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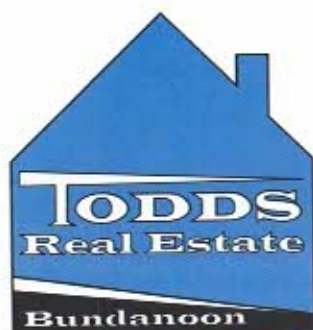


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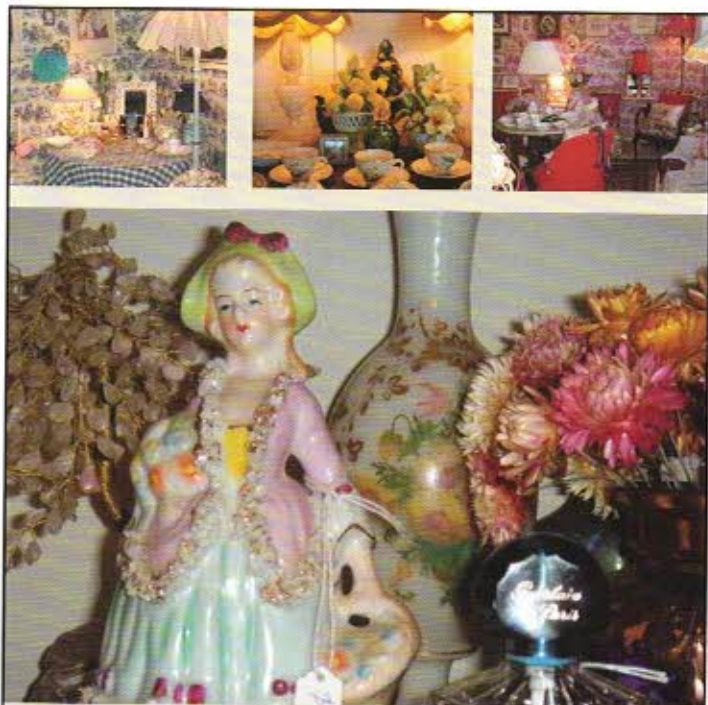
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Pam Davies,
Editor

BACKYARD FOOD GROWING in the southern villages of our shire is the theme of this issue and I am grateful to Peter Lach-Newinsky for his contribution to the editorial content. Through his long term commitment to development of his permaculture property, Gundungurra, in Bundanoon he was able to advise me about appropriate feature stories. I hope you will be inspired to contact groups like Transition Shire to learn more about what we can all do to reduce damaging environmental impacts.

John Kelly's contribution, "This is the BBC", and the notice about the "Men's Shed" reminded me that there are always new community groups being established to cater for diverse interests.

The profiles of Moss Vale High School students are included to remind us of the range of careers that young people are encouraged to pursue: their stories are a tribute to the MVHS staff. A page featuring the Rural Fire Service also highlights the generosity of the people of Bundanoon and Kane York is affectionately remembered for her place in public life. This time we have moved away from exotic travel destinations to publish John Desmond's walk on the wild side, while Ross Armfield reminds us of certain under-rated perils of the sea!

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TO ENQUIRE ABOUT bookings and rates for the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, please call Bob Smith, 4883 7786.

BCA meetings

Third Thursday each month:

19 March (AGM), 16 April, 21 May.

Start 7:30pm in Supper Room at rear of Hall. All welcome.

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Friday 1 May 2009



Bundanoon Community Association (BCA)

BCA report Celebrating 75 years



Ralph Clark,
BCA president

FIRST, A REMINDER! The BCA AGM will be held in the Supper Room at the Hall on Thursday, 19 March commencing at 7.30pm. 2008 was a busy and successful year, so a good roll-up will be very encouraging.

A little later in the month, on **Saturday 28 March** at 7.30pm we will celebrate **75 years of Bundanoon's community association**. It has been fascinating over recent months reading past minutes and correspondence – the early community leaders of the association passed on a significant heritage and record of achievement. I hope that many of our past members will take this opportunity to renew old friendships.

As promised in my December message BCA has arranged a great program of music for the coming year. At our Saturday morning presentation in February the Mike Butcher trad jazz quartet played to a near capacity audience who responded enthusiastically to the Piano (plus) introductory concert for 2009. Piano at 10 will resume on the first Saturday in May after a break of two months due to prior Saturday bookings of the Hall. Details of a Saturday afternoon concert on 18 April can be found on this page.

Hall renovations continue, as we prepare for the Memorial Hall's 75th anniversary in October when we will celebrate in style. Last month, Dr Con Mouroukas was farewelled at a function hosted by BCA. Con has made a significant contribution to our town and will be greatly missed. A presentation was made to him on behalf of Bundanoon residents to mark his dedicated service of over 20 years.

I urge you not to miss Bundanoon History Group's latest thematic display, Bushfires – Bundanoon and Beyond, which opens this month. The History Group is a great asset to our town and deserves our support.

On the subject of fires, what a great job our local Rural Fire Brigade has done recently! While the fire raged in the gully to our South we had regular and accurate information provided on the situation. Also, thanks to Peter Stewart at the newsagency for providing window space for regular updates. Some local RFB members have also been involved in fighting fires in Victoria while others were in the main street collecting for the bush-fire appeal almost as soon as the tragic news was received. As usual Bundanoon residents were extremely generous in their response.

Arts Bundanoon



FEBRUARY'S REVIVED PIANO at 10 saw a capacity audience of almost 200 enjoy not just the piano, but trumpet, trombone and double bass – definitely more bang for our five bucks. The Highlands' Mike Butcher Quartet

entertained us with trad jazz, toe-tapping arrangements of such familiar tunes as Basin Street Blues and Sweet Georgia Brown, together with the – drumroll – world premiere of the Bundanoon Rag, composed by Mike in the middle of the night exactly one week previously. This led to a standing ovation and an encore and will undoubtedly become our very own, along with our Bundanoon Tartan. Vive l'esprit de corps of our part of the Highlands.



Photos: Roy Truscott, Southern Highland News

Green Team Not just working bees

AFTER A WELL-EARNED break in January, the Green Team has resumed activities and has a busy year ahead. At the next major Saturday working bee – from 8.30-11am on April 18 – we will be planting another 2000 daffodils and then mulching all the bulb beds and doing other maintenance work before adjourning for morning tea.

Two other Saturday working bees are planned – in August and November – and on the second Tuesdays of the remaining months the Green Coffee and Green Guinness clubs will undertake routine maintenance tasks. New members are always very welcome.

Thanks to record profits of more than \$9,500 from last year's Garden Ramble, the Green Team will be paying for regular whipper-snipping along Railway Avenue and Erith Street and possibly other areas. It also hopes to fund a shelter for one of the picnic tables in the Information Bay. Green Team members are also involved in discussions with Wingecarribee Shire Council on the provision of new gateposts and other improvements to Bundanoon Cemetery.

—Tony Stanton 4883 7526

Defibrillator Team update

THE BUNDANOON TEAM has been in recess while awaiting a decision from the NSW Ambulance Service about the most appropriate training for emergency "first responders" in remote communities.

Historically, there have been several NSW models where the Ambulance Service has supported such local groups. However, current policy is to use the NSW Fire Brigade or the RFS as their 'first responders'.

Following a recent formal agreement, our own Bundanoon Fire Brigade will soon provide local patients with emergency oxygen resuscitation, defibrillation and spinal care while awaiting the ambulance, and will be called out by the same 000 call.

Training is imminent, and we hope that senior ambulance staff will address a public meeting in Bundanoon about this critical new resource.

—Graham Leech, convenor



RSL news

OVER THE PAST few months the RSL Sub Branch has been sending parcels to help the morale of our troops serving in

Afghanistan.

The branch is seeking donations of toiletries (with the exception of pressure packed items), sweets, books and magazines.

Our next parcel dispatch will be in early March and if you wish to make a donation please contact the branch secretary 48837505

Your assistance is greatly appreciated by these men and women on the front line.

**ANZAC Day Services:
see page 45.**

ARTS BUNDANOON

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Serendipity: the choir

AFTER AN AMAZINGLY successful inaugural year in 2008, Serendipity:the choir already has the first half of 2009 fully booked. By popular request, we repeated most of our 2008 end-of-year program, "Tis the Season", for the residents of Carrington Retirement Village in Camden, at the end of February.

May is a very busy month; we have been invited to be guest artists in the inaugural 'Highland Tattoo' on the first weekend of May, and we will present our own program, under the title "Journeys", in Bowral on 23 May and in Bundanoon on 30 May – both performances at 3.00pm. This program is built on the idea of varied repertoire and musical styles. A consistent comment from audience members last year was their appreciation of the choir's ability to move, easily and confidently, from one musical style to another.

A 'slice' of Serendipity has been asked to perform at a special event in Bundanoon on 4 July – can you guess what it might be? That will showcase the choir in a different light again.

Our end-of-year performance dates have yet to be finalized. They will probably be held on the last weekend in November and the first weekend in December. The choir was in such demand at the end of 2008 that four requests for our participation had to be denied; we hope that by moving major concerts forward we can continue to support community events, without placing undue strain on the singers. For instance, the RSL has requested our participation on Anzac Day.

All members of Serendipity join in expressing their appreciation of the wonderful support we have received from the Bundanoon community, both from local businesses and from the community at large. Your support and encouragement have been tremendous – thank you.



Men's business

WITH THE ASSISTANCE of Anglicare, whose brief includes community health matters, a new men's group has been formed in Bundanoon. A branch of the "Men's Shed" movement – an Australian initiative designed to foster the wellbeing of men – has been initiated along the lines of those in other towns. Bowral already has an established group. An initial grant of \$4000 was obtained for Bundanoon to assist in the remediation of buildings on a piece of land adjacent to the Rural Fire Service headquarters in Burgess St. The project will cater not only to Bundanoon residents but also to those from villages in the general vicinity. Formalities will be kept to a minimum. The project is presently in the planning stage and future meetings will be held in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall Supper Room on the first Tuesday of each month at 10am. All interested men are invited to attend.

—Contact: Ned Ward 4883 6082



Councillor Jim Clark

council news

Common goals

WHAT A ROLLERCOASTER summer we have had, with the weather swinging to extremes. Our own vulnerability to bushfires was emphasised by the early fires in our vicinity and the devastation of the Victorian fires.

Increasing extremes of weather with long hot, dry spells and living as we do with a high proportion of bushland in our shire we need to have adequate strategies in place to be better prepared for future fires.

Council had planned to extend the existing footpath all the way from the railway station in Bundanoon along Erith St to the oval. This is a well used route for those using the oval, swimming pool and the club as well as being a through connection to the north. Residents have been concerned about the requirement to make a contribution for construction where the path fronted their properties and a meeting was organised to allow them to make those concerns known. With many householders on pensions or restricted incomes due to the vagaries of the current financial markets, any council policy needs to take this into consideration. A meeting with BCA, concerned residents and council representatives will seek a resolution to this matter. A connecting shared pedestrian-bike pathway network in our towns and villages is considered by council to be a worthwhile project.

With work well underway on the Bundanoon Sewage Treatment Plant the moratorium on medium density residential development and new subdivisions in the town is expected to end, with the completion of works scheduled for October this year. Let's hope future developments can be managed to fit in with the amenity of existing residents and without changing the character of the town.

It's great to see that with every year we are seeing more cooperation amongst residents in the southern villages to work for common goals. We have an amazing diversity of interests in our area. Among the new groups being formed are a Men's Shed group, a community garden and a Transition Shire group. When established, these can benefit from Councils Community Grants program which provides small grants to assist in the operation of local groups. Applications close on 27 March.

For information about criteria required to qualify, ring Jenny Kena, ph 4868 0855 as soon as possible.

—Jim Clark, 0428 213 039

Get out those signs!

The Land and Environment Court will re-hear the **NORLEX** development application previously rejected by the court and deal with its new development application on April 16 and 17. Bundanoon residents are asked to assemble in Church Street at 8.45 a.m. on Thursday 16 April with their protest signs to demonstrate to the commissioner their continued opposition. The hearing will then move to Picton Courthouse.

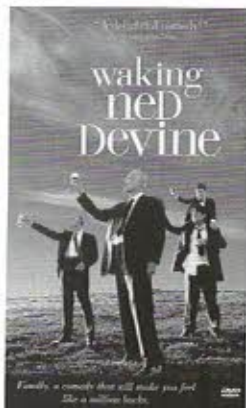
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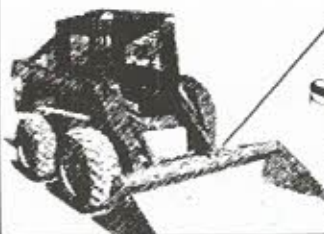
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letter

What now for Quest land?

IT WAS WITH a sense of incredulity that I read the article in last month's edition of *jcg* heralding the news that the Quest for Life Centre was to close. It seemed to me to be a denial of the oft-quoted philosophy of the Quest for Life Foundation of the importance of having a permanent home, a sacred space for its programs.

As a former General Manager of the Centre I was a witness each week to the way the peace and tranquillity of the centre and its grounds added to the healing aspects of the programs. I think most participants would agree that it was an integral part of their experience. It is one that is impossible to replicate in hired venues. Yet the Quest experience will indeed take place in hotels and motels including many weeks at our own Bundanoon Country Inn.

This is such an unfortunate and retrograde step and I feel deeply for the staff, who have lost their jobs, the volunteers over the years who have given willingly of their time and the donors who assisted financially to ensure the centre continued.

But it has closed and the village is wondering what is to become of the land. I know from my experience running the centre that it is viable as a conference and retreat venue. This is especially so when it does not have the essential overheads required by Quest for Life Foundation. My hope is that an organisation can be found that will continue to hold the sacred space. An undesirable use of the land would be a high density development that would alter the dynamics and physical landscape of the town as we know it. I'm sure many people in Bundanoon will join me to protest against such an outcome.

