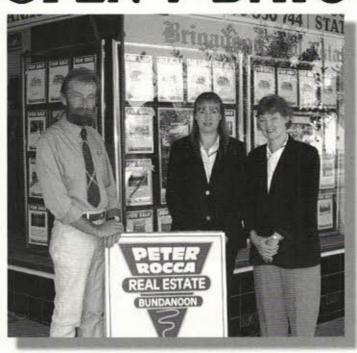




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When David Morgan passed on the job of editor of jcg to me, I made a decision to retain the character of the magazine that we created during the last two vears. I want to thank him for his contribution and have every confidence that jcg will continue to be a publication which 'reflects the ideas and interests of the people of Bundanoon'. As an initiative

of BCDA it is designed to provide a connection for individuals and groups within our community.

In this issue we have asked our contributors to reflect on their choice of the Southern Highlands as a lifestyle change from city living. Enjoy reading their stories as well as our regular features. Bundanoon Real Estate is again offering \$100 as a prize for our second short story competition. Details are on page 7. Write on!

If you have ideas for themes or stories for future editions please contact me. Our March issue will celebrate 10 years of quarterly publication.

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Pam Davies

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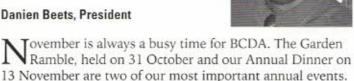
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community

BCDA update



This year, both were a great success - a tribute to our committees and volunteers.

Wingecarribbee Shire Council's Bundanoon Masterplan Committee was recently re-elected with quite a number of nominations from the community. This committee looks at the central areas of Bundanoon and plans for its future - the main street upgrade was a project which originated from this committee. It allows people to put forward ideas for possible improvements and future planning as well as providing a forum for discussion of concerns and grievances about our town centre.

David Morgan and I represent BCDA on this committee and there are representatives from Lions Club, CWA, Bundanoon Visitors Group as well as the broader community. Should you wish to have your views heard, please contact one of the above organizations for consultation with a Masterplan committee member.

As Christmas approaches at breakneck pace yet again, I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas with just the right mix of family, friends, food and drink.

Remember, BCDA is an umbrella organization for a number of sub-groups involved in community activities. These include Garden Ramble, Bundanoon Visitors' Group, Arts Bundanoon, the Green Team and Glow Worm Track committee. We produce Jordan's Crossing Gazette and screen movies in the hall from time to time. The Soldiers' Memorial Hall is maintained and managed by BCDA and we have supported projects such as the Bundanoon Quilt and the environmentally friendly Bundanoon Bag.

Focus groups such as Residents Against Inappropriate Development, Sewerage Augmentation Focus Group and Town Development Focus Group also receive our support.

If you would like to participate in any of these groups please contact me on 0418 431 625.



We're look, look, looking for....

Here's your opportunity to be a very real part of Bundanoon's musical history. As you may be aware, a fund has been established to enable the Bundanoon community to purchase its own grand piano to grace the stage of our Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

Having a quality instrument at our disposal means that all types of music may be presented in a suitably professional manner. It will be used for classical concerts, recitals, jazz, dinner music and just plain fun - being available to groups hiring the hall such as theatre companies and schools. On request students who need to practice on a grand piano for recitals and exams will have access.

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Our fund has been growing steadily for a couple of vears and now stands at about \$9500 - thanks to generous donations and the proceeds of concerts such as the recent ANU Chamber Orchestra and the Garden Ramble Harp recital. The new price for an appropriate piano is approximately \$60,000 but considering the use and the realistic goals of fund raising we expect to pay approximately \$15,000-\$25,000 for a reconditioned instrument (including a robust cover).

Your sponsoring donation will be acknowledged publicly but should you desire to remain anonymous your wish will be respected. For further information or a sponsorship form please contact Michael and Coralie Flint -4883 6588.

Seventy years ago, the foundation stone of our hall was laid. What a vision for the future needs these forebears showed in providing us with such a generous building. In a similar way, having our own grand piano which will benefit so many presently in Bundanoon will be a legacy for future generations.

...A P.I.A.N.O!

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Were you there?

What a treat it was to be part of the audience for the Australian National University Chamber Orchestra Concert on 2 October. David Pereira, assisted by Barbara Jane Gilby as soloist, led these talented young musicians in a wonderful and varied program. Some of them will be amongst many young Australians who have gone on to perform with some of the great orchestras around the world. They played to a capacity audience in the Memorial Hall.

Arts Bundanoon, as a sub-group of the BCDA, exists to bring such performances and events of cultural significance to the people of our town and visitors alike. In time it is envisaged that these occasions will include music in all forms and styles, Art, Dance and Drama. As part of this goal, we have initiated a fund to purchase a grand piano to enable us to broaden the range of music to be performed and also to be able to attract artists of a high professional standard.

On Garden Ramble Day a recital was held in the Anglican Church – 'With Harp and Voice'. Laura Tanata, from Canberra School of Music, captivated the audience with a delightful and romantic recital on her orchestral harp. Also on the program was Dr Alan Beavis, bringing us two contrasting organ works which included the popular Toccata and Fugue in D Minor by J.S.Bach. Bundanoon Voices complemented the afternoon recital with their usual high standard of presentation, in works both sacred and secular.

As reported in previous issues of jcg, Timothy Kain led Guitar Trek in a memorable concert at Easter. Also, as part of the fund-raising effort for the grand piano, recitals have been held in the home of Michael and Coralie Flint. In June, the piano was put to the test as Geoffrey Xeros, also of the ANU School of Music. Yvonne D'Arcy, our popular soprano, gave us some Art Songs and Summertime from Porgy and Bess.

Bundanoon Voices. under Coralie's direction, brought us songs in Russian, Latin and English - a delightful mixture of earlier compositions with the familiarity of folk songs and madrigals. David Pereira, one of Australia's most noted cellists was our third guest, in August. From the sublime beauty of Bach's suites for unaccompanied cello to the engaging excitement of contemporary works, the audience was held spellbound.

These were all exceptional performances.

Home recitals need to be by invitation but should you like to be on our list of potential audience, please register with Michael or Coralie on 4883 6588. Perhaps you would like to be a part of the team that arranges and runs these events. Please let us know.

As we go to press we are looking forward to another orchestra, Steel City Strings, performing on Saturday 11 December in the Memorial Hall. This is a newly formed group



Laura Tanata, Canberra School of Music

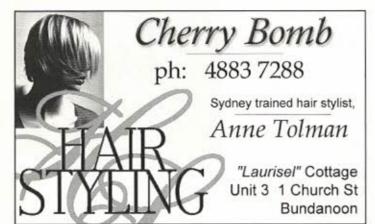
of approximately eighteen players, half of whom are professional musicians. They are based in Wollongong and directed by David Pereira. As their manager was keen to establish a regular performance base in the Highlands, we have been extremely fortunate to convince them that Bundanoon was a good choice of venue. We look forward to future visits of this orchestra and others.

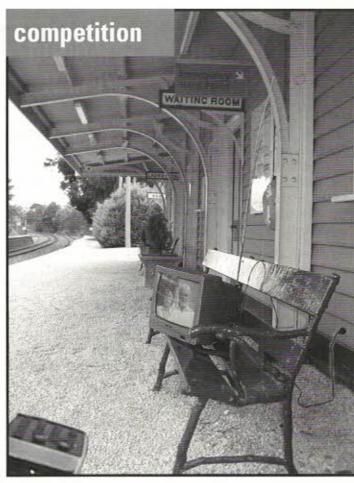
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movies

An Eye On Reel Life

My Fair Lady at the Rex

It took real effort not to sing-a-long to The Rain in Spain, Wouldn't It Be Lovely? and I'm Getting Married in the Morning during the screening of My Fair Lady at the Bundanoon Memorial Hall in September. I'd forgotten how many memorable songs were written for this film. Equally stunning were the brilliant costumes worn by Audrey Hepburn and the cast. The scene at Ascot was a triumph! Rex Harrison's chauvinistic performance as Professor Henry Higgins was a perfect foil for Audrey's spirited portrayal of Eliza.

A highlight of the evening was a demonstration by projectionist Charles Slater of his lovingly restored wax cylinder gramophones. These are exactly the same type as those used by Professor Higgins in the film. Throw in the usual bountiful supper and it proved to be yet another truly 'LOVERLY' night. Incidentally, My Fair Lady will be presented by the Highlands Theatre Group at Clubbe Hall early next year. There are no more screenings planned for The Rex this year but keep an eye out for more films in 2005.

F.I.S.H.ing in the Highlands.

Many people are not aware that we have our very own film society operating in the shire. Known as F.I.S.H. (Films in the Southern Highlands), screenings are held approximately once a month at 10:00am Sunday and 8:30pm Tuesday. Members select the day that suits them best. The aim of E.I.S.H. is to present quality films that are interesting, thought-provoking and different from the mainstream. They are often subtitled foreign films, though Australian, British and American films are regularly featured.

Typical of the F.I.S.H. menu was a film called *Swing* which, perfectly, launched our 04/05 F.I.S.H.ing season in September.

It is the story of a young French boy holidaying with his grandmother. He visits the local enclave of Manouche gypsies to purchase a guitar and there he encounters a girl called Swing who is of similar age.

My recollections of Swing are: "No deep and meaningfuls, no violence, no cinematic metaphors, and not much plot". I loved the life, the colour, the humanity, the innocence, the understatement and of course, the thrilling, improvised 'heart and mind jazz'. Manouche music is a celebration of being alive. What a culture! One where barter rules, acceptance prevails and when you finally 'snuff it', that's it! You're gone and your possessions are burnt. You live on only in oral history.

How great it was to see the joy of these people without labouring on the horrors of their persecution and attempted extermination by the Nazis in the 1940s.

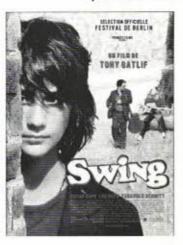
The relationship between Max and Swing was the central theme of the film, with all the accompanying tension, awkwardness, doubt, joy and frivolity. First love was poignantly depicted in their shy attempt at a parting kiss. A powerful contrast to Max's cold, humourless, 'yuppie' mother when she arrived to take him back to 'his world'.

Swing was an absolute gem!

The second film of the season was the wonderful *The Old Man Who Read Love Stories*, starring Richard Dreyfus and the last film before the Christmas/New Year break was the highly regarded French film, *The Man on the Train*.

See you at the movies!

by Ross Armfield



watch this space

Movies at the REX for 2005 will be announced in the March issue of *JCG*.

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Kids to Korea

In October, nineteen Moss Vale High students, their principal and two staff members, travelled to South Korea to spend eight activity packed days with their host families. Ross Armfield looked into how this adventure came about.

