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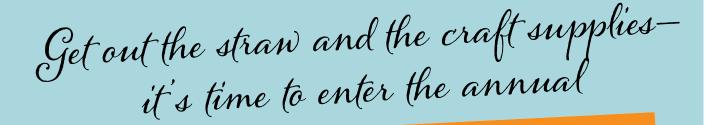
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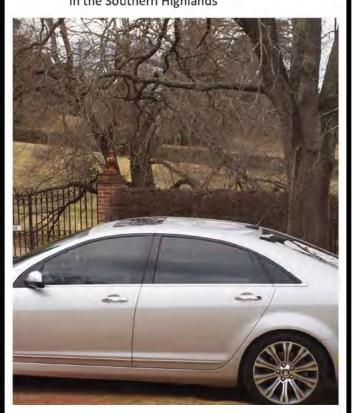
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From the editor

We are very lucky in the Southern Highlands to have a fabulous choice of locally-produced goods. This month's magazine introduces just a few of the local people engaged in land-based enterprises in our area - including tree-farmers, garden designers, salad growers and manure recyclers. I hope their stories of energy and commitment will inspire you.

One story tells of the Vigliante family who produce free range eggs. Did you know that eggs from free-range

chooks have about half the cholesterol of factory-farmed hen eggs (and it's mostly HDL, the cholesterol that's good for you), and more vitamin E, beta carotene and omega-3 fatty acid? Even if that doesn't get you excited, consider what a great idea it is to reduce the transport component in the product-to-you equation. Buying local also puts a face on the transaction between seller and buyer.

We also introduce some women from the Pacific island nation of Kiribati (page 36) who have come to Bundanoon as aged-care workers, and include accounts by young Bundanoon men and women who have visited the homeland of the Kiribati women.

-Helen Clark, Editor

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WINTERFEST 2019

















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BUNDANOON

Community Association



Firstly I must start with a big thank you to Christine Miller who acted as Interim President for the beginning of the year. Christine steadied the ship until some of the new committee

had fulfilled personal commitments. At the July General Meeting the committee was finalised.

Executive Members

- Peter Gray President
- Ann Rocca Vice President
- Peter Brown Treasurer
- Christine Miller Secretary

Committee Members

- Stuart Reid
- Jeremy Tonks
- Andrea Ward
- Tony Strong
- Anton Baggerman

The BCA is a highly successful community association. It is diverse, complex and most importantly, it is growing. It is a major force in defining Bundanoon's character, giving the village a reputation others can only aspire to. All of this success is down to a hard-working group of volunteers who are the real unsung heroes of the village.

They give us Arts Bundanoon, Winterfest, Garden Ramble, Melting Pot Theatre, Bundanoon Sings Choir, Cinema Rex and many more. Some subcommittees work hard to maintain the appearance of the village for all to enjoy - Green Team, Glow Worm Glen Track group and Leaver Park group. Others look after the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Membership, Welcome Packs and of course this magazine, the JCG. All of these and many other subcommittees work hard to entertain us. make our village safe and beautiful.

A full list of subcommittees can be found towards the back of this magazine.

As President, my personal goals for the forthcoming year are:

- Recognise the effort put in by the subcommittees and make changes to the way we operate designed to reduce their workload – in short, to work smarter, not harder.
- Understand the challenges resulting from our growth, whether it is subcommittees expanding their range of activities or the introduction of new subcommittees. Implement changes to ensure we fulfil our compliance requirements and, importantly, continue to serve the Bundanoon community.
- Move from a paper-based filing system to a Cloud-based system to ensure continuity from year to year and prevent drowning under the ever-growing mountain of files.
- Utilise more fully Xero, our accounting software package. It is Cloud based and very capable.
- Develop a succession plan by appointing key roles within the subcommittees. Hopefully these will be the next generation of candidates willing to stand for election at the AGM to provide smooth continuity of operation on a year-to-year basis.

If we can achieve this, it will be a great step forward, but it requires people. The more we have, the less work we do – now that's smarter!

If you can spare a few hours a week to work with one of the subcommittees or if you have any accounting or book-keeping experience we would love to hear from you. You can reach any one of us via the emails provided in the list of subcommittees.

The success of the BCA depends on people.

- Peter Gray President



Important volunteer position available!



Within the sub-committees of BCA all the roles are voluntary. Fantastic work is done in many different ways.

With an increase in the number of activities undertaken under the BCA umbrella there is a proportional increase in the workload required to maintain consistent bookkeeping of fund-raising by, and funds distribution to, the sub-committees.

BCA has an immediate need for people with bookkeeping or accounting experience with knowledge of Xero or MYOB.

If you can spare a few hours a week, can you please contact:

Peter Brown

4883 6456 or 0417 437 220

or Christine Miller

4883 7493 or 0410 173 093

Training in Xero software will be made available. BCA is increasing the application of a number of aspects of Xero to improve this area of our operation.

BCA meetings

Third Thursday of the month (excluding January):

- ☐ 19 September 2019
- ☐ 17 October 2019
- ☐ 21 November 2019

7:30pm

Supper Room at the Hall



THE CYCLING CLASSIC FOR NEW SOUTH WALES



SUNDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2019

THE BOWRAL CLASSIC IS PASSING THROUGH BUNDANOON!

A 175km, 120km, 90km and 35km Gran Fondo cycling event starting on Bong St, Bowral and weaving through the beautiful Southern Highlands.

Cheer on the cyclists as they pass through Bundanoon on Sunday, 20 October between 7.50am and 12pm.

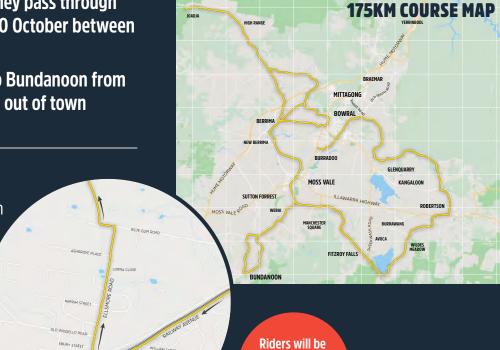
Cyclists will be riding into Bundanoon from Exeter along Erith St, and out of town through Ellsmore Rd.

OR JOIN US AT THE EVENT VILLAGE/FINISH LINE

Sunday 20 October, 10am-4pm

Eridge Park, Burradoo

- Gourmet food stalls
- Beer, wine & cider bars
- Live music
- Children's entertainment
- Cheer on the riders at the finish line with a free Bowral Classic bell!



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT BOWRALCLASSIC.COM.AU/COMMUNITY



BOWRAL CLASSIC set to reach new heights in 2019

Sunday 20 October will see the Southern Highlands turn into a cycling Mecca as the 2019 Bowral Classic Gran Fondo event rolls into town.

The event, hosted by Yaffa Media, is a celebration of all things on two wheels with multiple classifications running across one action-packed day.

The ride will pass through a host of Southern Highlands towns including Bundanoon with the first riders expected to arrive around 7:50am and the last at about 12:00pm. Come out onto the street and cheer them on!

The Bowral Classic also provides riders the opportunity to raise money for charity. Our mission is to provide both individual riders and teams the opportunity to fundraise for whichever charity they wish to support.

With well over 3000 riders present, the event village, rest stops, signage and other logistics are all held up by tireless volunteers from the Southern Highlands region.



We also have to thank the entire Southern Highlands community for working with us and helping to get the event up and running. None of this would be possible without your patience and understanding.

For more information on this unique and rewarding event please visit www.bowral.classic.com.au

Teens succeed in getting upgrade of skate park



Tyson Robb is a Bundanoon teenager with a vision and determination to improve the recreational facilities on offer for our local youth. Tyson and his friends pounded the pavement to gather over 1500 signatures on a petition to Council for improvements to the Bundanoon Skate Park in Erith Street.

Thanks to clear support from the community, Council successfully obtained grant funding from the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 2 and the project is now underway. The new skatepark will be constructed on the site of the existing basketball court.



Council met with tenderers, teenagers and parents on site in May to talk through the objectives of the project. Companies then submitted tenders to Council including sample designs.

Tyson's team promoted the opportunity for residents to vote for their favourite design and offer feedback at a display set up on the basketball court on 13 August 2019.

Council approval will soon be sought in order for the successful company to be contracted. They will then undertake further consultation to ensure the final design is right. Then work will commence on site. It's expected that the construction of a skate park that will accommodate all ages and levels of ability will take three months.

To ensure you are kept up to date please visit www. yoursaywingecarribee.com.au/bundanoon-skatepark and follow the project.

- Charmaine Cooper Wingecarribee Shire Community Engagement Coordinator



Bundanoon EARTH Festival

Come and browse lots of different stalls in the Hall and listen a number of talks throughout the day in the Supper Room. The variety of stalls and presentations represent a thorough mix of ideas and suggestions about of

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE in 2019, as

Bundanoon did in 2009 in deciding to not sell single-use bottled water.

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER • 9am to 3pm • BUNDANOON HALL

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It really does matter that we do all we can, one by one, to look after the environment and the world in which we live. - 'Beautiful Bundanoon'

In the March 2019 edition of the JCG we showed the excellent drawings and ideas Bundanoon Public School students shared about what it meant to the world, to their world, if we misused water and did nothing to help the environment.

Recently the students were asked to write their response to the phrase **Bundanoon on Earth matters because....**There was an excellent response throughout the school and Greg McCoary, Year Six teacher at Bundanoon Public School, shared with us the children's input during the recent Education Week Open Day.

The winners wrote **Bundanoon on Earth matters because** ...

Henri Brand (8): ... we need this world.

Hannah Stirton (8): ... bottled water means you have to make plastic and plastic kills the animals and destroys the environment.

Archie Carter (10) ... we are the first bottled water free town in Australia and the epicentre of a plastic-free Planet Earth!

Bundanoon on Tap was able to reward these students with the generous support of Bottega Pizzeria/Ristorante (was Bundanoon Pizza and Pasta), The Bundanoon Hotel and The Primula. We warmly thank these businesses.

Highly commended students wrote

Bundanoon on Earth matters because ...

Harrison Kempster (9): ... when we work together, we will make a great community.

Keida Van der Voorden (9): ... it is where we live and we need a home to survive.

Pippa Lynch (8): ... when you respect other people and respect the environment.

Blake Buxton (7): ... when we look after our people, our plants and our animals.

Hunter Beard (11):...our environment must be the first priority.

Oakley Longshaw (11): ...it is for the children of the future. Ashley Amber (12): ... it has shown that our community has come together to help the environment and the earth that gave us a home, so we need to give something back.

Eartha Bagnell (10): ... Bundanoon on Earth matters a lot! It saves the lives of many innocent and amazing animals (because of) a simple little policy our town inventively created 10 years ago. It means so much not only to our town or state but the whole world. This policy reduces a heap in our land waste and pollution that floats all around the universe. Happy Anniversary Bundanoon on Tap!

Rachael Willis (9): ... if you litter the plastic will go into the sea and maybe kill the animals which means later on in life we might not have animals – stop the bottles and bring a cup!

Lucinda McCrow (9): ... it is Australia's first bottled water free town. The plastic in the bottles is bad for animals and fish and if they eat it, they die.

Ollie Filipczyk, age 8: ... it is a beautiful country town and Bundanoon stopped selling bottled water to help make the world a better place.