—Thomas Andrew

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Our website

THE BUNDANOON COMMUNITY Association established a presence on the World Wide Web in 2006. The Bundanoon Community Web (BCW) was created as another way of enhancing communication between all members of the Bundanoon community. Community groups that have grasped the opportunity to increase awareness of their existence via the Internet include:

- Bundanoon Community Association Inc
- Bundanoon History Group
- Bundanoon Visitors Group
- Bundanoon Green Team
- Arts Bundanoon Needles and Natter

Features of the website include the following:

- Community group pages
- Searchable business and community group directory
- Events Calendar
- Downloads (including electronic versions of the Jordan's Crossing Gazette and the Bundanoon Brochure)
- Discussion Forum

If you use one of the popular Internet search engines (i.e., Google or Yahoo) to search for "Bundanoon", you will see that the Bundanoon Community Web is invariably listed on the first page of search results. So, why not take advantage of this free exposure by ensuring your community group has a presence on the BCW website.



proposal

A town with no bottle?

THE NORLEX WATER extraction issue has galvanized our local community like no other issue in recent times. Norlex plans to truck water to Sydney for bottling and sale at great profit to them but no economic or social benefit to Bundanoon. This, along with much recent media coverage, got some of us thinking. Could we make Bundanoon Australia's first bottled water-free town?

One of the directors of Norlex told me that they wanted to put Bundanoon on the map. On the map for all the wrong reasons! On the map for our part in an industry that, by any measure, represents all that is wrong with consumerism and marketing. An industry that Clean up Australia has described as a global environmental disaster and that was described by the Sydney Morning Herald as "the new social poison". There is even Calm: bottled water for dogs infused with flower essences.

Some facts:

- Some 400,000 barrels of oil annually are used to manufacture the plastic that goes into the bottles that slake Australia's thirst for bottled water
- Only 30 per cent of these bottles are recycled
- In 2008 Australians were expected to spend more than \$450 million on packaged water
- The average price of bottled water is \$2.53 per litre against 1 cent per litre for tap water

How about we put Bundanoon on the map for some good reasons as Australia's first bottled water-free town? It would show we care about our local environment and the global environment, reduce landfill and litter and add to the positive image of Bundanoon as a Tidy Town with an active, concerned community.

Wouldn't the businesses selling bottled water suffer? A number of local businesses sell bottled water and their response to the idea has been generally positive. However, any scheme should consider these businesses and if necessary look at ways of compensating them and helping them resist pressure from the major beverage companies.

What about visitors to the town or residents who want a drink of water and don't want a soft drink? We could produce a large number of sports bottles labelled 'Welcome to Bundanoon - Australia's First Bottled Water Free Town, Ingredients - 100% Bundanoon Natural Tap Water'. These bottles would be available free of charge (or at cost to stop people wasting them) from the shops and cafes in the village.

We could also erect Bundanoon Bubblers around town signposted "Bundanoon Natural Tap Water available here". As an attraction for the centre of town we could also build The Big Bundy Bubbler, a huge tap with a number of smaller taps beneath.

But surely if we produce plastic bottles we are just replacing one with another? The idea is to produce something that will be used hundreds of times, not thrown away after one use. It would be one, lightweight shipment, not trucking heavy water around the country.

Being bottled water free would garner Bundanoon good media coverage and add to the positive image visitors take away from our village. It would give us all another reason to be proud to live in Bundanoon.

To achieve these goals we first and foremost need the support of the local community - business and residents. We need the support of those running events so that bottled water is not sold at Brigadoon, the Highland Fling etc. The support of Wingecarribee Shire Council is vital to ensure the investment, infrastructure and signage is in place to make the initiative work. Grants can be sought from both public and private sources.

The Don't Bore Bundanoon committee has discussed the idea and would like to float it to the community. Your views, both positive and negative, are welcome. You might like to get involved. Have we got the bottle to do it?

—Huw Kingston

Please contact Huw for a full transcript of this proposal received by *jcg*: ph.4883 6231 or email: huw@wildhorizons.com

Bundanoon bushfires



ON SUNDAY 4 January, a lightning strike near the Gulp Road Fire Trail (nine kilometres east of Wingello) ignited a fire in Morton National Park. The plume of smoke was spotted by a Bundanoon resident the following day. A helicopter was brought in immediately and a crew from Wingello sent to investigate.

- Tues 6th: approx. 60 ha. burnt
- Wed 7th: Section 44 declared – 700 ha.
- Sat 10th: 1103 ha.
- Sun 18th: 1132 ha – fire handed over to National Park to patrol.

Daily averages:

- Personnel – 80
- Tankers – 14
- Aircraft – 14
- Bulldozers – 3
- Meals supplied by canteen – 5,500 (However, on Wed. 7th. for example, there were 130 personnel and 18 aircraft.)

Many thanks to the crews from the Rural Fire Service, National Parks and Forests NSW who worked together on containing the blaze.

Thanks to Rosemary Page and John Brock for this information and to John Everett for the photographs.

Thank you, Bundanoon

THE RURAL FIRE Service has collected in excess of \$14,000 in local donations to its Victorian Bushfire Appeal.





Rare birth puts Bundanoon back on the map

UNTIL RECENTLY I thought that the statistics of newborn babies was entirely the domain of women. You know the sort of thing: "What did she have? Boy or girl? What did it weigh?" etc. I have to admit to switching off while this analysis went on...but now all this has changed.

My turn-around was triggered by a phone call from David Brown who needs no introduction in Bundanoon. He and his family ran the very successful bull semen collection and export business: Bovine Semen Australia in Bundanoon in the 70s, 80s and 90s. He actually "fathered" (as in artificially inseminated) his own Angus cow, Bosome Tiara using frozen semen from Narayan Graduate, a Belmont Red bull which is a relatively rare breed in Australia.

The purpose of David's call was to proudly announce that Tiara had given birth, unassisted, to live triplets. Having been in the cattle breeding game for so many years, David knew that triplets in cattle were rare, and a live delivery rarer still – also, the calves were all heifers! Careful examination showed that they were not totally identical; however the

tiny white markings which distinguished them were so small as to raise the possibility that they had been split from one egg. Already named, their birth weights were as follows: Uno–26kg, Due–26 kg, and Tre–27 kg. Remarkable!

Naturally David asked me about the incidence of live triplets in cattle and was somewhat surprised when, off the cuff, I said 1:800,000. I had looked this up in 1969 when, as a fresh faced, eager, graduate vet in my first job, I was talked out of instant fame by a Hunter Valley dairy farmer. My then boss always insisted that after delivering a calf, I should always check inside her to see if there was another in the womb. On that day I had pulled two heifers calves from his Friesian cow, both live and identical. Needless to say the usually gruff farmer was delighted, not only because he had two live heifers from his best cow, but also that someone so young and inexperienced had successfully achieved this difficult delivery!

As I went to feel inside his cow for the third time, the farmer's demeanour immediately changed: "Leave her alone son, she's been

through enough, you're only wasting your time! Let her mother her calves now." Who was I to argue?

As I arrived for work the next morning, still proud that I had delivered my first twins, my boss was angrily waving a newspaper. He threw it down on the counter and stormed out with the words "You didn't do what I told you!" There on the front page was a full sized photo of the farmer and his cow with the caption: "Cow has twins delivered then a triplet overnight – chances 1:800,000." The grumpy farmer had a smile from ear to ear for the first time in his life. If only he could have told the press that he wouldn't let me check for the third! It was a hard lesson well learnt.

David contacted Dr Peter Chenoweth at the Veterinary Faculty at Charles Sturt campus in Wagga who confirmed that the incidence of live triplets born unassisted to a beef breed dam, was of the order of 1: 1,000, 000,000. The old master of cattle reproduction, David Brown, once again puts Bundanoon on the map – and I promise never again to mock women who are talking about baby statistics.

—Ken Davidson

Moving forward...

IN PREVIOUS ISSUES *jcg* has published stories about our young people who have gone on to have successful careers. In this issue *Maryanne Williams* (Teacher Librarian at Moss Vale High School) conducted interviews for our community magazine with students who will complete Year 12 this year. Their responses reflect their impressions of the school, their interests and their ambitions. All of them have enjoyed the social aspects of school life and have made lasting friendships. They also expressed an affection for Bundanoon – its natural beauty and its quiet, friendly small town atmosphere despite “sometimes being a bit bored”. Most live in Bundanoon and, with the exception of *Carlia Phillips* and *Jess Martinez*, spent the first six years of school at Bundanoon Primary.

Maryanne describes her students as a very “interesting and cheerful year group”.

jcg wishes all of them a successful final year at the school, which they agree has given them the opportunity to make good career choices.

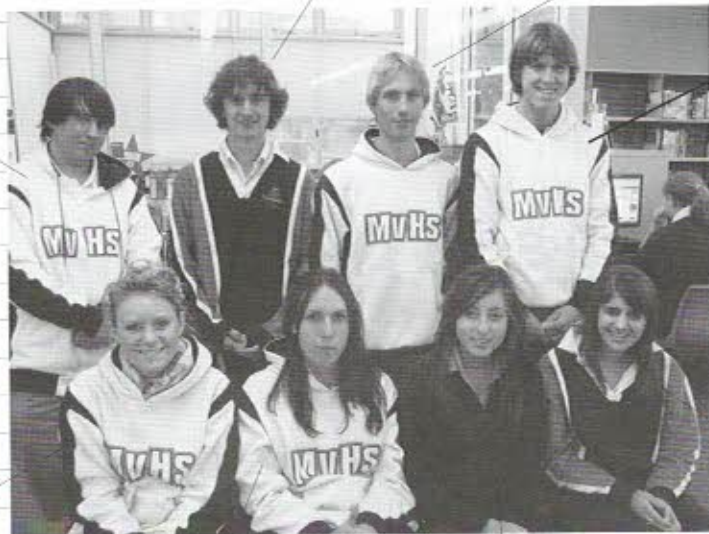
Michael Dyer & his family have a long association with Bundanoon. He has appreciated the wide range of subjects that the school offers, and the school farm. He has enjoyed participating in sports and with a particular interest in Modern History will perhaps go on to University.

Ben Lang has developed an interest in Visual Arts, particularly contemporary and post-modern works. His work experience with an architect confirmed his ambition to go on to University. He enjoys Aussie Rock music, has been to a number of concerts, and would like to see an improvement in our public transport system.

Leslie Jonson-Hoye

appreciates the community spirit of Bundanoon and believes the school has given him a quality education. He has a special interest in Information Technology and hopes to train as a teacher. As President of the Student Representative Council he gets much experience as a leader.

Carlia Phillips, who went to primary school in Robertson, says she has enjoyed sporting activities and excursions with the school. She hopes that her interest in Child Studies will be followed by a career as a mid-wife after a course at University in Canberra. She would like to buy a house in Bundanoon.



Rohan Foy has a keen interest in sport and is pleased that the school has given him many sporting opportunities. In fact he advocates the provision of more sports facilities in the area. Although undecided about his future it seems sport will still be on the agenda.

Tanya Sant comes from a family who have been very involved in Soccer in Bundanoon and appreciates that she has been able to travel with school teams. She has also visited new places around Australia during Activity Week, which is held in December each year to broaden students' experiences. She has a particular interest in Textiles and Visual Arts. She would like this to lead to a career as an Interior Designer but is also considering Event Management.

Jess Martinez went from Tallong Primary School to MV High where she has appreciated opportunities to attend a Youth Conference in Canberra and compete in athletic events at Wollongong and Canberra. She plays soccer with the Bundanoon Rebels and enjoys the Bundanoon Pool and Morton National Park. Her interest in Hospitality as a career has been developed at school.

Lorin Yalg has always lived in Bundanoon. She enjoys dance outside school, and at MVHS has been a keen member of the school's debating team. She hopes that her present interest in Business Studies, and Legal Studies will possibly lead to studying law at University.



'Adventure Bear' lives!

Since 2001 he has flown in planes, camped in some of the most stunning parts of Australia, and even starred in his own short film (as a bear running for local council election) which screened late last year at Bowral's Empire Cinema.

But sadly, Bundanoon Pre-School's Adventure Bear recently suffered a tragic railway accident (after toppling unnoticed out of a backpack) and staff members feared that this most adventurous of bears would never recover.

Adventure Bear's life at Bundanoon Pre-School began in 2001, as part of the centre's literacy program. For more than eight years pre-school families have each taken Adventure Bear and his diary home for a week. Together they read about his previous exploits and record the week's activities during his stay. Pre-School director Deni Harden says: "Adventure Bear has been such a success. The children and their families just love him, and he actually has a personality all his own now. Our new families are constantly amazed when they take Adventure Bear to the pool or out shopping – they can't believe how many people stop to say hello to him."

"It is wonderful to watch how effectively the children learn through their experiences with Adventure Bear. That very much reflects the philosophy within the Pre-School. We work continually on staff development, on absolute professionalism and yet we believe that the learning experience must also be filled with fun, warmth and joy."

Deni says that staff had fears that, after Adventure Bear's multiple operations by local doll maker Jan Powditch, who worked miracles to piece him together, the children might no longer love him. However their concerns were completely unfounded. Deni laughs as she explains. "He came back to Pre-School with his head sewn straight onto his T-shirt, and a transplanted arm frozen in a permanent wave. But after telling the children the story of his accident, and his recovery, they were absolutely thrilled to have him back."

"So, Adventure Bear lives on for yet another year."



Celebrating the gift of community

THE HIGHLIGHT OF the 2008 Bundanoon Pre-School year was the celebration of the centre's 25th anniversary. In September, hundreds of past pupils, families and staff members came together to celebrate the life of the pre-school (which was initiated, planned and built by local community members).

The day began with a fair opened by Pru Goward MP and a Welcome to Country by local indigenous elder Peter Falk. Displays, past pupils' work and photographs covered the walls, children presented songs and dances, and fun was had by all.

In the evening the adults celebrated with a fancy dress dinner to the theme of "When we were young" and local musician Nick Tomlinson's band "Jericho" kept the crowd dancing into the night.

The pre-school's director, Deni Harden, believes that the local community care, support and ownership add a special dimension to Bundanoon Pre-School. She says: "Our community takes great interest in and is incredibly supportive of the pre-school including the staff, our staff development, the program implementation and upkeep of the facilities."

