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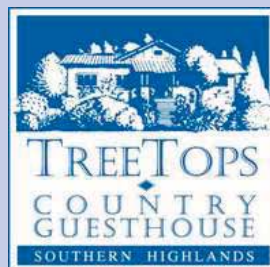
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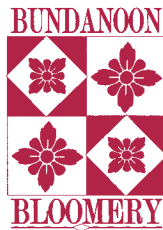


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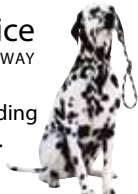
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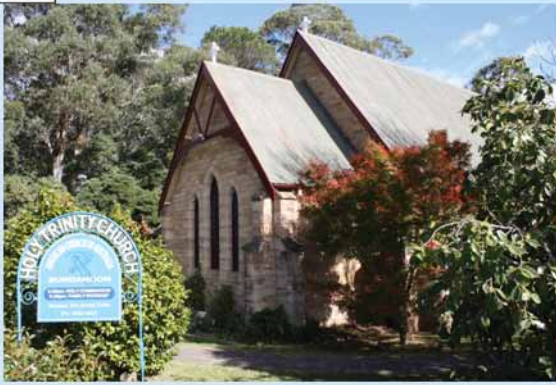
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**Pam Davies,
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WHEN THE DECISION was made to feature local First Fleet descendants in the themed section of this issue, I was surprised when I found there were so many of them in Bundanoon and even more surprised when it was revealed during our research that some have forebears in common. And that's just among those interviewed! I am aware that there are others in the community with convict or free-settler forebears and their histories would also make fascinating reading. Please contact me if you would like to contribute your story to a regular family history column.

Two pages of Winterfest photographs reflect the variety of activities available during July. Bronwyn Shead, Graeme Whisker and Lisa Stewart are to be congratulated on their organisation of this community event. Bundanoon volunteers Faye Carter and Jean Bromfield are acknowledged in this issue for their contribution to

Meals-on-Wheels and Volwing invites you to learn more the range of volunteer activities in the shire. Linda Davis's African experience makes interesting reading and regular columns continue to surprise us with the range of topics covered – don't miss the article about the History Shed display of early Bundanoon shops. Thanks to our advertisers we continue to produce a sixty- page edition each quarter and I look forward to receiving suggestions for content from our readers.

—Pam Davies

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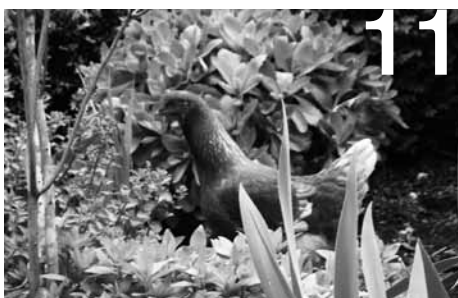
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WINTER HAS BEEN a very busy time for Arts Bundanoon. We were fortunate that recording pianist Ken Davis could join us for a *Piano at Ten* recital in June before heading off for a tour of the USA. Ken's performance was pod-cast to his global audience and received excellent comment.

We were then delighted that ANU School of Music student Katrina Rivera was available to play for *Piano at Ten* on 3 July. Katrina was joined by pianist Christine Raftery and strings player Dal Oldham. We will endeavour to have all three of these talented musicians join us again in 2011.

The three concerts presented during winter were right up there with the very best ever presented by Arts Bundanoon. The Ilythian Ensemble's performance of pieces from Chloe Charody's opera *La Boite de la Musique* was magical. The wandering, fire eating violinist Sonja Scherbeck had the audience mesmerised, and the virtuosic performances of pianist Lindsay Gilroy and soprano Simone Easthope will be remembered for a very long time.

On Tuesday 20 July a small audience enjoyed hot soup and bread rolls before a beautiful performance by the *Jozef Pauly Ensemble*. This much travelled flute ensemble from Belgium is interesting in so far as it includes both full time professional musicians as well as student players. Their music was enchanting and the ensemble enjoyed their short stay in Bundanoon.

Arts Bundanoon was very pleased to collaborate with Andrew Rumsey and friends to present a benefit concert at the end of July to help send local swimmer Daniel Rumsey to the *World Down Syndrome Swimming Championships* in Taiwan later this year. Andrew assembled ten wonderful young musicians from the ANU School of Music for the Bundanoon stage. The large audience really enjoyed the enthusiastic performances. We wish Daniel all the best in his efforts to retain his world No.1 ranking in Taiwan.

Acclaimed composer and pianist Nigel Butterley, OAM will be playing the *Cage Sonatas and Interludes* at *Piano at Ten* on 3 September. This is a great opportunity to hear Nigel present this work on prepared piano before his illustrious fingers come to rest at the end of a long career.

The Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club is collaborating with Arts Bundanoon to present an afternoon of Scottish music on Sunday 26 September and the annual black tie and champagne event featuring the Sydney Symphony Fellows will take place on the evening of 18 September. Keep an eye on local posters and media.

More details: www.bundanoon.nsw.au/community/arts-bundanoon



SERENDIPITY: THE CHOIR asks: "Shall we dance?" at its forthcoming performances in September. All the musical offerings to be presented highlight the

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Tickets are available from the Memorial Hall where there is a garden market with plants and gifts including pre-loved books, garden art, cashmere knitwear, handcrafted jewellery and other work by local artisans. The Uniting Church has a floral display and children can spot the scarecrows throughout the town. In the conference room behind the Bundanoon Hotel the Needles and Natter group are having an exhibition of craft and textiles featuring a Christmas theme. Ladies can shop early for Christmas gifts while the men might



linger at the working display of old farm engines opposite the hall. Those interested in history can visit the History Shed's themed display of Bundanoon shops with archival photos and memorabilia or explore some of the town's oldest graves at the Anglican Church.



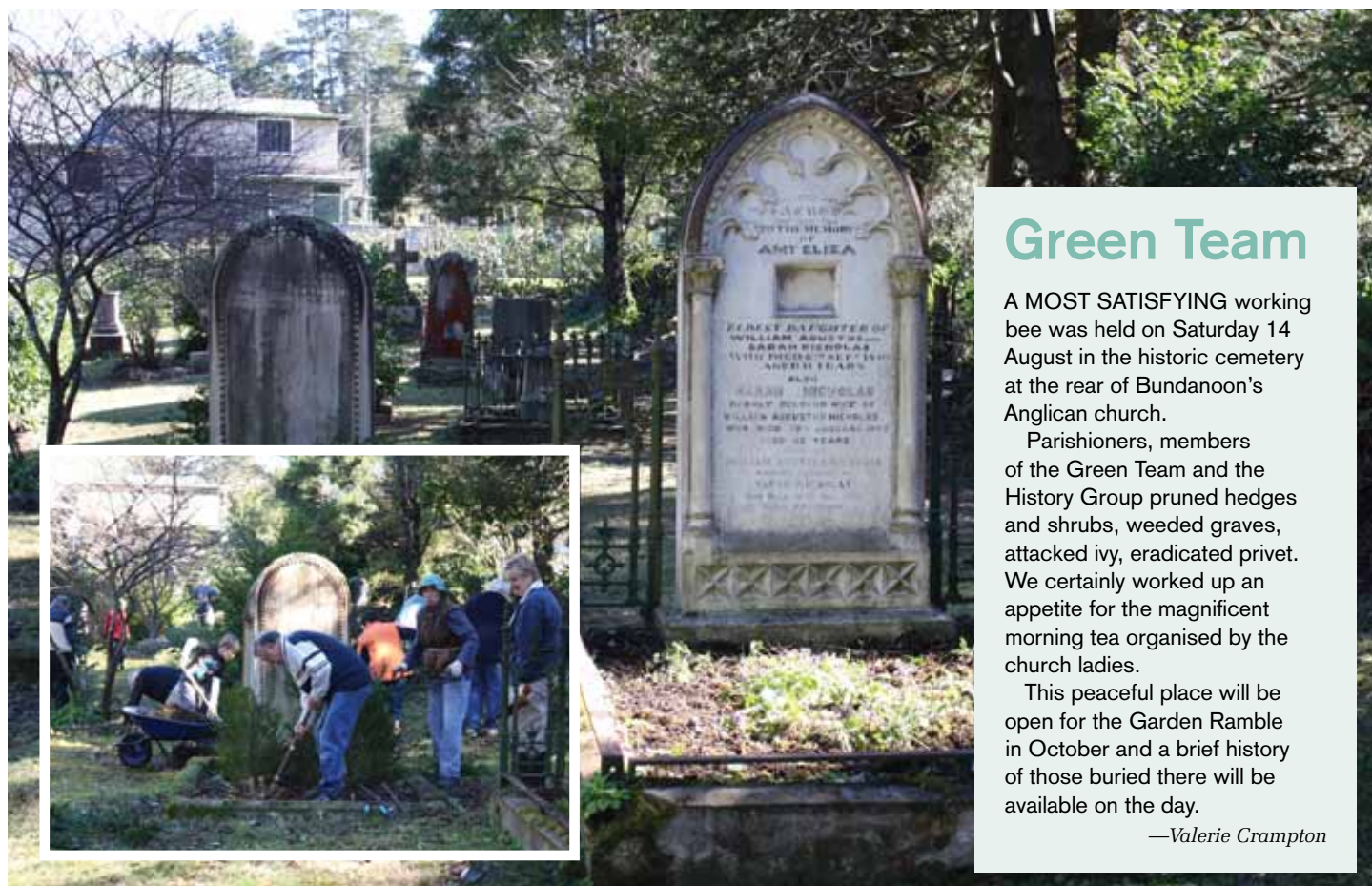
Bring your bicycle, hire one from Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe or use your own car or the shuttle bus to visit the gardens.

Tickets with garden descriptions and map are \$15 (\$12 concession) or \$5 for a single garden. You can sit and enjoy refreshments provided by the Bundanoon Lions Club in one of the gardens. Lions are also awarding a prize for the best Scarecrow on Sunday.

Funds raised from the Ramble are used by the BCA's Green Team and have in the past provided for plants, mulch and sandstone sculptures for beautification of our town.

Come along – you'll enjoy the Ramble.

—Brenda Venton



Green Team

A MOST SATISFYING working bee was held on Saturday 14 August in the historic cemetery at the rear of Bundanoon's Anglican church.

Parishioners, members of the Green Team and the History Group pruned hedges and shrubs, weeded graves, attacked ivy, eradicated privet. We certainly worked up an appetite for the magnificent morning tea organised by the church ladies.

This peaceful place will be open for the Garden Ramble in October and a brief history of those buried there will be available on the day.

—Valerie Crampton

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The bus will leave Bundanoon at 8.45 a.m. to leave some free time in Sydney for a coffee or lunch before the performance starts at 1 p.m. Bookings can be made by ringing Harvey or Lexie Grennan on 4883 7343 or, preferably, by emailing contact@hgrennan.com.

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A FULL BUSLOAD of 46 people joined JCG Travel's inaugural project to **Broken Hill** last month and voted it a great success. They dined in Italian bistros, outback pubs and outdoor BBQs and slept underground in the remote opal mining town of White Cliffs.

They visited the Royal Flying Doctor Service, School of the Air, Pro Hart's Gallery, the Silverton ghost town and the Parkes radio telescope touring vast outback national parks and lakes.

Next May a party of 19 will tour the back roads of France, Italy and Switzerland staying at family-run boutique hotels and farmstays.

Photo: Wayne Todd

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AFTER EIGHT YEARS in the making the \$18 million upgrade of the Bundanoon sewerage system was opened in June. The old system had the capacity to serve only 2000 people, less than the current population; the upgraded facility is now ready for a population expected to hit 5400 in 20 years. Wingecarribee Council had imposed a moratorium on new subdivisions until the new plant was completed.