Jaxon Lynch, age 9: ... the pollution is super bad for the environment – the plastic is going into the drains and ending up in the sea and the fish eat it and die.

We'll be needing some support on 21 September and 26 September. If you can give some time, please advise secretary@bca.asn.au.

- Christine Miller

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The World's First Bottled Water Free Town!

BUNDY ON TAP 10TH ANNIVERSARY On Thursday 26 September, in the Hall, we'll be celebrating the exact day ten years ago when you were no longer able to purchase single-use bottled water in Bundanoon. This decision taken by the town made Bundanoon the first single-use bottled-water-free town in the world! Bundanoon has received many enquiries from around the world since 2009. **Come along at 6.30pm and celebrate**.

Arts BUNDANOON Music at 10

As this issue of the Jordan's Crossing Gazette goes to print, we welcome the advent of spring with its warmer days and an even greater bounty of flowers than Bundanoon manages to produce in winter. As one of the hardy perennials of the Bundanoon Community Association, Arts Bundanoon offers excellent programming in any season. For example, in August over 100 hardy people enjoyed a stellar performance by Xenia Deviatkina-Loh (violin) and Ying Ho (piano). They performed sonatas by Greig (C minor) and Debussy as well as Saint-Saëns' Havanaise, and Sarasate's Zigeunerweisen to an enthusiastic audience.

So, what can we offer that may compete with the concerts offered earlier this year? Please join us for these upcoming concerts:

September bursts with diversity – on Saturday 14 September 2019, the greatly admired and internationally acclaimed pianist, Tony Lee will make his fifth appearance for Arts Bundanoon. At the end of the month, on Saturday 28 September, Arianna Odermat (harpsichord) will perform baroque period music in the lovely acoustics of the Uniting (Methodist) Church in Bundanoon. Arianna's concert is one of our occasional Intimate Voices series.

On Saturday 12 October 2019 we welcome the return of pianist Claire Race-Howard who will appear with the Sydney-based, Colombian soprano Paola Monroy in a programme of Spanish and South American songs.

On Saturday 9 November 2019, we welcome again the formidable duo of Jessica Lee (flute) and Claire Race Howard piano.

Finally, on Saturday 14 December 2019, we welcome the phenomenal Ayşe Göknur Shanal (soprano) who will perform some of the most-loved of French art songs.

Our audiences are so warm and welcoming that all of our artists wish to come back and perform here again, circumstances permitting. Our cafes that serve homemade cakes may have something to do with it, too.

Arts Bundanoon will continue to hold as many concerts as possible on the second Saturday of the month. Arts Bundanoon is possible because of its team of volunteers. Please consider joining us if you share a commitment to local concerts of fine music.

- Neil Mitchell



Bundanoon Sings! rising to the occasion

The Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall will be equipped with some new risers this year, thanks to the Wingecarribee Shire Council Community Assistance Scheme's award of over \$5000 to Bundanoon Sings! announced in June.

Risers are the stands/steps that choirs and other musical and theatre groups use in their rehearsals and performances. These will be a long-term asset for the Hall and our local community. This is the second year we have obtained funding from Council. Bundanoon Sings! thanked council by performing at the WSC 2019 grants award ceremony in July.

Bundanoon Sings! at the Pub

This year we hosted our first Bundanoon Sings at the Pub! event, together with special guests Big Sky Mountain. This new event was part of this year's Winterfest celebrations. Bundanoon locals and friends from further afield joined together to learn and belt out Pat Benatar's We Belong in three-part harmony, under the direction of Danielle Hewitt. Thanks to everyone who came - it was such a fantastically fun atmosphere, or as one pub singer said, "perfect for singing our socks off". Watch our Facebook page for more community events coming in 2020.

A night to remember - Songs from Stage & Screen

The 17th August proved to be a night to remember, as Bundanoon Sings! hosted another sellout success - Songs from Stage and Screen. Dressed in their best Oscars attire, a stunning, gorgeously-clad crowd filled the Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

SAVE THE DATE! Carols by Fairylight

Add some sparkle to your December on 14th December 2019 at Bundanoon Sings! festive singalong - a fabulous, fun-filled family-friendly musical celebration of Christmas. Watch around town or on www.facebook.com/bundanoonsings for more information.

Or, if you'd prefer to be on stage at this year's Carols, pop into a rehearsal at 7pm on Monday 2 September. We'd love to see (and hear!) you there. The best way to spread Christmas cheer

is singing loud for all to hear!



- Bundanoon Sings!



Crash Test Drama

The third round of Crash Test was a resounding success with nine plays being shown and a large enthusiastic audience of around 200 people.

An impressive turnout of actors ensured only a few actors were in more than one play, and the standard of the writing was impressive.

The Guest Judge for the evening was **David Ryrie**.

The winners were as follows:

Best play: You Never Can Tell by Colin Reed

Best Actress: Rebecca Howarth

in Book

Best Actor: Joe S

in Wholly Wombat

Best Director: Colin Reed

Audience vote: Book

by Lucille Nobleza and Susie Edwards

If you've always wondered about giving acting a go, here's your chance: come along to the fourth round of Crash Test at 2pm on 14 September to try out for a part, or at

5pm to watch the show.

Christmas Variety Show

Tickets for this Melting Pot Theatre production will go on sale in September so keep an eye out for them! This show is always a sell-out, and this year we'll be doing two shows - a matinee as well as the evening show, both on 21 December.

Tickets will be available online on the trybooking.com site.

- Melting Pot team





Surely it's too early to even consider Christmas and all that goes with it. But no, Serendipity:the choir is already hard at work to produce yet another stunning Christmas programme for your entertainment and delight. We received many requests last year after our Christmas concerts, for another such, and soon! So we are breaking our tradition of 11 years and bringing another Christmas choral extravaganza this year instead of waiting for two years.

Given the time lapse between your reading this magazine and the actual concerts, you will find below a series of hints as to concert content, some clues as to what awaits your pleasure. See how you go – all the answers will be revealed in our December concerts.

- Name 2 carols which have the number 3 in their titles.
- · Why is 'holly' so important at Christmas?
- · Whose baby do we celebrate at Christmas?
- Which is correct: 'O starry night', 'O cloudy night', 'O holy night'
- Which Middle Eastern town features in many carols?
- Which is the correct spelling:
 (a) hallelujah
 (b) halleluia
 (c) alleluia
- Some heavenly bodies are closely associated with Christmas.
 Name two of them.
- · Serendipity:the choir will sing carols from:
 - a. Albania, Africa, Asia (choose one)
 - b. United States, Ukraine, Uruguay (choose one)
- The news about the birth of Jesus is called: (a) strange (b) good (c) fake
- Instrumentalists often accompany Christmas singing; which one will Serendipity have? (a)triangle (b) drum (c) tambourine

For the answers, come along to one of our December concerts, and bring the family - children 12 and under are admitted free of charge.

Friday 6 December @ 7:30pm, Saturday 7 December @ 4:00pm

Tickets are just \$20 and include light refreshments. You can purchase tickets through our website, serendipitythechoir. com, at Hindmarsh & Walsh in Bundanoon, or the Brown Bookshop in Bowral.

And yes, we will have another amazing raffle to raise funds for a local charity.

So practise your Ho Ho Hos, slip on a Santa cap, and join the celebration.

- Kerith Fowles



Bundanoon Garden Ramble showcases eight stunning private gardens open from 9.30am – 4.30pm on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October, 2019.

MATHEW

Enter Mathew's intimate garden which has been sectioned into plantings designed to complement his old weatherboard cottage and provide massed colour in different seasons. A sunny deck overlooks careful plantings of hellebores and a very large bird bath provides lovely reflections of sky and overhead branches. Enjoy the many shade-loving plants to be found in this garden, as well as the miniature vista ending in a graceful

CARLIE AND BRUCE

sculptured maiden.

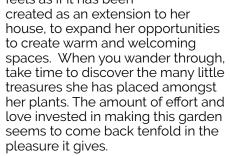
Spectacular views background Carlie and Bruce's beautifully maintained formal garden on descending terraces. Carefully clipped hedges shepherd you towards paths and stairways leading to open lawns sheltered by large trees and well-shaped shrubs. Garden furniture and feature installations have been chosen to catch your eye as it roves across the expansive outlook.

MICHAEL AND EDMUND

When you first enter this beautiful and private location, Michael and Edmund's large garden greets you with open, sunny terraces curving up to their home. Quirky ornaments abound, and a delicate lacy rotunda decorates a level garden room backed by a green bank and huge shady trees. Behind the house an arboretum of tall forest trees provides a shady retreat and the occasional glimpse of a distant view.

LAUREL

This joyful garden of many rooms is filled with Laurel's love of plants and other interesting things. It feels as if it has been



PETER AND LINDA

If you like roses you will love Peter and Linda's garden where David Austin roses share a delightful cottage-style garden with other roses and perennials. A distinctly seasonal garden, it changes from silvery bare tree branches in winter to an explosion of scent and floral beauty in spring and summer and later the tawny shades of autumn. Conversion of the old driveway to a new garden bed and vegetable plot is a work in progress.

MICHAEL AND MARTA

Michael loves having a big generous space in which to spend his days outdoors. This is a work in progress, with a developing vegetable garden and an orchard, but also has beautiful well-established large trees and banks of shrubs. There is a special children's play house as well as a shaded summer house popular for outdoor meals and lazing in the warm afternoons of summer. Michael and Marta particularly love their rural outlook which includes neighbouring farmland and grazing animals.

JOAN

A collection of orchids of special importance to Joan will focus your attention at first, but the uncluttered and elegant French style garden layout is also an attraction. In Joan's developing garden you will find large urns decorating courtyards, straight rows of columnar cypress acting as screens, and ornamental gateways, all providing a backdrop for her roomy outdoor-dining courtyard.

SHANE AND ERROL

Sheer colourful exuberance will greet you from the front of Shane and Errol's house, where pots on the deck are overflowing with annuals. Elsewhere, the pair are developing many spaces to provide either private shady hideaways or sun-filled open areas backed by wind-breaks. Their many garden treasures have often been acquired by the time-honoured custom of recycling others' discarded posessions.

Tickets can be purchased on the day at the Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall, cnr Railway Parade and Church Street, Bundanoon.

Cost: \$20 for all gardens, \$5 for a single garden, children under 16 are free. Tickets are valid for both days. Group bookings can be made by emailing info@bundanoongardenramble.org.au

A booklet with a map of the garden locations and a short description of each garden is provided with the ticket.

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Bundanoon Photography Group

Many people put away their cameras for winter, bringing them out only for the good weather and summer holidays. Not the members of Bundanoon's Photographic Group - winter is one of its busiest times of the year. Some of our members migrate north for extended holidays in far away places, camera in bag, with the hope of capturing treasured photos. Others are involved in local winter activities. Bundanoon Photography Group is always willing to obtain images to support the organistions which stage local events: Winterfest, Garden Ramble, Melting Pot Theatre, Garden Club Seminar - the list goes on. We also assist in providing photos to illustrate the work of writers who contribute to this wonderful magazine.

Our lessons and monthly outings continue to be popular. July's lesson was to help prevent every photographer's nightmare. We all have thousands of photos stored on our computers. How do we find that special photo from 2013 of Uncle Fred sitting in the duck pond? How do we protect our precious collection from loss? The 'Image Management' lesson went a long way towards providing solutions to these questions.

