him off the paddock. Gutsy stuff. See you during the cricket season.

A big congratulations must go to the under 12s and under 13s teams. Both teams made the semi finals, but the under 13s got knocked out by a very narrow margin (2-1) in their semi. A very gutsy effort by all the players. The under 12s made the grand final against the very strong Moss Vale side, with a Moss Vale representative refereeing the game. A few players and personnel had their noses out of joint because of it, but to the rest of the players who kept trying to the end of the game, you are a credit to your club. Well done to all, especially to Dean Arminda who won the President's Man of the Match award. See you all next season. Great job Debbie in getting them to the grand final. You did us proud.

Now to the senior sides. First grade under the guidance of Shane Robson were upsetting a few quality sides, and were in semi final contention, until one bad referee got the better of Shane's side and all hell broke loose. Shane, in trying to stick up against some of the decisions going against his young side, earned himself a lengthy suspension. After that the team fell apart and just missed out on the semis. The professionalism shown by this side with so little experience is a credit to Shane and his young players whose average age was about 18. I certainly hope to see you all next year with another quality coach.

The reserve grade side with half of the Southern Highland Police Force in this team also just missed out of the semis race. The long season took its toll. Injuries and unavailability of some of the players because of all the criminal activities in the area kept us from fielding our best side every week. But did we have some fun! It wasn't until the very last game that we got knocked out. Also well done on reaching the Liberale Cup final, a credit to all players, considering we don't train till 1pm on Saturdays.

A few milestones went unnoticed this year. Some of our players reached milestones in games. (See article on Bundanoon Soccer club history). Also the lights installed this year at Ferndale will enable our older junior and senior teams to train at night with better facilities.

### Table Tennis - Pat Jordan 4883 6590

The first meeting of the Bundanoon Table Tennis Club was held on October 12th at Bundanoon Hall. This meeting was held to discuss ideas and establish a social competition on Tuesday nights 7.30pm in the hall.

### Tennis Club - Helene Jessep 4883 6033

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held during the first week of August and, disappointingly, was not well attended. With one exception, those present were members of the out-going committee and in the circumstances, continue as committee members and office bearers for the 1999/2000 year. The one exception is that the Club now has a new President - Cameron Reid. Cameron held this office for a period several years ago, and it is pleasing that his other commitments permit him to take up the reins once again.

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During the year the Club's membership has increased by 21 new members, more than compensating for 9 who did not rejoin for one reason or another. This increase in membership is undoubtedly a reflection of Bundanoon's ever-growing community - and the fact that new members are welcome. For anybody who plays or is interested in playing tennis, the Club has something to offer: ladies' social tennis on Tuesday mornings, mixed tennis on Tuesday evenings, ladies' mid-week competition on Thursdays - and a Level 2 coach, Brett Munro, who is now a Bundanoon resident. This is good news, as apart from being more accessible for coaching, Brett has plans for junior competitions from time to time at weekends and may also be willing to introduce a competitive element on some Tuesday nights. Anybody wishing to arrange coaching from Brett can reach him on 4883 7397.

Later in November, the Club hopes to arrange a "welcome" for new members, in the form of an afternoon of tennis followed by a sausage sizzle. Invitations will be sent to all members in due course.

Finally, the President and committee extend Season's Greetings and best wishes for the coming year to all readers of Jordans Crossing Gazette.

## IN THE SADDLE

The Bundanoon Pony Club originally commenced on 11th May, 1982 as the Bundanoon and District Horse Association on land at the corner of Quarry and Ferndale Roads made available for use by the Council. The Club ran its first gymkhana not long afterwards and it proved highly successful. In November 1983 the Club applied to join the Pony Club Association as the numbers of members were increasing and the younger members were keen to participate in the many and varied Pony Club activities available throughout the district.

