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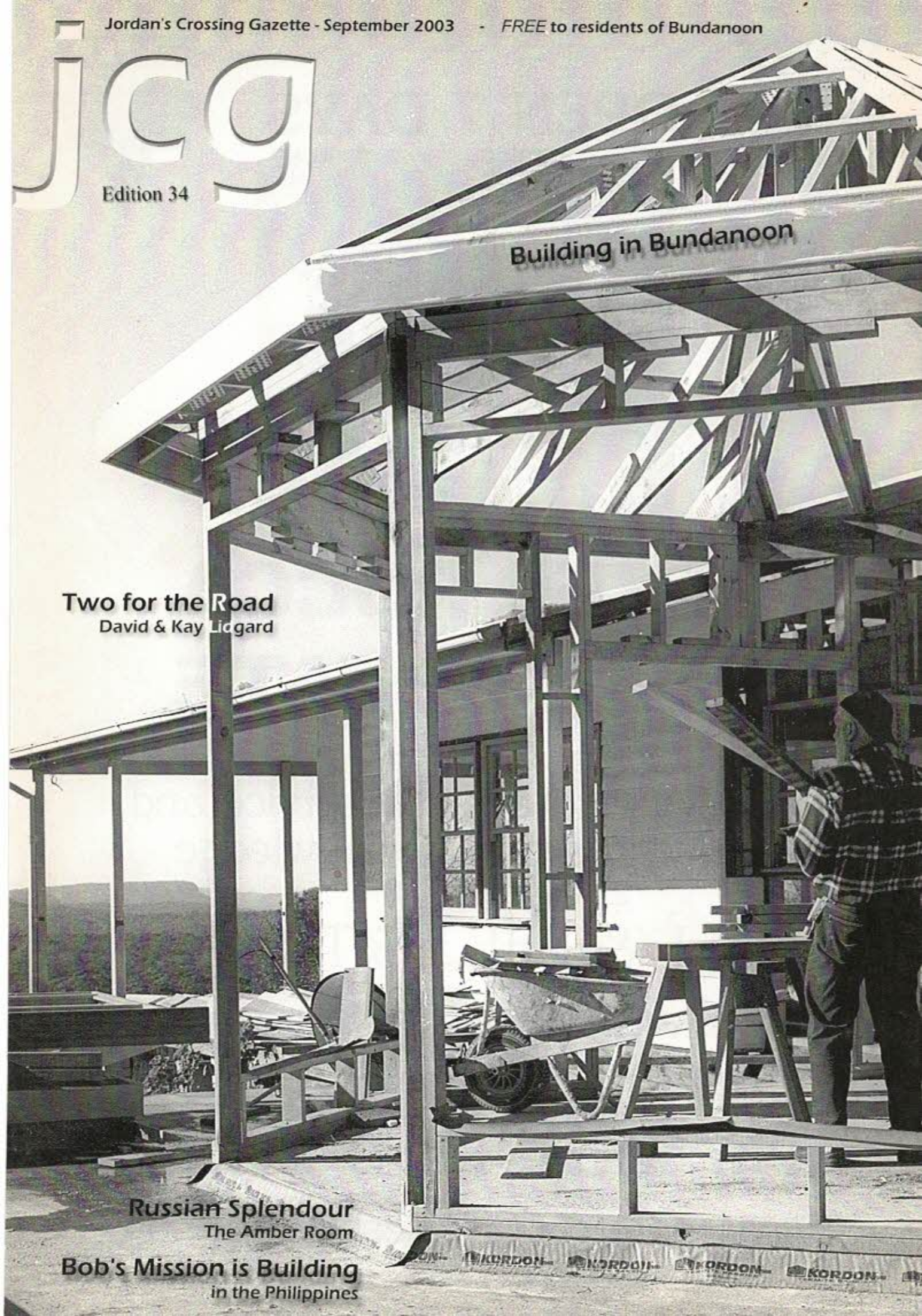
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editor's notes



The BCDA Community Dinner will again be held in early November (ad on page 5). This year we plan a spectacular launch of our website (bundanoon.org.au) during an evening spent sampling world-wide cuisines. We have engaged the services of a team of international consultants to design and build our website. In fact, John Tregea and his wife Yinna who live in Bundanoon, when they are not working overseas, volunteered their expertise to keep the website project on course, so we hope to meet our target completion date.

By continuing to use a theme for each issue of JCG and letting you know in advance, we hope you will contribute some ideas. Our 'building and trades' issue contains some recollections by well known retired Bundanoon builders, interesting history articles and some amusing stories from contemporary building industry identities.

In the shadowy foreground of the photograph chosen for the cover of this edition, is someone posing as a building worker. It is the same person who posed as a fitness fanatic in our June issue. He can't sing, but is sure to turn up in the back row of the Bundanoon Voices who will feature in the Christmas edition of JCG. If you would like to contribute an article on a theme of cultural pursuits in our town we would be pleased to publish it in our December issue.

David and Kay Lidgard are the 'Two for the Road' who were interviewed by Ross Armfield for our centre spread article. Dave is convinced you have to leave town before you are the subject of a feature in JCG. That isn't true but it certainly seems to help.

I hope you enjoy reading about the Amber Room and those pieces that follow the building trades theme of this magazine.

Cover this issue... 'Looking forward to completion'.

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David Morgan

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JCG is published quarterly and therefore is not, generally, an appropriate platform for discussion of political issues. By the time you receive the magazine decisions have been made and there are new matters to be considered. If you have concerns you think our community should take up please come to our monthly

BCDA meetings. In this way we can take action and be an effective and representative lobby group when required.

However, a development application by Telstra for the erection of a mobile phone tower in Devon Rd. Exeter is currently before Wingecarribee Shire Council. It is my understanding that Telstra investigated several sites in Bundanoon that were all rejected due to non-compliance with federal codes or failure in negotiations with landowners.

At the BCDA meeting held in July members voted, after vigorous debate, to register their opposition to the DA and this complex issue was again considered at a public meeting in August where it was stated that Bundanoon residents had made submissions to Joanna Gash MP and inquiries to Council. Then, by a show of hands, Exeter residents indicated that they do want mobile phone coverage - just not from a tower erected in the proposed location in Devon Road.

How can we effectively influence a decision on this issue?

