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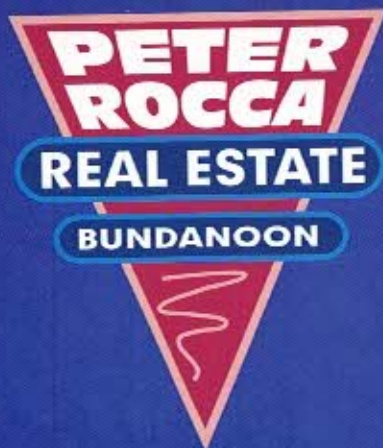
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The history of Bundanoon has been well documented in the History Group's publications, especially *From Jordans Crossing to Bundanoon* and the wonderful collection of stories pictures and artifacts in their collection. This issue of *jcg* features stories from their recent research and will be followed in September by another series of articles. If you haven't visited the History

Shed, opposite the shops, then I suggest you call to see the display on the first Sunday of any month. If you have an interest in history perhaps you will consider joining the group.

A photograph of Ringwood mine and a story about coal mining in Bundanoon, a feature on the Ellsmore dynasty and some memories of Kincoppal during World War II are just a few of the contributions we received this time. This issue also contains a variety of articles reflecting community interests.

Writers are welcome to send copy for publication but contact me first so that I can give you an indication of an appropriate word length. When space is limited in a current issue material is kept for future publications. I will contact you if your contribution is not published.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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BCA meetings

Third Thursday each month:
21 June, 19 July, 16 August.
Start 7:30pm in Supper Room at rear of Hall. All welcome.

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BCA update

Ralph Clark, President

As this message is penned (or do we say 'keyboared' these days?) we are in the final stages of changing the title and structure of our town's community association.

Our name has been changed to *Bundanoon Community Association*, by the unanimous passing of a special resolution at a meeting of members, by the lodgement of forms required by legislation and, of course, payment of a fee.

Concurrent with this was the drafting and acceptance of a revised constitution. The previous document was over twelve years old and did not comply with changed regulations or practices which had been adopted by the association over the years.

Thanks are due to the subcommittee, led by our Public Officer John Byrne, which worked so hard to bring all of this to fruition. I would also thank the several members who suggested well thought out changes and alternative wordings to the draft, contributing significantly to the final result.

An important change in the new constitution is the appointment at the AGM of a BCA committee, replacing the unwieldy structure of the past. I had the honour of being re-elected as President, with Bob Smith re-elected as Vice-President, Ken Challenor as Secretary and Dale Chalmers as Treasurer. Additionally, Carol Townsend, David Beasley and Bruce Bargon were elected to complete the committee. Be assured we will work to the best of our abilities for the benefit of the town.

WinterFest will again light up July. Jenny Byrne and her helpers will ensure that it will be bigger and better than last year. See page 11 for the program. Come along and join in!

Also of interest, our Green Team, under the leadership of David Beasley has recommended that we should enter the *Tidy Towns* competition. The team has done a great deal to beautify our town over the past few years, so I trust that they will be supported in this initiative. More news on this soon.

Please remember, all are welcome at the monthly BCA meetings, which are held on the third Thursday of each month in the supper room at the hall. Come along and have your say on any matter of concern, or just listen to what is being done for the benefit of Bundanoon.



Council news

Councillor Jim Clark



Council is looking at a Residential Growth Strategy for 2007 to 2010 for Wingecarribee Shire and will be exhibiting the draft plan to the public for comment. It is important that council and residents are aware of the need to plan for sustainable population for the shire, and at the same time, maintain the unique character of the Highlands.

In the past there has been much debate about the amount, nature and type of housing development that should occur in our shire. The demand for homes to cater for those wanting to live in our area is growing. This creates further demand on infrastructure and services and changes the nature of our towns and villages. There is some disagreement about the scale and location of some of the new potential housing release areas and these are yet to be approved by council. Several 'Greenfield' sites which have been proposed, in particular those at Wensleydale near Colo Vale (1000 lots) and Gibbergunyah at West Mittagong (160 lots) are controversial. A further 1000 lot proposal for the south of Moss Vale will mean a major growth for the town. The question arises as to the type of developments residents feel are suitable for the Highlands and whether it is possible to maintain the character we now take for granted. In Bundanoon and elsewhere new subdivisions have created some conflicts with existing residents who moved here because they liked the pleasant rural nature of the towns and villages.

Any new development needs to consider the sustainability, affordability and social impact of these proposals. Provision of schools, roads, water, transport and hospitals etc. needs to be in place prior to development. Residents should make themselves aware of council's Residential Growth Strategy and Draft 2007 Local Environment Plan. These include proposals for developments which require rezoning of existing land, particularly those that will extend the boundaries of existing towns and villages. They need to be circulated widely in the community for comment. I urge residents of the Shire to enquire about these plans and provide input and direction to council.

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Bundanoon beat

Snr. Constable Michael Dietz



One of the issues Police deal with each year is 18 year olds attending parties. Here is some advice on how to take care of yourself and your mates and some hints for hosts.

Tips for Party Goers: Do yourself a favour and plan ahead how many drinks you will have. Prove you can keep the promise to yourself by monitoring your drinking. Finish each drink before you have another. Avoid 'top-ups'! It is a myth that food, coffee, a cold shower, fresh air, vomiting etc. will sober you up. They DON'T WORK - it takes time to sober up! Your liver can only get rid of about one standard drink each hour. Eat before and during the time you are drinking. This reduces the number of drinks you will have - but don't eat salty food, that only makes you thirsty. Plan how you are going to get home if you don't intend to stay the night.

Alternate alcoholic and non or low alcohol drinks. Never be in a hurry to get behind the wheel, even after a sleep following a big night out. You could still be over the limit - and dangerous to yourself and others the morning after.

Tips for Party Givers: Supply non-alcoholic and low alcohol drinks. Have a variety of food, not just savoury or salty snacks which make your guests thirsty. Let people ask for a refill rather than continually topping up their glasses. If you think someone has had too much to drink, ask somebody who has not been drinking to drive them home, call a taxi or put them up for the night. Be a creative host and reduce the time to consume alcohol by providing entertainment.

Remember, have a fun time but DON'T BLOW IT!!! Drink driving carries severe penalties. Learners and Provisional Licence holders under 25 years are required to have a ZERO Blood Alcohol content.

Our Annual Gala Concert was held on Saturday 24 March. The audience quite rightly anticipated an extraordinary performance of Italian Renaissance Music which was delivered in perfection by the **Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Ensemble**, widely acknowledged as one of the world's leading early music ensembles.

John Martin, Piano, Leah Lock, Flute and Deborah de Graaff, Clarinet, as the trio **Power of Three**, brought us a thoroughly delightful evening of music on Saturday 21 April. The standard of music and choice of program – both new and old, delighted the audience. We must have them return to Bundanoon.

As part of Bundanoon's Winterfest the **Wheeze and Suck Band** will perform on Saturday 21 July at 3 pm. These costumed 'mad hatters' sing rousing songs and soulful ballads in exquisite four-part harmony and play high energy instruments which often lead to audience participation and revelry!

The pianist **John Martin** returns with **Gregory Van der Struik** on Saturday 18 August at 7.30pm. Gregory is Principal Trombonist with the Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra and he is bringing for our enjoyment his diverse Trombone family – from Sackbutt to the modern Trombone. We look forward to a lively and informative introduction to these old and new instruments. Tickets \$20.

Bookings for both performances: Peter Rocca Real Estate, Moss Vale Bookshop and The Brown Bookshop, Bowral.

Harp recital

At short notice in May, Arts Bundanoon presented a captivating Saturday afternoon recital by visiting New Zealand harpist, Ingrid

Bauer. In between pieces Ingrid answered a myriad of questions from an enthusiastic audience.

Piano at 10

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Rural Fire Service award

Congratulations to **Rosemary Page**, who was awarded the Commissioner's Certification for Commendation in May at the NSW Rural Fire Service 2007 Awards Ceremony in Homebush, in recognition of her support of families who have lost friends or loved ones in fires. Rosemary, who has been a member of the Bundanoon brigade since 1993 says, "Helping people through the pain of losing friends or family is something I'm able to talk about on the same level, from personal experience."



Winter warmers movie

Join us at 5.00pm on **Saturday 28 July** for *Some Like it Hot*, starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon. Warm up with glühwein, tea or coffee before the show.

Afterwards, move on to The Bike Shop Cafe or The Bloomin' Cafe for a hot winter's meal. Movie/Meal Deal package can be booked at either cafe, cost \$20.

Movie tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$20 for families. For more information, phone Pat on 4883 6971.

Green Team

by David Beasley

Working bee

A very successful working bee was held on Saturday 14 April with 30 enthusiastic volunteers rolling up to plant more bluebells and daffodils in the Information Bay and Arboretum. We also planted the embankment at Bellevue Park with Agapanthus and red hot pokers. All new gardens were mulched and existing gardens topped up with mulch. At the conclusion, we all enjoyed Emma's wonderful morning tea.

Lighting of town signs

All of the lighting has now been installed, cables run etc, except for the final connection into Integral Energy's grid. We had hoped that this would happen before Anzac Day and Brigadoon so that the sign would be lit each evening from then on. There are some unresolved issues with Integral Energy which we hope can be sorted out soon.

Federal Government grant

A grant of \$2970 has been received from the Federal Government and the consensus among the Green Team is to purchase a 'walk-behind slasher' to assist in keeping the entrances to Bundanoon tidy.

Tidy towns

An entry submission has been prepared for the overall Tidy Towns competition and also for the Friendly Town Award. We will advise of developments as they occur and when some supporting action is required.

Bundanoon Voices

Temporarily "Under New Management" while founder and regular conductor Coralie Flint takes a well-earned break until Christmas, the Voices are under the direction of Kerith Fowles, with pianist Ann Cliphsham.

Performances are planned for Winterfest, a "Sunday Swoon" on 23 September and various December dates – stay tuned for updates.



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Don't bore Bundanoon

The Norlex saga is heading to the Land and Environment Court now that Wingecarribee Shire Council has refused the company a construction certificate for pumping operations in Governors Road, Bundanoon.

Norlex's plan to extract 36 million litres of groundwater a year and ship it by semi-trailer tankers through Bundanoon, Exeter and Sutton Forest to Sydney for bottling as "Bundanoon Spring Water" has brought strong protests from local residents including two packed public meetings.

The company has notified the council it has instituted legal proceedings and the matter was the subject of a brief hearing on May 3 where the council was told to present a "statement of facts" to the court by June 1. A full hearing is not expected to take place for some months and in the meantime the Don't Bore Bundanoon Committee is assisting the council in preparing its case.

The issue to be decided by the court is not one of environmental damage or traffic or road safety or damage to the roads or the effect on the water table but is a point of law: whether a council approval issued in 1995 is still valid after 12 years. The legal point is whether the project was "physically commenced" within five years of the approval.

Norlex says the work was "commenced" because it put up a power pole in 1997. However, evidence gathered by the Don't Bore Bundanoon Committee and helpful councillors, and legal opinions obtained by the committee, cast very serious doubts on Norlex's case.

The committee is also lobbying the Department of Natural Resources not to renew Norlex's water licence when it comes up for renewal next March on the basis that it has not been used for 13 years and that water resources and

environmental flows are now critical issues of public policy.

The committee has urged Bundanoon residents to "maintain the rage" with their signs (those that were not stolen on Brigadoon weekend) and letters to politicians and has thanked the army of volunteers who have helped in the campaign.

by Harvey Grennan

Tidy town

According to Stephen White we have Trixie to thank for his commitment to keep the main street of Bundanoon clean. She is very quick to point out a discarded cigarette butt, the odd piece of chewed gum or food fragment. 'Disgusting!!' No self respecting dog should have to spend her leisure time in such an unsavoury environment. She has lots of friends who share her concerns and is pleased to meet them on her freshly swept patch.