Deni says: "It is such a great privilege to see just how much children grow and blossom during their time here with us."

This is the BBC

IT STARTED AS a joke. One night at Idle-a-Wile guesthouse during casual conversation over dinner with Paul Nobbs, Rob Hackett and our wives, I noted that we all had an interest in motorcycles. As a throwaway line I jokingly suggested that I should form a motorcycle club. A whole range of names were then suggested, most of which were ridiculous, but it provided a great deal of humour.

Word got out and within the next ten days I had been approached by five people asking when I would be forming a bike club. I sent out ten invitations to an inaugural meeting at The Bundanoon Club, on Tuesday 28 October 2008, just to test the level of community interest.

To my surprise 21 people turned up to establish our "club". We started by introducing ourselves, identifying the bikes we ride, our preferences for the type of riding we like to do and whether or not we were likely to bring pillion passengers along. The ground rules put in place were that there would be no elections, no membership fees, no president, no secretary and there would be no phone reminders. Contact would be via e-mail only. People were asked to arrive on time for scheduled rides, with their bikes ready to go. General discussion followed and a date was set for the first ride: Sunday 16 October 2008 at 9:30am outside the Bloomin' Café for departure at 9:45 am. Prior to the ride everyone was sent an itinerary.

Having been involved in motorcycle groups before, I have never seen a ride actually get away on time. This one would be different. I was ready to depart by 9:05am but I knew there would be no point being early. As I rode into town at 9:29 I was greeted by a sea of motorcycles (21) and I was the last to arrive! We started ahead of schedule at 9:40!

The first ride took us via Fitzroy Falls to Robertson with a stop for coffee (and Portuguese tarts), then on to the tourist road, back to Mittagong via Glenquarry and along the old Hume Highway to



Berrima Park. Last stop on the route was St Maur winery after which everybody made their own way home.

It was a great ride and we've had one ride each month since. 25 bikes came on the second ride and 31 bikes on the third. To date there are 68 names on the contact list and motorcycling is well and truly alive in Bundanoon. Generally, the group meets on the last Tuesday of the month at The Bundanoon Club at 7.00 pm and rides are held on the second Sunday of the month.

By the second meeting it was clear we had to get serious about a name and after many humorous (and some tragic) suggestions it was agreed that the BBC (Bundanoon Bike Club) was both catchy and popular. A badge was designed by Charles Kenway, and Peter Kenway is currently overseeing its production. It's great but who'd have thought...? If you see us assembled for a ride, you'll be amazed at the well known identities behind the helmets.

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Through Ross-coloured glasses

by Ross Armfield

Worse things happen at sea

SCURVY, DYSENTERY, FLOGGINGS, maggots salt-pork, weevil-infested flour, keel hauling and lice! Boy! Did those sailors and navigators of the 17th and 18th century have it easy compared to the hardy seafarers on ocean cruises today.

Last November my 84 year old dad, Len, and I sailed for 28 days around Australia. This 'Matthew Flinders' voyage was full of deprivation and hardship. Sharing a trip with 2000 other passengers and 900 crew was obviously going to be tough, but little did we realise just how tough.

At check-in we experienced our first wave of fear when we noticed a person of enormously huge proportions in the queue and heard somebody say "That person better have a central cabin, or we're all going down!" Our fear only worsened on board when we were surrounded by relentless 'Muzak' EVERYWHERE apart from our cabin, and this is true – the theme tune from *Titanic* (My Heart Will Go On) was played every night in the dining room. Talk about stress! Dad and I weren't prepared for that or the fact that we were just about the youngest ones on board. The average age must have been close to 99. Young people apparently sign on for tropical island cruises. Not that I mind elderly folk, indeed quite the opposite, but the noise of clattering walking sticks and Zimmer frames was deafening at times, particularly when these formerly slow-moving passengers descended in hordes, at a rate of knots, to claim precious seats at least an hour before a concert, film screening, trivia or bingo session. To make matters worse, these seemingly nice people kept mistaking Dad and me for brothers – much to Dad's joy and my horror!

From there things only got worse! As well as having to resist the temptation of 24-hour eating areas (including a free pizzeria), duty-free bargains in the 24-hour jewellery and perfume shop, there was the typically garish casino. And not only did I have to resist free cakes and pastries with 'stewed' coffee, I also had to deal with getting lost on the myriads of decks while avoiding the guilt-inducing gymnasium. Then there was the problem of confronting people who insisted on walking against the flow of pedestrian traffic, (anti-clockwise), on the promenade deck. I learnt on board that "cabin" is actually a nautical term for shoe box. Being of good Scottish stock, we made the thrifty choice of an interior cabin. "Interior" means a complete lack of natural lighting and fresh air. The only way we could tell that a bright new day had dawned at sea was by setting our television to the closed circuit channel which displayed the view as seen by the camera

looking out from the pointy end of the ship. And then there was the snoring! The worst thing about my Dad's snoring is not the fact that it will shatter a dozen Darwin Stubbies at a distance of 200 metres, but that the ear-splitting cacophony commences from the moment his head hits the pillow. You don't get a chance to fall asleep before the racket starts. I merely snuffle occasionally!

But let me tell you – the worst danger we faced was from the majority of passengers who held extremely conservative, ultra right-wing opinions. Indeed, they were so far to the right that the ship listed to starboard for the entire cruise. If it wasn't for the fact that the huge person we encountered at check-in was given a cabin port side, we would have capsized when we threw a hard left around Cape York. One of these extremists, a millionaire from Orlando, Florida (as we were told countless times), actually had a theory that the African Americans in New Orleans brought on hurricane Katrina through their own inaction and deserved everything they got. I'm still thinking that one through! These people were also the biggest whingers I've ever met. They complained about everything, from the lack of availability of all their favourite foods from back home, to the iced water being just too cold. Their number one gripe though, was reserved for the friendly, very hard working and extremely capable staff, or servants as some saw them, who largely came from Filipino, Thai, Portuguese or Ukrainian backgrounds. They all spoke English proficiently but on rare occasions their conversation required clarification. This was just too much for these rude people who moaned about them endlessly. They conveniently overlooked the fact that the staff are paid pitifully low wages which contributes to the cruise company's competitively priced fares.

Despite the immense hardships, Dad and I are still talking. Blood is thicker than (sea) water! Actually, the cruise was great fun, if a trifle too long for me, but not Dad. He wanted to sign on for the 104 day cruise around the world! Maybe we modern seafarers are just a tad better off than the earlier voyagers. I've bonded more closely to my Dad than ever, (despite confinement with an assortment of bodily noises), the beds were rat and insect free and, with stabilizers, we crossed the Great Australian Bight and Bass Strait (twice) without vomiting. We also got to visit Bunbury and Albany and other remote coastal towns and cities. The Dirty Banana cocktails and Eggs Benedict were to die for! All this – and not a cat o' nine tails in sight!

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Tracks less travelled



MOUNTAINS AND HIGH places have always captured the human imagination. Many keen mountaineers visit the Himalayas and their footsteps up to the easy slopes can be followed by average fit trekkers. Similarly local mountaineers attempt New Zealand's Mount Cook and fit walkers do the Milford Track.

However in our local area there are peaks which can be attempted by reasonably prepared travellers. The Budawang Ranges and the Morton National Park contain some of the finest landscapes and interesting countryside to be found in New South Wales. In particular the two peaks of Pigeon House and The Castle have exercised a fascination over visitors since the early days of European settlement in this area.

Pigeon House was named by Governor Macquarie who observed it from his ship in 1811 on a voyage to Van Diemens Land. The first European to observe this peak from the inland is believed to be Surveyor Harper during his survey of the Shoalhaven River in 1821. To access the Pigeon House nowadays the easiest route is via Milton on a well-marked road which terminates in a picnic area from which the walking track starts. Limited preparation is necessary as the return trip takes about three hours and involves an ascent of about 500 metres. It is however the highest peak on this part of the coastal range, and

on a clear day the view may stretch from Mount Dromedary to Point Perpendicular. No special mountaineering skills are required, although the initial part involves a scramble up a steep slope. It is then a relatively gentle ascent to the top section where a number of steel ladders allow anyone with a reasonable head for heights to achieve the peak.

The Castle, by contrast, is much more demanding. Along with a party of

widely assorted fellow walkers I attempted the ascent in early Spring.

We met at Milton on Friday night and travelled to Yabboro Flat where we made camp near the cars. The next morning with the Castle looming over the middle distance we set out, over a creek and up a long ridge. Two of the party had attempted the walk before so little time was lost in navigation. We had morning tea at the foot of the Castle and started the long plod up to the saddle. This is a valued part of bushwalking as it strengthens all muscles in the body and brings on a dazed and meditative although sometimes painful state.

The plod up Kalianna Ridge also allows many views of the sheer cliffs making up the southern and western edges of the formation. They look to be unclimbable without specialist mountaineering equipment but Australia, unlike the Himalayas and other high alpine regions, often provides a more accessible face. At the northern end of the Castle the track along the cliff line reaches a saddle where packs can be left. The ascent then requires some exposed rock scrambling where appropriate footwear as well as a good head for heights and adequate grip on the rocks are mandatory. The sense of achievement on reaching the top is heightened by knowing that this feat was thought by early explorers to be totally impossible. It was in fact climbed for the first time in 1948. Now that the route is mapped many people do it each year but outside peak seasons you are almost guaranteed total solitude at the summit.

After some time and some self-congratulations we began the descent, which proved somewhat trickier. No members were lost but we were all comforted by the creed of the walking club that if a member dies on a walk their gear is divided evenly between the remainder of the party! (Note to self: Do not buy a flashy tent or sleeping bag!).

We elected to stay at a camp site, just below the saddle, with views of Monolith Valley and Shrouded Gods Mountain. Although well known to local explorers these are never visited by package tours. With a pleasant sense of achievement the afternoon trip back to the cars was uneventful.

Travelling in Morton National Park and the Budawangs may not have the social cachet of the Himalayas or the Andes but it is local, accessible and beautiful countryside. All residents of the highlands could enjoy getting to know at least some part of this wonderful area.

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Vale Kane York

KANE YORK, PRESIDENT of the Bundanoon Garden Club, collapsed in her beloved garden on Wednesday 11 February, the result of a cerebral haemorrhage. She did not regain consciousness and died very early the next morning. Lofty, Kane's husband insisted that her garden remain open as planned to a visiting group from the Mittagong Garden Club the Friday following, knowing that would have been her wish. Kane was always keen to promote reciprocal club visits.

Born in 1935 Kane lived with her parents and her brother, Ted, in Wahroonga, Sydney and was educated at Abbotsleigh School. Kane met and married Lofty in 1955. While they lived for three years in the USA their home was at Frenchs Forest in Sydney where their children, Lyn, Chris and Penny were raised and where Kane initiated her passion for gardening.

In 1997, Kane and Lofty decided on a 'tree change' and moved to Bundanoon where she started to realise her dream of working in a larger garden. Kane quickly became part of the wider Bundanoon (and beyond) community involving herself significantly in the Bundanoon Garden Club and the Moss Vale Combined Probus Club. Kane worked on the Probus committee for five years and became its President.

Bringing past experience as Frenchs Forest Garden Club President and Zone Co-ordinator in the Garden Clubs of Australia, Kane found a new home in the Bundanoon Garden Club where she was involved on the committee for seven years and was its President for the past 3 years. Kane thoroughly enjoyed her involvement with all her chosen pursuits, the people she met and the friendships that eventuated.

Always positive, wise, generous of spirit, supportive and gracious, Kane was a great strength to the club and will be sorely missed. Bundanoon Garden Club members convey their condolences to Lofty and all of the family.

—Lexie Grennan and Graeme Whisker



Garden club by Lexie Grennan

Rejuvenation time

AUTUMN, AN IDEAL time to clean, tidy up and rejuvenate the garden, will be welcomed by Bundanoon gardeners after the exceptionally hot, dry summer. We all look forward to cooler days.

This issue of JCG is about sustainable living and where better to hone your growing skills than at the Bundanoon Garden Club. If you are new to Bundanoon, or have not been to the Garden Club before, come along on the first Thursday of the month to the Bundanoon Memorial Hall, where you will find an interesting guest speaker on anything from weeds to bonsai.

Of particular interest recently have been talks by Jim Shawyer who had 21 years working at Yates Seeds and 28 years working with and growing native plants. Jim spoke about the establishment of the Kuring-gai Wildflower Garden in the 1960s.

Daniel Anderson, the Community Support Officer for the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority, spoke about significant pastoral and environmental weeds of the Southern Highlands. Many have been identified but there are always new ones coming up from the coast.

At the February meeting the speaker was local landscape designer Jonathon Purvis.

Last year saw the introduction of a "Garden Grab Bag" talk by Graeme Whisker. This has become extremely popular and is not to be missed. Graeme has enlightened us on yellow in the garden, the joys of a winter garden (particularly the colour of stems and trunks of bare-branched shrubs) and the delights of Vivaldi writing verse to accompany his Four Seasons "Spring - Concerto in E Major" way back in 1723. Rumours that Graeme was there at the time are understandable in light of his insights, but nevertheless untrue.

A bus trip to Mt. Wilson was an outstanding success with not one but two buses taking members to the Merrygarth, Yengo and Sefton Cottage gardens in October. Two trips are envisaged for this year - one in autumn and another in spring.

A feature of club meetings is a Q&A session where members' gardening problems are addressed. Another aspect of club activities is the Friendship Gardens program where local gardens are open on the Saturday following the monthly meeting.

Garden Club meetings are held at 9.30 am for 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. New members are always welcome. Contact Terry Bruce on 4883 4499 or Joan Geraghty on 4883 4949.