July's outing was set late in the day to capture those mystical twilight shots for the next photo competition 'In the Dark'. We gathered in Delilicious Café to prepare ourselves with warm drinks before venturing out into the cool evening air.

One of the recent monthly photo competitions for the President's Cup was 'Water'. The winner by popular vote was John Cooper with his image of Still Waters. Congratulations to John for his beautiful image.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Bundanoon Men's Shed, Burgess Street, Bundanoon at 5.30pm. Lessons are held at 4:30 to 5:30pm prior to our meetings and all are welcome.

Club nights offer a friendly atmosphere to all levels of experience, from beginners to advanced photographers, and we share our photographs and experiences in a relaxed and warm environment. Outings are on the fourth Thursday. Destinations are chosen to provide variety and opportunity.

-Peter Gray President

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Another record year for the Good Yarn was reported at the last Annual General Meeting with a total of \$38,119.00 donated to some 66 organisations. Many local, as well as state, national and international organisations benefitted from these donations.

In addition to a record profit, our volunteers increased to 28, and our number of consignors has grown to 275.

We do receive lots of feedback from the community which we are always pleased to get. We thank the community of Bundanoon for this great feedback, and for shopping with us, consigning and donating goods and we thank those many people who just drop in for a chat with our friendly volunteers -

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Do pop in to the Good Yarn and see the new range of tea towels with local village names and if you are looking for a present for someone, why not pick up one of our new Gift Vouchers.

If you are interested in volunteering, come along to one of our regular meetings which are held in the Supper Room of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall on the 3rd Friday of the month at 2.p.m.

- Ann McCarter President

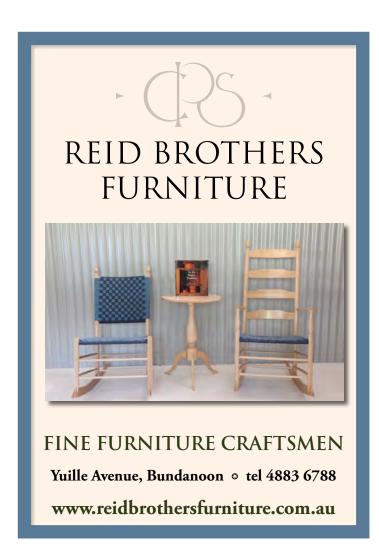
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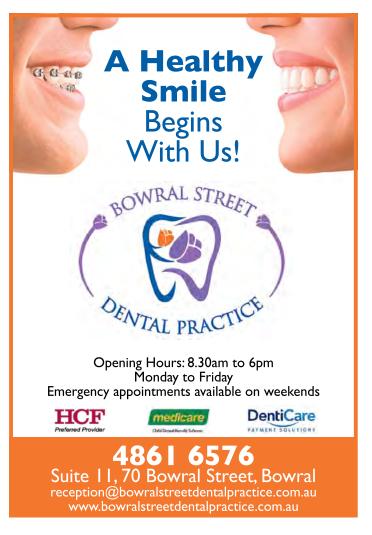














The P&C (Parents and Citizens Association) at Bundanoon Public School is an integral part of our school, working to provide the best possible outcomes for both students and the greater Bundanoon community.

Our P&C comprises an eclectic group of Bundanoon community members. Most work full-time and manage their busy family lives, yet still find time to attend meetings and contribute to school life in a variety of ways.

All school P&Cs are fund-raising bodies using their initiative to improve infrastructure and learning opportunities for students within their schools.

Bundanoon P&C however is a little special in the diverse nature of its members. Along with bringing varying skill-sets they are intelligent and forthright, with a positive attitude to the day-to-day running of the organisation and making the arrangements needed to hold a range of events. With publicity and promotion a forté of many members, such events are well recognised within the broader community.

The support they offer the school's Principal is invaluable - their creative approach to problemsolving and respectful attitude towards the running of the school brings a constructive and progressive asset on a day-to-day basis. Team members enjoy each other's company and regular meetings are always fun and upbeat. Further setting our P&C team apart is its ability to support school projects in a myriad of different ways, even extending its charter to community pastoral care.

Regular services the P&C deliver are: Snack Shack, the Uniform Shop, Mother's and Father's Day stalls, Brigadoon, Teachers Federation Conference, the Bowral Classic and Election Day BBQ's. The overwhelming ethos of the collective is love and care for the community, with selfless thought for others and the well-being of students. President Corinne Buxton always manages to run meetings in a timely manner and has developed a friendly inclusive vibe to the proceedings.



Everyone's voice is heard, with conversations lively and positive. The Executive Committee work together to get things happening, assisted by many school parents and Bundanoon community members volunteering to help with fundraising events.

President	Corinne Buxton
Vice Presidents	
Treasurer	Miriam Pearson
Assistant Treasurer	Kimberley Booth
Secretary	Amy Burch
Snack Shack Coordinator	Penny Webb
Uniform Shop Coordinators	Emma Sears and Sam Breeze

New members are always welcome to attend meetings or assist in a volunteer capacity during P&C events. Please contact the P&C via email:

bundanoonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au
- Mel Morris



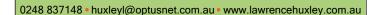
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What to do when your heart beats with a nonignorable cacophony in your chest? When change whispers in the middle of the night? When another world beckons? If you've any sense at all, you'll take Joseph Campbell's advice and "Follow your bliss". Count to three, hold your nose and dive in for another adventure.

That's what Sam Costello and Elisabeth Crawford did. They waved goodbye to inner-Sydney Tempe, bade farewell to their 'big girl' jobs at University of NSW (Sam in upper management and Elisabeth in student administration), purchased 20 acres at Exeter, moved into a rudimentary shack and started work on their dream.

Three years on, Brillig* Farm is now a thriving vegetable farm with fresh and unusual produce clamoured-for by many restaurateurs. Chefs drive out along the farm's enticing gravel drive to check out the latest wonder-greens so they can fit them into a new dish. Exeter's monthly market is the only one that sells their amazing produce, so be early, or check Bundanoon's Village Grocer or the Exeter General Store.

The soil on their windy knoll is marvellous. Plenty of water can be pumped up from the dam. Everything is organic. Sam uses a brew called Probiotic Soil Innoculator - yeast, fungus and bacteria - to enrich the growth of the veggies.

"Our aim with choosing what to grow is to pick plants you won't see in supermarkets. We look for varieties that taste great and look interesting."

As she wants to be constantly creative, she is forever on the lookout for new wonders to plant: for example, purslane, deer's tongue lettuce, Persian cress, edible marigolds, wasabe mustard, red Russian kale and purple mizuna grow happily alongside carrots and radishes in regimental rows.

The quite treeless property is hostage to enormous winds so the next big plan is to plant a windbreak of different wattle varieties whose seeds will all be edible. Sam will soon be exploring the possibilities of other native plant food production.

Elisabeth trained as a cabinet maker so she is constantly adding to the shack to make a very comfy dwelling. She has also built an enormous, sturdy-as-Gibraltar greenhouse for the baby seedlings to grow in coddled warmth. Ever willing to try her hand at anything, Elisabeth made the chook pen and when Sam needed a large harvest cart - like the elves and the shoemaker, hey presto! And what about the pizza oven she's built!

Under a broad straw hat her face lights up with a gentle smugness, a belonging.

"I love the joy and steadfastness of our new venture. When a particularly close friend died, we were shocked into taking stock and re-evaluating our way of life. It became very important to grab the present moment and take risks. I've always wanted to live in the Southern Highlands and here we are. And I'm so very grateful!"

While Elisabeth works on the next building project on their endless list, does the accounts and is starting up a website services business, Sam tends the one acre of market garden and plans the logistics of planting, harvesting and supplying bags of sparkling salad to the market.

Her bliss is infectious, her laughter effervescent. Her warm, lovely eyes span the sum of her diligence and passion.

"I love working with the sun on my back while a magpie choir provides the soundtrack. I am working with my hands, brain and heart. Everyone's got to eat and this is honest, gratifying work."

How welcome to our area are these two happy, fulfilled and hard working people! Elisabeth and Sam!

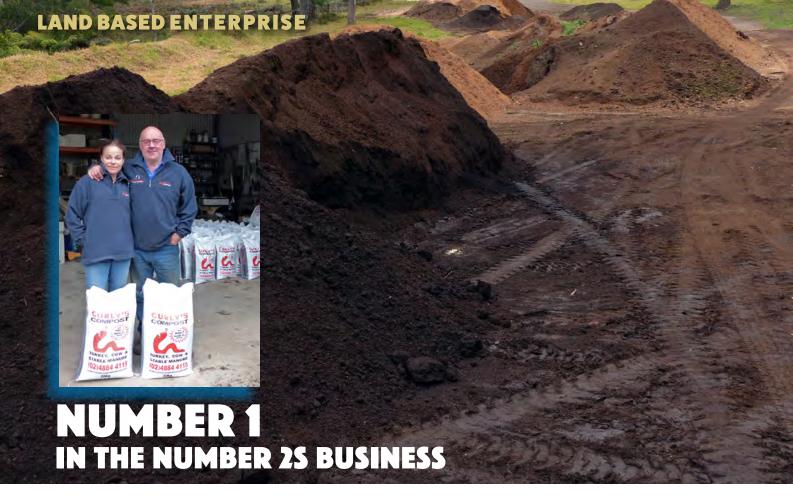
Yes indeed, Joseph Campbell said it best...

- Annie Crawford

(* from *Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll and explained by Humpty Dumpty as "four o'clock in the afternoon — the time when you begin broiling things for dinner.")

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Smooth, rounded mounds of various earthy hues rise from the paddocks as you enter the Penrose property of Curly and Margie Charlwood, where they moved about 22 years ago and began their recycling venture. The big earthy piles in various stages of ageing look delicious and smell yummy. However this is not for human consumption but is Curly's Compost to feed the gardens and properties of the Southern Highlands.

Where does this beautiful compost mix come from? Curly and Margie collect cow and stable manure from local properties. Regularly they receive a call from a large turkey production establishment and then have 72 hours to clean out the huge roosting sheds so they can be disinfected before the next flock of growing turkeys get to use them. These birds are free range so their manure is good stuff and worth the hard yakka to collect it!

After careful mixing of the manures and aged sawdust (the recipe is a secret), the compost then 'cooks' for up to five months, killing any weed seeds. When worms are moving in the pile it is time to awaken the compost and bag it for distribution.

Curly's Dad had a saying: "There's money in muck!".

Curly grew up in Toongabbie when it was a rural neighbourhood of farmers and growers on small holdings. His family's property produced masses of flowers for his florist mother and Curly reckons his was the sweetest-smelling home - full of flowers awaiting collection. Natural fertiliser supplied the nutrition for the plants and, like many home gardens of the day, a 44-gallon drum behind the shed held manures soaking in water which was siphoned off for the gardens. Liquid manure might not smell like flowers but is fantastic for plants.

Margie and Curly met through a common interest in horses - she was a Vet nurse and later joined the NSW Police Force before the two of them decided to market compost on a large scale. Supply of Highlands Premium Stable Bedding is just one more logical enterprise for Margie and Curly - sawdust from Penrose Pine mill makes excellent horse bedding, and later when collected from the stable has the added advantage of lowering the pH of the compost.