The objections from Exeter are based on the effects it may have on their residents. Visually, impact on the picturesque rural environment of Devon Rd. is undesirable for a small number of people and placed in a similar position we would all react in the same way. Property values in rural areas are often based on natural beauty and are adversely affected by any signs of

urbanization. There is a perceived health risk from radiation associated with transmissions and in some cases this may affect values by discouraging some buyers from Sydney where towers are only a few kilometres apart.

The health risk is an interesting argument and the most difficult to assess. We may not have a tower where we live but they are in Bowral, Moss Vale and Sydney where many people work and are exposed to risk of daily exposure to radiation. Those with concerns for their visiting grandchildren must recognize that, especially in cities, they probably live in close proximity to mobile phone towers. It is an impossible argument. Risk has not been proved or disproved.

It took years to discover and acknowledge the health risks DDT, asbestos and cigarettes presented for us. I hope that nobody objecting on health grounds is a smoker, eats charred barbequed meat or goes outside without 'sunblock' and a hat or is on HRT therapy. Studies have shown that all of these factors are associated with the incidence of cancer. If we are to debate this issue, on the grounds that a mobile phone tower may represent a health risk, we must be consistent.

It has been demonstrated that there is a need for extended coverage in this area. Telstra has met existing regulations during the tender process and we have been given an opportunity to register our objections. A location is still to be approved!

I should also mention that our hall renovations are continuing. Bob Smith, who is having treatment following surgery, has been an enormous asset to this project. He is an active committee member and works very hard for our community. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Energy efficient house design for fiscal comfort

An energy efficient home takes advantage of the free warmth and light that comes from the sun. If you are considering building a home in Bundanoon you should try to incorporate a few simple design features that will keep it warm and comfortable in winter and cool in summer.

If you haven't already purchased a block of land then be aware that one that has clear access to the low-angled winter sun is best.

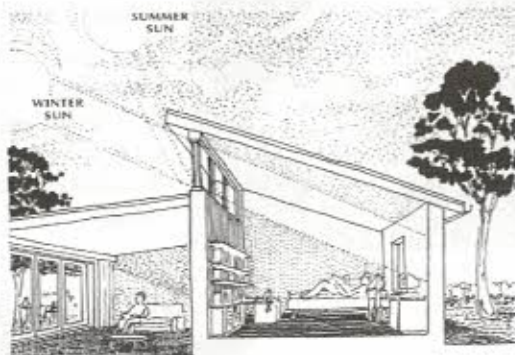
When planning the layout of rooms within the house place living rooms and their windows facing north. Rooms with similar usages are best kept together and separated by doorways. For instance a more efficient use of hot water results in keeping bathrooms, kitchen and laundry close together and keeping supply lines short.

It is better to keep ceiling heights down to a maximum of 2.7m to reduce heating costs and to avoid open plan living areas.

When selecting primary building materials remember concrete slabs and masonry walls provide what is called a thermal mass to absorb heat on a winter's day and slowly release it during the evening. Rooms need to have large

windows that access the winter sun.

Choose casement, double hung or sliding over awning windows as they provide more efficient ventilation to rooms. Where possible, windows should be positioned to take advantage of cross breezes in summer.



Suitably designed eaves and pergolas will help shade north facing windows from the summer sun whilst allowing winter sun to penetrate into the house.

Double glazed timber windows can be as little as 10% more expensive than the single glazed equivalent and in some rooms obviate the necessity for expensive curtaining.

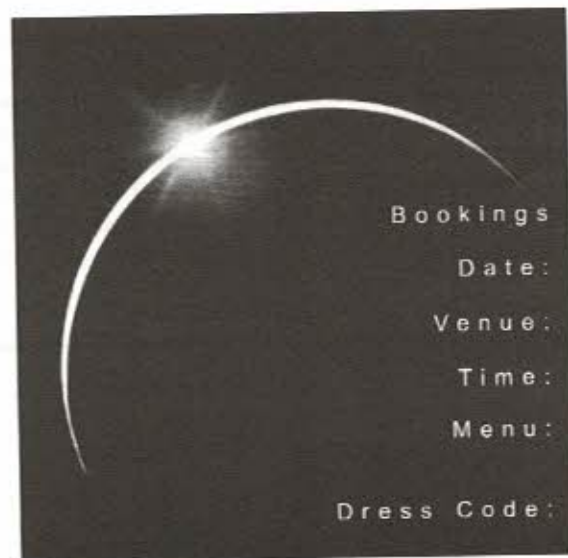
Curtains with pelmets that trap still air between them and the glass reduce heat loss at night.

If you adequately insulate your house by installing batts or foil insulation in the appropriate places under roof sheeting, in walls and ceilings and under raised floors you will keep as much as 10°C cooler in summer and 5°C warmer in winter with consequent savings on energy and heating or cooling costs. Polyester batts and foil-faced bubble wrap are so much more people friendly products than their fibre-glass equivalents.

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The masters' apprentices

By Ross Armfield.

David Alves, Roger Knapman and Jenny Recktenwald.

Apprentices are often perceived as subservient, under-skilled males dwelling in a sort of Dickensian underbelly of the world of artisans and only fit for menial tasks. I recently had the great privilege of talking with three fine young local apprentices, all of whom smashed the stereotype. Varied in personality, they however shared the common attributes of ambition, a love of their trade, a propensity for hard work, well-developed skills and a plan for the future.

David Alves, 18, born and bred in Bundanoon, is a shy and somewhat serious young man who's taken on a carpentry apprenticeship. He left Chevalier College in 2002 where he'd done woodwork, industrial technologies and building construction, achieving Cert.1 and part of Cert.2, which went towards his apprenticeship. He learnt to make furniture there too, a skill he'd like to pursue in the future.

David has worked for several local builders so far while undertaking his four year apprenticeship, which he hopes will



David Alves

take him to a carpenter's licence. His aim then is to gain a builder's licence and form his own business. David strives for quality and wants this as his hallmark. Happy to be living at home now, "It's much cheaper this way", he says, David sees a time when a move to Sydney may come. "Qualified 'chippies' can earn \$58 an hour," enthused David.

David has two brothers in the industry, a builder and a stonemason. His family really support and influence him. David enjoys the variety of skills in building but is very wary of heights when doing roofing and trusses. He dislikes being on the one job too long. His day is usually 7.00 ~ 3.30, but there is often overtime and

weekend work. Outside work this very fit young man relaxes by playing rugby for Bowral Blacks Under 19s with ex-school mates. His personal creed is, "I really enjoy working by myself - just getting on with it!"