In February this year, students from Namsung Middle School in Cheongju, a city which is a two hour drive south of Seoul, visited Moss Vale High School, stayed with local families and experienced the Highlands way of life for two weeks. This included long spells of 40 degrees centigrade. They returned to Cheongju to be met by temperatures of minus 15 degrees.

Strong bonds and friendships were established and a return visit to South Korea was planned by M.V.H.S. principal, Mr. Jim McAlpine and his Namsung Middle School counterpart, Mr. Kim Yun-hak.

On Sunday afternoon 3 October, 19 students flew out of Sydney for the experience of a lifetime, sporting their custom-made, blue and white striped tops (reminiscent of convict attire), and featuring crossed South Korean and Australian flags.

Among them were four students from the southern end of the shire, Alyssa McMahon, Sarah McGlynn, Thomas Armfield from Exeter and Emily Goff from Bundanoon.

They were greeted in Cheongju by hundreds of screaming students. They were idolised!

So began days of outings, exchanges of gifts, cultural presentations by both schools and bonding between host families and their new friends. Our students experienced traditional Korean food, saw huge golden statues of Buddha, visited

1000 year old temples and viewed intricate works of art. Apart from the obvious educational benefits that such a trip brings, witnessing an international school's organisation was beneficial. The outcome was one of acceptance and tolerance of another culture a realisation that they had more in common with their host families than differences.

All people share similar needs and feelings ... and weren't those feelings on show when it was time

to leave! Tears flowed from both groups of students as the coach left for Seoul. Anxious parents greeted them when they flew in to Sydney on 12 October.

Since then, e-mails and photos have 'flown' between the two countries, as memories and relationships are confirmed with the overwhelmingly generous and caring South Korean families.

As the glow of the trip diminishes, plans are already underway for another group of Namsung pupils to visit Moss Vale next year, giving more local children an opportunity to experience Korean culture.



top: Exeter/Bundanoon students return from Korea, (left to right) Emily Goff, Sarah McGlynn, Thomas Armfield and Alvssa McMahon

above: Moss Vale High staff and students about to depart Sydney

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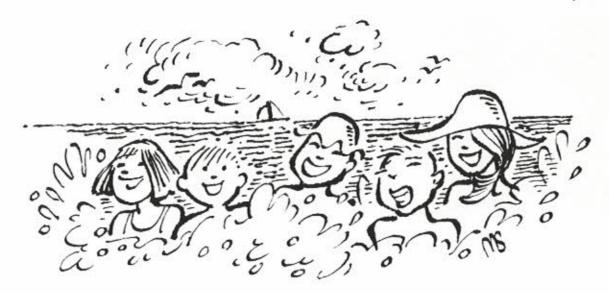
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Seasons in the Sun

I must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and the sky And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by.

John Masefield

Cummertime. The promised holiday at the seaside finally Orealized. The car full of cossies and clothes and excited kids, their faces beaming in anticipation or wrinkling with motion sickness. The long trip over the mountains to the big city, the neon Tek toothbrush sign blinking to tell us 'we're here'. That first morning, new sandals with Bandaids for the blisters, hot squelchy sand, swimming with a laughing Dad holding each of us in turn. Squeals of delight, soggy sandwiches... sunburn. Ten minutes exposure was enough to colour our Celtic skin - no Cancer Council warnings then to cover up or slip slap slop. Hot, sticky evenings with Mother applying the soothing balm - a cut tomato and vinegar, rubbed tenderly across back and shoulders! When we could straighten our legs and move freely again, alternative distractions were provided a ferry trip, a visit to the Museum or to an old aunt (some common denominator there), ice skating lessons at the Glaciarium - we hired ugly black skates while the beautiful people who had their own white ones glided by. Back the next day like lemmings for more sun and sand. Watching creatures in the rock pools, fishing off the wharf, milkshakes, Murphy's fish and chips on the beach, the Summer Tennis Championships at the Manly courts - heaven! All part of the sea change. Life was simpler then.

Fast forward twenty, thirty years and the car is filled again, this time a station wagon with a surfboard on top and

Beatles tapes playing at full decibel. Garie Beach often on a Sunday, and for the grand vacation, Forster: not quite the same level of excitement at seeing the ocean as we country kids had experienced, but excitement nevertheless – Thalassa!, the sea. Dolphins in the lake as you cross the bridge - that wonderful blue green aquamarine! Swimming, surfing, fishing, smelly bait! Blue swimmer crabs, Vienna bread and caramel tarts for lunch. The vacuum cleaner out after every meal to suck up the crumbs. Sunset over the lake, walks along the beach at night, father losing sight of all five one night in the sand dunes, leading to total panic and a search by torchlight. Sleep the sleep of the contented just. Next morning up for more of the same!

Now it's the 2000s and those same youngsters are taking their own little ones to the seaside. An hour or two at Bronte or Balmoral, Curl Curl or Cronulla requires a cover up of military precision with neck to knee costumes reminiscent of a century ago, though now in fluoro lycra. Nothing, however, lessens the thrill of each successive generation as that first tentative toe is dipped into the water, the first clumsy attempt at building a sandcastle, seagulls wheeling and stealing the chips from their tiny hands. Wise-after-the-event grandparents, meanwhile, walk along the beach in the early morning or late afternoon, stay out of the noonday sun, and after a restful week or two of sea change return happily to the Highlands, with their 'seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness'.

But what's this? An advertisement for a part of the South Coast as yet undiscovered. Summertime, and the livin' is easy!

shared table

Food To Go



Looking for recipes for weekend guests or perhaps a picnic with friends in Morton National Park? Jenny Byrne, Robert Henderson and Pam Davies have some suggestions for 'food to go.'

When you make a decision to leave your established city life to settle in Bundanoon friends are curious and for the first year or so you will be inundated with guests.

"What are you going to do down there? Won't you miss the theatre, restaurants and all the things that you've enjoyed for the last thirty years?"

They ask these questions as if you haven't considered your lifestyle change, as if it's just an aberration and before long you'll be back.

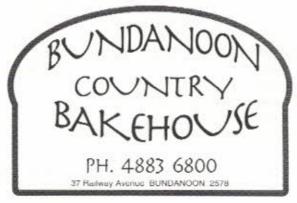
We have news for them
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we are no longer stuck with the familiar patterns of those thirty years and we are having fun making new lives, surrounded by some of the most beautiful country in Australia. Besides how long does it take to drive to Sydney? One and three quarter hours, off peak, via the freeway and the M5!

These recipes are designed to be prepared the day before your guests arrive and they will marvel at the casual way you entertain with lots of time for coffee in the village, a visit to the markets and a trip to Grand Canyon.

Pumpkin and Bacon Pie

500g pumpkin 4 rashers of bacon 6 eggs 200g tasty shredded cheese 250ml fresh cream



1 sheet frozen puff or shortcrust pastry (or make your own) Pinch of ground cumin Chives – chopped

Peel and chop the pumpkin into small pieces. Boil or microwave until soft. Drain well, mash and allow to cool.

Chop bacon finely and fry until crisp. Drain on paper towels.

Line a 26cm-30cm quiche or pie dish with the pastry and blind bake for 10-15 min.

Add eggs to pumpkin and mix in well. Add cumin and cream to mixture and mix until combined to a pouring texture.

Sprinkle the bacon over the pastry base. Sprinkle with cheese. Pour in the pumpkin mixture. Sprinkle with the chopped chives.

Cook in a moderate oven for 45 minutes approximately or until firm.

Serve warm with salad. This pie can also be enjoyed cold – an ideal picnic dish.

Roasted Rib Eye of Beef with Marinated Mushrooms

These marinated mushrooms are a delicious addition to roasted beef and depending on the facilities your 'sea-change' kitchen provides, they may be eaten hot or cold. Either way, ensure you have plenty of good sourdough or similar to soak up the juices!!

Marinated Mushrooms

1kg button mushrooms, wash well, leave stalks on! (Trim the bases if you must) 2 ½ cups veal or vegetable stock 1 cup red wine ¼ cup olive oil ¼ cup balsamic vinegar 2-3 leaves of fresh sage

2-3 leaves of fresh sage 1 bay leaf A few sprigs thyme 2 tbsp roughly chopped Italian parsley 4-8 cloves garlic, unpeeled and flattened Lots of freshly ground black pepper and a good sprinkle of sea salt

Place all ingredients in a large roasting pan so that the liquid covers the mushrooms completely. Cover with foil and braise slowly until tender. (2–3hrs at 140°C). Allow to cool covered, drain excess fluid off and store in a leak-proof container.

Rib Eye Beef (2-2.5kg)

Ask the butcher to trim the meat of all fat and sinew. You may need to do some fine-tuning at home.

Preheat the oven to 180°C.

Coat the rib-eye fillet well with sea salt and freshly cracked pepper.

Using a large heavy-based fry-pan, preferably one with a handle that can go into the oven (e.g. cast iron), heat 2 tbsp vegetable oil until smoking hot.

If transferring to a roasting pan, preheat the pan in the oven. The trick to good beef is constant hot temperature and as little handling as possible.

Sear the beef on all sides until it freely moves in the pan. Place immediately in preheated oven and cook for approx 2 hours. A rough guide is to allow 40 minutes per kilo for rare beef.

Rest the beef for 10 minutes or so before you test it for doneness, and remember, it is easy to cook it some more, it is impossible to cook it some less!

Serve with Kipfler potatoes, boiled and simply dressed with olive oil, freshlyground black pepper and chives – and of course a green salad. This makes a perfect weekend lunch.

Buon Appetito!

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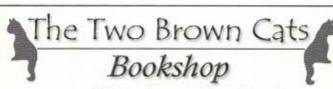




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Two of Us: Catherine

Catherine and James run the Exeter Post Office and the General Store in Exeter. They have lived in Exeter for 10 years and their daughter Evie attends Exeter Public School

Since they took it over some months ago the General Store has become the hub of the village, a wonderfully welcoming place to pick up the papers, have an excellent coffee, and meet the constant flow of other members of our community.

David Haines spoke to Catherine and James about the road that brought them to the Southern Highlands.

Catherine

I was a travel-weary backpacker on the compulsory grand tour of Europe and arrived late one evening in Salzburg, in company with two girls I had met on the train. The youth hostel was full, but we were directed to an alternative youth hotel. James was "mine host" and soothed my irritation at having traipsed through the city looking for accommodation. There was a mutual attraction but one of the girls - an American - monopolized the conversation, and lames, so I decided to head for the mountains. There were two routes back to Vienna, my next stop, one direct, the other passing through Salzburg. Hoping to see James again I took the latter.

He wasn't there when I arrived, but to my relief appeared later and rescued me from a garrulous American.

James wooed me over Austrian cakes, good coffee, and street corner wurstle stands with "The Sound of Music" tunes playing in the background. It snowed and it was all very romantic. But ... my rail ticket was expiring and I had to get back to London!

