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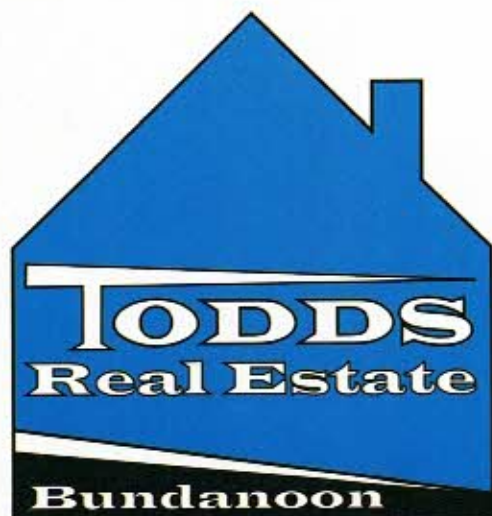
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Editor's notes



By request, jcg has covered more stories about Bundanoon's history in this issue. Our thanks again for the willing help from Bundanoon History Group.

Although many people are familiar with the relevance of guest houses to the development of the town during the 30s and 40s, it is interesting to read that there

was such a range of accommodation available. It's also alarming that so many were destroyed by fire! Churches have always been important to the social fabric of Bundanoon and as the town developed the school and the Soldiers' Memorial Hall also became centres for community involvement. It was reassuring to see so many old and new residents attended a BCA supper held in the Hall in August, reminding us that Bundanoon still has a sense of community.

In December the featured articles will look at creative recycled installations and some local food and wine production.

jcg will continue to reflect life in Bundanoon as well as covering items of interest in the Southern villages. New ideas, comments and contributions are always welcome.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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BCA meetings

Third Thursday each month:

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BCA update

Ralph Clark, President

Since the last jcg we have held our second Winterfest. A month of community involvement was enjoyed by all who participated in the many and varied events held each weekend.

On the opening Friday night a great crowd watched Nick Rheinberger, of ABC local radio turn on the lights and joined in the entertainment. Particularly on Saturday mornings the main street was busier than usual. Winterfest T-shirts were on sale, Ken McDonald's generously donated garden sculpture was raffled and CWA held two stalls during the month. Visitors and residents enjoyed listening to music and chatted about the previous night's entertainment.

Special thanks must again go to Jenny Byrne, the driving force behind the first Winterfest in 2006, and again this year. Thanks also to the Bundanoon Visitors Group and others who assisted, to our valued sponsors and to the host venues for the various events.

Winterfest has more than adequately filled the gap between Brigadoon and the Garden Ramble - I'm sure we all want it to become an annual event.

Also recently, BCA hosted a reunion supper evening in the Hall, which was attended by many people who have contributed substantially to our town over the years through our community association. It was great to be able to recognise the wonderful contribution which they have made and to acknowledge some of those who have given us the inheritance we enjoy today.

Finally, for the first time for a number of years Bundanoon has submitted an entry in the Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns competition. Assessors will be in town in late September, so please do what you can to see that Bundanoon is seen to best advantage.



Council news

Councillor Jim Clark



Council's Strategic Planning manager Mark Pepping expects the Draft Local Environment Plan (the overall planning document for the Shire) to soon be released by the Department of Planning. It has undergone many changes which were required. It is ironic that the Minister, Frank Sartor is often critical of councils for slow processing of development applications, but his own department is also guilty of long delays in dealing with planning matters such as this. It is anticipated that exhibition may occur toward the end of the year.

As part of the exhibition of the Draft Local Environment Plan there will be public meetings to deal with the proposed sale of council lands in order to fund the Leisure Centre in Bowral. Some thirty six parcels of land are proposed for sale, including two public reserves in Bundanoon. One is situated in Ben Nevis Circuit and the other in Broughton Street. As there are no alternative parks nearby, the sale of these parks may prove controversial. Make sure you have a say on the disposal proposals and if possible attend the meetings which will allow public comment.

With the Federal Election soon to be upon us it is interesting to note that Moss Vale and the Southern Villages, including Bundanoon, will no longer be in the seat of Gilmore.

Following redistribution we are now, with the remainder of the Wingecarribee Shire, included in the seat of Hume. I have been preselected as the Greens candidate for Hume, so wish me luck, and maybe even vote for me!

contact

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Bundanoon Community Web

<http://bundanoon.net>

Have you visited Bundanoon's very own community website? It has information from BCA and interest groups, current issues and events. And now you can download copies of jcg, too, so if you missed the last issue featuring Our History, visit now!



Bundanoon beat

Snr. Constable Michael Dietz

I thought I should address the subject of bullying at school. The following behaviours are classified as bullying: Teasing, name calling, verbal or physical intimidation, or actual physical violence. They are all distressing to children.

Living in such a wonderful location we often believe our children are protected from such behaviour but this is not the case, from my experience.

Bullying can be carried out by an individual or group, just as a single child or groups can be victims. Children who are bullied often feel that it is their fault, and that somehow they have caused it or 'asked for it'. It is important for parents to tell their children that being bullied is not their fault and that it is

not a weakness on their part. It is never the victim's fault. The perpetrator is always responsible.

Bullying often happens when parents or teachers are not present, so it is important that children are given encouragement and skills to tell adults if they feel unsafe because of being bullied. I encourage children or parents to speak with me if they require advice with this problem. It is also important to teach children who exhibit bullying behaviour that such actions are not acceptable. There are other, positive ways of achieving the ends they hope will be the result of their actions. If your child reports being teased, intimidated or threatened treat the concern seriously. What adults perceive as minor incidents may be very distressing for a child.

Snr. Constable Michael Dietz Ph. 4883 6044

Bundanoon revisited

Joyce Spencer returned to Bundanoon, after a four year absence, for the CWA 80th Birthday celebration. jcg is pleased to publish an abridged version of impressions of her visit:

It was with a great deal of pleasure, affection and nostalgia that I returned to Bundanoon. It was a delight to see many friends and former colleagues. Community spirit still keeps Bundanoon sparkling along. Even though it was raining, I could see the growth of the trees and gardens, especially the great sandstone feature and gardens at the entry from Exeter.

The appeal of Bundanoon is its village atmosphere, which should be cherished, perhaps made a National Treasure.

Living in the Riverina area, it is noticeable that many small villages are in decline and disrepair.

What a pity that some developers cannot be urged to revive these areas for a burgeoning population.

Ah well, we cannot all live in the Highlands and have access to the coast, city, and environs.

I have met many people who love visiting the Highlands, especially Brigadoon, Solar Springs and your beautiful gardens.

Keep your privileged community alive as an example to all visitors and former residents, to show what this spirit and hard work has achieved.

Bundanoon couple lucky in love for 60 years

Bundanoon lifetime locals Arthur and Daphne Tooth recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Mittagong RSL with family and friends.

Their three children Suzanne, Grahame and Diana and their families live in different parts

of Australia. They have five grandchildren and (at the time of writing), two great-grandchildren.

Arthur has lived in Bundanoon all his life and his family were early settlers in the area. Tooth's Lookout in the Morton National Park is near where logging was undertaken by Arthur's father in the early years and Tooth Street is named after the family.

Daphne's father worked for the NSW Government Railway Department and she has lived in Bundanoon most of her life.

After serving in the Royal Australian Navy and seeing active service in World War II, Arthur returned home to Bundanoon where he met Daphne, who was then working in the local Bon Ton tearoom. They attended the local dances and went to 'the pictures' in the Memorial Hall. A few months after meeting they were married and have lived in the same family home all their married life. They have been fortunate to have travelled to most areas of Australia and have had some overseas trips when they were both in better health.

They had a love of indoor and outdoor bowls and for many years were involved in the Bundanoon Bowling Club. They live a relatively quiet life these days and still potter around in their garden. According to Arthur and Daphne, they are gamblers (and winners) in the three main lotteries in life: war, health and love.

With thanks to SH News.

Bundanoon RSL Memorial

The latest news on the planned Memorial in the park adjacent to the Soldiers Memorial Hall, Bundanoon is that Wingecarribee Shire Council has donated \$1,000 and the DVA has also approved a grant of \$4,000. This will allow us to commence work on this project. The Sub Branch will be pleased to receive any further donations towards this important project.

The Memorial will recognise the selfless service of Bundanoon residents in all wars.

As a relative newcomer to Bundanoon my knowledge of the history of the town and its people is limited. Therefore I am asking again for information about men and women from the Bundanoon district who served in WW1, Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Iraq or Peacekeeping operations.

If any veterans or their widows require assistance with government departments, our Sub Branch has a Legatees and a Pension and Welfare officer among its membership.

For RSL Sub Branch membership enquiries and to provide information for the Memorial contact Trevor Fenton JP, President. Ph 4883 6433, email trevor.fenton@exemail.com.au

Please note: Membership is not restricted to returned servicemen and women.

Brigadoon

Community benefits from increased contributions from Brigadoon

I am sure the readers of jcg will be pleased to learn that this has been an exceptionally successful year for Brigadoon. Despite the weather, the attendance level held up and total revenues increased over last year. Voluntary hours increased this year by 35% and the members of the organising committee acknowledge their effort and commitment in making Brigadoon such an outstanding success in such terrible conditions. The committee continues to recognise this commitment by disbursing the surplus raised on the day to participating local charities and organisations on a proportional basis on volunteer hours.

In total \$83,858 was distributed this year. Fifty-seven local organisations shared a distribution of \$51,529 and \$17,429 was provided towards improvements to the terracing around the oval and

the splendid new sandstone entrance gates off Erith Street. A further \$14,900 was distributed to the Pipe Bands participating at the Gathering.

Since 1981, Brigadoon's community donations have amounted to a staggering \$694,000. Local groups have received \$534,096, Pipe Bands have benefited from \$142,403 and the improvements at Bundanoon Oval have been made possible from this year's significant contribution.

The Bundanoon Highland Gathering would like to take this opportunity to publicly express their deep gratitude to the local businesses and personalities who provide support. It is only through their generosity that we at Brigadoon can achieve our goals, produce such a wonderful cultural showpiece, and continue to promote the Southern Highlands as a 'Must See' tourism location.

The more people are involved in Brigadoon by sponsorship, volunteering and attending the event, the more can be given back to the community.

Brigadoon will be held on Saturday 5 April next year and if you wish to provide sponsorship, please contact Alastair on 4883 7471 or if you or your organisation wishes to volunteer, please call John or Heather on 4883 6472.

Let's work together towards another bumper year for the community in 2008.

Thomas-Andrew
Secretary, Bundanoon Highland Gathering

Correction

Bundanoon History Group has pointed out a mistaken photo caption in the June issue:

"There is some conjecture as to the correct spelling of the name of the illustrated sawmill. Some people spell it Selems, others Selmes, while others Selens. However, try as we might we could find no-one who spelled it Amos!" We stand corrected.



Green team

The daffodils that the Green Team planted in the Information Bay and arboretum over the last few years are now in flower. We should have a great display over the next month. We hope that people resist the selfish temptation to cut the blooms for their own floral displays so that we can all enjoy them.

Another working bee was held in Saturday 4 August to work on the railway embankment opposite the hotel. We tidied up by trimming some of the undergrowth to make work easier in the future.

Regrettably someone with a complete lack of pride in our village has again inflicted some damage to the town sign. Planned restoration work is in hand and we are grateful to Bundanoon Sandstone for their commitment. Any information on the identity of the culprit should be handed to the police.

During a spell of very cold weather in July, someone lost control of their vehicle on black ice on the bend in the road at the arboretum. The vehicle left the road and wiped out a number of young trees. Our faith in our fellow Bundanoon residents was restored when the young man responsible contacted the Green Team to advise us of the incident and offer to assist in re-planting. The replacement trees have now been replanted.

Tidy Towns

An entry has been submitted into the annual Tidy Towns competition in two categories – the Overall Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Award and the Best Western Friendly Town Award. There is no prize-money but rather the reward of satisfaction and pride in our village. Community Groups will be contacted to seek assistance in a number of ways.