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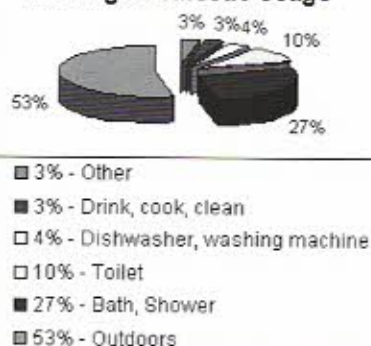


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In excess of 1.2 million rural Australians consume rainwater as their only supply of domestic water. Every rural dweller knows that the best form of rainwater tank is a full rainwater tank. In the urban environment this is reversed. The best form of rainwater tank in the urban environment is an empty tank. It can then be used to maximise water capture in a rainfall event. For most dwellings in urban Australia, a 4,500 litre tank system is optimal. Depending on the roof catchment harvested, about 20mm of rainfall will fill the tank(s). It is drawn down between rainfall events. 4,500 litres will last a typical four person family about 10 days. Bundanoon rainfall is about 1000mm per annum and relatively evenly spread over the year. The rainwater supply is quite reliable. At our house in Brigadoon Drive we typically use rainwater supply for about half of the year. We use the rainwater for ALL household purposes.

By reducing demand on storage the need for new supply sources (such as desalination or sewerage recycling) for domestic consumption is deferred or eliminated entirely. Large infrastructure cost savings are extreme.

Adverse environmental impacts of urban storm water runoff are significantly mitigated by the use of rainwater tanks. (90% of rainwater which falls in the urban environment presents as run-off compared to only 10% in the natural environment)

There is no evidence to support any health, plumbing or economic resistance to urban rainwater tanks.

However, whilst small scale use of rainwater tanks in the urban environment is tolerated by State and Local Governments, large scale roll out of rainwater tanks for domestic purposes is discouraged.

Recognition of a relationship between urban development, environmental impact and the pricing of water cycle services is absent from government pricing policies. By discouraging competitive market forces, government policy is effectively blocking the opportunity for alternative water cycle management strategies.

Governments provide monopoly water services for a fee. There is political encouragement to protect government revenues through the building of large, centralised water supply solutions.

However, the fact remains that there are compelling economic and environmental reasons to support the installation of a dual water system on every urban allotment.

Rod Moore is a former Director of Urban Rainwater Systems Pty Ltd

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Back to the future: growing more of our own food

IN THE ERA before cheap oil and supermarkets, about sixty years ago, most backyards had a vege plot, some fruit trees, a choko vine, a couple of chooks. But why do this sort of thing today? After all, don't we have supermarkets?

People grow their own food for many reasons: the sheer pleasure of it, the gentle exercise to keep fit, the contact with plants, soil and birds, the pleasure of seeing things grow and change over the seasons and the taste sensations that only fresh local food in season can provide.

Some do it to keep themselves and their families healthy. Food is the best and cheapest medicine. Vitamins, minerals and other nutrients are always much higher in freshly picked food than in supermarket and processed food. Industrially grown and processed foods often contain many toxic residues and additives. Particularly, children need as much fresh, unadulterated food as possible to build up healthy bodies and eating habits.

Some may again grow their own food for economic reasons, especially as their budgets tighten in economic downturns.

And some know they are not just doing it for themselves but for the planet. This is where the big picture comes in. Industrial agriculture and food systems cannot run without huge amounts of diesel and petrol. They release huge amounts of greenhouse gases. When you eat a supermarket tomato or potato or garlic from China you are eating almost pure oil and helping heat up the atmosphere.

In contrast, backyard growers are planet savers. Their oil and diesel inputs are minimal, especially if they don't use fertilisers or chemicals derived from fossil fuels. They are the avant-garde of what we shall all have to be doing to some degree soon because of climate change and escalating oil prices ('Peak Oil'). For food security, we are going to have to re-localise much of our food growing and retailing. This will be good for the local economy too.

Backyard growing is good for families, good for the community, good for the planet. Here are some local people doing just that.

Peter Lach-Newinsky

BACKYARD GROWERS

Living sustainably in Penrose



THE CONCEPT AND practice of sustainable living is not new to Penrose. In the mid 1970s the Penrose Rural Co-operative was established by a group of friends who bought 50 bush hectares which were then rezoned 'multiple occupancy' for up to 12 dwellings and a communal meeting hall. Houses were constructed using passive solar designs and permaculture principles. Some are constructed of mudbrick, Hebel or timber. One is powered by a wind generator and solar cells. Since then more houses of rammed earth and mudbrick have been built in other parts of Penrose. There are several houses in the village which are self sufficient in power, with at least one selling power back to the grid.

A new generation of young parents have now moved to Penrose and are keen to continue this tradition of self sufficiency and sustainable living.

In late September 2008 Penrose's first Sustainable Living Festival was held at the local school. The brainchild of young parents Janene Weber, Alex Watanabe and Jo Davidson, the festival aimed to provide practical information and inspiration to anyone wanting to live a more sustainable lifestyle, and to offer a day

Young couple make a start



Xavier and free-range chickens

the ecosystem, eating waste, keeping pests down, enriching the soil and, of course, producing eggs.

Last year Georgie completed a permaculture certificate course at Penrose, with David Johnson and Jill Cockram two of the tutors. The class of 15 included other young people as well as older, more experienced gardeners.

There were several field trips, and at Berrima Public School a chook shed was designed and built. A diploma course would lead to further qualifications. The students learnt about positioning plants in such a way as to be energy efficient, and this covers one's own energy as well.

The garden is divided into zones and ideally the vegetables and herbs are within easy picking distance. Wind, sun and frost are taken into account and companion planting is encouraged.

Georgie and Andrew harvest five or six different vegetables in any one season and have planted native vegetation, and trees and shrubs such as hebe and buddleia which attract birds and insects. Diversity in their garden is something they are striving for. As there is not such an emphasis on aesthetics in permaculture they are hoping these plantings will soften the area around their home and make for a more attractive setting. There were already 16 fruit trees on their ¼ acre – probably too many for the space and dwarf specimens would be more appropriate.

While visiting, the writer sampled a deliciously moist zucchini cake, and on the bench was a preserving jar of a Russian health drink, Kvass, made from beetroot and whey. With Xavier starting school this year perhaps the stall at P & C functions is about to undergo serious change.

—Kate Perkins

WHEN ANDREW SEDGER and Georgie Friday came to live in Bundanoon a year ago sustainable living was a high priority. Both Sydneysiders, they rented in Mittagong for 18 months to get the feel of the Highlands and then bought their first home here. With three little children (Xavier, Eloise and Madeleine) there's plenty of home time and Georgie has embraced permaculture enthusiastically.

Permaculture (permanent agriculture) is defined as a way of sustainable living, a system of working with nature to produce one's own food; the development of agricultural ecosystems intended to be complete and self-sustaining.

The young couple probably feel they're a long way from that goal but they've certainly made a start. Flips and Mez are just two of their six Light Sussex and Isa Brown /Australcorp cross chickens, and they share the garden with the children, roaming from sandpit to wading pool, front yard to back. They are an important part of

of fun for families. It attracted 1400 visitors and showcased the school, local producers, healthy food, organic and recycled clothing, seed savers, artists, musicians, natural health practitioners, toy makers, native plant growers, carpenters, designers and builders of environmentally friendly houses, and solar systems. It was amazing to discover the variety and extent of the talent and enterprise in the area.

Three owner-built mudbrick houses were open to visitors and 120 people took the opportunity to tour them.

The festival was opened with great enthusiasm by Geraldine Turner, the actress and singer, who now lives in the Highlands and is a very keen supporter of more self sufficient communities and kitchen gardens.

The Abbott from the nearby Sunnatram Buddhist monastery gave a blessing and described the monks' close links with the school. He and other monks had learned to

speak English there, played soccer with the pupils and taught the children meditation techniques.

For children, the focus of the festival was on participation and with David Johnson they helped establish a permaculture garden, milk a cow belonging to Bev Hines-Walker and make mudbricks with Susie Edwards who, with her partner, had originally made all the bricks for her house in the Co-op.

When demonstrating how mud is puddled by foot before being formed into bricks Susie invited children to join her and they couldn't whip off their socks and roll up their trousers fast enough! Computer games just can't match the experience of squelching wet mud between your toes.

Any children who preferred to keep their feet clean took part in some old fashioned games, contributed to a community sculpture, joined a treasure hunt, or created a work of art from natural objects they found around

the school. A group took part in a singing workshop with local music teacher Maria Dunn and with great charm and confidence, performed the new song they had just learned in front of a delighted crowd.

The proceeds from the festival will enable all children at the school to have individual violin, piano or guitar lessons.

Almost everything used at the festival was recyclable or re-usable so that at the end of the day only one bag of rubbish was created.

Following on from the festival, one-day Sustainable Skills workshops will be held at the school under the auspices of the Southern Region Community College (SRCC). Workshops will include cheesemaking, bee keeping, grafting fruit trees, introduction to Permaculture, seed saving, dehydrating and preserving food, and tool sharpening. For further details the SRCC can be contacted on 4822 1267.

—Dawn Jonas

A lazy gardener gets a life

I HAVE NEVER really thought of myself as a person into cheap thrills. But I suppose the buzz I got when we sat down to our first meal out of our own garden was probably just that. The omelette, the mixed salad, the potatoes and herbs. I could have taken all the credit but Mother Nature had actually done most of the work – I had merely been her apprentice.

John and I moved to Exeter in 1993, a year after buying this second-hand, re-sited house which had spent the first 40 years of its life in Bowral. It had been cut in two and transported to this 720 square metre site to be re-assembled and kitted out with a few mod cons. Taking recycling to new heights, some would say!

As the yard was devoid of any plantings whatsoever it was not an attractive real estate proposition. But we saw the potential – a clean slate allowing me to design a productive food landscape without impediment. I had been itching to create a permaculture garden for the previous 10 years while renting in Sydney. And being able to double our growing space when we subsequently bought the block next door was a bonus.

The "no-dig" gardening method was employed. Apart from the fact that I am too lazy to dig compacted clay soils and wish to avoid chiropractic bills, introducing organic materials like grass clippings and animal manures on top of the soil (rather than digging and disrupting the ecology of the soil) will actually bring the worms which will do

the digging for you and leave behind worm castings for the plants. So the multitude of garden beds were all created above-ground and within a couple of months we were eating lettuce, radish, rocket and other fast growing staples.

Today it is a bit of a jungle, brimming with a wide variety of fresh food. We have 25 varieties of heritage apples (courtesy of the Permaculture Southern Highlands Grafting workshops) which fruit from January to July, an assortment of figs, grapes, kiwifruit, peaches, plums, cherries, mulberries, berries, pears, and hazelnuts and walnuts. I am even trialling an avocado.

We also breed rare chicken varieties to help maintain an ever-diminishing diversity of breeds and have been seen raiding the neighbour's garden for snails to feed our Khaki Campbell ducks after they did such a splendid job of ridding our own garden of them. The poultry are an indispensable part of our soil fertility and integrated pest management strategies – they weed, feed on pests, provide eggs, fertilise and entertain, all in the one package.

Probably the greatest contribution an individual can make to a happier, healthier and more stable planet is to get active in



producing some of your own food in the backyard. We are part of the privileged few of the world's population who own land so we should use it to good advantage. Joining forces with a local Transition Towns group will enable a sharing of skills and equipment, plant materials to get started and the possibility of new friendships.

You'd think I'd be blasé after living in my "Garden of Eden" for 15 years but I still get a thrill at the change in season from winter to spring, picking berries and asparagus and marvelling at the fruit trees in blossom, the anticipation of the elderflower blossoms which I will turn into champagne, and the excess of plums which will become jams and preserves for winter.

Perhaps I should "get a life" I hear you say. Well, I've got one and I love it!

—Jill Cockram

Making people and the planet a little healthier

JCG FOUND BARBARA AND PETER LACH-Nowinsky at home on their 8 ha property, 'Gundungurra', in Bundanoon which is designed along permaculture lines for both sustainable production and landcare.

For them this means producing an abundance of food while not using artificial fertilizers or toxic chemicals and reducing fossil fuel use. Equally important is still enjoying life, leisure and nature and actually improving soil fertility, run-off water quality and the diversity of native plants and animals on their property.

The passionate pair produces organic fruit, berries, nuts, vegetables, herbs, eggs and all of their lamb and firewood. Organic vegetables (mainly Barbara's domain) are grown in eight raised beds, six of which are managed in a loose rotational system to minimise soil nematode and other pest build-up problems.

Instead of artificial fertilizers (apart from the odd slow release pellets), compost made from kitchen and garden waste and poultry, sheep and cow manure is used as well as liquid fertilizer made from weeds, seaweed extract and fish emulsion.

"I save my vegetable seeds and swap them within the local seed savers' group so that locally adapted and heirloom open-pollinated varieties of vegetables can be conserved and shared locally," says Barbara.

Plants are also propagated via cuttings and grafting. Herb beds and lemon/lime trees are located next to the kitchen for ease of access. A solar greenhouse is used to raise seedlings and to grow frost sensitive plants like passionfruit, chilli and lemon grass. It also houses their dog Billy.

Grapes, boysenberries, marionberries, raspberries and blackberries are grown on trellises. Gooseberries, blueberries and red currants are also planted. "Birds are major competitors so it's 'no nets, no fruit'" Barbara says. "I put the vulnerable cherries, peaches, figs and kiwi fruit in a wire 'anti-aviary' that also houses the hens and ducks."

Peter's passion is a mixed fruit and nut orchard containing about 206 different varieties on a total of around 250 trees including apples, pears, plums, gages, cherries, peaches, feijoas, chestnuts, hazelnuts, walnuts and almonds. No chemicals and, so far, no irrigation have been

Peter's compost is almost good enough to eat



used. Fertilizing is mainly achieved with hay and wattle mulch and the odd shovel of manure.

The core of the orchard is a collection of 92 heritage and modern apple varieties grown on standard, compact and dwarf rootstock, some espaliered. There are also 23 heritage pear varieties. Some of the fruit is preserved in a home-made solar dryer.

Peter sees the orchard as a 'tree museum' for the community, a permanent gene bank of old fruit cultivars that are in danger of disappearing. He is willing to swap or donate scions to people interested in grafting these old varieties onto their own rootstock or onto roadside or park seedlings for common use. "Rather than planting vulnerable monocultures of just one or two cultivars, planting as many cultivars and seedlings as possible locally is a good insurance policy in a time of climate change," Peter says.