We kept in touch by phone and letters, then we lost touch for a while which was pretty scary as I was certain he was the one. I finally went with him to Canada and stayed there for two years.

What drew me to James? Well, he looked really cute, dressed very nicely - in fact he was the first man I went out with who wore a tie! He was also good fun, and very romantic. We also share an interest in literature, the arts and the theatre.

We moved here from Paddington when we decided to buy a house. Prices in Sydney were too high and we thought the Southern Highlands held promise for a book business. I also needed to work and felt there would be opportunities down here for a restaurant.

We thought the General Store would be ideal, with room for James' books and facilities for food, but our offer was not accepted. The agent then showed us the Post Office and as soon as we walked in the front door we thought yes, this is it. Now, ten years later, we have the General Store as well!

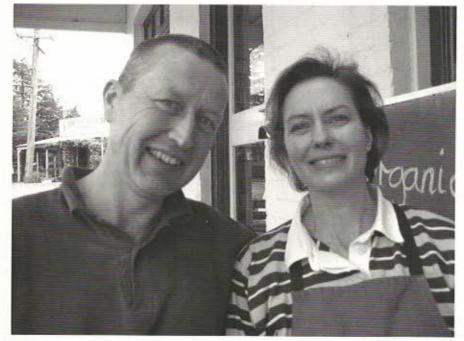
This last couple of years has been hard work, and being with each other so much of the time can sometimes be trying, but when you have made a commitment to someone as we have you just get over the disagreements and get on with it. It is also important to spend time with Evie while she's growing up.

James is incredibly loyal and supportive, and when he starts something he sees it through. There's only one thing about James that irks me - his lack of time management skills and job prioritising!

My ideal holiday? A couple of months in Europe in a couple of different rented cottages where we could shop at local markets, relax in little cafes listening to foreign voices, walk along old, old cobbled streets and gaze at cute old houses, quaint shops, the occasional glorious cathedral and gallery - all the while watching the excitement and wonder in my daughter's face.

James

Needing a language to complete a university arts degree and always having wanted to learn German and travel in Europe I ended up in Salzburg, enrolling at the University to study German. The place where I stayed was essentially a student hotel catering for school leavers preparing for university entrance. When the students left for their summer break they let the beds to backpackers. My job was to act as English speaking receptionist, help serve meals, man the bar in the evenings and do maintenance work.



Fraser and James Larsen

It was September, getting colder and most of the tourists had gone home. I was pretty much left alone with the bar, my German books and the radio when in walked three women: two Australians who were tall, long and beautiful, and a dumpy little American. They had apparently met on the train. They came to the bar after dinner and we all talked, and I took them to a smoky, typically European jazz bar I knew. I had my eye on the two Australians, but the little American had her eye on me, which caused all sorts of a ruckus! They all got rather drunk, but it was very romantic walking back afterwards along the river; it was snowing, the two Australian girls were on my arms, the American girl skipping ahead, and around us the grand old buildings and the castle. I dressed more properly in those days - shirts and ties and great-coats - and I thought I was in the best of all possible worlds!

In fact I was being rather silly because, though I was attracted to Catherine immediately, I was a bit cool and playing the field. We were also a bit of a gang and Catherine has never been comfortable in that sort of situation. Then Catherine took herself off to Vienna and I was beside myself, but there was nothing I could do.

A week later I was sitting at the door to my room on the third floor reading when I heard her voice on the landing below. I thought it was now or never and I should ask her out properly. I went down and she was being chatted up by an American bloke. I got a bit befuddled and started speaking to her in German, but before I walked away I asked her out to a café and she said ves. Sometimes all it takes is a millisecond to make a decision that changes your life; I'm a procrastinator quite often, but for once I acted decisively. We had a very European romance, travelling together a bit, and meeting in places like Verona, and then London. There was quite a bit of time we had to be apart because of work - Catherine was an au pair in France for a while - and intense times together. We wrote a lot and expressed our feelings, but I went back to Canada a couple of times during those years. Once there was a mix up over letters that she did not receive and Catherine thought I had broken the tie which was very traumatic. It was the first time I had told a woman I loved her and that it was forever. It was a shame I had to do it over the phone rather than face to face, but for me the core feeling was there then, from the first moment, and it's there now, so circumstances can't change it.

I subsequently travelled to Australia and met Catherine's family, then went back to Vancouver to finish my degree. Catherine came to Canada where we intended to get married, arriving from sunny Australia to 30 days of solid rain! Even after our marriage things did not go quite smoothly; Catherine had applied for residency, but returned to Australia for a friend's wedding. Of course she was not supposed to leave the country for 12 months and Immigration wouldn't let her back in on her return! They thought it was just a marriage of convenience and we had to show photographs to prove our relationship extended back in time; my father had to sponsor Catherine before they would let her into the country legally.

It wasn't just looks that attracted me to Catherine – we had chatted a lot that first night in Salzburg, even with the other girls present, and had many interests in common. There was also an indefinable sensuality under that reserved, proper, well-educated exterior that drew me to her.

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Catherine is very practical and I know she manages the money side of things better than I. However her propensity for living in disorder, for being comfortable in a state of household chaos is something I find hard to fathom!

An ideal holiday? After the pressures of the last couple of years since we took over the General Store I would like a holiday alone with Catherine - the exotic island type of thing where we could just put our feet up. Then I would love to travel around Europe again, to our familiar haunts and new places, but this time with Evie along to bring it all newly alive for us all.



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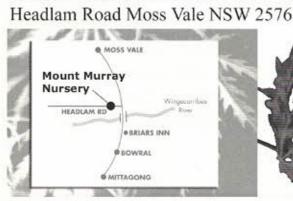
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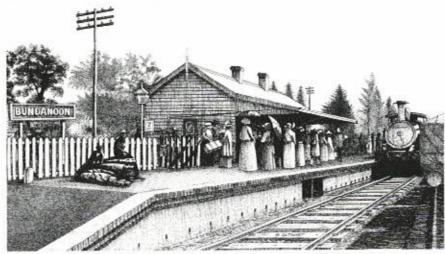


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Retiring on a High

Harvey Grennan looks at factors to consider before deciding on a retirement destination.

Bundanoon has become the final refuge of many retirees from Sydney, and it's not surprising. According to financial planners Jill and Owen Weeks, authors of the book *Where to Retire in Australia*, the Southern Highlands is the best inland destination for retirement in NSW – a case of 'tree-change' rather than 'sea-change'.

In 20 years of running a large financial planning business Owen advised more than 20,000 clients on retiring. He and wife Jill then decided to 'road test' all the major retirement spots to find which have the best lifestyle, medical facilities, transport, security, social clubs and climate.

They spent a year checking out 60 nonmetropolitan centres selected from ABS statistics on where aged people live, and came up with the 24 locations around Australia offering the best mix of facilities. As two-thirds of retirees who move location head for the sea, most of the nominated areas were coastal .One inland location was selected for each state and guess which came up trumps in the premier State?

The Southern Highlands was identified as the best inland location for retirement in NSW, and Port Macquarie was the coastal choice. Bowral took the crown for inland towns with good medical facilities, a wide range in real estate, a well-developed cultural community, a relatively low crime rate and possibilities for starting a small business. The authors found a "strange correlation" between excellent lifestyle amenities like wineries, golf courses and restaurants and the number of doctors in the town. "So find the doctors and follow them," advises Iill

The biggest mistake many retirees make, say the Weeks, is not researching issues such as medical facilities, the weather, employment and business opportunities, and how they will feel being away from familiar surroundings and loved ones. "These mistakes can be very costly, and in many cases it may be impossible for the retiree to move back to the old area," they say.

Research in the U.S. has found retirees should stay within 200 km or two hours of their traditional support network, and the authors believe the same rule applies in Australia. "It's not uncommon for retirees to get itchy feet around seven years after they move, and if the area does not have the same capital growth as, say, Sydney or Melbourne, they may have difficulty moving back." Another mistake is to assume that the town will not change over time. "Over 10 years a place may become too busy or may not develop in the way you thought it would. You have to be careful with your choice."

A useful tool in the book is a 'decision matrix' with a scorecard by which retirees can score various retirement choices. If you score two and your partner scores ten, you're in big trouble.

Each location in the book is rated on its potential for starting a small business or operating a profitable hobby. "Some people don't want to retire in the traditional way," Jill says. "One man did the four-wheel drive trip around Australia and then looked for something to keep him occupied. He started a business baby-sitting other businesses while their operators were away which involves anything from opening the mail to checking whether the staff turns up?"

The Weeks have written another book on working in retirement called *Retire Bizzi*. Visit their website www.where2retire.com.au for further information.

What smart retirees do before moving

- Check out the medical facilities
- Consider the weather patterns
- Speak to the local police and Neighbourhood Watch about security
- Investigate employment and small business opportunities
- Subscribe to the local newspaper for 12 months before moving
- Inquire about adult education courses
- Look at public transport options for yourselves, friends and grandchildren.

Source: Where to Retire in Australia

treechange

Best of Both Worlds

As Jonathon and Ann Burleigh strolled with Joanna Ramage through their newly planted garden, where Manchurian pears, dogwoods and roses are flourishing, they tell her why they chose Bundanoon for their retreat from Sydney.

When they sold their home in Balmain they downsized to an apartment. Their adult children had children of their own and the apartment proved to be too small for family gatherings. Tired of full-time city living and being familiar with the Southern Highlands they found refuge in Bundanoon.

"Ann always appreciated the seasonal change of a cold climate garden. A property

featured in *Domain* caught her eye. "Her exact words were, 'I think this property has our name on it'," Jon recalls.

Jon and Ann met in the city. Ann was a Sydney girl and as she remembers, "I didn't know one end of a horse from the other, and I certainly thought that everything with horns had to be a bull "

Ann's first trip to Exeter was by train, to meet Jon's parents who lived at Normandy Farm, a property on Old Argyle Road. "I was all tarted up to meet the prospective in-laws and the train overshot the station. I realised we would both need to jump, Jon jumped first. He was down the bottom of the embankment calling out, 'Jump darling, jump!' So, I jumped into his arms and needless to say, 40 years later, the rest is history."

Whilst Bundanoon is their retreat, the city has offered them successful careers. "I am retiring from my real estate business, LJ Hooker Balmain, and Ann is trying to squeeze five days of work into three".

"I head up the Bowel Cancer and Digestive Research Institute, based at the Royal North Shore Hospital. I love what I do. I don't think I'm mentally ready yet to relinquish what I'm doing. We've got a situation where a major killer like bowel cancer claims the life of one Australian every two hours. The majority of people in the general community don't know. We want to get the message out, and it's not an easy message to get across, as most people don't want to talk about it."