Stephen acknowledges that Trixie is not a great walker so they both get their exercise while he sweeps the pavements in our CBD. He also points out that if he wasn't 'exercising' he would be sitting, smoking, back to the sun, on a street bench. Definitely a health hazard!



Stephen came to Bundanoon 6 months ago from a property outside Goulburn which became untenable during the continuing severe drought. He is a sculptor and was drawn to Bundanoon for the 'most beautiful sandstone in the world'.

Our community wishes to thank Stephen for his contribution and in turn he says he appreciates the generosity of the main street businesses who reward him (and Trixie) with surprise treats.

Community networking

Since moving to Bundanoon last August I have slowly become involved in community life and in getting to know people. I have developed some wonderful friendships with people already and hope to make many more.

Most people, I have discovered, have moved here to make the 'tree change' that many people dream about and to have a quality of life that involves balance at a slower and richer pace.

A usual conversation goes:
'How long have you been here?'
'About four/five/six years.'
'Do you know many people?'
'Not a lot.'

After this initial conversation I often find that there are some amazing people with incredible talents who don't know where to go or who to contact to pursue them. What a waste of valuable community human resources!

I know we have some wonderful groups already in our community but I am sure there are people who have a diverse range of interests and hobbies who might be interested in networking with other like minded folk in areas such as the arts, craft, photography, fishing, organizing a book club, alternative therapies, meditation or fly fishing to name just a few!

I would be happy to create

a networking database and assist people in contacting others with similar interests. If you would like to be a part of the community network please contact me, with your interest group.

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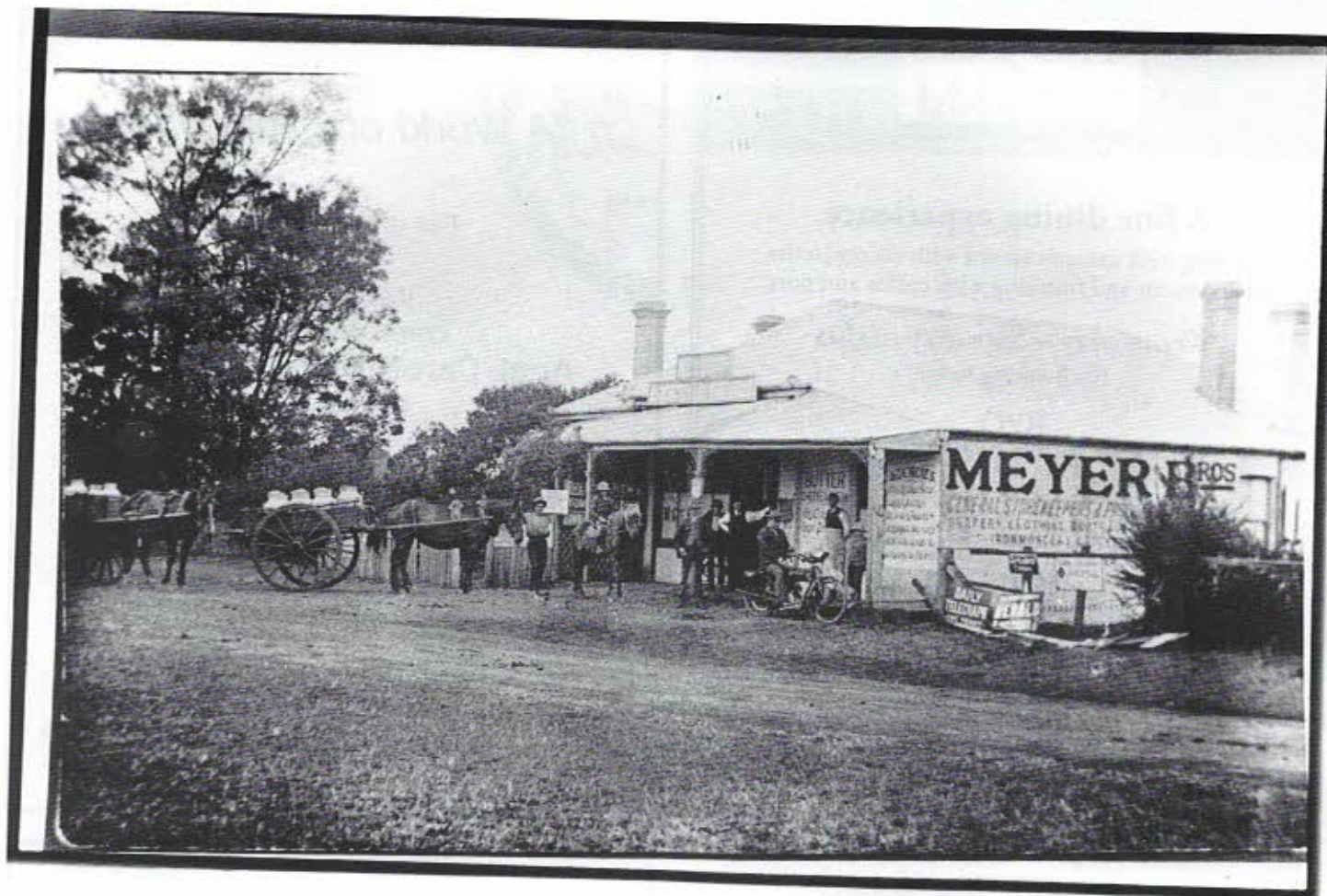
A letter from Lillian Anderson of Bundanoon contained some interesting information about the Leaver family whose history she is documenting.

It's Anzac Day and I would like to tell you about an entry for T. Leaver, on the World War I Honour Roll in the Memorial Hall. Thomas joined up aged 21 as a Driver in the 1st Field Artillery Brigade and embarked at Sydney in October 1914; his occupation was Farmer, Bundanoon. One of his brothers, Dr Harry Leaver, joined up aged 30 in 1916 as a Medical Practitioner and embarked at Sydney in February 1917. Both gave their father, R. Leaver of Mosman as Next of Kin. Robert built Grace Villa on a property which later became known as Shangri-La.

As with so many of our returned soldiers, Thomas returned a somewhat changed man. It is believed that his father thought the small quarry on the property would be an interest for him and Thomas had a little sandstone hut which his younger relatives called 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'.

Also several references have been made to Leaver Park over the years in this magazine and I would like to draw attention to the correct spelling used here. There was an incorrectly spelt sign unofficially affixed to a tree many years ago which endured for sometime, however, Leaver Park Road was officially named in 1997 and the correct sign erected.

Lillian Anderson,
Bundanoon



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In most Australian small towns at that time the general store was an integral part of village life (just as Exeter store is today) – a meeting place where there was always time for a chat and an opportunity to catch up on local gossip.

Thanks to Ossie Emery and Linda Emery for the use of this photograph and text from their book, Exploring Exeter, published in 1998.

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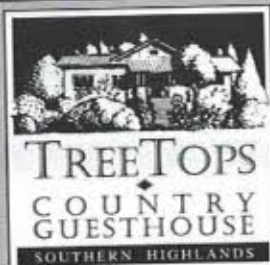


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Saturday 7th July

Piano @ 10 – Hall,
Street stalls, Buskers – Railway Avenue
Mystery bike rides*, Wine tasting**
Sour Dough bread making class***
Art Exhibition Opening – Bundanoon
Bloomery (BB)

Sunday 8th July

9am Pre-loved goods market – Hall
Mystery bike rides*, Art Exhibition

Saturday 14th July

Street stalls, Buskers – Railway Avenue
Mystery bike rides*, Wine tasting**
Sour Dough bread making class***
Art Exhibition (BB)
9am to 12 Dance Aerobics**** – Hall
7pm Bastille Day Dinner – Hall

Sunday 15th July

8am Art, Craft and Produce Market – Hall
Mystery bike rides*, Art Exhibition (BB)

Friday 20th July

Dinner and Show (Miranda Lean & Ann Elbourne),
Bundanoon Club. From 7.30pm
Bookings essential – Jenny 4883 6304

Saturday 21st July

Street stalls, Buskers – Railway Avenue
Mystery bike rides*, Wine tasting**
Sour Dough bread making class***
Art Exhibition (BB)
9am to 12 Dance Aerobics**** – Hall
3pm Folk music afternoon – Hall (\$15)
(Info – Michael Flint 4883 6588)

Sunday 22nd July

Mystery bike rides*, Art Exhibition (BB)
12 – 5pm Blues/jazz afternoon,
Bundanoon Hotel

Saturday 28th July

Street stalls, Buskers – Railway Avenue
Mystery bike rides*, Wine tasting**
Sour Dough bread making class***
Art Exhibition (BB)
9am to 12 Dance Aerobics**** – Hall
1pm Lunch Footy Roast – Bundanoon
Club
Bookings essential – David Morgan
4883 6857
5pm Movie (Some Like It Hot) – Hall

Sunday 29th July

Family Gala Sports Day with live music, bar-b-q and
lots of prizes – Bundanoon Oval Midday to 5pm.
Tennis, soccer and bowls, children's bike races,
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The courtesy buses were busy shuttling people back and forth to the village main street, where shops, cafés and pavements groaned with the weight of numbers.

The sun did come out for a small spell but was hidden behind a cloud when the record 26 pipe and drum bands rendered *Amazing Grace* – a hair-raising finale to a grand day.

*adj. Scot., damp, dreary, drizzly



and at the end of a long day, it was time to pack up and head home...

Photos: Colleen Shepherd





Pedalling words

by Huw Kingston

We're lucky in the beautiful Southern Villages that most of our roads and tracks are relatively quiet (imagine what regular cycling in Sydney is like!). But all of us, cyclists and drivers, need to respect and understand each other on the road.

Sometimes, insulated in the car, you can be excused for thinking that the cyclist in front of you can see and hear everything. We can't! Here are some pointers for safe driving when cyclists are on the road.

- **Cycling deafness** – When you come up behind a cyclist don't assume they can hear you. The wind across the ears (particularly when going fast downhill but often on the flat too) means that cyclists usually can't hear a car behind them.
- **Swerving cyclists** – Always be aware that a rider may suddenly swerve out from the edge of the road. Just as you might swerve to avoid a big pothole, cyclists may do likewise for much smaller holes. This is particularly the case for road cyclists with their very skinny tyres. Also when a rider looks behind them there's a natural tendency to swerve out a bit.
- **Two up is legal** – Cyclists are entitled by law to ride 2 abreast on the road. They're not doing it to annoy you! Most cyclists will pull into single file if the road is narrow to let you pass.
- **Honk if you're happy** – When you're overtaking a rider we really appreciate if you can give us a wide berth. There's also no harm in giving a friendly hoot of the horn when you're about to do so.

