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# Editor's notes



Contributors to this issue of *jcg* have given us some insights into the rewards and frustrations of small-venture farming. We have also introduced a new section in the magazine where writers have been invited to publish original stories and poems.

As editor of this community publication, I am constantly surprised by the diversity of stories we continue to find for your

enjoyment and now that our advertising revenue supports a number of colour pages it is possible to present some of our editorial and photographs in colour.

As this is a quarterly magazine it is difficult to cover 'issues', satisfactorily, but please contact Cllr. Jim Clark if you have concerns about council-related matters.

Depletion of train services is still being actively pursued by CRASH and they welcome your support.

Our December edition of *jcg* will take you to our section of Morton National Park where we'll look at its history and attractions.

Read on!

Pam Davies

**Community Rail Action Southern Highlands (CRASH):** actively lobbying for improved rail services for residents of the Highlands south of Moss Vale. We need your support. Phone Angela Kaplin 4883 7788.

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**Deadline for next issue: Friday 28 October 2005**

### BCDA meetings

Third Thursday each month:

15 Sept, 20 Oct, 17 Nov 2005

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

### Hall Hire

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## Council news

Councillor Jim Clark

Council has had its application for a rate rise above the State Government pegged rate rejected. Most residents would have noticed minimal changes in this year's rate notices. However, the bad news is that due to this rejection a number of council activities will need to be cut back including drainage, road sealing and swimming pool works.

A Southern Villages Rail group has been formed to prevent further cuts to rail services and to seek improvements to depleted services for the south of the Shire through to Goulburn. The group has achieved the support of Wingecarribee Council, and a diverse group of locals is actively working to ensure the voice of residents to the south of Moss Vale is heard and the best possible rail service achieved. If you are interested in helping or supporting this group contact Angela on 4883 7788 for details.

It seems the construction of the leisure centre is drawing closer. Due to the substantial cost of such a facility, council has been looking at ways of funding the project. I have had some concerns about the possibility of the sale of parts of our parkland and rationalisation of services such as libraries and existing pools in order to pay for its construction. We have been told the pool at Bundanoon will remain open when the centre is built but given the distance to any facility from the south this needs to be reinforced.

Please contact me to have your input into council matters of concern: 0428 213 939.



## BCDA update

Danien Beets, President



You may have noticed the flurry of builders' activity at the hall in recent weeks. We are renovating – well, replacing really – the existing foyer of the hall. For a long time it has been on our 'to do' list. The completion of the community quilt and the decommissioning and replacement of our movie projectors have provided the impetus to undertake this project.

The new foyer is a little larger than the old one. It now has a display case for one of the old projectors, a display case for the community quilt making it visible from both the foyer and the hall and a ticket window.

An area on top of the foyer will be used as a sound and lighting booth during productions.

With Council contributing \$5000 to the project and a further contribution of approximately \$5000 coming from BCDA savings, we anticipate the finished project will be a great asset and a distinct improvement to the hall.

Planning for the Garden Ramble continues. This year we have a proposed total of 9 gardens which will be open, only 3 of which have been open in the past. Our Ramble committee continues its tireless work and I'm sure that given good weather we will have another wonderful Garden Ramble.

The BCDA is always looking for new members, so if you see a form in one of our local shops or post office, or you are approached by someone from the BCDA, please consider joining, as we are keen to represent you and involve as many residents as possible in fostering our community and implementing town improvement projects.

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# Finesse and friendship on the lawn

clubs

by Ray Alexander

There are many misconceptions about the game of croquet.

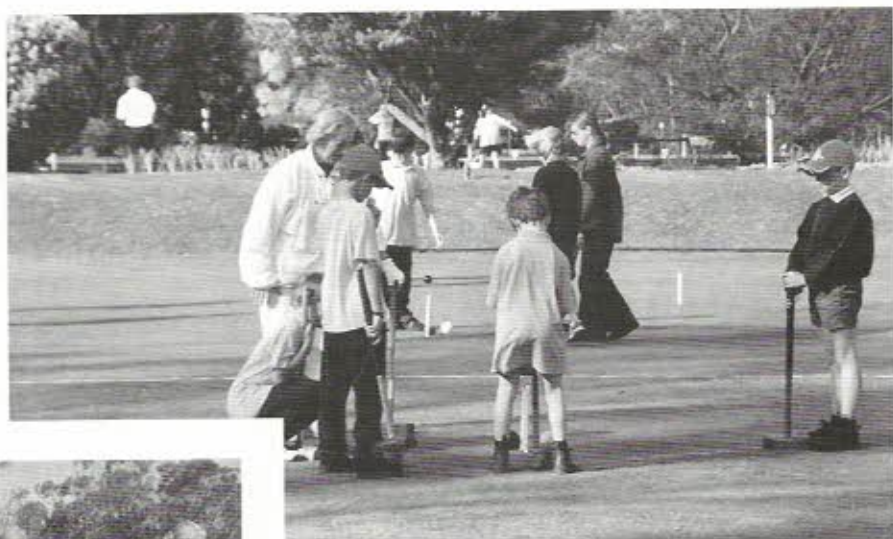
The most popular is that it is simply a game for old fogies, an amusing pastime filling a half-hour or so until the tea-trolley arrives with cakes and scones, jam and cream. Not so, say the game's devotees.

True, it is a game played by both genders and by people of all ages. Lieutenant-Colonel John Hope (retired) played the sport in Bundanoon until he was almost 100 before moving to Kenilworth in Bowral a few years ago. However, more young people are taking up croquet because it is challenging and requires tactics and finesse from its players at a level that would put the participants in some other sports to shame.

The Bundanoon Croquet Club began on July 4, 1992, with the cooperation of the Bundanoon Bowling and Recreation Club, which generously offered the use of one of its greens on certain days after the six original enthusiasts had tentatively tried out several other possible venues. The club quickly achieved registration and affiliation with state and national administrative bodies. Four of the original club members are still active; namely Jim and Leila Merson and Aksel and Gaye Petersen.

Croquet is a highly competitive, cerebral game for players not interested in body-contact sports. It requires sharp mind-to-hand co-ordination and provides mental and physical exercise, with up to two hours' walking and bending. There are men's and women's single and paired events as well as team events where men and women take part. The game caters for all degrees of expertise through an effective handicapping system.

There are 67 croquet clubs in NSW, 48 of those in the country and ACT. Competitions



Club members on a windy Wednesday in June this year.

between clubs are frequent and keenly anticipated. Interstate and international tournaments are also held regularly. Players from clubs

throughout NSW and Queensland compete each year when Bundanoon club holds its Autumn Carnival. The competition, held over seven days, is arranged by grouping players by handicap. The games are fiercely contested which is an important ingredient in the enjoyment of croquet.

The Bundanoon club, with 25 members, now has the use of two greens. The club has received help from Wingecarribee Council and grants from the NSW Croquet Association and the Sports Commission to assist in maintenance and improvements of its greens and the coaching of children. Bundanoon Primary School children receive training on their weekly sports days for two terms each year using specially-built small mallets.

There is much social as well as competitive interaction within and between clubs, leading to many strong friendships.

## info

Anyone who would like to watch the game being played or who would like an introductory lesson is encouraged to contact either Mr. Dick Topham (President) on 4883 6721 or George Alchin (Secretary) on 4883 4760.



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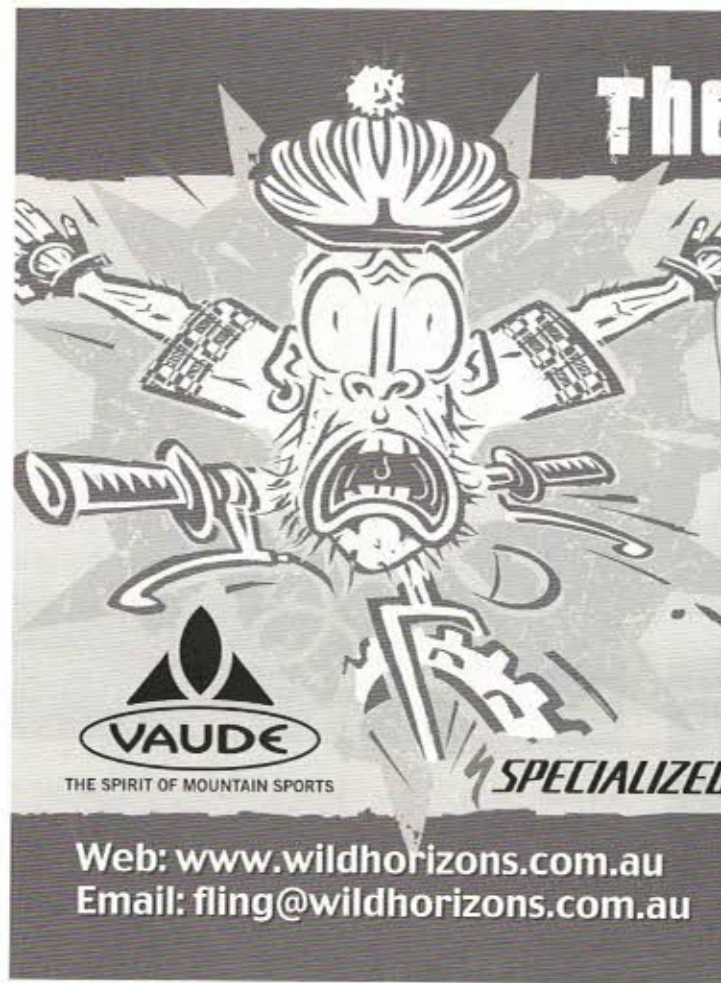
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## The VAUDE Highland Fling

Bundanoon resident Huw Kingston of Wild Horizons has for many years wanted to base a major adventure event here. Now the Highland Fling is on its way! Fiona Dick, Event Coordinator for the Fling, gives an update on how the event is shaping up.

The inaugural VAUDE Highland Fling is fast approaching with less than two months to go until in excess of 500 riders descend on the Southern Highlands for the 13 November event.

The VAUDE Highland Fling is a 100km Mountain Bike Marathon, starting and finishing in the village of Bundanoon. It is intended that this become a major annual event for the Highlands.

The course is looking good with great variety in the riding – singletrack, open paddocks, native forest, pine forest – with only about 2km on sealed road. The route takes riders out from Bundanoon on great tracks and eventually into and around Penrose State Forest and out to Wingello. From here they will enter the beautiful forest and gully country of Wingello State Forest. The final stage will have Flingers looping back to Wingello village to follow a different route back into Penrose State Forest and eventually return to Bundanoon.

The Fling will attract all types of cyclists from the elite to the fun rider, with three options available – riders can enter the Full Fling (100km), Half a Fling (50km), or Flinging Threesomes (relay team of three).

The event is receiving great interest both locally and nationally with VAUDE, one of the world's leading brands of outdoor equipment and accessories, coming on board as headline sponsor. Other major sponsors include 'specialized mountain bikes' and Forests NSW.