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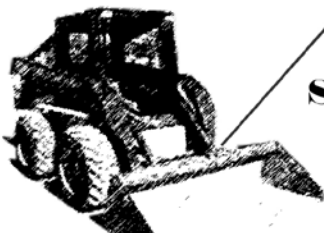
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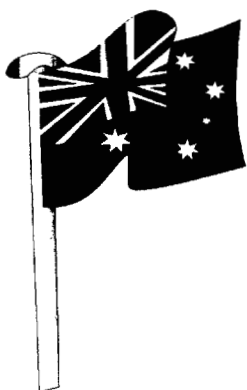
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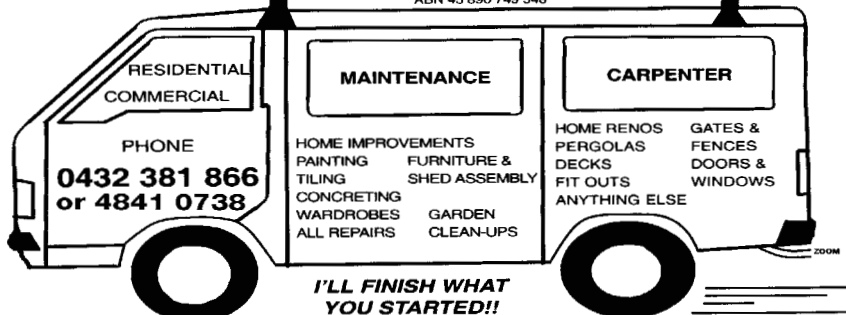
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Bundanoon Community Association (BCA)



Ralph Clark,
BCA president

BCA report

Spotlight on activities

AS THIS COLUMN was being written I was about to leave on the **jcg** Travel nine-day trip to Broken Hill. Over 40 local residents took advantage of this offer, an initiative of **jcg** contributor Harvey Grennan.

BCA was anxious that this first venture should be accessible to at least most residents. By doing all our own arrangements we were able to keep costs to a minimum, offering far better value than comparable commercial or self-drive options.

Similar value was attached to the Europe trip next year, which sold out almost as soon as it was released in **jcg**, again demonstrating that the concept has been welcomed by residents. We will try a day trip later this year and two more tours in 2011.

Bundanoon has again entered the Tidy Towns competition; it will be remembered that we won our population category two years in a row, but did not enter in 2009 when the criteria were changed. Results will be announced in a couple of months, but win or lose there is benefit in entering and we should be proud of the standard of our entry. The efforts of the BCA Green Team have achieved a great deal over recent years, highlighted this year by the spectacular daffodil displays.

Not long after the last **jcg** appeared the newly-augmented sewerage treatment works was opened by Water Minister Phil Costa see page 13. Our challenge is to ensure that any development is in tune with the rest of the town, with its beauty, heritage and village atmosphere. The BCA Planning group will continue to monitor and respond as necessary.

A \$3,500 grant from Council recently enabled the purchase of a follow-spotlight for the Hall. This has already shown its worth allowing much greater control of highlighting colour effects at performances.

And what performances! We have enjoyed some excellent concerts and recitals over the past few months, possibly highlighted by the benefit concert for Daniel Rumsey, where more than \$3,500 was raised to help send this fine young man to the Down Syndrome Swimming World Championships. We have all shared in the pride of Daniel's performances at previous games and wish him every success.

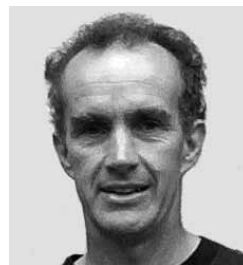
We look forward to the Arts Bundanoon gala concert and other events; Serendipity: the choir will present its next performance in September. We are privileged to have these two groups under the BCA umbrella.

Local radio listeners will be hearing a lot of Bundanoon over the next several months as a campaign to promote the town plays out. This initiative is funded by the local businesses and part of the government Bundy on Tap grant. The Main Street subcommittee is to be congratulated.

And speaking of BoT, their first anniversary was celebrated with a party in the Hall during Winterfest. This venture has brought Bundanoon unbelievable attention – only recently we had yet another TV team here for a couple of days, this time from Japan.

The Winterfest opening was a spectacular success and the committee again did a wonderful job, providing us with two weeks of entertainment and activities.

Bundanoon boasts the largest community association in the Highlands, probably the state, with almost 350 members. We would welcome your suggestions as to further ways we can help make Bundanoon an even better place to live.



Councillor Jim Clark

council news

Looking ahead to 2031

I RECENTLY HELPED out at Council presenting part of a University of the Third Age (U3A) course on local government, its services and functions. Around twenty participants took part in the course, the first of its type for

local government in NSW. It is pleasing to see there is an interest in understanding what can be a complex and deceptively complicated level of government, one which is often misunderstood and maligned. The course is a big commitment from Council staff in organising, compiling course notes and presenting the classes on a weekly basis.

Council also recently completed a series of workshops, a survey and speakers' night as part of the Wingecarribee 2031 consultation process. The end result will be a community strategic plan which will identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to plan strategies for achieving these goals. The findings of the workshops have been summarised and, together with useful discussion papers on the environment, economy and people, can be accessed at the 2031 website: www.wsc2031.com.au.

Now that the overall Local Environment Plan has been approved, Council is updating a whole suite of Development Control Plans for the towns and villages in the Highlands. These lay out the development controls for a particular locality using a common template in a single package. Thus far eleven DCPs have been approved and only six remain to be completed.

Also on development matters, Council has received a \$70 million development application for the redevelopment of the former car dealership at the northern entrance to Moss Vale. Details for the proposal remain sketchy, as councillors will not be involved in assessing the application. Locally, due to its size, it will be the first application to be dealt with by the State-appointed Planning Panel. This presents a test for the speed, efficiency and level of community consultation for the new Planning Panels. Already the State Government is attempting to hand back some development assessments to councils to deal with, because they have proven too difficult to deal with speedily. This is a vindication for councils, but in a further slight, the General Manager was designated as the person to make these rulings, with councillors specifically not to be involved.

There has been considerable concern regarding proposed mining exploration licences in the vicinity of Sutton Forest and Wingello. Application notices appeared in the local paper over recent months and information is sketchy as I write this, though it appears longwall coal mining is part of the proposal. Following on the borewater extraction debacle we have been through recently, any applicant can expect strong opposition to any proposal that further threatens environmental values in the Highlands.

—Clr Jim Clark, ph 0428 213 939

COAL-MINING IN SUTTON FOREST?

AS JCG WENT to press we learned of this proposal, which could have a disastrous effect on our area.

BCA has formed a focus group to liaise with the Sutton Forest action group.

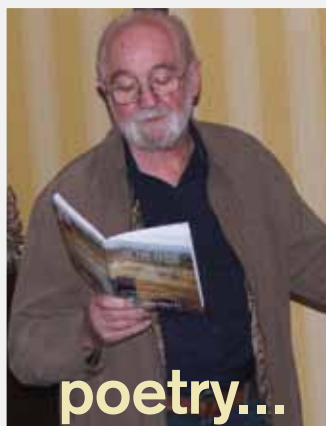
Residents will be kept informed with regular updates on the bundanoon.nsw.au website and on the BCA noticeboards.

Join BCA to have your say

Membership forms are available at the post office.



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IN MANY SENSES this was another innovative and successful Winterfest. The Expo featuring clubs and activities available in Bundanoon attracted a large attendance. Second Hand Sunday raised money for Bundanoon Public School. There was more kids' entertainment and a new event, Poetry in the Pub. Greater 'buy in' from community groups also played a part. Opening Night is still the most anticipated activity for the town and was well supported. Many people – families and others – came out to enjoy the fun of the Street Fair and quite a number of visitors were in town.

Promotional support from local media – flyers, advertising, radio – was excellent, with the *Sydney Morning Herald* Metro, *Southern Highlands Visitors Guide*, Radio 2ST, Highlands FM, *Southern Highland News*, *Highlands Post* and *Snapshot* magazine all reporting Winterfest activities – from column pieces to whole page coverage. Winterfest has **momentum** and the media is now calling the organisers to find out what's happening next year. Yet, the event is probably at a crossroad. What shape should it take in the future? New ideas are needed; more people to share the organising load. Bundanoon is a unique place where people have ideas that are talked about and then put in place. Enthusiasm for our town and its community activities is high but Winterfest needs more people to be involved and practical help with events. Let's plan now for 2011!

—Graeme Whisker



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Shop talk

AS YOU MAY have heard, some of the businesses in Bundanoon CBD have been broken into recently. The Bundanoon Motel, and our store, the Bundanoon Newsagency, were entered early in the evening on the 29 July 2010. It is believed that these offences are related, along with an attempted break in at the post office.

The CCTV footage that we have given to the police investigating the attack shows one adult male breaking the glass in the front door, and then forcing his way inside, while another adult male kept a look out. The motion sensor alarm set off the siren and back to base system. The security monitoring service called me and I was at the shop within eight minutes of the alarm being activated.

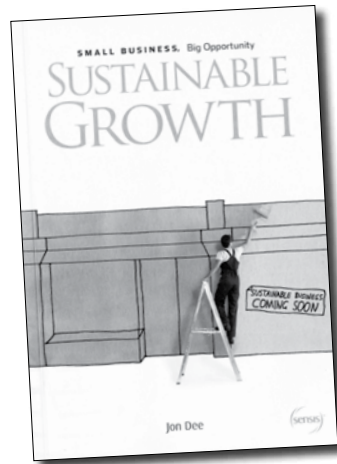
The police drove around town looking out for people matching the description that two witnesses had given to them over the phone, then came to the shop and looked at the CCTV footage for the first time.

A break in always prompts questions on how to better protect our shops/businesses and ourselves from crime. We have fitted extra locks to the Newsagency, and I have moved the location of one of our cameras to increase our chances of identifying intruders. Although we have a great CCTV system these people knew what they were doing and had their faces covered.

I have compiled an "After Hours Contact Register" for the main street businesses and residents. This register is aimed to help business owners and residents contact each other in the event of an accident or incident, and prevent break and enter offences occurring within the business district.

On a more positive note, 40 Bundanoon businesses are about to start an advertising campaign on radio station 2ST, which broadcasts to the Highlands and neighbouring south coast areas. After 12 months we will assess the effectiveness of the campaign and look at other avenues to continue the promotion of Bundanoon.

—Peter Stewart



"SUSTAINABLE GROWTH (published by Sensis) illustrates how some of the best in the business have achieved their sustainability goals – and highlights how small businesses can take this experience and apply it to achieve real dollar savings and a market edge. This book is a must read for small business operators who want to achieve sustainable growth in their business." —Jaye Radisich, CEO, Council of Small Business of Australia.

Author Jon Dee is well known in Bundanoon as the founder and chairman of Do Something!, a key supporter of Bundy on Tap.



Bundy on Tap leads the way

KATE MOORE, DEPUTY Online Editor of Cumberland Courier Newspaper Group wrote:

The *Mosman Daily* posted a story online about a school in its readership that has banned bottled water. Given Bundanoon's initiative on the same matter, I thought your readers might be interested in the story.

Please find the web address for the story below:

<http://mosman-daily.whereilive.com.au/news/story/school-first-to-ban-bottled-water/>

Kate is the daughter of Bundanoon residents Rod and Liz Moore and follows events in Bundanoon with interest—Ed.



Photo: "Roger and out" by Beverley Partridge

Roger the postman

WHO IN BUNDANOON does not know Roger Bell? If you don't know him, he knows *you*!

Roger has worked as a postman for 56 years, from 1952 until 2010. He retired for the first time in 1993, then again in 1995 and again in 2010.

"My very first Christmas was an eye-opener," Roger says. "I was 17, still green and there was so much mail, it was overwhelming."

During the 70s Roger worked alternate weeks delivering mail and working on the telephone exchange. One particularly quiet night an earthquake hit and damaged the post office... "Boy, did I feel it; I thought it was a diesel train!" The rest of the evening was spent trying to calm people who rang the exchange for reassurance.

"New Year's Eve was terrible; I could never get to bed at the exchange any earlier than 3am!...The bloody drunks who were staying at the local guest houses – Devonleigh, The Knoll, Rosnel – would want to ring their mates in the city to wish them Happy New Year and of course they would be on for a conversation with me, too".

Roger had a number of "stacks" over the years. One was in Bindar Crescent: "I stopped at a letterbox, went to put the foot on the ground to balance the bike and put it down a post hole... over goes the bike and I couldn't move, all I could do was hit the kill switch. I was stuck in the hole with my foot twisted and singing out HELP, but no one could hear me!"

Every postie has a dog story.... "A whippet in Barnett Ave – it grabbed hold of my arm and punctured it. Dr Mouroukas was closed and I had to drive to Moss Vale to get a tetanus shot." What Roger *really* said about that dog is not for publication!