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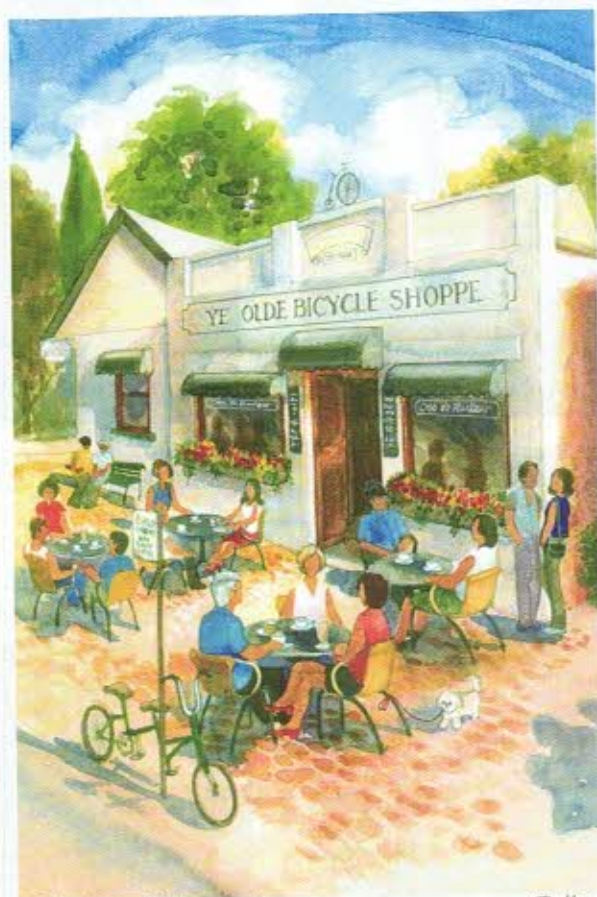
- **Dip the headlights** – Just as you would for oncoming cars, so do it for cyclists. We too get blinded by full beam lights when riding at night.
- **On the dirt** – We love it if you slow down to reduce the shower of dust. With more and more riders on the local forest and national park tracks just be aware that you could come across a cyclist anywhere.

In conjunction with Forests NSW we're constructing some superb mountain bike 'singletrack' in Wingello State Forest. 'Singletrack' is the Holy Grail for many mountain bikers and is basically the width of a walking track. So far some 6km has been built and we hope to add another 6km or so this winter. In mid-April 400 riders turned up for a race there and proclaimed the tracks 'awesome'! The track forms part of the VAUDE Highland Fling route too. This will be a great sports facility for the local riders as well as a draw-card for riders from all over.

If you'd like to help at a forthcoming Working Bee then please contact me. Dates: 26 May, 28/29 July, 25/26 August.

Another piece of news is that there is a new bike shop in Bowral. Last year well known professional rider, Brad McGee, bought a home in the Highlands. Whilst he is overseas most of the year racing (including in the Tour De France) he and his brother Rod have opened McGee's Cycling Store on Boolwey Street. Another option to get advice and look at bikes.

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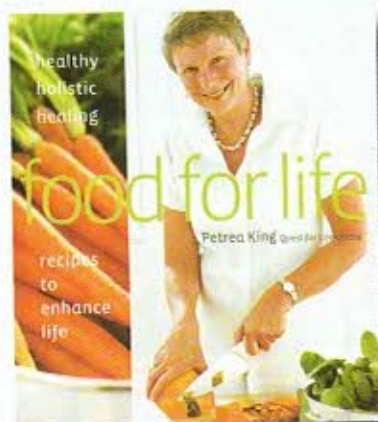
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A good read

by Marianne Ward

people

There has been a worldwide trend towards reading groups over recent decades and publishers even print "book group" editions with lists of questions at the back.

Several groups meet regularly in Bundanoon and one (pictured) is celebrating its tenth birthday this month. Book groups come in many different forms – from the very ordered and academic to the informal and friendly. Most groups meet monthly and have one member who co-ordinates the meetings – maybe the same person each month or the member at whose home the meeting is to be held. Food and drinks are often an added attraction at meetings. However a highlight in the year is the annual Christmas gathering!

This activity appeals particularly to women although some include men who enjoy reading (and good company). It can be more difficult to find titles to please all! This is overcome by one enterprising group in Bundanoon who have only 'men only' members.

A 'neutral' meeting place is sometimes a preferred option. The 10 year old Bundanoon Book Group first met over coffee at the Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe, with a notice in the window inviting people to come on in and join. Eventually this group became too big (and perhaps too noisy) and now meets monthly at Bundanoon YHA.

Some book groups choose their reading for up to a year ahead. Some work on just three months. Some only read in one interest area, e.g. armchair travel, biography, short stories, history. Others work in with a central organisation (e.g. Continuing Education) which sends out books, reading notes and questions for a small

fee. Most seem to work best with eight to ten members, allowing for occasional absences. There are other ways of gathering people together to share this universal pleasure and if you can't find a group to join why not start your own? It's easy! Place a notice in the post office, a shop window or just mention it at your favourite coffee shop.

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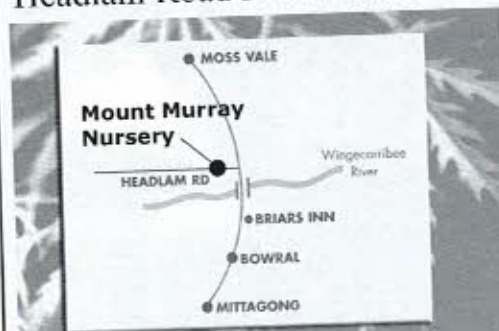
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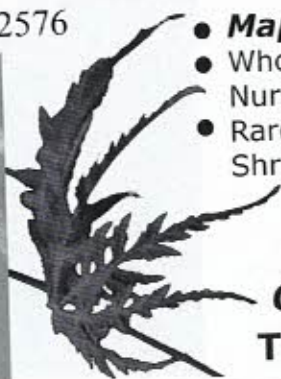
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Pavithra and Sugashini at Uluru Children's Home

Making a difference

by Lucy Bainger

The Uluru Children's Home in Southern India is run by the East West Foundation based in Melbourne. I worked there for a month in January and want to thank everyone here in the Highlands who supported this project with donations and to tell you about my experience. Volunteering there was a truly wonderful experience; it was very hard to say goodbye.

While living at UCH I realised that what the children need most are on-going, educative supports. The children are well cared for in terms of food and shelter but their education and emotional well-being needs lots of improvement. Regular classes are something they really need and enjoy; learning that involves close contact with a teacher, providing a stable and consistent nurturing.

I spent a lot of my time at UCH teaching drumming, recorder and English. A little boy called Yogaraj, a tsunami orphan, was especially gifted, and lots of the other children really enjoyed playing the drums which is a big part of the Tamil music traditional to the area. Thanks to the donations I have been able to arrange for Yogaraj to have a drumming lesson in near-by Pondicherry every Sunday. We will also purchase a few more sets of tabla drums (we only had one set) so the children can play in small groups to enable them to learn together. Yogaraj will teach them all he learns each Sunday. This has taken a seemingly impossible amount of time to arrange – but that's India. Patience is essential!

Before I left for India, a number of generous friends and family raised \$ 800, to help make my visit more effective. While living with the children, I used some of the money to buy drums which they can play freely, lots of bananas and nuts to supplement the protein-poor diet and various other sundries. This included a boat trip to take all the children swimming in the Bay of Bengal – a rare treat which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

The remaining funds will pay for Yogaraj's drumming lessons for at least a few years, which gives him a real future; a chance to escape poverty and destitution. Currently I and other volunteers are working to provide bicycles to ride to school, and to radically improve the children's general standard of education. Progress will be slow but together we can make a real difference to the well-being of these truly delightful children.



Country living

by Keith McMenemy

A walk among the pioneers

I have long been fascinated by graveyards. Initially the variety of monuments appealed and later I found such places to be a great reference point for the history of a locality. Europe has a monopoly on such achingly beautiful locations, enhanced by accompanying churches. A 12th century village church and graveyard was only a few steps from the cottage in England where we spent a year. Tombstones, covered with moss and lichen, rested on grassy mounds beneath ancient Yew trees. In Oxfordshire we even came across the stones of some ancestors. In Australia most urban cemeteries can be somewhat forbidding while the current trend to cremation produces some very anaesthetic memorial walls. Others scatter ashes without any memorial record; so much for history! Nevertheless our older country cemeteries, located out of town, still maintain a certain rugged, appealing dignity. This could be said of Bundanoon and Penrose and they are well worth a visit. After all, this is where many who settled the district, built the railways and stores, cleared and farmed the land, ended up. Here is where they 'rest', as my grandparents would have put it. Tombstones vary greatly and even if one doesn't know the occupants, there are small clues.

We visited Penrose predecessors at the side of a bush track where the township was first planned (west of the present station and store) on the dry north side of the line. Here the post and rail enclosure has long since collapsed and the signboard is not far behind. Despite evidence of 'wheelie' activity around some of the stones, what strikes you about these otherwise hallowed places is the poignant contrast between elaborate and expensive obelisks brought all the way from Sydney and the rough arrangements of bush rock or wooden crosses on unnamed and infant graves. A surprising proportion of deaths were from accident and sickness. In the 19th century almost a third of poor bush children did not survive. But there is a lighter side. While I photographed the scattered headstones a neighbour (and local 'historian') pulled up in his ute. He recounted a wealth of stories for us, some hilarious, while pardon the pun, bringing the stones back to life. Walking along the lines he pointed out parents, neighbours and school chums. Even scraps of timber or a solitary boulder marked a lifetime and story to go with them. His commentary, punctuated with priceless incidents, continued where bare patches of grass revealed only coffin-shaped depressions. The first Europeans were 19th century selectors, timber getters, and later railway workers, bush battlers and their children. These, early and more recent migrants died far from birthplaces – an old bush bachelor and dogs all found dead in bed at 'Melville', a ganger who fell under the train, people burnt in bushfires or killed on the level crossings. This might be a tall yarn but there is supposedly the grave of a woman buried with her husband one side and lover on the other.

Cemeteries are a tangible link with those who struggled against the odds, and a sobering reminder of how temporary and open to chance each life experience is. Our excursion was inspiring rather than morbid but reminded us that any grand or compelling project should not distract us from just enjoying being here.



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OUR HISTORY

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However the past is not without its fascination, as evidenced by the multitude of museums situated throughout New South Wales and the fact that over sixty local historical societies operate in Sydney alone.

It could be argued that Bundanoon's history commenced when the area was explored in 1818 by Charles Throsby but prior to that it had been a meeting and trading place for the Wadi-wadi and Gandagara aboriginal peoples.

After the passing of the Land Act of 1861 selectors began taking up land near the location of present day Bundanoon. In 1868 the railway had arrived and a station named Jordan's Crossing built.

Settlement followed the railway as there was now a way of transporting the produce available from the Bundanoon district. Two coal mines and at least three timber mills sourced their product from the gullies. There was enough timber and coal to warrant Erith and Ringwood coal mines along with Amos' timber mill having their own railway sidings. The last of these was dismantled when the line was duplicated in 1915.

By 1870 the Primitive Methodist Church had been established, with this building also serving as the first school. A new school of two rooms was built in 1880 and is still used as the school library. In 1872 the first post office was opened.

In 1879 the Holy Trinity Anglican Church was built on its present site, although the original timber building was destroyed by bushfire in December in 1904 and rebuilt in stone in 1905. The Uniting Church was built in 1885 and St Brigid's Catholic Church in 1895.

After subdivision of larger properties, the village was officially renamed Bundanoon in 1881. Shops and businesses sprang up on both sides of the railway line. This is partly explained by the fact Ellsmore Road was once the main road

to Sutton Forrest. The first licensed hotel, the Commercial, was in Erith St alongside the site of the existing hotel built in 1922. Early settler Mr. W A Nicolls manufactured his Golden Cross brand powders in the two storey building in Anzac Parade.

Guest houses and tearooms became popular as tourists from Sydney were able to use the railway to access Bundanoon. During the peak years in the early 1900s special trains were run and at one time our village had approximately 68 guest houses. After World War II car ownership allowing travel to destinations further afield became common and the popularity of Bundanoon as a holiday destination declined.

In March 1965 when the population of Bundanoon was 750 the town was nearly destroyed by bushfire. The seriousness of the situation can be appreciated when it is realised that the same fire that threatened Bundanoon, in a period of just four hours, destroyed 43 homes out of about 130 at Wingello and Tallong.