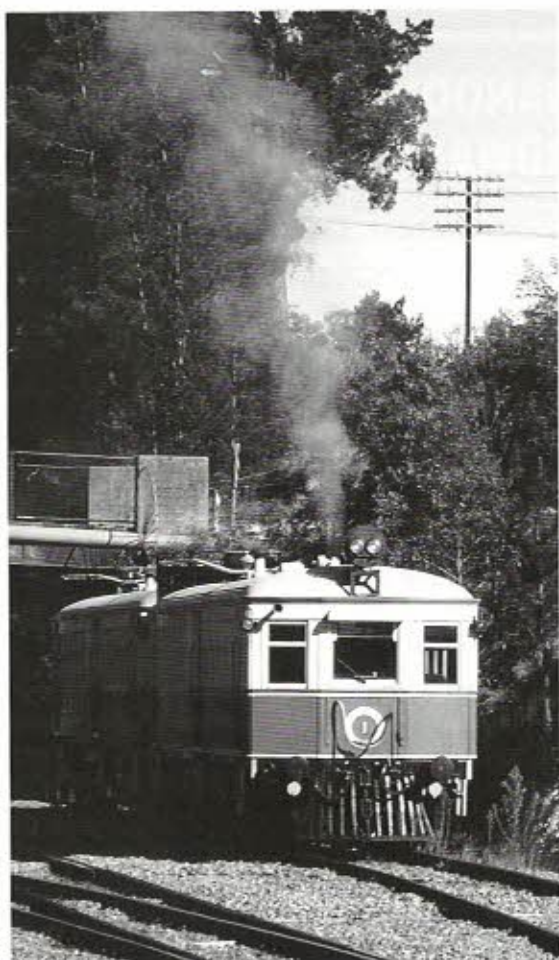
There will be some minor traffic disruption on race day primarily around Ferndale Road and around Wingello. Also, please watch out for bikes on the road.

While the event itself is on the Sunday, the majority of riders and their supporters will arrive on the Saturday to register and enjoy accommodation and entertainment in Bundanoon. The weekend will see the area busy with locals and visitors keen to cheer on the riders and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of a major sporting event. Highland Fling postcards are available. Why not send one to a friend?

Wild Horizons will be running some training rides leading up to the event, so if you're keen to enter or just want to check out some of the local forest trails with Huw and Fiona, then dust off that mountain bike and sign up! Karen, new owner of Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe in Bundanoon, has now got some real mountain bikes for hire, so grab one and get out there!

For further information, online entry, and postcards, please see [www.wildhorizons.com.au](http://www.wildhorizons.com.au), or email [fling@wildhorizons.com.au](mailto:fling@wildhorizons.com.au) or phone (02) 4883 6509.





## Tin hares – passing through



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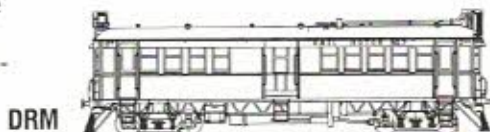
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A crowded platform at Bundanoon is unusual on a non-Brigadoon Saturday. However on a recent long weekend the crowd was waiting for a prioritised goods train and XPT to pass through. The crowd on the platform was waiting for their sidelined conveyance to resume its journey to Young and Cowra.

They had used the time to enjoy scones and jam (pre-ordered), in Picnic Park. If the long wait had been anticipated, Russell Hannah, President of Illawarra Folk Club who had organised the trip, would have unloaded their musical instruments and an impromptu trackside performance could have filled in the time.

Seventy passengers aged from eight to 84 years of age who had paid \$390 per person for fares, accommodation and food were travelling in two light rail carriages nicknamed 'Tin Hares'. The eight crew delivered the 42ft Rail Motors CPH1 and CPH7 to Moss Vale and returned them to The Rail Motor Society, Paterson in the Hunter region of NSW at the end of the weekend for a total cost of \$9500.

These rail motors were introduced at a time when tin hare dog coursing was becoming popular, yet they are better known by their classification code of CPH allotted in 1937. CPHs lasted well into the mid 1980s giving sixty years of reliable service and even though retired from active service, some of these units are still in operation with railway museums. The Rail Motor Society is currently restoring and operating CPH type rail motors to ensure people can still experience these remarkable machines which were the backbone of country branch-line passenger services.







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The Steel City strings played again for us in June and their program included an original work by their director David Pereira and a performance by renowned clarinetist Deborah de Graf, as well as Dvorak's beautiful serenade.

Spooky Men's Chorale, an a cappella group from the Blue Mountains, made us think about, and sometimes laugh at the plight of 'mere males' with their performance in July.

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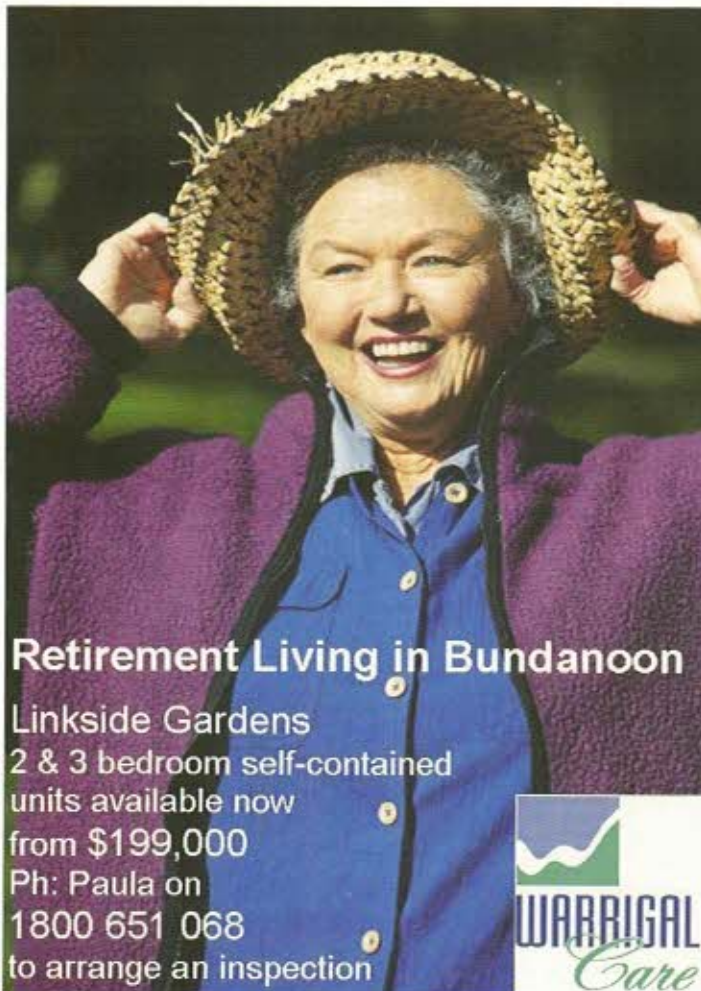
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**W**arrigal Care, the aged care charity and proprietors of Linkside Nursing Home, has resubmitted their Development Application for a \$15 million dollar aged care facility with the Wingecarribee Shire Council. Specialist architects have designed the building to be environmentally sustainable, with a particular focus on the use and retention of water, natural light, climate control and sewerage.

The charity was established by Lions, Rotary and Apex service clubs in 1968 and expansion of services in the Bundanoon community comes after extensive research which shows that these services will be needed in this area in the near future. Construction will commence as soon as possible after approval from the council is granted.

"We anticipate the year-long construction of phase 1 will be completed early in 2007," CEO, Ian Wilson said. "This will include a new nursing home, community facilities and a training centre."

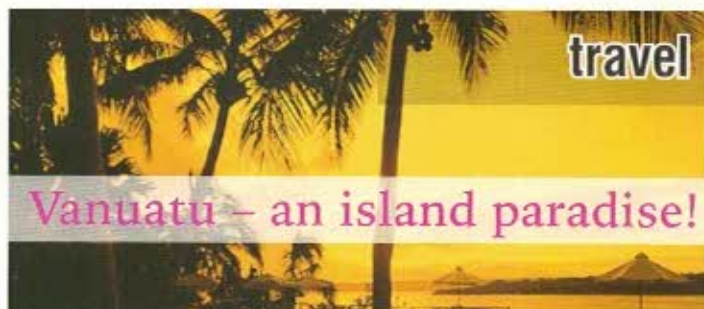
Phase 2 of the project will extend the Linkside Gardens self care complex incorporating additional specially designed units for older people who wish to live independently, but with help close by.

The new centre will be home for 90 of the Highlands' older people, and provide 83 permanent jobs. There will be additional jobs during construction and in the businesses providing services to the facility.

The building will offer residents the flexibility to stay in the one place as they move through the stages of ageing. A Community Care service is also planned for the site.

#### **Additional information:**

Prue Dunstan, Community Relations Manager. 0419 601 389.



## **Vanuatu – an island paradise!**

*Renee Cox from Moss Vale Cruise & Travel writes about her recent short break in Vanuatu.*

**W**e soon realised how Vanuatu earned its catch phrase "another time another place" when we landed at Port Vila International Airport. Ground staff walked calmly around the tarmac in their flip flops and, as a precaution, the "fireman" appeared in his thongs and singlet pulling a fire extinguisher behind him in case of an emergency! Music was being played by a group of five local men as we waited to clear customs, but the thing that impressed me was that everywhere you looked there were smiling faces! But the heat! And in early November! After a while, we adjusted and found the way to our transfer (which was in an air conditioned van, thank goodness!) and were taken to our accommodation at Mangoes Resort.

Our stay was split between two completely different types of resorts. The first three nights were spent at Mangoes where 20 free-standing bungalows are set in lush gardens overlooking Erakor Lagoon. Although not air conditioned, delicious breezes flowed from the lagoon effectively cooling the bungalows. Here is an adult's only oasis! Two beautiful swimming pools and no thought of terrorism! Heaven!

The next three nights were at the lovely Iririki Island Resort which is set in Port Vila deepwater harbour just a short three minute ferry trip from town. The ferry operates 24 hours a day, so you don't have to worry about being stranded on the 'mainland' if you want some night life. This is a larger resort with 70 freestanding bungalows, all with air conditioning. Being on your own island feels very special. Both Mangoes and Iririki Resorts were wonderful places to stay.

After a short introductory guided tour of Port Vila we decided to hop in to town and explore for ourselves. I found the people so friendly (everyone you walk past says hello!) and, thankfully, McDonalds haven't found their way there yet. The first couple of days were spent exploring the town and looking for bargains in the local markets. On day three we took a full day, round island tour which included an interesting commentary, morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch, all for just \$50 each. A visit to a cultural village where we saw a traditional wedding ceremony and tasted local produce cooked in an underground 'oven' was very interesting. We were even lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a Dugong as it leisurely swam about in the beautiful aquamarine water.

For me, the highlight was a day spent on the 1940s traditional sailboat "Coongoola". It was my birthday, and the weather was beyond perfect. We lazed around on the boat all day, visited a baby turtle sanctuary then anchored off a pristine white sandy beach for lunch where we swam and snorkelled to our hearts content. My idea of a holiday!

Another highlight of Vanuatu was the food! Yum! Santo Beef is the speciality throughout the islands, and they do it very well! Although a little expensive, we still managed to enjoy a glass or two of wine with dinner. All restaurants we dined in throughout Port Vila exceeded my expectations, and I look forward to my next trip to "another time, another place"!





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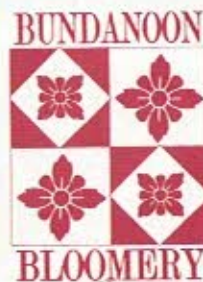
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*Still nights in Bundanoon are ideal for gazing at a sky which, in the words of Shelley, is "studded with stars unutterably bright" as Ray Alexander found when he talked to Stephen Owens who now lives here with his wife Maree.*



Stephen Owens, 59, a mature-age PhD student in astronomy, enjoys this perspective on our universe from his backyard in Bundanoon as much as any other dreamer. Sometimes, Stephen will take the next step and pull out his inexpensive home telescope to focus on the moons of Jupiter or one of the planets.