As individuals, we can all contribute in making Bundanoon a beautiful and friendly place in which to live and visit. We encourage you to play a part by keeping your footpath and verge neat and tidy. If you have vacant land adjacent, perhaps you may consider keeping an eye on its appearance also. While the Council maintains some areas and the Bundanoon Community Association pays mowing contractors to do others, our funds are limited and we can only maintain the most visible entrances to town. We welcome any assistance in keeping Bundanoon beautiful. We all benefit in the end by the improvements.

David Beasley ph 4883 7122

Cinema Bundanoon

Our Movie Festival will be on 21 & 22 September, featuring two comedies:

The Ladykillers, starring Alec Guinness, Peter Sellers and Herbert Lom, on Friday 21 September at 7.30pm, and

The Pink Panther, with Peter Sellers, David Niven and Claudia Cardinale at 5.00pm on Saturday 22 September.

This screening will once again include our popular Movie/Meal package at The Bloomin' Café or The Bike Shop Café.



Arts Bundanoon

Our performances in the last three months saw the introduction of a new and exciting group of 'Folk' musicians – the Wheeze and Suck Band from Sydney, during Winterfest, in July. What energy and foot tapping fun!

John Martin, piano and Gregory Van Der Struik, trombone delighted their audience at a concert on Saturday 18 August. Gregory, principal trombonist with the Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra, shared his expertise and knowledge of the Trombone family in an entertaining demonstration of this less familiar instrument. He was accompanied by John Martin, a versatile and polished pianist, known from previous visits to Bundanoon for his entertaining repartee.

On the first Saturday of each month Piano at 10 recitals are attracting an increasing number of followers who delight in the outstanding standard of our young performers.

Michael Flint

The 'Voices' have featured prominently in Bundanoon during July – two sessions of busking (well, three, if we count Ann and Kerith's duo offering) in the main street on Saturday morning during Winterfest and an unforgettable contribution to the Variety Show and dinner at the Bundanoon Club. These performances have lifted the public profile of the group and



shown just how musically versatile they can be. All the monies raised from busking have been donated to replacement of the stolen Winterfest sign at the Penrose end of the town.

Not only has their repertoire expanded – they now have 21 singers in the choir. The newest recruit was signed up at the Club after his resounding solo rendition of 'Old Man River'! Ed.

Coming events

Bookings are now open for concerts to be held in the Memorial Hall in September and October.

The **Kialoa Harp Ensemble** – seven Orchestral Harps lead by **Alice Giles** – one of the world's greats, on **Saturday 20 October at 7.30pm**. \$20 adults, no charge for children.

Bundanoon Voices will present 'Sunday Swoon' on **23 September at 3.00pm**. This is an event not to be missed. The **Voices**, conducted by **Kerith Fowles**, Acting Musical Director, will be joined by the **Southern Highlands Concert Band**. The program will showcase the depth of our local talent. Come swoon with us! \$15 adults, \$10 Concessions, \$30 Family (2 adults and 2 children)

Tickets for both events are available at **Todds Real Estate**, **Moss Vale Bookshop** and **The Brown Bookshop**.

In December there will be still more marvellous music, with traditional carolling as well as a Christmas concert in the Hall on **Saturday 8 December**. Stay tuned.



Bundanoon Quilt

The Bundanoon Community Quilt won first prize in the 'Collaborative Quilt' category, at the 25th anniversary exhibition of the NSW Quilters Guild held at Darling Harbour in June. Local artist **Jennifer Corkish** conceived the idea of the quilt, guided the sewers involved and saw it through to completion.

Prize money of \$500 will be spent on professional design and printing of the legend and story of the wall-hanging. Depicting our town's buildings, landscape and lifestyle, both past and present, the beautiful work is on permanent display in the Memorial Hall, and the community project, stitched over many months by myriad hands, highlights the culture and friendship brought about by this endeavour.

Winterfest

The second Winterfest in Bundanoon, held during the month of July, brought a variety of successful events to town. It was wonderful to find that during the coldest month of the year there was so much entertainment on offer.

Watch this space next year for the Winterfest calendar when you will find details of events for 2008. Remember that apart from the first night, when there will be a ceremonial turning on of lights in the main street, most activities are indoors and you will need to book. In addition to Piano at 10, markets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, Variety Nights at the Club, Blues and Jazz at the Hotel, a concert in the hall, a movie night, a Bastille Day dinner, cycling events and an Arts and Crafts market there will be additional events to make July the social highlight of the year. (See photographs of Winterfest 2007 on page 47).



Garden Ramble 2007

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Needles and Natter

community

Kate Perkins called into The Club on a recent Thursday morning to meet members of the Needles and Natter group, a sewing circle formed as a spin-off from the Bundanoon Quilt group.

On the morning in question some twelve or thirteen women were present; several had been and gone, two or three more were arriving in time for lunch. There was certainly plenty of natter but the needles were flying at the same time. Elaine was working on craft for her mother-in-law's retirement village in Forbes; Fay, a long-time resident of Rosnel stitched a tapestry on a frame, tutored and encouraged by those around her. Norma is knitting a wrap, with more stitches on the longest needles you can imagine, in contrast to several of the group knitting tiny jumpers for AIDS babies who in many instances have no clothes to wear as newborns. This latter project is a CWA initiative and many residents with no connection to either group have responded to the need and made dozens of soft and colourful vests to be forwarded to Africa.

Laurel, who was making a felt table centre, opined that 'there's only one thing wrong with jcg - it's too short'. It seemed that most of the craftswomen read the magazine and enjoy the varied articles and photographs. Joan was also felt-making - novelty figures for fund-raising for



different charities. She related an instance where there was an auction where two people were bidding for one of her dolls. At \$80 the first bidder, a young woman, dropped out and her rival, on bidding \$85 - his donation to the cause - gently placed the doll in her lap, saying 'this is for you'.

Nina, new to the group this morning, fitted right in and was enjoying working alongside her new-found friends. Meg knitted, but she sews as well, and there were several cross-stitchers - note the dash! Certainly no one even looked like being cross. Renate makes bears, Carol and Sandra knit and crochet, and Pat is doing a tapestry. Helen, Meg and Maryann are spinners, sourcing their wool from Crookwell, Victoria,

and, closer to home, Yuille Ave. A resident with two lawnmowing sheep had offered the newly-shorn fleece to Maryann to inspect. One is beautiful chocolate coloured super fine merino, the other gunmetal grey. Expect to see these jumpers in downtown Bundanoon any time soon. Helen is honing her skills learning to weave at Sturt.

This talented and friendly group of ladies is working on aprons for display in the conference room at the Hotel during the Garden Ramble, and will be only too keen to show off their joint efforts.

Needles and Natter meet every Thursday at The Club in Erith St from 10.30 am. We welcome new members. Bistro lunch available.

'Needles And Natter' Craft and Textiles Exhibition

Heritage Cottage,
Bundanoon Hotel

Saturday 27 and
Sunday 28 October 2007

We welcome any display items of textile craft, knitting, crochet, quilting, cross-stitch, tapestry, beadwork, etc, produced by residents of Bundanoon and surrounding villages. There will also be items for sale.

Registration by 15 October essential - forms available at Bundanoon Post Office.

This year's theme is: "Aprons, coveralls and pinnies".

Design a new creative apron, or enter an heirloom!

For details, contact Laurel 4883 6090 or Pat 4883 6971.



Glow Worm Glen Track

The Glow Worm Glen Track Bushcare Group celebrated National Tree Day on Sunday 29 July by planting local wattle trees on a section of the track near the stone wall. Hopefully they will 'shade out' the kikuyu grass, assist natural regeneration and form part of a wildlife corridor.

Our group works twice a month removing weeds from the track and adjacent swamp (wetland). Great progress has been made against invasive weeds such as blackberry, ivy,

honeysuckle and berberis. Cape Ivy is proving particularly difficult especially along a section of the track amongst reeds. It is presently in flower and forms a seemingly impenetrable wall. This is the area where we are presently working. It is a big job and we would appreciate help from anyone who has time to spare on the second Sunday or fourth Tuesday morning of each month.

If you are interested please contact Denise on 48836650.



Left to right: Laurie Barry, Liz Norrie & Jim Clark

Eden, a Force 9 Gale

Eden Gale talks! She talks passionately, energetically, convincingly, and most of all, successfully. Public speaking is the vehicle that has already taken Eden on a great adventure and given her the promise of many more such trips in the future. She talked to Ross Armfield.

Seventeen year old Eden came to Bundanoon as a five year old, half way through her kindergarten year. After completing her primary education at Bundanoon Public she started high school at the Southern Highlands Christian School. She was just a 'general participant' in years 7, 8 and 9. It was in year 10 that her outlook and involvement was radically changed.

In 2005, Eden travelled to the Solomon Islands with a group of fellow students for two weeks, offering assistance to a medical care team in a rural village. Despite hand-sized spiders, rats and 15 people sharing a two-roomed hut, (even displacing the Chief who slept outside), it was an experience that transformed Eden. "It just opened my eyes; it was such a reality check. The people were such an inspiration," enthused Eden. "They managed and were so happy with

so little." Eden describes her stay there as having had a 'bizarre' effect on her, making her want to 'do' for others. Just two weeks after her visit, the Solomon Islands were affected by terrible civil strife causing great concern to the 'new friends'. Later that year Eden undertook the 'Bourke Mission Trip' with her school, visiting Aboriginal schools in western NSW, engaging the kids with everything from puppet shows to billycart races.

Last year in year 11, Eden was nominated to enter the Moss Vale Quota Club Southern Highland Student of the Year Quest. She presented a speech on current affairs and politics and ad-libbed a talk on computers. Based upon her speeches and an interview, Eden won the local 'student of the year' and went on to the State finals on the South Coast. She gained 2nd place talking about Local, State and Federal politics and future careers. A great result, but she was only just warming up!

At the end of 2006 Eden was elected School Co-Captain for the coming year, sharing the responsibility with two boys and another girl in a heavy HSC work-loaded year 12. Despite the academic burden of Modern and Ancient History, Extension English, Advanced Mathematics and Geography in her HSC year, Eden took part in a 'State Constitution Convention' held at State Parliament House in Sydney talking about the 'Powers of the Governor General.' From that, in March 2007, she was elected to attend the 'National Constitution Convention' in Canberra. What an experience! A special dinner at the War Memorial, meeting the Prime Minister and members of both the Government and the Opposition and debating 'State vs. Federal power' in the Old Parliament House.

"It was a tremendous time. I met so many interesting people. I've lined up work experiences with Pat Farmer and Pru Goward and during the upcoming Christmas holidays I'll be doing an internship with the Australian Christian Lobby," said Eden.

It will be no surprise then, that Eden intends to do a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Politics and Communication next year at The Notre Dame University (located on Broadway in Sydney.) Long term, Eden would love to be involved in politics or perhaps foreign correspondent journalism. "As long as it's in the thick of things! I want to make a difference for people; the Solomon's taught me that. I want to be involved. I want to open eyes for people- just as mine have been. I want to use my ability to speak on a big scale."

With Eden's idealism, passion, energy, intelligence, ability and sense of purpose, it's easy to believe she'll do just that.



New GP

Dr Con Mouroukas and The Lynwood Medical and Natural Health Centre of Bundanoon would like to announce that we have recently been joined by a new female GP, Dr Nasreen Shammas, who is available for consultation on Monday, Thursday and Friday by appointment.

Dr Shammas comes to us from Sydney, most recently The Nepean Hospital and brings with her a wealth of experience in accident and emergency

medicine and obstetrics and gynaecology. She has a special interest in women's problems and aged care.

She is married with one child and looks forward to meeting the people of Bundanoon and the local community.

The Lynwood Centre now offers the services of three GPs, a chiropractor, a podiatrist, a clinical psychologist, an acupuncturist, a practice nurse, a diabetic educator and an early childhood nurse.