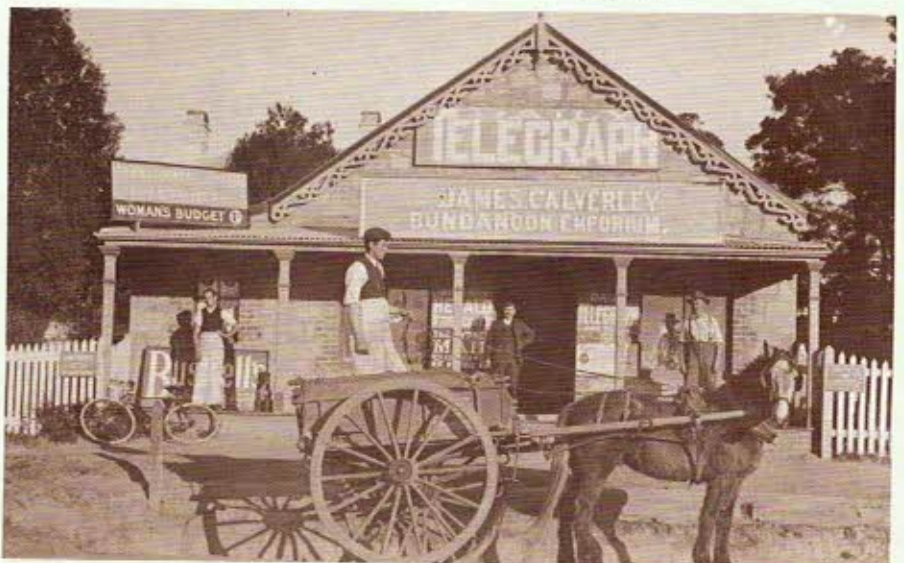
These are the events that provided the framework for the evolution of our village into what it is today.



Amos Sawmill

Gil Wheaton

General Store, Railway Avenue, Bundanoon



Christmas at "The Knoll", 1932



David Powell tells how the history and development of Bundanoon are inextricably linked with coal – poor quality coal at that.

What made Bundanoon's poor quality coal viable? For a time it was the proximity of the Erith and Ringwood mines to the railway which needed coal to power its steam locomotives.

The archives of the Bundanoon History Group also mention a mine called Rock-roof or Rock-reef in the 1860s, possibly in the vicinity of the Erith mine, but no documentary evidence can be found to support the claim.

Bundanoon Village is located over the extensive south western coal field which extends from Camden to Wollongong. What helped bring mining to Bundanoon was the fact that the coal seam was exposed and visible in the escarpments above Bundanoon Creek.

The Great Southern Railway was extended between 1864 to 1868 from Badgery's Creek Siding (now Exeter) to Barber's Creek (now Tallong) through Jordan's Crossing (now Bundanoon).

The Ringwood mine north of Bundanoon started selling coal to the railway in 1869. Martin Larkin had taken out mineral rights on his property at the junction of Bundanoon and Indigo Creeks in 1867. It was carried by horse and dray to the railway where it was dumped into rail trucks to be removed by goods train at night.

In October, 1884 T.S. Huntley, Atchison and Thomas Saywell and Sons of Sydney leased the property and established an access into the 300 cm thick coal seam some 85 metres below the escarpment cliff top.

However, due to the relatively poor quality of the coal and the subsequent lack of sales, mining was suspended...

A platform was built out from the cliff top and fitted with cable winding gear. Skips full of coal were winched by a stationary engine to a tramway where they were coupled together and drawn by a powered cable 2.4 km to a rail siding. The siding, about 120 metres long, was of poor construction and on a steep incline.

In 1885 the mine was abandoned and the plant sold. The property freehold was retained by Mr Larkin.

In 1896 the Ringwood Colliery was reopened by James Collins of Glebe, Sydney, who proceeded to refit the mine. During 1896 to 1897, 3,282 tonnes of coal a year was mined by 11 men and this output was maintained until 1904 when operations were temporarily suspended because of bushfires.

A new rail siding about 400 metres long was constructed in 1896 and with a reduced slope could accept the longest train of that time.

The Ringwood mine closed in 1912 after the Railway Department introduced a new model steam locomotive which was unable to operate on the rail siding incline.

The Department of Mines reported that the mine was reopened in October 29, 1923 but production was abandoned on May 16, 1924. The mine site today is on private property and not accessible to the public. Remains of the old tramway linking the mine to the main railway are still visible near the rail bridge between Exeter and Bundanoon.

In 1881, E.A. Baker and Sons opened the Erith Colliery on the escarpment 3 km kilometres south of Bundanoon, also to supply the Railway Department.

The mine entrance was 25 metres below the cliff top in the vicinity of a waterfall. A wooden platform projected over the valley, and through a hole in the platform skips loaded with coal were drawn by horse along a private light rail for about 1 km to South Lampton, along what is now Coal Mines Road. The coal was screened and loaded into railway wagons.

Production at the mine rose from 50 tonnes a day with 18 men in 1881-82 to an annual peak of 10,492 tonnes with 40 men in 1883-84. However, due to the relatively poor quality of the coal and the subsequent lack of sales, mining was suspended in March 1887 and the property of 100 hectares plus winding engine, tram line, tools, etc. was advertised for sale through Tucker & Co. of Sydney.

In 1896 Messrs. Palmer and Coppard reopened the mine but it did not last – production ceased the same year. Finally, on September 13, 1915 the colliery siding was removed and the history of the Erith mine came to an end. The entrance is now within the Morton National Park and can be seen from one of the public look-outs.



Ringwood Coal Mine engine house

A debt of gratitude

by Rosemary Kirkby

In 1854 a young couple, Henry and Eva Hennes, migrated to Australia from Frankfort-on-Maine in Germany. Henry obtained work at Ivy Hall in Exeter as a gardener for the Badgery family and, by the beginning of 1864, the couple had a family of three daughters and a son.

On May 7, 1864 Eva, aged 35, died 10 hours after giving birth to twin boys, Johan and George, at Ivy Hall. Johan died of a liver complaint at four months of age and George of diphtheria at 13 months. Both twins are buried with their mother in St Patrick's Catholic Churchyard at Sutton Forest next to the Ellsmore family graves.

It seems very unlikely that a migrant gardener with six children under the age of 10 could have afforded the elaborate headstone which graces the grave of Eva, Johan and George. Henry had no other family in Australia so it must have been almost impossible for him to care for his family without the help of neighbours and the local church community.

A clue to his possible benefactor may be the name William Ellsmore of Privet Flats found recently on Eva's death certificate as the informant. Also, the hand-written records in the Moss Vale Presbytery show that when the twin boys were baptised on May 9, 1864 at St Patrick's William Ellsmore and John Ellsmore were sponsors.

Henry never remarried after Eva's death and died a pauper aged 82 on October 9, 1907 in the Liverpool Asylum Hospital.

It can only be concluded that the Ellsmore family was of great assistance and comfort to Henry and his children after the death of Eva. The fact that Eva, Johan and George's grave is set among those of the Ellsmore family further testifies to the closeness of the two families.

It is only the gift of Eva's headstone (Henry is buried in an unmarked grave at Liverpool) that has given the descendants of the Hennes any tangible link with their past. Mary Madeline Hennes, the daughter of Henry and Eva, is the great-grandmother of John Kirkby of Bundanoon and the great-great-great grandmother of Emily and Pippi Eccleston of Exeter.

This is an abridged version of a Hennes family history which has been researched by Rosemary Kirkby with the assistance of Mrs. Mary Condon who is a descendant of the first John Ellsmore in Australia. The Bundanoon History Group has on file the complete text of this story which is an example of the valuable documents held in their collection. If you have further information about this family, please contact Rosemary Kirkby PO Box 298 Bundanoon. 2578



Hennes and Ellsmore family graves, St Patrick's Catholic Church cemetery, Sutton Forest

Jackman's Cottage

This little sandstone cottage was built in 1877-78 by Thomas and Charlotte Trood.

Sandstone blocks used were rejects from those cut for Goulburn Courthouse.

There is still a large camellia planted in 1890 in the garden.

The Trood family lived there until the early 1900's. Later generations lived in Victoria St.

Although extended and renovated, the original two-room cottage is still clearly evident. Inside the house there are large sandstone blocks visible along the western side wall and the fireplace still has hooks for hanging cooking pots.

The cottage next door was originally Jackman's Cottage; it burnt down in the 1905 bushfires

and later the name was moved to the sandstone building. It is possible that the Jackman family also moved to the stone cottage.

From the History Group files: Information supplied by the late Joseph Trood, grandson of the original builder.

Jackman's Cottage, Governors Street, Bundanoon; threatened by road widening for Norlex development



A Bundanoon dynasty

by Kate Perkins

'Throughout Wingecarribee you cannot find anyone who doesn't know who Herbert Ellsmore is', wrote Claude McKay of Exeter after H.E. retired from council in 1964. The grand old man of local government, 'a better councillor than he was a farmer' according to his son, Barry, 'served the public nobly' and was duly rewarded for his labours.

Herbert Thomas Ellsmore was born in Sutton Forest on New Year's Day, 1886 and grew up in Canyonleigh. Following the early death of his brother he was sent to boarding school in Goulburn, and after returning to the family farm he had a bullock team, carting goods and wool in the district. He married Sarah Connor, 'the girl next door', and they lived first at Red Cow Farm and later at Beverley Park in Old Argyle Rd. He subsequently purchased 'Forest View', the stone cottage in Blue Gum Rd. now known as Holly Cottage, and ultimately owned one square mile (c. 600 acres) of land in that vicinity.

During the WWI years Herb became interested in local government. He was a foundation member of the Berrima County Council and subsequently chairman of that body from 1956 - 1960. He worked his property during the summer, rabbiting in the winter, grew vegetables, grazed cattle and kept horses. His wife died c.1940 and he later married Delia Quigley who owned a guesthouse, 'le Chalet', in Hill St.

As a councillor Herb was remembered as a good arbitrator, quietly listening to debate while sucking his pipe and taking it all in, then finding a solution to the problem. It was perceived by the Press

...quietly listening to debate while sucking his pipe... then finding a solution to the problem.

that 'it is in no small part due to Cllr. Ellsmore's influence that the council is dealing with more matters in open council'. 'The Post' of December 10, 1968, reported that at a meeting of Bundanoon and district residents where council was being slated over the state of the roads "Cllr. Ellsmore finally rose, waved that stick he carries habitually, and said 'you can have a grader for one day and a truck for four days' ". During his long tenure, commencing with his election to council in 1920, he served terms as deputy president and president between 1928 and 1964 and was also a member of the executive of the Shires Association of NSW from 1958 - 1966. Replying to a toast at a civic testimonial in his honour he quoted Sir Cecil Rhodes who had said 'so much has been done but so much remains to do' - 'the same can be said about Local Government'. He acknowledged the 'many kind and sterling friends' he had made in his long years of service to council. This service was recognized in the 1966 Honours List when Councillor Herbert Thomas Ellsmore was appointed an officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, a well earned OBE. The Editor of The Post suggested that Railway Pde. should be renamed Herbert Ellsmore Parade - that didn't come to pass, but of course Ellsmore Rd. is named in his memory. He died on 9 June, 1976, aged 90.

Barry, meanwhile, had been born in 1926 and after completing his education served a building apprenticeship with the Government in Sydney. Returning to Bundanoon on his 21st birthday he bought



At the opening of aged care units, Moss Vale, 1965 (left to right): Jim Tuddenham; Tom Lewis, MLA Wollondilly; S.T. Stephens, Minister for Housing; Herbert Ellsmore and Roger Street

into a building firm and later became the sole owner. His father had not been a sportsman but Barry played all sports, rode, and played polocrosse. He built Blue Gum, the house in which he still lives with his wife Colleen whom he met when she was holidaying here. Their three children, Peter, Tim and Maree all grew up here, and after obtaining an engineering degree Peter established his business and lives with his wife Sonia on the hill overlooking Blue Gum Rd. Their children Melissa, Kimberley and Christopher are five generations from their great-great-grandparents in the Sutton Forest of the mid 1800's. (See story on previous page.)