Nothing, however, can compare with the exhilaration Stephen experiences when he journeys to Narrabri in north-western New South Wales to form part of a University of Sydney

team conducting cutting-edge astronomical research using a bizarre, world-famous telescope. The equipment used at Narrabri, known as SUSI (Sydney University Stellar Interferometer), looks more like a sewer-pipe than a telescope, but it is producing some of the most precise measurements in the history of astronomy and is giving Australia an international reputation for excellence in stargazing technology.

For centuries, man has looked to the stars for answers to fundamental questions: How big is the universe? What are stars made of? To answer such questions, astronomers need to see and measure stars in detail; and to do that they need enormous telescopes. The Keck Telescope in Hawaii is the largest in the world with a 10-metre mirror, but it still sees stars as only pinpoints of light.

The detail many astronomers now want requires a mirror hundreds of metres across, one so big that the sheer weight of steel would pull it out of shape. At Narrabri, they have built a telescope capable of measuring the full gamut of stars with unprecedented detail, using mirrors the size of dinner-

plates. Instead of one big mirror, SUSI has 12 small ones, housed in sheds spaced along the line of a 640-metre pipe. By combining light from any two of the 12 mirrors, astronomers can study stars in extraordinary detail. In the case of the outermost two, the detail is what you would expect from a conventional telescope measuring 640 metres across.

Information never before possible is being garnered, including such star properties as size, temperature, mass and energy output. This new information has important implications. Measuring the size of pulsating stars, for example, will provide a new way of determining the size of galaxies and, ultimately, the size of the universe.

Brilliant American physicist A.A. Michelson suggested in 1890 that the diameters of stars could be measured using an optical interferometer. It was not until 1920 that Michelson and F.G. Pearce, using a Michelson interferometer on a 100-inch Hooker telescope, succeeded in obtaining measurements which proved that Mira and Betelgeuse were 300 times the size of the Sun, and Antares 400 times. This confirmed the

existence of giant stars that until that time had only been the subject of speculation.

SUSI provides unprecedented angular resolving power using modern technology in the form of lasers, adaptive optics and computers to overcome the problems posed by atmospheric turbulence. The only other telescopes of this type in the world are those in California, Arizona, Hawaii and Chile. Of the 100,000 million stars in our galaxy, there are at least 10,000 bright enough for SUSI to see -- and that makes the potential for research at Narrabri truly astronomical. Stephen Owens takes pride in the fact that he is responsible for the design of 95 per cent of SUSI's electronics and control system.

Stephen began his career as a laboratory assistant at Sydney University's Department of Physics, and later became a senior technical officer. He then completed a BSc in mathematics and physics, followed by a masters degree in astronomy. During this time, he was part of the team that built a prototype of the stellar interferometer in the CSIRO grounds at the Lindfield National Measurements Laboratory. This 10-year task began in 1975 with Commonwealth Government funding. Construction on the plains at Narrabri over seven years commenced in 1987.

"I worked with a small team on the building of the telescope at Narrabri and it was loads of fun," Stephen said with boyish enthusiasm.

Stephen left his university position in 1995 to work in the real world, with a firm named Geotrex, a geophysical airborne survey group, conducting aerial surveys for mining companies. As engineering manager of the company, he travelled extensively and saw the world -- sometimes at a bewildering pace. In late



Top left: Stephen Owens at home with his second-best friend.

Left: The SUSI Telescope at Narrabri, where Stephen Owens spends some exciting times.



1999, the company's offices moved from Sydney to Perth.

Stephen and his wife, Maree, enjoyed their time in Perth, but the dynamics of business politics and management manoeuvrings made Stephen uncomfortable. He turned down a PhD position at the University of Western Australia to take up a post at the Australian National University, attached to the Mount Stromlo Observatory as an engineer working on overseas projects.

When the dreadful fires of January 2003 destroyed the Mount Stromlo Observatory, the project on which Stephen was a team-member was nothing more than molten metal. With insurance companies demanding more and more detailed inventories causing prolonged delays to rebuilding, Stephen seized the opportunity offered through an old friend, Professor John Davis, to rejoin the SUSI team. His PhD project involves part engineering and part astronomical research. "The

new-generation telescopes are mind-numbing," he said. "There is, for instance, no squinting through eye-pieces. Rather, groups gather in a control room to view images beamed via charge-coupled device cameras on to computer screens."

A high percentage of the stars we look at are double stars, circling each other. Much of Stephen's research centres on binary stars which cannot be seen through most telescopes. He measures the distribution of light intensity across the disc of the star, known as limb-darkening. This is extremely difficult to measure and can only be done using an interferometer.

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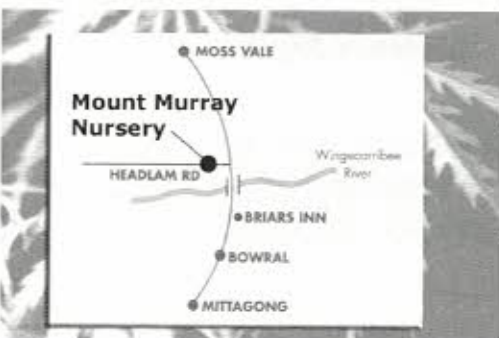
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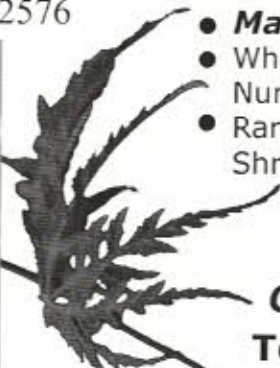
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*A butcher bird perches in a lilac tree waiting for its second breakfast of meat scraps while Emma Wilmot tells Janet Toms about her career as a chef and food industry worker in country Australia.*



We are sitting in Emma's bay-windowed dining room and she offers me tea and delicious savouries. She and her husband, Monty, seem to have been everywhere, from Townsville to Griffith and beyond. "We went on a 12 year working holiday in a 30 foot van with a 'Chev' and canopy. Monty had itchy feet. He was ex-navy and I think that had something to do with it."

Emma's first big job was at Lucinda Point, near Townsville. Monty poured concrete for enormous sugar sheds and pylons for the 3 kilometre wharf, and Emma cooked breakfast at the workers' camp which catered for 1,000 people each week. The head chef left abruptly when a bowl of soup was poured over his head by a disgruntled worker. Emma was offered the chef's position, starting immediately. Think of 58 loaves of bread for

sandwiches alone, and two people needed to pour batter into huge tins for cakes that would later be divided into 180 pieces each, and you start to understand the enormity of the job. The men would eat in shifts, and heaven help you if the tucker wasn't up to scratch. Emma and Monty were there for the whole three years of the building project and she worked two shifts, seven days a week, from 4am to 12:30pm, and 2pm to 8:30pm.

In Coffs Harbour, their next stop, Emma successfully ran a chicken shop. It was nothing for her to provide 100 trays of freshly cooked chicken for local functions. After selling the shop, Emma received an urgent call from the owner of Dave's Steakhouse. It was opening night for the workers who had constructed the building, and the cook had walked out. She arrived to find no groceries and 130 people expected for dinner. Somehow she shopped, cooked and served up steaks, salads and cheesecakes (home made, of course). Three and a half years later she was still chef at Dave's Steakhouse.

I ask her for one last memorable experience. "When I was in charge of quality control at the Edgell Cannery in Griffith we had to provide special baby carrots for a state dinner at Parliament House in honour of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip." Special is right; each carrot had to be exactly the right size. It took her three days to measure 186 pounds of carrots, but her role in that 'shared table' did not go unrecognised. The company received a letter of thanks from Parliament House with the manager passing on special recognition to Emma.

Today aged 75, Emma cooks for the East Bowral Education Preschool three days each week. International cuisine, nothing in packets! Her advice to those of us not quite up to catering for large numbers is: "Keep it simple, and remember to sit with your guests and enjoy their company."

As I leave I cut across Emma's beautifully kept garden and notice the butcher bird, still patiently waiting for a morsel from her kitchen.

## shared table

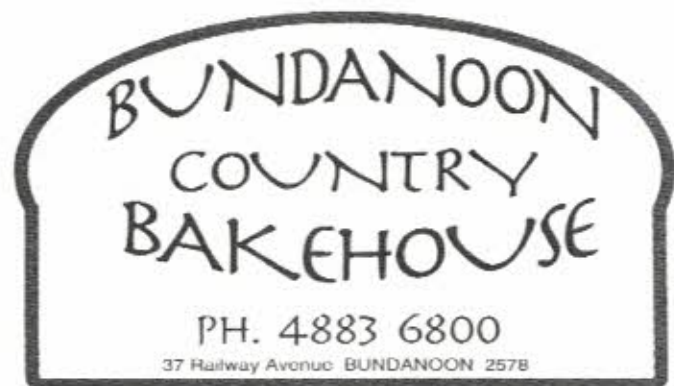


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## Two of us: Neville and



*Kate Perkins reveals the story of the peripatetic Millers, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next year and are pleased to call Bundanoon home.*

## Neville

I met Kay when she was a teenager. Her brother worked for me in my electrical business in Blakehurst and he introduced us. I invited

her to a ball and still remember the corsage I brought her to wear that night. Romance blossomed and two years later we were married and made our first home in Miranda. During the next few years our three children were born and we seesawed from Bathurst to Baulkham Hills, Orange, back to the Hills and then, in 1971, to Wagga.

I had switched to Finance, hence our many moves as I was posted from one bank branch to another. After our return to Baulkham Hills where we had fortunately retained our home, Kay was hanging curtains and feeling a little less dispossessed when I walked in and announced that I had been moved again – this time to Wagga. Despite her initial misgivings it proved to be the area in which we stayed the longest, though I admit we did live in several different houses there. She has certainly learned to be adaptable.

By this time I was with St. George and later, as Regional Manager, my territory encompassed Albury, Griffith, Jindabyne, Cooma and Bowral. We lived in Wagga with our three children for ten years, and then in the 80s bought Talbingo Homestead in Old Junee. This was a 70 year-old rammed earth and pise house on 160 acres where we ran sheep. As I went about my regional business, Kay, dubbed 'Molly' by the locals (remember 'Country Practice?'), was left to look after the house, the children and the lambing ewes, learning to deliver the ones in difficulty amidst her tears. For light relief she attended Charles Sturt University where she obtained her Fine Arts Diploma. She also wrote plays for the amateur dramatic society, in which we were both involved.

I'm a frustrated builder and spent all my spare time replacing rotting timbers and generally restoring the house to its former glory. Together, we established a restaurant and gallery there.

After some years doing this it might have been time to settle down and relax a little, but no! I went one day to a little town called

Marrar and returned home from an auction with the general store, the café and the billiard room. We lived in the village at first and I started a nursery but we later bought a house on the lagoon back in Wagga. We leased the business in Marrar and ultimately decided to leave the district.