Roger has delivered mail in all weathers. "Hail and rain so hard that it stung the back of your hands." He explained that he would have stayed on working but "The body can't handle it anymore... it's the hips and knees," he said.

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Vicki Streatfeild shared a drink with Roger during her interview with him for *jcg* and commented "There was a hint of sorrow in his face, but this time he is fair dinkum... he isn't coming back again. He said he was sad to leave, but the body spoke and he listened to it." As he drained the last drop of whisky from his glass his parting comment to her was, "all as I gotta do now is bloody well keep living!"

We won't see you on the bike anymore, but one thing is for sure, we won't have to dodge ya, Roger!



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Garden Club celebrates 40 years

WHEN 23 PEOPLE gathered at Bundanoon's Royal Hotel (now the Bundanoon Hotel) on 26 November 1970 to form the Bundanoon Beautification and Garden Club, few would have realised they were laying the foundations of one of our largest and most popular clubs – and one that would give Bundanoon a new lease of life.

Nearly 40 years later, as the 225 members of what is now Bundanoon Garden Club prepare to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary, club librarian Jenny Shepherd has been sifting through the archives. And she has discovered that the club created most of the beautiful public gardens in Bundanoon.

Bundanoon was in the doldrums when the club was formed. A report later submitted to the Garden Clubs of Australia stated: "The tourist industry had declined greatly, real estate values were at an all-time low, houses were unoccupied and there were many unsaleable blocks of land... Council rates were barely adequate to cope with other than the necessary problems."

It was largely to try to stem the decline that Beryl Gosbell convened the inaugural meeting, where it was decided that the first beautification project would be "at the overhead bridge at the northern end of town", which was a mass of blackberries, weeds and shabby signs.

The fledgling club embarked on a series of fundraising events – including trade tables and raffles at meetings, a Chinese dinner, which raised \$377, and a wine tasting attended by 113 people who raised \$146 – and used \$130 to buy 15 conifers, 32 magnolias and 30 rhododendrons for the site.

They then turned their attention to the neglected area behind the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, creating a fashionable pebble garden at a cost of \$600. However, when the postmaster complained that vandals had thrown pebbles from the garden at the post office door and smashed

it, the pebbles were replaced with a sandstone path. What is now the Remembrance Garden is still maintained by Bundanoon Garden Club, most recently by member Laurel Hones.

Other projects included tidying and planting both sides of the railway leading into the village, planting trees and installing picnic tables at the oval and improving the entrance to Morton National Park. By 1980, when the club was presented with a citation from the Garden Clubs of Australia, it had planted more than 1000 trees and shrubs.

Two major projects were still to come: the arboretum, where exotic and native trees were planted in 1990, and the native garden on the railway embankment.

State Rail approached the club about the embankment in 1994, after members had planted crab apples and casuarinas on the southbound platform, and the club carried out preparatory work before it was decided to involve the wider community through the Bundanoon Community Development Association (now BCA), which worked alongside garden club members for many years. Both projects are now maintained by the BCA's Green Team, which draws many of its members from the garden club.

Since 2001, the garden club has been responsible for maintaining Nancy Kingsbury Park in Anzac Parade, which was landscaped by the BCDA in 1970 and tended by Margaret Murty for many years. Garden club members were involved in the addition of the pergola and paving, planted many of the shrubs and bought seats and picnic tables that are now enjoyed by residents and visitors.

—Jenny Stanton

Bundanoon Garden Club meets in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall on the first Thursday of the month (except January and December) at 9.30 for 10am. New members are always welcome.



Blank canvas: Bundanoon Garden Club members carrying out preparatory work on the railway embankment in about 1994.
Credit: Bundanoon Garden Club archives.

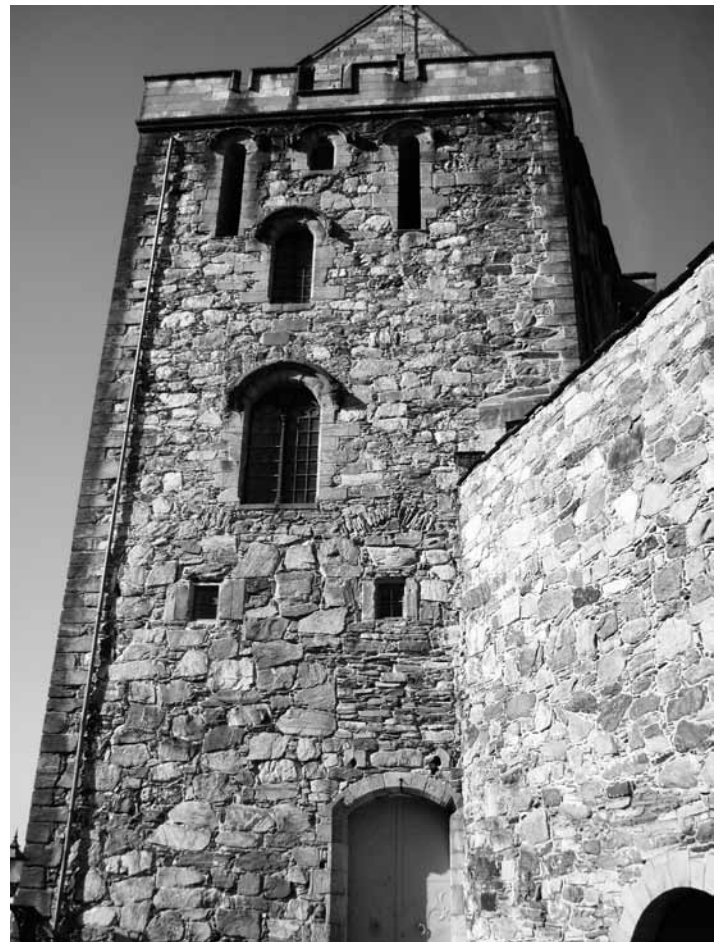


A timeless beauty in simple stone

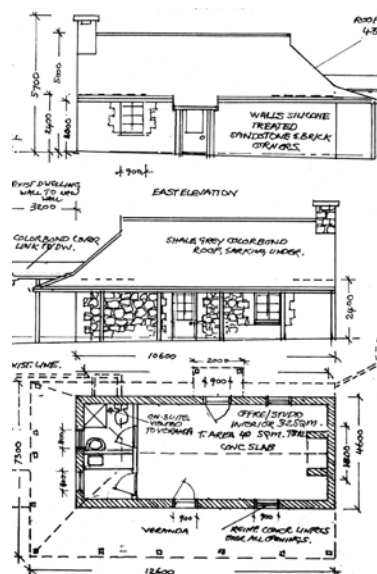
by Keith McMenomey

WHAT IS SO appealing about old stone structures? Perhaps because stone is seldom used now except on heritage items or grand garden schemes. Even so, our State is a fertile source of built stone examples but let's start at a distance. We tramped ancestral villages and homes in the British Isles where stone has been used since pre-Roman times. Such places have poignant resonance. In a small church in Somerset we found a font where a great, great grandmother was baptized just over two centuries ago. On the wind-swept north eastern coast of Scotland a Cairn marks where Sutherland ancestors built fieldstone cottages to survive after the clearances. There, one can step through low doorways imagining large families raised around an open fire in a single room of about 36 square metres. Miniature fields of a hectare or so supported them with crops of oats or potatoes to supplement fishing below treacherous cliffs. But even without direct connection there is something special about stone constructions in the built environment, as much for what they represent or can tell you, as for their functional appeal. By inference they speak of other social periods, other biographies, when survival was more difficult and durability more of a priority. In NSW these attributes applied to convict built barracks, roads, culverts and drystone walls. For refined sandstone masterpieces in civic and military buildings, take a walk from the Art Gallery of NSW across to Macquarie Street and up to Hyde Park. For rustic local examples there are old country inns, homesteads, hotels, gaols, and beautiful churches galore. District graveyards reveal a variety of memorials and snippets of insight into mortality through poverty, prosperity, sickness, accident and even crime. The whole town of Berrima is a stonemason's showpiece; Taralga is another. Bundanoon too has appealing stone examples like the old Pill Factory, Pryor's Pottery residence, Holy Trinity church, cottages opposite and beside Petersen's garage and other gems like 'Estoril' tucked away in its garden.

Our efforts rarely go beyond terracing and garden walls but long-term admiration for stone has prompted me to take the leap and attempt a small guest cottage next to our house. I know, our children will say-"the old man has lost it" - perhaps so! But despite the derision of our young modernists the design is in vernacular Anglo-Celt tradition with a verandah added to provide a hat in the sun. Corners and window openings will be edged with Bowral cream bricks for precision. Rough courses will suffice in between for 300mm thick walls. Many tonnes of sandstone rubble were sourced from Bundanoon quarry, a vital heritage source in itself, and we have gone



Fortified tower, Bergen, Norway



through bureaucratic hoops gaining approval to proceed. Now I'm waiting for the frosts to ease off. Architects transform our world into a Post-Modern one of steel, glass, concrete and electrics. Rightly so; global over-population, environmental sustainability and lower energy use are vital issues. But for those wanting to build an efficient, durable and habitable shelter there should be room for a folly or two in the country and that is the aim. So – call it nostalgia?



Left: Old Eucalypt in drystone wall, Symi, Greece.
Below: Two metre example at Bungonia



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THREE HARD-WORKING MEMBERS of the Bundanoon History Group, Maureen and Bud Townsing and Andrew Pardoe, spent the best part of twelve months researching the archives and visiting the State Land Titles Office for information on the history of the Bundanoon shops.

An exhibition of archival material of black and white photographs displayed alongside modern-day equivalents, fascinating memorabilia and stories from families of the old-time shop owners has been open since early June. Local interest in the project has encouraged the Bundanoon History Group to keep the display open for some months.

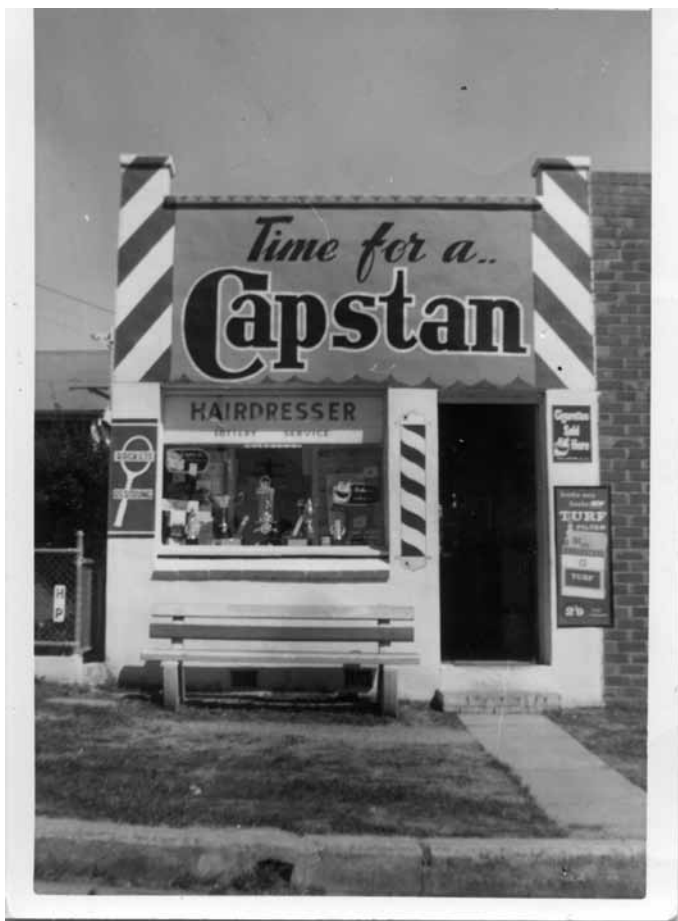
Each open day at the Old Goods Shed (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, Market Sundays, 10.00am to 3.00pm) brings yet another visitor with more great stories to add to the collection making this an on-going project.

We recommend you visit the Old Goods Shed, headquarters of the History Group, more than once to relive the experiences of the people of Bundanoon. Many photographs from the collection can be viewed on a computer screen.

For further information contact: President Patricia Guy, 4883 6971.

Part of the display in the Old Goods Shed





Peter McNally's barber shop



Fred Angel recollects

FRED ANGEL HAS boyhood memories of the shops in Bundanoon. He remembers spending hard earned pocket money at the bakery and the

grocery store, picking up the meat at Greason's Butchery in Erith Street and war time food rationing.