Sheep (for meat) are rotated around seven small paddocks, thus improving pasture and minimising worm build-up. Peter feeds them slashed tree fodder such as tagasaste (tree lucerne), black locust and oak. Four of the paddocks are part of an agro-forestry alley system of native trees grown for long-term quality timber (Blackwood, Messmate), short-rotation firewood and pole coppice (Tasmanian Blue Gum, Black Sally) and honey production (Spotted Gum, Manna Gum).

"This food and fuel productivity need not come at the expense of native biodiversity as in most conventional farming," Peter and Barbara manage a remnant fragment of Southern Highlands Shale Woodland, an endangered ecological community.

Since 1994 they have planted about 1500 native trees and shrubs covering 100 species in addition to the 80 or so identified as existing on site. Six frog, 12 mammal, 14 spider and 88 bird species have also been identified on site. Recently, a rare bird (Little Bittern) and endangered giant dragonfly species have also been discovered.



The multi-purpose solar greenhouse

Barbara and Peter would like to see so-called 'hobby farms' (especially those on old farming land) become more productive and more people in residential areas growing food in their backyards.

"People can become a little more responsible, independent and resourceful, a little more resilient to any economic shocks

impacting on their budget. They can make themselves, their families and the planet a little healthier."

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Above and right: Heritage apples



Left: Solar dryer and heater





A garden of plenty, taken slowly

STEP INTO THE one acre garden of Gerda and David Foster in Bundanoon overlooking Morton National Park and you are in a different world. Every inch of soil is covered by layers of lush vegetation, be it flowering sage bushes, mints, berries, vegetables, fruit trees or vines.

The old Federation sandstone cottage built by Bundanoon's first postmistress, Miss Tobin, and that David and Gerda have gradually restored, is nearly hidden among the lemons, oranges, pomelo and mandarin. A huge English oak and Manna Gum to the north and south provide the canopies at the edge of the garden and useful frost protection.

This productive oasis has been maintained for 32 years by the owners, at times feeding up to 10 family members in a textbook example of householder self-reliance. David and Gerda were motivated by three basics: a desire for good nutrition for themselves and their children, the economic need for self-sufficiency (John Seymour's book on self-sufficiency was an inspiration), and a concern for the environment.

Now, as empty nesters and with Gerda working full time, they have scaled back their efforts. The house cow they kept on the adjacent paddock has gone, as have the pig and, temporarily, the bees. They now tend to concentrate on things that look after themselves, self-seed or are easy to maintain like potatoes, Savoy cabbage, broccoli, apples (early cooking/juicing), apricots, peaches, citrus, kiwi and figs protected from birds under weldmesh. Tomatoes and capsicum are still grown in a plastic greenhouse. Chooks are housed in a run

beneath the huge old apple tree where they can enjoy summer shade, fertilize the tree and keep it free of codling and apple moth.

The secret to this abundance is hard work and good basalt soil enriched with cow and poultry manure and plenty of mulch. Gerda takes home shredded paper from work, lets the chooks work it over and add nitrogen, then soaks it and uses the final product as a thick mulch.

David, a Miles Franklin Award winning novelist, and Gerda have provided an entertaining account of their experiences in their book *A Year of Slow Food* (Duffy and Snellgrove 2001, available at Bundanoon Newsagency and the Magpie Café, Berrima). Having put Bundanoon firmly on the map of Australian fiction with his novel *Dog Rock*, David has this to say in *A Year of Slow Food*.

"'Slow food' is authentic tucker, neither fast nor fancy. It does not relate to fashion which it holds in certain defensive contempt. It is farm food, prepared only from the freshest ingredients, that tastes as food should taste, that tastes as food did taste in the days when rural Australians grew their own, before they had a choice... It is hard to find a farmer today with the skills and inclinations to feed a family and if you did, you wouldn't be able to buy the food for reasons of public safety. You can, however, procure slow food by growing it yourself."

Gerda has her own perspective: "From preparing the soil to the convivial sharing of the harvest, slow food sustains us with exceptional flavour, colour and texture."

—Barbara Lach-Newinsky

A forest garden ramble

RECENTLY SOME FRIENDS dropped in with a couple of Swedish students travelling round Australia volunteering to work on organic farms and wanting a brief introduction to permaculture.

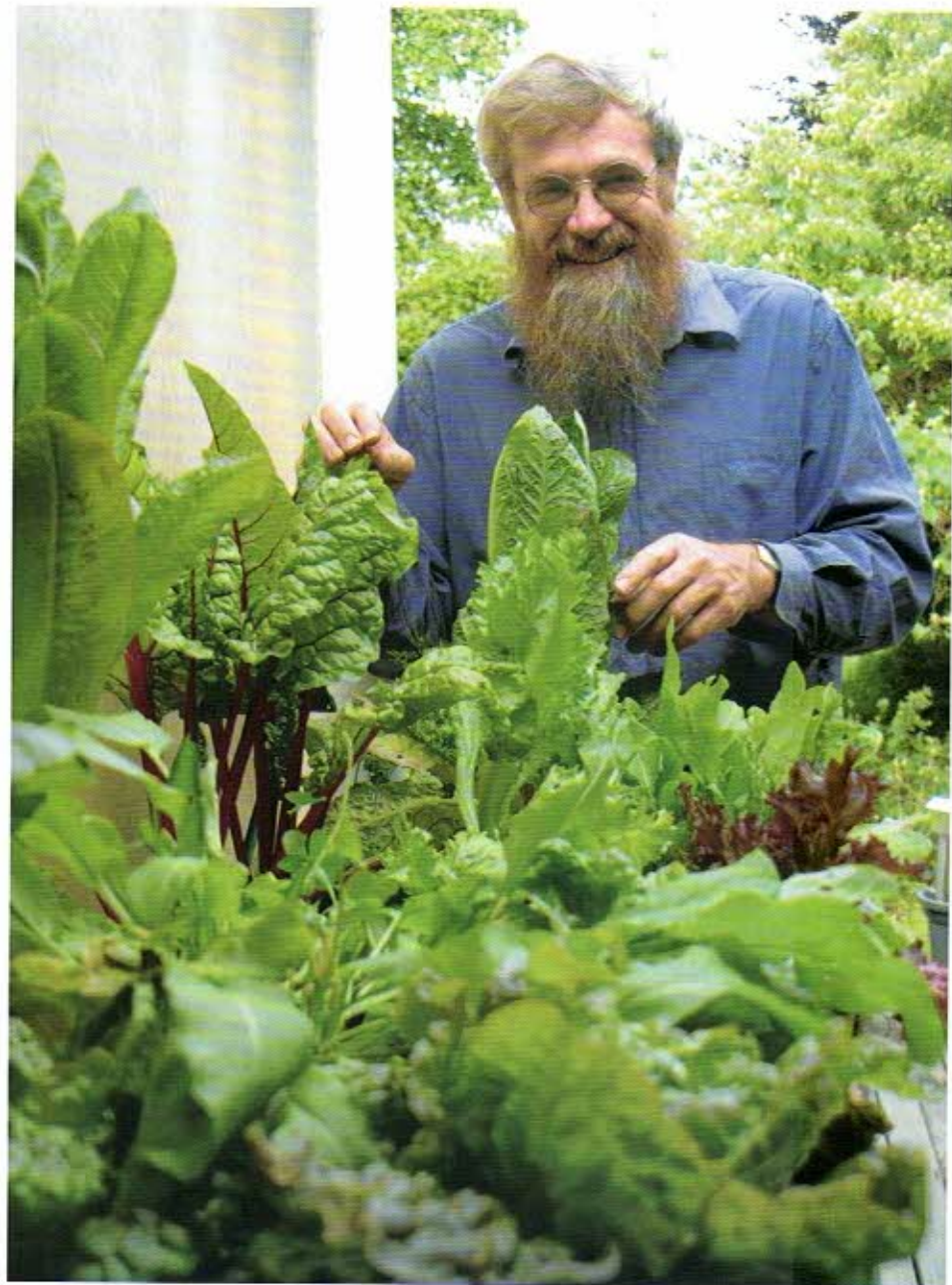
First we boiled the kettle and picked leaves from the apple mint and lemon verbena to make tea. Fresh from the garden there is no energy wasted in processing, packing and transport.

I pointed out various shrubs and trees within view of our seats that were useful for food or other practical permaculture purposes. There were hazelnuts, sour cherries, a medlar, ginkgo, pecan, carob and grapes as well as some garden beds producing potatoes, garlic, kale and volunteer lettuces. The leaves of a Persian lilac offer insecticidal properties similar to a neem tree which is currently being tested to control codling moth.

A stand of cherry laurels provide a multiplicity of benefits – a fire retardant hedge on the fire side of the house, a cool micro climate, bees enjoying the early flowering for pollen and nectar and the fruit distracting birds from eating *our* fruit.

Nearby is a green walnut tree which is the centre of a guild of mutually beneficial plants. Walnuts generally inhibit the growth of other plants around them but this one has a wisteria happily winding through its branches and native viola forming a mat around its base. The wisteria is a legume, fixing atmospheric nitrogen in the soil for the walnut, and of course the walnut provides the wisteria with a framework to climb up. The wisteria leaves also help disguise the walnuts from the depredations of white cockatoos, while the viola provide a groundcover that blocks weeds and grass and prevents water loss from the soil.

A walk around the property began with a visit to our young sow whose purpose in the scheme of things is to clear all vegetation in an area prior to planting it out. She ably illustrates the permaculture principle of using biological resources to do our work for us. The cleared and fertilised areas she makes are planted out in the multilayers of a hugely



productive "forest garden" – a combination of tall, medium and small edible and useful plants and herbs that mimics the structure, diversity and productivity of a natural forest.

Then on to the new chookhouse, a makeshift construction of cob walls and recycled materials. Wanting to do my bit for preserving genetic diversity I opted for the heritage breed Welsummers. These are an early 1900s breed developed in Welsum in Holland, a light breed with partridge colouring that produce lovely brown eggs.

A herb spiral growing rosemary, sage, thyme, oregano, curry plant and other culinary herbs shows how we can create and use a range of microclimates and stack many plants in a small area. It was simply made from a mound of earth that provides a drier environment towards the top and a hotter aspect to the north, with the herbs planted according to their climate preferences.

We passed the Berrarium, an enclosed garden area protecting raspberries, currants, gooseberries, jostaberries and a range of vegetables from our co-resident wombats, possums, fruit bats and birds. Then on past the Aquaria, bathtubs full of water chestnuts, arrowhead and river bamboo, to the Vegetorium which is a raised garden bed system that uses an easterly microclimate at the back of the glasshouse.

The glasshouse is, of course, an invaluable addition to a cold climate garden enabling the early start of seedlings for spring planting, as well as keeping some frost-tender plants alive through the winter. The nursery uses benches made of recycled materials that keep plants at a height for ease of monitoring. A shadehouse provides shelter for seedlings and cuttings that need some protection as they develop.

—David Johnson

BACKYARD GROWERS

Adultery in the chook pen

NOT ORIGINAL, BUT "You can take the man away from the animals, but you can't take the animals away from the man."

After 25 years operating a fauna park we decided in 2005 to concentrate on flora rather than fauna. Finding what was to become "Ash Grove", with three and a half acres of lovely old garden, we moved here in June 2006.

The garden has more than repaid our initial interest, but especially rewarding is the vegetable garden we have established; there is nothing nicer than collecting armfuls of fresh, organically-grown vegies – feasting on them, we can feel it doing us good.

To that have been added five varieties of apple tree, a black walnut, a chestnut, a lemon and a lime, and these make a great addition to the old lemon tree and a very productive plum tree from which we made quantities of stewed fruit, jam and chutney last year.

An early discovery was the necessity of netting trees during fruiting time, and the wisdom of setting up a vegetable garden which could be completely and permanently netted. The concept of sharing our produce with our furred and feathered friends was appealing, but we did want some benefit from our labours. Visiting family go back to Sydney laden with fresh eggs, beans, zucchini, potatoes and all manner of produce to keep them healthy till the next visit.

Inevitably our animal family has grown from the two Jack Russell dogs we brought with us; we now have three Jack Russells, two black Orpington and two black Australorp bantam hens, one white Leghorn and six Light Sussex hens, a pair each of Saxony and Indian Runner ducks (acquired originally for snail control but proving their worth also in eggs and ducklings), a pair of peafowl and, our most eccentric residents, a flock of eight guinea fowl.

Our first clutch of ducklings unfortunately were of mixed breed due to some unplanned wife-swapping. The coin flipped when it



Fran and Bob Grover in their garden at "Ash Grove"

came to Christmas dinner – brined and roasted ducklings and duck liver pâté. As we have now perfected a routine for keeping the two breeds segregated while still able to free-range during the day, we do not plan any more duckling dinners for the time being. The pure-breds are more valuable to keep or sell for their eggs, their snail and insect-eating capacities and the charm of just having them around the place.

We did plan to eat some of our original guinea fowl but after researching the species and discovering that they form lifelong monogamous relationships, we could not bring ourselves to break up any of our pairs. Instead we will harvest young birds before marriageable age at which stage, in any case,

their meat should be at its most tender. And we are keen to try making guinea fowl liver pâté!

We have hatched six keets (baby guinea fowl) with another 60 eggs currently being incubated under two guinea hens and two broody bantams. These birds are most interesting and useful to have around with their strange chattering/shrieking call (a great security alarm system) and the ability to obtain much of their diet from foraging weed seeds and insects, including ticks.

Now, if we didn't already know from our fauna park days just how much is involved in keeping one's own dairy cow...

—Bob and Fran Grover

—Photos: Elmars Krausz





The road to self-sufficiency

AS I SAVOURED the first of the peaches from our small tree planted just over a year ago, I looked up at the clouds overhead that held the promise of rain for our newly established food garden. I have a new appreciation for clouds – of all kinds.