It seems remiss to skip over the valuable contribution that Peter Ellsmore and his father Barry have made to community life in Bundanoon but it has come to our notice that Kimberley participated in an international competition for fashion models and through jcg our community recognises her success.

Herb Ellsmore, let alone his parents, never owned or drove a car. What an enormous leap forward for Kimberley, at 18, to be boarding planes for China and Dubai. Her great-grandfather, who grew up with bullock drays, horse-drawn vehicles in the early days, oil-burning lights and kerosene heating until power and electricity were supplied to Blue Gum Road after WWII, could not possibly have envisaged such a jet-setting existence. Since leaving school and completing a computer course at TAFE, Kimberley had done a little modelling and pageant work in Wollongong and was persuaded to take part in an event at Darling Harbour which she won, from 80 entrants. This entitled her to enter the 'Top Model of the World' competition in China. Accompanied by her parents she spent three weeks based in Beijing, travelling to other locations by plane (seven flights) and bus, often in sub-zero conditions. There were young women representing 52 countries. The girls were given the red carpet treatment and good TV exposure. The Brazilian entrant won the competition and Kimberley was voted Miss Congeniality by her peers. She is one of eight of those 52 to have been invited to Dubai to model haute couture for top designers from around the world, a big coup for a girl from a small country town. She hopes to further her career in this field and we certainly wish her well.



Kincoppal goes bush

history

Almost 90 students (pictured right) and nuns from Kincoppal Convent at Rose Bay were evacuated to Greenways guest house in Garland Road when the school was occupied by the US Navy during World War II.

Sandy Powell, 2007, History Group, writes:

We rode on the steam train, to Bundanoon en masse. I was aged 8 and clutched a bag of purple grapes. My torso was wrapped in brown paper to prevent train sickness – a terrible embarrassment for a very small person.

The school was pretty well self-contained. We had a German priest and Stan the handyman with horse and dray. Four locals, sisters Helen, Pat, Anne and Molly English and my brothers Douglass and Ian were the only "day" pupils.

Cold Bundanoon! We all wore pixie caps knitted by loving grandmothers, and layers of jumpers. There was ice on all the puddles – and mud. One classroom had fold-down beds around the walls – efficient space savers, fun to sleep in.

Nightly, traps were set outside and all night we heard the awful sound of rabbits crying as they were caught in the traps – Rabbit stew next night! We had a large vegetable garden and we littlies would pick peas and strawberries.

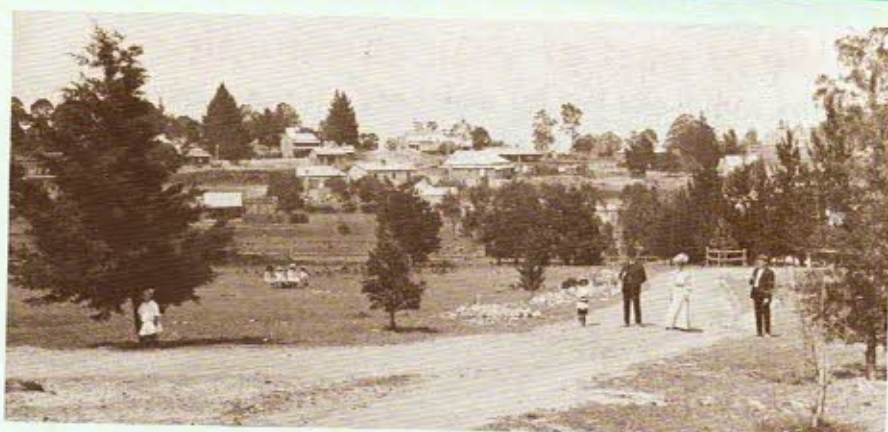
Public holidays not celebrated, but one day a term we would have Rev. Mother's Feast and Stan would load the picnic onto the dray and head off to Glow Worm Glen. We all had to carry things for the last steep section.

Maureen McGauran (aged 17 in 1942 and in her last year at school), later Mrs. Maureen Chance, wrote in 1985:

It was a big adventure to us. We went down to Bundanoon by train in a special carriage. Because there was no motor transport, we formed a crocodile and walked to the guesthouse. There were no dormitories. We slept in rooms, about four to each room – one older girl and three younger ones. Some of the girls would only have been about seven or eight. We had to mother them.

We were a lot freer at Bundanoon, the nuns too. You would see them hitching up their skirts to go over fences and striding through paddocks. We went on bush picnics and had fresh milk and cream. The nuns used to give us the War news at meal times and we were worried about our families in Sydney, especially the girls whose fathers were away fighting. When the Prime Minister, or someone important, was giving a speech, we would be trundled in to listen on the nuns' radio.

The girls put on entertainments and invited the villagers so they could collect for War charities.



A selection of local historical photos supplied by Bundanoon History Group. Thanks to Pat Guy and Alec Cameron for their assistance.



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- ★ Exercise class Mondays 9am
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- ★ Anzac Day luncheon for RSL
- ★ Charity Rugby Day
- ★ Mission Australia charity bingo night
- ★ District bowls visit from Newcastle
- ★ Cricket Club trivia night and Presentation night
- ★ Soccer club Disco
- ★ Brigadoon
- ★ Soccer club Trivia night

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| ★ WinterFest dinner* | Sat July 7 |
| ★ Oral history seminar* | Wed July 11 |
| ★ Football tragics lunch* | Sat July 28, 1pm |
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Walking the talk

by Marianne Ward

history

There is in Bundanoon a treasure trove of stories, from earliest Settlement to today. I have been anxious to capture some of these wonderful stories as oral history – the voices often can tell as much as the words.

I undertook a course in Oral History at the State Library of NSW, in October 2005 and started interviewing some of Bundanoon's residents on behalf of the Bundanoon History Group. Obviously the first person I interviewed was Lucy Rocca, a fifth generation Bundanoon resident who had lived here most of her life and who had a vast knowledge of local history. Lucy had been involved with the History Group since its beginnings, and had helped to develop the excellent archive of articles and photographs. Now the archive has another aspect – her voice telling her family's story and that of Bundanoon.

Lucy and I had some amusing moments as we recorded the first tape and at the end there was still a lot to cover, so we made another where we mentally "walked" the main street with Lucy telling the stories of each building. Only six months later Lucy died quite suddenly and Bundanoon lost a wonderful local historian and raconteur.

Since talking to Lucy I have been capturing the memories of other members of the community including Isobel Greason, Jean Terry, Audrey Petersen, Mary, Joan and Freda (Lansdown), Mick and Judy Greason, Noel and Joy Phillips, Ross Counsell, Barry

and Colleen Ellsmore, Fred and Irene Angel – and my list of names is being added to almost daily.

Many of those I have interviewed were classmates together at Bundanoon Public School (when it only had two classrooms) and then went on to Bowral High School on the 8am train returning at night in two carriages – one for the boys and one for the girls – tacked on the end of a goods train which often had to go into "the loop" to allow a passenger train past.

And then there were the entertainments – movies in the "old" hall near the hotel, and dances and plays – circuses visiting, sometimes three a year with all the animals. A highlight was the huge bonfire for Empire Day during the May school holidays, with wood collected by local children for days beforehand. Community stories abound – and all have vivid memories of major threats to the village such as the bushfires of 1939 and 1965.

The one thing that stands out is everyone's willing involvement in so many voluntary projects – such as building the swimming pool, beautifying the village approaches, and building and maintaining the tracks in the Bundanoon Gullies.

The Bundanoon History Group is planning a coffee morning on Wednesday 11 July at the Bundanoon Club to give the wider community a chance to hear some of these stories. All are welcome – gold coin donation at the door.



The Lansdown sisters walking Felix, 1962

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Peace of nature

Gabrielle Stewart's art reflects her love of nature and her love of life. She has lived in many parts of the world and came to Bundanoon two years ago. Her assistance and designs were an integral part of the path at the entrance to Bundanoon Primary School. Gabrielle had a career as a teacher as well as a number of years as 'general merchant' in the little village of Frogmore near Cowra where she lived with her husband and family of five children. Her husband, Anthony died while the children were still at school and she stayed at Frogmore then moved to Murrumbateman. As well as drawing, painting and sculpting

Gabrielle has always been a writer and many of her paintings have accompanying poems.

It was a long held dream of Gabrielle's to circumnavigate the world on square rigged ships and she had her first experience of sailing on the Eye of the Wind during the Bicentenary celebrations in 1988. She took three years leave from teaching in 1991 and ran away to sea. After joining the crew of the Soren Larsen for the trip from Australia to Europe

via Cape Horn Gabrielle then sailed up the east coast of America on the Anna Kristina as part of the Columbus reenactment celebrations in 1992. She has sailed to East Timor on a catamaran and circumnavigated Australia during the Matthew Flinders bi-centenary. It took 15 years but she completed her odyssey by rounding the Cape of Good Hope in 2003.

Gabrielle's works range from abstract to ultra-realism. Her paintings of the sea are a result of days and nights on watch. She made many sketches in pencil, gouache, watercolour and ink and her final oil paintings were done 'while at anchor' in her studio.

Northern Australia has been the inspiration for more recent works. She has portrayed the drama of the coming of the wet in her paintings at Katherine and the massive rock formations near the Gulf of Carpentaria, know as the Lost Cities. Her work captures the immense energy of the earth upheaval millions of years ago. Gabrielle explains 'There is also a sense of tranquility, a freedom from disorder, found in the folds and wrinkles, running through the great rock masses.'

An exhibition in 2006 was titled Peace of Nature and Gabrielle continues to immerse herself in the beauty of our environment as a source for her creativity.

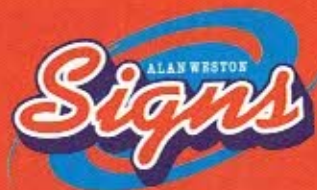
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Picnic recollections

From Bundanoon Public School in the years 1931–1936:
a personal account by Douglas W Menally, published 1994

The Annual School Picnic took place on a Saturday and in a general sense could be considered truly educative because it involved the school staff, the children and the parents in a conjoint activity – a social activity.

Joe Counsel always ordered the keg of ginger beer from Sydney for the occasion, saw that it was collected from the railway good shed and, on picnic day, set the keg up in the large weather shed.

On the day all children, including family members who were too young to go to school, received a bag of lollies. They were mixed lollies in small white paper bags and these were prepared a few days in advance of the picnic by some of the mothers. The method of preparation was straight forward with the different sorts of lollies being bought in bulk from Sydney. Each year the venue for the preparation of the lolly bags changed and it so happened that one year the packing was done at my mother's place. This was indeed a fortuitous circumstance for my brother and me because my brother and I used to get under the large table where the packing was done and every now and again one of the ladies would put her hand, holding a lolly, down beside her chair whereupon the lolly was seized by my brother or me which was exactly what the ladies intended. The ladies, of course, feigned indignation at these 'desperados' who were filching the lollies but it was clear that the ladies enjoyed the task and each other's company and that my brother and I enjoyed the lollies and the feigned indignation.

The other main activity which preceded the school picnic was cake making for on the day of the picnic all sorts of cakes were brought by mothers and put into the 'pool' of cakes from which both children and parents drew at the appropriate time.