Roger Knapman

Roger Knapman, another local lad, left Moss Vale High at 16 unsure of his future. After some labouring and work with several roofing and plumbing

firms in the district, Roger decided to take on a plumbing apprenticeship with Master Plumbers. Attending TAFE one day a week, Roger will achieve his basic plumber's trade certificate in three years but he intends to do another two years of advanced courses to achieve a full licence and hopes to eventually set up his own business in Queensland. "Where it's warm," says Roger.

Roger works at the moment with local plumber Mark Corbett who directs and assists his progress. "Being an apprentice you get a taste of everything, but LOTS of digging. Mark is very reasonable to work with - at times," says Roger. "There's no harassment or discrimination but there is plenty of stirring and banter and I get some pretty dirty jobs at times," laughs Roger. Roger loves working outside, doing a variety of tasks especially copper work. He also likes the money, although he says it hurts as an apprentice

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to see others getting full pay for the same work he does. Roger also dislikes staying on one task too long. He dislikes roofing simply because he's done so much of it with previous firms. He has no major fears with the job but is always cautious, especially when welding. He, like David, likes working by himself and takes real pride in the completed task.

Roger's day is from 7.30 - 4.30 with only a 15 minute 'smoko' and a full half hour for lunch, "only when Mark's not there". Roger works a second job on Saturday mornings and loves his KTM 250cc Moto-X bike, which he rides at Sherwood Industries and Canyonleigh. He also plays rugby league for Moss Vale Dragons 18s, training Tuesday and Friday nights. So much for youth with "too much time on their hands."

Jenny Recktenwald, is a 21-year-old energetic and vivacious apprentice electrician. Born in Germany, Jenny came to the Mittagong area as a 5-year-old. Her electrician father and nurse mother then moved the family to Tallong. After enjoying Music, Drama and English at Moss Vale High, Jenny left in Year 11 to work locally in a bakery, a fast food outlet and then a piggery at Joadja before taking up an electrical apprenticeship with her Dad



Jenny Recktenwald

at R&S Electricals. "I'd been working on and off with him for ages," said Jenny.

Jenny is currently doing Electro Technologies 3 at TAFE to gain her trade certificate while working in the field. Her immediate boss is her Dad's partner, Mick Storton. "I've known him for years, he's great to work for," says Jenny. Jenny gets her share of the dirty work, like trenching, but handles it and the crowbar comfortably. She enjoys being able to mix it with the best of them and appreciates the 'good on you' comments she gets in the male dominated workplace. This can be fairly confronting at times, particularly in the area of personal hygiene!

Jenny loves the skills she is acquiring and putting them to use at home but dislikes the itchy fibreglass insulation in roof cavities,

mud, cobwebs, getting 'zapped' and feeling confined in tight spaces, particularly under slabs, for too long. The physical aches and pains are eased each week, though, by a massage from Mum. Jenny would love to work overseas one day, but for the present she is more than happy to be accepted and working for the family business. An electrician who gives a whole new meaning to the term 'Girl Power'.

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Bob's mission is building

Bob Hall has been a builder in this area for some years. In fact he built my last house in Ben Nevis Circuit. A few years ago, however, he was looking for a greater challenge....

He answered a magazine advertisement asking for someone with building experience to take on a support role with a mission in the Philippines. Here was an opportunity to apply his Christian beliefs in a very practical way. He was accepted and in no time at all he was winging his way to the island of Luzon in the Northern Philippines.

The first project Bob worked on was a dormitory for boys in a lowland town.

"A guy had bought land with the idea of building a home for tribal kids so that they had somewhere to stay during the week while they furthered their education. It is also used by adults and children who come down from their mountain villages for urgent medical treatment and need somewhere to stay"

He returned to Australia and following discussions with his family they decided to live and work there for an extended period. It was a difficult decision because the two children travelling with them were reluctant to leave their schools and friends. Bob's wife, Bronwyn, took up the challenge of home schooling and soon they were all settling into a very different life.

"We went in November 1999 and ended up staying for three years"

To finance their move they rented their house in Exeter and their church in Moss Vale also helped with expenses.

"Our accommodation near Aritao in Nueva Vizcaya was simple



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The fun-loving Filipino is basically of Malay stock with a sprinkling of Chinese, American, Spanish and Arab blood. The Philippines has a population of 76.5 million

but in order for us to maintain something of a western-style family life, it needed to be a bit better than the two room thatched hut that is home for a Filipino family and their grandparents. However, working in remote locations as I often did, I had to sleep under a tarpaulin fixed to the side of our truck and establish a pit toilet and a crude water supply before we could start building work."

The most significant lifestyle change for Bob was that at the end of a working day there was

no paperwork, no phone calls and no associated stress. After the first year there was still a lot of work for him to do. Resources for projects were plentiful but there was a shortage of people to manage them so Bronwyn was soon put to work buying supplies for five mission families living in remote areas.



A Qantas captain seen here applying his skills by fixing a diesel generator

Bob is fond of a quote that aptly describes building work in the Philippines.

"The Spanish didn't discover the Philippines, Murphy did!" He thinks it is that infamous Irish law that rules much of life there.

Hardware stores rarely stock a range of items so you may need to visit ten shops in different towns before finding what you need. There is little point phoning before you go. You have to take the failed part with you so that they can match it against the parts they have in stock. Everything takes longer to do in the Philippines. "If a water pipe bursts the Filipinos will fix it with a strip of bicycle tyre inner tube and wire. Of course it continues to leak. The necessary fittings and poly-pipe are available but too expensive for them to purchase. We supply them and fix the problem. Concrete is mixed by hand so each batch is different. They try to save on cement and reinforcement. The reinforcement is generally large diameter bar tied at about half metre centres. The reinforcement mesh we use in Australia isn't available there but when I tried to replicate this with size of bar and spacing in a raft slab they couldn't understand what I was doing."

We might call it 'corruption' but here it is very much part of life. The roads fall apart because everyone is skimming off money and

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cheating on construction materials. This is probably why a foreign company is constructing a freeway project in Manila rather than providing finance for a local company to do it.