You may make an appointment by contacting the Clinic on 4883 6596.

Round the world – on next to nothing

profile

Cecilia Barry has cycled from Canada to Panama, slept with a brown bear, forged her passport in Mexico and entered Australia illegally. She talks to Harvey Grennan.

Thank goodness it was not 2007 when diminutive – now septuagenarian – Cecilia Barry jumped ship in Sydney in June, 1960. She would still be residing at Villawood.

Cecilia is best known around Bundanoon for her good works for the Green Team, the Good Yarn charity shop, the Rural Fire Brigade catering team and other community efforts, not to mention her industriousness in house-sitting, sewing, cooking for functions and putting the chooks away for those on holidays.

Not so well known is the colourful path she trod as a young woman in her travels from her birthplace in the UK to the Antipodes.

Cecilia immigrated to Canada in January 1957 at the age of 21 with her friend Pauline, a fellow student at the Bradford Art College. They bought a 1948 Chevy car for \$100 and took off down to Florida and then back up to Alaska doing 28,000 miles in six months and sleeping in the car.

Sleeping beside the car one warm night Cecilia heard a grunting noise and extended her hand to Pauline, asking "What's wrong?" Her hand came into contact, not with her friend but with a hairy baby brown bear. Fortunately Momma Bear was not too close at the time.

When the old Chevy finally fell to pieces all the girls could afford for transport was two second-hand bicycles costing \$10 each. They set off for Panama – as you do – a seven month journey via Mexico eating fruit off the trees of roadside orchards to survive.

On arriving at the Mexican border Cecilia was missing a stamp in her passport so with the help of a travelling toy salesman they made up a rubber stamp, copying the entry in Pauline's passport, to get her past the border guards.

On reaching Panama City they joined the crew of a 36-foot ketch and sailed to Tahiti via the Galapagos and Marquesas islands. As you do.

Broke again, a Tahitian family lent them a shack and Cecilia cabled home for a 5th class fare on a French freighter, the *New Caledonia*, to Sydney. The cabin had eight bunks but accommodated 12 people on that journey. When they arrived in Sydney with no approval to enter the country they weren't quite broke – Cecilia had one shilling and nine pence and Pauline was positively flush with two and six!

The pair took off to the employment office and scored a job interview for the next day – but where to sleep with no money left? They tried the underground railway but, being June, it was too cold. So they headed back to the wharf

where the watchman was asleep and crept unseen back into their old cabin.

When discovered in the morning the French crew did a whip-around and gave the girls 10 pounds to see them through the next day.

They got a job at a Sydney University women's college – with accommodation and clothing provided – and in their spare time helped an alcoholic clairvoyant with a leaky Jaguar car deliver samples of Persil soap powder to letterboxes all over NSW. It was one of many sometimes strange jobs including dress and children's wear designer, short-order chef, painter and decorator, cleaner, fruit picker and builder's labourer that Cecilia has tackled in her 70 eventful years.

Cecilia met future husband Laurie in 1961, had four kids and lived at Mosman, Gulgong and in the Riverina before settling in Bundanoon in 1989.



Who would ever guess the adventures Cecilia has had?



En route to Canada, 1957: Pauline Hoyle (left) and Cecilia



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by Keith McMenemy



Thomas Carlyle wrote that '...in books lies the soul of the whole past time, the articulate, audible voice of the past, when the body and material substance of it has altogether vanished like a dream.' These lines, engraved in the beautiful entrance lobby of the Mitchell library, knocked me over as a teenager when I first saw them. Carlyle might have said the same about paintings, drawings or photographs. But why do photographs fascinate us so much?

They capture moments from time, in a way stealing them from change that otherwise inevitably moves things on.

One's family pictures are a special connection with people we know or have once known and loved. Family photographs of those who lived before we were born form a chain of links back into the past. Pictures confirm too that while technology and lifestyles change enormously, human nature remains much the same.

Here are four pictures to illustrate how photos provide a window onto my vanished world. They are of my great grandmother Jane White, taken over her 87 year lifespan.

The ornate early Ambrotype was taken about 1873 showing a serious three year old. Born a day's travel from Melbourne in a 'wattle and daub' hut, Jane was the youngest of eight surviving children. In all weathers, she walked with older siblings three kilometres uphill to a rough bush school. Child-labour was mandatory on the farm and unremarkable in those days. Milking cows, picking and packing in the orchard and vineyard was expected. By the time the second photograph was taken around 1890, Jane was still helping on the farm and had blossomed into a beautiful young woman. She taught infants, accompanied hymns on Sunday and penned poems when not working. She married a small-holding farmer and grazier and also had eight surviving children. She experienced the invention of electricity, telephones, radio, and motor transport, learning to drive a car instead of a buggy. As a widow she spent her last twenty years in the old ironbark slab homestead where we visited her. The snapshot group of 1943 shows her at left, in the garden with three following generations. Next is her eldest daughter (my grandmother) and next



again eldest granddaughter (my mother). I am the brand new baby in grandmother's arms at left.

As children we worshipped these women and Jane especially as if she was royalty; she always had a kind word for us little ones. Even in her eighties she would climb down the steep riverbank below the house to go fishing in the Yarra River. She died when I was 14 years old. Now I am old like she was and will soon be gone too; but what great times we have all seen!

Above left: Henley Homestead
Above: Framed Ambrotype of child Jane
Below left: Elliptical portrait of Jane White, 1890
Below: Four generations in 1943



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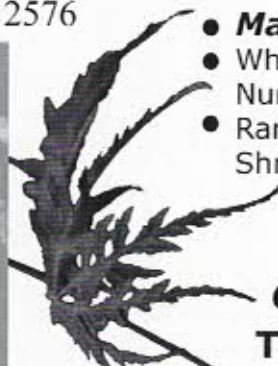


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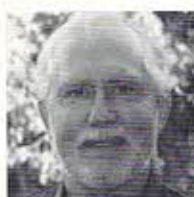
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Climate change

by Tony Hill

Climate and weather

A beached ship, washed out roads, floods, deaths were all caused by a storm over the central coast of NSW in June 2007. It was part of a ten to twelve year cycle of storms in the area and was the worst storm for 30 years, causing the greatest disruption to electricity supply ever. What was responsible? Was it climate change or weather?

Weather is what happens from day to day over a limited area. Extreme weather conditions occur as the result of combination of local factors, and have always been present.

Climate is what has happened in the whole world over a long period of time. Recognising changes in climate requires the analysis of an enormous number of readings taken over a wide area and for a very long time. Predicting changes in world climate by using climate models takes a super computer at least a year to produce any results.

Climate change was first noticed by biologists who recorded the unusual death and migration of plants and animals, and they associated these with local changes in temperature and rainfall. Climatologists confirmed their findings after a lot of research and collection of data.

So it will be some time before the storms over the Hunter are interpreted as a cyclical extreme weather event, or as part of a change in weather patterns that indicates global warming.

There is about a 30 year lag between a level of greenhouse gases and its effect on climate. The present climate is a result of the level of greenhouse gases that occurred during the 1970's, which was about 320 parts per million (ppm). Now the level is at 380ppm and this will dictate the climate and weather in the 2030's.

The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report in 2007 stated that the world should aim to have greenhouse gases peak by 2015 at the latest. This gives only 8 years to change from a world where greenhouse gas levels are increasing dramatically, to where the gas levels are decreasing.

Alternative sources of clean energy, and a huge decrease in energy consumption would dramatically change the way we live and travel. What needs to be done is known, the technology is available. The debate is raging between interests that are vested in the present and those that foresee the future.

In 30 years I will hopefully have passed on to leave space for my children and grandchildren, so will not be here to experience the weather and environmental legacy that I have contributed to. For their sakes I wish to have been a part of the solution, as well as having contributed to the problem.

Climate statistics

Period	Rainfall (mm)			Temperature (°C)	
	Actual	6 year Average	Pre-1984 Average	Actual	6 year Average
Apr 2007	36	34	80	16	16
May 2007	23	39	85	14	12
Jun 2007	329	49	95	9	10



Vet's casebook

by Ken Davidson BVSc (Hons)

There are lessons to be learnt from females with enlarged tummies. The latest was last week when 'Missfit' was brought in by her owner for an examination. About two weeks previously, she went missing for a few days, and had returned with a very distended abdomen. The owner, not knowing much about the gestational period of a cat, had assumed that she had become pregnant while missing. The cat was quite well in all other respects so there didn't seem much reason to rush her to the vet.

I rolled the cat onto her back on the consulting table and, low-and-behold, the huge swelling disappeared. It was clearly a massive ventral hernia and what the owner was feeling was the cat's abdominal contents prolapsing through a large hole in her tummy-muscle wall!

Difficult surgery (because of the time delay) repaired the hernia and the only lasting damage is to the owner's self esteem. Words like: "it could happen to anyone" made little difference.

How could a large hernia like this be caused? I leave this for you to decide after examining the following photos, provided courtesy of John Ritchie and with permission of Eileen and Zoe (not the cat with the hernia...yet).

Lesson: Never assume that a female with an enlarged tummy is about to have a baby!



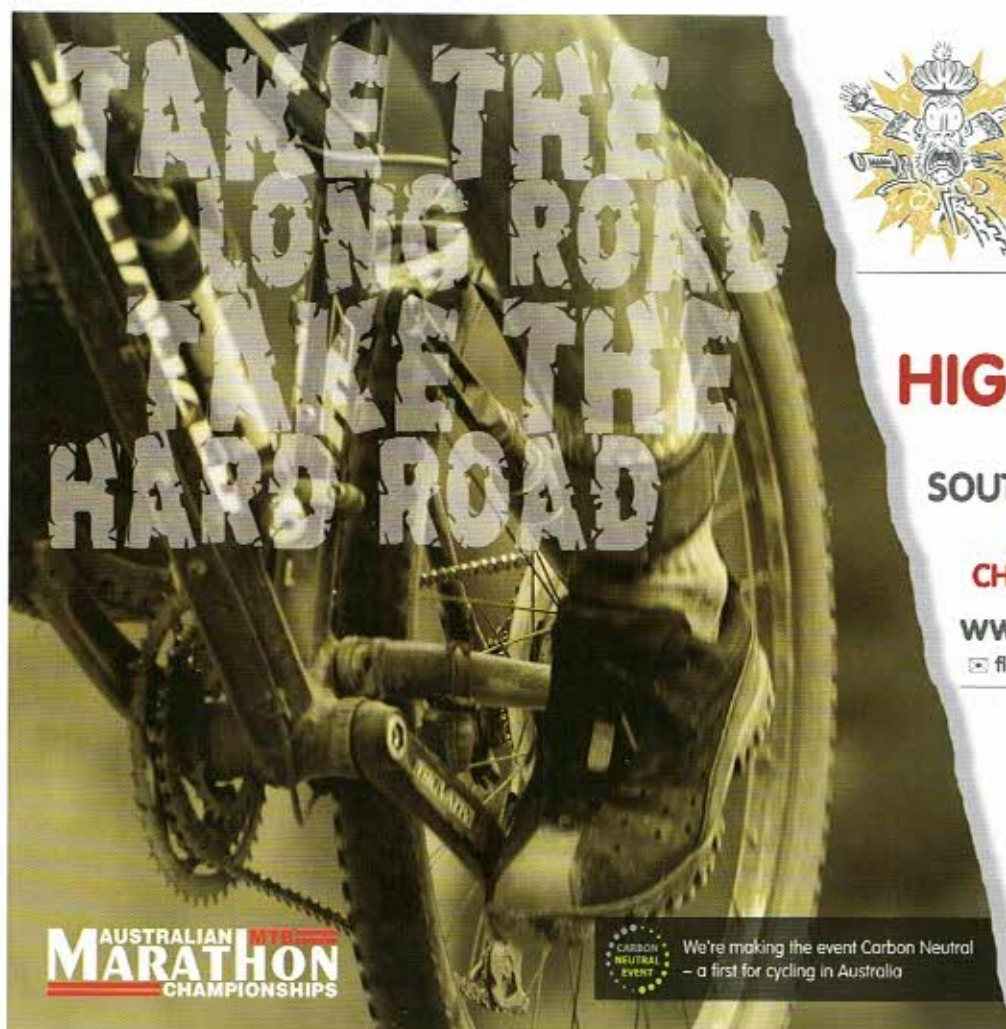
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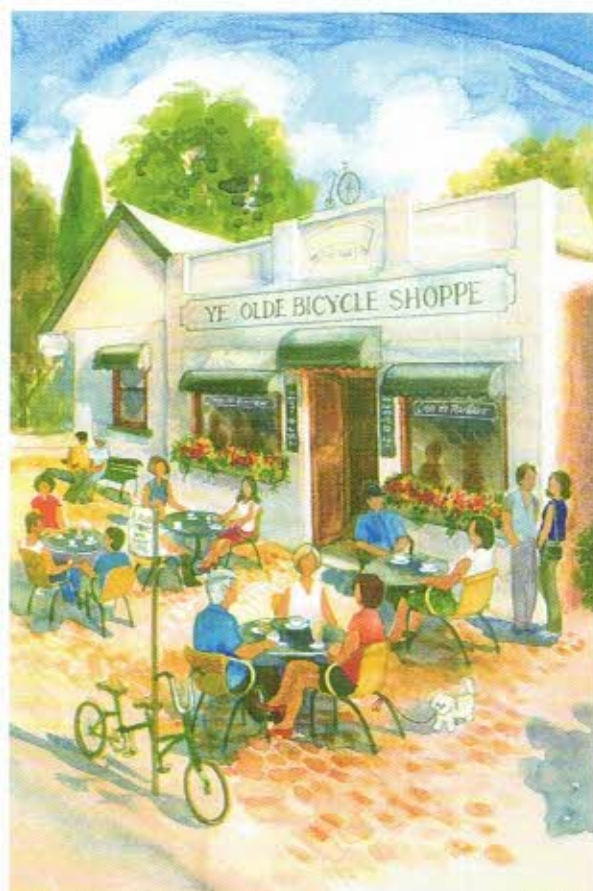
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Pedalling words