"Our groceries were delivered by Jack Buchanan from Carlisle's store at the corner of Ellsmore Road and Erith Street. Jack used to give us boiled lollies and Jim Phillips gave us broken biscuits on the way home from school. Where the bottle shop is now, Ernie Greason had a fruit and vegetable shop and he would give us bananas.

After my father died we lived with my grandfather in Old Wingello Road. Like most children in those days we walked to school and mostly we raced home for lunch. On occasions we bought our lunch – a meat pie from Tom Sutton's bakery. They were sixpence each. Sometimes we cheated and bought a lizard loaf (a fruit bun with cinnamon and sugar on top). They were threepence each and we spent the rest on ice creams and lollies. Bread was delivered by horse and cart.

During the war we had coupons for butter, groceries, clothing and petrol and on Sundays we collected the papers from the verandah of the grocery store.

A hair cut at Peter McNally's was ninepence for boys. Peter owned the shop with his brother Eddie – as well as being the barber's, it was also where we hired bikes. When the Bundanoon Pool was being built and Council ran out of money for its construction, Peter McNally lent them £500 to finish it. Peter McNally and Councillor Herb Ellsmore shook hands on the deal at the corner of Hill Street and Old Wingello Road."

These anecdotes are just part of Fred's recollections about his early life in Bundanoon. Vicki Streatfeild interviewed Fred, who is a 7th generation descendant of settlers who came to the district from England in 1825. The Angel family history will feature in a future edition of jcg.

Railway Avenue in 1936





Through Ross-coloured glasses

by Ross Armfield

An image problem

AFTER THE RECENT electioneering blitz of political messages by both major parties, does anyone else feel that they have been extremely 'dumbed down' by the patronising, inane and repetitive platitudes that surged over us in the name of communication? Detailed explanation and thoughtful argument were replaced by slogans such as, 'moving forward', 'great big new tax', 'back on track' and 'that program is dead, buried and cremated' repeated over and over in every address to the public. It's a lazy strategy. I guess I shouldn't be surprised; this process has been evolving for years in most media forms and particularly in television, where even the presentation of images is targeted at the lowest level of comprehension.

Take disease control for example. Over the recent past there have been stories about many flu types, diabetes, the immunisation of children, heroin addiction, safe houses, cervical cancer vaccine etc. Every one of these stories is accompanied by multiple images, (often the same image despite it being a different disease), of needles entering flesh. I mean, we understand what the terms injection and inoculation mean, we don't need the 'R' rated violence of cold steel burrowing its way through warm human flesh, releasing speckles of deep red blood! O.K., I am a total wimp when it comes to needles and shots, but I'm sure you get my drift. And then there's teenage excessive drinking, schoolies week and associated violence etc. Out comes the standard stock footage of a large girl in a bright pink top being supported and led away across the street by two friends in a three-way stagger. I'd like a dollar for every time I've seen that shot! I've got a theory that in a few years time, (maybe it's already started), the television stations won't actually send news crews out to cover events, they'll just broadcast all old footage and hope we don't notice. It just may work. Take the start of the City to Surf race. They all look the same, as thousands of runners charge off along William Street. They may as well show last year's event and the same ending too. Do you remember who won last year? The same applies to the Melbourne Cup. Just show re-runs of previous years. Those jockey outfits all look the same, and for that matter, so do the horses! If TV stations feel audiences need variety they could just dub a new commentary over the old one and give the horses new names! While they're at it they may as well just show earlier years' Mardi Gras parades and Anzac Day marches. If they're going to treat us like unthinking sponges, they should go all the way, and match the 'dumbing down' skills of their journalists and presenters.

Have you ever seriously listened to the language of the reporters and presenters on such shows as *Sydney Weekender*, *Getaway*, *60 Minutes*, *Better Homes and Gardens* etc? It is at a level that most 10 year olds would dismiss as childish. It's probably on a par with the all-too- typical interview we so often see. The journalist, after years of training and experience, when interviewing a Lotto winner or a car crash victim or a bankrupted businessman or an earthquake survivor or

a mother after successfully giving birth to triplets, asks the oh-so-original, deeply thought out, penetrating and surprising question: "How do you feel?"

The good news is that the electioneering period was relatively short lived. The bad news is that the slogans and spin and the mass media 'dumbing down' goes on forever!



not again - this was on last night!



Vet's casebook

by Ken Davidson BVSc (Hons)

Why dogs should be walked on leads

RECENTLY DARCY, a one year old border collie, was brought in to the surgery in a state of collapse. His owner, Susan, had been walking him on the reserve behind the Blue Circle Oval where he appeared to be absolutely normal. On arrival home in Moss Vale, Darcy jumped out of the car but within minutes seemed to buckle in the legs. He was rushed into our vet practice but by the time he arrived he was in a complete coma.

On examination he appeared normal except for a complete loss of all sensory reflexes around the head and limbs. He showed none of the expected signs we see for all the common poisonings or snake bites. His gums were pink, he was breathing slowly but regularly. Blood tests showed all his organs to be normal.

It appeared that Darcy had suffered a massive stroke. He had no pain reflexes at all and appeared to be brain-dead, except for his breathing. His oxygen and heart was monitored throughout the day, still in the normal range. By nightfall we had all but given up on any chance of his survival.

Suddenly, I remembered a similar case seen in an African lion at Warragamba Lion Park in the late seventies. Dr Ron Hyne from the Sydney University Rural Veterinary Centre was the vet for this park, and was called to attend a lion which had suddenly become comatose. It had them completely baffled as he too passed all blood tests that were taken. Their diagnosis was helped by investigating this lion's diet, which was meat from steers used in research at a facility in Mittagong. The steers had to be euthanased to assess the results of experiments, using a barbiturate anaesthetic overdose. An operator giving this injection must have missed the vein, thereby putting the whole lethal dose in one place under the skin. The affected lion ate a full dose of euthanasia solution and took three days to wake up.

I told Susan that night that there was a very slim chance that Darcy might just have got a similar poison. Based on this we decided to keep him alive overnight.

The next morning there was a very faint sign of improvement. Gradually over the next 48 hours this progress continued. Exactly as the lion did, Darcy very slowly recovered. Susan was delighted about this and particularly about giving him the chance to pull through. Darcy made a complete recovery over several days.



Darcy at his worst

The immediate worry is that the barbiturate poison is a restricted substance. These question remains: how did this dog pick up the bait? Where did it happen? Did Darcy eat part of the remains of a euthanased animal as did the lion at Warragamba? We probably will never know.

1. Dogs walked on leads are less likely to eat a bait without being seen.
2. Dogs on leads are less likely to get into fights in the street. (but watch for larger dogs, not on leads, looking for a fight!)
3. Dogs on leads are less likely to be run over by cars and bikes.
4. Dogs on leads are less likely to run off (eg chasing rabbits) and then getting lost.
5. Most importantly, dogs on leads are obeying the law and cannot be prosecuted under the Animal Welfare Act.

FIRST FLEETERS:

Tracking our earliest immigrants



The above planned route of the First Fleet was published in *A history of New Holland* in 1787. The route taken on the actual voyage included a deviation to Rio de Janeiro.



William Hogarth,
Gin Lane (1751)

When the slave trade to America ceased following the Revolutionary Wars, and attempted convict settlements on the African coast failed, the decision to establish a penal colony at Botany Bay provided a solution to overcrowded prisons and the Thames prison hulks.

There were 11 ships in the First Fleet which sailed from Portsmouth: the flagship *HMS Sirius*, *HMS Supply*, a naval tender, the smallest and fastest ship of the fleet, *Borrowdale* and storeships *Fishburn* and *Golden Grove*. The convict transports were *Scarborough*, carrying 208 male convicts, *Alexander*, carrying 195 male convicts, *Friendship*, carrying 76 male and 21 female convicts, *Charlotte*, which carried 88 male and 20 female convicts, *Prince of Wales*, carrying one male and 49 females and *Lady Penrhyn*, 101 female convicts. Under the command of Captain Arthur Phillip who brought the fleet safely from England, the British flag was raised at his chosen landing site in Sydney Cove.

The origins of our first "boat people" have always been accepted as English, Scottish, Welsh or Irish but what has emerged from research is that convicts in Australia were neither a particularly exclusive race nor culture but came from a wide variety of nationalities. In fact it is difficult to define who the original people of Britain and Ireland were. There were so many invasions over the early years of their history that there is little doubt that our first settlers would have had mixed parentage.

Some felons of the First Fleet were political exiles from the British aristocracy, Canadian and American rebels, and others were products of squalid Hogarthian city slums and poverty. The least known among the First Fleet transportees were African slaves. Names give no clue to their origins as they frequently bore the surnames of their masters. In fact the people of the First Fleet came from many nationalities: North Americans, Africans, West Indians, French, Swedish, Dutch, Portuguese, German, Norwegians and Gypsies, as well as Scots, Irish and English, so we have always been a multicultural nation.

Many Australians are descended from the crew and convicts of the First Fleet – including a number of Bundanoon residents whose stories follow.



A last view of London as those on the First Fleet may have seen it.

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JOHN KIRKBY HAS been able to trace his ancestry back to John Nichols who arrived in the New South Wales penal colony on *HMS Scarborough* in 1788. He had been brought to trial at the Old Bailey on 21 April 1784 for stealing a large quantity of goods including 57 razors, 12 pairs of scissors 22 boxes of soap and a looking glass, together with ribbon, combs, human hair, powder and powder puffs to the value of fifteen pounds and sixpence. After spending almost 3 years on the prison hulk *Censor* John was transported to Portsmouth on 24 February 1787 where the *Scarborough* the second largest vessel in the fleet (35 metres long and 10 metres wide), carrying 208 convicts finally set sail on 13 May.

During the three month delay convicts were kept in irons but after departure Captain Phillip ordered that they should be freed and allowed fresh air and exercise. Phillip was disappointed in Botany Bay, their scheduled destination, and after the discovery of Port Jackson the fleet was transferred to Sydney Cove. A landing site was marked on 26 January 1788.

On 24 March 1788 John married Mary Carroll, a female convict who had been convicted of theft at the Old Bailey in 1786 and transported in the first fleet to the penal settlement on the *Lady Penrhyn*. They were separated on 2 October 1788 when Mary was transported to Norfolk Island with other convicts in an attempt to relieve food shortages in the colony. She returned to NSW in 1794 but there is no evidence that John and Mary lived together after this. At the completion of his sentence in 1791 John received a land grant on Prospect Hill and Mary on her return was granted land on Mulgrave Hill some distance away. John became a constable and a successful farmer with 44 acres of wheat and maize, supporting six free men and two convicts.

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HMS Scarborough



John Kirkby



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A prison hulk

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Records show that John lived with Ann Pugh, a convict who arrived in the colony in 1801. Their first child was born in 1802. When Mary Carroll died in April 1803 John was free to marry Ann and following the birth of their second child in May they were married by Reverend Samuel Marsden on 25 August 1803. They remained at Prospect until 1814 when John sold his original holding and there appears to have been a dramatic change in their fortunes. The 1819 muster lists John as a labourer when their eleventh child was born. Their fifth child born in 1808 had died the next day and by April 1822 Ann had borne twelve children. Following John's death in December that year, when the muster showed he held 80 acres in the district of Sydney, Ann was left to care for her family, six of whom were younger than twelve. She died aged 75 in 1849.

John and Ann Nichols sixth child Martha married William Windley on 6th January 1829 and they became the great-great-grandparents of John Kirkby on his mother's side.

The story doesn't stop there because John's research has uncovered the colourful life of convict William Windley and an equally intriguing story of a Third Fleeter, James Underwood on his father's side, who had as his first mistress Philadelphia Pouns. Phillis as she was known was transported with Ann Pugh on the *Earl Cornwallis*, arriving in 1801, and was the mother of James Underwood's eldest child Charlotte. She married Joseph James Richardson Kirkby on 19 May 1832 and they became the great-great-grandparents of John on his father's side. Ed.