"At a local level, abuse of the power that a uniform gives its wearer is rife but culturally acceptable. I was stopped by police in Manila and accused of 'swerving' or changing lanes illegally. They took my licence and weren't going to return it unless I gave them 500 pesos so I handed over the money. Of course there was no receipt. Not to do this would have meant queuing up at the LTO (Land Transport Office) with hundreds of other 'offenders' who had suffered the same fate, to get my licence back and to still incur a 160 peso fine. Arriving at the counter to be told that they hadn't received your licence as yet was also a possibility that would mean returning another day and going through the same process. The 'test' to secure a bike licence involved my following an official to where a ridiculously small bike was parked. Presumably I was required to demonstrate my ability by riding it. I protested that I couldn't because it was too small, at which point I was asked for 40 pesos, given a receipt and told that I had passed the 'test'."

A new motor car is a luxury few can afford. Generally an old second hand car that costs A\$10,000 in Australia would be 1.2 million pesos (A\$300,000). People assemble their own cars from readily available parts. They register these 'homebuilt' vehicles at the LTO by taking receipts to prove that all the necessary parts to build the vehicle have been purchased. Incredibly the LTO doesn't need to inspect the car!"



A river crossing that went horribly wrong for Bob



A WWII four-wheel drive logging truck, still a very popular vehicle in these parts.



Timber milling is done by a man in thongs wielding an enormous chainsaw cutting timber sections to required length

In rural areas people live reasonably well on the food they grow. Rice is the staple food often to be seen drying on the main highways. One lane is commandeered for this purpose so drivers have to look out for vehicles coming in the opposite direction. Workers rake over the rice during the day and load it onto trucks to be taken away for processing at the end of the day. There are duck farmers who are paid to let their charges loose on rice paddies to eat the bugs that inhabit such crops and as a by-product fertilise the soil. Ducks and their eggs provide the major part of the farmer's income. A very popular fast food snack is balot (pronounced bah'loot). It is a duck foetus cooked in its egg and sold at stalls along the road. Another favourite is barbecued chicken gut on a skewer.

"I can't say I was moved to try either of them," said Bob.

Bob worked amongst the people of the mountain tribes who are traditionally animists or spirit worshippers and although these beliefs have been modified by the Spanish Catholics, they will turn to animal sacrifice to appease an evil spirit that strikes down a child with measles. Inoculation is virtually unavailable so diseases rare in Australia are rife and treated inappropriately.

In conclusion Bob said, "Some critics of mission work in developing countries would say we are changing the culture of these people. However they don't like living the way they do. They don't necessarily want to live like us but would like better health care and assistance with growing their crops more efficiently. They certainly appreciate the help we are providing for them."

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The amos family - sawmillers

In 1881 the area around Bundanoon, then known as Jordan's Crossing, was heavily timbered making it an ideal place for the establishment of a milling industry. (It is interesting to note that the reason for the name derived from the fact that two trains crossed each day on a section of line which had been built on land belonging to Charles Jordan)

Timber was mostly used for railway sleepers. A mill situated about four kilometres north of the town was owned by brothers Alexander and Robert Anderson. They employed 100 men, 60 at the mill and 40 working in the bush. The mill produced 100 sleepers per hour although timber of all kinds was cut at this mill and advertised for sale in the local paper.

Many early huts and cottages were built by mill employees.

Bundanoon History Group. From Jordan's Crossing to Bundanoon (1990)



Robert and Jeanie Amos and family

The Amos Family of Cairn Hill

Robert Amos was born in Bo'Ness (Borroustouness), a port on the Firth of Forth in Scotland, in 1832. He came out to Australia in 1852. His elder brother Alexander followed him in 1853 and their sister Janet came to join Robert in 1871 after the death of their mother.

The two brothers settled originally in Victoria, as did most Scots migrating at that time. Robert took a position as bookkeeper to an engineer named Cairns, one of whose daughters, Jeanie, he afterwards married in Melbourne in 1859. About 1865 the brothers became contractors for construction of lines for the rapidly expanding railway network of NSW. They were responsible for putting through the railway in a number of areas, including the line from Strathfield to the Hawkesbury River and, in a series of contracts, from Goulburn all the way to Albury.

While Robert was responsible for taking the railway from Goulburn to Yass, his wife accompanied him on one of his trips of inspection and fell in love with the country around Bundanoon. Her husband bought 73 acres for her in 1867 from George Osborne, the original purchaser in 1862. The northern boundary of the block was William Street and the southern boundary in line with the north edge of what is now Solar Springs. This transaction was, of course, before the passing of the Act to amend the Married Women's Property Rights of 1879 and it is interesting that the certificate of title to Jeanie Amos as transferee specifies her as proprietor "free from the debts, control, interference or engagements of her husband Robert Amos or any future husband with whom she may afterwards intermarry". This meant it was hers alone and hence became Cairn Hill. Fifty acres on the north side of the block was run as a farm and every week hampers of butter, cream, eggs, fruit and vegetables were sent to Sydney. (The barn still stands on Maryland.) The original Californian redwood demountable railway construction office was moved to Cairn Hill and a

pinewood extension built around it to be used as a holiday home.

Robert and Jeanie lived for some years in Macquarie St, Sydney and then moved to a house in Potts Point originally built for David Jones and known as Barncleuth. They had eleven children and made many additions to the house which they renamed Kinneil. It is fascinating that Kinneil House was the name of the 16th century mansion near Bo'ness from which town Robert had first come. Although Kinneil was demolished in the 1960s, after serving as an elegant restaurant, there is still Barncleuth Square and Lane in Potts Point.

There is also an Amos Lane which used to lead to the stables and coachhouse of Kinneil.

Jeanie Amos died unexpectedly while on holiday at Cairn Hill in 1903. It was difficult at that time to take the body to Sydney for burial and she was buried on the hill, where the little family cemetery is today. After her death the farm was sold. The rest of the property was maintained as a holiday house until white-anting of the pinewood extension necessitated demolition of the building, although the redwood section was still intact.

The property was subdivided in the '60s and Cairn Hill is still in the possession of the descendants of Jeanie Amos.

For completion, a mention of Robert Amos' brother, Alexander: He remained a bachelor until he was sixty-five, living on country properties. He married and built a three storey mansion across the lane from Kirribilli House, the Prime Minister's residence, with gardens running down to the waterfront. A huge block of flats has subsequently been built on the tennis court near the water's edge. This blocks harbour views from the original house which, having been a hospital, has now become eight units. Carved on the wall, one hundred years later, is its original name, 'Soma' --- Amos back to front.