Port Macquarie was our next address but we were still restless and looked about for a place to really settle. We had often visited the Southern Highlands during my time with St. George and after many appointments with the Real Estate Agents we bought our ¾ acre in Parklands Estate where I was pleased to put up my owner/builder sign and work on our own home once again. It is well-suited to our needs and our old furniture, which we had sold on the Coast because it didn't 'go' with our seaside home, would have looked just right! I have a nursery on the block here and sell a little produce at the Markets and at the Garden Ramble stall. The ground is hard but things are doing well. We have a lot of interests in common: we belong to the Garden Club, enjoy music and live shows and are currently involved in the movement to save our trains. We are content in our life together and definitely not looking to leave Bundanoon.

## Kay

Our first date was very exciting. Neville was a much older man – 22, with his own car. I had a lovely strapless ballerina gown on which my mother, with a sense of propriety, had sewn straps! We went out together for two years while I worked and followed my artistic bent, and then we married. I thought we were settling down but soon realised this was to be the first of many homes.

Throughout our moves and while raising our family my creativity came to the fore and I was always able to tap into that, painting, teaching dance and drama and opening a craft shop. Wagga was the place we were finally able to put our roots down and the children were particularly glad to feel less transient. Then followed our years at Talbingo and as well as being our home it became a joint business venture, with Neville ultimately leaving his banking position for the enterprise which we had taken on together. We had, over the years, acquired some lovely old furniture, including a dining room table seating 20, and with my love of cooking I was inspired to entertain on a grand scale. My grandfather was a chef and we had always enjoyed having our friends to lunch and dinner. It was our new-found friends



# Kay Miller

who suggested we take this on commercially. This then grew into catering for larger groups. Neville was on hand at weekends and our youngest son, the only one still with us, proved an excellent waiter. Both our boys are accomplished cooks but their father's talents lay in other directions. We sourced our supplies locally and grew our own herbs and vegetables, as well as keeping chooks, ducks (and foxes!). Meanwhile, we opened up a gallery wing to house our antiques and artworks. We went to clearing sales and on buying trips to Melbourne, gradually developing an eye for good pieces, and did a little restoring and selling of our own. One of our sons is a wrought-iron craftsman and some of his work enhanced the homestead surrounds. Eventually the catering business got a little out of hand and so we closed the restaurant in our home and opened one on the Highway, the Jewnee (old spelling) Journeyman. This, we thought, would be a genteel tea-room, but truckies used to come looking for hamburgers and fast food and we didn't stay long there. It is now called the Jailbreak Inn!

Some years later, and after another business venture or two, we left the district, building a house in Port Macquarie to be half-way between our son in Queensland and our daughter in country NSW. We didn't ever really feel at home there and it was not long before we were on the move again, rediscovering beautiful Bundanoon. I continue to paint and have recently had an exhibition of my work at the Moss Vale Council Chambers. Neville, supporting me always, attends to the business side of things; finding a market for my paintings and for the greeting cards which are based on my art. Writing children's books and illustrating them with some of my black and white etchings from the farm days is my current project, along with a little book of recipes and hints, 'Granny was a Greenie', inspired by all the resourceful, and funny, women in my family.

We have had a very happy forty-nine years together, with lots of give and take adapting to the different situations in which we have found ourselves, relishing the adventure of the unknown. Now we are enjoying a little rest, spending time with our beautiful grandchildren, travelling and coming home and eagerly anticipating the next decade or two. There are simply not enough hours in the day!

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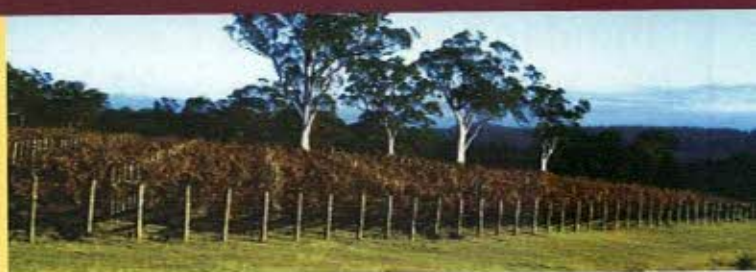


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My alpaca herd is now 45 animals strong and growing, even though I sell the young males to sheep farmers who buy them to work as guardians during the lambing season. Although alpacas are gentle and very tractable animals, they don't like foxes and will attack them. In fact attacks rarely happen as foxes aren't fools and give alpacas a wide berth.

The charm of alpacas is that they are so cute and cuddly, especially when young. If they are handled from birth, they become very tame. They will come when called, follow or allow themselves to be halter led. They are cheap to feed – mainly grass with a home-made muesli supplement when they are pregnant or lactating. They require very little attention, apart from being shorn once a year and having their toe-nails cut occasionally. They are easy to transport from one place to another. They will get into an ordinary trailer and sit down for the duration of the journey. Mated females will have a cria (baby) every 340 – 380 days, and just love being pregnant. Mating takes place with both animals sitting down, and is a gentle and peaceful affair. Alpacas do not bite, neither do they scratch nor kick. The worst they do – and this usually happens only between alpacas

– is to spit. The females spit at the males if they are already pregnant and the male is too interested. They will sometimes spit at one another if they are competing for some especially tasty food.

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As a rule of thumb their pasture requirements are one animal per quarter acre – they don't like very lush grass. Ideally, alpacas should have a companion, as they are herd animals.



“...they are so cute and cuddly...”

For people who want animals but who are often away from their properties for several days or weeks at a time alpacas are ideal. They need to be watched only when they are due to give birth.

During a lifetime of between 15–20 years a female can produce about 15 offspring. My breeding quality macho (male), Solly, is now eleven and still ‘working’ well. The only problem I have with my herd is that I am either going to have to buy another breeding quality male, or sell off all Solly’s female offspring. Incest is frowned on in the alpaca world.

Alpacas were first introduced into Australia in the 1880s but it was not until a hundred years later that serious breeding began. Most of the animals in Australia are descendants of animals imported from Peru and Chile in the 1980s. Even now though, the average size herd in Australia is fewer than 10. Many people have even fewer.

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by Harvey Grennan

**T**he Tax Commissioner is a real spoilsport when it comes to farming. Having a few acres, a couple of cows and a vegie patch won't convince him you are a fair dinkum farmer.

The Tax Office wants to see that any farming activity "has a significant commercial purpose or character". In other words it must have a real chance of making a profit one day although it does not have to be your sole source of income.



# Farming for love or money?

Ipsa facto most of the "farms" in the Southern Highlands are not really farms at all because they are not big enough. They are "lifestyle properties". Even the council has given up the pretence that the minimum lot size of 40 hectares in a rural zoning is to maintain the viability of farming. It's really about preserving the rural landscape.



Nevertheless many people in the Highlands pursue a farming activity whether for love or money – from a few steers to more intensive enterprises such as vineyards and nurseries. Typically a 40 hectares property might carry up to 30 cows if it has very good pasture and this could yield a gross annual income of around \$20,000 in the production of vealers (at current high prices). You might just get this past the Tax Office and the council as bona fide primary production and be eligible for tax deductions on your costs and rural rates.

If you have 10 hectares and run six cows it's another story. Your gross income would be around \$5000 in a good year and there would be no tax deductions. You would need good fences, cattle yards and a crush and have to fertilise your pasture, spray weeds and learn how to vaccinate and castrate cattle and tend to their various troubles. In net terms you may make \$2000 or \$3000 a year for your time and effort but in recent years you probably would have lost money because of the need to buy in fodder.

A real trap is to overestimate the number of cows your land will carry. Just because it has grass does not mean it is good pasture.

Stocking rates on grassland can vary from one cow per hectare to one cow per 10 hectares. Get expert advice before you buy a property and do not rely on the real estate agent's advice.

Many Sydney people who come to the Highlands are tempted by the prospect of running a stud. This can require a large investment and is almost certainly doomed to failure. Producing fine cattle is one thing – selling them is quite another. Some local studs have not sold a beast in years and they end up at the fat (butchers') sale.

If you wish to make money on a small acreage you must look to more intensive (and risky) enterprises such as grapes, olives, alpacas, goats, flower and tree growing, feedlots or poultry. Some of these may not get past the council and all require specialist knowledge on production and marketing. They are not for the amateur.

So if you want to be a farmer think carefully. Maybe you should just run a few chooks, grow your own fruit and vegies and give serious farming a miss. If you want to make a quid add a pet horse and a pet cow and open a farm stay.

“Producing fine cattle is one thing – selling them is quite another”



# From goats to coats

*Belisa Cashmere, the fine goat and fine garment business of Stan and Bev Cooper, is quietly making its mark in the Australian textile and fashion industry as Jenny Walker found when she visited their Bundanoon property.*

Stan and Bev are the only people in Australia who produce cashmere clothing, which they export, in addition to their domestic sales. Cashmere is a third of the weight of wool, but has the same warmth and is easy to spin. The Coopers produce yarn, which is especially popular in the US, as well as knitted jumpers, socks and shawls.

They've come a long way in twenty years. They lived in Kellyville and Stan built project homes. "I used to slash our land until one day our neighbour suggested we get a couple of cashmere goats, so I wouldn't have to spend all day on the tractor," said Stan.

However it took another eight years before the weed eaters became a serious source of income. Bev had always had an interest in knitwear and tailoring and after hearing at a Growers' Association meeting that home-grown cashmere products simply couldn't be produced, the scene was set. "We're not stupid in Australia – if it can happen in other countries it can happen here," said Bev.

In the beginning there were modest aspirations. "I thought we'd produce some cashmere and yarn, and I'd do a bit of knitting and we'd sell it around the place," said Bev. Since making their first sales at the

Royal Easter Show in Sydney, the business has grown to include thirty contract growers and two knitters to keep up the supply. Stan and Bev have also recently expanded into fine merino wool garments, in response to a growing number of requests at their shows.

"Australian cashmere is unique – its strength, lustre and length are different to that of Chinese and Iranian cashmere. Australian Cashmere is therefore probably the rarest luxury fibre in the world," said Stan.

While this is a story about a small farming venture made good, it is also important to note the amount of work behind the beautiful soft garments that are the public face of Belisa Cashmere. From March to September the Coopers estimate they do at least one show/market/field day a week (at the time of interviewing they had just returned from Melbourne, and were off to the US the following week). And that's just the selling side. There is also their 20 acre property and 45 goats to care for back home, and the growers and knitters to keep in touch with,

and the mail order business to run. "Next year I think we may be able to have a break in December," said Bev.

And just when you think you have everything under control, Mother Nature can step in. The Coopers lost most of their flock to a sudden cold snap last year, which occurred only a few weeks after shearing (alpaca breeders throughout Southern NSW and Victoria were also badly hit by the same weather). "It was heart-breaking," said Bev.

The Coopers ended up in Bundanoon almost by default. "We were gazumped on a property in Moss Vale, which pushed us to look further afield. This property didn't look like this when we bought it. It was over-run with pussy willow and blackberry. But that is perfect goat food. The real estate agent kept shaking his head and wondering why we would be interested in a property so infested with weeds," said Stan. And there lies one of the other benefits of breeding cashmere goats. They have eradicated the weeds in the paddocks where they graze – in some cases revealing a natural spring and a well.