by Huw Kingston

Enjoy a Fling on 10/11 November

Given this Pedalling Words will be the last one before this year's VAUDE Highland Fling takes place I thought I should fill you in on some news on the event and how you might get involved.

This year there will be some 1300 riders coming to Bundanoon for the weekend of 10/11 November. Including supporters, this means there could be up to 2000 people in the district for the event. The Fling is by far the biggest sporting event in the southern Highlands and one of the largest cycling events in Australia.

- * Carbon Neutral – The event will this year be the first cycling event in Australia to go Carbon Neutral. This means we are offsetting the carbon emissions created by the running of the event (70 tonnes) and the riders driving/flying to the event (153 tonnes). Full details on how we have done this can be found on www.wildhorizons.com.au
- * VAUDE Highland Fling – The main VAUDE Highland Fling race is held on Sunday 11 November. It is a mountain bike race wending a challenging route through farms and forest throughout the Southern Villages area. It starts at 7.30 a.m. and consists of three main races. The Full Fling (105km), the Half Fling (55km) and the 100 Mile Fling (160km). The Start and Finish are at Ferndale Oval. so come down, watch the action and enjoy some food, drink and music.
- * Bundanoon Dash – on Saturday 10 November there will be plenty of action. This includes the exciting Bundanoon Dash at 5.30 p.m. The Dash is a sprint race that starts outside the school in Bundanoon, does a lap down through the National Park before a cruel finish up Constitution Hill. Some 200 riders are expected to take part so don't forget to come cheer them on.
- * Fundraising – Lots of local groups are involved with the Fling including Bundanoon, Exeter and Wingello School P&Cs, Bundanoon, Penrose and Wingello Rural Fire Service brigades, Bundanoon Rebels Soccer Club and Bundanoon Pony Club. All up some \$30000 is raised by these groups. The Fling also provides funding to 4Wheels4Sean, a charity for Australian cyclists severely disabled as the result of a cycling accident. This year we are also supporting Ride of Her Life. Deb Warren, who has been blind from birth and will ride a tandem 900 km from Armidale to Bundanoon raising funds for the Quest for Life Centre in Bundanoon. Deb will arrive in Bundanoon on the Saturday of the Fling weekend. To support her ride see www.rideofherlife.com.au
- * Would you like to get involved? – With a team of over 100 people helping to make the event a success on the weekend, quality help is always appreciated. People are needed to help with marshalling, timing, registration, event set up etc. If you'd like to get involved then give us a call on 4883 6509 or email fling@wildhorizons.com.au or just fill out the volunteer form on www.wildhorizons.com.au/events/volunteerform

Good luck to all those local riders out there training for the 2007 VAUDE Highland Fling! Enjoy the ride!

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Country living

by Keith McMenomy

Patience and humour are our best assets

It's been a corker of a year (does anyone say that anymore?). While guilt kept us from admitting to a good summer in our corner of the Highlands, many districts have since had a great deluge this winter. Goulburn's weir has grown from a mere puddle to almost half full.

We had over 300mm in a fortnight and found even our sandy paddocks were waterlogged. The dam overflowed for the first time in 10 years, drowning our veteran Wisconsin engine and pump for several weeks. I had to turn the gas-truck driver away and shovel umpteen trailer loads of gravel onto the drive, but I was glad to do so. It is tempting to think the drought cycle has turned but we will not know for a year or two.

Notice how the news media sensationalises doom and disaster, whatever happens! A few months ago it was the worst drought on record and more recently we heard only about damage from floods. Obviously only bad news sells.

In terms of climate change, I adhere to the precautionary principle. Make allowances for continuing dry seasons, conserve as much as possible, put in more water storage and if wrong you win both ways while those in denial are exposed to failure. (She'll be right mate!)

In the ups and downs of seasons and politics it is evident on one hand how powerless we are to resist nature and on the other hand how our actions on the land can actually have effect. After settling here we noticed wombats burrowed deeply under the old netting fences so we replaced the netting with plain wire. Now they come and go without needing to dig. Many of the older native trees were eaten out by termites so we planted a hundred or more eucalypts and banksias to supplement a natural corridor meandering through the place. I did not expect to eliminate termites but hoped to slow them down. We have watched with satisfaction as the new ones grew even in dry seasons. Six of the mature trees have fallen in the last couple of months – not through white ants but after wet and windy conditions. One spectacular old white snappy gum trunk had 75 circles so it took root about 1932. It yielded fifty or more fence rails and posts so 'you win some and lose some'.



On the positive side the animals and birds seem to be as happy with the wet season as we are. The cows need to lose weight before joining and many of the wild ducks are pairing off for mating. There are more earth worms than we have noticed before and the birds are getting their share. King parrots, rosellas, robins and wagtails are also in abundance. The world doesn't seem quite so sick after wet weather.

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by Patrick Fitzgerald

Building and renovating – before you start ...

Are you planning to build a house or start a big extension? Most of us give a lot of thought to the layout and cost of the building, without taking into account other factors that are part of a new building or extension. Before you submit your plans to council, take a moment to consider some of the unexpected associated costs you may be up for in the process, over and above the cost of the building. You may be surprised to find how much these costs can eat into your carefully planned budget.

Council fees are just the start. For example, your site may need to have the sewer attached and this can cost around \$3,000 for a \$200,000 renovation /building, and as much as \$4,500 for a new \$400,000 building.

Now for the unexpected part that can burn up your money, not to mention your patience. Reports! There are geotech, engineer, fire safety, bushfire, water cycle management, flora/fauna, heritage, flooding/drainage, landscaping, and Basix. Basix is the general term for the new building regulations that now apply to all new buildings. Council will request that some of these reports be done and costs vary considerably. Allow several thousand dollars, at least.

Now for the tricky part; how can you anticipate the cost of a building? Allow about \$1,500 per square metre for a realistic assessment, but be aware that any unusual or specific features will add to the cost. When first considering your design, take into account the cost of a concrete slab. This can be a much bigger cost than it initially appears. Two examples of standard brick veneer houses on slightly sloping ground in Bundanoon illustrate this point; the concrete slab for one house ended up costing \$80,000, while another cost \$45,000; both far more than the owners had anticipated.

Have you factored in the other substantial costs that always come up with a new building; such as landscaping, a driveway, rain water tanks, fencing? Basix regulations have to be taken into account. Council will reject plans that don't adhere to these regulations, which will mean having to resubmit them and paying more fees.

To avoid frustration and costly back-tracking it is a good idea to gain an idea of building costs based on preliminary plans before you make submissions to council. A draftsman can draw up plans that are detailed enough for a builder to give you a general idea of overall cost. It is important to get two or three quotes. Most builders will give you a good idea of costs based on clear drawings, and may be able to make suggestions that save money or improve the structural integrity of the building.

Many plans are submitted without adequate thought to aspect, topography, cross ventilation, practicality, ecological sustainability, and the impact of landscaping. Getting feedback on your design from experienced people can save you a lot of money and greatly improve the design of your house or renovation. Good luck and may you come in under budget!



Behind the counter

by Lucy Bainger

Pie in the Sky

"It's all Janie's fault!" says Kate. Rural residents of Bundanoon, Janie Adams and Kate Coyle run Pie in the Sky, a tiny shop full of little luxuries tucked away next to the railway station. The first thing you notice is the lovely scents wafting from the wide range of soaps, creams, sprays and sachets for sale. As well as beautifully embroidered bedspreads and hand towels there is everything needed to transform a bathroom into a sensuous, luxurious space.

Kate and Janie, residents of the area for over a decade, live with their families on properties outside Bundanoon, with respective collections of cats, dogs and horses. The two women, who are neighbours, share a passion for all things equine; Janie breeds Australian eventing horses (warmbloods) and they both enjoy riding in the nearby bush. It was over morning coffee that they decided to join forces in a little business. While travelling in Queensland, Janie had come across some beautiful soaps, made of the purest ingredients, in the shape of a slice of pie. She was so taken with them she decided, in addition to making her own soaps, to become an agent for them. Janie learnt how to make soaps and sprays when working at Stafford Park Lavender Farm and she wanted to continue this craft. She and Kate have studied various soap making techniques, learning how to cater for an increasingly discerning and informed clientele. Kate took on all the paperwork, marketing and computer work.

Armed with this combination of skills and determination, the two women started the production of traditionally scented soaps such as rose and lavender, then extended their range by using Australian bush oils – the wonderfully clean smelling lemon myrtle, fresh eucalyptus (blue gum) and delicate bush boronia. They began with a stall at the monthly Bundanoon markets, and then opened as 'Pie in the Sky' in honour of the wedge shaped soaps.

All soaps are not the same. Janie explained that she makes them in her workshop using the old fashioned 'melt and pour' process. Time and care is required for this and she uses only the best essential oils and a gentle gelatine base. These soaps are completely free of caustic lyes used in cheaper products, which are harmful to the skin. Both she and Kate aspire to an eco-friendly outlook and take pride in knowing that their wares 'do no harm'.



The shop is open from Thursday to Monday, depending on the weather, but if you are desperate, Janie or Kate will happily open up for locals, on request. Janie and Kate love to talk about their products so if you have a spare moment and feel like a bit of luxury while supporting a local enterprise, wander over to Pie in the Sky and indulge your skin – it sure smells good in there!



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*When the city air is stifling,
And the heat is more than trifling,
As is simply bound to happen very soon,
Leave the city far behind you;
Let the Sparkling ozone find you,
In the lovely mountain air of Bundanoon.*

Southern Mail, 22 January 1924, quoted in From Jordan's Crossing to Bundanoon, Bundanoon History Group, 1990.



Haymakers at 'Springvale', next to Morton National Park



James and Henrietta Calverley, with sons Ben and Charlie, 1892

James Calverley is an important figure in the development of the town. He opened a general store in 1896, where the Soldiers' Memorial Hall now stands, later moving premises to the building which is now the Primula Cafe. His legacy also includes building the first police residence, now 'Altona'.