Dr Hugh Anderson of Canberra, an Amos descendant, supplied this story. Anderson family members continue to enjoy spending time in Bundanoon.

Russian splendour - the amber room glows again

There could be few experiences as different as selling newspapers in the peaceful village of Bundanoon and negotiating the chaotic traffic of St Petersburg. We know where we would prefer to live, but our all-too-short time in this most beautiful of Russian cities was so memorable, it would have to be up there with the highest of highlights. Our visit at the end of May coincided with the city's 300th Anniversary and the city probably looked better than it had since the time of Tsar Nicholas. With 49 foreign heads of state visiting for the celebrations, including George Bush, Tony Blair and Jacques Chirac, no expense had been spared in dressing up the city. President Vladimir Putin is a Petersburg, so there has been plenty of money from Moscow to fund the restoration work that is going on everywhere you look.

Visitors to St Petersburg cannot fail to be overwhelmed by the culture, art and architecture of the city once known as the Window to the West. But this is not going to be a travelogue of five days in St Petersburg! Rather, it is going to be the story of one room in one building - the amazing restoration of the legendary Amber Room in the Catherine Palace at Pushkin, one of the many Imperial palaces on the outskirts of the city.

The Amber Room was presented to Peter the Great in 1716 by Prussian King Freidrich Wilhelm I, reputedly in exchange for 55 tall Russian soldiers! The original amber panels were designed and created in 1709 by Andreas Schluter and, once installed, became the jewel in the crown of the Catherine Palace for almost two centuries. The 100 square metre room, 8 metres from floor to ceiling, was decorated with amber of every colour from the palest lemon to a rich red. During the terrible years of World War II when St Petersburg (then Leningrad) was under siege for three long years, the Amber Room was looted by the occupying Nazi troops and taken to the German town of Koenigsburg (now Kaliningrad). In 1945, Russian troops recaptured the city, but sadly, the precious panels from the Amber Room had already disappeared.

Perhaps because of its amazing beauty, the search for the missing Amber Room became something of a cause célèbre. Of the tens of thousands of artworks stolen from Russia by the Nazis during the war, this was the most pursued. Georges Simenon, Belgian mystery writer and creator of Maigret, was a noted member of an international group bent on finding the treasure, a hunt that went on from the Baltic to Southern Germany, but to no avail.

In 1979, the Soviet Government launched a project to recreate the Amber Room and it has taken 25 years and \$20 million to bring the dream to fruition. The official opening of the room was on June 3, but with the anniversary celebrations in full swing, we were lucky to have a sneak preview the week before (the first to see the completed room were WWII veterans and survivors of the Siege of Leningrad). What the 30-strong restoration team has achieved is absolutely amazing. For many of the craftspeople involved, it has been their life's work and their pride in the



Detail of the Amber Room

completion of the project is obvious.

It took eleven years of painstaking research before work on the panels could start. Not a single piece of the original Amber Room had survived, so to recreate it, the experts went back to a series of black and white photographs taken before World War II. It was clear from the pictures that the panels in the room were made from many shades of amber, but nobody knew what those shades were. The ingenious solution was to take modern black and white photographs of various tints of amber, compare them to the earlier photos and come up with a scheme that would be consistent with the original panels. The responsibility of keeping the harmony of colour throughout the panels was given to one man, Alexander Krylov, an amber colourist who joined the project in 1981. Six tons of amber were needed to complete the work, each panel weighing 400 kilograms. Elaborate patterns within each panel are made up of individually ground and matched pieces of amber fixed to specially treated metal bases.

Recently, two pieces from the original Amber Room reappeared - a chest of

drawers and a Florentine mosaic - discovered in Bremen, Germany and brought home to Catherine Palace in 1997. By then, a copy of the original had already been made in the museum workshop, one of four mosaics symbolising the five senses of vision, hearing, taste, touch and smell that are in the new Amber Room.

The opening of the Amber Room has been a much anticipated event in St Petersburg and many local people were anxious to speak to us about it and ask us what we thought. What we thought was - WOW! It is stunningly beautiful, with the light reflecting and glimmering from the myriad shades of yellow and gold. Standing in the Baroque splendour of the room is like being inside a jewel box. This is truly a good news story from a city that has more than its share of problems, but huge pride in its history and heritage and great hope for its future.

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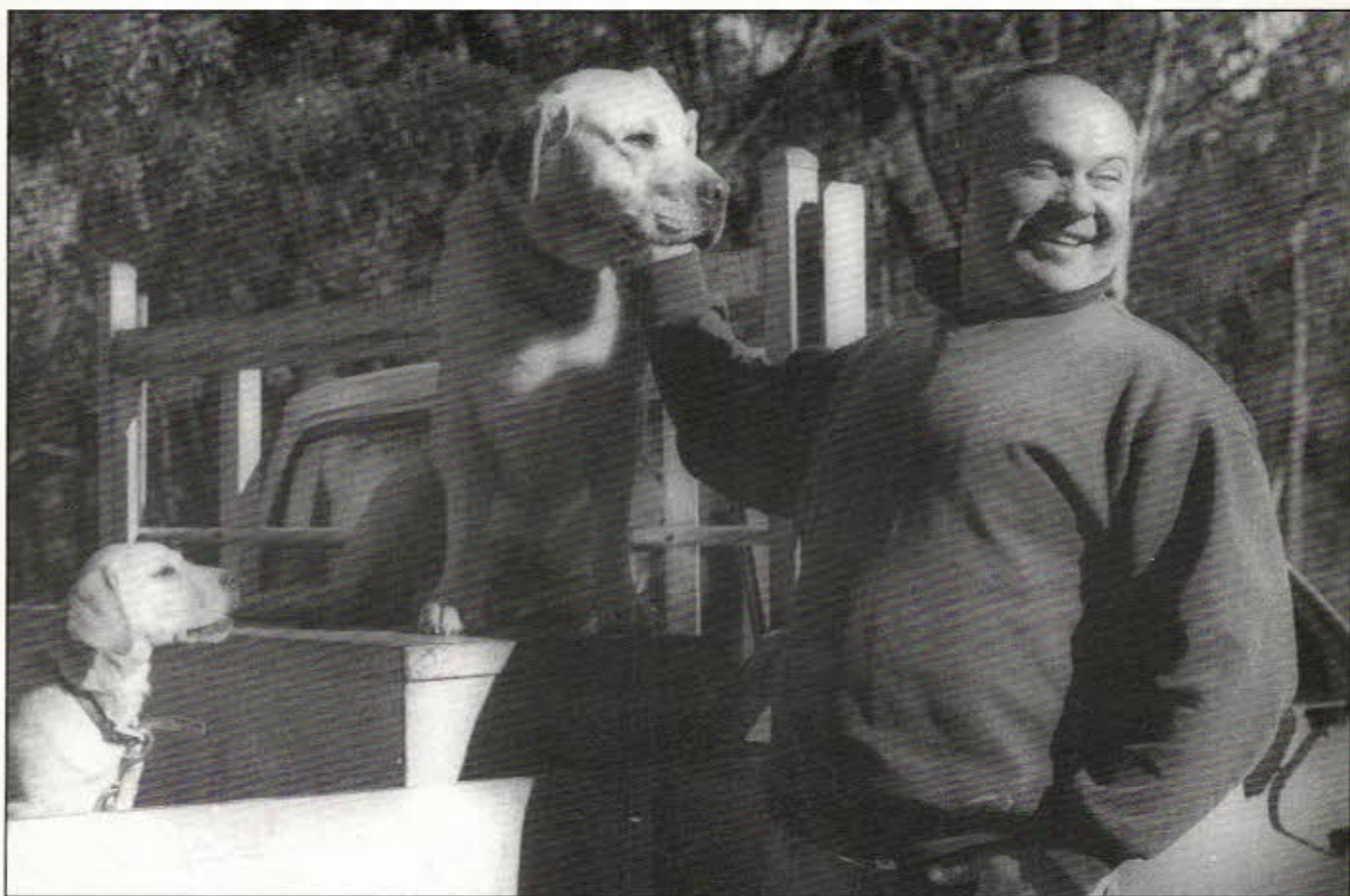
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Whilst in the convict era only material such as sandstone was available for building anything substantial, people have come full circle and now use stone by choice for its beauty, durability and strength.