Life on board a First Fleet ship (artist's impression)



Following a paper trail

WHEN JCG INTERVIEWED John Kirkby about his First Fleet forebears it was interesting to learn the way in which his search for information began. His parents attended a course during the 1960s and began work on an Australian family tree; however it was not until the 70s when John and his wife Rosemary attended a Daly family reunion that their interest in tracing John's ancestors was triggered. Although some convict records have been kept in Australia, some had been sent back to England and others were lost in a fire during the 1800s. Fortunately, their detective work to establish John's connection to John Nichols who arrived on *HMS Scarborough* in 1788 was assisted by the Society of Australian Genealogists and the Fellowship of First Fleeters.

In the seventy years from 1788 until 1858 all John's family members (nine convicts and fourteen free settlers) arrived in Australia from various parts of Europe. They came from England, Scotland, Ireland, Switzerland and Germany during the early 1800s. Australian birth, death and marriage records facilitated the paper trail to find their details, although identifying German free settler ancestors on his mother's side of the family was complicated because of misspelling of names in official records. These included shipping records, State archives, naturalization certificates and church records of marriages and burials. As well as this, there was an accepted family myth that John's great-grand father was a red-headed Swiss sailor who jumped ship and settled at Broughton Creek (now Berry). After extensive research John found that this was not true. In fact his great grandfather, Christian, was the only child of Christian Kunkler, a Swiss free settler who arrived on the *Charles Ross* on 30 August 1855. In 1879 Christian Jnr, aged 33, married 17 year old Mary Madeline Hennes, the daughter of a German family employed at Ivy Lodge, Exeter. The graves of her mother Eva, who died giving birth to twin boys in 1864, and her sons who died in 1866 were eventually found at Sutton Forest. The search for Hennes history was further complicated because the name had been variously recorded as Henes, Heness and Hainess.

As John points out, family history research is fascinating and rewarding but requires time and patience to deal with the frustrations of 'blind alleys' and inaccuracies of early record keeping.

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Carol Schillert

CAROL SCHILLERT AND Cosette Morris share their ancestry. Nathaniel Lucas and Olivia Gascoigne had 13 children and began Australia's largest recorded family now numbering some 40,000 descendants. A publication, aptly named "A Nation within a Nation", written by Peter McKay, documents their connections.

Carol learned about her convict ancestors from her aunt, Margaret Hinze who had researched their family's history. After writing to Western Australia for her father's birth certificate and with assistance from the Society of Australian Genealogists Carol had official confirmation of her aunt's records. She found that her great-grandfather Moses Sullivan had married Blanche Lucas, a fourth generation descendant of the Lucas family. This information led her back to Nathaniel and Olivia who were among convicts on the First Fleet.

Cosette's direct line goes back to Olivia, the sixth child in the family. She has always been aware of her history and she is proud of her remarkable ancestors. Cosette has found that the book with the most comprehensive information is titled *Nathaniel and Olivia: the Lucas Family* researched and compiled by Rhonda Kroehnert and Betty Taber.

Historians have been researching the lives of the Lucas family for many years and the story of this remarkable couple is well documented. *Prisoners in Paradise* published in 2008 by Trevor and Judy Langstrom tells the compelling story of Nathaniel and Olivia who were both from well respected families. Nathaniel was a 20 year old, skilled tradesman of good character convicted of stealing items of napery from a neighbour. These were found hidden in his room and although he denied the allegations on the grounds that anyone could have had access because his door was never locked, he was sentenced to seven years transportation. After three years in a Thames River hulk he left England for NSW on the HMS Scarborough.

Olivia was the daughter of John Gascoigne, High Sheriff of Yorkshire, and her mother, Sarah Vernon Wentworth, was related to the Wentworth family who built Vacluse House. Olivia grew up in Wentworth Castle and her distinguished relatives included the Dukes of Argyll, Clarence and Cumberland and the Marquis of Liverpool. How Olivia came to be in the company of the men who robbed Edward Griffiths at gunpoint on 10 August 1784 has been the subject of much speculation. She was sentenced to hang but, perhaps due to her influential connections, the King granted her the royal prerogative of mercy and her sentence was commuted to seven years' transportation. She spent two years in gaol before leaving England. The *Journal of Surgeon Arthur Bowes Smyth* (original held in the Mitchell Library) lists Olivia as one of the 109 female convicts who came to NSW on the *Lady Penrhyn*. His recommendation of six suitable women convicts to be sent to the colony of Norfolk Island just three weeks after their arrival in the colony included Olivia. Nathaniel had also been selected for his carpentry skills. The couple met on board the *Supply*, commanded by Lt Phillip Gidley King, were permitted to marry and became model citizens and successful farmers in the new settlement. Many of the public buildings on the island were constructed during Nathaniel's years there as Master Carpenter. The Lucas family was highly regarded by King and on his return to England on leave he undertook to deliver a letter to Nathaniel's father.



Cosette Morris

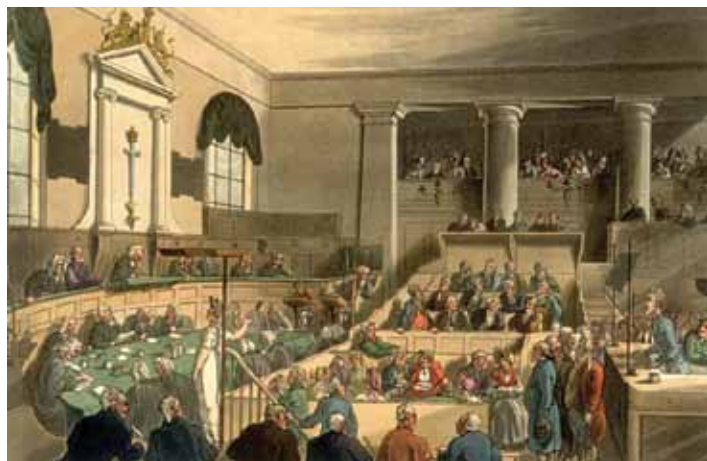
Sadly, this beautifully written letter was never delivered and it is now held in the archives of the Mitchell Library. It tells the story of the tragic death of three year old twins and the survival of Olivia and baby William, when a pine tree fell on their house.

Phillip Gidley King was later appointed Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, and following the decline of the Norfolk Island settlement, Nathaniel and Olivia with their eleven children returned to Port Jackson in 1805, where Nathaniel was given a land grant in the area of the Domain. He built a flour mill on the site. He is also credited with construction of many Sydney buildings in his position as Supervisor of Carpenters during King's term of office. When the government reclaimed the Domain, Nathaniel was given a grant of 500 acres in the Liverpool district and his tombstone can be found at St Luke's, Liverpool. Lachlan Macquarie, Governor of NSW in 1818 appointed Francis Greenaway to design the church and Nathaniel was contracted as the builder. However, there was friction between the two men, probably because Nathaniel, formerly a tee-totaler, had developed a serious alcohol problem. He died, aged 54, soon after the commencement of the construction. Olivia, with six of her children took up a land grant of 100 acres in Van Diemen's Land at Port Dalrymple where she lived for 14 years until she died aged 69 in 1824.

The story of Nathaniel and Olivia is intriguing and provides a window into the lives of successful First Fleet convicts who settled here and founded such impressive dynasties.

Name	When convicted	When	Term
Nathaniel Lucas.			
John Richardson.			
James Burroughs.	Middlemore	Greenaway	7 July 1788 7 years
William Hunter			

A record (above) of Nathaniel Lucas's conviction and sentence at the Old Bailey (below)



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Linda Rees



The First Fleet in Sydney Harbour

*'Farewell to Old England for ever ...
Oh we're bound for Botany Bay'*

SINGING THIS SHANTY around the piano more than two hundred years after the settlement of 'New Wales', it is difficult to imagine the hardships endured by those convicts transported on ships which took almost a year to reach the penal colony. Linda Rees has become immersed in the history of her three First Fleet ancestors and realises that their very survival was in itself remarkable, firstly (of the parents) in circumstances in England so desperate that they would risk their lives in petty theft, and then on the voyage and resettlement.

Jane Langley, born in Holborn in 1764, was 'a quite black-complexioned woman, a tall girl with very curly hair', one of three sisters possibly the mulatto offspring of West Indian and English parents. Jane never learned to read or write.

She completed her apprenticeship as a tambour, an embroidery worker, and was aged 21 when she was charged with her friend Mary Finn with stealing five guineas and nine shillings and sixpence from one Robert Robinson. Despite protesting their innocence they were found guilty and, after being held at the Old Bailey, were transported on the *Lady Penrhyn*. There is a record of Jane having a young son* with her but as there are no further references it must be assumed that he did not survive the trip. On board ship she became pregnant to the foremost man, Philip Skirwin/Skirving - the records contain at least seven variations in spelling of his name. Scriven being the old Anglo-Saxon for 'scribe' - and on October 23, 1787 she gave birth to a daughter, Henrietta, while the ship was off the Cape of Good Hope. She was one of 20 babies born on that voyage and they were therefore recognised as Australian.

After arriving at Sydney Cove, Philip absconded into the bush, and when found, 'naked, starving and very ill', he was put on board the *Penrhyn* for its return trip. It is thought unlikely that he survived the journey. Jane and Henrietta were sent to Norfolk Island on board the *Sirius*, which was wrecked in rough seas on 19 March 1790, a day after the passengers were landed. Jane subsequently married marine Thomas Chipp and they had seven or eight children, most of whom survived. The family returned to Sydney where Jane practised as a tailor until her death in 1836. She is buried in the Devonshire St. cemetery underneath Central Railway Station.

Henrietta, meanwhile, married a man named Fletcher, an ex-convict from the Second or Third Fleet, and lived in Campbelltown where she was granted land and one cow at Minto. Her husband became a policeman there. One of their children married a Chapman and this was the name of Linda's maternal grandmother.

As we sit in front of the framed list of First Fleeters in the Primula Café in Bundanoon it is difficult to make the transition from those days to now, and amazing to think how many people in our little Highlands town have direct lineage to our very first settlers.

A quote from Jonathan King's book *First Fleet*: 'As for the distress of the women, they are past description, as they are deprived of tea and other things they were indulged in on the voyage by the seamen, and as they are totally unprovided with clothes, those that have young children are quite wretched. Besides this, a number of marriages have taken place, several women who became pregnant on the voyage, and are since left by their partners.'

—Kate Perkins

* An infant, Philip Langly, is listed in the *Journal of Arthur Bowes Smyth: Surgeon, Lady Penrhyn* but his name is not among those who died on the voyage. This journal is not held in high regard by researchers as it contains many inaccuracies and omissions have been detected. Ed



A convict woman and man

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WILLIAM NASH, a marine, and Maria Haynes, his 'common law wife' were Liz's two First Fleeters. Private William Nash, along with some 200 others, volunteered to join the First Fleet to sail to 'the lands beyond the seas – Australia' on 13 May, 1787. William was illiterate as were most others of the time.

Apparently it was within the rules to allow ten wives per company to travel. On this occasion twenty eight wives and seventeen children sailed from Portsmouth on the *Prince of Wales*. The story has it that Maria and one other marine's 'wife' were also permitted to sail on the transport ship.

Nothing is known of Maria's background – neither family nor her life prior to the voyage. Records indicate she was born circa 1770 so she would have been about 17 when the First Fleet sailed. It is thought she and William met either while he was serving at Plymouth from 1784 to 1786 or in Portsmouth where he was transferred in 1786–7.

William Nash and Maria Haynes arrived at Port Jackson on 29 January 1788 after 252 days at sea. Their first born child, a son, reputedly the fledgling colony's first 'marine child', was born on 12 May 1788 but died the following year.

William and Maria married on 13 February 1789. While they were on Norfolk Island in 1790/1791 a second son, John, was born. Later when the marines were withdrawn from service William Nash opted to remain in the colony and joined the NSW Corps. He and Maria had four more children but she later left him to live with a second fleet convict Robert Guy, who came to the colony on the *Scarborough* in 1790. The voyage took 160 days and some 73 of the complement died. It is recorded that Robert and two others stole a horse. He had spent a year in Newgate Prison but under a temporary respite from hanging he was offered a pardon conditional upon transportation for life. He and Maria had no children and he was content to bring up Maria's children as his own.



Elizabeth Williams

What happened to William Nash after Maria left him to live with Robert Guy is not recorded. Apparently he applied for leave to depart the colony but there is no record of this.

Robert Guy died in 1820 and Maria Nash in 1844. They are buried at Castlereagh Cemetery.