The school picnic was an all day affair beginning mid morning with foot races based on age and sex and, from memory, the

prizes were in the form of money with the winner being awarded a shilling, the second a sixpence and the third a threepence. There were also novelty races such as the sack race, the egg and spoon race and the three-legged race. There were also novelty races for parents, parents and children such as the mother-daughter, father-son three-legged race. Other novelty events were the tug-o-war with hoards of children pulling against a few parents and, what would be considered sexist today, a nail driving contest for women. The latter contest, which could be scored in different ways, involved driving a nail or nails into a large block of softwood.

The day's activities were interrupted by lunch which was the time that Joe Counsel performed the 'ceremony' of tapping the keg much to the delight of the assembled children and probably quite a few parents too. As plastic cups either had not been invented then or were not in vogue, each child had to bring a mug or panniken for the express purpose of collecting his or her portion of the ginger beer, although the keg seemed to last for ages so that each child had as was commonly said in those days 'an elegant sufficiency'.

My recollection of the school picnics is that they were thoroughly enjoyable events conducted in a warm accepting atmosphere where for one day the children held the centre stage and the parents demonstrated in a tangible way their care and concern for the children of the village. In addition, the occasion provided a first rate opportunity for the parents and interested citizens to get together in the planning and organisation of what was not only an enjoyable time for children but also a welcome opportunity for interaction with the teachers, their own children, other children and other adults in an atmosphere which emphasised social concern and a well defined community.

Holiday memories

by Anthony White



...it rained continuously for a week, fining up brilliantly for our departure...



May 1953. Just fourteen and full of life, I was excited to be travelling by steam train to Bundanoon for the first time. We were booked into 'The Knoll' Guesthouse - a superb building with large ballroom and beautiful dining area overlooking rolling mountains to the east. My first discovery was a tiny cemetery - several headstones enclosed by a metal fence - just beyond the water tank about 100 metres away. And then... it rained continuously for a week, fining up brilliantly for our departure morning.

Undeterred, I revisited Bundanoon many times in the fifties and sixties, staying at either 'The Knoll' or 'Rosnel' where mixed handicap golf on the course behind the Catholic Church, tennis

tournaments, cycling... and card 'schools' in the evenings were organised for our entertainment.

The Bundanoon Hotel attracted many guests, but 'us youngies' headed for Pierre's Cafe in the main street, with dancing and coffee in the semi-darkness until 1.30am. The street lights were (fortuitously) turned off at midnight, and we delighted in walking back from Pierre's or Glow Worm Glen, hand-in-hand with new-found girlfriends.

These days my links with 'Bundy' have been reformed, visiting old friends there and, in the process somehow becoming honorary auditor of Bundanoon Tennis Club!

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A century of bushfires

by Rosemary Page

The first recorded disastrous bushfire in Bundanoon was in 1904. Several buildings were lost, including the wooden slab Church of England.

The next recorded fire was on 14 January 1939, when large parts of the district were devastated, Bundanoon losing 12 houses. January was just about the busiest time for tourists, and most guest houses were full. It was a frightening time, with the town covered by a thick pall of smoke. Guests hurriedly packed and a crowd gathered on the railway station awaiting trains to take them back to Sydney, but trains were in short supply, as sleepers on the railway line were on fire.

In March 1965 Bundanoon was once again threatened by a large fire which started outside Goulburn and raced towards Bundanoon, devastating Tallong and Wingello on the way. Firefighters were able to save much of Penrose, but by the evening of 6 March the fire, which was burning on a wide front, reached the outskirts of Bundanoon.

Local fire fighters were assisted by a large body of troops from Holsworthy Army Camp.

Mr. Ross Counsell related "The bushfire came to Bundanoon via the gullies. It began on 5th March 1965 and kept us busy for 10 days. It burnt 32 houses in Wingello; 24 houses, the shop and Post Office in Tallong, and only two houses in Bundanoon.

Birds and native animals were driven from the gullies and took refuge in the cleared areas. At Riverview Lookout fire-fighters filled their helmets with water for the terrified animals to drink."

A wedding was held in the Anglican Church on the Saturday afternoon, despite all the turmoil. It was delayed by two hours because the groom could not get to the church as all access roads to Bundanoon had been closed by firefighters; they then had to wait for the Rector who had been fighting fires. After the wedding the bride and groom stayed on to help the firefighters. Amusingly, a local paper reporting the wedding described the bride's mother's costume as having "burnt brown accessories".

The last fire to pass through this area was in January 1983. It swept through Morton National Park, through Kangaroo Valley and on towards Nowra, leaving Bundanoon township untouched.

Today the Bundanoon Rural Fire Brigade is one of the best equipped and efficient units in the Wingecarribee Shire. We are justly proud of our achievements and encourage all residents to be always aware of the danger of bushfires.



DIY know-how

by Patrick Fitzgerald

'R'-rated living

Let's talk about 'R'-rated material. No – not sex, but... **I**nsulation. Did you know that in an uninsulated house there is 25% of heat lost through the roof, 10-15% lost through wood floors and 20% lost through the walls? Insulating every part of your house makes good sense, saving power and keeping you warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

So which products get the best results?

House insulation products are measured according to their thermal resistance; R4 being the highest, and R0 the lowest.

There is a variety of materials used these days – here's a cross section:

Polyester: easy to use, clean, hypoallergenic, no protective measures needed (i.e. no gloves or glasses), does not retain moisture. They can be bought as batts (pre-cut) for walls, or as rolls for ceilings. More expensive than fibreglass. *Rating: R 1.5 to R 3.8*

Fibreglass: the older style of insulation, cheapest type, easy to cut, but very uncomfortable to use, especially in ceilings (protective gloves and glasses essential), some deterioration over time. *Rating: R 1.5 to R 3.5*

Sisalation: a thin laminated silver-blue material used under roofs, between a timber frame and outside walls. It is waterproof, preventing condensation build up. *Rating from R 0.5 to R 1*

Silver Batts: double or triple air pockets of aluminium foil which is extremely easy to use and very effective. Only scissors are required to cut and install. Mainly used in ceilings and under floors, but quite expensive. Air pockets tend to collapse reducing R rating. *Rating: R 2 to R 3.5*

Aircell: a double skinned aluminium with bubble air pockets. A great product which is easy to use but very expensive. A 40 mm gap between the air cell and the external and internal finish is essential as it should not be in direct contact with walls. *Rating: R 1.5 to R 2 if used correctly.*

Blanket: for use under iron roofs. Comprised of glass insulation glued to aluminium foil combiningarking of roof and insulation. Cheap and easy to use. Ratings are lower than claimed due to compression on roof, so should be used in conjunction with ceiling insulation. *Rating: R 1.5 to R 2.5 (R 1 to R 1.5 if used alone).*

Sonobatt: promoted for use as sound insulation, so it is quite expensive, but has a very high R rating. Awkward to use due to its high density fibreglass but offers a high rating for wall cavities. *Rating: R 3 to R 3.5*

As well as insulation, don't forget to cover any glass with heavy drapes, add foam sealers and draft stoppers to doors, install reverse ceiling fans and design/use windows for cross ventilation to release heat build up in summer.

We all need to wrap up snugly for the coming Bundanoon winter – why not save on your heating costs, spare the environment and wrap up your house warmly too – now there's a hot tip!



CWA news

Our tireless President, Kath Smith, works hard to find interesting and inspiring speakers for our monthly meetings. So far this year we have heard from Wingecarribee Community Foundation and Volunteering Wingecarribee. These are local organisations - new to most of us. April saw us being involved with Anzac Day and Brigadoon and proficient knitters have been moved to make tiny vests for newborn

info

Monthly Meetings -
1st Thursdays at 1pm.

Just a thought: A poor excuse is like an old bucket - no matter what shape it's in as long as it holds water!

African babies suffering from AIDS. We now have around 50 of these little garments which will be distributed through World Vision.

We can all look forward to Winterfest where we will be holding street stalls. July will not be quiet in Bundanoon's CBD this year!

CWA Annual General Meeting will be held in Jindabyne this year. Our delegate and Treasurer, Margaret McNulty will attend.

Bundanoon branch is twinned with Bogan Gate in South Western New South Wales so we are conscious of the continuing drought there. The branch was pleased to add our small contribution to CWA State Emergency Fund, used in times of great need.

CWA Show Kiosk attended The Royal Easter Show in 2007 for the 60th time!

Don't forget Craft Day on the last Thursday of each month from 10 am - all welcome not just members - bring your lunch - we make a cuppa and you're welcome to stay for all or part of the day.

Josie Cornell, Publicity Officer

Up the garden path

A lower fence at the Quest for Life Centre now fronts onto Ellsmore Road and you may have noticed another new addition to the grounds which was made possible by the Kirby Foundation.

Through a grant, we have been able to lay a cement pathway that will deliver our guests, participants and visitors safely to our doorstep. The new garden pathway leads by beautiful landscaped gardens and ponds next to the gazebo. Further plantings are planned to increase the number of native plants in the front garden area.

These improvements were done by Glen Saunders, our facilities coordinator, who first came into our lives at Quest when he attended a program

in 2003. At that time Glen's twin boys were almost two years of age and he was struggling with advanced cancer. Today Glen works with us four days a week and takes overall responsibility for the grounds and facilities. He and his part-time assistant Wayne Richardson do a simply amazing job of caring for the property. They have both enjoyed the chats they've had with passers-by during the installation and repair of the path and fence.

In March we had Andrew Denton and the film-crew from *Enough Rope* at Quest making a documentary about another of our past participants who likewise is living well with cancer. Annie Robinson was diagnosed with breast cancer when she was pregnant with her first child Bill, who is now seven years old. She recently visited Quest to encourage and inspire the participants in one of our programs. Annie is an inspiration and demonstrates vividly that we don't have to be defined by what happens to us. As a singer, she will be filmed performing with the band 'Enormous Horns' at our



Poetry

Drought

The sun, will it ever set?
Day upon day with never a cloud
The harsh light bleaching all colour.
The buds bloom and wither all in a day.
The sheep are dying, there is no water
The dams are dry, the creeks no trickles.
Grass, what is grass? the farmers cry,
Only dust where once were crops.
Endlessly the cruel sun appears,
There is no shade, the trees are dying.
The air so harsh it sears the lungs.
No place to hide, no friendly shelter
No respite for man or beast.
Nightfall comes, but it brings no ease,
Just blurs the edges of the deep felt grief,
Until they rise to another cloudless day.

Lyn Montgomery

Gingenbullen Mountain

A freeway wheels around your base
And tawny slopes of grazing land
Pylons whistling into wind
Stride past to Jumping Rock
And distant Wingello

As ancient tribes passed overhead
Gingenbullen dreamed through time
The Rainbow Serpent coiled within
Awaits a day when turf will break
And through the mist a form appear
Which will be known as freedom.

Joanne McGrath

Erratum: We wish to apologise to Mary Marks-Chapman for misattributing her poem *Once there were trees* in the March issue of this magazine.

annual fundraising Gala Celebrity Dinner. This documentary is scheduled to go to air in October on the ABC.

Glen and Annie are ordinary people living inspiring lives. They exemplify the capacities of the human spirit. They both recognise that you can't always change what happens to you but you can certainly change how you respond to what happens. We can learn to manage our fears and anxieties, our griefs and woes and find more meaningful ways of engaging with them.

A warm welcome always awaits you at Quest. Feel free to drop into the Centre or visit the shop and, if ever we can be of service to you or those you love, please call or visit us.

Anzac Day

events

This year's Anzac Day Commemorative Service at Bundanoon Community Hall was attended by over 200 people. These contributions by two students at Bundanoon Public School are a poignant reminder that we must hold on to our freedom.

WAR

If I were a child of war, living in a country torn apart by conflict or a child whose mother or father were fighting in a war, my life would be different.