It was due to the foresight of Rod McKay our founder, the practical contribution of Barry Ellsmore and the efforts of Janet Greason as the Club's first Instructor that gave the club a good foundation to build on over the years. Mary Madely who has been involved with the Club until last year was the Senior Instructor for 16 years. Other instructors over the years include Barbara Hare, Gail Pritchard and Helen Portus. In 1988 there were 45 active riding members with many willing parents giving of their time and effort to contribute to the club's success. The Club has held annual Gymkhanas which have proved very popular with the other clubs in the district and for several years ran a mini One Day event which also boosted much interest.

This year we have seen interest rekindled as many younger children improve their riding and are keen to compete within our Zone. Pony Club of necessity has to involve the parents and so gives us an opportunity to make this a very family orientated activity. For the first time, this year we had some of our children and their parents attend the Zone 10 Jamboree at "The Sugarloaf Equestrian Centre", Cobbitty and we all came home happy and exhausted. At this event, all the clubs did a musical Ride Presentation which was much appreciated by the spectators and enjoyed by the riders. Bundanoon Pony Club held the first competition in the Zone in this regard earlier in the year and it is an event that we will see more of in the future. We also had a Club team in the Zone Mounted Games, gaining fifth place for our efforts! Our Rally days always include a Barbecue and our thanks goes to Martin Rocca our local butcher for his support in this direction. At present, we have 24 riding members and many adult riding and nonriding members supporting the club in many different ways.

The Pony Club Association of N.S.W. with its 16 Zones and many clubs both large and small seeks to maintain and promote the love of horses, enjoyment of riding and the encouragement of team effort and team competition rather than individual rivalry. During this process, we contribute to the character building of the many young members embraced by our movement.

Being involved in Pony club is to me, a privilege, a challenge and an opportunity and in this day and age, one cannot overlook the tremendous effect that the bonding between a child and their pony produces. May we always seek to promote this activity among our young.

by Rosemary Testaz (Senior Instructor)

## A Whacking Good Time

The Bundanoon Women's Hockey Club was formed in 1936. The Men's Club was formed some time later. It didn't take the women's club long to prove they were a force to be reckoned with. Winning the district premiership from 1939 to 1942, then after the enforced break during the War, they won from 1947 to 1954. The men's side didn't have the same success as the women, winning the first grade premiership in 1947 and again in 1961.

In 1963 Bundanoon teams won the men's 1st and 2nd grade competitions and the women won their 1st grade competition.

The women's side has since won 2nd grade competitions in 1978, 1990 and 1996 whilst the men have won the 2nd grade competition in Goulburn twice in the 1990's.

Names such as, Greason, Morris, Leih, Hines, Acton, Gibson, Lansdown and Kellond, Hoye and Angel have a great history with the clubs.

Many players have also gone on to represent the District, Zone and State sides, especially in the junior boys. But also in men's and women's. Some of the representative players of note were:-

Audrey Petersen (nee Greason), Elsie Collins (nee Greason), Faye Gibson, Maureen Feltham (nee Petersen), Elaine Angel (nee Clarke), William Tooth, Jonathon Marr, Christian Petersen, Lisa Petersen. Grahame Tooth has also represented NSW as a coach and is currently vice-president of NSW Junior hockey.

Some of this information was obtained from the book 'From Jordans Crossing to Bundanoon' printed by the Bundanoon History Group and is reproduced with their permission.



1978 Bundanoon Women's Hockey Team:

Back: Elaine (Clarke) Angel, Karen (Hines) Kellond, Denise (Angel) Bromfield, Erica Petersen, Elsie Collins, Vicki Lansdown.  
Front: Margaret Hoye, Kerry Simmons, Heather Taylor, Jenny Saurine, Terry Foster

### NOTABLE QUOTE

"Any team or individual may have a good or bad game, but unless it is a team effort - win, lose or draw - it is a useless exercise."

A Bundanoon Parent

## WINGECARRIBEE FOOD SERVICES

(Formerly Moss Vale & District Meals on Wheels)

Bundanoon village has been part of this valued community service since 1977. A sub-committee for Bundanoon was formed, Mrs. Beryl Gosbell, being first President. Volunteers were needed and several came forth to serve in the venture.