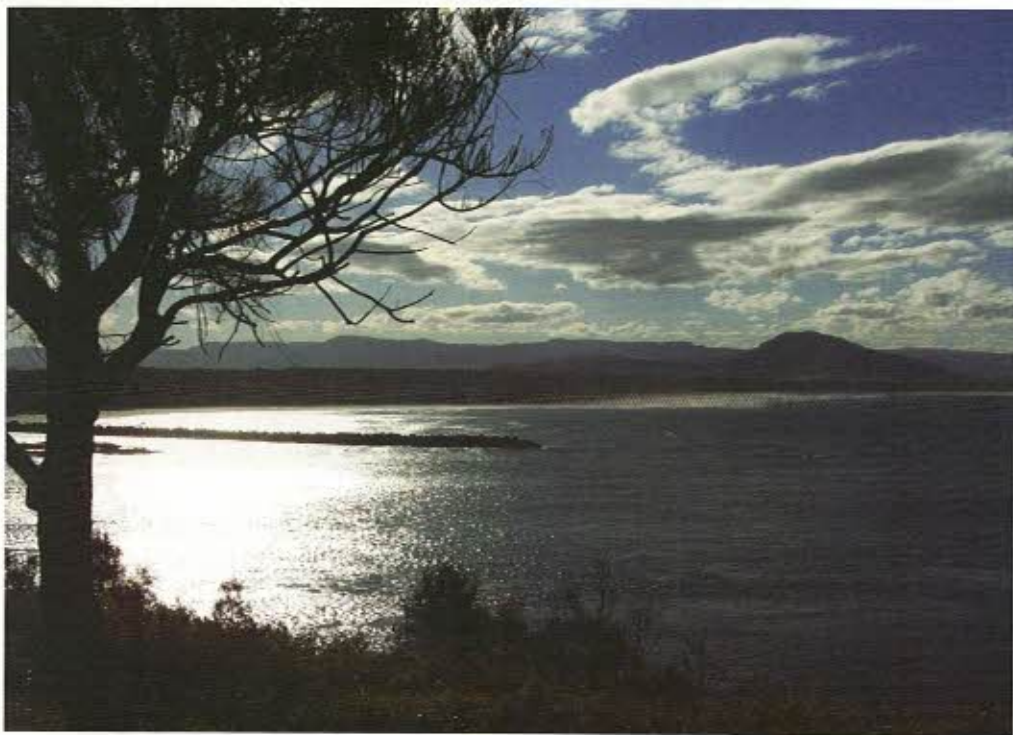
"We didn't ever envisage we would be doing this, but we're not sorry. It's lovely here," said Bev.



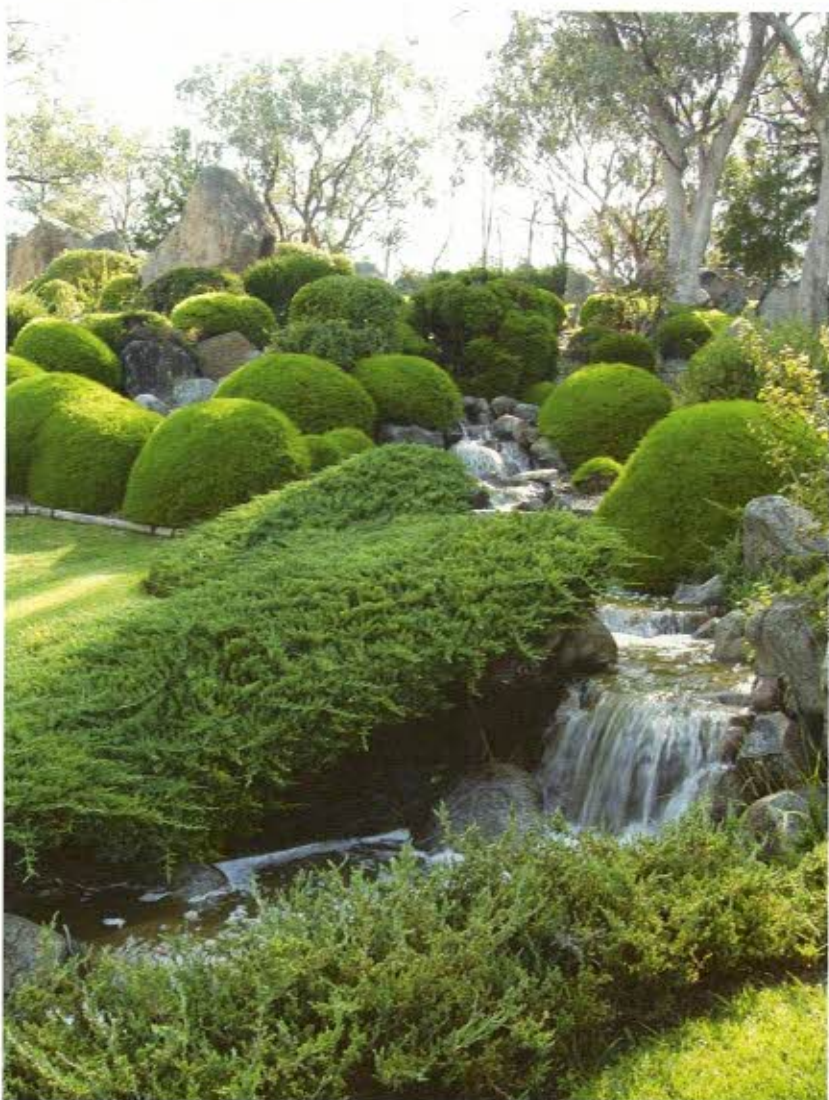


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# Captured!



Above: Shoalhaven River at Crookhaven and HMAS Sydney, by Ken Rooke  
Below right: *Leptospermum seoparium* at Joalah, Bundanoon, by June Donnelly  
Bottom left: Cowra Japanese Garden by Ben Mawston  
Bottom right: Spot the dogs by Carol Townsend





# The Davis kids

young people

*Ross Armfield was literally surrounded by good vibes when he visited the Davis family amidst stacks of music, humour and obvious and abundant love.*

Four musicians in one family! Where did all this musical talent come from?

Emma, 21, works in the pharmacy at Hilltop, plays flute and is learning the saxophone. James, 19, is doing an Information Technology course at Wollongong University and is a self-taught guitarist, plays the clarinet and would love to learn the viola. Esther, 17, is the school captain in her HSC Year 12 at the Southern Highlands Christian School, plays piano and is learning the cello. Finally, Hannah, 15, is in Year 10 at SHCS and plays violin.

The funny thing is, Mum and Dad, don't have any musical talent – apart from Linda's ear drums and Wayne's hat band! What they have, though, is loads of love, support, encouragement and most importantly, humour. This is a household where all six members can quote, line for line, all the key scenes from the classic British comedies 'Fawlty Towers' and 'The Office'.

All the children were given the opportunity to learn music as youngsters. Some stuck with it, some walked away. Over time though, they have matured and grown, appreciating the early lessons and love of music that was instilled in them. They have come together now as a talented musical force. The catalyst for this has been their church. The Davis family has been deeply involved with the East Bowral Baptist Church for a long time. Emma, James, Esther and Hannah are all quite shy by nature and admit to 'nerves' before performances. They play as a group each Sunday at the Community Hall in East Bowral but especially Esther and Hannah still dread performance on an individual basis. Together and in front of their 'home crowd', all of them are able to relax and produce beautiful music for the congregation.

Esther has always been a really serious musician, though Hannah is not far behind. She is currently working towards her Grade 8 exams and acts as the group's arranger for most of their material. Esther was recently featured in the local newspaper playing the new grand piano at the Memorial Hall.

Hannah, while learning and practising her violin, had to overcome the added obstacle of a giggling mother who laughed at the tortured sounds she produced. "I just couldn't help it," admitted Linda, "I would go into another room and try to stifle my laughter only to hear Hannah yell out – I can still hear you!. Those days are long gone.



James, Esther, Hannah and Emma Davis – a talented musical force

She's working at level 5 right now and her playing is just lovely".

James, despite early lessons, has only come back to music relatively recently, but it is with a driving passion. He has taught himself guitar to such a standard that he now makes wonderful music in performance for both the church and Bowral Youth Group at Bowral High.

Emma is an accomplished flautist, but then again she's had longer to work on it, being the eldest!

All are enthusiastic about that, especially Wayne, as he intends to send them out busking "to pay back some of the fortune I've spent on music lessons over the years!"

No one takes themselves too seriously in this family. You couldn't, you'd be cut down in minutes, and everyone gives as good as they get.

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**"Just to see their development over the years, to have music in the house all the time..."**

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All four just love the thrill of replicating fine music, creating beautiful sounds and the fun of producing music together. With musical influences and preferences from Beethoven to The Smashing Pumpkins, it makes for a very eclectic combination. Despite the offer of a wedding 'gig' for James, the odd Pub job for Esther, orchestral duties for Hannah and various eisteddfods for all of them, there are no grand plans for the future. They're content with the enjoyment of producing music for their own pleasure and for one very lucky congregation. In reality, there probably isn't time for much more than this. School, university and work commitments mean they can only get together for rehearsals once a week, on Fridays. And there's individual practice to fit in as well. Having said that, there are 'slow hatching' plans for a violin, viola, cello and flute combination to emerge over the next couple of years.

For example, when I asked what Wayne and Linda enjoyed most about their offspring's musical talent, Linda said, "Just to see their development over the years, to have music in the house all the time and there's always so much fun. Wayne stirs them by singing along with them". Smiling, Wayne adds, "They get really annoyed at me because I don't know the words, so I just make them up."

"And the TUNE!!" Emma shoots back.

This is one seriously harmonious family. Listen out for them!



# Bundanoon Highlanders make it to the grand final



*Uncompromising defence and try-scoring ability sees the 2005 Highlanders bound for the final!*

After finishing last season without a win, it has been a great form reversal. We have the second-best defensive record in the competition and on several occasions gained bonus points for scoring four or more tries in a match. Our biggest winning margin so far has been a 45-5 win against Wollongong Uni B.

Players and coaching staff have been training since February, preparing for this season, so it is satisfying for everyone involved to see their hard work come to fruition. Healthy numbers have resulted in good player depth giving us the ability to back-up mid-season. Credit must go to the team management headed by Cliff Knapman, for keeping 28 registered players keen and focused with only 15 run-on places available each week, and captain Chris Dunlea for leading by example on the field.

It has been great to see our regular supporters who come to each home game (some even follow us to the away games). Hopefully with success will come more support and a great atmosphere at one of the best sporting grounds in the Illawarra, the amphitheatre of Bundanoon Oval, or during Rugby season "Bundanoon Arms Park".



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# The unpaid piper

writing

George Edward Thornton was a big man in almost every respect. At over six feet in height and fifteen stone in weight he was not difficult to spot; and even when you couldn't see him, you could often hear him.

Nevertheless, his physical prominence was more than matched by his dominance of the social life of our small town. He was intelligent, well-informed and articulate; a powerful combination. There were few organisations that did not list G. E. Thornton Esq. as a member of at least one of its committees, usually as chairman. But despite his stature, he was not universally liked and many found his manner unattractive; though few chose to say so. By contrast, his late wife had been greatly admired and his more trenchant critics had been heard to suggest that the only reason she had departed was to escape her overbearing spouse.