Jon and Ann have found a comfortable balance, as Ann describes. "We leave Sydney after work whenever we can get away, to maximise our time in Bundanoon. It's hard to drag ourselves away from here. Before we leave we always have one more turn around the garden - one more turn to check if anything's bloomed in the last couple of hours! I suppose it's a matter, for me, of shrugging off the gardening boots and getting back to the high heels, city suits, and lipstick for the remainder of the week."

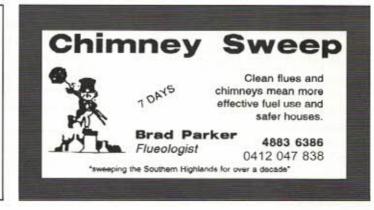
Ann explains, "We don't miss the city at all when we are down here. One of the things that attracted us to Bundanoon, as opposed to Bowral, is that Bundanoon still retains a significant village feel and we like that. Within a short space of time we can actually walk down the main drag of Bundanoon and say hello by name, to the various retailers we know. We're also blessed with terrific neighbours."

"Also, we chose Bundanoon because the access is excellent. It's less than a two-hour drive. The Southern Highlands has the best access into and out of Sydney as opposed to the North, the Blue Mountains or the South," Jon adds.

"We now have the best of both worlds really. Last night we went to the Opera and took a lovely walk around Sydney Harbour. It was just glorious. Today we are back in Bundanoon, getting down and dirty in our garden, something else we just love to do."

As it turned out, that house did have their name on it. "Bundanoon is our escape. When we walk in the door, it's always such a pleasure to be back. We just love it."







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...and so, what's new?

If you have made a decision to leave an established life in the city for a lifestyle change in Bundanoon you will enjoy Jean Bromfield's account of her days at Lynbrook during the 1940s. Andrew Pardoe of Bundanoon History Group interviewed Jean during his research for an article which he has written about this Bundanoon landmark.



above: Guests still enjoy staying and playing at Lynbrook, now the Bundanoon YHA

below: Lynbrook Guesthouse, 1990

Photo courtesy Bundanoon History Group Lynbrook, now the YHA, was built as a guesthouse in 1905 by Joseph and Annie Grice on land which was part of a large parcel that Walter Grice, Joseph's father, took up in 1867. They operated their popular guesthouse until 1913 when a cousin Nellie Grice took over. Nellie married Charlie Ross at the end of WW1 and together they established Rosnel, another well-known Bundanoon guesthouse.

Lynbrook was owned by Harold and Ruby Baker in the early 1940s when Jean came to work there, during school holidays. Bundanoon was popular for bush walks, bicycling, horse riding and visits to Glow Worm Glen. Lynbrook had a golf course on land behind the guesthouse. Visitors mostly arrived by train and were transported to their accommodation by taxi or hire-car.

We are pleased to publish an abridged version of Jean's recollections:

I arrived in Bundanoon in August 1945 and was employed as a waitress at Lynbrook. This entailed all the hospitality ritual: making sure the dining room was clean and shining. Tables were covered with damask linen tablecloths and serviettes were folded in various shapes. The custom was to have serviette rings for each person to fold and reuse their serviette. unless it was soiled, as the guests usually occupied the same table during their stay. The crockery and cutlery were sparkling fresh. Flower arrangements added charm to the old-fashioned dining room. Three meals per day were served with full table service. Waitresses had no note pads; they were expected to have a good memory. Each meal had several tempting dishes or

courses. Most of the dairy foods and garden vegetables were products of the house garden or local orchards at Penrose.

After serving each meal we would have to clear tables and reset again, three times daily. We also helped in the kitchen and familiarised ourselves with all the preparation and culinary terms associated with food and hygiene. Sunday evening meal was served as High Tea - comprising soup, sandwiches, scones, jam and cream and sponge cakes as well as tea, milk, coffee or cocoa. Yum Oh!

The building looks very much the same externally. Internally, all the rooms were comfortable and well furnished for that period. The lounge room had deep old lounges, tables and chairs for cards and board game enthusiasts. There was a radio and a piano for old-fashioned sing-a-longs which were held in the evenings. The large kitchen had a wood stove and a long table in the centre. The aromas that permeated from there gave rise to healthy appetites. The staff dining room was at the end of the kitchen. We were all treated like family.

Bathrooms had old-fashioned cast-iron bathtubs and some showers and toilets allocated for male or female, of course.

Several people were employed; usually the owner's or manager's wife was the chef. There was also an assistant in the kitchen, a lady for laundry duty, housemaids and waitresses, gardeners and a handyman. Most people employed lived in town.

As for myself, the dining room was my domain. Of course we were always expected to be loyal to our employer and courteous and respectful to the guests.

I really don't remember what the basic wage may have been, but for my labours I received my accommodation, meals and three pounds per week and one and a half days off.

Ed. Note: Jean married, raised a family, has been an active member of our community over many years and still lives in Bundanoon. We wish to thank Bundanoon History Group for their contributions to our magazine.

In 2005 Bundanoon YHA will celebrate the centenary of Lynbrook Guest House. Planning is currently under way for this important event which we will cover in jcg.





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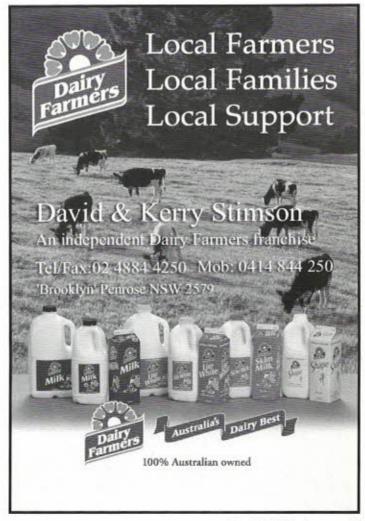
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'In praise of country

by Keith McMenomy. 44 Why go to the country; what will you do out there?"





I am sitting in 'a room of my own', in the south-facing ground floor work-room in our rural hideaway. It is the hottest part of the day, but thanks to sandstone walls and double-glazing it is less than 17°C in here. It is quiet too. Only bird sounds are noticeable above the hum of a computer and an electronic voice that has just told me it is 'one o'clock'. Out through glass-panelled doors, under a pergola roofed with vines, a thrush is warbling in between feeding crumbs to its voungster. What a glorious sound that is! Behind the terrace are some boulders and further away a dry stone garden wall. Then there are lines of fencing and beyond

these a hired bull is attending the small herd of cows. A huge, towering bright sky is empty except for a couple of wisps of passing cloud. High above the gullies of Morton National Park to our south, a lone eagle circles on the air currents – I kid you not. Leaves on fruit trees in the garden and the tops of distant eucalypts behind the cows and paddock are shimmering in a wind I can't hear. This is not an illustration from a travel brochure or an imagined ideal; it is just what I see and sense from where I am sitting. With a stretch of the imagination it could be Suffolk, Provence

or Tuscany, maybe not as colourful, but it is not at the overcrowded other end of the globe. It is Penrose, a sleepy rail stop in the Southern Highlands.

What do we do with ourselves out here on a few acres?

We attempt too much generally. But here weather, the needs of livestock and our mini-farm development tend to direct activity. As my Granddad used to say: "You don't own the farm; the farm owns you." Obviously it is more physically strenuous than city life but after a busy week we still try to preserve a pleasurable sense of the weekend. We take Saturday afternoons and Sundays off whenever we can to sit still, to simply enjoy being here. There is not much difference in this respect from our suburban routine, conventional and enjoyable. We try to devote time after regular chores to creative interests like reading, writing, painting and listening to music. Eventually we intend to concentrate more on these things. Kay goes to Yoga but I prefer to get exercise with manual farm labour. For relaxation, we go to films, visit and are visited by local and city friends. But in other ways, life here is quite different from city living.

To recall for example the last few days:

Last Saturday, up early, we carted trailerloads of straw from a slashed paddock to use for garden mulch. Then followed a quiet day, reading papers. In the evening we pumped water from the dam to soak the garden. Sunday morning we went horse riding. The rest of the day was



lanes'

occupied luxuriously doing nothing: eating, sitting on the verandah and reading. Yesterday morning we shifted cows to another paddock, Kay picked apples to make cider, and then worked inside. I took to some cypress logs with the chain-saw, for building and fencing timber. This has been an on-going job for the last few weeks. Other incidental activities are unique to country life. Last night at dusk we took a walk across the tree line and up the delightful lane that leads to the main road. We often do this but this time - a rare occurrence - I took a gun with me and being against the light was able to shoot a rabbit just inside the fence. Back home we skinned, cleaned and put it in the fridge. Bush rabbit makes a delicious pie or casserole.

This morning Kay was gardening – this is her pleasurable work. I only help out with the donkey work. I put in several hours morticing fence-posts for use later in the year. We work until the sun is overhead and retreat to the cool interior. Kay, between managing a productive garden, home duties and love of cooking, retreats to her studio and 'room of her own'. Apart from sitting here writing, an inside activity for me can be anything from chores, tinkering with hobbies, repairing things, or reading.

What would a pair like us be doing in our inner city, suburban alternative, if we still wished to live there?

We both had careers in teaching and design and enjoyed a great inner-city place to live. The relevant point is that we had been following a necessary routine for decades. As with most environments and routines, they can lose vitality or frisson with extended repetition. As well, in the city we tended to be involved in sedentary activities. Even though we swam, worked in our garden and walked regularly we spent more time consuming, eating, spending, and sitting.

To make a significant lifestyle change - 'down-sizing' or 'sea-changing' - I suppose you have to start with a sense of dissatisfaction with an existing situation and have a conception of an alternative. We did and as a result have been 'on the land' twice in the last four decades.

My wife Kay grew up at The Basin, a small bush township nestled below Mt. Dandenong in Victoria. I spent my spare time in childhood, when not working at odd jobs, cycling out from suburbia to help grandparents on their orchard and to visit other relatives on farms. Both of us have fond memories of our rural experience and it has always appealed to us as a contrast to city life.

At the time of our first venture into the country we were young and did not want to give up lucrative and enjoyable employment so it meant we had to commute to town. We did this happily for nearly ten years until fatigue and the need for better schooling of our children sent us back. Now they are grown up and we are semi-retired so the circumstances differ but the principle is the same. Essentially, our aim is still the idealistic idea of seeking the difference between partly living and really living. We have been stirred out of our comfortable torpor to take on new challenges.

I doubt if anyone achieves a constant state of happiness or satisfaction, as there are no highs without lows. But contentment seems to be a by-product of meaningful relationships and stimulation through productive activity. Contentment depends on a certain degree of financial stability, and we are only part of a huge demographic shift of older citizens driven out of cities by taxes and cost-of-living. At base level it is slightly cheaper to live in the country, partly because you are not exposed to the same intensity of consumer pressure and you can be more self-sufficient. But admittedly, much of the positive qualities experienced out here depend on not going broke in the process. Whatever your circumstances, however, a wide mix of country people are genuinely friendly and supportive. For us, country life is more interesting and fulfilling.