In their spare time, they collect bone-dry pine off-cuts from the mill and Margie uses a mechanical splitter to turn them into chemical-free Curly's Kindling, sold by the bag. Four pieces of this kindling plus one small fire-lighter equals a blaze ready to be topped by your larger firewood.

Curly declares Margie is the backbone of the business. She can turn her hand to almost any task and is Minister-in-charge of bagging the products, distribution and marketing. Margie says having worked with horses for years she has no trouble doing the heavy work. Being advocates of recycling, they would prefer to use hemp bags but cost is the issue. However folks are encouraged to return the plastic bags for re-use. Give them a quick call on 4884 4115 if you would like to know where to buy their products.

I wondered how Curly got his name. In a time when long locks and beards were 'in' Curly preferred a short, buzzed crew cut, thus inevitably acquiring the ironic Aussie-style nickname.

Perhaps the crew cut was cooler during the days of his apprenticeship as a blacksmith in Seven Hills. At his Highlands Forge Curly creates decorative and practical iron-work for house and garden. My favourite is a circular hoop of steel with compartments for stacked firewood - decorative as well as useful.

This two-person partnership continues to expand, with hard work and creative recycling. Holidays are a bit tricky, but when it rains they can take a few days off!

- Annie Goodridge



The most beautiful thing about having a home is that it is your safe place, a place you can let your guard down and be yourself. A place to grow.

But when you have no home, no fixed address, you can lose that sense of place. At the start of 2017 the Bundanoon Community Garden packed up and effectively became homeless. How does one have a community garden with no place to 'put down roots'?

Our new space was initiated by Ken and Trish who generously offered a patch within their stunning garden in Exeter. This became our backbone, with room for both small-scale crops and a larger area for broad-acre growing. We continued to meet there while patiently hoping for our new 'forever home' on community land to become available. And we waited. Shoulders began to slump as the dream of a new productive community garden seemed out of reach.

There followed a time of reflection and revision – to think about who we were, what we wanted to be, what we wanted to represent. What did the BCG stand for? And there right in the middle was the word Community. Adopting this word in a more sincere and proactive way has seen a shift from one central home to now having four different spaces, with the potential to weave and spread through other spots too. Just like a rambling pumpkin vine.

I like to call us Bundanoon Community of Gardeners - although even that is a misnomer as we have members living from Exeter through to Penrose and even out to the next Shire – Tallong. We range in age from two to about 72 and are not just a group of people who garden together, but a community; a supportive network helping each other learn and grow in all things living, but also challenging and equipping each other to 'tread lightly'.

We gather on Tuesday mornings at one of our regular 'patches': at Exeter or Bundy Village. We also meet every couple of months at our farm space in Tallong, where our brassicas, garlic and broad beans are growing, despite challenges from hungry kangaroos, bull-dozer wombats and the like!

Our focus has expanded out of the soil and into our homes, our kitchens, our everyday life. We are shaping the way we live with the aim to be as waste-free and gentle on the earth as possible. Composting workshops have been held. We meet for preserving days at the end of each season to share excess produce, to make chutneys, jams, syrups and tonics that can see us through the winter. We have field days helping local farms to plant native tube-stock - reintroducing plants that the local birdlife can benefit from. We have craft and sewing mornings (especially when the frost is thick on the ground and the garden is sleepy), making aprons for each other with recycled or second hand materials, and creating beeswax wraps to help eliminate plastics from our kitchens. We also do this through buying our groceries in bulk together, from organic and sustainable producers. This not only ensures our money is going to farmers who have a respect for their land, but also helps to reduce our waste and lower food miles.

Our newest step to promote 'treading lightly' is through our connection to Bundanoon Public School. This new link has us hopeful that the youngest generation will fall in love with nature and with getting their hands dirty for the benefit of our community.

I'm so blessed that a few years ago Athalie invited me to come along. Despite being a few years younger and living out of town (I come from Tallong), I immediately felt at home. Tuesday mornings are the highlight of my week, and the BCGs are my dear friends. My two children, Bud and Pip, have newly adopted Aunties and Uncles, Grannies and Grandpas - as family. To feel a sense of belonging, where we can come together, bond over nature and our part in it, is something I do not take for granted.

So if you can spare an hour or two on a Tuesday morning, grab your gloves and hat and come garden with us. The cuppa and cake at morning tea time will make you feel right at home!

Contact bnooncomgarden@gmail.com for information.

- Bel Agren

LAND BASED ENTERPRISE



In the early 1900s orchardists considered the Southern Highlands 'as the great centre of apple growing of the future'. It had the advantage of climate, a generous rainfall, the railway, closeness to the Sydney market and cheap land. In 1912 the Department of Agriculture ran demonstrations in local orchards of pruning, grafting, drainage and spraying. In 1913 200 acres of land in the Highlands were taken for orchards over a period of just a few months. After WWII some orchards were repurposed for returned-soldier settlement.

Bundanoon never became a centre for commercial orchards, unlike Penrose where in the 1920 season they expected to pick 50,000 cases of apples, but it did have smaller private orchards, many adjoining guest houses.

Perhaps the earliest was John and Sarah Dimmock's orchard near the top of William Street in the 1860s. Thomas Trood planted 180 trees in 1884 at Jackman's cottage in Governors Road, and in the 1890s William James had a dairy and an orchard growing apples, pears and plums at *Orchard Villa* at the corner of Old Wingello and Ferndale Roads. There were others at *Springvale* farm in Gullies Road, *Hell Hole* farm which became part of Morton Nation Park, *Edenholme* farm in Teudts Road, *Booley Bank* at the end of Greasons Road, *Rosnel* guest house in Erith Street and *Park Lodge* guest house in Ellsmore Road.

From the 1920s to '40s some sizeable orchards in the Bundanoon district were advertised for sale. Half a dozen men identifying as orchardists in Bundanoon were listed in the electoral rolls of 1930 and 1936.

In the heyday of Bundanoon guest houses, many tourists went home laden with local flowers, fruit and vegetables and even meat and cream. Many of these products were grown on the properties where visitors stayed, which were often just private homes with extra bedrooms offered to paying guests.

However Bundanoon had at least three local commercial cut-flower growers.



above: Irene Morris (nee Tooth) picking daffodils at Morvern. Photo courtesy J. Rundle

below: Orchard at Park Lodge, Ellsmore Road c.1930s (vicinity of today's Bundanoon Lodge). Photo courtesy BHG archives







above: Springvale farm showing established orchard. Photo courtesy BHG archives

On the Gambell family property *Springvale*, near the national park entrance, William Henry Gambell in the 1920s grew about one million daffodils, tulips, gladioli and hyacinths. The cut flowers were sent to the Sydney markets, and baskets of flowers sold to passengers at Bundanoon railway station. Daffodils had to be dug up and replanted by hand every three years. Local resident Max Clark remembered digging bulbs at *Springvale* around 70 years ago, when they "got five bob for a banana box of King Alfred bulbs". *Springvale* was a popular guest house and Henry and his family also had orchards, vegetables, cows, pigs and poultry to provide the well-known hearty country fare served to tourists in Bundanoon.

Daffodils were also grown not far away at *Morvern*, the home of Samuel P. Tooth in Grey Gum Lane. Samuel was a gardener, at one time employed by Yates in Exeter, and his daffodils would have originated there. His daughter Irene ("Reenie") Morris ran a guest house there from 1925 and helped pick the daffodils, which in the 1950s were sent to florists as far away as the Blue Mountains and Illawarra. The family also had a flower stall at Sydney's Central Station.

The Sydney Morning Herald in September 1950 made reference to 30,000 tulips and hyacinths in flower at Mr and Mrs Stewart Boag's home Emerson Grove in Bundanoon.

About 50 years ago another local grower Ivor Benson had eight of his 58 acres in Stonequarry Creek Road at Werai under daffodils. During the season he not only sold bunches of flowers outside The Good Yarn Shop in Bundanoon but he and his family picked 200 bunches a day, 20 daffodils to a bunch, for Sydney's Flemington Markets. One of his sons told me how the 90,000 daffodil bulbs planted by his father multiplied to close on half a million bulbs in rows 300 metres long.

Ivor also grew flowers in the gardens of around 40 Bundanoon residents in return for some gardening work. As well as daffodils, he grew alstroemerias, nerines, lilacs, lily of the valley, snowdrops, callas and amaryllis. Ivor Benson died 10 years ago but I am sure that there are bulbs popping up all over Bundanoon as a legacy of his industry.

- Trish Arbib



above: Flower cart and seller, Church Street. Photo courtesy BHG archives

below: Tulips flowering at Boag's property Emerson Grove in vicinity of Panorama Rd. Photo courtesy J. Rundle



SAVILLE & WILL DESIGN GARDENS







Earlier this year, six acres of expansive gardens began emerging through the mist on Sally's Corner Road. *The Shrubbery* is the property and business of landscape designers Billy Nichols and Jason Saville.

The pair joined forces and created Saville & Will, the landscaping arm of their business. Jason had previously worked on cool climate gardens in the Blue Mountains including *Lilianfels, Parklands*, and the *Hydro Majestic*. Billy, who is originally from the UK, met Jason in Byron Bay where the two worked on landscapes and had an organic farm where they held 'Pick to Plate' workshops.

The Shrubbery is also a retail nursery where you can purchase pots, plants, garden art and sculptures.

"The concept of the gardens at the nursery is so that clients can walk through and see what plants would look like", says Billy. Inspiration came from acclaimed Australian garden designer, Paul Sorenson, who was responsible for the renowned gardens of nearby *Invergowrie*. Incidentally, the land on which *The Shrubbery* sits was part of that original estate.

The Shrubbery gardens feature a formal lawn, a circular lawn with an impressive fountain and 25,000 bulbs. The original cottage has been renovated and extended into a large contemporary farmhouse. Lining the sweeping drive are nearly 5000 trees, including many 'Blue Ice' conifers soon to be topiarised into gorgeous shapes. Current medium-sized trees will remain in the ground for another two years before they come out. Mature trees will come out on the fifth year. As a result of this rotation, the gardens will be a wonderland of ever-changing trees and shrubs. "It's definitely a dream," said Billy, who has long since loved cool climate plants and gardens.

A scented rock garden is planted with the soft grey foliage of curry plants, passionfruit marigolds, lavender cotton, and the distinctive monkey puzzle, *Araucaria araucana*. Studded with creams and russets, this garden is textured, drought-tolerant and unirrigated. Other plants keep bugs like aphids at bay.

"We don't like to say climate change, but the rock garden works well for the 'new' climate."

"It's six acres but we use every bit of it." says Jason. The pair do consultations, landscape design, including plant selection as well as installation. It is a self-contained operation so that clients are dealing with only one business which can manage the design and landscaping from concept to completion.

"A lot of designers will include certain plants in a design but not necessarily guarantee a client will be able to get them. We make sure we have the stock and we have tested it so we know it will survive."

Jason continues, "What we are trying to do is introduce some older-style plants - perennials, shrubs and conifers as well. There are plants people have forgotten about. A lot of visitors have said 'Oh, wow. I haven't seen this for 10 or 20 years'. And it's really nice to see their eyes light up!"

The Shrubbery will soon include a lake and a huge vegetable garden where culinary garden workshops will be held. It is also planned that charities and community-based groups will be able to use the formal lawn for events.