Walter and Mary Ann Grice and family

Bundanoon was known as a holiday destination as early as 1885, when Walter Grice purchased the former Primitive Methodist church and relocated it at his property "Summer Hill" as accommodation for guests.

by Sandy Powell

A Department of Tourist Activities booklet written about 60 years ago mentions "A bright little town, and a first class health resort with a fresh and bracing winter and summer climate, Bundanoon, framed by magnificent trees and glistening in the crisp highland air, has all you need for a gay, many-sided holiday/ adventure." Its guest houses have always been an integral part of Bundanoon's appeal.



Early Bundanoon Guesthouses, published by the History Group in 1989, lists almost 70 establishments, some of which operated under different names from the early 1900s to the late 50s. The first Inn that Mary Condon (an amazing local source of facts and dates going back to the beginning of the 20th century) recalls was the 'Excavator Inn' which was built in 1868 to service workers at the quarry. She was not sure that it offered accommodation, but there were tents pitched around it so maybe it qualifies in a general way.

The town's heyday as a top honeymoon destination offering accommodation seems to have been between the World Wars, though many places were built in the early 1900s. Accurate dates are not available from the archives but at their peak in 1940 there were 62 guest houses in town. Some were very small, just a spare room in someone's home. The advertisements were modest:

'Mayfield' Farm, own cows. Tennis Close to golf links. Phone 56, Mrs R Clark

'Devonleigh' Hot Water, Septic, Ballroom, Tennis. Near golf. Mrs Beerman, Phone 6.

There is another document in the archives which singles out some of the larger houses. Of these the first five mentioned all had ballrooms, all had tennis courts and boasted hot and cold water in the bathrooms (no en suites!) which would invariably all be a mile away down a cold corridor.

On application, guests could be collected from the station. In the early days, a horse-drawn cart was used and later one of the town's two cars – a large Studebaker or Chevrolet.

Entertainment was obviously far simpler in those less affluent, more energetic days. Golf (there were once three golf courses in Bundanoon), tennis, bushwalking were huge attractions. In the evenings after a large, home grown, home cooked meal there was dancing in the ballroom! They didn't have an obesity problem then!

...it was believed that, during World War I German spies used the grounds of Edenholme Guest House to spy on naval shipping movements...



Top: Golfers at Terry's Royal Park course (now Parklands Estate), c 1935

Above: Linkside Guest House

Right: Rosnel Guest House

The History Shed archives reveal some quirky elements in the guest house story. For instance, it was believed that, during World War I German spies used the grounds of Edenholme Guest House to spy on naval shipping movements in Jervis Bay. 'Edenholme' was at the end of Teudt's Rd. and had an excellent view of the coast.

In early years the tariffs were never mentioned. 'Charges strictly moderate' were modestly indicated in advertisements. Later, probably post WWII it was more acceptable to mention money, so sums like two pound ten shillings per week, or seven shillings per day were published.

'Rosnel', built by Charles Ross when he returned from WWI, was one of the early guest houses. It was built on land given to him by his father-in-law Walter Grice, whose 300 acres had been cut in half when the railway line went through. Walter's son, Joe, built 'Lynbrook' which is now the YHA.

It is interesting but sad to note that over the years 13 guest houses were destroyed by fire – most from unknown causes. 'Wendover' was burnt when a careless golfer, wet after a long game, put his coat over the electric light. The coat caught fire and so did the house.

A chimney and fire place on 'Ferndale', a private property on Ferndale Rd., are all that remains of the guest house owned by Miss Gladys Sandford, Australia's first aviatrix. The house was originally built as a luxury home for J. John Booth and was destroyed by fire in 1937.

'The Shack', also on Ferndale Rd., was completely burnt out in 1939 and later replaced by a stone house built by Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hyman.

'Fernmount' (later known as the California) was built on the site of the present



Bundanoon Country Inn by Gus Nicholas, proprietor of the 'Pill factory' which later became the 'Gasthof' on the corner of Anzac Pde and Penrose Rd.

The restored guest houses, Solar Springs (formerly The Knoll), The YHA (Lynbrook), Tree Tops (Gemona), Mildenhall, Idle-a-Wile and Sylvan Glen at Penrose are reminders of a thriving hospitality industry in Bundanoon.

Recommended reading:

Early Bundanoon Guest Houses, Then and Now (1989);

From Jordans Crossing to Bundanoon (1990);

Both published by Bundanoon History Group and available for sale at the History Shed.

Top: The Shack, destroyed by fire in 1939.

Right: Fernmount Guest House fire. Site now occupied by Bundanoon Country Inn.



by Ralph Clark

An 1882 correspondent to the *Moss Vale Scrutineer* commenting on the development of Jordan's Crossing remarked, "the Church of England and the Methodist Primitive Church have places of worship not far from the station, but neither edifice is in keeping with the progress of the locality. However, it is said they look better inside than outside, and certainly they would need to be so." At this time the town did not boast Roman Catholic or Presbyterian churches.

Bundanoon's Presbyterian church building, in Phillip Street opposite the school, is its youngest, dating from 1959, although the earliest-recorded Presbyterian service in the district was held in Wingello as far back as 26th November, 1837. A church was erected in Sutton Forest in 1866.

The first Presbyterian services in Bundanoon were hosted by the Methodists and subsequently, until 1959, in the CWA hall. The Rev Mr W. Drooger, student-minister at Moss Vale, who had been a builder before leaving his native Holland, drew the plans for a church on the present site, on land donated by Miss McGeoch of Exeter. Mr Drooger, aided by retired ship's master Captain R. Stewart, did much of the construction, assisted by voluntary labour. The building was opened by the State Moderator, the Rt Rev C.J. Vernon, on October 10th, 1959.

Cardinal Moran laid the foundation stone for Bundanoon's Roman Catholic place of worship on 10th March, 1891, on the site in Hill Street where the present St Brigid's stands. (Born near Dunkeld in 453AD, St Brigid, known as 'Mary of the Gael', is the second Irish saint, after St Patrick). The impact of the famous



Irish eminence on the little village must have been considerable; certainly some eighty pounds was collected at the ceremony.

The land had been donated by Mr W.A. Nicholas, of 'Pill Factory' fame; the necessary timber was pledged by the owner of Bundanoon Sawmill, Mr H. Larkins. Soon afterwards, however, the bank where the funds were deposited closed its doors, putting a temporary halt to the project.

A new start was made three years later and the church was completed in 1895. An extension to the church was consecrated in November 1935.

The Church of England referred to so disparagingly by the *Scrutineer* correspondent was a slab-walled, shingle-roofed building with a belfry and porch, on an acre of land (which also had been donated by W.A. Nicholas), where the present Holy Trinity Anglican Church still stands.

In 1877 Nicholas and Mr G.W. Osborn had written on behalf of the residents of Jordan's Crossing to Bishop Barker in Sydney seeking support – 'if one of the local Ministers from Sutton Forest, Berrima or Bowral could visit us once a month we would feel it a great boon (as) our children are growing up in total ignorance of the Rites of the Established Church'.

Little time was wasted – the original Holy Trinity was built by Samuel Tooth and consecrated by Bishop Barker on 9th November 1879. The earliest grave recorded in the churchyard is that of Amy Eliza Nicholas, daughter of W.A., who died on 6.9.1880, aged eleven.

The bushfire on New Year's Eve 1904 destroyed the original building. A laconic entry in the church register for 1.1.1905 records "No service. Church burnt".

On Wednesday March 8th, 1905 the Governor, Sir Harry Rawson laid the foundation stone for the new church, which was finished later that year at a cost of £530. JWR Walker of Kareela was architect, contractor and supervisor, so it may be assumed that there was little difficulty with building inspections! The beautiful building which resulted remains a feature of our town.

The first Primitive Methodist (later renamed Methodist after amalgamation with the Wesleyans) services were held in private homes, often that of Walter Grice, but when the first school opened in Bundanoon in January 1871 classes were able to be held in a slab church on the present site of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

Top: Uniting Church (formerly Methodist), opened in 1885

Above left: St Brigid's Roman Catholic Church, completed in 1895

Left: The first Holy Trinity Anglican Church building, consecrated in 1879



The present church was built by Samuel Tooth Snr in 1885, at a cost of three hundred and fifty five pounds, a sum which had been fully paid by the first service held in the new church, on May 3rd, 1885.

Electricity was connected in 1931, with the nine lights installed costing thirteen pounds one shilling. The stained-glass windows were installed in 1947 and the stone fence and memorial gates the following year. The Bundanoon Methodists entered Union in 1977, becoming the Uniting Church.

The early cemetery was given to the town as a Memorial Garden in 1995 and remains a site for contemplation. Burials date back to about 1869, with the oldest surviving monument that of John Dimmock Jnr, who drowned on 28th December 1872.

Early newspapers and other records testify to the importance of religion in Jordans Crossing, and later Bundanoon. The names of most of the early families appear in the church registers.

Prepared from records held by the Bundanoon History Group.



Test your local knowledge

The plaque illustrated in this photograph bears the name Dr. Guy Gurney.

Where in Bundanoon is this plaque? Who was Dr. Guy Gurney? And why is he remembered in this way?

Email your answers to inverard@hinet.net.au or by post to jcg, PO Box 201B, Bundanoon 2578.

Fellowship of First Fleeters

Rosemary Kirkby was born and educated in England and has developed a deep interest in Australian history, since her arrival in Australia in 1964. She has a particular interest in the First Fleeters and explains her growing fascination with our past:

IN 1964, all I knew of Australia was that Captain Cook had landed at Botany Bay and that there had been a large number of convicts expelled from the United Kingdom and Ireland to the USA and Australia a couple of centuries ago, but that was about it! When my children started coming home with school history projects in the 1970's, I realised how ignorant I was so hastily did a crash course in Australian history. I began to appreciate what a resilient group those first white Australian settlers had been. The only reason they survived the harsh conditions of Australia was because they were so tough. For the most part, they had been transported as common criminals from extremely bad conditions in the cities and countryside of the 'Mother Country'. I discovered that 90% of them had been sentenced for what we would now consider petty crimes, such as trespassing, stealing clothes or food for their families to survive. Some may have had different political leanings from the accepted majority. Their sentences were extremely harsh and the Government policy in the late 1700s was to export the criminal under-classes so the British and Irish law-abiders would then be free of trouble-makers.

When I set out on an overland trip from England to Australia in May 1964 my father, an avid reader and especially interested in Australian history, warned me that Australians, who were descended from convicts were, in the most part, lawless with little respect for authority. My father, I must add, had been an officer in the British Navy for over thirty years, and ran our household like a battleship. Imagine his reaction when I married an Australian in November 1965! He died in 1972 so was spared the knowledge of my husband John's family history, which we have only fully uncovered in the last three years. Besides being



a descendant of a First Fleet convict, John Nichols, John has another eight convict ancestors. I was the first overseas-born person to marry into his immediate line for 107 years. Because of this rich convict history it has been relatively easy to trace members of John's family. After all, the Governments of the day were very keen not to lose their free (slave) labourers, and kept good records of their movements and occupations.

In October 2004, Valerie Collyer initiated the Southern Highlands Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters. The first meeting of over thirty people was held in Mittagong on 25 November 2004. Since then, further meetings with guest speakers, day trips, and luncheons, have been held. Their next big function 'A Cavalcade Presentation of The Colonial Wedding' is being held at the Mittagong Community Centre on 6 October 2007 at 1.30 pm. The group, consisting of descendants, partners and other interested friends is very diverse. If you would like to join us please contact Southern Highlands Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, Valerie Collyer (02) 4872 1238 or valper@bigpond.com

by Garry Barnsley

Sutton Forest in colonial times and beyond



Above: Charles Manners Sutton, Speaker of the House of Commons. His portrait hangs in the Speaker's Rooms at Westminster, London.