I reflected that the big cloud of worldwide economic recession could be a cloud with a silver lining. Why? Because it has provided a little extra time in which to adjust to a future world marked by shortages in almost everything including water, gas, oil, animal species, food, arable land, forests and money.

Probably the first shortage to make itself felt is oil. "Peak oil," the point at which demand permanently outstrips the availability of petroleum, has been deferred for a year or so because of the slowdown in economic activity. But oil prices will again jump and keep rising, affecting the price and availability of everything that is produced with or transported with petroleum products, including food.

If the community begins now it can minimise hardship and manage a smooth transition to a community that will be sufficiently resilient to meet the challenges posed by a future in which many things that we take for granted will be priced out of the reach of many people.

The Transition movement now boasts 126 communities worldwide (and fast increasing) that have begun to make the changes to increase their ability to withstand the fundamental economic and social shifts that will accompany peak oil. They have started to address the questions: Where will our food come from when it cannot be transported thousands of kilometres? Where will we get manufactured goods once oil becomes too expensive to ship them? How will we get from A to B when we can no longer afford the petrol for our cars?

Resilience is the ability of a system to withstand shocks from outside and maintain its equilibrium. In order for a community to become resilient it must use its own resources as much as possible. The more food, power and other life necessities that are produced in the area, the less reliance is placed on imports. All the essential elements that a community needs to sustain itself, and thrive, need to be localised.

Rather than just 'toughing it out', these localisation efforts can result in a life that is more fulfilling, more socially connected and more equitable. At the moment we have very little resilience. Australia is extremely vulnerable to rising petrol prices and the effects of climate change; nevertheless Bundanoon is well placed to make the transition to localisation.

Bundanoon has a long history of self-sufficiency and resilience. Two or three generations ago much of the town's food was grown in the region, or was delivered by the frequent trains that stopped here. People did not have to go out of the town to have fun because it was all happening here. Up to 20 passenger trains a day stopped in Bundanoon, bringing holidaymakers to sample the joys of Bundanoon life. In short, the people of Bundanoon lived in a resilient community.

There are many areas of our lives that would flourish as we localise. Our local marketplace could accommodate greater numbers

of local growers and artisans; we could add a local directory of produce and products; a local currency system could feed money back into our community instead of being leaked away outside the area; car-pooling and transport networks could be coordinated to reduce dependence on cars; a thriving village green might include a demonstration food garden and workshops to relearn skills for self-sufficiency; we could build bicycle tracks between the southern villages; we could bulk purchase solar panels or hundreds of fruit or nut trees to plant out in private or public land to ensure food security.

Relocalisation means making things closer to home, consuming closer to home, growing closer to home, working and playing closer to home. Here in the Southern Highlands threads of community still exist and are particularly strong in the southern villages. A Transition initiative could weave these together to form a strong and diverse local web of relationships and networks that have the potential to transform the challenges ahead into a wave of opportunity.

—Sandra Menteith and Bob Thomas

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Websites: www.canwin.org.au and the Transition Shire Wingecarribee forum at yahoo groups.

Book: Rob Hopkins' *The Transition Handbook. From Oil Dependence to Local Resilience* is available at Bowral Library.

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Climate change

by Tony Hill

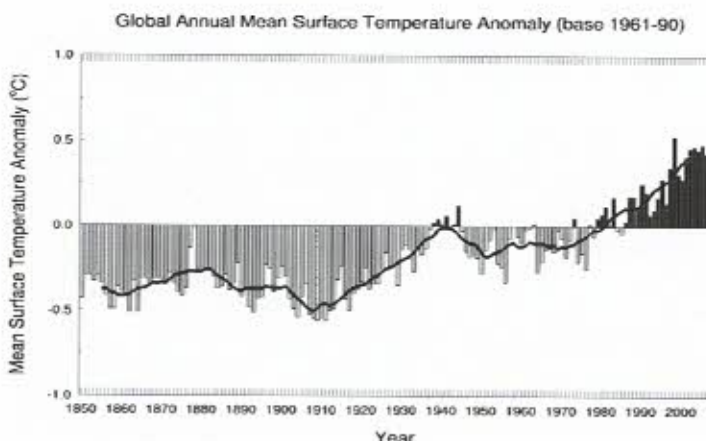


Pedalling words

by Huw Kingston

Weather and climate

WEATHER AND CLIMATE are different. Weather is what we experience around us hourly, daily and yearly, climate is what happens during a long period of time over a large area of the world.



Australian Bureau of Meteorology Website, Jan 2009.

The above graph shows the difference in temperature between a particular year and the average temperature of the 30 year period between 1961 and 1990. It shows a warming trend beginning around 1978 which has tapered off over the past couple of years. 30 years seems to be the minimum period of observation for climate, but any numbers can be deceptive because they depend on the quality of the original data that can vary a lot.

Individual plants and animals are able to tolerate huge changes in weather, from freezing cold to burning hot, but are remarkably sensitive to changes of only fractions of a degree in climate temperature, leading to migrations, changes in hatching and flowering times and to extinctions. The effects of global warming were first noticed by biologists who observed changes in the habits and positions of living organisms.

There are also other indicators including the melting of glaciers and ice caps, sea level rises due to the thermal expansion of water, increased rainfall in some and the desertification of other areas, an increase in extreme weather events, the migration of infectious diseases – and all of these are occurring faster than the scientific predictions.

Near Bundanoon there is one of only two major wildlife corridors that span the strip of development between Sydney and Canberra. It runs from Morton National Park, around Penrose and through the Paddys River Wetland, then through Canyonleigh to the Wollondilly River. This and the other one around Hilltop join the coast and coastal escarpments to the inland highlands, forests and plains. These and local corridors are playing a vital role by allowing the movement of plant and animal climate refugees and they must remain continuous and wide enough to allow for these migrations.

Strictly speaking the world should wait for another 30 years to see if the warming trend in the above graph continues or is reversed. Unfortunately that option is too dangerous; there are only six years left until 2015 when the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimates that atmospheric carbon dioxide levels must peak.

The local temperature chart shows that 2008 was the coolest year since 2001 and this fits in with the global temperature measurements that show that 2008 was the coolest year since 2000, but that it is still the tenth warmest year since records began in 1850. The La Nina phase should end this year or next, and temperatures will begin to rise again.

Having fun and keeping fit

AS MORE AND more locals are getting on the bike, there are more and more rides happening. Whilst some are faster paced than others, all are about having fun and keeping fit in our beautiful part of the world. Below, to whet your appetite, are just a few of the regular rides. If you want to join an email list to hear what other rides are taking place then pop a quick email to the address below. If you want to organize a ride and feel like some company just email me or stick a notice up on the Bikers Board in Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe.

Please note these are social rides not guided tours. You are responsible for your own safety.

Tuesday – Kaz's 'Weekend' Ride –

Join Kaz, manager of Ye Olde Bike Shoppe, on her day off, her 'Sunday' ride. A medium paced 3-4 hour (or sometimes longer!) MTB ride that could go anywhere in the Southern Highlands. It's even been known to turn into a canoeing trip! Contact Kaz at the Café, 4883 6043

Wednesday – Architects of MTB

Leaving at 6.30am from the railway bridge on Quarry Road (far western end of Bundanoon). A medium paced MTB ride for 1.5hrs or so through Penrose State Forest. Contact Danien on danien@timothycourt.com.au or 0418 431 625.

Wednesday – Night Ride

Take in the nearby views and experience the fun of mountain biking under lights. Leave 7.45pm from the Trailhead in Wingello State Forest. Bring good lights (Powerful Ay Up lights are available, on loan, from Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe). Contact Fi on fiona@wildhorizons.com.au or 0438 682 340.

Thursday – Bundy Brekkie Ride

Leaving from Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe at 7.30am, this is a gentle one hour MTB ride out to one of the nearby viewpoints in Morton National Park. Finishes with breakfast back at the café. Contact Kaz at the Café, 02 4883 6043, bikeshoppe@wildhorizons.com.au.

Friday – Roadie Roaming

Leave from the Bike Shop at 7.00am for 1.5 hours. A medium paced ride for road bikes covering 40km or so. Contact Huw on huw@wildhorizons.com.au or 0418 977 609.

Then come the weekend – everyone is out there! Just ask at the Bike Shop if you want some riding company.

In other news...

The RTA and Wingecarribee Shire Council are jointly funding the production of a brochure featuring easy rides around Bundanoon. This should be launched before winter. And for anyone still wondering, the MTB trails in Wingello State Forest were not affected (other than a spot of road-building!) by the recent fires in Morton National Park. Thanks to all who assisted the fire-fighting efforts.

Enjoy the ride!

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For the diary – to August

- 18 April – MTB Orienteering, Wingello State Forest
- 19 April – MTB Orienteering, Belanglo State Forest
- 10 May – BMC Bikes Demo Day, Bundanoon
- 17 May – NSW State XC Race, Fitzroy Falls
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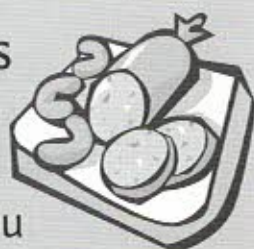
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DIY know-how

by Patrick Fitzgerald

Water saving solutions

PICTURE THIS. YOU buy 1,000 litres of water from the Council. Of this 1,000 litres about 300 litres is used to flush the loo and washing dishes. The other 700 litres is used for showers, laundry and the garden. The problem is that the laundry and shower water goes down the sewer pipe when it could easily be used in the garden. Why pay for extra water when you already have it? Not only that, but it draws less water from the reservoir and puts less load on either your septic or on the sewerage works in Bundanoon, (already being expanded at huge expense).

Used water is divided into two categories – black water for sewerage, kitchen and dishwater, and grey water for laundry and shower. Both can be recycled to varying degrees of purity depending on budget, area of land available and Council regulations. There are some practical and health issues that need to be taken into account but more on that later.

Let's start with grey water, being the quickest and most versatile option.

Under your laundry tub is an s-bend which stops the sweet smell of sewerage from coming up the pipe. This bend is full of water, constantly renewed every time water is poured down the sink. A diverter, available from most hardware stores and all plumbing outlets, can be installed just below the s-bend, allowing the water to flow down the hose (supplied with diverter) and into the garden bed. This is a gravity system so it will be hard to get the water a reasonable distance from the tub. This costs about \$100. The alternative is to have the water go into a holding tank outside the laundry. A small automatic pump in the tank senses the water level and pumps out up to a distance of 20 metres through a hose. Expect to pay about \$800.

Another system holds the water in a wheelie bin with lots of fittings including a pump, which allows you to water a radius of up to 20 metres by hand. This system costs \$450 plus freight from Melbourne.

Which brings us to the ultimate – a reed bed system. These are either horizontal (about 5x4 metres), sitting on the ground, or vertical and excavated into the ground. The diameter is less than 2 metres, and about 1.5 deep. Using a particular type of sand and an automatic pump, it can provide water clean enough to use in the laundry, toilets and for watering the garden. Another use is for sub surface irrigation

for lawns, thus keeping them well watered all year round.



Grey water reed bed

Further info

Here are some websites relating to grey water–

For salt and phosphorous levels in detergents:
www.lanfaxlabs.com.au

For products and components:
neco.com.au, justwheeliebins.com.au, oasisdesign.net,
www.sgaonline.org.au/info-greywater.html
<http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/sewerage/4974/4977.html>

Now to saving shower water – getting at the shower waste will be difficult if you have a concrete slab floor, because access to the plumbing is compromised. For a shower on a suspended floor however, it is relatively easy to insert the diverter (slightly bigger size than the laundry diverter) and run it into a tank or directly onto the garden as you do with the laundry water. It is best if a plumber has a look at it for you first, to avoid any potential leakages.

Now for the provisos:

- Use detergents with low or no phosphorus or salt.
- Do not use Napisan or equivalent in the grey water system
- Do not use grey water on vegetables or fruit.
- Avoid spraying if possible.
- Irrigate under mulch, saving up to 70% in evaporation.
- Do not let children or animals play in or drink grey water.
- Rotate watering of plants with some fresh water occasionally.
- Do not let grey water sit for more than 24 hours before using.

The average house creates up to 83,000 litres, an amount equivalent to three large water tanks of grey water each year. Imagine how your garden would look this summer with all that water nourishing it.

And so to blackwater. The first point is that if a main sewerage line is on your property, then you are obliged to use it. Even if you do not use their line, you will still be charged all the usual fees for access. The same goes for water, by the way.

A multiple stage reed bed is really the only way to extract good water from the sewerage line. A septic and pump works well, but is subject to regular inspections from both council and licensed inspectors, both of which cost money.

The reed bed system isolates the black water from the soil until it is filtered enough to be safe. It does this by means of a holding tank (plastic tray) on the ground (about 4x3 metres), filled with particular types of sand that gradually break down sewerage. The reeds are capable of growing in this medium, filtering the water and aerating the sand to allow better penetration of liquids.

Rootzone, a Picton based company, deals with this type of treatment and they have an informative website.

Let's hope some of this information filters down to as many people as possible.



Black/grey water reed bed

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Solar electric rebate

IF YOU ARE interested in getting the solar electric rebate of \$8000 before the end of June, you will need to act soon. Normally, you would have to add about \$4500 as your share of the installation. However, there is a company offering substantial savings if enough people in a community get together and bulk buy. Using this company, your cost after the rebate would be about \$1500. As you get paid for the electricity you produce as well, it is a very attractive deal all round. Call Patrick Fitzgerald for further details on 4883 7447.

Dr Constantine Mouroukas bids farewell

IT IS WITH much regret that after serving the community of Bundanoon and the Southern Highlands for over 20 years, Dr Con Mouroukas is announcing his departure from the practice in Bundanoon. Dr Con, as he is known to many, cites personal and family reasons have necessitated that he makes this decision.

The practice ceased in its previous form at 5pm on Thursday 29th January, 2009. However, continuity of patient care will be assured as the following changes will come into effect:

Dr John Kenna commenced practice at the Bundanoon Medical Centre, 22 Erith Street, Bundanoon on Monday the 2nd February 2009 at 9am. The transfer of patient records will take place progressively, as required from the Lynwood Medical Centre. Patients will be required to sign an authorisation form to have their medical records transferred to their nominated doctor.