Despite the chill weather, the Bundanoon/Exeter community has been warm in its embrace. "It's been amazing," says Billy. "It's invigorating to be around people who are so involved in their gardens and, like us, happy to be where they are."

The Shrubbery gardens and nursery is at 650 Sally's Corner Road, Exeter, and is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday between 8am and 4pm. It can also be visited as an open garden during these times.

- Danielle Spinks

EGGS+ BACON

Frank and Annemarie Vigliante named their property *Taluca Park* using the first two letters of Tahlia, Luca and Carlo, the names of their three children, reflecting how important family is in this new farming venture just to the north of Bundanoon. Both are themselves the children of farming families.

Having spent some time living in Sydney's eastern suburbs and regularly travelling to Frank's parents' 1200-acre merino sheep property near Goulburn, Annemarie and Frank decided to provide a rural lifestyle for their own children. They aimed for a smaller but specialised primary production business and began hunting for the right piece of land in their beloved Southern Highlands, which for them is conveniently located between Sydney, Canberra and the Illawarra coast. It took eight years to find, but 140-acre *Taluca Park* is now their home of four years.

Well, almost - at the moment the family is renting a house next door. They have almost finished self-building a huge farm shed and have planning permission to build a house and farm-stay accommodation. Their enterprise is still developing and all money earned is being ploughed back into the business. The aim is to provide specialty markets with quality products.

Their property is home to 3000 free-range hens, organic free-range pigs (a boar and his harem of breeding sows and their young), a few goats, and cattle when there is sufficient feed. The animal pens are all moveable so the pastures can be rested and maintained. It is truly a mixed farm of old.

The hens, chosen for their reliably good egg production, are Isa Browns and Lohmann Browns. They are kept to a maximum of 24 hens per acre and are free to scratch and peck for worms, dust bathe and roam on biodynamic pasture. To protect the hens, five beautiful Maremma dogs keep a lookout for predators such as foxes and eagles. They are diligent in their duty and while not family pets are well socialised, and go by the names of Bear, Hunter, Floki, Champ and Angel. Anyone who has seen the movie, Oddball, will know how well these dogs do their jobs.

The pigs are a cross between Berkshires and Saddlebacks, as pure Saddlebacks are regarded as too fatty. At the moment the pigs are slaughtered in Sydney and then cured into prosciutto, pancetta and bacon and sold mainly to restaurants. Lucky local residents are able to purchase *Taluca Farm* products from the *Berrima General Store* and *Delilicious* in Bundanoon.

10-year old Luca and 8-year old twins Tahlia and Carlo are living their own free-range life on the property. They each have their own small motorbikes which they love riding around the farm and their love of the animals is easy to see. They help collect the eggs and feed the pigs and are perfectly at ease walking amongst them, not caring about the hens pecking their feet or the pigs leaning on them. All three attend Exeter Public School and in summer, when Bundanoon pool is open, are able to go swimming. Sharing their farm with other children is a regular delight.

Holidays are non-existent as the farm is labour intensive - so much to do, so little time - but the entire family is living the dream. The enthusiasm, generosity and happy faces show just how much this endeavour means to them all, both parents and children. Eventually, along with the farm-stays, the Vigliantes would like to grow organic vegetables and open a 'farm door', allowing members of the public to purchase their products onsite.

Success is sure to follow this family!

- Sandy MacKenzie









Christmas Day 2018. A grand Canberra hotel. Champagne and canapés with family and friends in a charming courtyard under an enormous oak in the mellow warmth of late afternoon summer. Somehow I find myself chatting to strangers at an adjacent table and soon discover they own and operate a Christmas tree farm at Wingello. Ho!Ho! Ho! We're almost neighbours!

June 2019. A cold and dreary winter afternoon. The sky is a gunmetal-grey hammock slung moodily above a paddock where thousands of pine trees grow. I am talking with Robert Boag. Yes, you guessed it! The Christmas tree couple!

Robert and Barbara Boag have been in Wingello for 40 years and operate an enormously successful Christmas tree business. Hundreds of thousands of trees, all in varying stages, grow peacefully on their out-of-the way, beautifully secluded property.

Robert is a spritely 83 year old, and with secateurs in the back pocket of his jeans he checks the trees in their regimental rows. Here and there a recalcitrant or dead branch is culled so every tree has that perfect conical shape in readiness for the chaotic Christmas season.

He and Barbara have worked so hard over the years, building it up from a block of land that had to be cleared. (Robert had owned an earth moving business in Moss Vale so he had the equipment. And the energy!)

This business is not for the faint-hearted. Who was it who said something about success? That it's what happens along the way with hard work? In the beginning they rose at 2:00am to drive their small supply of trees to the Sydney markets. Soon realising Italian gardeners had the market sewn up, they called on several greengrocers on the way home, asking them to sell their trees and, in time, created their own market.

The thousands of trees are planted and harvested by hand. For many years they employed up to 18 workers during the approach to Christmas and Barbara cooked three meals a day. (A testament to the conditions they offer is that some people have worked for them for 40 years.) The Boags' son John and his wife live on the property and do much of the work now. They deliver everywhere and collect your tree after Christmas should you wish.

Now that's service!

In among many successes over the decades, one crowning glory was to provide the tree at the topping off ceremony at Barangaroo. And some Very Famous People (sh!) also drive to Wingello especially to choose their tree. I ask Robert if they choose a special tree for their own Christmas, but no - it's a mad dash the night before the family arrives. I'm sure the Boags would relish 10 lie-downs in a row after such busyness leading up to 25 December but with their amazing energy it's up and at it. As usual...

As well as growing Christmas trees the Boags have hosted a charity event for soldiers who've been to Afghanistan, and a Tough Mudder race. Each year hundreds of their trees are sold by willing Boy Scouts to happy customers whose money goes to charity. I am reminded of the quote by Conan O'Brien:

"Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen."

Robert seemed to sum this up as he grinned: "The best thing about this business is making people happy at Christmas. I love to see the kids' smiles when we deliver their tree. In fact seeing the smiles on 15,000 people is not bad."

- Annie Crawford

LAND BASED ENTERPRISE



FARMING A FOREST

Have you ever wondered how the pine forests in our region are harvested? Do you picture axes flashing, their razor sharp edges burying deep into the timber? Tanned, fit and hardy men wearing sawdust covered singlets, sweat pouring off their bodies, shouting "TIMBER!", with the crash and thud of another pine tree hitting the ground?

I'm afraid this romanticised image of tree-felling is a thing of the past. Computerised machinery now carries out most of the work of harvesting our pine forests.

Bundanoon local, Tom Bagnell, explained to me the workings of the local State Forests. As Moss Vale Area Supervisor for the Forestry Corporation of NSW he is responsible for forests in close proximity to Bundanoon, those of Penrose, Wingello, Belanglo and Meryla.

Tom has lived in Bundanoon for 10 years but grew up on a farm near Mudgee, and has always preferred to work in the outdoors - previously in vineyards and in timber sales, but for the last 12 years in forestry, a career which he says "satisfies my desire to engage in the production of sustainable resources in an environmentally sensitive manner".

Taking Penrose State Forest as an example, Tom explains the cycle of timber-logging management.

Roughly 1300 hectares of the total 2000 is under plantation at any given time, the main species being Radiata pine, which has proven itself to be the most user-friendly timber for commercial use.

An area of 250–300 hectares at Penrose is planted by hand during mid-winter every two years, by contractors who are specialised and skilled in the work.

All the seedlings for new plantings come from a pine seedling nursery at Blowering near Tumut, NSW - a massive operation growing around nine million pine seeds per annum and supplying many of the pine forests across the state.

According to Tom, many pine forests have a 30-year cycle between planting and harvesting, but Penrose has a very sandy soil and the cycle is closer to 40 years. The extra growing time in fact works well and Penrose pine is known to be of a particularly fine quality. The grain is tighter and straighter, and there are fewer outgrowths and knots in the trunks.

After planting, most of the remaining processes are carried out by machinery.

Once an area is identified for harvesting, a large computerised Harvester machine with special sensors cuts down the trees, strips the logs of unwanted branches, and measures the length and diameter of the most usable sections of each log. It then cuts them up into the desired lengths. Coming along behind the Harvester is a Forwarder which picks up the timber and carries it to loading areas. Trucks then deliver the logs to designated sawmills - most of the Penrose State Forest timber ends up at Penrose Pine Mill.

Remaining stumps are left in the ground to rot, thereby replenishing the soil over the next 20 years. Other residue logs are collected and sent off for pulping.

Apart from producing timber, Penrose State Forest provides valuable recreational opportunities - think mountain-biking and hiking for example - making it a very community-friendly neighbour to have nearby.

In addition, Tom explains that this forest is also home to a wide diversity of flora and fauna, including some rare and threatened species. Stingray Swamp Flora Reserve, about 290 hectares, is a sensitive and speciesrich reserve within the forest and exempt from logging. Volunteers help to care for it, supported by Forestry Corporation of NSW management and other agencies, including Wingecarribee Shire Council.

Tom says "the focus on conserving bio-diversity in the forests under my care is a responsibility that I take very seriously".

- Jan Kenny



Carnivore not Canivore

Which is the best food to feed your cat? This has been debated since canned and dry food first appeared on the market. Before making your decision, consider the following facts.



Cats cannot chew food. If you could open your cat's mouth to see inside you would notice how it has been designed to catch, kill and consume

prey. A hard palate with irregular ridges on the roof of his mouth helps move food to the soft palate and into the stomach. Thirty teeth crunch, snap and tear food into eatable pieces then he relies on the amino acids that he extracts to begin to digest his meal and obtain the proteins he needs.

Cats are obligate carnivores which means their digestive system is designed to extract protein and up to 60% of their fluid needs from their prey.

Cats are meant to eat fresh red meat as well as chicken and cooked fish. They can extract around 11 different amino acids but the two main ones are Taurine and Arginine which not only help to keep the digestive juices flowing but are the building blocks for muscle, hair and bone health. They also create antibodies which help to fight off infections and disease.

Feeding your cat canned food is cheaper and multiple cans can be stored, therefore go for quality: look for foods that contain meat, fish, chicken or organs such as chicken livers, but watch out for salt, colouring, by-products, sugar, chemicals and too many preservatives or grains - cats struggle to digest carbohydrates and will often throw them back up, usually over your carpet.

Now we come to dry food. It is clean, easy to store and the cat can free feed during the day (which can lead to obesity), plus it can help keep your cat's teeth clean. However, I have never seen a packet of dry food running from a cat. There is no water in dry food and if it is the sole source of food he can end up with dehydration and kidney problems - your cat simply cannot consume enough water to help move the dry food through his body. If your cat likes dry food try adding fluid to it, making a mush.

As for human food, remember a piece of cheese can be the equivalent of a Big Mac in calories. It's up to us to feed our companion pets wisely and with knowledge.

- Cherie Hobart



VET'S CASEBOOK

Ken Davidson BVSc (Hons)

Tribute to a great horse

In celebration of the conventional horse's birthday on the 1 August, I am taking the liberty of repeating an article I wrote on the 10 November, 2006 for the Southern Highland News about a marvellous race horse we used to own.

I first knew about Sam in the late '70s, as a 'bomb-proof' harness horse whose then owner was the local saddler, the inimitable Noel Smith. At the time, Noel was the president of the newly formed Southern Highlands Harness Club.