Below: The general store before it became The Everything Store (pictured: Graham Brown, Geoff Barnsley, John Barnsley).

The intersection of two roads, Illawarra Highway and the road to Bundanoon has always been a magnet for enterprising merchants.

No-one knows for sure when the first shopkeeper set up in Sutton Forest but 'sometime in the late 1820s' is a fair bet. The locality received its name in 1820 when Lachlan Macquarie, with typical Scottish canniness, decided to butter-up his patron Charles Manners Sutton, the Speaker of the House of Commons. By the 1850s the postal service was established (the locals were petitioning for a better post office) and the village received a boost with the arrival of the governor at Hillview in the early 1880s.

Thomas Cosgrove had just built a grand shop and residence on the south-east corner but decided that it would make a better post and telegraph office. He inveigled the colonial government into buying the new structure – all

the better to serve a governor and upwards of 50 staff during his summer tenure. It remained a post office until 1975. My late father was the last postmaster there.

On the other side of the road, timber shingles still sit beneath the iron roof of the old general store, a sure sign of its antiquity. My parents, Geoffrey and Daphne, bought the business from the Wickins family in 1955. By the late 1960s they discovered that trading in other peoples' unwanted goods was more profitable than groceries, and thus was born The Everything Store. 'What stock do you keep here?' enquired a passer-by 'We don't keep anything' replied Geoffrey 'but we sell everything'. The village store was the heart of community life, and my parents knew everyone. Today, the shop is still a popular destination and remains in the ownership of my brother Gregory.

My great grandfather's Sutton Forest landholdings produced the livestock that probably inspired two of his sons, Alfred (my grandfather) and his brother Walter, to build the butcher shop on the south-western corner at the turn of the century. It ceased trading in the 1930s, probably a victim of the Great Depression and the ascendancy of Moss Vale as the centre of commerce.

The building was then a produce store and junk shop until transformed into 'A Little Piece of Scotland' by my wife Nerida in 1987. Twenty years on this year, the old shop is a Southern Highlands landmark and offers a world-class collection of quality Scottish, Irish and Norse jewellery, crafts and artefacts.

Nerida's kinsman, Lachlan Macquarie of the Isle of Mull, would be proud to see it now, and so I'm sure would my Sutton Forest ancestors.



Left: The Barnsley Brothers billhead dated 1922. Note the price of chops – and the august claim to Vice-Regal Patronage!

Bottom left: The old butcher shop, now A Little Piece of Scotland.

Below: The old post office under snow (21 August 1962).



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28	1.00	1.00	1.00
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Bundanoon Coalmines

Mr Arthur Tooth, whose family have had a long association with coal mining in Bundanoon, has given jcg more detailed information about the Erith coal mine to add to David Powell's "Coals to Bundanoon" which appeared in the June issue (p22) of our magazine. This is an edited version of correspondence held in the files of Bundanoon History Group.

The entrance to the Erith mine is still visible in the Morton National Park and coal was transported in skips by light rail to the cliff top on the opposite side of the gully. The skips continued through a man-made earthen cutting onto a rock area where winding gear to haul the coal was placed in an oblong hole cut into the stone. From here coal was taken on a light rail line across land to Baker's Coal Siding near Quarry Road. During the 1939 bush fires the last of huge timber structures associated with the mine were burnt and piles of screened coal, which caught fire, burnt for three weeks. The delivery route of the coal to the rail siding was never along what is now called Coalmines Road. It appears it may have crossed it near where there is now a cul-de-sac. At that time the road was an unused, surveyed road only.

...and Arthur remembers...

"The miners, including Thomas Tooth my uncle, came to a fault in the Erith mine. They worked through this and came to an 8 foot seam of very high grade coal, with very low percentage of ash – a coal similar to Bulli coal.

They asked for an additional shilling per ton to mine this new seam but Ezekiel Baker said he would pay only sixpence extra. A strike followed. The miners said "all or nothing"! Ezekiel Baker said it would be nothing, and closed the mine. He also said that if he couldn't get them back to work, no one else would work the mine and he certainly did just that. (Circa Sept 1884 *Scrutineer*)

I am very familiar with the coal mine as my father, the late Joseph Tooth, in later years bought some 250 acres of the area, sold for unpaid rates. The old Title Deeds included all minerals below the surface including coal. Later I also bought Lot 30, being 40 acres which included the mine entrance. If WWII had continued the mine may have reopened. Mention was made (in the previous jcg article) of a third coal mine in Bundanoon. This may well have been a mine known as Dwyer's Mine which apparently operated for only a very short period of time. It's many years since I was in this mine and it was maybe only 5 to 8 metres in length. If you walk over the sandstone near View Point then follow along towards the old 'Hell Hole' track you will find it.

After WWII I took timber and firewood off the land my father had acquired and used what had been the old tramway track as it made a good all weather roadway for my truck in wet weather. Selling firewood around Bundanoon I had a regular customer, Mr Ted Trood, at the end of Victoria St. He used to love to have a yarn and told me a story about the mine similar to the one my Uncle Tom had told me many years before."

Talking history

Over 80 people gathered at the Bundanoon Club on Wednesday 11 July for a delicious morning tea and to hear some of the stories of early Bundanoon, recorded by Marianne Ward as part of the Bundanoon History Group's Oral History Project. Marianne played about six minutes from each of the interviews she

has done so far. It was fascinating to hear Noel Phillips talking about how his grandfather established the orchards in Osborne Avenue and what is now Yuille Avenue. Some of the old trees are still standing. Lucy Rocca, amusingly, described how she and her similarly left-handed friend made wartime camouflage nets with twine and a shuttle. She also talked about aircraft-spotting at night from the top of the Memorial Hall.

Ross Counsell, Mick Greason and Irene and Fred Angel all told bush fire stories and Audrey Petersen described working on the Bundanoon Telephone Exchange.

Sisters Mary McCrodden and Joan Sanderson talked about their days at Bundanoon Public School in the thirties. Barry Ellsmore remembered studying by kerosene lamps during his school days and the party at the railway station when the electric lights were turned on. Isobel Greason spoke of her courting days and wonderful hayrides and picnics in the gullies. Jean Terry told how her husband Roy built up Terry's Golf Links, now Parklands Estate.

Such was the enthusiasm at the gathering that Marianne and the History Group will no doubt hold another event sometime.

Don't miss it – it's an important part of Bundanoon's living history being recorded for future generations.

The Bundanoon History Group meets at the Old Goods Shed every first Monday of the month at 10.00am. All welcome.



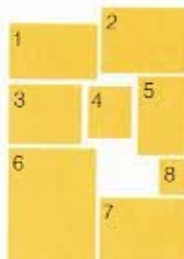
Audrey Petersen (née Greason), mentioned above, appears centre front in this photo. Back row (left to right): Winnie Greason, Isobel Clyne, Renie Greason, Gwen Hanley and Judy Baker. Front row (left to right): Alice Greason, Jean Greason, Audrey Greason and Joan Greason.

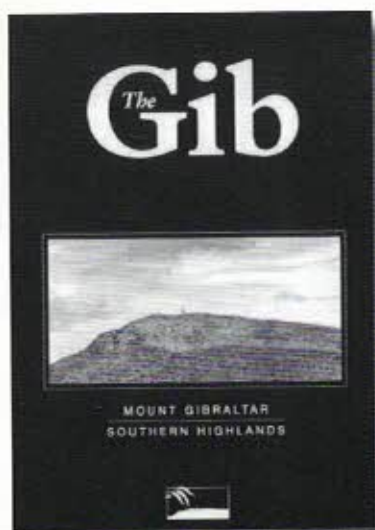


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An orchestral odyssey

While excellent soloists and small chamber ensembles regularly visit our region, the larger orchestral experience generally eludes us. But... there is a great way to hear a professional symphony orchestra without breaking the bank, staying overnight in Sydney or hours of tedious driving. This is the SSO 'Tea and Symphony' series at the Opera House. Commencing at the civilised time of 11:00 am, attendance involves travelling by stress-free rail from Bundanoon (catch the 8:06 am train). All going well you should have time to get from Central to Circular Quay station by about 10:35 am, walk briskly to the Opera House, pick up a program, coffee or tea and shortbread (included free)... enjoy the concert, then have a leisurely lunch before heading home on the 3:46 pm Goulburn commuter. To avoid the city lunchtime crowds after the performance, our group took the short ferry ride to Kirribilli, strolled through its charming streets to a sunny Milson's Point café we knew, afterwards catching the train opposite directly back to town.

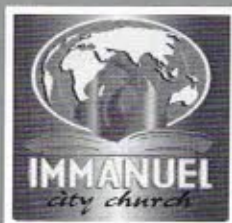
One concert earlier this year included William Walton's *Violin Concerto* (a personal favourite) coupled with Lutoslawski's *Concerto for Orchestra* (new to me) – both lyrical yet vibrant works from the 20th Century. Another featured Haydn's *Symphony No. 104* (London) plus Debussy's aural postcard showpiece, *Images*.

You can park the car at Moss Vale if you wish to take a later train home (check the timetable). Go to the Art Gallery or DJs or The Botanical Gardens... there are endless pleasant possibilities to extend the day... (just avoid teaming the concert with a dental appointment or paying the Mastercard account!)

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garden club
by Marianne Ward

Spring is in the air

Spring is here – and what a welcome we all want to give this wonderful season after such a cold, windy and wet winter. Members of the Bundanoon Garden Club are surely beaming as bulbs and blossoms flourish all over the Southern Highlands.

The Bundanoon Garden Club has been a part of our town's activities for more than 35 years and the Club is affiliated with Garden Clubs of Australia – a countrywide organisation. Our motto is "Friendship through Gardens" and membership, currently about 160, is open to all.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Bundanoon Memorial Hall at 9.30 am for a 10.00 am meeting, finishing at 12 noon. There is a general meeting with tips and advice followed by a 'question and answer' time. We have a raffle each month and future activities, such as a coach tour to the Blue Mountains in October are advertised. The Club also arranges visits to local members' gardens, opened 'in friendship' on the Saturday following most of the monthly meetings.

After morning tea on meeting days we usually have an invited speaker.

Recent guests were Dr John Shepherd who spoke on Bundanoon's geology, Judy McMaster from the local branch of WIRES and Dr John Kelly, our Bundanoon Chiropractor, whose topic was 'Gardening with your spine in mind'. Guest speaker for 6 September is Jim Lycos who will talk on 'Camden Park and its Camellias'.

Many new gardens in Bundanoon have been planted with cuttings potted-up and sold through our active Trade Table. The Club library is well stocked and members can borrow three books per month.

We occasionally have tours – either one-day or overnight coach trips to see beautiful gardens elsewhere in the State. In the past we have travelled to Cowra, Crookwell and Berry and great friendships are made along the way.

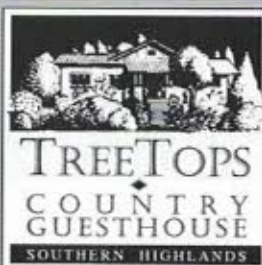
Our Garden Club always takes a stall at the BCA October Garden Ramble Market where we sell plants propagated by members, produce we have grown and jams or baked goodies we have made. Many of our members also volunteer to be 'gate attendants' at the Ramble gardens- another enjoyable activity in our busy gardening year.

The Bundanoon Garden Club in the past has been involved in community beautification now mainly a BCA Green Team project. However, the Club still maintains Nancy Kingsbury Park, next to the Police Station, and recently commissioned the Banksia sculpture by local sculptor Ken McDonald.

If you are interested in gardening, do come along to a meeting – all visitors are most welcome.

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Architect and artist

Philip Walker, a recent Bundanoon resident, won the 2007 Kangaroo Valley Arts Festival outdoor sculpture prize with his painted timber assembly 'Tall Grasses'

The inaugural event, held in a number of Valley venues, brought many professional musicians, performers and artists together. There were 70 entrants in the outdoor sculpture competition which was displayed in the beautiful gardens of Wombat Grange on the Kangaroo River. It was judged by Michael Le Grand – Head of Sculpture at the Canberra School of Art and Nigel Harrison – Head of Sculpture at the National Art School in Sydney.