Most people recognise only the lighter banded sandstone. But from this site, approximately ten metres down (after removing the overburden and the sugar stone that crumbles in your fingers) are colours such as Heritage, Bundanoon brown, fawn and grey.

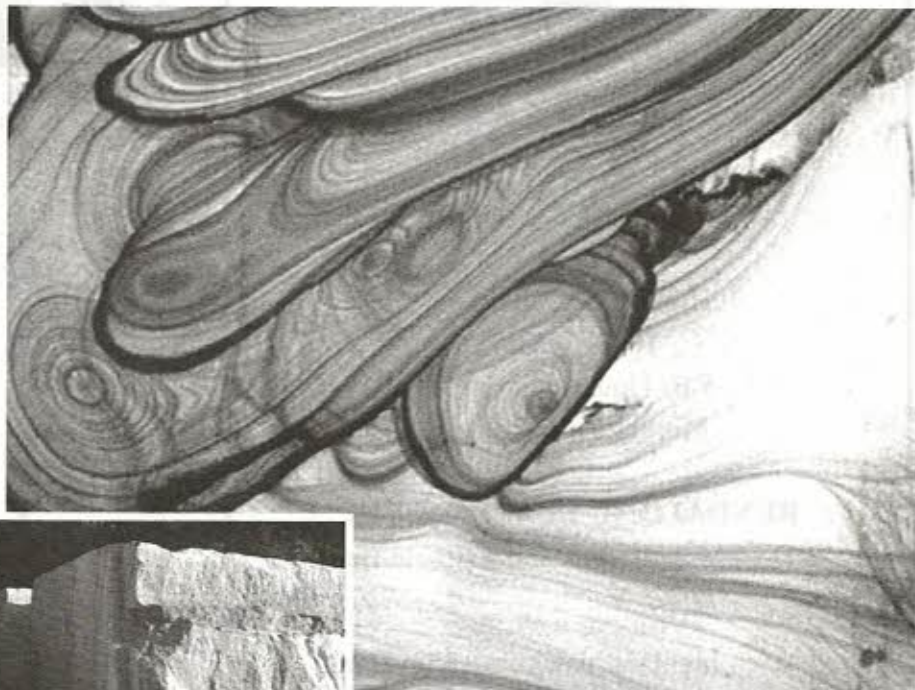
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Retired old builders - and proud of it

Mr Joe Counsell arrived in Bundanoon in 1923 to start in the building trade. His sons **Wilfred** (Kath's husband), **Alwyn** and **Ross** all joined the family business on leaving school, continuing to build under the family name until the mid-seventies. Their father died in 1965.

In this period they built about fifty houses in Bundanoon and twenty more in the district from Moss Vale to Wingello. They rebuilt the community hall after the 1939 bushfire which almost destroyed Penrose. Also, they replaced a fruit packing shed, essential to the district's orchardists. Guesthouses Greenways, Park Lodge and the Bowling Club were erected in the early 1950s, and additions were made to many other guesthouses, Rosnel, Killarney, The Knoll and Bellevue Park among them.

Following the 1965 bushfires Ross built six houses in Wingello. With his unflinching memory he recalls details of homes built in Bundanoon, from Rosenthal Ave, Panorama Rd, Viewland and William Sts, along Railway Ave, Anzac Pde and Penrose Rd, Hill St, Old Wingello Rd, Ellsmore Rd and Park Lodge, Erith St, Barnett and Birriga Aves, Ebury and Nerrim Sts. Ross retired from the industry in 1975, joining his wife Bess in running her drapery business. They live in retirement in Barnett Ave.

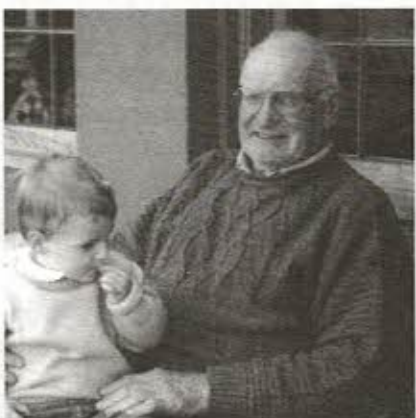
W. Clarke, the Bakers (Lucy Rocca's brothers), Jasper Bell (Roger's father), C. Boag, Barry Ellsmore, Sandy Kalman (Erika Petersen's father), and Jack Mangold were also building in Bundanoon and district in these years. Jack Mangold's son Peter, Ian Saurine, Phil Testaz, John Reid, Dennis Day and others have all significantly contributed to Bundanoon's growth in more recent years.