It was rumoured by Noel that Sam was so reliable that he was once driven in harness along a railway platform without shying, while a steam train pulled in. Over a six-year period in the '80s, we drove him thousands of miles as part of a pair and subsequently a four-in-hand team, without him ever putting a foot wrong, so the late Noel Smith was to be believed on this one

My friends and I entered him in the second-ever Melbourne to Sydney harness Marathon in 1980. We were competing in an 'out-rigger sulky' with Sam as the lynchpin horse and Tim, another trotter and a horse that had his good and bad days, as his partner.

On the second day into this epic event, Sam was responsible for saving our lives. We were climbing a steep mountain pass between Yea and Euroa in the Victorian section of the Great Dividing Range. We kept well over to the left to avoid any oncoming traffic, but on this day it was to no avail. On the edge of the winding dirt track, the mountain fell away steeply to a ravine, thousands of feet below. Suddenly a battered utility rounded a blind corner and at the unlikely sight of an outrigger sulky and pair, locked his brakes and skidded straight into us. As if in slow motion, both horses leapt the bonnet of the utility that then hit the sulky step, bending it by 90 degrees and hurling the whole team over the edge of the road.

Believe it or not, fate must have been on our side that day. A huge gum tree, growing two yards down from the road's edge stopped both horses, still in harness, from rolling any further down the mountainside. John and I, clinging to the sulky, which was now at a precarious angle, called on Sam to remain steady while we dismounted cautiously from the tangled mess. This horse didn't move a muscle and in so doing, managed to calm the ever-excitable Tim. Sam instinctively knew that one false move from them would have spelt the end of us all.

Every buckle on the harness was undone and finally we were able to pull the sulky free. Tim, who was on top, was the first to struggle onto the road. Sam who was fully wrapped around the tree didn't move until he was asked, then, managed to find his feet and scramble up the bank.

Amazingly the horses were unhurt but for a tiny cut on Sam's upper foreleg. With no help around, our only option was to reharness the horses. The alignment of the sulky frame needed the help of a blacksmith, but it could be driven, so before long we were on our way again. The competitive spirit in Sam made him pull even harder as he showed his anger at having lost so much time on this leg of the marathon!

After many other marathons, at the amazing age of 36 Sam had to be euthanased after failing to respond to the last bout of recurrent colic. Sadly, it was the only vet check that Sam had ever failed. He truly was a remarkable endurance horse.





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EDITION TWO

Saturday July 6th 5.00PM

It suddenly occurred to me that I might have chosen the wrong night to rove about our village. Because I knew the answer to the question I was going to pose to some strangers.

Y'see the village was buzzing with Winterfest. In the magical fairy-lit CBD the street stalls were many and varied. Live music was mellow from the tent near the railway station. The burgeoning crowd was peaceful. And the pub's sitting room was warm and softly lit. A fire blazed merrily and decorations were cheery for Christmas in July. Folks sat quietly communing over their drink of choice. Yes, Bundanoon was cast under a spell of happiness.

I hope Gail and John didn't mind my interruption to their meditative relaxation in enormous comfy chairs by the fire, but I was on an important mission to find out why strangers flock to our village. This well-dressed, friendly pair hail from Bowral as of four years ago, having relocated to be closer to their Sydney family after 14 years in Merimbula.

So... "Why are you in Bundanoon?" As Roving Reporter that is my de rigueur question.

We all laughed, as the question was rhetorical! Winterfest? Hello?! But I dug deeper and discovered John was here to play bass in a blues band at Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe - "For a bit of fun!"

That aside, they visit our village regularly. They frequent the fortnightly market at least monthly and then enjoy coffee, going to different cafes in turn to make it fair and equal. They love the Garden Ramble and attended Pie and Pinot. And they sometimes lunch in the pub. And Gail knows many artists from here as she belongs to the Bowral District Arts Society.

They still have a list of to-dos in Bundanoon, and as yet a visit to Glow Worm Glen has not been crossed off.

"What do you love about Bundanoon?" I ask Gail and John. "It's... villagey," grins John. "It's a very pleasant community." says softly spoken Gail.

Trying to camouflage my obvious bias for one of the best places in the universe to live, I also ask if there are any negatives. "Not at all! We love Bundanoon."

Much later, walking home in the dark, I asked myself if I had been silly to do my roving report at the beginning of Winterfest? Hundreds of happy visitors were in our amazing village to enjoy what we have to offer. And there was an entire week of super activities waiting in the wings.

So not at all! Not for one second did I choose the wrong night! And what about Brigadoon, the annual Garden Ramble and the gazillions of other activities, festivals, National Park delights etc.?

But next time I really must interview some people just because I spy them sitting outside a café in the sunshine.

With not a festival in sight...

- Annie Crawford



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GARDEN TALES
Lyn Morehen

Garden of trees

When we first moved to Bundanoon some five years ago we fell in love with the landscape, especially the trees and shrubs. Coming off the highway and driving into Bundanoon revealed another world - such a diversity of colour, form, texture and a world of gardens.

There are trees that have been here before European settlement, some reputed to be over 300 years old. There are giants dominating the landscape, and the landscape is varied. There are escarpments, gullies and some very flat places!

Like many of us, I know that climate is changing. What will the future hold? How to cope? On a sunny, cool champagne winter day I went for a walk to clear my mind. I looked up and saw a garden that had evolved in the four years since I last walked by. Gone was the previously bleak, weedy and uninspiring slope that leads up to the modern house. Instead was a slope of beauty, filled with a cornucopia of shrubs and trees. Who had planted them, how and why? I had to find answers and discover more.

I introduced myself to the owners Robyn Mamouney and Peter Knapp. They shared with me their story of the garden which sits on a remnant of the critically endangered 'Robertson Basalt' tall open forest and overlooks Morton Park. This means superb soil and superb views. It also means they faced all the possible and unpredictable challenges of a steep slope including weeds, too much water (erosion) or too little water.

When planning the garden some four years ago, Robyn and Peter discovered an environmental survey in the Council offices. With the knowledge that this provided and much research, they went to work removing weeds and buying in new Australian plants. Wingecarribee Shire development conditions meant they had to plant natives, which luckily they love. They collected seeds on site and used these to propagate new plants. Part of the one-acre site was cleared of kikuyu grass and garden weeds and the land left to support what plants emerged naturally from the seed-bank in the soil. The steep slope facing the road was planted with more trees, shrubs and grasses, many endemic. New plants were watered only until they were established. Mulch was laid down to conserve water, and terraces built. Dead timber of all shapes and sizes and coir logs act as barriers to hold the mulch and precious water onsite. The garden plantings are full of colour and texture and complement the property's backdrop of endemic trees - Eucalyptus cypellocarpa, E. fastigata, E.obliqua and the local Acacia melanoxylon - and seamlessly merge with the views of Morton National Park.

Robyn and Peter have designed and managed their garden to fit in with the natural landscape and respond to the many current and future challenges and opportunities, including climate change, council requirements, environment and magnificent views. We all have different challenges and opportunities and endeavour to produce appropriate solutions that satisfy our own garden needs. One thing is for sure, it gladdens my heart when I walk by this garden.





KIRIBATI CONNECTIONS

Earlier this year, four women from Kiribati arrived in Bundanoon. What a change: from the lowest-lying islands in the world to the 'highlands' of New South Wales! Eera, Teretia, Teabike and Tebeau work at Warrigal Care, having graduated in aged care from the Asia Pacific Technical College (run by TAFE Queensland). Three also studied nursing in Fiji. They have left their families behind, hoping to earn money and gain skills so they can support their children, build a more secure future and perhaps even set up an aged-care home in Kiribati.

Kiribati (pronounced Kirr-i-bas) is made up of 33 coral atolls spread across 3.5 million square kilometres of ocean (the area of India). The capital Tarawa is about halfway between Hawaii and Australia. The country relies on fishing, international aid, tourism and remittances but these may not be enough to save it. Sea-level rise is turning the freshwater salty. That means less drinking water and makes it impossible to grow staple crops such as coconut and taro. More extreme weather is eating the shoreline.

Whether or not you believe that humans are responsible for global warming – a debate raging in Kiribati as well as elsewhere – the results of climate change cannot be ignored in Kiribati. They have been witnessed by several groups of year 11 students from Chevalier College in Bowral.

I spoke to Anna Reid about her experience staying at Chevalier's sister college on the atoll of Abemama in 2014. She said: "It was life changing." That's what her brother and sister also said. It's a big statement to say a three-week trip can have such an impact, so I probed a bit further. For Anna it has meant pursuing her tertiary studies in nursing, with a view to working for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), the international organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, poverty and natural or man-made disasters.

What she and the other Australian students experienced was a heady mixture of adventure, camaraderie and the exotic. Anna's group travelled to Kiribati during the Easter break, arriving first in Tarawa, the crowded capital where shanties and rubbish revealed the poverty of the country. Abemama is a five-hour boat ride away: a very long way for anyone needing more than the rudimentary services available in the local health clinic.

On Easter Sunday the local students recreated the Stations of the Cross. For the boy selected to play

Jesus, it was a great honour. For the Australians it was confronting to see the verisimilitude of the re-enactment: 'Jesus' was lashed with grass whips.

The island's tropical beauty was an antidote to the absolutely basic living conditions. The students stayed in huts that are periodically raised further off the ground as the sea encroaches. The girls had a flushing lavatory; the boys did not. My question to Anna about fishing prompted another memory. "The monsoon was bad in 2014. There was a lot of rain and the weather prevented supplies from arriving. Everyone lived mainly on rice, eggs and tomato sauce, although the women did make bread for their visitors. Only once did the locals manage to catch some prawns: an Easter treat."

Not only did the journey to Abemama help Anna formulate her career ambitions, it also made her appreciate the privileges of a life in the Southern Highlands, where most take for granted an uninterrupted school life (the students at Chevalier Abemama sometimes skip a year so their families can save for the next round of fees), and easy access to health care.

Her brother Jack had similar reactions. He wrote a postcard home, which finished up: "It is so lovely to see how kind everyone is. I really hate how unhappy we are with so much when these people are incredibly happy with so little. I have had many moments of doubting why we are here. I feel as if I am only here to change me, not to help them, which is very hard to manage mentally."

Anna and I spoke about the heart-wrenching idea that the people of Kiribati, who have such a strong sense of identity and instinct for welcoming people into their community, may have to abandon their homeland. In 2014 the then President Anote Tong finalised the purchase of 20 square kilometres on Vanua Levu, an island in Fiji, as a potential refuge for at least some of his people. Tong continues to campaign for greater international action. He has urged Australia to reduce its own greenhouse emissions and show leadership in the Pacific which, as the students from Chevalier know only too well, has become the canary in the coalmine.

This year, 2019, may be the last time the Chevalier College Year 11s spend three life-changing weeks on Abemama because there may no longer be enough freshwater to sustain the visitors.

- Francesca Beddie

ISLAND EXPERIENCE

young Bundanoon

Four years ago when I was a Bundanoon teenager, I was lucky enough to be chosen as one of 19 Chevalier College students to travel to Kiribati to visit our sister school on the small island atoll of Tarawa. Our first stop was Abemama where we were greeted with a wall of hot air and humidity. We spent a few days there exploring the island, meeting some locals, enjoying the delicious food they gave us and being entertained by their wonderful singing voices and amazing dance moves.