Elizabeth's grandfather, Charles, was the second son born to a grandson of the First Fleeters. That grandson, John, had two very young wives and twenty one children!

And the story continues:

Sarah, William and Maria Nash's youngest daughter married a convict, John Williams, in 1814. He had been sentenced for 14 years for desertion having been previously sentenced to death for 'seditious utterances'. He went into hiding and when he was found, and having friends 'with a bit of clout', the death sentence was commuted to transportation and he arrived in the colony on the 'Duke of Portland' in 1807. Sarah and John had thirteen children and Elizabeth Williams is descended from Robert, their first born. Elizabeth is a sixth generation Australian and in about fifteen or so year's time the birth of the tenth generation should occur.

— Graeme Whisker

Fellowship of First Fleeters, Southern Highlands Chapter

The next meeting will be held at Mittagong Community Centre, Corner of Albert Lane and Queen Street, on Wednesday 13th October at 10.30am. The Guest Speaker is Liz Williams, who will be talking about "26th January 1788 – The Day Before". Contact number for more information: Neville Usher 4869 1406.



Above: HMS *Prince of Wales*

Left: Sarah Williams, née Nash

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A TRIP TO Norfolk Island with local historian Linda Emery sparked Jean Stubbings' interest in First Fleeters and led to her researching her own family First Fleeter, Mary Martin.

Mary Allen/Allein, born at Shoreditch, St Leonard's, c. 1764, was tried at the Old Bailey at the age of 22 and found guilty of assault and theft of goods to the value of seventy two shillings and twopence. After being incarcerated in Newgate gaol she was sentenced to transportation for 7 years and was one of 101* female convicts on board the *Lady Penrhyn* when it arrived in Port Jackson on 26 January 1788.

Along with many of the other female convicts, Mary spent the first month after arriving in Australia on board the ship before moving to a 'lean-to' on shore. Following a relationship with another First Fleeter, Frederick Meredith, their daughter Charlotte was born in 1790, but when the little girl died before her second birthday the couple separated. Mary later had five daughters, three of whom survived, with Edward Pales from the Second Fleet HMS *Surprise*, and after Edward died she married another Second Fleeter, John Martin who had received his freedom. They had two sons and another daughter and worked a small farm in the Windsor area until John's death in 1812.

Mary later moved to Goulburn where she lived with her daughter Ann by Edward Pales.

Ann was widowed with three sons when she met and later married John Richards and their elder son, George, born in 1829, was Jean's great-grandfather. John died in 1938.

In 1988, knowing that Australian ancestors had arrived in New York in 1878, two of John Richards' descendants came to Australia to conduct further research into their family. This led to the discovery of Mary's gravesite in St. Saviour's cemetery in Goulburn. With the co-operation of the Goulburn Historical Society, and funded by the American relatives, restoration work was carried out on the headstone and a First Fleeter plaque was placed on it at a ceremony to mark the 200 years since Mary Martin had arrived in Sydney Cove.

Ann and John were involved in the building of Riversdale, now classified by the National Trust, and it was here that Mary lived with Ann until her death in 1843.

In September this year the Southern Highlands Chapter of First Fleeters will be making a trip to Goulburn to visit Mary's grave and have lunch at Riversdale.

* The *Journal of Arthur Bowes Smyth: Surgeon, Lady Penrhyn* lists 109 convict women. Ed.

** Frederick Meredith is mentioned again in Graham Anderson's story, overleaf.

NB: This article was written based on information supplied by Jean Stubbings.

— Kate Perkins



Above: HMS *Lady Penrhyn*

Below: The front door of Riversdale



FIRST FLEET DESCENDANTS

Frederick Meredith: a settler's tale



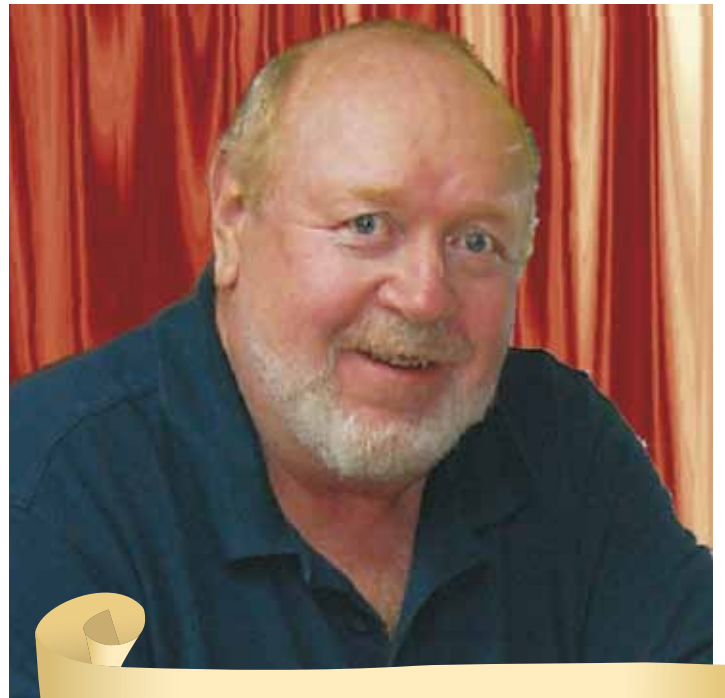
"47—48—49" GRUNTED THE bosun's mate swinging the two-foot tails of the 'Captain's daughter', as the Cat o' Nine tails was known on the *Scarborough*, "—50!". "Welcome to Sydney Cove Mister Meredith!" As the drum beat ceased and thick brine washed the gore from his scarred back, one wonders if Frederick Meredith, a crew member on the convict transport ship, could foresee after this inauspicious start that within just five short

years he would voluntarily choose to live out the rest of his life in this outpost at the end of the world. He was steward to Captain John Marshall and had used his ingenuity to obtain a possum — 'a curious beast' — for the pot as requested by his master. Unfortunately trading a bottle of rum with a convict for the said possum was against Governor Phillip's Standing Orders and he was awarded 100 lashes. According to surgeon Arthur Bowes-Smyth it was only after the appeals from 'several gentlemen' who respected Meredith and believed the punishment too harsh for the crime did the Governor reduce the sentence to 50 strokes.

Already intrigued by this strange land, when the *Scarborough* sailed for home in May, he requested a transfer to the flag ship *HMS Sirius* which remained in the harbour. The muster books of the *Sirius*, under the command of Captain John Hunter, later to become the second governor of the colony, describe able seaman Meredith as a 23 year old baker from Denham, Buckinghamshire. He and fellow crew member Walter Brodie were assigned to create a vegetable plot and oversee the growing of corn on what is now known as Garden Island. With plenty of time on their hands they etched their initials FM & WB 1788 deeply into a large rock at the top of the island, thereby becoming the first recorded European graffiti artists in Australia. (The navy still protects this site under glass).

In 1790 during an extended drought Phillip ordered the *Sirius* to Norfolk Island with 200 convicts to relieve the colony and hoping to find better growing conditions. Alas, in what was to become Wreck Bay the ship foundered and sank. All hands and convicts, however, were saved and the crew returned on the *HMS Supply*, firstly to Sydney, and then on to Batavia (Jakarta). There the navy rented a Dutch boat called the *Waaksamheid* reaching Portsmouth on 22 April 1792 where Frederick Meredith was paid off by the navy.

Governor Phillip had repeatedly written home requesting free settlers — "finding few amongst the convicts who were inclined to be industrious" and this to Under-Secretary Nepean: "If fifty farmers were sent out with their families they would do more in one year in rendering this colony independent of the mother country, as to provisions, than a thousand convicts." The incentives offered were considerable — "to have their passage provided by the Government, and on landing to receive an assortment of tools and implements from the public stores; to be supplied with two years' provisions and one year's clothing; land to be granted free of expense, and the services of convicts to be assigned them." So it is somewhat surprising that when, three months later, Meredith sailed on the 74 gun, ship of the line *HMS Bellona* as one of the first free settlers to accept this offer, he was joined by just four others. The



Graham Anderson

Secretary of State expressed his sorrow, "*the settlers are as yet all who have offered themselves*".

A successful landholder, he joined the Loyal Sydney Association in 1800 and fought in the Vinegar Hill uprising. He became the first Chief Constable and the first Postmaster of Liverpool. He is buried there in Pioneer's Park and his gravestone is tended by the Frederick Meredith Descendants Group.

—Graham Anderson

Graham is the great, great, great grandson of Frederick Meredith and Mary Kirk.



Graham has built a scale model of the *Supply*

Unsung heroines

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION HAS a long history for Meals-on-Wheels in Bundanoon. **Jean Bromfield** and a number of other women saw a need and commenced the service for Bundanoon residents in the late 1970s. At that time the Community Health Service purchased Laurisel, now the Bakery. The Community Health Nurse and the Baby Health Centre set up offices and the front of the building was rented out to the local GP, Dr. Phillip Knowles. Jean and the other committed women set about cooking meals from the small kitchen, with some recipients being assisted to come to the centre where meals were served in the dining room. Laurisel truly became a community centre and what a busy and happy place it was.

This dedicated group provided soup, a main course, sweets and a fruit juice with a vitamin C component. Other community groups were rostered to deliver meals or provide transport to and from the centre.

The 1980s saw more involvement of Federal and State governments under the Home and Community Care Program. Moss Vale M-o-W under the leadership of Ken Pogson applied for funding at the same time fund-raising was taking place for a new Senior Citizens' Centre in Moss Vale. With foresight and recognition that the community was growing, Bundanoon was incorporated with Moss Vale and District Meals-on Wheels. A small commercial kitchen was part of the new Senior Citizens' Centre with cooked /chilled meals being delivered to Bundanoon each Monday, Wednesday and Friday by an arrangement with Berrima Coach Service.

Of course the meals still needed to be delivered to residents and again Jean and her volunteers found time in their busy lives to serve the community. By this stage a constant commitment of over 20 years.

The baton was handed to well-known Bundanoon resident **Faye Carter** in 2002. Faye had a long history of volunteering for MoW in Sydney and Picton over some 30 years. Faye is currently the volunteer organizer for Bundanoon and is also a member of the Board of Management. Both these positions are voluntary and Faye gives her time, skill, experience, energy and compassion to these roles. Faye would take her elderly mother on the runs with her. She says "Although the meal is important, it is often the time taken to listen and talk to the recipient - to talk about old times and show personal concern." Often a person receiving meals no longer has family or friends in the local area, so the sense of connection is vital to their emotional health.

Note: Meals on Wheels (Wingecarribee Food Services Co-operative Ltd.) receives funding from the Home and Community Care Program for a Service Manager and the administration of the service. The cost of the meals has a direct relationship to the costs of kitchen staff, food, utilities and equipment used to provide the meals. There is no government funding component provided. In recent times there has been additional compliance cost of Food Service auditing. Our community will be pleased to know that an A rating was achieved and our compliance is the same as that required for Hospitals and Residential Aged Care Facilities. The service is a non-profit organization with voluntary Board Members who are committed to keeping cost of the meals affordable. Rising food and utility costs have provided challenges. The Board acknowledges and is thankful for our volunteers' commitment. However, it is seeking additional assistance to forestall a rise in the cost of the meals to recipients.

—Margaret Mogg



Faye Carter, left, and Jean Bromfield



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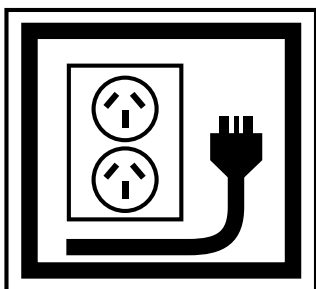
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Reaching out

VOLUNTEERING WINGECARRIBEE WILL be expanding its services thanks to a generous grant from the IMB Community Foundation in 2010.

The IMB Foundation has pledged a total of \$7000 to the Volwing Outreach Program, run by

Volunteering Wingecarribee. This program aims to visit the outlying villages in the shire to discuss volunteering within the community.

Established in 2003, Volunteering Wingecarribee is the sole Volunteer Centre in the NSW Southern Highlands. It plays an essential role in helping the community across a wide range of services such as disability assistance, education initiatives, health care and environmental sustainability.

"We currently have only one base for recruiting volunteers for our not-for-profit organisations and that is in Moss Vale. This program and the IMB grant will expand our ability to better meet the needs of community groups," said Judi Rose, Manager of Volunteering Wingecarribee.