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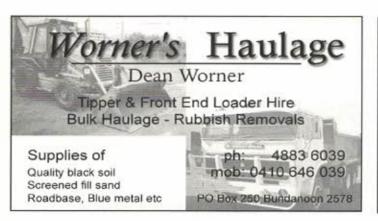
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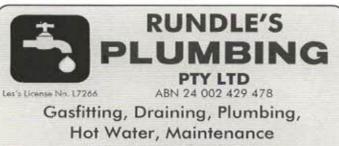
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'No such thing as pocket-money in my day'

An excerpt from Roy Day's reflections on growing up locally, as told to Keith McMenomy.

My parents Harry and Agnes Day emigrated from England and arrived here in 1910. By the time I was born, on 29 September 1920, they had an orchard called 'Hollywood' on the left or eastern side of Dunlop Lane, second house from the end beside a chestnut tree which is now such a beauty.

I had three brothers and two sisters. Nell was eldest, then Ted was the eldest boy, Iris came next, then Frank and I was the youngest - 'tail-ender' - that was me. My dad was an old bugger, to put it bluntly. He was a serious sort of a fellow, an English country boy who had been in the British Army before he emigrated out here in 1909, five years before the First World War. I can't remember him having particular enthusiasms, except that he used to read a lot until his eyesight deteriorated, and he was also a crossword addict. Times were hard for nearly everyone when we were growing up in the Great Depression (1929-39). Permanent work was very difficult to find. Men from the city came along the main road looking for any work possible. Sometimes there were droves of them. They would camp by the railway line or on the side of the road, boiling their 'billies'. So dad also went from job to job as he found them about the district, getting a bit here and there on the orchards. Our place could not support us all through the year. Mom was the wonder in our family. She was long suffering with my father.

What I first remember of our house was three rooms, then later the verandah at the back was also built in to form a fourth. Us three boys slept in one room, the two girls in the other. We only had one water tank and tap to the kitchen at that time and it wasn't over the sink. To heat water we had to boil it up on the wood stove. We also had a chip heater for the bath, which was built in on the back verandah. This was about once a week for all of us, every Saturday evening. And, of course, we grew up without electricity; only lamps and candles provided light at night. Electricity didn't arrive at Penrose until about 1939 and it was a great event in everyone's lives. For entertainment at night we would listen

to a battery radio, mainly for the news. We got that in about 1934. We also had a gramophone and listened to the scratchy old songs, singing along at times.

I went to Penrose State School from 1927 to 1934. At that time there were about twenty-five to thirty pupils. Once a year, we would pack up and go off through the property across the line to Paddy's River for a picnic Sports Day. In summer we would sometimes go down to swim at a favourite spot further along at a place called Hanging Rock where there was a big deep hole. Like most of the others at our little school in those days I went through to seventh grade and then left to look for work.

I was fourteen and it was 1934, during the Great Depression. I got work wherever I could find it. If we could get a few bob here and there, that was the main thing. About 1935, when I was fifteen, I got a job on the orchard where the present Penrose store is now (beside and behind our present home) helping a fellow named Claude Ay. I had helped at home on the orchard from the time I could walk. Child labour went without saying in those days and there was no such thing as pocket money. They were hard times but at least we could grow most of our own food, in the warmer months that is. There were a few rabbits about, not enough for us sometimes during the depression, because they were good tucker. My brother Frank and I used to set traps for them. We would also explore for miles out the back to the south along all the gullies around here, looking in the caves, climbing the huge rock formations and other things we came across. We never got lost, as we knew our way around.

This Penrose country was quieter, of course. There were few or no cars to speak of, and

the Mill wasn't going until after 1939. On the other hand there was an enormous variety of bird-life

On the Days' orchard about 1930. Roy, far left, and Frank dressed up for cricket. Eldest brother Ted holds their horse 'Jack', with dad, Harry Day, at right.

about then, I recall. We rarely saw anyone down our lane because it was a dead end. The roads were not sealed then of course, but full of ruts and bumps. I think the main road was not sealed until about 1946. There was plenty of activity and noise on the railway of course. Everything was pulled by steam power then; we all liked the powerful old Locomotives going past.

I met my wife Patsy (nee Hore) in 1949 at the Penrose Tennis courts, as we were both team players. Patsy came from Exeter and we were married in 1952, so we've made it to our fiftieth anniversary. We moved away from Penrose in 1957 to have a change and settled in Coffs Harbour, then decided to come back south again to where our roots were, in 1983. Now we have five grandchildren, three great grandchildren and another on the way. It's a nice quiet old area, hasn't changed too much and that suits us just fine. We've had many happy times in this corner of the Highlands.'



Cricket: a Lifetime in

Ray Alexander spends an afternoon in the sun at Bundanoon Oval, ruminating on line and length... and life.

Cricket is not just a game. Neville Cardus, the nonpareil of cricket writers, observed in his Autobiography that "to go to a cricket match for nothing but cricket is as though a man were to go into an inn for nothing but drink."

And so it is that one can wander on to the hill at Bundanoon Oval on a Saturday afternoon when the sunshine of a latespring day warms the soul and provides a bleached, pale blue sky as a perfect backdrop to the green gums at the northern end and the white-clad figures on the field.

It is not Lord's or the Sydney Cricket Ground, but it is a wonderful amphitheatre in which a tousle-haired teenager running in eagerly to send down a bouncer can evoke memories of a youthful Jeff Thomson, just as a batsman who has waited for the right ball to play a well-executed cover-drive may conjure up visions of David Gower, who was gracefulness personified.

That is the beauty of cricket. It has its slow movements and crescendos, rather like classical music; and it is the slow periods that offer time to meditate. One can almost hear the voice of incomparable English commentator John Arlott, part Churchill, and part Olivier, uttering: "And in comes Tim Stirton from the railway end, rhythmic but resolute in his approach..."

So many top-class players have come from country cricket grounds to grace the hallowed arenas of the sport that it is not impossible to envisage a boy from Bundanoon, full of hope and raw talent, making it to the big-time. After all, didn't Sir Donald Bradman and 'Tiger' Bill O'Reilly once duel in the sun on the green swards of the Southern Highlands?

The ABC's radio biography of Bradman, The Don Declares, has Norman May asking both Bradman and O'Reilly about Bradman's innings of 240 not out for Bowral against Wingello in the 1925-26 season, when O'Reilly was one of the bowlers punished by the 17-year-old tyro. "A sight for sore eyes," was O'Reilly's description of Bradman. "The unusual thing about him was the tremendous pugnacity of this little bloke," he continued. "He got himself immediately into the right position and was there chucking the bat at everything that was within reach of him."

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Bundanoon may not yet have dredged-up a Bradman, but it has produced some handy cricketers. The names of James Angel, Neil (Sharky) Richardson, Rod Eirth, Ricky Martin and Troy Brown are prominent in any discussions on the best players to have padded-up for the club in the past 15 to 20 years.

James Angel was a great all-rounder -- a talented hockey player and Rugby League footballer as well as being an accomplished batsman and handy bowler. Sadly, he died on the cricket field not long after suffering a severe shock in his trade as an electrician. Sharky Richardson, who still

"I'm amazed at Bill O'Reilly describing me as pugnacious," Bradman said. "Bill was the most pugnacious cricketer I ever saw."

fills in occasionally for the local side, is one of the best natural batsmen the district has seen. He had played 60 games for Bundanoon until the end of last season for 1337 runs at an average of 27.9. Richo's swashbuckling 166 against Sutton Forest at Bundanoon Oval is an innings that will long be remembered.

Rod Eirth is a son of the late Mick Eirth, who was a long serving former president of the Bundanoon Cricket Club. Rod amassed 1120 runs in 44 games for Bundanoon and bowled 549.3 overs for 106 wickets at an average of 15.4. Rod's 111 against Moss Vale in the 1995-96 grand final was a dazzling performance. Mick Eirth, who used to open the batting with Mick Bailey, took the field at one time or another with most of his boys -- Rod, Peter, Mitchell and Danny, who were all capable players.

Ricky Martin compiled 1757 runs in 65 games for Bundanoon at an average of 26.2, with a top score of 107. He now captains the Wingello first-grade side, where his brother Greg also plays. Troy Brown, who turned out for Bundanoon about 10 years ago, is remembered as a fearsome fast bowler who was picked in representative sides and played grade cricket in Sydney.

Family involvement features strongly in the annals of Bundanoon cricket. As well as the Eirths, the Martin, Hayward, Higgins, Parsons, Petersen, Rowley and Stirton families have more than pulled their weight for the club. Ricky, Greg and Ted junior are sons of Ted Martin, a crafty change bowler who played in the late 1900s and once took 7-28. Shane, the son of Neil Richardson and Barbara Martin, now captains the 2nd grade team and is president of the club.

an Afternoon

Other club stalwarts have been former president Graeme Hines (132 games and 2579 runs -- average, 21.1, including a 113 not our and a seven-wicket haul for 10 runs); Mick Arthurs (51 games and a 10 for 58); Mick Bailey (66 games and 1212 runs); Bruce (Bruiser) Bromfield (84 games as a left-handed opening bat); Jason Chambers (51 games); Billy Hayward (71 games); Adrian (Agga) McGrath (49 games; good change bowler with a 4 for 8 effort; current captain of the thirds); Paul Schmalz (85 appearances for 1532 runs and a 5 for 13 bowling performance); Chris Sewell (61 games for 1161 runs, avge 27.6; came to the club from the UK via Toorak; very good wicket-keeper and no. 5 bat); Chris Sewell (77 games; local bricky, former president; excellent club man); Andrew Taylor (47 games; top score, 113 not out); Adrian Vollebregt (41 games; tall, awkward bowler with a 4 for 1 performance).

Tony Higgins, a self-confessed cricket "tragic" and keen statistician, has played almost every season since 1990, making 156 appearances. He started as an opening bat, but now is a trundler of off-cutters and in-swingers for the thirds, trying to pass on knowledge to and encourage enthusiasm in the younger brigade. Tony's son Matthew scored 1480 runs in 83 games for Bundanoon. To Tony's delight, grandson Anthony made one stand-in appearance for the club.

Brothers Chris and Mathew Petersen have been valuable players for Bundanoon. Also an accomplished rugby and hockey player, Chris scored 1337 runs in 60 appearances for Bundanoon before playing first grade for Wingello last season.

Craig Rowley, whose brother Dean has also played for the club, came to the thirds from the soccer club. He is a lower-order batsman who has improved over the years and is a veritable greyhound as a fieldsman. Craig, who had played 107 games for Bundanoon up to the end of last season, has also served as club president.