To make appointments to see Dr Kenna, contact the Bundanoon Medical Centre direct on 4883 6363.

John Kelly and Anne Rosen have made arrangements with Dr Mouroukas to continue to provide chiropractic and psychological counselling services in the existing premises for the immediate future, until a suitable relocation can be organised. Their contact phone number will remain the same, 4883 6596.

Dr Helen Gorgievski has transferred back to the Newcastle area, as organised prior to Dr. Mouroukas' decision, to continue her General Practice training.

Dr Mouroukas and his loyal reception staff, bid a sad and heartfelt farewell to the "multitudes" of patients we have grown to love. Con has served the community directly and indirectly for over 20 years and deeply regrets having to make this decision. Dr Mouroukas will however, continue to practice in the Sydney region, closer to home.

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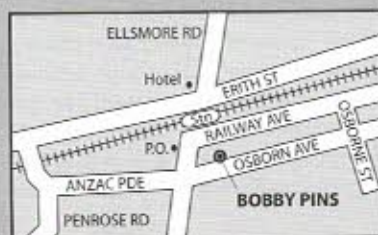
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Bushfires – a local history

BUSHFIRES HAVE BEEN a part of Australian life for many thousands of years – starting naturally or from man-made causes.

The first recorded bushfire affecting Bundanoon village was in 1904 when fire reached the top of Constitution Hill and burnt out the newly built Church of England slab church.

Church records for that week are short: "No service. Church burnt."

Old photographs show evidence of the damage to houses and vegetation.

For many older residents memories are still clear of the 14 January 1939 bushfire which burnt out 2000 acres of the Penrose State Forest and a large part of Penrose village including the public school, the Methodist church, the post office, Johnson and Luke's general store, the Gumtip Tearooms, and at least ten houses. The fruit packing shed for the orchardists of the area was also burnt down. Some houses on the outskirts of Bundanoon were affected, and Ross Counsell remembers this fire almost reaching Greenways Guest House in Garland Road.

"Mick" Greason remembers, as a 10 year old, that while accompanying his father, who was returning from a meat delivery run to Wingello, they raced the fire back to Bundanoon, picking up various people on the way.

Following this, Bundanoon residents decided they really needed a Fire Brigade and so with many hours of voluntary work fundraising and building, a Bundanoon Fire Station was opened in Anzac Parade in 1946. The first fire engine was a 1924 Garford, a former NSW Fire Brigade vehicle.

Of course there were also many house and guest house fires in town – some from genuine causes, and some a little too convenient!!

In November 1959, the NSW Board of Fire Commissioners purchased the Bundanoon Fire Station and established a voluntary Town Brigade with Ross Counsell as the first Captain and nine volunteer firemen. The Bundanoon Bushfire Brigade (now the Rural Fire Brigade) relocated to a shed in Birriga Avenue, then to their current premises in Burgess Street, again funded and built by volunteers.

The worst fire in the area started on 5 March 1965 out the back of Goulburn, linked up with another at Bungonia and then moved to Wingello. Thirty-six houses were burnt in the village as well as the primary school and two sawmills. Dramatic reports and photos of this disaster can be seen on the walls of the March display in The Old Goods Shed, headquarters of the Bundanoon History Group. Three lives were lost in this fire. Tallong also lost houses, but Bundanoon was mostly spared with assistance from Army troops from Holdsworth Barracks.

This fire burnt for over ten days through the Morton National Park as far as Fitzroy Falls before being extinguished.

Lightning strikes started another major fire on 9 January 1983 on "Shangri-La" property south-west of Bundanoon. Over 30,000 hectares of the National Park were burnt and it was finally extinguished on 22 January. Photos show the trees as if it was the North American autumn. A Coronial Inquiry held in 1984 noted that most witnesses blamed the lack of hazard reduction burning in the preceding years as a major reason why the fire spread so rapidly. There was considerable loss of property and stock, but no lives were lost.

In a fire that started on New Year's Day 1998, Senior Deputy Captain David Quinlivan of the Wingello RFB was killed when his tanker became trapped by rapidly advancing fire. Seven others were badly injured.

Wingecarribee Shire Council established a Fire Victims Appeal Fund to assist the families, although NSW Government compensation took up to five years for some of those injured.

Again it was lightning which started the recent fire in inaccessible bushland outside Wingello in January 2009. Modern fire-fighting techniques, including helicopter water-bombing and dropping fire retardant from fixed-wing planes, brought this large bushfire under control. The History Group joins the people of the area in thanking this volunteer organisation for its wonderful work. We should always be prepared for the ever-present threat of bushfires.

Bundanoon History Group meets on the 1st Monday of each month at The Bundanoon Club in Erith Street, and the display is open on 1st and 3rd Sundays each month from 10.00am to 3.00pm at The Old Goods Shed in Railway Avenue.

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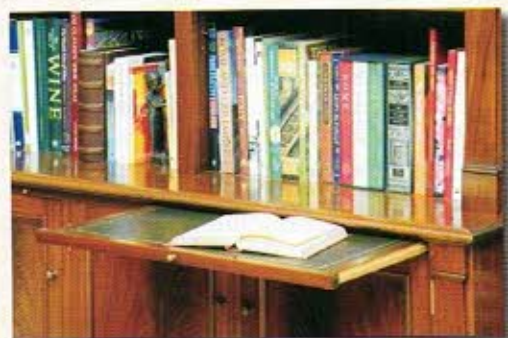
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Beginner's guide to... Beethoven

WHO'S THE BEST composer? What rating should we use? – Most notes written, trickiest parts to play, number of symphonies under the belt? Unfortunately, composers cannot be rated using the same methods that we use to compare sporting achievements. It has been said that 'Talking about music is like dancing about architecture!' Maybe! But I believe there is a 'top of the heap'.

Before continuing I think that one should ask if there needs to be a "best". Ideally, as music is not a competition then it's impossible to have a winner.

However, I have a winner! And it's Beethoven! Of course he's not just my winner: he seems to be widely considered to be the greatest composer. So I wondered what it is in Beethoven's music that creates such a strong connection.

First, consider the music of J.S. Bach. It is so beautifully and painstakingly constructed and is held together by a steadily moving internal dialogue of parts that dance with each other. The end is known as it grows naturally from the beginning, for he writes with a certainty – a certainty that everything is OK, and he finds solace in it. He is in a universe with God sitting in majestic control at the centre of creation. This must have given Bach the great strength to write so much music and to maintain one particular style throughout his lifetime. This trait would now be considered ludicrous but Bach knew where he came from and where he was headed.

Beethoven was born only twenty years after Bach's death but there must have been marked changes in society during that time. Beethoven's world, in the Romantic tradition, began removing humanity from its safe and more servile position with God to one of greater importance and therefore uncertainty. It was from here that he declared in the early 1800s, "I am but lately little satisfied with my works, I shall take a new way." His "new way" began with the *Eroica* Symphony. This is what we now consider to be the beginning of the "real" Beethoven. The works grew bigger, bolder and more ambitious. He had to struggle with tinnitus, increasing deafness and the acquiring of commissions for new works, yet he became famous throughout the European musical world for such works as the Symphonies 3–8, String Quartets 7–11 and the Waldstein and Appassionata Piano Sonatas. These works were unrecognizable from anything written by Bach 50–60 years before.

The inner voice that spoke to Beethoven, his soul, is what resonates with us. Even today we are taken for a journey in these works. We hear beauty and pain, tempest and tranquillity. The musical language is that of European art music of the 19th century but towards the end of his life the music increasingly pushes against those boundaries, as is evidenced in the last five Piano Sonatas, the Ninth Symphony and the late String Quartets. Upon hearing Beethoven's Fourteenth String Quartet Schubert apparently remarked, 'After this, what is left for us to write?' Indeed it is the feeling that he embarked on a great inner odyssey to previously unknown destinations and took us there through his music. These beautiful compositions continue to move us and relate to us in our personal travels.

So here lies the difference between pre-Romantic and our present day worlds. The fact that it is possible to comprehend this in a piece of music still amazes me and must continue to amaze many others. On a deep spiritual level we realize that his journey is our journey and thus we recognize him as our greatest composer.

—Phillip Beazley



Country living

by Keith McMenomy

Summer chores and nearby bush fires

BIRDS OF A feather keep amazing me! A family of wedge-tails shadowed me high on the thermals in recent weeks while I slashed dry grass. They exchanged high-pitched screeches as the machine flushed out quails and a rabbit that I managed to avoid. The tractor seems to put the big birds off diving but some way off, a grey heron landed to stalk and sample grasshoppers left exposed in the tracks. Then, in the morning, before breakfast, the magnificent eagles perched in an old pine tree in the same paddock. It was a rare treat but they took off on their enormous wingspans before I could fetch a camera. Even more dramatic, a tiny wagtail and Indian myna chased an adult black snake away from the dam recently, diving and twittering while avoiding its lunges. This was something we have never seen before.

Summer might not be hotter than usual but we feel it more and adopt a Mediterranean life-style, working early and retreating to jobs in the shade when the sun approaches its peak. Elders taught us to water fruit trees and vegetables in the evening as it reduces evaporation and allows a good soak overnight. Thank goodness for those brief summer storms that occasionally blow up to our south and drench things for us.

One day, while out in the paddock I noticed a tall column of smoke not far away in the southeast. By the time I rang 000 they were already warned. It was a valuable dress rehearsal for locals, if they realised its significance. Some of us looked to our water resources and prepared for an emergency by packing valuable papers and photographs.

The wildlife lost about 720 hectares or 3 square miles of habitat in Wingello State Forest about 4 kilometres south of us and, probably a bit over 5 km south west of Bundanoon. Private land was not threatened except near Teudt's road where an outbreak started. Fortunately, over a number of days a fleet of water-carrying helicopters brought the fire under control in otherwise inaccessible gullies, using Bundanoon Pony Club oval as an airstrip. Rural Fire Service bulletins and maps in the newsagent's window gave more reliable updates than scare-mongering press and TV. Local volunteer brigades, coordinated from Wingello, helped with mopping up. Our group put in several days dousing smouldering stumps and logs and escorted a bulldozer cutting tracks and firebreaks.

It is awesome to see such an area totally denuded, nothing left living that can be seen. Yet in a matter of a season green and red shoots will appear from black trunks and charred soil. Life returns for the plants but animals, bird and insect species are not so resilient. Nor are humans. But still, I wouldn't live anywhere else but where I do – in the Southern Highlands and close to the Morton National Park.



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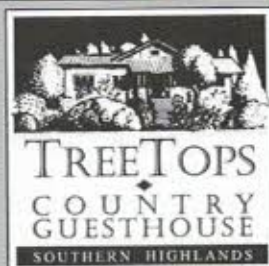
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CWA report

AT THE END of 2008 we held a wonderful Christmas lunch at Treetops Guesthouse with hosts, Harry and Karin Hull. The dining room was spectacularly decorated with a Christmas tree and candles and we all enjoyed being waited on for a change!

2009 looks like being a challenging year for everyone. Support through friendship and working together always holds greater significance in times like these. Charity organisations are often the first to feel "the pinch" when money is tight, so we of the Country Women's Association will have to plan some interesting events to maintain our support for Cord Blood Stem Cell research and our other charities.

We hope you saw the flyers around town and joined us for Susan Lewis's Pressed Flower Demonstration on 7 February. What a wonderful way of making use of the plants and flowers in our gardens to create such lovely things! Our Masks morning brought some beautiful treasures and interesting stories to our January get together. We also attended a matinee production of *South Pacific* at Clubbe Hall, Mittagong, and can't get those tunes out of our heads!

Our Country of Study this year is Egypt and we will again liaise with Bundanoon Primary School to share our projects. Bundanoon CWA branch will celebrate International Day on Thursday, 23 July, which is also Egypt's National Day and we will host an Egyptian-style lunch and entertainment – (belly dancing, maybe?). If anyone in town knows Egypt well and would be happy to share with us on the day, please contact me on the phone number below.

We are happy to have Helena Boon and Anya Grafton joining our ranks and extend an invitation to all Bundanoon women, long term or newly arrived residents, young or "more mature", to join in any of our functions or meetings. We welcome new faces, fresh ideas and more help to continue our work while having a lot of fun.

Remember we meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 1pm in the CWA rooms in Railway Avenue. Interested members get together at 10am the same day to work on craft projects. One morning last year, a visitor from Queensland popped in to see if we could make sense of a knitting pattern she was working on!

So come along and have a chat with us and learn more about this wonderful organisation.

—Gaye Everett, Publicity Officer, ph: 4883 7999

Bundanoon beat



IN MY LAST column I spoke of the disappointment felt by residents about acts of malicious damage towards our Soldiers Memorial Hall and Bundanoon Public School. I regret to say that a "Break Enter and Steal" offence occurred at the school on 28 January 2009. Property stolen was a wrist watch and texta pens which indicates that the offence has been committed by a young person. I urge anyone with information to come forward to police. Extra police patrols are being conducted to deter such crimes.

A big congratulations to all our local fire-fighters both rural and retained. They did a fantastic job during our recent bush fires by protecting lives and property. The bush fires in Victoria illustrate how dangerous and volatile such fires can be. Local brigade members have now been called upon to help with the Victorian fires.

I am again targeting driving offences in Bundanoon especially "failing to stop at STOP signs". It amazes me how many people think they only have to give way at a stop sign. Infringement notices will be issued (\$243 fine and loss of 3 points). The stop sign at the corner of Anzac Parade and Church Street is causing most concern.

The recent concert at Sylvan Glen, Penrose was again a big success. All patrons were well behaved except for a naughty Senior Constable and Fire Captain who entered the toddlers' pool to escape the heat wave conditions. Congratulations to Matt and Donna Hescott who continue to provide quality entertainment to local residents.

—Senior Constable Michael DIETZ

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Collectibles

MY BROTHER AND I both had tin toys (trucks and cars mainly) as children and I loved them. My father was a mechanic and later my brother became one as well, so I guess the love of mechanical things runs in the family.