Barry Ellsmore, for whose father Herbert Thomas, OBE, Ellsmore Rd was named, started a building and construction business in Bundanoon in 1947. In the 1950s most of the work available was on the surrounding rural properties. Also during the 1950s he built a commercial property in Railway Pde for Mr Jack Carlisle which was used as a newsagency and is now the liquor store. Another commercial property was built for Mr Tony Lopes, one side of which was an electrical shop and the other a mixed food outlet. This building is now occupied by Peter Rocca Real Estate. In the early 1970s Barry assisted Mr Sandy Kalman in the building of the Holiday Motel, now Bundanoon Holiday Resort.

During the above periods Barry employed local labour and apprentices. Two of these former apprentices are now in business in Bundanoon, namely Ian Saurine, Builder, and Les Rundle, Plumber. Barry retired in 1993 and lives with Colleen in Blue Gums Rd., next to the stone cottage which had been his parents' home.



Ross Counsell



Barry Ellsmore



Sandy Kalman

Charles (Stewart) Boag, whose son Robert continues to live at Wingello, came to Bundanoon in the 1930s to build the police station. In 1938 he built Emerson Grove (now Maryland) in Panorama Rd for his family and owned land in surrounding Viewland and Hawthorne Sts, as well as dairy land, known as the 'sixty-six acres', in Ellsmore Rd. He was a pioneer in the harvesting and storage of grass. Robert understands that his father was the first person in the Highlands to grow tulips commercially, importing twenty thousand bulbs. In the 1940s and 50s the gardens were opened each year for a charity close to his heart - the Home for Incurables where two of his cousins with rheumatoid arthritis were cared for.

Sandy Kalman brought his family from Hungary to Australia in 1945 and the story of his early days makes riveting listening, though not for this edition of JCG. He was a professional builder and after earning a living in other areas to support his family he finally secured a job as a foreman with Kell and Rigby in Five Dock. In 1962 he discovered Bundanoon, which reminded him of his country of birth (where does that leave all the Celts?!) and bought the Gasthof from Mrs Lyons that year. In 1968, assisted only by his wife Margaret, he built the motel units adjoining the guesthouse. During this time he built the Moss Vale abattoirs with Mr Pitlow, and in 1963-64 he was the supervising foreman for W.M. Hughes in the building of Moss Vale High School, whose forty years is being celebrated currently.

Sandy and the proprietors of The Knoll (now Solar Springs) and Devonleigh enthusiastically promoted Bundanoon. They published a newspaper, printed in Marulan, that ran for some time. Bill Peach, George Negus and writers from the Sydney Morning Herald all came at their invitation to what was then our little village, to extol its virtues to their listeners and readers. Sandy then bought the seven building blocks opposite the Gasthof, cleared the bush and built the Holiday Motel - nine units, a dining room and an indoor heated swimming pool. It was the first prefabricated steel structure in Australia and was photographed and advertised by BHP. The motel was opened by Tom Lewis, the NSW Minister for Tourism, and there was what Sandy describes as a European-style party to which the whole village was invited, with three dozen bottles of whisky provided for light refreshments. Michael and Marion Binns bought the motel in 1978 and Sandy and Margaret retired to their home in Osborne Ave.

Without these early builders' achievements Bundanoon would not reflect our significant period of history.

Kate Perkins

Mark plumbs the depths of worldwide waterworks

Plumber Mark Corbett shares his observations and experiences of how the rest of the world deals with its "waterworks".

The Howra Express, the daily train to Calcutta is greeted every day just outside the Delhi railway station with a view of the morning routine. It was mostly men creating the picture of steaming little mounds for those onboard. Just a peaceful few moments squatting before attacking the streets of Delhi on their rickshaws, trying hard to make a living. Modesty sometimes takes a backseat for those who have little in life. Even so, most people in India we observed were impeccably clean.

Staying in Varanasi (Benares) we observed the ritual of life and death Hindi style on the banks of the ancient River Ganges. The 'ghats' which are the stone steps leading down to the river, show life condensed into a city block. People come to Varanasi to die and be cremated along the sacred waters of this great river. All at once the ghats are a panorama of devotees, funeral pyres, body cleansing, teeth and clothes washing, ablutions and holy water collecting. We tourists looked on in amazement and wonder at the various activities happening so close together.

In the middle of this teeming humanity is the Varanasi water filtration plant, drawing water straight from the holy river, treating and reticulating it throughout the city. Clean safe drinking water can be hard to find in India, and at this time bottled water was scarce. Although coming from a holy source, to us its quality seemed somewhat dubious. We did, however manage to drink it without problems.

On to the bathrooms of Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. There, many make use of an innovative receptacle, a tub known as a 'mandi'. Sometimes a graceful terracotta urn, a square concrete and tile box, or it could be anything in between.

The mandi is sometimes used by the uninitiated tourist for bathing in. It is purely a water-holding receptacle located inside the

bathroom. Its intended method of use is for showering (a dipper is used to pour water over the body) and for manual toilet flushing. As wells are the traditional source of the village water supply, the mandi is used also to store water inside the house for washing purposes. Nothing is more refreshing than a wash under a mandi in tropical climates.

Many a guesthouse owner has shaken his head in amazement when 'farangs' (Thai for western foreigners) have been discovered attempting to immerse themselves in a mandi. The locals often laughed when tourists remarked upon the 'small baths'.

Plumbing systems in China vary greatly between rural and city areas. The countryside seems to have a unique relationship between man and nature. Basic primary treatment occurs in pits and the local pig population completes the cycle. Waste is often used as fertilizer on crops and vegetable gardens, the most important aspect being that not a drop is wasted - recycling in a direct form!

Communal toilet blocks are often no more than a semicircular enclosure with open cubicles. A slot in the floor indicates the place for business, gravity then takes over and everything disappears into a big central tank. One advantage of this system is that loitering is kept to a minimum.

Cities of China offered us contrast.

Large tiled bathroom areas we experienced were kept clean by a bathroom attendant. Troughs and channels still played a large part, but everything was flushed away once an hour by the face-mask wearing attendant on the end of a fire hose.