Bundanoon Community Health Centre (next to Post Office) became the venue for operation of the Meals on Wheels service. The venue had a suitable dining room and small kitchen suitable and adequate for this purpose. Several donations of equipment, fridge, freezer, crockery and utensils were provided and some purchased. First clients were encouraged to attend the centre for a mid-day meal; several clients preferred to have meals delivered to their homes.

Volunteer drivers would transport clients from their home to the centre, collect and deliver to those who wished home delivery, return to centre, and transport the first group back again. Meals were prepared and packaged for five days per week so over a period of ten years several thousands of delicious hot meals were served to our clients.

Mrs. Dorothy Rippin coordinated a very dedicated group of ladies to prepare and cook, one person for each day of the week. Over a period our volunteer "Chefs" started to subside.

Senior Citizens rooms in Moss Vale were being constructed and our organisation Moss Vale & District Meals on Wheels, with a Government grant and much fund raising, furnished a well equipped commercial kitchen in the Senior Citizens Centre in Moss Vale for Meals on Wheels kitchen. Bundanoon sub-committee made a decision to discontinue providing hot meals and have the cooked chilled meals delivered from Moss Vale Meals on Wheels kitchen. Meals were now available for seven days a week if clients wished.

Berrima Coaches have delivered our eskies, containing required meals for this area, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Eskies delivered to Bundanoon Community Centre were for the distribution of meals to clients in the Bundanoon, Exeter, Penrose and Wingello areas. At present clients receiving meals are residents of Bundanoon. We have previously served and could deliver to the other towns. Cooked chilled meals have been delivered for just on ten years. Mrs. Dorothy Rippin became ill and unfortunately has not been able to resume the service that she was dedicated to.

The volunteer drivers are a wonderful group of people. Our past and present deliverers are friendly, committed and sympathetic to our clients needs and welfare. Participating groups are:

- Bundanoon P & C Association
- Bundanoon Lions Club
- Bundanoon Anglican Church
- Bundanoon Bowling Club
- Bundanoon CWA Association
- Bundanoon Tennis Club
- Bundanoon Uniting Church
- Exeter Group

Several special persons who serve and support this service are Betty Shipway, Joyce Hines, Denise Bromfield and Ivan Bamfield. Bundanoon Market Day has supported us financially.

As we approach the coming Year 2000 may you be encouraged to volunteer to assist this service at Bundanoon. I have been privileged to serve my community in this service since 1978. Having made the decision to resign as coordinator for Bundanoon I wish to thank all concerned for your continuing support.

The Moss Vale Food Services kitchen contact is Jacqui Lidgard - phone 4868 3731.

by Jean Bromfield

## Community Health

Walking Groups For Bundanoon

Did you know that about 49% of the NSW population are insufficiently active to enjoy the main benefits associated with physical activity? Walking is a great way of making regular exercise a part of your daily routine.

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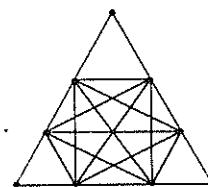
To help people interested in beginning a regular exercise program, the Wingecarribee Community Health Service and the Heart Foundation of NSW are sponsoring a 'Just Walk It' program here in Bundanoon.

Our walks are designed for beginners. They last for around 30 minutes and take the form of a pleasant stroll around the town. If you would like to start a regular exercise program and would like to do this with others who share the same aims, then our walking groups are for you. Please note however, that individual who have had recent heart, or other health problems, which may affect their ability to participate, are asked to check with their doctor first.

Starting in mid-November regular morning and afternoon walking groups will be run in Bundanoon. These groups will run at a variety of times for a couple of weeks to see which times best fit in with peoples' schedules. All walks will start at the local community health centre, next door to the Post Office in Church Street. All Bundanoon residents should have received a brochure by now outlining the start dates and times for the walking groups. Additionally, information will be posted on the noticeboard at the entrance to the local community health centre.

If you would like more information please contact me at:  
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# CHURCH NEWS

## Bundanoon Anglican Church

### SOUTHERN VILLAGES YOUTH CENTRE

The Youth Centre is now located at 25 Railway Avenue, Bundanoon (formerly bakery shop and residence). We thank the Wingecarribee Shire Council and the Bundanoon Community Development Association for their financial contributions.