The flight to Tarawa in a small plane was somewhat rocky, followed by a bumpy truck ride to what would become our home for 13 days: Monivae Hotel. The hotel comprised a collection of small kiakias (small huts set on stilts), a large kitchen area, two shelters for dining and relaxing, and a toilet and shower room.

We were split into pairs and spread around the school classes, where we spent most of our days with the teens, giving help whenever we were able but mostly just making friends with everyone. We were given the task of learning some traditional dances, to be showcased at the end of our visit. We also had time to visit the pre-school kids who were so sweet and welcoming and more than happy to have some new people to play with.

As well as time helping in the classrooms, playing sport and games and learning how to weave palm leaves, we also danced and laughed and formed new friendships. Each night we gathered for school assembly in the large maniaba that served as the school hall to watch traditional dances and then to dance the night away to some slightly more modern songs and dance moves, at which the Kiribati kids were amazing whereas the majority of us made up for lack of skill with lots of enthusiasm.

On a particularly hot day we took a day trip to the causeway to swim in the beautiful blue water. While there were no water slides or wave pools we had something better: by leaping off the low bridge in just the right spot you could get caught in the current and swept through the tunnel under the bridge before popping out on the other side, climbing up the wall and starting the whole process again. It was somewhat exhausting but so much fun!

Afternoons and meal times were spent around the hotel and its nearby beach, which gave us some of the most stunning sunsets I've ever seen. The horizon stretched on forever and the few clouds that dotted the sky were lit up in pinks and golds of all shades, while the ocean would shift between shades of blue and purple until the sun touched it and turned everything to molten gold.

For our last night in Tarawa we dressed in the tops and sarongs our new friends had made for us and performed the traditional dances that we had learned. There was a final feast and a night of modern dancing before we had to say a tearful goodbye to the wonderful people who had welcomed us so wholeheartedly into their school and their lives.

It was such an amazing time we had on Kiribati making new friends and experiencing a whole new way of life, which opened our eyes to how different and difficult life can be. And yet despite all the hardships they face, the people I met on Kiribati remain among the happiest and kindest people I have ever had the good fortune to meet.

- Helen Lenane



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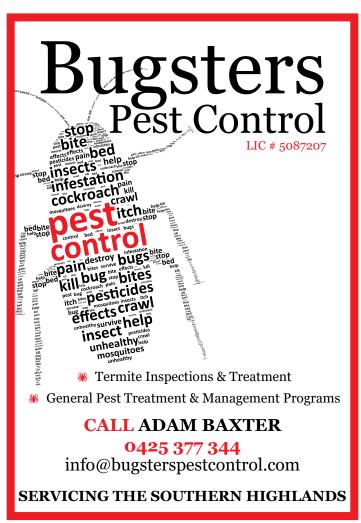
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BRODIE'S SOCCER SUCCESS

A mixture of frustration and nerves washed over Brodie Gentles at the South Coast Division Two soccer grand final last year. It had just finished raining. The grass was soft and springy - Brodie's perfect playing conditions. It was half-time and his team, the Highlands Football Club under 14s, was yet to score a goal. They were pitched against Helensburgh, a very organised and competitive opponent. This was a tough game. The pressure was on. His extended family, grandparents, aunts and uncles, were gathered along the sidelines to cheer.

Brodie managed to score two of the three goals at that match and the Highlands Football Club won 3-1. The mammoth team effort meant they were crowned the Football South Coast Division Two champions - the highlight of his soccer career so far.

If you asked Brodie what first drew him to soccer, he wouldn't be able to tell you, since he was playing even before he made his first memories. At the age of two Brodie was kicking the ball around in Soccajoeys (kids' soccer classes) and then started playing for the Bundanoon Rebels. A few years later he moved to Southern Branch Football Club, the elite representative club for the NSW Zone area. Here he was accepted into the Skill Acquisition Program (SAP) which prepares talented youth players for the elite player pathway to representative football. With this training under his belt he was ready to try out for Rep Soccer. At 14 he gained his place on the team at Highlands FC.

Brodie describes his team as "a great bunch to be around, with good chemistry". They train twice a week and play every weekend. He is currently playing left back, having played striker last year. Last year the team lost only one game and this year, having moved up to Division One, they are also performing "reasonably well" according to Brodie.

Having played all his life, Brodie can hardly imagine a life without soccer. It's something that he's always done. Fortunately, his interest in soccer is shared by his whole family. His father played for the Bundanoon Rebels, his younger brother Lachlan also plays, and the whole family goes to watch the games. On the way home they all discuss the game together, talking about strategy and tactics, what went well or what could be improved. Proud mum Esty is thrilled that her son always gives 100 percent and shows good sportsmanship.

"It is always a massive commitment when any child does representative sport," says Esty, "but we believe that if the kids are enjoying something, we want to support that." Esty describes the whole family as "happy and active". She and daughter Amelia are very involved in Physical Culture and have also achieved great success in competitions.

When not playing soccer, Brodie is busy working at McDonald's and going to the gym. He loves playing the drums and practising penalty shoot-outs in the backyard with his brother Lachie. His wry sense of



humour shows through when I ask him if his team has ever suffered any hardships. "Well," he pauses, "we had to do yoga".

Brodie is not sure what the future holds, but he is happy to be a role model for Lachie and others who dream of playing representative soccer.

- Hope Earl





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BUNDANOON MUSIC-MAKER AWARDED O.A.M.

Local resident Kerith Fowles was awarded the Order of Australia Medal on 10 June this year for services to music and to the community.

Kerith has performance in her blood. Her mother was a professional singer and pianist, appearing on early radio as 'Sally Paige', and her father was an amateur actor and a founding member of the Independent Theatre in North Sydney. After secondary schooling at the Conservatorium High School, Kerith continued there for tertiary studies.

Kerith too had a performing career as a professional singer (the Leonine Consort, Philharmonia Motet choir, Cantillation) in both solos and choral works, but decided to pursue music teaching as a career at all levels - pre-school to tertiary. She had completed studies in Salzburg at the Mozarteum which followed a method designed by Carl Orff (O Fortuna composer) and this convinced her that the best way to learn about music was to do it! This has remained the focus of her life – helping others to discover themselves through music.

Kerith grew up in Sydney but 'escaped' to Bundanoon on her retirement. However she missed teaching.

Although conducting a church choir and singing in two choirs herself, she decided that she needed to immerse herself in music-making. And what an immersion. She is music director of the Highland Buskers (a U3A group for used-to-play and wannabe instrumentalists), Serendipity:the choir (a community choir based in Bundanoon and open to enthusiastic singers), Bowral Uniting Church choir, and a recorder ensemble. She has also had gigs as music director of shows staged by the Highlands Theatre Group, most recently The Sound of Music.

As well as her musical interests Kerith volunteers for the National Trust at Harper's Mansion in Berrima, is a keen member of Birdlife Australia, participating in bird counts and tree-plantings, and is part of the Leaver Park Bushcare group. She has been a member of the Bundanoon Community Garden and the Highlands Sinfonia and active in supporting many community events in the highlands, especially in Bundanoon - The Fling, Winterfest, Bundy on Tap, to name just a few.

Well done Kerith Fowles, O.A.M.



WINGELLO – BELATED HONOUR BOARD FOR WORLD WAR II ENLISTEES

Wingello Mechanic's Institute Hall boasts a handsome Memorial Board that honours those who served in World War I. The Honour Board was one of many crafted from beaten copper by the Wunderlich Company – suppliers of many memorials at the time.

After the end of World War II, just a lantern and small plaque were installed above the front doors of the hall. Requests for a World War II Honour Board were made over the years, but sadly nothing eventuated. The devastating fires of 1965 would have put paid to any further plans.

Following the Centenary of the hall last year, the request for the second Honour Board was made again and members of the Wingello Village Association took up the challenge.

Two of the early Wingello families are well represented in the project: Keith and Wendy Garbutt and Sylvia and Jack Jeffery. Much of the research work was done by Keith and Wendy as a follow-up to their meticulous work on the Garbutt Family History. Carol Olde is coordinating the project, local wood-smith Richard Norton is crafting the Honour Board from Australian Red Cedar and sign-writer Alan Weston of Tallong will see the memorial come to fruition.

The 107 people listed on the Honour Board include those either born in the village, those living in Wingello at time of enlistment, plus others who enlisted in Wingello. Older members of the community, some of whom served in WWI, enlisted as members of the Defence Corps Voluntary Service (DCVS) who guarded the country closer to home.

Unveiling the Honour Board will be 95 year-old Mrs Vera King (formerly Vera Lynam) who served in the Women's Royal Air Force (WRAF) in Communications at the British Consulate in Canberra.

Keith and Wendy Garbutt have compiled a commemorative booklet that will be available on the day. This lists service records of all personnel, as well as photos and brief stories of service submitted by family members. Keith's father served in the DCVS and his elder brother Les enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force.

The Wingello Village Association has been awarded a grant of \$600 from Wingecarribee Shire Council Community Assistance Scheme for this project.

All are welcome at the unveiling at 2pm on Saturday 21 September. For enquiries phone 0427 353 380.

- Carol Olde, Wingello Village Association



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A review

A branch of a peppercorn tree growing in a corner of the back yard of Jill Lovett's family home in Maroubra was the perch from where she viewed the suburban world of her childhood and dreamt of a future life. This tree symbolised for her the endurance of families struggling to achieve purpose and hope in Sydney in the 1940s and 50s.

Jill now lives in Bundanoon. Her first book, *The Peppercorn Tree*, was published in 2018 the year she turned 80. Her memoir is written in an engaging style about her life growing up in suburbia after World War II, reflecting a world that many of her readers too will have experienced.

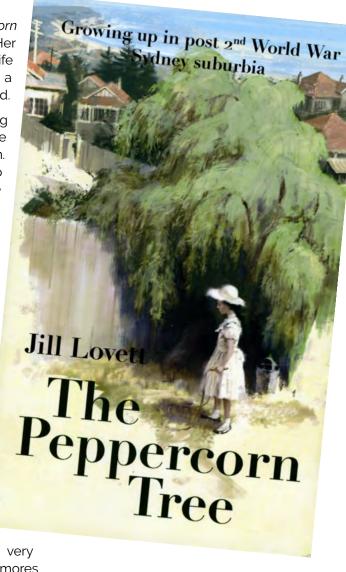
Many will be reminded of school days and embarrassing class room incidents and may also hold a memory of one teacher whose encouragement has never been forgotten. At Sydney Girls' High, although Jill had a chance to go on to university, she left school after the Intermediate Certificate. The limited opportunities available to young women in the 1950s will resonate with many readers. It was not until she studied as a mature student that she completed her degrees: a Master in English (M.Lit) and later a Master in Theology.

Jill's relationship with her parents is described with great affection. The account of a single-income lifestyle and the sacrifices parents made for their children will remind many readers of their own experiences. Family stories, like her father's reaction to her brother's marriage with a Catholic girl, and Christmas celebrations with various relatives, are told with warmth and humour. Neighbours also provide material for some very funny anecdotes. It is all the families in the street which are at the heart of this story about the struggle to survive. Jill's eloquent narrative covers many issues of the times and her remembered conversations add interesting dialogue.