The highlight of George's year was the annual flower show, and in particular, the judging of the Dahlia Competition. For nine years his blooms had won first prize and he was determined to make this year the tenth. As usual he had lifted and carefully stored the precious tubers as autumn grew colder and replaced them with care the following spring. At first all went well; the young green shoots seemed as vigorous as usual but, as they grew the edges of the leaves began to curl and gradually became brittle and puckered. George was furious. How dare they behave in this way! On hands and knees he scrutinised each plant with care but there was nothing; no holes, no bugs, no caterpillars, nothing; just distorted leaves. And worse was to follow; growth became stunted and some of the early buds simply fell off.

It was then that George contacted Josh Piper, a young chap who'd moved in next

door some months before but who George had previously ignored as he seemed to be of little consequence. The reason for the change of heart was because Josh had a gardening business, perhaps he knew the reason why the dahlias were being so uncooperative.

He did. 'You've got Broad Mite, mate'.

'But I've been over all over them. I couldn't find anything', said George.

You won't, they're too small to see. Although if you look carefully, the undersides of the leaves are a bit discoloured', Josh added.

George looked. 'I never noticed that. What should I do?'

'You need to dust all the leaves with sulphur and for the next few weeks you must pick off the new buds as they emerge and burn them.'

George could see his tenth Dahlia Award disappearing rapidly. 'You're a gardener; would you do it for me?'

Josh agreed and for twenty dollars an hour the deal was made. Over the next few weeks Josh's distinctive working attire, a colourful striped rugby shirt and shorts could be seen tending the precious dahlias. Of course George won his tenth prize but there was no mention of Josh in his lengthy acceptance speech, nor was there any readiness to settle the bill for Josh's time. After the third phone call Josh gave up and wrote it off as a bad debt. He had better things to do and one of them was to plant a dense row of fast growing Callistemon viminalis, capable of growing to twenty metres, along their common fence.

Dahlias need full sun and the tenth Dahlia Award was the last George ever received.

R.F Jones 2005

The Fellowship of Australian Writers was established in 1928 in response to the frustration and feelings of injustice endured by Australian writers, poets, and journalists who experienced difficulties in overcoming the system of patronage, inequitable payment for their literary work and their lowly status in society. Mary Gilmore among others was a foundation member. They were successful in those hard days in gaining recognition for their contributions to society. The Fellowship today offers opportunity to new and emerging writers to achieve success in their literary aspirations.

Ken Challenor, a Bundanoon resident, is president of the Southern Highlands branch which meets at the Moss Vale Services Club on the third Saturday of each month at 1.00 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

We are pleased to publish contributions to *jcg* from two members of his group who also live in Bundanoon, Ron Jones and Margaret Symonds (overleaf). -Ed.



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# The new chum

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 The Sigma, of course, would not suit:  
 the mud, rocks and pot-holes were nasty,  
 and the feed wouldn't fit in the boot.

The new chum acquired a Toyota,  
 a beauty, a proud four-wheel drive.  
 She fought with its strange power steering  
 and was lucky to get out alive.

On the farm lived a matronly kelpie,  
 an expert in farming, that one.  
 She inspected the new chum with interest  
 then sat back to lap up the fun.

In the chook yard lived hens and a rooster,  
 and the hens laid some eggs every day.  
 The new chum refused to collect them  
 till she'd driven the fowls far away.

The rooster's libido was healthy,  
 he was truly devoted to work,  
 but one morning he lay there, departed,  
 And his wives, in their grief, went berserk.

The pump from the dam, relocated,  
 Was for a time right up close to the house,  
 With new pipes and new taps, like the city,  
 But the pressure was weak as a mouse.

The new chum thought geese looked inviting,  
 Good watch dogs, much better than ducks,  
 But the six that she bought loved her garden,  
 and enveloped her house yard in muck.

On the farm also lived a grey gelding,  
 a pony not ridden for months –  
 the new chum approached with a halter,  
 and the pony took off, kicking dust.

So in order to learn farming lingo,  
 and distinguish a ram from a cow,  
 she attended a crash course in farming –  
 she's in with the best of them now.

She's grateful to all those who helped her,  
 and held out a welcoming hand.  
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## All Aboard! – Tales of Australian Railways

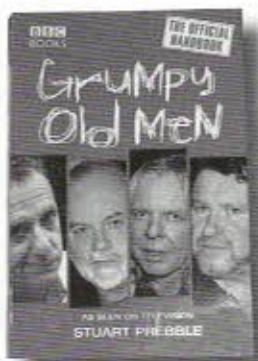
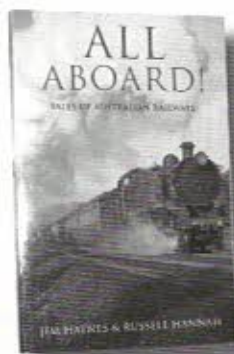
by Jim Haynes & Russell Hannah  
ABC Books 2001

Jim Haynes is a successful entertainer, songwriter, verse writer and singer. He is also a three-time winner of the Bush Laureate Book of the Year award. He and Russell Hannah love their folk music and obviously share a fascination for the railways and the characters that people this marvellous collection of railway stories. They have written some and included others by such pensmiths as Mark Twain & D.H. Lawrence.

"My dad knew Ben Chifley", writes Russell Hannah in one of his tales explaining his family's connection with the railways, the unions and politics. Many anecdotes contain colourful Australians; Leo the Lover, Henry the Hun and Backhoe Bill who Russell assures us are fictional characters.

Some stories are very real, drawn from the lives of those who pioneered or operated the railways, laid the rails or drove the trains. There are very few Australians who do not have a living relative or ancestor who worked on the railways in some capacity.

There are also memoirs by Chris Holley, who spent his working life with the railway, and Bob Brain who survived the Granville Disaster of 1977. It is a great read.



## Grumpy Old Men

by Stuart Prebble BBC Books 2004

I hate books. I much prefer to look at the pictures in a good magazine. I especially hate books that open with ten pages of Preface followed by another ten of Introduction. However, this book, by Stuart

Prebble did need some serious introduction, particularly for those who had not watched his highly acclaimed TV series. Grumpy Old Men. It is now a modern movement – and its members are proud of the title. "If you aren't grumpy," says Bob Geldof, "that means you are content with the world. And who could be that?"

Packed with funny and informative chapters such as Who are we? What are we grumpy about? and How can you spot the signs of grumpiness coming on? this book will leave even the grumpiest of men with a grin on his face.

I connected so completely with these guys. I passed all the tests so I must be a grumpy old man.

The second 4-part series of Grumpy Old Men can be seen on BBC2 this September and, hopefully soon after on ABC.

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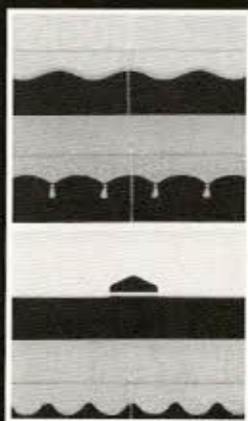
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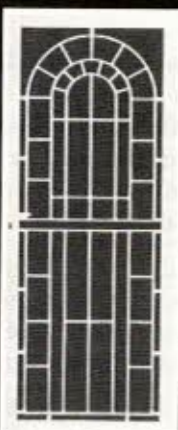
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# You are never too old to play cricket!

(from material supplied by Grahame Tooth)

Earlier this year, past Sutton Forest cricketers showed that they still have the energy to play a friendly game.

The reunion commenced at Tudor House where previous Sutton Forest cricketers from the 1940s and from 1969 to 1991 along with their family and friends gathered to enjoy a leisurely day of reminiscing and meeting old friends.

The reunion exceeded all expectations with over 140 people in attendance.

Many had travelled long distances. Lola Snowden and the ladies were fantastic hosts.

Guests later enjoyed a superb evening at the Sutton Forest Inn. Don Snowden introduced Geoff Larsen as master of ceremonies. He and several other speakers talked about the history and past times of club. A collection, put together by Grahame Tooth, of photos, score books and newspaper clippings dating back to 1886 was displayed and Horace Quigg cut the reunion cake, decorated with the club's colours by Lola Snowden.

There were many entertaining reminiscences.

Garry Barnsley told a story about his late grandfather coming home one day after

cricket and regaling his family about how he had dismissed Donald Bradman in a game at Sutton Forest. Margaret Larsen remembered her time as scorer for the club. She was taught by Grace Quigg. Little did she know at the time that she would become a cricket scorer travelling the world with various cricket teams as an official scorer!

Some of the members of the 1956 first grade premiership with the scorer: (not in photo order) the late Horace Quigg, Keith Simpson, Bob Liehr, Geoff Larsen, Keith Larsen and Margaret Larsen. Absent from photo: Mick Greason. Photo courtesy of Dianna Watson, Southern Highland News.



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Graham Tooth has written a detailed account of the memories shared by people who spoke at the reunion. If you would like a copy please contact him on 4883 6211. Ed.

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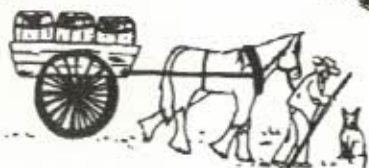
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# History unfolds

by Patricia Guy

history

**E**nid O'Hara has been Honorary Auditor for the Bundanoon History Group since its inception 20 years ago.

As a "thank you" for her tireless service the Group presented her with, what they considered, a prized possession – a framed reproduction of a photo more than 100 years old, showing in part, Bundanoon House Guesthouse (situated on the corner of Anzac Pde. and Penrose Rd. – formerly the Nicholas Pill Factory, and now a private residence).

History will now unfold!

Bundanoon House was owned by Vince O'Hara's second cousins Tess Meancy, famous for her fabulous cooking and "Bub" (Elizabeth) Lyons, a card sharp and very smart businesswoman. Bub was married to Ken Lyons an Engineer with Moss Vale Municipal Council and he made sure there was a good supply of water for the guest house by creating a well on the premises.

As a boy, back in the 1940s, Vince travelled with his parents Reg and Anne to Bundanoon House for school holidays where he helped his aunts in the kitchen when it was busy. The highlight of these holidays would be bushwalking, hiring a bike from the bicycle shop for a day's exploring or a night out at



the movies. The hall is heated now but in those days Tess provided her guests with rugs and cushions as the hall was very cold.

Time moved along and during his holiday in 1951 a certain young lady, Enid Deacon, who was in need of a rest from her accountancy studies chose Bundanoon House as her retreat. Enid enjoyed the peace and serenity of the guest house as well as the outdoor activities.

Much to Vince's delight Enid returned the following year for more peace and serenity. Those were the days!

Enid completed her Accountancy studies and she and Vince married in 1957. They lived in

Sydney but their hearts were always in Bundanoon.

They bought a weekend in 1970 and together with their two young children, Mark and Joanne, settled here in 1974. The children completed their education at local schools.

Enid and Vince were thrilled with their presentation as it brought back so many treasured memories spanning 60 years.

The History Group was also pleased to be able to uncover some history of Bundanoon residents – albeit accidentally. There are probably many more stories out there like Enid's and Vince's so let us know if you have a story regarding the location of former residents or information about old houses and landmarks etc., as these would be valuable additions to our archives.

## Golden Vale gift

**H**ow often have you passed the gates of Golden Vale on your way to the freeway and glimpsed the house, just out of view, in a grove of old trees?

As a result of a generous bequest from the late Hon WG Keighley OAM and Mrs. Keighley this historic property has been gifted to the National Trust.

The house is an impressive 19th century stone building with historic outhouses standing in well maintained gardens, surrounded by extensive pasture. The Trust values its place in the history of the Southern Highlands and will ensure its future care.