"The work of the committed volunteers in our community is inspirational, and the more people who are able to be helped by their generosity and presence, the better," said Di Manley, IMB Bowral Branch Manager.

The Volunteer Centre will be visiting Bundanoon on Wednesday 20 October and would like to invite anyone to come along to the Supper Room of the Soldiers Memorial Hall between 10am and 12 noon. Come and have a chat about volunteering and enjoy morning tea.

We would love to hear of volunteering that goes on in Bundanoon and also hear from anyone looking for volunteers or volunteer work. For more information, call 4869 4617 or email volwing@bigpond.com.



Left: Raising our profile... and some funds

Below: Volwing Cottage, Moss Vale



CWA report

GOOD NEWS! WE have been successful in receiving a Community Assistance Grant from Wingecarribee Shire Council to begin painting the CWA rooms.

By the way, did you notice all the glamorous ladies around town on 10 June after our "cosmetics morning"? We learned lots about colour and highlighting our "best assets"! This event raised \$216 for Father Riley's Youth Off the Streets organisation.

Our two teeth-chattering Saturday morning street stalls during Winterfest sold out of homemade goodies quite early. As always, Pat Wells, one of our octogenarians, produced an abundance of delicious cakes and scones and Jan McPhail has moved from making nipple warmers to lemon butter this year. Our rooms were well used for a number of interesting classes during Winterfest and we were very pleased about this.

We celebrated Scotland as our Country of Study on 12 July with International Officer, Judith Berry, organising the day. Local Scotsman, Alistair Saunders, entertained us with his stories and personal memorabilia from his homeland and our members wore their Bundanoon tartan with pride. The children of Bundanoon Primary School joined us again to study Scotland and created some wonderful posters and books to enter in the CWA competition. Our thanks and congratulations to all who participated!

Sadly, we said farewell to Judith Berry at this event as she and husband, Don, have moved to Queensland. Judith brought her catering experience to our kitchen, loved to share her needlework skills, enjoyed researching the country we were studying and always had an interesting story to tell. She was presented with a beautiful Huon pine serving tray, made by Brian McNulty, as a parting gift. We will miss her very much.

A speaker from the Leprosy Mission attended our August meeting and the sale of previously loved treasures made a successful garage sale on 15 August.

Remember – we welcome new members so please contact if you would like to join us.

—Gaye Everett, ph 4883 7999
Bundanoon Branch Publicity Officer



Margaret McNulty presenting the farewell gift to Judith Berry.

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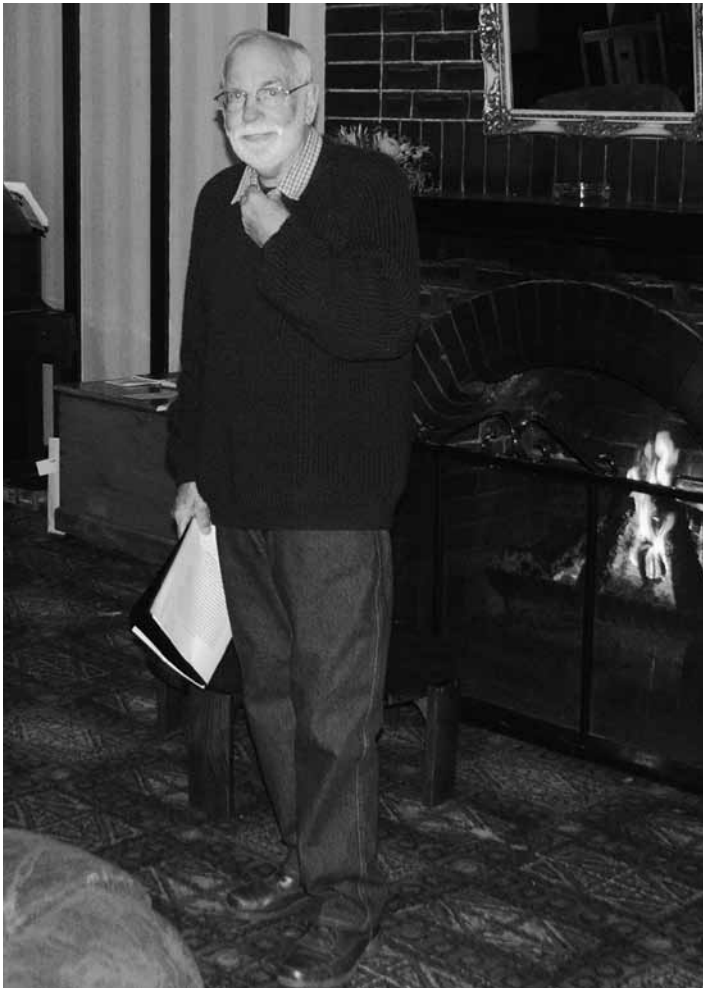
THE AIMS OF the Fellowship of Australian Writers (FAW) are "to foster and promote the growth of Australian writing; to encourage excellence in writing; to encourage the study of Australian literature; to assist Australian authors and to forge links with overseas writers". Ken Challenor had these aims foremost in his mind when he became Founding Member of the Southern Highlands Branch in 2003. In March this year he decided to retire and many local writers have flourished under his guidance.

Prior to moving to Bundanoon in 2002, Ken and his wife, Josephine lived in Sydney's northern beaches where Ken was President of the Manly branch and President of the NSW State Council of FAW. He decided to establish a Wingecarribee branch, displayed flyers and posters in local libraries and bookshops and was interviewed by the *Southern Highland News*.

The first meeting was held in the Moss Vale Services Club in February, 2004 when Ken became president – a position he has held since then.

The group now numbers about twenty-five and meets in the Henrietta Rose Room, Bendooley St, Bowral on the third Saturday of every month, from 1pm to 4pm. Visitors are warmly welcomed and afternoon tea is available.

Weekend workshops for poets were held in 2007, 2008 and 2009. A workshop, *Writing for Performance*, was held in 2005, led by Bowral script writer and FAW member, Ken Methold, and Linda Arondson from the Australian Film and Television School in Sydney. In addition, Ken arranged for many successful writers and people associated with publication and performance to address the group.



Ken about to read at Poetry in the Pub, Bundanoon Hotel

In 2008 the weekly paper, *Highlands Post*, began the section called *Scribes and Scribbles* in which local writers, especially poets, can see their work in print.

The branch members are indebted to Ken for making the world of creative writing available to them and for his generosity of time and effort. He has constantly promoted the benefits to be obtained from submitting work for critique and encouraged members to enter poetry and short story writing competitions, and to develop their skills in writing poetry, stories, plays and monologues.

—Margaret Symonds

The Butterfly

When nature pays a visit
It's such a special time.
I'm glad I didn't miss it
The moment, so sublime.

There was I on my knees
Planting bulbs for Spring
All around the Autumn leaves
Their brilliance breathtaking.

Magpies stepping around in pairs
Seeking, prodding, worming the soil
They fix me with brown eyed stares
Then moves to further toil.

When next I looked around
A sight of beauty met my eyes.
She appeared without a sound
A perfect gift, a beautiful butterfly.

She waved her wings
In perfect time, she seemed to ask,
'Do you like my lovely rings?'
As she lowered her wings to bask.

I was entranced and did not move
My heart beat like thunder
At this tiny, fragile gift of love
As part of nature's wonder.

We sat there as time passed by
Then her wings she leisurely waved
I knew she had to fly
These magic moments I had craved.

In graceful arc she rose on high
As if to say goodbye
Then off she flew in stilted climb
My soul could only sigh.

I often wish that I was there
When her spirit flew ahead
Her precious body I would care
For, in my garden bed.

I always look and search in vain
Wanting her every moment
Her return would help to ease the pain
And I would rest content.

Ken Challenor, June 2010



What's on at the Club?

THE BUNDANOON CLUB has endeavoured to be the hub of our community since the people of that community dug deep and saved the Club but we need your continued support. Our membership, aged from 18 to

90 stretches from Canberra to Swansea. Photographs taken at a recent "Rock and Roll" night shows we can cater for all ages.

The "Candlelight Supper" hosted by Hyacinth Bucket. (Miranda Lean) during Winterfest attracted over a hundred people who complimented us on the food prepared by John and Sarah Phillis and their team. A big thank you to Miranda for providing people with plenty of good laughs. We are happy to discuss your requirements and menus if you are planning a function. We can offer a large room opening onto a deck overlooking the oval

- We stage Bingo at 11am every Monday.
- Lee Robinson's exercise classes are held on Mondays and Fridays at 9am and Wednesdays at 2pm
- Needles and Natter, a craft and sewing group meets on Thursdays at 10.30am.
- We have our regular meat raffles on Wednesday and Fridays with the Jokers Wild draw on Wednesdays, after the meat raffles.
- Our "Bistro on the Green" provides a blackboard menu on Wednesdays and Fridays – 2 Course special \$15.
- The \$7 roast on Thursday attracts people of all ages and is popular with groups who come to enjoy a meal and a bottle of wine with friends.
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The Croquet club is growing every day with the introduction of golf croquet which is a much simpler game to learn. It is played on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays with association croquet on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Men's Social bowls starts at 1pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays and the ladies play on Tuesdays at 10am. For any further information on croquet or bowls please give us a ring at the club or email admin@bundanoonclub.com.au

Our new courtesy bus taxi operates on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays so please take advantage of our pick up and drop off service for a gold coin donation.

To enjoy the warm and comfortable atmosphere of a log fire during the cold months and cool air-conditioning during the warmer weather and join me and the friendly staff at The Bundanoon Club.

—Peter Kellond, Manager, ph 4883 6174



Real estate

by Harvey Grennan

Local trends and demand

HOUSE VALUES IN regional markets like Bundanoon depend to a large extent on what is happening in Sydney. If the Sydney market is performing well the ripples eventually reach the outer areas. As reported last time the ripples started being felt here in autumn.

Local agents report the market was pretty healthy through winter. Jordans Crossing Real Estate said sales were up around 20 per cent. Todds say they have sold more properties so far this year than for the whole of 2009.

Land is still cheaper than it was seven years ago but stock is finally running out. A half acre today costs less than a quarter acre in 2003. Half acre blocks off Greason's Road sold for \$250,000 a few years ago have been re-selling for around \$160,000 but there are not many left. Developers are waiting for better prices before they release new subdivisions.

Jordans Crossing's John Everett said most demand is from the mid-\$300,000s to the high \$400,000s. "Lack of stock is pushing up prices on cute little cottages which is what many buyers are looking for. Demand at the upper end of the market is slow. We have sold more land in the last three months than in the previous six and we are running out."

To predict the future it is instructive to look at recent trends in Sydney. Fiscal 2009/10 was a boom year with the median house price increasing by 10 to 17 per cent to over \$600,000 depending on which analyst you believe. The top end did even better.

But in the June quarter the growth in prices began to slow. Australian Property Monitors said prices rose 2.3 per cent in the quarter but according to RP Data the rise was a mere 0.5 per cent. Residex was the odd man out with a rise of 5.63 per cent for the quarter. RP Data's figure is probably the most reliable.

Most of the expert commentators are predicting slower price growth in 2011 with the collapse of the first home buyer market and higher interest rates – and perhaps more interest rate hikes in the pipeline. They see homes over \$2 million under-performing the general market after a very strong surge last year.

Agents, fund managers and other property professionals surveyed by the National Australia Bank expect house prices across Australia to rise only 1.4 per cent over the 12 months to June 2011. Probably too pessimistic.

The good news is that Sydney is expected to perform better than other capital cities over the next few years after being soundly trounced last year by Melbourne where prices went through the roof.

Economic forecaster BIS Shrapnel expects the median house price in Sydney to grow by 6 per cent a year over the next three years. Taking a longer view Residex sees price growth of more than 8 per cent a year for the next eight years. Not as good as 2009 but not bad if these forecasts prove accurate.

Here in Bundanoon the healthier market is expected to encourage more people to put their homes on the market in Spring. That will be the test of whether healthier market conditions continue.