The most poignant recollection in the book is the very honest retelling of her engagement and marriage. The mores of the 1940s, '50s and '60s particularly applied to falling in love, being married and having a family. These social and community expectations defined Jill's life until after 38 years and increasing conflict, her marriage ended. She and her husband Tom had six much-loved and successful children. After the marriage ended Jill went on to pursue her career.

The Peppercorn Tree is recommended particularly to people who lived through the post World War II years, but younger readers will enjoy the book as an interesting piece of suburban history. It is available on Amazon and Kindle or from jill.lovatt1@bigpond.com.

- Pam Davies





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Last September I was walking up the ramp towards the station when I happened to look down. There at my feet was a moving bunch of sticks. I dismissed the idea that Harry Potter was lurking somewhere nearby in the undergrowth. I bent down to investigate and sure enough the sticks were indeed travelling. There was no wind and I definitely had not been drinking. I watched for a minute or two and then carried on about my task of distributing Melting Pot posters throughout the village shops.

It was possibly 10 or 15 minutes later when I returned to the station ramp and looked for the moving sticks again. By now they had almost reached the other side of the path and, lo and behold, an orange caterpillar was emerging from one end of the sticks. I've certainly never seen anything quite like this.

I did the obvious thing and Googled the life-cycle of such a creature. It appears that it is Maturas elongatus, commonly known as Saunders Moth. People may also know it as a case moth or bag moth.

Move forward 11 months and what do I find attached to a fencepost in my own back yard but a very similar bunch of sticks. This time not one, but two. They are hanging onto the post held by a silk thread and glue like substance.



I am now awaiting the appearance of the orange caterpillars and hoping that they don't completely destroy the rhubarb in the nearby vegetable garden.

- Gill Brennan

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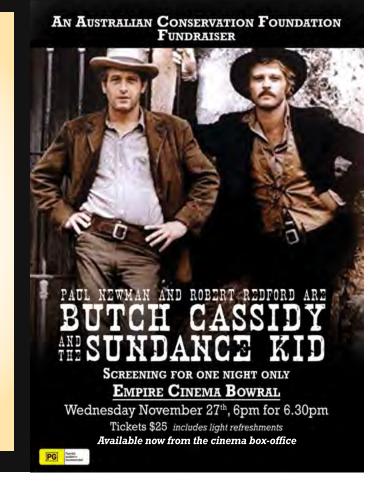
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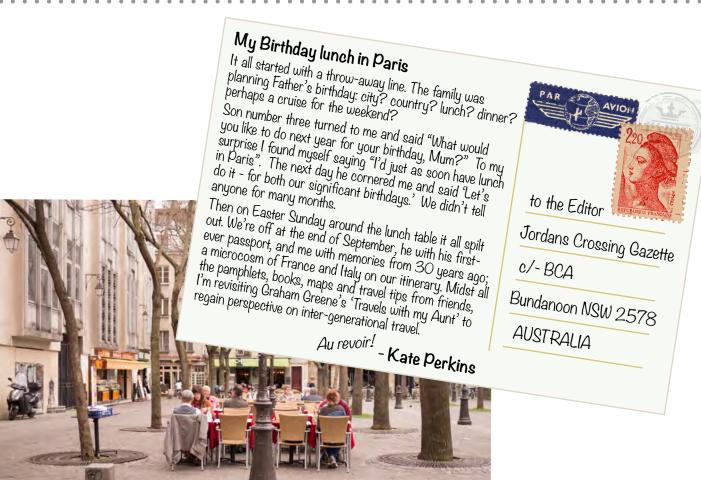
Instead she found employment at Bidura Children's Home in Glebe where she met John Dorman and married him in 1953. They moved to Newcastle in 1955. In her time in the Lower Hunter she was actively involved in the fibre arts community. This became her passion and she expanded her skills and understanding of spinning, weaving and dyeing, moving from being a student to teaching others her skills and knowledge.

In 1996 Rona and John moved to Bundanoon and led a very active and productive life enjoying the social and cultural opportunities presented to them. They were actively involved in various groups in the district until they moved to Goulburn in 2014 to be closer to family.

Rona survived her husband of 65 years, passing away after a short illness on 12 July. She will be greatly missed by her family and all of those who knew her.

- John Dorman











ART BY 3 showcases the work of three Bundanoon artists: Sue Davison (ceramics), Barry Miller (steel sculpture) and Sean Quigley (painting).

The exhibition will be held at the Bowral District Art Gallery, 1 Short St Bowral, 17-21 October. Open daily from 10am – 4pm.

The old saying "one man's trash is another man's treasure" certainly applies to Barry Miller's hobby of welding pieces of discarded or re-usable steel into interesting art forms. It all started with a short welding course at Moss Vale TAFE about two years ago and has gone on to "become a bit of an obsession" as he puts it. "Sourcing the steel is the biggest problem" he says, "but places like garage and rural clearing sales and even kind people who want to rid themselves of unwanted metal junk have been great sources for materials."

Sue Davison has been creating her individual pieces for three years, concentrating on garden art. Included in her collection are totem poles, large and small planters, wall pots, masks and birdbaths. Each piece is crafted by hand with special emphasis on design and embellishment. Glazes are then chosen to reflect the colours of nature. All pieces will be for sale.

As a member of the Bundanoon Men's Shed art group Sean Quigley has been able to foster his enjoyment of painting and receive some honest feedback and encouragement as well as a few laughs. He has exhibited work during the Southern Highlands Art Trail and at Winterfest in Bundanoon. He is "looking forward to getting together with two talented locals at our shared exhibition at Bowral."



Anyone for Tennis?

BUNDANOON TENNIS CLUB

We have news of a very exciting development for our club and the future of Tennis, 'a game for all ages' in Bundanoon and the Southern villages. Our President Stephanie Grosvenor has been successful in negotiating with Andy Schymitzek Tennis Coaching to begin regular sessions here at Bundanoon starting mid-October this year. All enquires for coaching will go through to them once we have full details confirmed on our website.

Our current volunteer coaching coordinators Mike Swinden and Dave Brewster will enjoy a hard earned rest from their regular coaching duties. They have both turned down a position as head coach of Nick Kyrgios... a spokesperson for both saying: "We are to used to coaching well-behaved and respectful Bundanoon kids - why would we want him?" What a contrast it is to watch the FABULOUS Ash Barty reach the top of her ranks. Congratulations to her and we hope she inspires young people to pick up a tennis racquet.

The 2019 Bundanoon Tennis Club Championships are scheduled to be played on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September. This is open to all club members, Open and Junior, and the more players we have the better the event will be.

Social tennis continues as usual, even through the cold winter months. What a great way to warm up this is, to get the blood circulating and catch up with friends. The regular Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meets are popular. If you are interested in joining in please contact Elaine at: staziker@acenet.com.au

Last June, for the second time now, we hosted 20 players from a Cronulla-based club for a great day of social tennis which is then followed by the Karen Dixon Cup each February. This will be an annual event and brings some very good A-graders to play at our club. Visiting players stay in town for the weekend and always love coming to Bundanoon!

We invite you to come and give tennis a go!

- Cameron Reid



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Chess Club

The Chess Club continues to meet every Friday from 2pm at the Primula Café. It is currently a fairly small group but is keen to expand. New members are most welcome. The group caters for people who want to learn how to play as well as for the seasoned veteran. Chess sets are provided. So just turn up or give Don King a call on 4883 7499 or Pat Foley on 4883 6064 for more details.

Rebels Soccer Club

The season is well under way and the club is fielding teams in the Highlands Association Competitions in the All-Age Men's 2nd Division, and junior age group competitions in 15s, 13s, 11s, 10s, 9s, 8s. 7s, and 6s. A tremendous effort is needed to organize and administer this massive undertaking. Volunteers are always welcome, so if you feel you could help out, please contact John Gross on 0414 456 097.

The AGM for the Club is planned for October. Details will be on the Club's website soon.

Scrabble Club

The Club is growing and currently has 18 members! We are keen to expand membership further so please try to get along to one of the sessions. We meet at Bundanoon Hotel dining room on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. The morning session is from 10am to 12:30pm, with a break for lunch and then the second session from 1:30 to 4pm. Attendance is flexible so you can attend the morning or afternoon sessions or both! No experience is needed.

Tennis Club

See main article on page 48 (opposite) for exciting news.

Bowling Club

The Bundanoon Bowling Club plays social bowls every Wednesday at 1pm. Please be at the club at 12:30pm to put your name down - cost is \$15 and membership of the Club is \$20. We play barefoot/social

bowls on Sundays at 1pm - cost for this is: single \$10, family \$20.

The Bowling Club has held championships in the singles and triples. The minor single championship was won by Neville O'Mullane defeating Tony Campbell. Our major single championship was won by Bob Burnham defeating last year's winner Peter Kellond by 31-29 in a closely-fought match. Congratulations to Bob on playing a fantastic match. The pairs final will be played by Peter Kellond and Steven Granger against father and son pair Allyn Wray and Daniel Wray. The triples match was won by Peter Kellond, Steven Granger and Steven Beveridge against Bob Burnham, John Hutchison and Richard Colley with Peter Kellond's team winning by the slightest margin 18/17 after the 21 ends. The fours was won by John Witney, Neville and Beverly O'Mullane and Arnie Fabiano in a tournament format. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you everyone for competing in our championship in which all the matches were closely fought.

The AGM and presentation will be in September and all members are welcome. As the Bowling Club is mainly run by volunteers who spend a lot of time keeping the green in good condition, the club would like to thank them all for the work they have contributed during the year. A special thank you to President John Witney for his work in obtaining much-needed grants.

Croquet Club

Beautifully sunny winter days have encouraged us onto the croquet lawns more than would be expected at this time of year. Of course, the prolonged dry spell has also meant more lawn watering than we would like. In addition to the regular croquet play on Thursday and Sunday afternoons, members also participated in Winterfest by running a popcorn stall, and the Wheel of Fortune on the Croquet Club runs on the first Friday evening of each month.

The club celebrated being awarded a \$6000 grant from Council, which will be used to further renovate the lawns and keep them up to a good standard. The Club's AGM will be held at the Bundanoon Club on Sunday 8 September, where a vote will be taken on whether to affiliate with Croquet NSW. Affiliation will allow us to enjoy coaching from croquet professionals as well as participate in tournaments with other croquet clubs. A New Members day will be held on Sunday 17 November, where everyone is welcome to give croquet a go!

Contact Steve Press Club Secretary on 0455 155 897 for more information.

Cricket Club

The Bundanoon Cricket Club is intending to field teams in the junior and senior competitions as well as the T/20 blast. We will be accepting online registrations for juniors this year to make it easier for players to register. The competition starts in October after school has resumed, so we will be looking to formalise our teams in late September. The T/20 blast competition is played midweek and is an eight-a-side match.

Anyone wanting information please contact President Steven Granger on 0404 048 288 or email grangs13@ bigpond.com.

We will be holding an "into cricket clinic" during weekdays. This clinic normally runs for a 10-12 week period. It will commence late October and anyone requiring information please contact Steven Granger.

The Club is also hoping to continue the good performance in the junior competition over the recent years - just narrowly losing last year's final by 1 run! We encourage everyone to have a turn in playing cricket with the Club, making sure everyone gets the chance to participate in all parts of the game. The club is also seeking senior players so we can keep fielding second and third grade teams in the local club.

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