Life would be very difficult. It would be sad to lose people so close to your heart and maybe the community's soul. It would be hard to go to the park and see so many families together, then think, "I wish I had a family". Then look at the harsh cold battlefields and surrender to war, grateful it hasn't grasped you in its cold, killable hands from hell.

Imagine you have been tricked by war. You are on the battlefield. The only things you are feeling are pain and agony; still clutched in the brutal and terrible life of war.

War is the only thing standing between us and a beautiful world, a world where peace is going on everywhere from one side of the world to another without being harmed by war.

Josh Day

PEACE

All children have a right to grow up in a world of peace, living without the dark shadow of war threatening to destroy them. But what exactly is peace? When we say it, we think of a free world, one without war. To most it is the way they want it to be, so close, but yet impossibly out of reach.

Children are living proof of what life can be. It is amazing to see how happy they are, even in the harshest of circumstances. Even in the poorest of countries smiles never leave the children's faces apart from when war's cold hand closes around their heart. These children are happy but cannot hope for freedom. To them, it is too far away.

Children hope that some day people will be smart enough to devise a way of saving everything – adults, the planet, and, of course, the children.

A child's love is all some have to go on. For some, it is the only thing keeping them alive. They would like another – worldwide peace.

Mitchell Rowett



Autumn Croquet Carnival

Bundanoon Croquet Club held their 2007 Autumn Carnival from 2nd to 7th of March. The carnival was characterized by an outstanding sense of friendship, good sportsmanship, and an aura of total enjoyment – despite tropical heat, fog, thunderstorms, and torrential rain.


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E (Elm)	Bill Strick	Dorothy O'Malley

They all received prizes or trophies, and lots of wine, courtesy of the major sponsor, Pernod Ricard Australia.

If you would like to register for the 2008 Carnival flyers will be out in October 2007.





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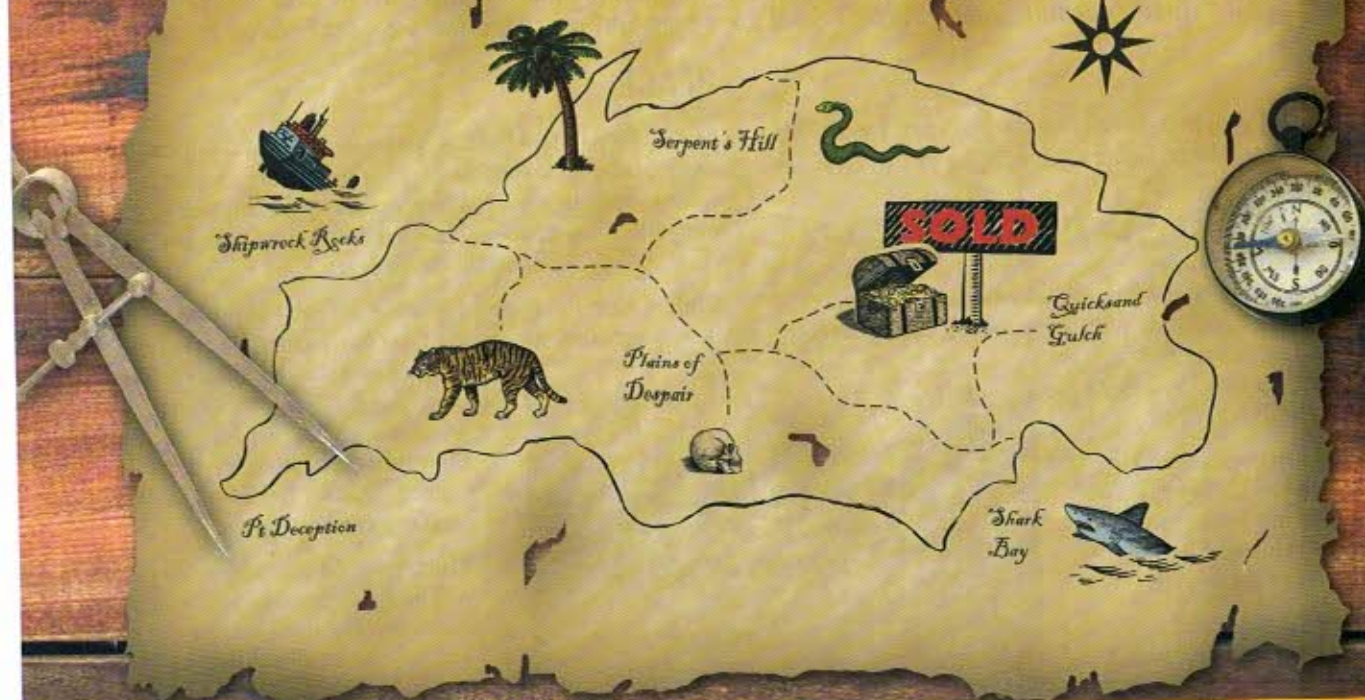
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Shongololo adventure

by Jane Irwin

travel

My Australian husband, David, was an African and the love of Africa has never left his heart – which began to pine, in a serious way, for the land of his birth. So started the journey back to the love of his life! Travelling in Africa can be hazardous, expensive and difficult, and to Zimbabwe, almost impossible. But we discovered an alternative way to travel in safety and comfort (but not luxury) at an affordable price.

The Shongololo trains have three different routes: Johannesburg to Victoria Falls, Johannesburg to Capetown and Capetown to Windhoek. It is also possible to travel these routes in the opposite direction.

We chose the first which visited six different countries (South Africa, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana), and five different National Parks (Kruger, Hwange, Chobe, Victoria Falls and Matopos). This trip gave us countless other unique African experiences. We took the all-singing, all-dancing lunch cruise on the mighty Zambezi River and visited the buzzing peoples' markets in Maputo, Mozambique, and Livingstone, Zambia. We had a personal tour of the amazing Zimbabwe ruins and scaled the mountains of beautiful Swaziland. We travelled the fabulous scenic Panorama route in South Africa; and experienced the contrast of Soweto and the Voortrekker Museum – a record of innovative local projects by wonderful local people. The list goes on and on!

The National Parks were, of course, amazing, the bird and animal life prolific, the scenery stunning. My favourite was the morning game drive in Chobe National Park, followed by lunch in a resort, and an afternoon game cruise. Chobe is famous for its elephants and we were not disappointed.

I did not bungee jump off the bridge at Victoria Falls, but we got wringing wet from the spray at the viewpoints. David's joggers squeaked for months as a result of their soaking, reminding us of a wonderful day.

Life on the train was fun, comfortable and safe. Our every need was attended to: safe bottled drinking water, mosquito screens and repellent. There was a safe for money and documents, daily serviced rooms, cool fan, cheap laundry, breakfast (three courses) and dinner (four courses) each day. Also, there were

airport transfers and help with immigration regulations which made our journey easier. By and large, the train travelled at night (but not every night) and by day we buzzed around in small air-conditioned mini vans with the best, most enthusiastic driver/guides you could wish for.

It was, simply, the most fantastic, all round African adventure – and we can't wait to go again.

Giraffe, a gentle giant of the Bush



Above: A pair of young male impala wrestle



Right: A scene from the people's market, Livingstone, Zambia. The people of Zambia were happy and well fed by comparison with their neighbours in Zimbabwe.

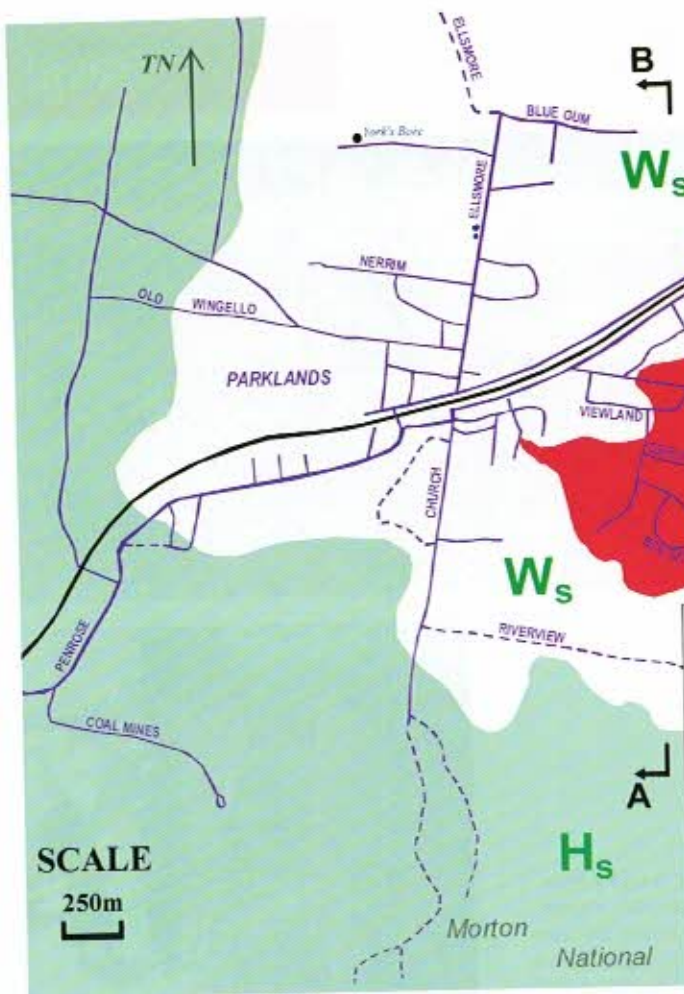


Above: The Three Rondavels, part of the Drakensberg Range. A Rondavel is the Afrikaans name for the traditional circular African hut.

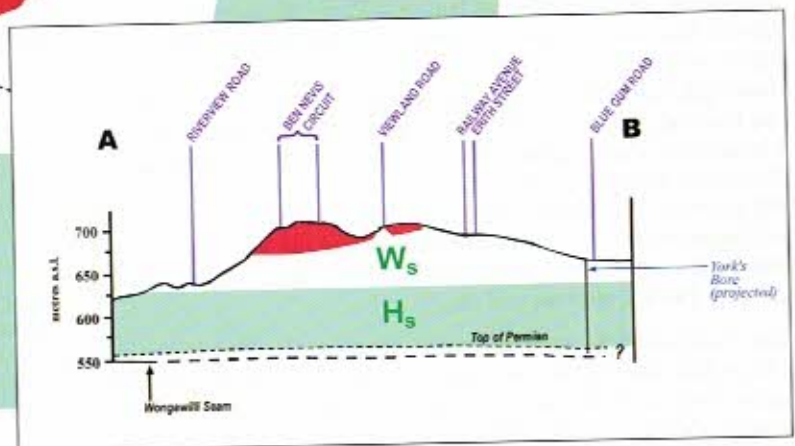
Below: On the last night of the train trip the staff of the "Shongololo" led the way in music and dancing – on the platform at Victoria Falls station!



What is under



Geological map and cross-section of Bundanoon



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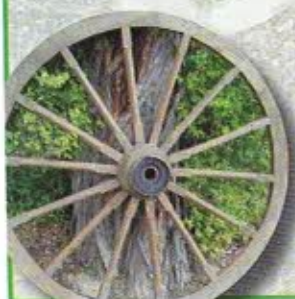
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Bundanoon?

by John Shepherd,
retired geologist/geotechnical engineer

geology

A new geological map discloses some interesting features that form our town area. Mapping was carried out in Autumn 2006.

Bundanoon is situated in the south-western area of the Sydney Basin of Permian and Triassic Age (205-298 million years) with the town occupying basalt-capped high ground at about 700m above sea level of Jurassic Age (140-205 million years). The basalts are remnant caps up to 35-40m thick; beneath them are the Triassic Age Wianamatta Shales (Ws) and below this Hawkesbury Sandstones (Hs). The Permian rocks underlie these sandstones with the Wongawilli coal seam close to the top of the sequence. Approximate strata thicknesses can be found from the cross-section.