Philip, an architect, settled in Bundanoon a year ago to work mainly in drawing, painting and sculpture. His early architectural degree course, at the University of Sydney, included training under the guidance of eminent artists such as Lloyd Rees, John Santry and Guy Warren. As an architect, he worked on many major projects in Australia including New Parliament House in Canberra where the wonderful work of blending architecture with painting, crafts and sculpture was a very enlightening and rich experience. Philip has also undertaken a number of art courses in London and Sydney.

Philip keenly appreciates visual compositions expressing space

and solid form articulated by the lines and surfaces of both natural and painted materials.

'I love to work, not only directly from the landscape, but also out of stories and poetry which throw up imagery as narratives. A drawing or painting does not need to show one static view or single moment in time. There can always be the opportunities to see the progression of a story and many facets of a subject.'

The Southern Highlands offers many opportunities for sculpture to be placed in gardens and the countryside. The winning sculpture, by the combination of natural unfinished and coloured timber elements represents a landscape of tall grass set in frames resembling a 'three dimensional painting' placed in the real landscape.



Local showcase

The Bowral and District Art Society Gallery at 1 Short Street, Bowral, stages numerous exhibitions throughout the year. Many students who have attended classes and workshops at BDAS have had their first opportunity to exhibit work in the lovely space that this gallery offers. Quality works by tutors and established artists have been showcased by BDAS providing a wonderful opportunity for art collectors. Entries for the prestigious art prizes, The Copes, Alvaro and Wingecarribee Council competitions attract entrants from professional artists outside the shire as well as accepting the works of talented locals.

An exhibition which will open on 25 October will feature the work of eight artists living in the Southern Highlands. They work in a variety of media and their exhibition will showcase their individual styles. Leanne Booth favours working with soft pastels. Penny Levett's paintings and drawings are detailed and design oriented and Susie Webster uses a myriad of techniques encompassing mixed media, monoprints, photography and resin. Samantha Waldon's images explore themes of identity, while Trudi Spencer finds inspiration in the

natural environment. Tracey Miller, an art teacher, has exhibited work at the Old Milk Factory gallery and the works of Louise Pearsall and Jenny White demonstrate their fine, individual talents.

All works are for sale.

The gallery is open daily from 10.00 am–4.00 pm. All welcome. Free admission.

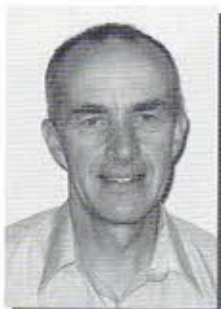


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Footy in mouth — an excuse for a gentlemen's lunch

by David Morgan

A gathering of local football fans was joined by six guests from Canberra for lunch at the Bundanoon Club on the last Saturday of Winterfest.

It was relatively easy to find someone to speak about the virtues of the game that is played in heaven under the guidance of the divine referee and a sacred administration. But how, I thought, will I unearth anyone capable of saying anything positive about football codes that reward sides for nearly scoring (AFL) or mostly never scoring at all (Soccer), or for feeding a scrum as far away from the hookers' feet as possible presumably because if a rake lifts a boot to strike, any participants still binding will fall over (NRL).

As it happened two guests from Canberra with impeccable Association Football (that game we are happier calling Soccer) credentials opened the roast with wonderfully controversial rhetoric. John Hutchens responded with a well-compiled diatribe on the merits of AFL and NRL. It was left to Geoff Didier (ex-Wallaby) to wind up proceedings by expanding on his theory that contact sport is a preparation for war. He then broke into song having promised his fellow attendees from Canberra that he wouldn't. He has a tremendous voice so maybe they were concerned about his choice of songs in the past.

Dignified diners collected another beer from the bar and then retired to Bundanoon Club's deck to watch the

Highlanders demolish Kiama 52-7. You'll be pleased to know that they did this without resorting to trench warfare or by "bringing back the biff"

This lunch is held each year during Winterfest and is sponsored by Bundanoon Club, Highlanders

Winterfest. Next year it is proposed to make the event a Sportsman's Dinner following an Invitation

Surviving the 60s

If you were a child before the 60's, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have!

Our cots were covered with bright, glossy lead-based paint. When we rode our bikes we had no helmets. Going to the beach sitting in the back of someone's ute on a warm summer's day was always a special treat...no seat belts or air bags.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors! We shared soft drink with friends, all swigging from one bottle and no one died from this! We built billy-carts out of wood scraps and old bearings and then rode them down suburban streets; often to find out we had forgotten to plan for stopping. After running into the bushes a few times we developed solutions to the problem.

After school and weekends, we often would leave home in the morning and were expected to be responsible for our own behaviour, actions and activities, as long as we were back by the time the street-lights came on. No one was able to reach us all day! No mobile phones. Unthinkable!

We got cut, grazed, broke bones and teeth, and no law suits resulted. They were accidents. Remember accidents? No one was to blame, but us. We had fights, occasionally punched one another, usually hid the bruising from our parents and learned to get over it.

We ate bread and butter, cake, chips, and drank sugared cordial, but we were seldom overweight because we were always outside and active. We didn't have playstations, x-boxes, pay TV, video games, DVDs, surround sound, personal computers, internet chat rooms. Instead we had friends.

We went outside and found new friends. We walked (or rode a bike) to a mate's home; knocked on the door or rung the bell, and talked to them. Imagine! Without asking a parent! By ourselves!

Those of us who wanted to play sport were expected to make our own way to training and the game. Bus, train, tram, bike, walk! No mum or dad driving us here or there, to and from. Teams held tryouts (footy, water polo, tennis, cricket) but not everyone made the team. Those who weren't selected learned to live with the disappointment.

Some of us weren't as smart as others; failed the exams or were held back to repeat the year. Tests were not adjusted or students automatically passed under some guise of personal development!

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. There was no one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. Mostly they sided with the law!

We experienced freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all—before governments (ably assisted by the legal profession) decided to regulate nearly every aspect of our lives, supposedly for our own good.

Despite this—or probably due to it, the past 50 years has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers, innovators and inventors, ever.

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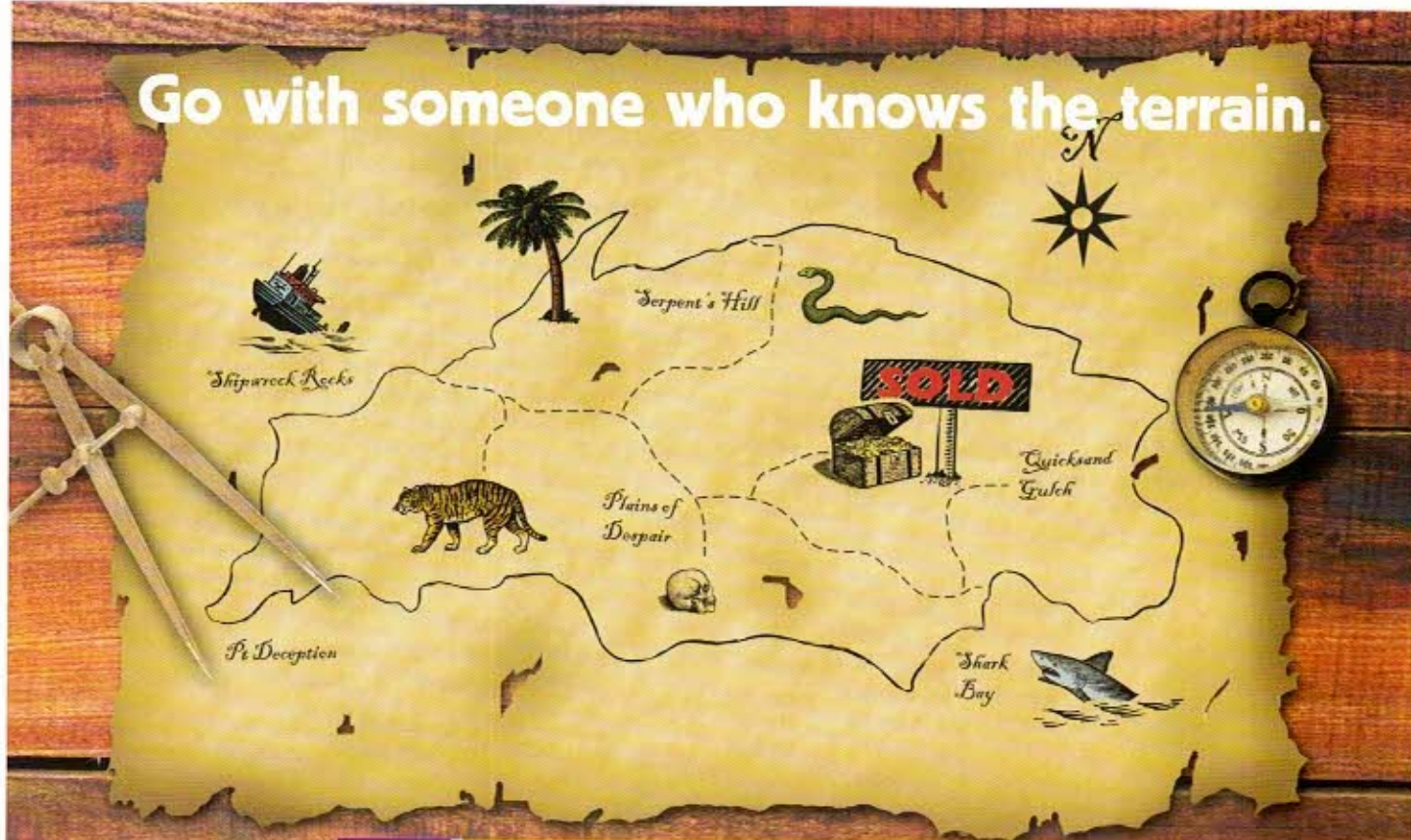
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Bundanoon Movers celebrate 10 years!

Lee Robinson is a fully qualified Fitness Trainer. Her original class has proven so popular that she has recently started 'The Monday Movers'. Both classes are specifically designed with the over 50's in mind; however everyone is welcome. Ed.

There are not many things these days that last ten years. The 'Bundanoon Movers' gentle exercise class recently celebrated their 10 year anniversary with a BBQ dinner, drinks and a beautiful cake kindly made by class participant Nalini.

So what is it that has kept the class going all this time when other groups in Bundanoon have fallen by the wayside?

Some may say it's the enjoyable music or how good the exercises make you feel, but here's a list of other things mentioned when I posed this question to the class:

- * Good friends
- * The fruit and vegetable swap market
- * The unexpected events
- * You feel comfortable to be yourself
- * Coffee afterwards
- *and yes, there are MEN!

In 1997, Bowral Community Health was given a grant of \$2,000 to help start a new gentle exercise class for the over 50's. This was part of the government's 'Keep on Your Feet' campaign and the money was to be used to get a class up and running with the hope that it would continue independently in the future. I would venture to say that they certainly got their money's worth.

Some participants have been attending regularly since the first day. The recently introduced 'Monday Movers' class is a circuit format and incorporates some more difficult exercises using handweights and fitballs

"We have come full circle" says Lee. "The first class was held at the Bundanoon Bowling Club and now we find ourselves back there on a Monday. I was completely overwhelmed on the first day as over 20 people showed up to the first class". Now the class has a regular attendance of around 15 to 20 which includes four men.

Over the years, newcomers to Bundanoon have found the 'Movers' a fantastic way to meet

people and to learn about their new community.

The original 'Bundanoon Movers' is held every Wednesday at 2pm at The Quest for Life Centre and the 'Monday Movers' is held at 9am at the Bundanoon Club. Please contact Lee Robinson on 4883 7060 or 0427 884 658 if you would like to enquire about the classes.

Here's to another 10 years!