Mick Stirton and son Tim have been good contributors, Tim having come through the juniors into a permanent spot in 2nd grade as a useful left-hand batsman and capable bowler .Bobby Lewis deserves mention as the compiler of 1404 runs at an average of 34.2 from 40 appearances, including a top score of 142. Bobby was an opening bat and skipper for first grade before going to Canberra. He has returned to play first grade for Wingello.



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The records relied upon are by no means complete, but provide a guide to the contributions made by those who have kept the club alive.

Jeff Stuart, who has come right through the juniors, has played for 40 games for 823 runs (average 24.9) and once took 7 for 22. A Petty Officer in the Australian Navy, Jeff came back to Bundanoon when the Exeter club folded. He missed last season through a posting to the Gulf, but will be back in action this season, querying the amount of water they put in his rum.

The upgrading of players by the Highlands District Cricket Association has often had a detrimental effect on cricket in this area. When the Bundanoon team has been unable to field a first-grade team, as has been the case in the past six seasons, local players either have had to move to another team or give the game away. Several of the Wingello firstgrade team members this season are ex-Bundanoon players.

Last season, Bundanoon finished runners-up to Robertson in both second and third grades. The previous season, Bundanoon won the 2nd grade competition. This season, Bundanoon will field teams in second and third grades.

Officials are finding that it is becoming more difficult to fill teams in the junior grades (Under 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s) because of competition from other more recently introduced sports such as basketball and distractions such as play-station and video and TV-watching.

No youngster ever had a better start in life than by being given a cricket bat as a present and an enrolment in his local junior side. So enlist your boy on a joy-ride that could take him to Elysian Fields. Just ask the friends of the late, great Keith Miller.

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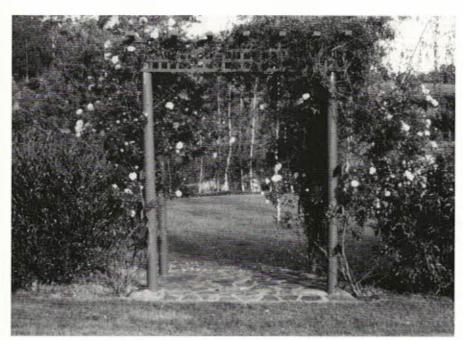
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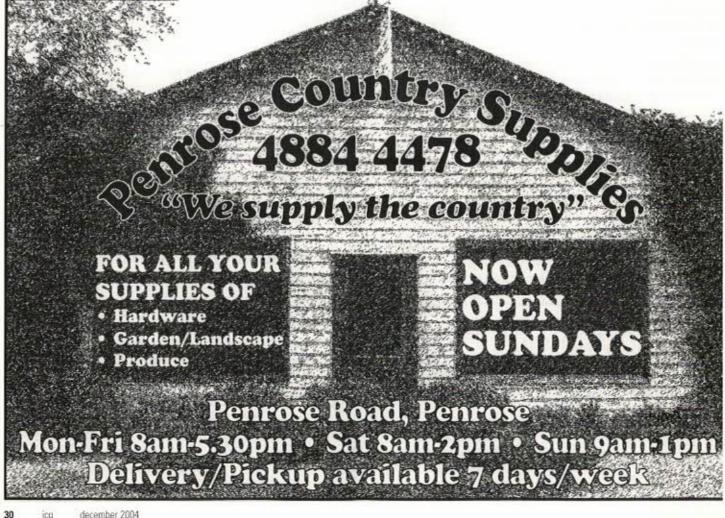
Garden Ramble



ur photo spread says it all - the sun shone, Bundanoon was abuzz with people and the day was a great success. Approximately \$6800 was raised to add to an existing fund established for beautification of Bundanoon. We wish to thank the children from the primary school who were such convincing 'scarecrows', the quilters for their display at the hotel and Les Rundle for his demonstration of steam engines in Picnic Park, Our committee and volunteers contributed to the successful day but of course we owe special thanks to the people who generously opened their gardens for our benefit. Market stalls attracted many visitors and the day concluded with a concert 'With Harp and Voice' at the Anglican Church.

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Graham and Sue Wilson were winners of the 'Scarecrow Competition', the Reid







family and Laurel Hones were highly commended for their entries.

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Some of us who can escape may have to journey on a shoestring whilst others may immerse themselves in luxurious decadence. Travel to anywhere in any way and with anyone will always broaden our horizons and our minds. The people we meet and places we discover will provide endless stories for the dinner table and memories for the rest of our lives!

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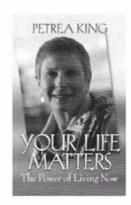


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Summer Reading



YOUR LIFE MATTERS: The Power of Living Now

by Petrea King Random House Australia 2004

Misfortune, tragedy or an event such as a sudden illness often triggers major changes in our lives.

Petrea King, founder of the Quest for Life centre is well known to many residents of Bundanoon. She

has overcome a number of personal tragedies, worked as a teacher and counsellor to terminally ill cancer patients and people who are "seeking peace and reconciliation with the events of their lives." She writes with certainty and a lyrical style about creative solutions to life's challenges and disappointments.

In the preface to her book she writes, "This book has a central theme and it is this: your life matters and your existence is precious; take the opportunity to awaken to your own loving potential and to establish peace in your daily life by developing a living, practical spirituality, based on consciousness."

Each chapter provides guidelines for freeing ourselves from perceived limitations to enable us to live fulfilling lives. This practical guide considers the importance of diet, exercise, relaxation and sleep as well as beliefs and values. We are led on a gentle journey through the pages of this book to find the courage to think about the way we live - what we believe, how we behave, how we treat our bodies – and to make positive changes.

Four qualities to aim for are mentioned in an early chapter. The first is to have **control** over our responses to challenges by choosing our responses. We should decide to 'do something' rather than give in to circumstances.

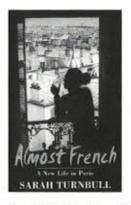
Secondly, we should feel **committed** to living. This requires taking responsibility for our lives: refocusing priorities, resolving relationship difficulties and issues of the past. We need to live wholeheartedly.

The third is to feel **challenged** and excited by life and the final quality is that we should achieve a sense of **connectedness**. We all need a sense of belonging, whether it's to family, friends, community or the environment.

The techniques for achieving positive change are explained wisely and compassionately throughout the book, but remember the journey only begins with awareness. Change requires practice.

Petrea writes, "With an understanding of the value of these four qualities in establishing peace within ourselves, we begin to see the events of our lives differently.

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ALMOST FRENCH: A New Life in Paris

by Sarah Turnbull Bantam Books 2002

Sarah Turnbull's window with a view of Paris rooftops was installed, without building approval, in an ancient stone wall of the sixth floor apartment (walk-up) she shares with her French lawyer husband and their

dog, Maddie. They live in the old city quartier which is home to eccentrics, market stall holders and other devoted dog owners. She writes with warmth and self deprecating humour about negotiating the social minefield of living in Paris. Although French society is carefully regulated the 'window' anecdote demonstrates how creative they can be when a rule is commonly accepted as ridiculous.

Her life took an unexpected twist when she met Frédéric in Rumania while travelling the world when on leave from her job as a journalist and freelance writer in Sydney.

She explains, "I'm not the sort of girl who crosses continents to meet up with a man I hardly know" - but she did! Eight years later they are married and her stories about establishing herself in French society are perceptive and often hilarious. She has difficulty adapting to the protocol of entertaining – the cheese platter is passed only once!

She laughs too loudly, sometimes drinks inappropriately and her dress sense causes the dapper Frédéric considerable concern. Her assignments in Paris as a freelance writer include covering Paris fashion shows. It is here that she learns, from painful experience, that there is a strict protocol for everything from allocated seating to dress code.

This is clearly a book written by an Australian. Her trip home with 'Fred' illustrates the contrasts between their essentially interior lives in Paris during winter and the relaxed days of sun, sea and sand that they spent during a summer holiday in Sydney. Sarah realises that she has made her choice and it is essentially a story of her struggle with cultural clashes and her desire for acceptance. She slowly learns to manoeuvre her way through the complexities of unfamiliar family obligations, dinner parties and relationships with everyone from tradesmen to Frédéric's friends.

Through her frustrations and amusingly told encounters, Sarah tells us how she finally learned to understand 'la différence' and was seduced into her French lifestyle. Almost!

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State Forest before following a different
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exhausted finish at Bundanoon.

The Highland Fling will attract some of Australia's leading riders competing for cash and product prizes, but the majority of riders will be there to meet personal goals from finishing in the top 10%, 50% or just finishing at all.

It is nearly a year until the first event but such a major event requires a huge amount of work to pull off. Bundanoon is Brigadoon; I hope it can also become the home of The Highland Fling, one of Australia's most challenging and fun mountain bike events.

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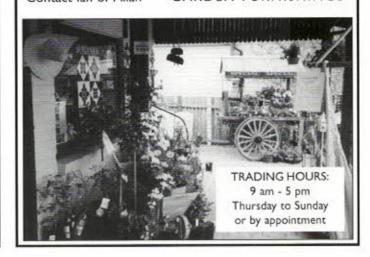
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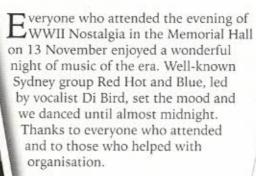
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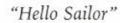
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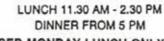
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local life

Bundanoon **Uniting Church:** Past And Present



ith so many newcomers to the area, we thought we should let you know about the Uniting Church in our district.

The origins of the Uniting Church began when Methodism came to Bundanoon in the 1860s, and the town was known as Jordan's Crossing. The first church, a slab construction, was built on the site where the Memorial Hall now stands, and it served as the village's first school. In 1885 Mr. Samuel Tooth was engaged to build the present Church and Sunday School Hall for £350! The first service at this new church was held on 3 May 1885.

In May 1985 the Uniting Church, as it is now called, held its Centenary Celebrations.

That's a brief recall of the past. What about the present? Services are still held in this original church and over the years the building and surrounds have been well maintained. No doubt you will have noticed the gardens around the church? In 1995 a Garden of Memories was established in the grounds as a 'gift to the community'. This garden is a wonderfully historic place. The old headstones recall many old Bundanoon family names. Sitting comfortably with them are the two columbarium walls, both overlooked by the dominant heritage pines which are part of the attractive garden setting. Young mothers and their children stroll through the garden on their way to and from the Public School. Many travellers passing through our village have commented favourably on the quaint garden as they sit on the sandstone seats in the sunshine sipping a mug of coffee or eating lunch in the gazebo.