—Harvey Grennan

MOST OF US like to help others from time to time. For some, volunteer work becomes a very important part of their lives, but just how far outside your 'comfort zone' would YOU be prepared to go to pursue your charitable ideals? In late June and early July one of the smiling faces of Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe Café, Linda Davis, faced the challenge of answering that question when she spent just under three weeks in Uganda helping women and girls in desperate circumstances. Bear in mind that, according to family sources, Linda is fanatical about effective plumbing, privacy, personal space and hygiene!!!

Linda's sister-in-law Paula (a lecturer at the Wesley Institute and an experienced volunteer in Uganda) asked her to join a team of six for this mission, primarily because of Linda's compassion and training as a counsellor. In mid June they flew into Kampala airport and started work at Wakisa, a secure, walled compound that was a refuge for pregnant girls - the majority of whom were victims of rape and domestic violence. Linda had nineteen pregnant girls in her care, aged between 14 and 17 years. 'Auntie' Linda, as she became known, quickly grew to love 'my girls' as the counselling and the facilitating of assistance proceeded. It is hard for us to imagine what life is like for women in Uganda. Women are worked brutally hard and perceived and treated as property. Domestic violence is very common and these downtrodden souls are open to abuse by soldiers and civilians alike. Law and order is a hit and miss affair. In the north of the country, Joseph Kony and his LRA, (Lord's Resistance Army - a mixture of a corrupted view of Christianity and tribal spiritualism), roam the countryside kidnapping children, murdering villagers, raping and mutilating innocents. This, for many, is 'normal' in Uganda.

Though the winter weather was comfortable, (60% humidity, 26–32 degrees C temperatures), the relative 'luxury' of Linda's hotel was not.



It was tiny, with bed sheets from previous guests unchanged. This was the beginning of Linda's culture shock and sleep was impossible while thousands partied to the soccer World Cup broadcasts. Then came the six hour, bumpy truck trip to the northern township of Gulu to attend a seven day trauma conference! Linda's bladder could only hold on for so long. "I was busting from hours of being bounced," said Linda. "I had to go!" Trouble was, there were no toilets. In Uganda, virtually everyone walks and no one dares go into the bush for 'relief' due to fear of snakes, baboons and kidnappers. The roadside is 'it'. After much teeth clenching procrastination, behind a cloth, held by a friend and in front of countless passers-by and one staring young boy, awe-struck by the novelty of a white lady - blessed success! "When I was telling my daughter, Emma, about this on a 17cents per minute telephone call, she wasted a full dollar laughing", giggled Linda. With the roadsides used as sewers Linda couldn't believe the open meat markets and the attendant flies. Even shaking hands could present a health risk! The trauma conference was aimed at improving communication skills between husbands and wives, imparting general life skills and was primarily geared to improving the lot of women.

Linda's party took a two day break to Murchison Falls Game Reserve, where they observed a huge variety of wildlife. Next time you're in the café, get her to tell you the 'elephant' story!

Despite the lack of basic facilities, Linda loved the Ugandan experience, primarily because of the friendliness of the people and the indomitable spirit of 'her girls' who, even when depressed and abused would smile, sing, dance and pray together until collectively feeling 'up' again. 'We truly don't appreciate how fortunate we are to live in this country'. Linda keeps in contact with Wakisa and gets all the news when babies are born. She would gladly go back again to help out if funds were available. In the meantime, welcome home Linda, enjoy your shower recess!

—Ross Armfield.



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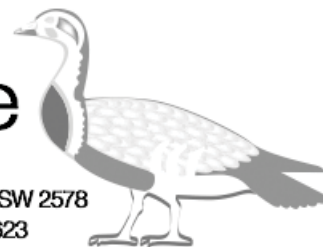
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Penrose Playgroup sizzles!



IT MAY HAVE been a cold day in Penrose but spirits were high as Little Ones and Big Ones from the Penrose Playgroup enjoyed a Sausage Sizzle at their regular Tuesday gathering. There were fairies, dancers and cowboys all dressed in their winter woollies enjoying the play equipment and the toys. When asked what they like about Playgroup the replies vary. Prudence likes the sand (mostly to play in) Oscar likes the toys. Ava likes the scooters and she's pretty fast on one too! Laura and Bronte both enjoy doing craft.

It is not just the Little Ones who like Playgroup, the Big Ones like it too. Ava's Mum likes the social interaction for both herself and Ava. Ella and Flynn's Mum likes the support network that the other Mums provide. "It is a nurturing environment for both mother and child; a fun safe environment in which to play and learn." Grace and Ruby's Grandmother likes the outdoor environment, the trees and park, the big hall (in case of wet weather) and the kitchen facilities. "We are very lucky here at Penrose to have the support of such a great local community."

The BBQ was a first for Penrose Playgroup and is now a regular monthly event. For more information about the Penrose Playgroup phone Maria Dunn on 4884 4170.

Mark your diary for carriage events



THE ELEGANCE OF a bygone era will combine with spectacular action when Carriage Driving returns to the Southern Highlands on Saturday, 16 April, 2011. The Festival is being organised for the ACDS by the Southern Highlands Carriage Club at the SHCC grounds corner of Ferndale and Quarry Roads, Bundanoon.

The Festival will include Show Driving, Dressage and Combined Driving

Championships, plus Endurance, Cones and Pleasure/Picnic driving activities.

Shortly thereafter, the Combined Driving National Championships will run from 23–25 April inclusive, and is similar to the Olympic 3-Day Event in that it also has three phases – Dressage, Cross Country (Marathon) and Precision Cone driving. The Dressage tests the obedience, suppleness and training of the horses/ponies. The Precision Cone driving is similar in concept to the eventer's showjumping phase in that it tests the fitness and suppleness after completing the Marathon. The skill and accuracy of the driver is challenged in all three phases. The Drivers are assisted by navigator/grooms on the larger vehicles which are either two or four wheelers.

Competitors at this Festival will be travelling from six states of Australia and will be staying at the grounds in Bundanoon from anywhere up to a month, in order to acclimatise their horses and to familiarise themselves with the surrounding countryside.

Equestrian enthusiasts and members of the general public will enjoy watching these events which will demonstrate high standards of horsemanship, beautifully prepared and presented animals, and amazing skills of the drivers and grooms.

Everyone is most welcome to come and watch at any time to help make this Festival of Driving a big event for Bundanoon. Admission is free.

For enquiries please phone the Festival Secretary, Yvonne Wood (4883 4778) or email woodsies2@bigpond.com, or the Festival Director, John White (4883 6203).





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An L3 classroom is a vibrant, busy and stimulating place. The outsider looking into an L3 room would find a very non-traditional view of a classroom. They would most likely see individual children busy at the class writing centre creating a story, while others may be listening to a story rich in wonderful language. They may see some children engaged with a teacher looking at the intricacies of the written word and busy

composing a group response to an excursion. Some children may be at the overhead centre working together to build common word families while others may be just having a quiet think about how to make a sentence go together at the magnetic centre.

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My wife is just a little appalled.

The moon's in the last cold quarter
As the first frost shows its metal,
It's covered the grass with fairy floss
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It's frozen the wagtails into little
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.....	Ralph Clark	4883 6389
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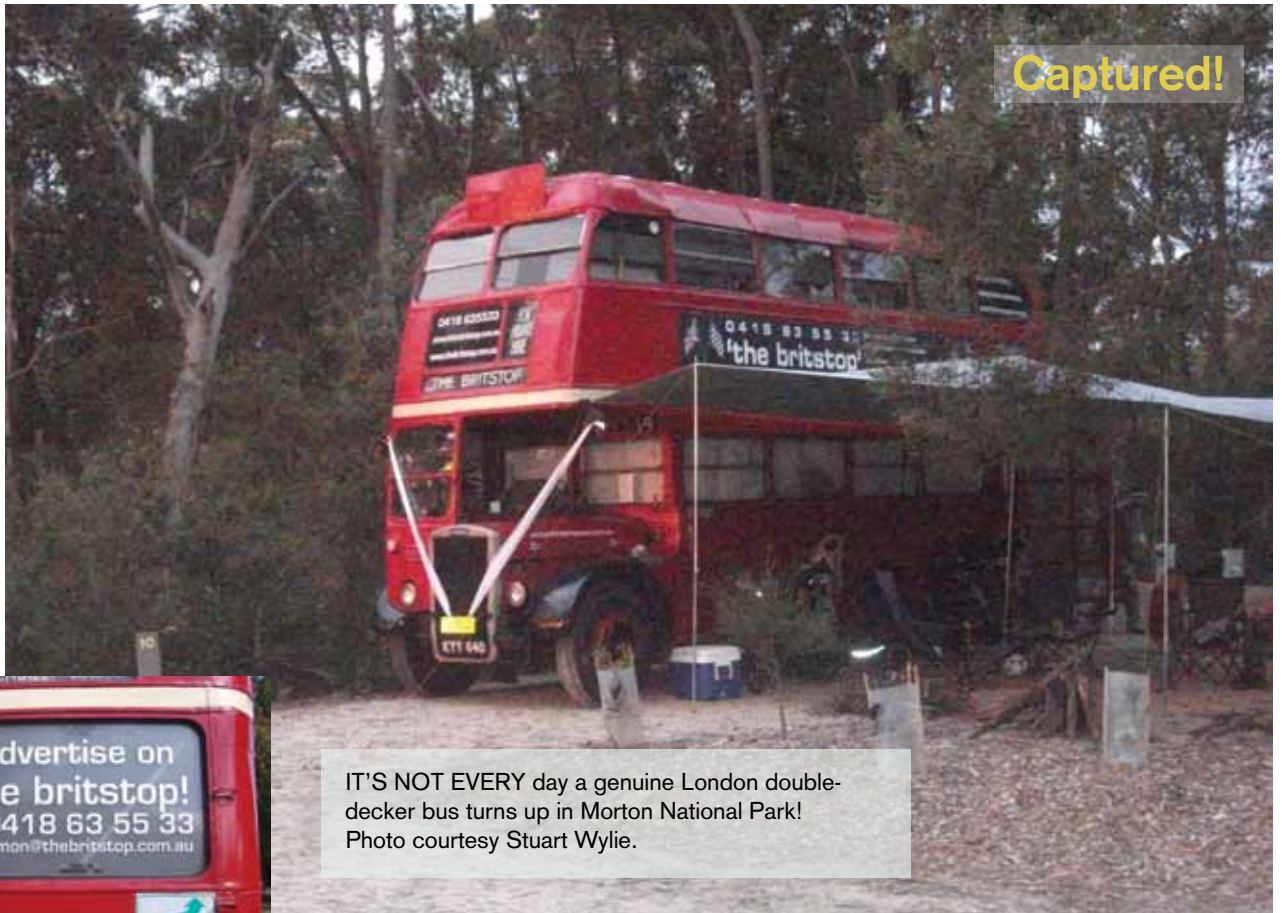
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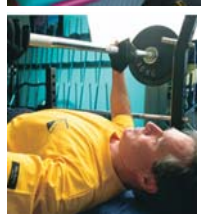
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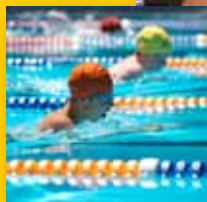


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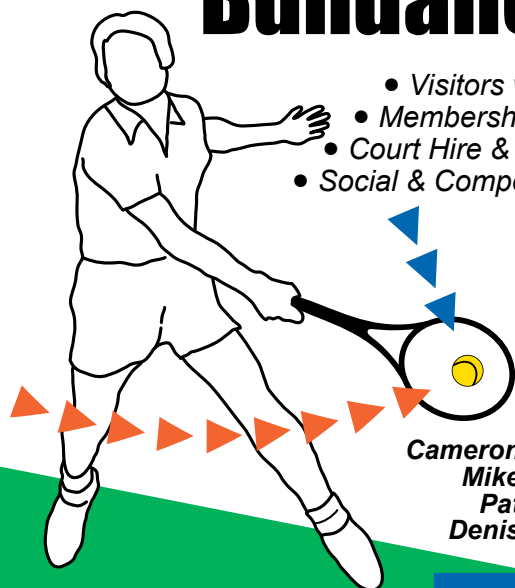
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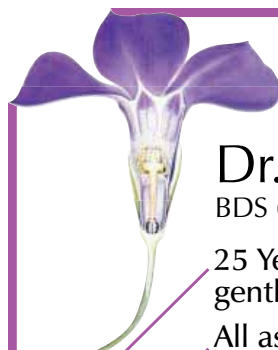
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