Lee Robinson, left, and the 'Movers'





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Happy birthday, Bundanoon CWA

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During the Depression the branch assisted families in need. In the war years, camouflage netting and parcels to service men and women were some of the contributions made. A baby health centre was established in 1946 and remained until 1961 when it was transferred to Moss Vale. The branch went into recess in 1967 for six months because of lack of members, but re-opened in October the same year. From 1976, membership increased. Over the years all the officers and members have given their time, knowledge, expertise and energy, to make the 'rooms' comfortable, well-equipped and cared for. We continue to have functions, raffles, and cater for a number of organisations, contributing to all facets of the CWA.

Friendship and harmony among members is wonderful and is extended to visitors. Cookery, handicrafts and international culture have been well to the forefront. A feature in the rooms is the President's Chair which was donated by a past President. Known as the 'Terry Chair', her contribution is remembered in verse:

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Oh! may it inspire us to reach heights sublime as we use her memorial chair.*

After 80 years Bundanoon CWA is still relevant

to this community – taking an interest in local happenings and environmental issues, welcoming newcomers and above all enjoying good company and fellowship. We are a happy bunch of people!

In June 2007 we celebrated our anniversary at the Bundanoon Club, a beautiful venue and comfortably warm thanks to their very efficient 'climate control'. Bundanoon is well served with this club and we thank the management for their assistance. The function was aptly named An Elegant Morning Tea (and it was!)

But the CWA is not all Tea and Scones! This organisation, countrywide, has again been entrusted by the Federal Government with the task of distributing further grants to needy people still suffering the effects of years of long drought. 15 July was International Day when Judith Berry organised the annual tribute to the country of study – Malta. Judith researches these countries and produces a report to each monthly meeting. Guest Speaker was Mary Grima, a lady born in Malta. She regaled 18 students from the local school with stories from her homeland. The school is involved with CWA in the study of a different country each year. Also, we have delivered over 100 hand knitted tiny garments to World Vision for supply to a country where newborn infants are affected by the pain of AIDS.

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Club News

MANY LOCALS have enjoyed the Club facilities for the first time during **Winterfest** – the local history morning filled the auditorium and the Dinner-show was so popular it had to be repeated to a second full house later.

The Wednesday **Jokers Wild** jackpot went off in June – the \$5,300 prize was shared by two lucky members. As *jcg* went to print it was already back to \$2,000 and growing by \$100 per week.

Since we went completely **smoke-free** in July a lot of people have been discovering just what our town's club has to offer. There is a lot more coming up and your suggestions are always welcome.

On the **sporting front**, the club Major Singles was won by Jack Hoare, the Minor singles by Bob Schillert and the Pairs by Ron Angel and Lyn Harper (Alyn Wray substituted when Ron was unwell for the final).

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Retirement is, as just about all retirees will attest, a pain in the – just about everywhere. We tend to stop all meaningful employment early and live much longer. So there is a yawning gap to fill. Not like the old days when we retired at sixty-five; got in a few rounds of golf and then croaked. One of the worst aspects of the senior years is the irreversible ailment known as 'galloping irrelevance'. You were 'something' in real life but now the something has receded so far into the distance that you have trouble remembering what it was. In fact, if one is asked, "what did you do when you were a real person?" it's best to just say you were a sausage sexer. This is a sure bet to end the conversation.

Coping with the new world is impossible so you might as well not try. You will hear your grandchildren talking about pixels and pexels and megabytes of ram, the latter having nothing to do with a sheep being bitten on the backside. Going in the car with any of your grown-up children will be terrifying. As they drive along at high speed in their satellite-guided capsules, they will be talking on their 'hands-free' phones, listening to jangling so-called music while sipping coffee from the obligatory cup-holders.

In some ways your life is morphing into a close approximation of your dog's life. You both wake up in the morning, feeling stiff and itchy. You sit up and scratch your tummy and the dog tries to attack a flea with its hind leg but falls over. You let the dog out to pee and this inspires your first adventure of the day when you try to help the dog mark out the territory, without being seen by the neighbours. Now you are both feeling a little peckish so you give the dog half a biscuit and you have two 'Granose' yourself, ruined by the addition of skim milk, low fat yoghurt and bottled apricots which refuse to be spliced in half with the edge of the spoon. (Do any retirees out there have the wit to spot the tautology?)

The dog now goes back to bed and here the dog's life and yours diverge. You must find something meaningful to do with your day. If you have a partner, she or he will have a catalogue of things for you to do but they are all detestable and anyway, you hate being asked. If you have to do something boring and detestable, at least make sure that it's something you thought of yourself. Once started, make sure you are seen hurrying back and forth past the window looking purposeful. Make lots of loud banging noises and saw up some pieces of wood.

Candle lit dinners can be a menace too. Conversation tends to centre round the diners' ailments and there is quite a competitive edge to it. "I'm just about over my quadruple by-pass. Yours was just a triple job wasn't it?" "Bert's had three stents put in".

"Ah, hah, I had four!" Anyone sitting at the table who has not had any stents or by-passes yet might be suffering with mixed

emotions. (You've got to be suffering from something.) A gloomy type of person will be thinking, "Oh God. I'll be next!" The optimist will be wondering about how she can escape this stultifyingly boring table-talk but meanwhile, the panic merchant will be experiencing serious empathetic pains and will be seen running from the room clutching his chest.

Finally, let's knock the idea that being with the young keeps you young. Wherever did that notion come from? The truth is that their boundless energy was once your energy. Your children and their children have systematically drained it out of you. Their batteries have been hot-wired to your circuits and now they are fully charged and you are flat. To make things worse, many of our children are having their children later in their lives which means that our grandchildren arrive later in our lives; often it's twenty years too late. So our children find their babies a struggle to cope with and for a rest, they deposit them with us. Since babies operate close to the ground, this means lots of bending over, which is difficult enough and dealing with their various bodily leaks is frankly, odious. So all the signs of exhaustion are there but you must try to maintain your dignity. If any young person tries to help you across the road, ward them off. If it takes you three bounces to get up out of your easy chair and a child grabs you by the arm, elbow them off, and if that causes you to collapse back into your chair, so be it. Given time one realises that life is mostly about absurdities and looking back you really can't help laughing. The greater the absurdity the funnier it becomes, given time. It's just a question of how much time do we have? Goodbye!

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Top left: Andrew Gordon provides entertainment

Left: Lions Club sausage sizzle fed the hungry

Bottom left: A family toasts marshmallows.

Variety show at The Bundanoon Club

Top right: 'Ab Fab' – Miranda Lean and Ann Ellbourne

Below: Karen Granger, cabaret singer

Bottom: Les Rundle & Phil Gove, 'The Elderly Brothers'



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Activities

Bundanoon Community Association (BCA)	
President.....Ralph Clark	4883 6389
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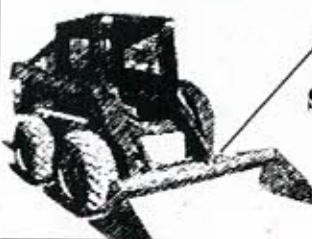
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St Stephen's, Tallong	Sunday, 10 am
All Saints, Sutton Forest	
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Uniting Church, Bundanoon	
Sunday, 11am	Thursday, 12.30 pm
St Brigid's Catholic Church, Bundanoon	
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St Paul's Catholic Church, Moss Vale	
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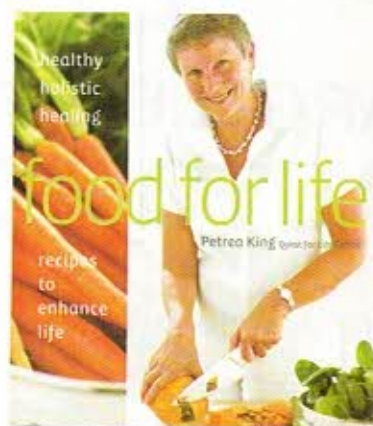


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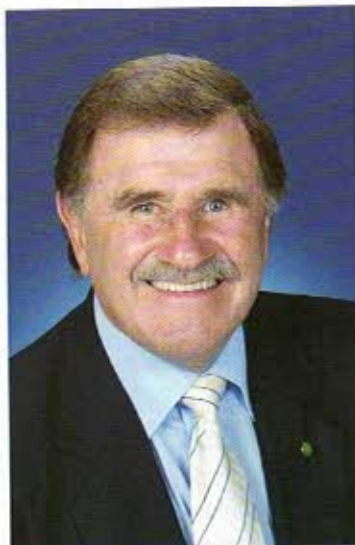
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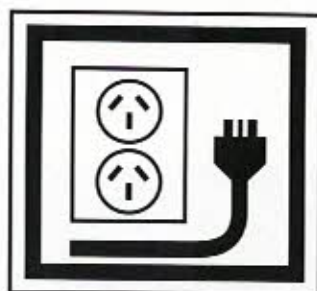
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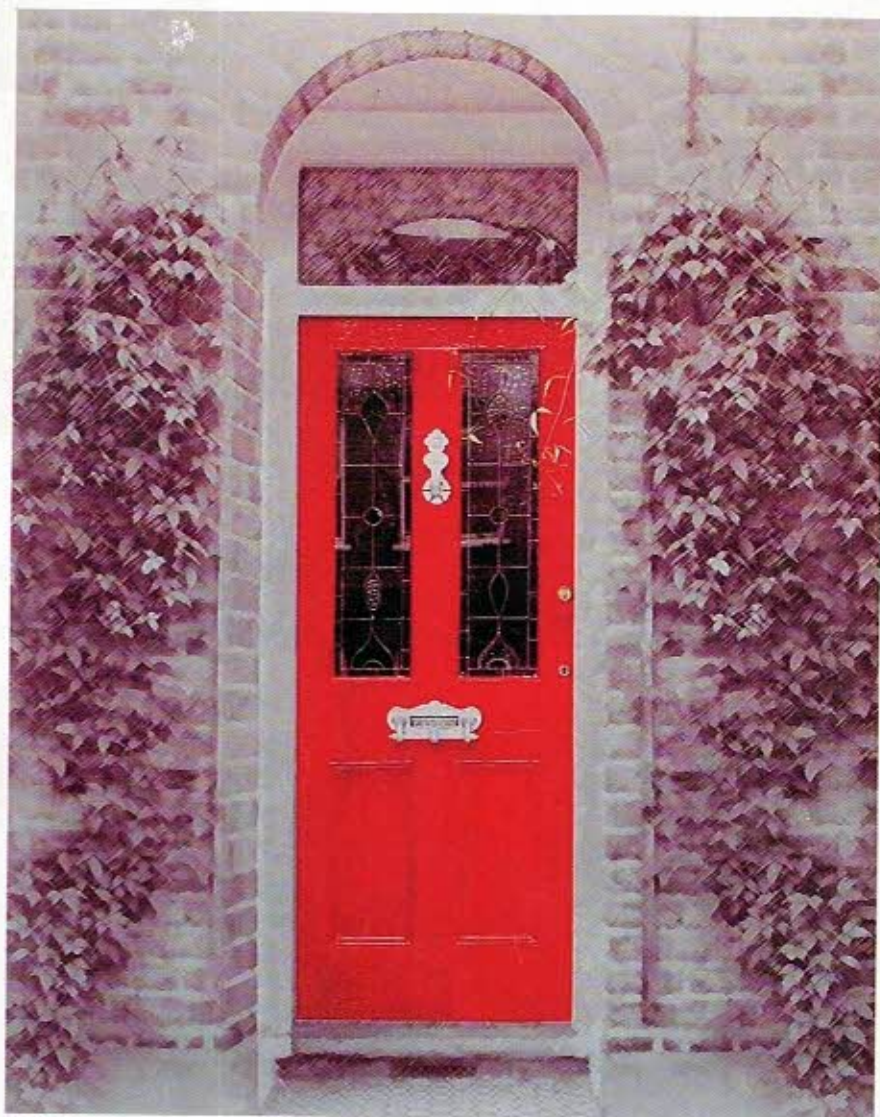
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