Later on in my life, I began collecting pedal-cars, finding the first one in Mittagong. Having great difficulty fitting the little car into the back seat of our car, I thought "This might be the first and last one of these". However, on another trip to Mittagong, the owner of the shop where I had purchased the car, told me there was an old tin caravan to match the pedal-car. Naturally, I couldn't say "No" to such a find; many hours later, after fitting the caravan into our car, I was in grave danger of a divorce.

Then, I found another tin car at Fitzroy Falls – a further car battle ensued. To make domestic life less fraught, I started finding smaller tricycles and scooters and the collection just grew. I now have an abundance of little vehicles to use in the case of a petrol shortage.

Having filled up the house with all these cars, etc, I decided to go even smaller, and began collecting miniature sewing machines. So

far I have twenty-four, dating from 1900 to 1960 and made from various

materials. Some were built as toys, some as proper machines for basic stitching; some are battery operated, some plug-in electric. Most are beautifully decorated with decals. Of course, I also have a collection of full-sized machines, including five treadle machines and six various others that I use for my sewing projects.

To complement these, I had to start collecting sewing accessories, mainly old ones such as needle-holders, thimbles and chatelaines. At least they don't take up much room!

I hereby publicly declare that I will not start collecting any new items associated with sewing. *Lloyd, I'll hold her to that! Ed.*

—Lesley Gallegos





True locals

by Vicki Streatfield

"Hippy camp, please driver"

FAY MURRAY, NÉE Garbutt, was Bundanoon's taxi driver in the 60s and 70s. She started the day by picking up children with family names like Brown, Ellsmore, Cooley, McAlister, Smith and Edmonds, from properties on the outskirts of Bundanoon, ferried them to school and collected them again in the afternoon. The service was government funded to ensure children attended school.

At 3.30 Fay would be waiting outside the school: "They'd all pile in, legs and arms going everywhere, tripping over each other to get in the front seat", she says today.

Depending on the route she was taking, Fay put them into the taxi in order. Suitcases were thrown into the boot as there was little room for anything else in the car.

"To save a second trip I would pack in up to 10 kids including my own three, sitting on each others' knees. My youngest daughter, only four, stood next to me hanging onto my neck". And no seat belts in those days!

"The kids loved it when I went to 'Shangri-La' first." Just under the railway bridge before you enter the property there was always a puddle big enough to swim in. The faster I could drive through it, the louder the screams of delight", says Fay.

"After rain the taxi would sometimes 'fishtail' around gravel corners. They would shriek 'go faster' Mrs. Murray! Do it again.... come on please!"

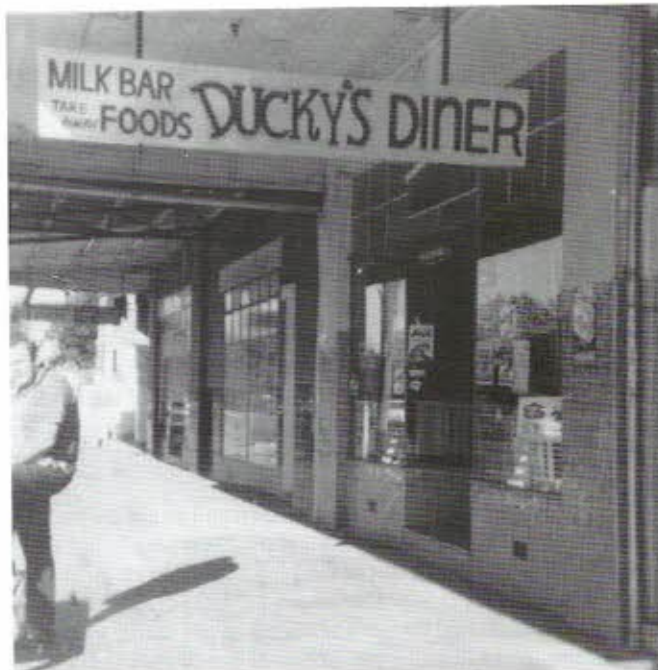
Fay has vivid memories of the smelly feet in summer of those who wore sandals. "I made damn sure they never took off their shoes until they got home, and the quicker I could get them home, the better".

Fay was born and raised in Sutton Forest until coming to Bundanoon in 1958 after marrying local man Jeff Murray, now deceased, who was an apprentice mechanic at Petersen's Garage.

It was 1969 when Fay worked as a taxi driver for Gordon Manning who in 1973 sold the business to Alan Ducksbury. Alan started "Duckies Diner" (now the Chinese restaurant) which was a milk bar renowned for huge hamburgers called the "Ducky's Special". The buns were made by the Schwarzl family bakery (now Martha and Henry's) using large ring moulds manufactured by Alan.

Duckies sold 10 cent pieces of fish and 10 cents worth of chips for school lunches and housed one of the town's first pinball machines plus a jukebox and a pool table - great attractions for the young people!

The train service provided a good supply of custom for Ducksbury's old blue and white Ford 500 taxi. Often people would ask Fay to be taken to the "hippy camp" behind the rubbish dump, down a track towards the National Park. "I hated going down there and was always pleased to be heading back out!" she says.



Alan Ducksbury outside Ducky's Diner

There were always the regulars who would walk across the railway line to the taxi rank after a few too many beers at the hotel and "chew her car off on the way home".

"I knew who they were and where they lived. Bundanoon was such a small place and everyone knew each other, there was never anyone or anything to fear."

The cab hire rate from the rank to anywhere in Bundanoon was 40 cents and if you were going to Moss Vale it was \$1.50.

The taxi service and "Duckies Diner" ceased to operate in the early 80s, making it the sad end of an era. Elderly people who couldn't drive had to find another way to get around and other arrangements had to be made for the kids on the outskirts of town.

A resident now for just over 50 years, Fay has bittersweet memories of Bundanoon and is not planning on leaving any time soon.

Recently she married Canberra man Eric Dean who will attest that Fay is a shocking backseat driver.

For years Fay ferried kids to and from school without any accidents, breakdowns or dramas and is clearly a better driver than any bloke from Canberra. But perhaps I'm biased: I was the one hanging on to her neck.

—Vicki Streatfield



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Anzac Day Commemoration

Saturday 25 April

Dawn Service: Members of Bundanoon RSL sub-branch will assemble at the Bundanoon Memorial for a service at 6:00am. All members of the local community are cordially invited to attend.

Anzac Day March:

- 10:00 am Assemble near the CWA rooms on Railway Avenue
- 10:25 am Marchers fall in under direction of parade coordinator
- 10:30 am March to the Bundanoon Memorial

Groups wishing to participate in the March should contact the Secretary Bundanoon RSL on 4883 7505. At the conclusion of the outdoor service a commemoration service will be held in the Soldiers Memorial Hall. Morning Tea will be served at the end of the service

Church times

Anglican Church of Sutton Forest

Holy Trinity, Bundanoon Sunday, 9.00 am, 5.30 pm

St Aidan's, Exeter Sunday, 9.30 am

St Stephen's, Tallong Sunday, 10 am

All Saints, Sutton Forest

1st & 3rd Sundays, 11am 2nd & 4th Sundays, 2.30 pm

Uniting Church

Bundanoon 4th Sunday, 11am

Mid-week service & lunch, Thurs, 12.30pm (bring sandwich)

Moss Vale Sunday, 9.30 am

Catholic Church

St Brigid's Bundanoon 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, 5 pm

..... 2nd & 4th Sundays, 8 am

St Paul's, Moss Vale Vigil Mass, Saturday, 6pm

..... Sunday, 9.30 am

Moss Vale Christian Church Sunday, 10 am

Encounter Group, Robertson School of Arts, 1st Sunday, 2 pm

Iona Christian Community, St Patrick's, Sutton Forest

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays 10.30 am

Easter services

Anglican Church of Sutton Forest

Bundanoon: Good Friday 9am, Easter Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm

Exeter: Easter Sunday, 9.30am Tallong: Easter Sunday, 10am

Sutton Forest: Easter Sunday, 11am

Uniting Church

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Bundanoon Preschool	Lisa Reid	4883 7074
Bundanoon Public School P&C.....	Jenny Walker	4883 7998
Bundanoon Visitors' Group	John Hescott	4884 4306
Chess Club.....	Pat Foley	4883 6064
Country Women's Association (meets 1st Thurs, 1 pm, CWA Rooms):		
..... Marie Reid.....		4883 6526
Friends of Morton Nat. Park	Sheila Micholson	4883 6107
..... Alan Hyman.....		4883 7763
Garden Club.....	Terry Bruce.....	4883 4499
Glow Worm Glen Track C'ttee	Denise Turner	4883 6650
Green Team.....	Tony Stanton.....	4883 7526
History Group (meets 1st Monday, 10 am, Old Goods Shed)		
..... Patricia Guy.....		4883 6971
Lions Club (meets 1st/3rd Monday, 7.30 pm, Bundanoon Club):		
..... Ralph Clark		4883 6389
Playgroup	Michelle Willis.....	4883 6162
RSL (meets 1st Thes (exc. January), 2 pm, RSL Rooms at Oval):		
..... Trevor Fenton		4883 6433
Serendipity: the choir	Kerith Fowles.....	4883 6515

Sports Clubs

Bowls (Men).....	John Witney.....	4883 7356
Bowls (Women)	Doreen Chalcraft	4883 6687
Cricket.....	Steve Granger	4868 2680
Croquet	Ian McClelland.....	4883 7916
Pony Club.....	Leonore Waugh.....	4883 6669
Rugby	John Luke	4884 4202
Soccer	Sue Brown	4883 6437
Social Golf.....	Carol Townsend	4883 7380
Swimming.....	Jenny Walker	4883 7998
Tennis	Cameron Reid	4883 7074

Support & Volunteer Services

Community Health Service.....	Bowral	4861 8000
Defibrillator Team Contact.....	Graham Leech: habitat@hinet.net.au (in case of emergency, always dial 000)	
Early Childhood Clinic		4861 8000
Wingecarribee Adult Day Care	Michelle Lindau	4862 1774
Fire Station.....		4883 6333
Meals on Wheels	Fay Carter	4883 7441
Mobile Library	Moss Vale Library	4868 2479
Red Cross (Exeter branch).....	Anna Hopkins	4883 4259
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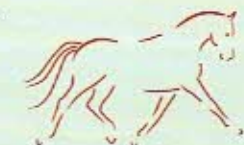
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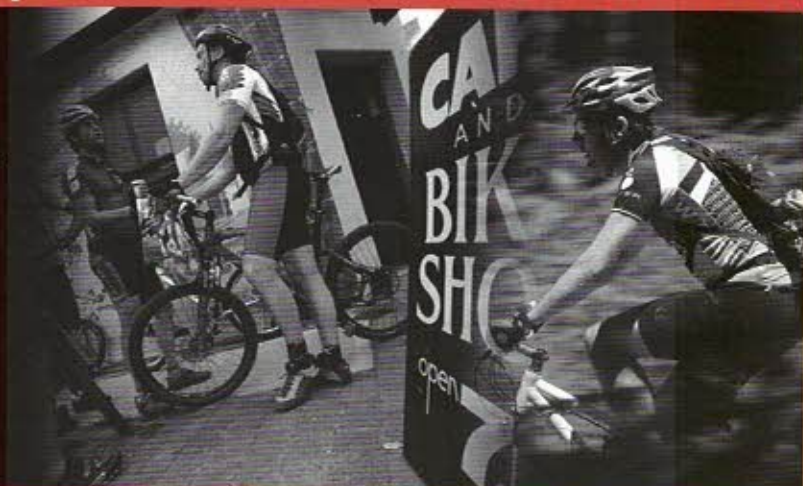
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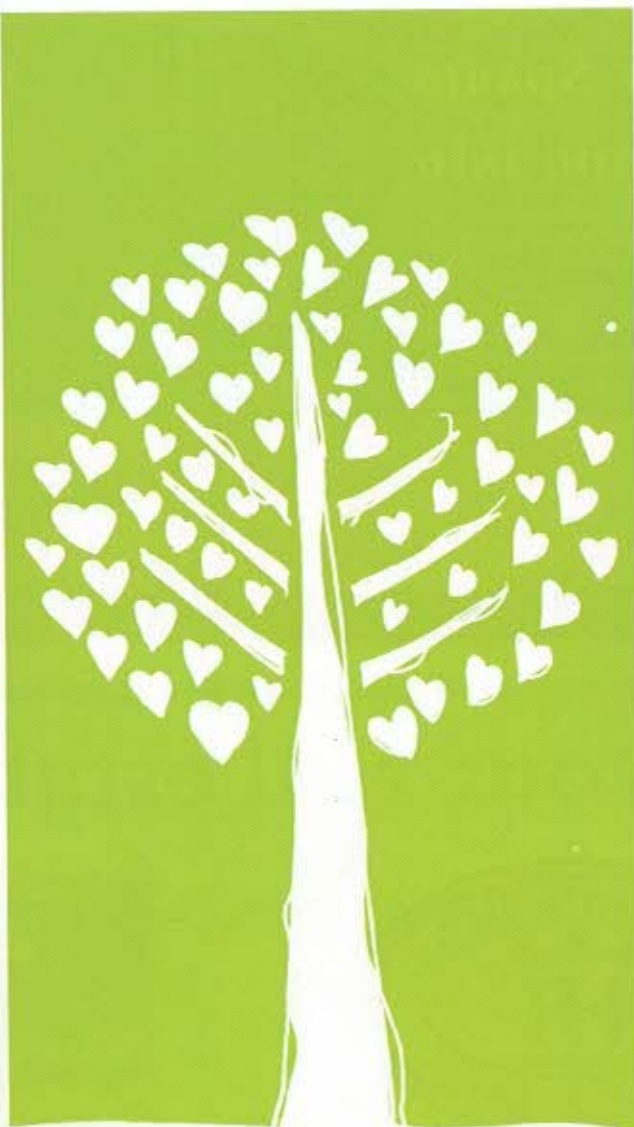
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