Golden Vale's early history is interesting. Thomas Wilmot, a convicted horse thief

was transported to NSW in 1814. While assigned to John Waite of Browley he gave evidence against a gang of bushrangers who had robbed the Waite's home. His brother Jasper Wilmot, transported for robbery in 1819, had also been assigned to John Waite and as a result of their assistance to the family during the robbery they received tickets-of-leave in 1822.

They became respected land owners in the Southern Highlands, describing themselves as 'gentlemen' and gave generously to the building of All Saints Anglican Church, Sutton Forest. One of the parcels of land owned by Thomas Wilmot was 'Golden Valley'. His original dwelling was replaced when Edward Carter, in 1869 built the fine

sandstone house which stands on Golden Vale today. The property remained in the Carter family until 1939, was then sold to Sir Phillip Goldfinch and has been owned by the Keighley family since 1942.

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*In a recent British television series the opinions of a select group of men were canvassed. Their observations on everything from mobile phones to women's fashion were aired.*

*David Morgan decided to go in search of some of our grumpy old men in the Southern Villages. They weren't hard to find.*

It was necessary to ignore political correctness in order to tap into the rich vein of sardonic, eloquent and well informed southern villagers' grumpiness. For this I must apologise in advance.

"Generally speaking I'm an easy going sort of fellow, who finds little of concern in this journey through life. However," Ross Armfield went on, "I hate not being able to find the start of a new roll of Gladwrap. I fume when tall people sit in front of me in a virtually empty cinema and then crunch potato crisps from a much-rusted packet. I deplore four-wheel drives parked either side of me at the local IGA carpark. I rage at teenagers who insert studs in their noses that look exactly like silver plated zits: don't they detest pimples? I grieve when a computer-generated voice tells me to hang on as... 'we value your call', even though I have barely advanced in the queue over the previous 25 minutes. I boil at modern day notions of celebrity, especially no-brainers like Paris Hilton and the entire cast of Big Brother - people who are famous just for being famous. I explode while trying to read the minute, black on dark blue print on CD or DVD covers. But what really gets my goat and has me reaching for a hand held delivery system for my stash of WMDs, are WHINGERS!"



Ross Armfield



John Hutchens

customers know they're going to be four days late. More people should follow the lead of our, newly, ex-State Premier who despite his name does not. It must have been much nicer in the

old days when the peasant classes could not afford their own vehicles and did not clog up the country's highways and byways, leaving them free for use by more deserving people. How much better off we would all be if children were made to walk or cycle to school. No one should drive unless they have to travel at least 5km, or need to carry more than \$100 worth of groceries, or they're crippled. It's frightening when I think that at least half the people I generously share the roads with are of below average intelligence. Well, I told you not to get me started....."

Oh-so-loud and inappropriate music in shops and restaurants is just a bit more pollution for us to cope with. It turns me off, why don't they. Ken Methold is also infuriated by unsolicited phone calls at meal times. "You have a mouthful of something really delicious, your mood is instantly changed and you're moved to give them some tasteless mouthful to send them on their way."

Grumpies don't go to the doctor as a rule. It is an admission that their balanced diet, moderate

## "Don't get me started...!"

A recent survey conducted in the UK concluded that a large percentage of men between the ages of 35 and 65 could be categorised as grumpy. According to Stuart Prebble (his handbook on the subject is reviewed elsewhere in this issue) grumpiness ends as a period of acquiescence begins. So to all those wives who thought they were destined to be continually saying "yes dear" to their life partner as he holds forth on a variety of subjects (all in the one sentence) ... there is an end to grumpiness: just hang in there. [Don't you hate hearing old men using young speak?]

Another contribution was an attempt to explain the existence of road rage, locally. "You are five minutes late for an appointment in Moss Vale. As you drive over the bridge at Ringwood Road you notice the driver of the small ute ahead is wearing a hat. It is a fact that men who wear hats whilst driving travel at a constant speed of 64kph. You can't legally or safely overtake this moron for another two kilometres. You're trapped. He sails past the 50kph limit sign at 64kph and leaves you floundering on the right side of the law. When you finally catch up to him there is a stream of traffic coming the other way until you reach the Illawarra Hwy. He proceeds through the 40kph limit school zone at 64kph. You resolve to keep a handgun in your glove box in future."

John Hutchens thinks "there are simply too many vehicles on the road at any one time. I feel for the tradesmen who are obliged to tailgate in a desperate effort not to be late for their next appointment (although I have difficulty reconciling this with their chronic inability to turn up at all on the appointed day). Of course the poor dears are always out of mobile phone range and must get dreadfully frustrated not being able to let their



Ken Methold



David Morgan

alcohol intake and sensible exercise regimen has, somehow, failed them. The Doctor only suggests that you try to lose some weight - seemingly unaware of his own corpulent state - and will convince you that a digital orifice examination is long overdue. Blood tests to establish liver, kidney, lung and heart function follow but they, and visits to obscenely expensive and unbelievably young specialists, return average or inconclusive results. Your, clearly mystified, GP finally sends you away with a sample pack of some new drug, barely tested by humanity and a few clues on how to correct your tendency to hook a ball off the tee. What is the point except maybe to bring him closer to his dream of owning a new set of Greg Norman golf clubs.

Finally, not another Massive Rug Sale, spotted recently at Bundanoon Hall. Does anybody you know need a massive rug? I thought this sort of retail endeavour stopped at the rug-proof-fence just south of Sutton Forest.

We haven't touched on mobile phones, or young mothers, or sad old men accompanying the local band on air guitar. Perhaps we can leave these subjects for a selection of grumpy old women.



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First Sunday of Every Month

**Bundanoon Markets** — Bundanoon

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**Duo Quilt Indulgence** — various locations

Thursday 22nd September—Monday 3rd October

**Tulip Time Festival** — Southern Highlands

Saturday 1st—Sunday 2nd October

**Festival of Cricket** — Bradman Oval, Bowral

Saturday 22nd—Sunday 23rd October

**Silver Tassie-Sutton Forest Hall**

Sunday 30th October

**Bundanoon Village Ramble**—Bundanoon



# Gie her a Haggis!

## What is it?

Thousands of years ago, when the head of the household went hunting, a beast would be slain. The carcass would be partly eaten and the remainder could be dried or salted to preserve it. The edible offals would, of course, have to be dealt with right away because of the poor keeping quality in the heat. How simple, therefore, to chop them up, mix with cereal and cook in the ready made vessel - the stomach bag. Hey presto, the first 'haggis'.

## Recipe

1 sheep's stomach or ox secum, cleaned and thoroughly, scalded, turned inside out and soaked overnight in cold salted water  
heart and lungs of one lamb  
450g/1lb beef or lamb trimmings, fat and lean  
2 onions, finely chopped  
225g/8oz oatmeal  
1 tbsp salt  
1 tsp ground black pepper  
1 tsp ground dried coriander  
1 tsp mace  
1 tsp nutmeg  
water, enough to cook the haggis  
Stock from lungs and trimmings

## Method

1. Wash the lungs, heart and liver (if using). Place in large pan of cold water with the meat trimmings and bring to the boil. Cook for about 2 hours
2. When cooked, strain off the stock and set the stock aside.
3. Mince the lungs, heart and trimmings.
4. Put the minced mixture in a bowl and add the finely chopped onions, oatmeal and seasoning. Mix well and add enough stock to moisten the mixture. It should have a soft crumbly consistency.
5. Spoon the mixture into the sheep's stomach, so it's just over half full. Sew up the stomach with strong thread and prick a couple of times so it does not explode while cooking.
6. Put the haggis in a pan of boiling water (enough to cover it) and cook for 3 hours without a lid. Keep adding more water to keep it covered.
7. To serve, cut open the haggis and spoon out the filling. Serve with neeps (mashed swede or turnip) and tatties (mashed potatoes).

## Serving

Any good Scot will tell you that it is almost improper to consume the tasty treat without the required toast and if possible, accompanied by the traditional piper and the appropriate procession. Enjoy!



## Ode to the Haggis

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,  
Great chieftain o' the puddin'-race!  
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,  
Painch, tripe, or thairm:  
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace  
As lang's my arm.  
The groaning trencher there ye fill,  
Your hrdies like a distant hill,  
Your pin wad help to mend a mill  
In time o' need,  
While thro' your pores the dews distil  
Like amber bead.  
His knife see rustic Labour dight,  
An' cut you up wi' ready sleight,  
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,  
Like ony ditch;  
And then, O what a glorious sight,  
Warm-reekin, rich!  
Then, horn for horn, they stretch an' strive:  
Deil tak the hindmost! on they drive,  
Till a' their weel-swail'd kytes belyve,  
Are bent lyke drums;  
Then auld Guidman, maist like to rive,  
"Bethankit!" 'hums.  
Is there that owre his French ragout  
Or olio that wad staw a sow,  
Or fricassee wad mak her spew  
Wi' perfect sconner,  
Looks down wi' sneering, scornfu' view  
On sic a dinner?  
Poor devil! see him ower his trash,  
As feckless as a wither'd rash,  
His spindle shank, a guid whip-lash,  
His nieve a nit;  
Thro' bloody flood or field to dash,  
O how unfit!  
But mark the Rustic, haggis fed,  
The trembling earth resounds his tread.  
Clap in his wallee nieve a blade,  
He'll mak it whistle;  
An' legs an' arms, an' heads will sned,  
Like taps o' thrissle.  
Ye Pow'rs wha mak mankind your care,  
And dish them out their bill o' fare,  
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware  
That jaups in luggies;  
But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer,  
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## CWA news

During Education Week we were delighted to receive an invitation from Bundanoon Public School to morning tea and a tour of the classrooms. We were met on arrival by the student council, who served us with morning tea, then took us on a tour of a number of classrooms, the outdoor chess board and the toilet blocks – the amazing paintwork is well worth a visit. We were very impressed with the girls and boys of the student council – their teachers and parents can be proud of them.

Another impressive young person it has been our good fortune to meet recently is Jennifer Purcell. Jennifer is from Hill Top and is taking a year off between HSC and Uni to work and spread the word of the work of World Vision. She visited us one morning and gave a very interesting talk about her experiences on a trip to India.

Our next visitor to the CWA rooms, just one week later, was Mrs Judy Richardson, CWA State President. Judy took time out from her busy schedule to come to Bundanoon to meet us, so what better reward for her than some of Pat Wells' scones.

Thank you to all those who supported our Illawarra Machine Knitters fashion parade in June. It was an enjoyable morning and a great success. I'm sure you will have noticed all the new knitwear being worn around town.

CWA Bundanoon meets every first Thursday at 1 pm in our rooms in Railway Ave. We also have a craft day on the last Thursday of the month from 10 am – just bring your lunch. Tea and coffee is provided. We enjoy having visitors, so why not come along some time?

Information from our Secretary, Kath Smith, on 4883 6919.

**Norma Smith, Publicity Officer**



Chefs and helpers: John Henry, Allan Polson, Bronwyn Shead, Karen Henry, Neville Christiansen and Stefan Ivanow.

## Bastille Day Dinner

On the evening of Thursday 14 July the Memorial Hall supper room was filled with berets, strange moustaches, the French tri-colour, the music of Edith Piaf and cries of 'Bonjour Madame, Bonjour Monsieur ....! This was the setting for the first BVG dinner.