Basalt cappings are common across the Southern Highlands, with similar rock sequences underneath. Jurassic volcanoes poured out basalt flows that filled up any valleys or hollows in the ancient land surface. At Bundanoon, the basalt is deeply weathered to 10-15m depth with no solid outcrops. Abundant wombat holes and some springs occur near to the base of the basalt where thin breccias (coarse, fragmented rock) occur on top of the old Jurassic land surface. The section shows this dipping southwards towards an ancient valley where the gorge is now.

The Wianamatta Shales are mainly claystones (fine grained, thinly bedded strata, not as fissile as true shales). Hawkesbury Sandstones are coarse, pebbly rocks with cross-bedding, disclosing their deltaic origin and deposited by a once-huge river system flowing northwards from a high mountain chain thought to have been where the Snowy Mountains are now. They are a useful aquifer as shown by Ray Nolan in his article (jcg, September 2006). It is important to note that the catchment for

this is limited only to the elevated ground in the town. The top of the Permian strata are exposed, for example, in the head of Coal Creek at the Erith coal mine site in Morton National Park, where the 1.5-2m thick Wongawilli Seam outcrops. It is a high ash coal of low calorific value and it underlies the whole of Bundanoon.

The best gardening soils are basalt derived red loams on the high ground. The heavy clay loams (up to 1.5m thick) on the Wianamatta Shales which occupy most of the Bundanoon district are gardening friendly once cultivated. The south-western part of the town near Penrose Road, around Willis Street, has the thin, sandy soils of the Hawkesbury Sandstones (less than 0.3m thick).

The natural plant communities are typified by the eucalypt trees. Tall trees on the basalt include Manna Gums (*E. viminalis*) and Brown Barrel (*E. fastigata*); in the "shale woodland" Paddy's River Box (*E. macarthurii*) and Narrow-leaved Peppermint (*E. radiata*). On the sandstones there are Silver-top Ashes (*E. sieberi*) and Scribbly gums (*E. racemosa*). Consequently, the different rock types in our town largely control the superb and varied environment in which we live.

acknowledgments

The impetus to remap the geology came about through discussions with Bundanoon Garden Club Inc. I would like to thank the understanding and patient garden owners whose property I traversed. It was impossible to follow the basalt boundary through every property, so the boundary is approximate in some places.

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Climate change

by Tony Hill

Climate change and transport

King car is about to be shafted by the carbon emission costs, peak oil and the manufacturing costs of hybrid and composite vehicles. Roads will be returned to all users, to be shared by pedestrians, cyclists, riders of small motorbikes and scooters and electric vehicles like golf carts, and car drivers will be just other users and will have to take their turn.

The quality of life in Bundanoon has thrived on the freedom and mobility that the unfettered use of a private car has added to an otherwise somewhat remote village and rural environment. But that is about to change now that governments are at last realizing that global warming is occurring and that greenhouse gas emissions must be drastically reduced.

So what are the transport options for Bundanoon? Will rail play a significant part or will it continue to be incapable of providing a reasonable passenger service to country areas? Sydney's infrastructure neglect and chaos will be the top priority of transport planners and managers and it is likely to be a long time until the railways will contribute much to country transport, if ever.

There are other options that are more flexible and responsive to the needs of Bundanoon residents based on infrastructure that is already available. Bus travel causes fewer carbon emissions per passenger kilometre than rail provided they are more than 40% full. They wouldn't need to be the lumbering monsters that are presently used as train substitutes, but could be small enough to negotiate side streets and stop beside the open road. Some places in Australia already use community buses that are driven by one of the passengers who is not charged to travel but this may be difficult to arrange. What would be important is an accessible, reliable and regular service that is capable of collecting and leaving passengers almost anywhere.

The culture of road travel could be changed from "look out I am in a speeding car that is much bigger and more dangerous than you" to one of promoting the rights of all users. Not quite the old law of somebody walking in front of a car with a warning red flag, but one of low speed limits and a feeling of community responsibility and involvement with shaming if necessary.

Global warming is here, it is already affecting the weather, and scientists are telling us that there is only a brief period of about ten years to control it. No alternative energy source has been developed to replace the convenience and cheapness of petrol and diesel in transport. There is no golden bullet to slay the transport dilemma that would allow us to continue to travel as we do now.



Climate statistics

Period	Rainfall (mm)			Temperature (°C)	
	Actual	5 year Average	Pre-1984 Average	Actual	5 year Average
Jan 2007	26	80	95	22.7	21.7
Feb 2007	282	115	90	20.8	21
Mar 2007	81	69	85	19	18.7



Vet's casebook

by Ken Davidson BVSc (Hons)

*"Big fleas have little fleas
Upon their backs, to bite 'em,
Little fleas have lesser fleas
And so...ad infinitum."*

Not so scientifically correct but nevertheless good verse, with more than a touch of truth about life in general.

Late summer and autumn are the classical flea infestation months. Anything warm-blooded is susceptible to fleas. They are at best an external parasite that causes itching and irritation on yourself and your pets and at worst, the cause of allergic skin conditions in dogs and cats who can develop allergies to flea saliva and get severe skin disease.

Fleas are also the intermediate host for the common tapeworm so while trying to relieve their itch by biting their skin, your pet can also be infecting itself with this intestinal worm by accidentally swallowing the flea.

How do I know if my pet has fleas? Infected pets do not always scratch so don't rely on this sign too much. Animals with pale skin show up the parasites easily and "flea dirt," dark residue looking like grains of sand, can be easily found on them. Dark skinned animals hide fleas and to check for them, a fine-toothed 'flea comb' to rake fleas out of their coat can be used.

Things to know about the flea's life cycle. The adult flea only makes up about 5% of the population of this parasite. The other 95% consist of flea eggs, larvae, pupae that are waiting in the environment for a chance to hatch and grow into adults.

Can I just treat my pet for fleas? Unfortunately no. Because of the life cycle outlined above, if you did this, you would only be treating 5% of fleas. Treating your pet is important and there are many products available. Spot-on preparations monthly like Frontline, Revolution and Advantage /Advantix to name just a few, all work very well to kill fleas on your pet.

How can I treat the environment? Get rid of flea eggs and larvae in the house by regular vacuuming floors and carpets, particularly under beds etc. Wash bedding regularly and if fleas are still a problem, you can buy a 'flea-bomb' from supermarkets and fumigate the whole house.

Anything else I should do? Yes, worm all cats and dogs with an 'All-wormer' available from your vet. Every 3 months is ideal.

Good Luck! Winter is around the corner so fleas will not breed so readily. Treatment with 'Spot-ons' may still be necessary to kill adult fleas.

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True locals

by Vicki Streatfeild

Pat Lewis came to Bundanoon from Quandialla in 1928 when she was about three years old. The family lived three miles out of town just off Ferndale Road. "At first, my parents sent me to school for three days a week because they thought I would get too tired, walking every day. There were times we couldn't go to school at all because the Reedy Creek would flood and we couldn't get through."

"We had to make our own fun. There was no time for standing around. We played hidings, chasings, Three Jolly Sailors and French cricket. We had three legged races, sack races, and went on picnics to the gullies for the day. Everywhere we went we had to walk, as there were no cars. We had hardly any money, but lots of fun. I remember when sugar and flour were 9d a pound and we paid 3d for an ice cream cone. I also remember that Bundanoon felt safe. The people in Bundanoon were very close and you would never have to worry about locking your doors."

Some of the big events in the town were the train crash at the railway station where the engine ended up on the platform and the frightening bushfires of the 1940s when they came up the gullies behind Holy Trinity Church. When the Cobb and Co. coach visited Bundanoon Mrs. Annie Grice was lucky enough to go for a ride in it.

A very memorable event was when the circus, held on vacant land on the corner of Ellsmore Road & Old Wingello Road, would come to town. "The circus was expensive so we didn't often go but I remember there were tigers, lions, elephants, and monkeys". Pat took a ride on a camel, once, however they were banned after one of them frightened Sergeant Rudge's horse. "It ended up going through a barbed wire fence and had to be destroyed. From then on, no camels were ever allowed back to Bundanoon while Sergeant Rudge held rank."

Some of the best things Pat has seen in her 80 years in Bundanoon were the construction of the swimming pool and tennis courts and the saddest thing was the loss of the golf course. "This was one of the biggest attractions for our town. People came from Sydney and Canberra to play, and now it (Parklands Estate) is filled with houses."

Pat has been playing competition tennis since 1969. All those years have paid off as she has just been awarded a life membership from the Bundanoon Tennis Club. In 2004 she was the proud winner of the district association's "Gilmore Elite Sports Woman Award", and was presented with a certificate, a crystal vase and an Australian flag.





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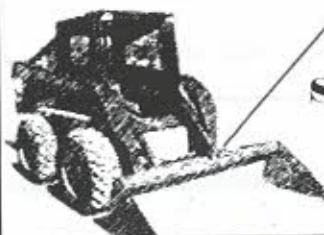
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Church times

Anglican Church of Sutton Forest	
Holy Trinity, Bundanoon	Sunday, 9.00am, 5.30pm
St Aidan's, Exeter	Sunday, 9.30 am
St Stephen's, Tallong	
1st & 3rd Sundays, 1.30 pm	2nd & 4th Sundays, 10am
All Saints, Sutton Forest	
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11am	2nd & 4th Sundays, 2.30 pm
Uniting Church, Bundanoon	
Sunday, 11am	Thursday, 12.30 pm
St Brigid's Catholic Church, Bundanoon	
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, 5.00 pm	2nd & 4th Sundays, 8am
St Paul's Catholic Church, Moss Vale	
Vigil Mass, Saturday, 6pm	Sunday, 9.30 am
Moss Vale Christian Church	
Encounter Group, Robertson School of Arts, 1st Sunday, 2pm	
Iona Christian Community, St Patrick's, Sutton Forest	
2nd and 4th Sundays	10.30 am



New bishop to visit

The new Anglican Bishop of Wollongong, Alan (he prefers Al) Stewart, will be preaching at Holy Trinity, Bundanoon on 30 September 2007 at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Alan Stewart commenced his ministry in Tregear, Western Sydney, after which he moved to

St Matthias' at Centennial Park. Prior to moving to Wollongong, he was CEO of Anglican Youthworks for five years, a position he left with regret and only after much thought and prayer.

Alan has been married to Kathy, whom he met at university, for 26 years and they have four children: Amy, Beth and Gareth, who have finished school and are studying, and Jo who is in high school.

Away from his ministry he loves the Australian bush and is a keen early morning jogger. He follows the Wallabies and Waratahs and enjoys watching cricket and is also a great fan of Bruce Springsteen.

We welcome Bishop Alan Stewart to the diocese of Wollongong.

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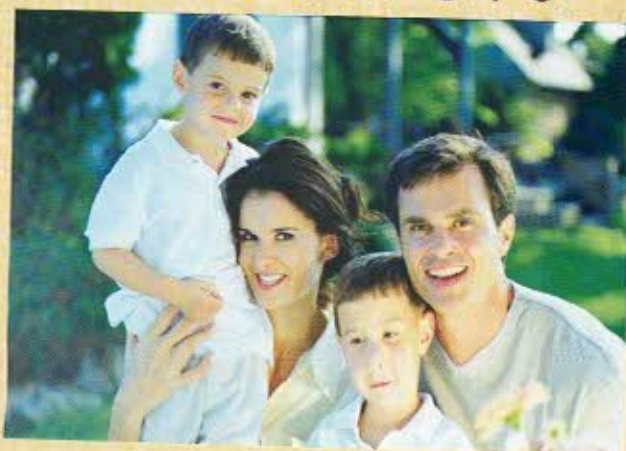
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