If you haven't already visited this garden with its wonderful display of perennials and annuals then do so and see the old tombstones dating back to the 1870s. The plantings are set amidst attractive birch trees, camellias, magnolias, box hedges, dogwoods and smokebush. The vinecovered gazebo invites you to just sit quietly and the attractive fountain and sandstone garden seats add a touch of the 'Old World'. You often see a small bunch of flowers placed in a niche of a columbarium wall or beside a tree planted in memory of a loved one. Bundanoon is indeed lucky to have such a place in its community.

Of course, this dear old historic church is the venue for weddings, baptisms and funerals and importantly remains as a place of worship and a place of outreach in the community.

Services are held at 11.00 am each Sunday, and a Lunchtime Service of half-hour duration, followed by a B.Y.O lunch, is held every Thursday at 12.30pm. No, there is not a huge crowd at these Services so feel free to swell the numbers. You would be made most welcome. The fourth Sunday of the month is a special service, which caters for the residents of Rosnel Hostel. Morning tea is provided for them before the Service.

Each fortnight on Tuesday afternoon a special activities and craft time is provided for these residents in the church hall. We're sure new helpers would be welcome. Every Wednesday a Seniors Group, run by members of the community, meets at the hall to enjoy social activities and interesting outings. Some Church members also participate in the Meals on Wheels program. You are invited to be part of this church community in Bundanoon, which is also affiliated with Moss Vale and Robertson churches.

At the Centenary of the church in 1985, the Rev. Lachlan McInnes said, in his preface to the booklet 100 Years at Bundanoon, "As we review the story of the past, let us think of the future. Let us know that He, who has led our parents in their pilgrimage, still leads us, their children, into new understandings of His grace and a new awareness of His service."

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For more information please contact the Rev Chris Paine on 4868 1134 or Elder Dorothy Quigg on 4883 6233.

Christmas Service

The Christmas Day service at Bundanoon Uniting Church will be at 9.00am. This is a combined service for the congregations of Moss Vale, Robertson and Bundanoon.



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CWA

The CWA year is rapidly drawing to a close but our members will not be letting grass grow under their feet – not before Christmas anyway!

The Wollondilly Group, to which our Branch belongs, is made up of thirteen branches stretching from Mittagong to Milton. We all met at Moss Vale on 25 October for the Group Annual Conference, Among awards given out for Branch activities, in particular International work, three students from Bundanoon Public School won first prizes for their posters about Chile. The school has always been pleased to be involved in our work and we are very grateful to Robyn Versluis and her

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Perhaps there are some newcomers to town who would like to find friendship within the CWA. It is a fine organisation. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 1 pm in our rooms in Railway Parade. For more information please ring Kath Jay on 4883 6418 or Kath Smith on 4883 6919.

staff for participating in the study. The country for study in 2005 is Vietnam and we know our International Officer, Mrs Judith Berry, will continue to make this segment of our meetings very lively and good fun.

Our Branch Annual Meeting saw the election of a new President, Mrs Kath Jay, and a new Treasurer, Mrs Margaret McNulty. Mrs Kath Smith remains as Secretary. She pays so much attention to detail in this position, and we all love her. We held a cake stall in the village on 27 November with lots of plants and sundry items for sale. We also raffled the novelty cake made and iced by our cook extraordinaire, Mrs Pat Wells.

In 2005 we have arranged for the Illawarra Knitters to come to Bundanoon in June. They are a very gifted group of ladies with beautiful garments for sale, so start saving your dollars now. Watch for notices for this presentation closer to June.

To bring the year to a close we shall have our Christmas lunch on a date and at a venue to be decided. It will be the climax of a very happy and productive year.

Many thanks to the Jordan's Crossing Gazette for publishing our news and we wish everyone in Bundanoon a wonderful and happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

Marie Reid CWA Publicity Officer

crossword



ACROSS

- 1. Snake gave sound encouragement to holy water (7)
- 5. Bet on my last and reserve a thriller (7)
- Fiat went up the hill to find a vegetable (6)
- 11. Bring some help inside to style her hair (8).
- 12. Miss Muffet ate last (4)
- 13. Not from the Orient, we join harsh royals (10)
- 14. Odd song sounded easy to dwarf (6)
- Tureen starts serving out undercooked peas, beans, onions with lentils. (4,4)
- 17. Count on the girl in the centre to be negligent (8)
- 20. 150 are eternally smart (6)
- 21. Ski with an alien at a promotional call. (10)
- 23. Potassium lead nitrogen in two directions for the joint (4)
- 24. Confused elite schoolmaster caused elimination (8)
- 25. She was a he that returned the notice. (6)
- 26. Way to say falter (7)
- 27. Typing pool went to the dogs (7)

DOWN

- 2. S.A.E. (3,6)
- A reason to move to the country was an elementary rite! Right? Wrong! (5,10).
- 4. Even steady wage destroyed this place for 2 down. (7)
- 6. Pilates is lost gold level (7)
- Crashed headfirst into breadbasket and stayed there overnight! (3,3,9)
- 8. Minister lost his head to the landlord (5)
- 9. Graduate returned to employ assault on character. (6)
- 16. Not a lot done to German 4 down. (9)
- 18. Disease ruined 4 down destination. (7)
- 19. Half an egg left out the beginning of good ties. (6)
- 20. Old testament in model enclosure makes for good 16 down. (7)
- 22. Not good enough to lose the right to evict. (5)

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Welcome, Martha and Henry!

Lan accountant alarmatist, and her husband, Grant, an accountant, along with their six year old son, Samuel and two whippets, Martha and Henry, discovered Bundanoon in January 2003. During a week's holiday on the south coast near Berry, they decided to venture up the pass to the Southern Highlands and immediately fell in love with Bundanoon. After seeing an old weatherboard cottage for sale in a local real estate agent's window, they purchased the house on the spot and have not looked back since. After several months of serious renovation during the winter of 2003, often during close to zero temperatures, they are now happily settled in a lovely place which increasingly feels like home.

In January 2004 Lorraine noticed a recently vacated shop on Railway Avenue. In another era it had been the bakery as well as the home to the baker and his large family. While the premises were not in the best of condition. Lorraine saw the potential for the shop she had always wanted to own and Martha and Henry was established. After some painting and strategically placed wall fabric, two rooms were opened for business. A few months later two further rooms were soon filled with Lorraine's particular mix of furniture, fabrics, decorative items and large variety of wares. The shop is currently open Fridays to Sundays and is managed by Terry and Angela, with buying and merchandising handled by Lorraine.



Lorraine and Grant have been amazed by the consistently strong support from the Bundanoon community - both for the shop as well as for themselves as a family. People have been warm and welcoming. After nearly two years in Bundanoon, they look forward to many more happy times.



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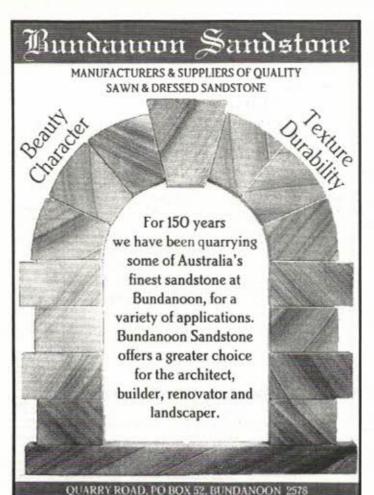
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Rebels Soccer Club

by Elizabeth Norrie

2004 was another successful season for the Rebels. Success is not just about winning – it's about enjoying the game, being part of a team, striving to do your best and being active participants in the community.

The under 10s finished fourth, narrowly losing in the semi finals. The under 14s made it to the final. The under 13s put on their boots for the Grand final and were defeated after a fabulous effort. The under 11s won their Grand Final, were minor Premiers and this team has now played an amazing three full seasons with only two losses. A special mention must go to the AA Mens 3rd Divison team. In a good sign for the future, and the first time for a senior Rebels team, they took out the Minor Premiership and narrowly missed out on the cup in the Grand Final.

We had eight registered teams, from the Under 6s to All Age Mens. It was great to see how the youngsters were encouraged by their coaches to have fun, develop skills and be fit. We owe a very special thanks to our coaches whose commitment and enthusiasm is admirable. Thanks to: Melinda Sperzel–U6s, Tina Shanks–U7s, Leon Shanks–U9s, Trevor McKeown–U10s, John Kelly–U11s, John Sant–U13s, Phil Blair–U14s and John Sant again (doubling up) coaching the AA Mens.

Pleasingly, a number of our players were selected in the Highlands Representative sides: U10s- Hamish Rocca, Zac Todd, Geoff McKeown and Justin Wanczura; U11s- Gavin Brown and U12s - Michael Dyer.

Off the field club members were always on the ball: running the caber toss at Brigadoon, organising the trivia night and other fund raising functions, working in the canteen and turning a substantial profit. Their assistance with marking and maintaining the fields; working on improvements to the clubhouse is appreciated. Thank you!

The 2004 Club Committee: President- Kurt Singer, Vice President - Phil Blair, Secretary- Elizabeth Norrie, Treasurer- John Kelly, Registrar - Birgitta Singer, Canteen Coordinator- Michelle Kelly and John Sant - Head Coach wish to thank our major sponsors who have helped us out throughout this season: Sherwood Machinery, Primula Café, Bundanoon Country Bakehouse, Idle-a-Wile, DUX, Pioneer Flask, Haddonstone and Complete Photographics.

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Brigadoon

Over the winter months the Bundanoon Highland Gathering has submitted two proposals to Awards Australia and one to the New South Wales Awards 2004.

These submissions are a trial of patience and endurance. Most organisations like Brigadoon are Council orientated and can therefore nominate a member of their tourism staff to complete the application during the normal working day. However we are a volunteer committee and that means that most of us are fully employed and we had to make time to prepare our documentation. Awards Australia applications were reasonably straightforward - 'just write a passionate account of what your organisation does, how it does it and what are the benefits to the community.'

Our efforts were rewarded when we received a Certificate of Achievement from the Department of Lands, Community of the Year Award as a nominee for their award. We received another Certificate of Achievement from the Community Enterprise Awards for Events and Tourism Enterprise Award.

The Tourism New South Wales award was entirely different and much more demanding. There were a total of 10 questions, each of which had a further 2-5 sub-questions. The criteria stated that the main document should have no more than 40 printed pages (one-sided) and the appendix for supporting documentation no more than 50 pages (one-sided). It was done but not without the odd expletive!

The end result was "Finalist". We gained the recognition that is so richly deserved by the Brigadoon committee and especially our volunteers who are the backbone of our day.

In 2005 we want to encourage local businesses to participate in our 'Sponsor an Event' to assist in defraying costs associated with our great festival, 'Bundanoon is Brigadoon'.

Alistair Saunders

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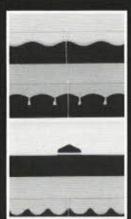
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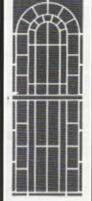
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On a Positive Note

A quote from a letter to Michael and Coralie Flint from a member of the ANU Chamber Orchestra:

"It was a very rewarding experience for us - performing to such an appreciative and encouraging audience. We congratulate you for supporting and promoting beautiful music in your community."