At the Centre we are aiming to reach out to youth and help them grow in understanding themselves so that they may be equipped and empowered to make the most of life while gaining a sense of hope for their future. We believe this can only be achieved in consultation with youth, parents and the community.

Issues that we hope to address are: drugs, self esteem and confidence, how to have serious fun, reducing and releasing stress, how to look good, cooking for pleasure and preparing for job interviews.

Many of these matters were raised in the Youth Assessment Report which was prepared by Council and based on interviews with teenagers in the Southern Villages.

We are looking for community help in addressing these issues if possible. We want youth to feel confident that they are part of our community and we see the centre as a way of connecting with youth and then their families.

If you have not visited the Youth Centre we invite you to come along. We hope to employ a part-time youth worker in 2000 who will live at the Centre and be responsible for the running of it.

Anglicare at Moss Vale employs a Youth Counsellor two days a week and we hope to be working in with her so that counselling facilities will be available for youth and their families if needed.

This year The Southern Villages Community Carols at Bundanoon Oval is to be held on 19 December starting at 7 pm (see notice on front page).

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve Service at Exeter 7 pm.

Christamas Day at Bundanoon:  
Communion Services 7.45 am and 9.30 am.

## Bundanoon Uniting Church



### LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

Looking back to 1868 and the Bundanoon beginnings of what was previously known as the Methodist Church: That was the year that Walter Grice came to Bundanoon. For a time services were held in his home, until the early 1870's when a slab church was built where the Memorial Hall now stands. Then in 1885 the present church building was opened.

Thus the church was planted and the church family grew, providing many memories, some of which have already been shared with you in this gazette. Our 'Garden of Memories' contains the remains of some of those earlier members and on the day this article was written an enquiry from Victoria was answered regarding the Freeman family. These links with the past and the wonderful provision of those earlier members for future generations are held in high regard.

Twenty-one years ago several churches agreed to come together under the banner of "The Uniting Church in Australia" as we are now known. Members join, transfer, or pass on, but that wonderful essence of church family is always there, especially when we gather together for worship and fellowship. We often welcome visitors to our village at services for worship and are always delighted to have news from former members of our congregation.

'Looking Forward Together' is actually the theme of a banner in the church and that is what we continue to do week by week. Presently we are looking forward to the appointment of a new minister, meanwhile receiving excellent pastoral care from various 'Supply Ministers'. We have various activities both weekly, fortnightly and monthly and will continue to build on those. We look forward to maintaining a strong, committed, caring church family, and continuing to be here in our community for Christ. Whilst appreciating our past, we take hold of a future.

Christmas Day - service at Bundanoon 10.00 am  
Boxing Day - combined service at Moss Vale 9.30 am

"Seek His will in all you do, and He will direct your paths"  
*Proverbs 3:6*

## THE PRODIGAL SON IN 'F'

Feeling footloose and frisky, a feather-brained fellow forced his fond father to fork over the family finances. He flew far to foreign fields and frittered his fortune feasting with faithless friends. Finally, facing famine, and fleeced by his fellows in folly, he found himself a food-flinger in a filthy farmyard. Fairly famished, he fain would have filled his frame with foraged fragments of fodder. "Phooey," he said. "My father's flunkies fare far fancier."

The frazzled fugitive, frankly facing facts and frustrated by failure, forthwith fled to his family. Falling at his father's feet he floundered forlornly. "Father, I have flunked, and fruitlessly forfeited family favour." But the faithful father, forestalling further flinching, frantically flagged the flunkies. "Fetch forth the finest fating from the flock and fix a feast." But the fugitive's fault-finding frater frowned on the fickle forgiveness for the former folderol. His fury flashed. But fussing was futile for the far-sighted father figured such filial fidelity is fine, but what forbids fervent festivity?

The fugitive is found. "Unfurl the flags, with fanfares flaring, let fun and frolic freely flow. Former failure is forgotten, folly forsaken, forgiveness forms the foundation for future fortitude."



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