Fifty guests were comfortably accommodated at long banquet tables and when 'le grand chef', Neville Christiansen, boldly announced the menu in French we were away! A bevy of waistcoated waiters served an amazing array of wonderful, traditional food and the result was a great night for all.

The hall kitchen and new crockery worked well and will be the scene for many dinners in future. Many thanks to all who attended and to our band of helpers.

Until next year – Vive la France!

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## Bundanoon gives \$7,600 to tsunami appeal

During the Bundanoon Lions Club Change-Over Dinner Meeting held on 10 July a cheque was presented to Lions District Governor Steve Garratt for use by the Lions organisation for reconstruction of housing in Banda Aceh. The town was virtually destroyed and only 600 people from an estimated population of 6000 survived the disaster.

This gift from Bundanoon community was the initiative of BCDA secretary Ralph Clark, who with the assistance of representatives from a number of community groups organised the successful fund raising event held at Bundanoon Club in February. In excess of \$5000 was raised on that day. Various donations and \$1200 from the local branch of Lions made up the remarkable total of \$7600.

Plaques on approximately 10 new homes being constructed will acknowledge the generosity of Bundanoon community. Look for the full story and photographs in the next issue of jcg.

## Ladies' golf [Wed. a.m.]

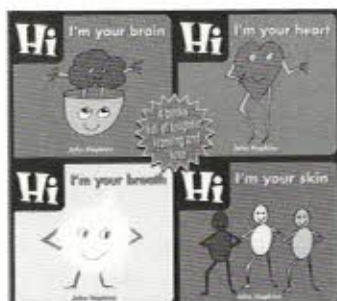
A great way to exercise and meet new friends. Join our social Wednesday morning golf (day subject to change by popular demand) at Sylvan Glen from 9am. \$13 green fees. Please ring Carol Townsend 4883 7380 or Sylvia Jeffery 4884 4271.

## Burns Night at the Bundanoon Hotel

Garry Barnsley, who was instrumental in putting us on the map with the concept of Bundanoon is Brigadoon, has drawn our attention to the success of another Scottish event: the annual celebration of the life and works of Robert Burns which is held at the Bundanoon Hotel. Now in its eighth year, the night of 'sentiment and revelry' is hosted by David Kerrigan and supported by many locals. Garry regards Bundanoon "as custodians of the finest get-together of its kind anywhere in Australia."

In 2006 the Winter Evening will be held on Saturday 24 June. If you would like to celebrate the genius of the bard and salute the rich legacy of our Scottish pioneers, phone Bundanoon Hotel now on 4883 6005. We will publish a reminder in the March 2006 issue of jcg.

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## Hi, I'm your brain

If you are looking for an original gift for a child who is at an age where the function of our brains, heart, lungs and why we have skin to hold them in has become a curiosity, then a series of four little books written by local author, John Hopkins, is recommended.

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## Do you remember the Boronia Festival?

In the early 1970s Bundanoon staged a Boronia Festival each October to celebrate the flowering of the sweet-smelling boronia in the Gullies.

## jcg in-tray

In days gone by the Gullies were filled with the unmistakeable perfume of flowering boronia, and great swathes of the plants could be seen. Over the years, bush fires, drought and sometimes unauthorised picking, have decimated this lovely native species and now it takes some searching to find any.

The Boronia Festival had a street parade which finished at the Oval in Erith St, and various organisations and charities held stalls to raise money for their funds.

The day began with a Pancake Breakfast held in Railway Avenue. There was a fitted caravan available from the Shire Council which made cooking and serving easy. There was often a damper-making competition held at the same time.

For quite a few years the Bowling Club held a Bowls Day in conjunction with the Boronia Festival.

Bundanoon History Group has little information on the Boronia Festival, and no photographs of any of the events described above. If you have further information or photos you could lend for copying, we would be very grateful. Please contact Graham Morgan, Secretary, on 4883 7714.

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Within Bundanoon there exists a remnant piece of vacant land containing three old farm dams. Its potential as an 'urban' wetland was recognised by Sheila Micholson, founder of the Currabunda Bushcare Group, and over the past 18 months volunteers have been regenerating the area, removing weeds and rubbish and replanting it with native vegetation endemic to our locality. With support from Wingecarribee Council Bushcare Officers, plus a Federal Government tool grant, progress is being made towards the establishment of the 'Currabunda Wetland Conservation Zone', an essential refuge for water-birds and other wildlife, and a source of pride for our town.

To find out more about the Group and how you can be part of this worthwhile project, please contact Sheila on 4883 6107 or Wendy on 4883 7763.





## Activities

Bundanoon Community Development 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	
Chess Club	Pat Foley	4883 6064	
Country Women's Association	Norma Smith	4883 6986	
Friends of Morton Nat. Park	Sheila Micholson	4883 6107	
	Alan Hyman	4883 7763	
Garden Club	Josephine Challenor	4883 6765	
Glow Worm Glen Track C'ttee.	John Dorman	4883 6296	
Green Team	David Beasley	4883 7122	
History Group			
President	Patricia Guy	4883 6971	
Secretary	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 Hogg	4822 6757	

## Sports Clubs

Bowls (Men)	Ron Angel	4883 6150
(Women)	Roslyn Hippisley	4883 6787
Cricket	Steve Granger	4868 2680
Croquet	Dick Topham	4883 6721
Hockey	Elaine Angel	4883 6353
Pony Club	Carol Halstead	4883 6662
Rugby	Cameron Reid	4883 6788
Soccer	Liz Norrie	4883 6421
Swimming	Michelle Broad	4883 6582
Tennis	Cameron Reid	4883 7074

## Church Times

## Anglican Church of Sutton Forest

## Holy Trinity, Bundanoon

Sunday..... 9.00 am, 5.30 pm

## St Aidan's, Exeter

Sunday..... 9.30 am

## St Stephen's, Tallong

1st &amp; 3rd Sundays..... 1.30 pm

2nd &amp; 4th Sundays..... 10.00 am

## All Saints, Sutton Forest

1st &amp; 3rd Sundays..... 11.00 am

2nd &amp; 4th Sundays..... 2.30 pm

## Uniting Church, Church St, Bundanoon

Sunday..... 11.00 am

Thursday..... 12.30 pm

## St Brigid's Catholic Church, Hill St, Bundanoon

1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Sundays..... 5.00 pm

2nd &amp; 4th Sundays..... 8.00 am

## St Paul's Catholic Church, Garrett St, Moss Vale

Vigil Mass, Saturday..... 6.00 pm

Sunday..... 9.30 am

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

## Support &amp; Volunteer Services

Community Health Service	Bowral	4861 8000
Early Childhood Clinic		4861 1744
Community Health Centre		4861 1744
Wingecarribee Adult Day Care	Anne Emms	4861 1744
Fire Station		4883 6333
Meals on Wheels	Fay Carter	4883 7441
Mobile Library	Moss Vale Library	4868 2479
Red Cross (Exeter branch)	June Morrissey	4883 4443
Ronald Macdonald Casserole Club	Ross Armfield	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

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# Events calendar

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## Regular events in the Hall

BCDA, 3rd Thurs, 7:30pm  
Garden Club, 1st Thurs, 10am  
Markets, 1st Sunday, Ph Gus 4869 3016  
Chess Club, Fri 2-5pm, Pat 4883 6064  
Gentle exercise, Tue & Thurs am  
Tai Chi, Thurs 6-7pm, Steve 4883 7707

## More information

For events in Bundanoon Hall,  
contact Gale Pritchett, 4883 7195.

For other events, unless noted,  
contact Visitor Information on  
4871 2888.

## October

Sat 1	Piano at 10, Bundanoon Hall Robertson Railway Fair, 4885 1598
Sun 2	Bundanoon Markets Cricket Festival, 4861 7100
Mon 2	Labour Day Holiday
Tue 4	Ramadan/Rosh Hashannah
Wed 5	World Teachers' Day
Thu 6	Garden Club
Fri 7	
Sat 8	ANU Chamber Orchestra, p9.
Sun 9	Textiles & Embroidery, 4885 1720
Mon 10	School Term 4 begins
Tue 11	
Wed 12	
Thu 13	Yom Kippur
Fri 14	
Sat 15	SH Kennel Club, 4871 1411
Sun 16	World Food Day
Mon 17	
Tue 18	
Wed 19	
Thu 20	BCDA meeting
Fri 21	
Sat 22	Solo bagpipe competition, Sutton Forest, 4862 1411
Sun 23	Open Garden, Ranelagh House, 4885 1111
Mon 24	United Nations Day
Tue 25	
Wed 26	
Thu 27	
Fri 28	
Sat 29	Blue Light Disco, Mittagong RSL, 4862 9299
Sun 30	Daylight Saving begins Garden Ramble, Bundanoon, 4883 7786
Mon 31	

## November

Tue 1	Melbourne Cup Day
Wed 2	
Thu 3	Garden Club
Fri 4	
Sat 5	Piano at 10, Hall MV Show Rodeo, 0427 469 669
Sun 6	Bundanoon Markets
Mon 7	Bundanoon History Group, 10am, Old Goods Shed
Tue 8	
Wed 9	Bong Bong Picnic Races
Thu 10	
Fri 11	Remembrance Day
Sat 12	Tulip Time Bulb Dig, 1300 657 559
Sun 13	VAUDE Highland Fling, see p6 Ceremony, Sunnataram Monastery, 4884 4262
Mon 14	
Tue 15	
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Thu 17	BCDA meeting
Fri 18	
Sat 19	Arts Bundanoon Gala Concert & Supper, 4883 6588
Sun 20	Sutton Forest PS 125 Year Celebrations, 4878 9282
Mon 21	
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Sat 26	Moss Vale Greyhounds, 4868 1353
Sun 27	Advent Sunday
Mon 28	
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Wed 30	

## September

Thu 15	BCDA meeting, Hall, 7:30pm
Fri 16	
Sat 17	Throsby Park Open Day, 4887 7244
Sun 18	Sutton Forest Markets
Mon 19	
Tue 20	
Wed 21	
Thu 22	Tulip Time commences, 1300 657 559
Fri 23	School Term 3 ends
Sat 24	Bundanoon Club reopens
Sun 25	
Mon 26	
Tue 27	
Wed 28	
Thu 29	Tulip Time Art & Craft Fair, 4871 2888
Fri 30	

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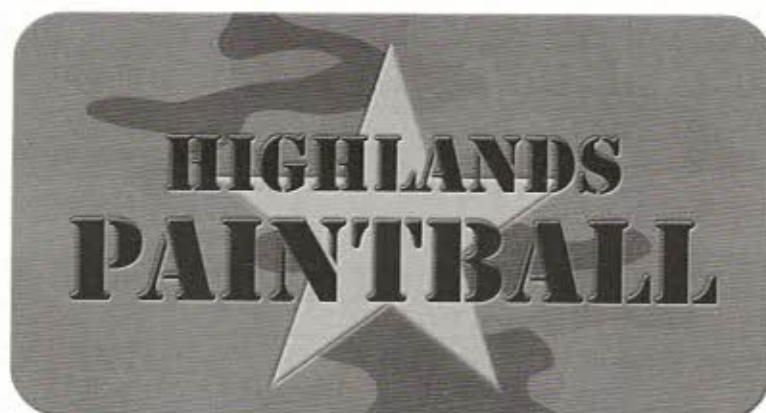
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