Caroline Fairgrieve (violinist)

Mary Mead Postscript

Re: The Italian Connection - Ray Badgery and Ricardo Pisaturo

Mary Mead, a Bundanoon

resident, contacted us recently to congratulate lanet Toms on her article in September jcg. It was particularly interesting to her as her father, George Forbes. advised Rick (Ricardo Pisaturo) when he was starting his first cattle stud.

George immigrated to Victoria in 1920 from the Aberdeen / Inverness area of Scotland. "Probably to get away from his, larger than usual, family of 17 siblings (two mothers)" Mary said. All the males in the family were involved in cattle breeding.

George was stud master at Milton Park in the 1940s when the Hordern family owned it. From there he managed a large cattle property in the Riverina and established a cattle breeding consultancy business. It was while he was there that Rick approached him for advice, probably on Short Horns or Poll Herefords. Rick went on to develop his own breeds.

Mary said she met Rick not long ago at Don Burke's property. Don was also involved in the 'Square Metre' cattle breed; just another link in Rick's cattle chain.

Peter Rocca Postscript

Was the god that smiled on the Garden Ramble the same one whose wrath was visited on Peter Rocca's rose arbor?

The arbor was established over Peter's 25,000 gallon in-ground water tank. A

lightning strike during 2 November shattered the lattice and destroyed treated pine posts and beams. Part of one post was deposited 30 metres away. As the lightning also burnt out electrical wiring to the pump, bathroom facilities in the shed had to be recommissioned.

Chess Club

Dear Editor. In the last

issue of jcg inside the back cover was an item about a chess club starting. I would like to inform you that the proposed club is now a going concern. If possible, in future issues, could you include the following information: Bundanoon Chess Club meets every Friday afternoon from 2.00pm in the Supper Room at the rear of the Community Hall. For information, contact Pat on 4883 6064.

Regards, Pat.

Railroaded

The following letter appeared recently in the SMH:

Dear Letters Editor.

We want rolling stock, not laughing-stock.

Apparently CityRail's dearest wish is that train drivers work up to six hours in an 81/2-hour shift ('Rail strike looms in defiance of pay rise', Sydney Morning Herald, November 9).

So, we've-already got the laughing-stock. Weeping.

Does senior RailCorp management itself only work 'up to' six hours per shift? Silly question really: the present shambles answers that.

Graham Leech

Rural Fire Service

The Brigade has had a quiet time, recently, but indications are that this could be a bad season for bush fires unless we have some good rain. Taking advantage of this quiet spell, we held two functions in November.

Paul Scott and Ian Wedge of the Critical Incident Support Services (CISS) met with 40 fire-fighters from Wingello, Penrose and Bundanoon to explain the work they do.

Rural Fire Service personnel are likely to be involved in traumatic



events, including loss of life or property in bush or structural fires, motor vehicle accidents, search and rescue operations or a serious incident involving fellow members. Each person is affected differently and it is the reaction of the individual which makes the incident critical for that person, not necessarily the size or nature of the incident. Stress as a result of a critical incident can manifest itself in many ways: fear, helplessness, sadness, guilt, shame, anger and haunting memories. Some people develop severe or minor physical symptoms.

Healing occurs by expressing our feelings - talking it through, telling others how we feel, crying - 'letting it out'. Keeping busy, maintaining

a healthy diet and sleep pattern, exercising and learning to live with memories all help to get life back on track. If after several weeks, volunteers are still finding it hard to cope, CISS offers either group or one-on-one sessions. It is comforting to know that this service is there for us.

We also held a combined meeting with NSW Fire Brigade to address residents' concerns about preparing homes in the event of bush fires, property and personal protection, evacuation and pet management.

For information: Contact NSW Fire Brigade, Anzac Pde. (open daily)

Rural Fire Brigade, Burgess St. (Wednesday nights - 7.30-9.30) or phone 4883 6180

Upcoming Events

December '04

Mon	13	
Tues	14	
Wed	15	
Thurs	16	BCDA
Fri	17	
Sat	18	
Sun	19	Christmas market
Mon	20	
Tues	21	
Wed	22	
Thurs	23	
Fri	24	The second second
Sat	25	Christmas Day
Sun	26	Boxing Day
Mon	27	
Tues	28	
Wed	29	NPWS holiday program begins
Thurs	30	
Fri	31	New Year's Eve

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January '05

Sat	1	New Year's Day
Sun	2	Bundanoon Market
Mon	3	
Tues	4	
Wed	5	
Thurs	6	
Fri	7	
Sat	8	Fly-fishing on the Lake, Briars Country Lodge Bowral Show
Sun	9	Bowral Show
Mon	10	
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Wed	12	
Thurs	13	
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Sat	15	
Sun	16	Pony Show, Moss Vale Showground
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Tues	18	
Wed	19	
Thurs	20	BCDA
Fri	21	
Sat	22	Fly-fishing on the Lake, Briars Country Lodge Dinner dance, Bundanoon Hotel
Sun	23	
Mon	24	
Tues	25	
Wed	26	AUSTRALIA DAY Celebrations in Berrima
Thurs	27	
Fri	28	
Sat	29	
Sun	30	
Mon	31	

February '05

Tues	1	
Wed	2	
Thurs	3	
Fri	4	Meroogal Women's Art Prize, Old Bowral Town Hall (until 6th)
Sat	5	Wine Expo, Bundanoon Hotel
Sun	6	Bundanoon Market
Mon	7	
Tues	8	
Wed	9	
Thurs	10	
Fri	11	Meroogal Women's Art Prize, Old Bowral Town Hall (until 13th)
		Bowral Farmers Market
Sat	12	Dahlia Festival, Mittagong RSL (until 13th)
Sun	13	
Mon	14	
Tues	15	
Wed	16	
Thurs	17	BCDA
Fri	18	Meroogal Women's Art Prize, Old Bowral Town Hall (until 20th)
Sat	19	
Sun	20	
Mon	21	
Tues	22	
Wed	23	
Thurs	24	
Fri	25	
Sat	26	SWIRL Festival of Food and Wine, Eling Forest Vineyard
		SWIRL continues
Sun	27	Southern Highlands Country Pair + Scottisl Pipe Band Competion, Moss Vale Showground
Mon	28	

Bundanoon Visitors Group

Pencil in this date: Saturday 22 January 2005. We are holding a dinner dance in the dining room at Bundanoon Hotel.

There will be live music performed by Bruce and Zac. The food theme will be 'A Taste of Australia'

This will be a great night of dining and dancing so get your tickets early! Sylvan Glen Country House and Golf Course will host their popular outdoor movie nights, on the golf course. These will be held on Saturday and Sunday nights throughout January and February.

On one or two of these special evenings the Bundanoon Visitors Group will be serving picnic suppers. Get your family and friends together for a picnic and screenings of a recent release or a golden oldie.

Congratulations to Sylvan Glen on its recent award for Excellence in Accommodation in the Highlands, in the poll conducted by local newspapers.

community

Activities and services directory

Activities

Bundanoon Community Develops	ment Association (BCDA)	
President	Danien Beets	4883 7557
Secretary	Ralph Clark	4883 6389
Bundanoon Public School Parents	and Citizens (P & C)	
	Barbara Rowett	4883 7203
Bundanoon Voices	Coralie & Michael Flint	4883 6588
Country Women's Association	Kath Smith	4883 6919
Friends of Morton Nat. Park	Sheila Micholson	4883 6107
	Alan Hyman	4883 7763
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Glow Worm Glen Track C'ttee.		4883 6296
Green Team	David Beasley	4883 7122
History Group	Graham Morgan	4883 7714
Lions Club	Ralph Clark	4883 6389
Playgroup	Sarah Munro	4883 7397
RSL	Trevor Fenton	4883 6433
Visitors' Group	Karen & John Henry	4883 6643
Waratah Slimmers	Kath Jay	4883 6418
Youth Centre	Lyndall Nurse	4883 6048

The Green Team Needs Your Ideas

The Green Team has improved gardens at the information bay, providing a very attractive entrance to our village.

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Hockey	Elaine Angel	4883 6353
Pony Club	Carol Halstead	4883 6662
Soccer	Liz Norrie	4883 6421
Swimming	Michelle Broad	4883 6582
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Early Childhood Clinic	25577343	4861 1744
Community Health Centre		4861 1744
Wingecarribee Adult Day Care	Anne Emms	4861 1744
Fire Brigade	Darren Willoughby	4883 6990
Meals on Wheels	Fay Carter	4883 7441
Mobile Library	Moss Vale Library	4868 2479
Ronald Macdonald Casserole Clu		4883 4144
Rural Fire Service (RFS)	Alan Fairbrother	4883 6597
RFS Women's Auxiliary	Rosemary Page	4883 6499
RSPCA (Goulburn/Highlands)		0412 475 428
WIRES		4862 1788

If any of this information is incorrect, contact Kate Perkins 4883 6422

Church times

Anglican Church of Sutton Forest

1st & 3rd Sundays 1.30 pin
2nd & 4th Sundays 10.00 am
All Saints, Sutton Forest
1st & 3rd Sundays 11.00 am

2nd & 4th Sundays2.30 pm

Uniting Church, Church St, Bundanoon
Sunday 11.00 am
Thursday 12.30 pm

Moss Vale Christian Church, Cnr. Spring and Railway Sts. Moss Vale 10.00 am and 5.00 pm every Sunday

Christmas Services

Uniting Church: Christmas Day, 9.00 am in Bundanoon [Combined Service for Moss Vale, Robertson and Bundanoon]

Anglican Church

Sunday 19 December, 5.30 pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Bundanoon Traditional Festival of Carols and Lessons with the Bundanoon Voices Suitable for any denominational background

Friday 24 December, St. Aidan's, Exeter

6 pm Kids' Carols and Talk, 6.30 pm Sausage Sizzle, 7.30 pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day

9 am Combined Service of Holy Communion for the Parish of Sutton Forest Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Bundanoon

Sun 26 December, 9.30 am Combined Service for the Parish of Sutton Forest St. Aidan's Church, Exeter

Catholic Church

Christmas Eve, 7.00 pm Vigil

St. Paul's International College, Argyle St, Moss Vale

St. Peter's Church, Burrawang

Midnight Mass, St. Paul's Church Garrett St, Moss Vale

Christmas Day

9.00 am St. Brigid's Church, Bundanoon

9.30 am St. Paul's Church, Moss Vale

Moss Vale Christian Church

Christmas Eve 7.30 pm, Boxing Day 10.00 am

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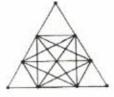
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