Public bathhouses are a great treat, one of the few places in China where showers and baths are readily available. Once again privacy is minimal, although modesty prevails with locals preferring to shower in their underwear. Rituals of scrubbing were observed, often with the assistance of others. This would go on forever until pairs of red lobsters would emerge from the steaming voids of the bathhouses. Hot water used for making copious amounts of jasmine tea is available everywhere in China. We



Public toilet - Varanasi



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often used this supply for washing in the absence of a bathhouse while travelling.

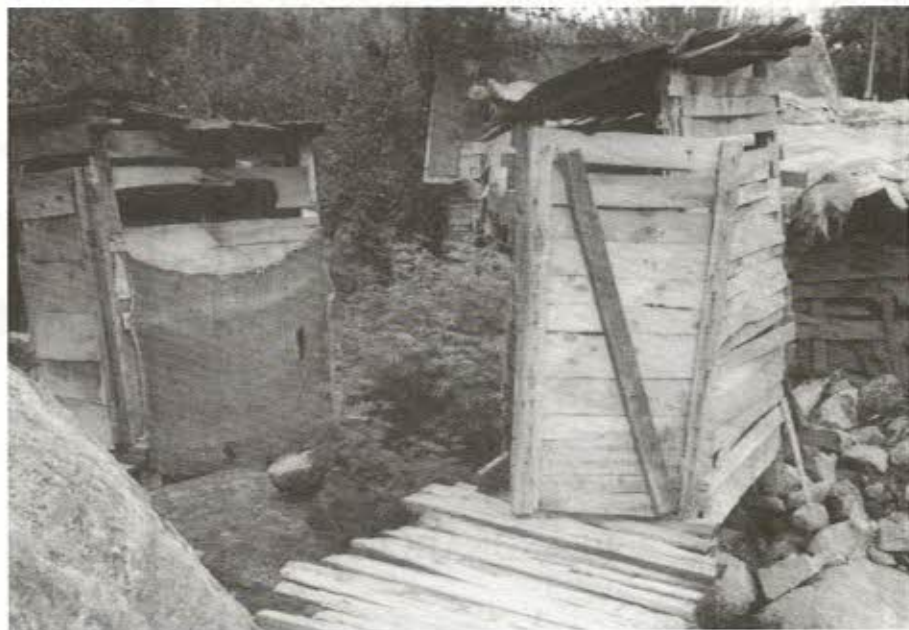
One thing that struck me as a plumber was the complete absence at that time (1986) of any sort of mechanical digging equipment for drainage and construction purposes. The vast majority of digging was still done by hand. Huge trenches for main pipelines were filled with a sea of hands and shovels. I suppose it's one way of creating work for the people in that society. It often reminded me of stories from older tradesmen in Australia recounting their time as apprentices. Endless 'good old days' on the end of a shovel. I certainly don't miss that.

The people of the mountainous Kingdom of Nepal tended to harness the fast flowing streams and rivers of the Himalayas for use in their plumbing systems. Water was diverted through a series of pipes, viaducts and ditches from the river, down through the village and through a small waterwheel turbine to create electricity for a little lighting. The water then made its way through the streets and pathways where it was drawn off for drinking and washing. Next, it passed under a series of strategically placed 'outhouses' on the lower end of the village. Natural dilution played its part before the water met the next village downstream.

During our time in the UK, one observation about their plumbing, (although largely similar to Australia), was the lack of mains pressure hot water. Older style gravity systems in the roof combined with the central heating system to provide low pressure domestic hot water.

As many guesthouses were in older buildings, ensuites were always interesting affairs. Often installed as an afterthought, UK plumbers seemed to have mastered the art of fitting a shower and toilet in the corner of an already tiny guest room. The upside of this was that you never had congestion in the bathroom.

My time in England working as a plumber in the West End was a great experience. I have vivid memories of driving up and down Oxford St looking for addresses I could never find. London is one of those places full of people from all over the world and I seemed to meet my fair share of interesting characters. I did learn, though, to always buy the biggest road maps possible so as to navigate the tiny laneways.



Creek outhouse - Nepal

At the time we were in southern Europe there were still drainage systems unable to cope with toilet paper. It had to be deposited in a small bin in the corner. Tourists not used to this were often overheard talking about their bathroom experiences. Not always a good topic while dining.

Plumbing systems in the US are by and large very similar to Australia, except that the toilets operate on a siphon system. This means that the bowl is constantly full of water, almost to the brim. When it is flushed, all the contents, including the water, are sucked out and the bowl refills. Young children think it's a great place to test out their plastic ducks.

Central and South America have perfected the art of electric showers. We often came across small electric boxes attached to the shower rose. Not the safest! With cables darting off to a precariously placed power point, we often danced about whilst trying to turn the taps off. This was in an attempt to avoid the inevitable tingle caused by faulty wiring.

Most of the plumbing and electrical work in Asia, Africa and Latin America is not carried out by specific tradespeople. Everyone tends to have a go, at times with differing results. Australian plumbing standards are high and this is reflected in a high standard of hygiene and public health. Education amongst the specialist trades tends to increase every year and our awareness of environmental issues is greater than ever.

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bundanoon garden ramble

Sunday October 12th 2003

The Village Garden Ramble is now seven years old and an event that is looked forward to by residents and visitors to the village. A number of Bundanoon gardens will be open on the day with the owners available to share their joy of gardening and to answer your questions. You will be able to view a wide variety of gardens, from lovely cottage gardens to grand gardens with sweeping lawns and hidden dells. Cool climate gardens at their best.

In addition to the gardens, the ever-popular Country Garden Market will be held in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall from 9.30-4.30. Stallholders will have an array of goods to choose from; plants (of course) from local growers, artisans of 'garden art', folk artists, ceramics and much, much more. An opportunity for you to have a permanent memory of the Village Garden Ramble.

The Bundanoon Quilters will have the Bundanoon Community Quilt on Display, along with an exhibition of their individual works that are always admired. The exhibition will be in the Bundanoon Hotel, a short walk from the Memorial Hall.

One of the most popular events for children during the Garden Ramble is the Carnival of Scarecrows. There are scarecrows throughout the village, created by locals for everyone to enjoy! A scarecrow map will be available at ticket sales to show the location of scarecrows in the village.

Local school children will again contribute to the hall decoration with a display of their artwork featuring scarecrows. The display was a great success last year.

Tickets for the Village Garden Ramble will be available from ticket sales in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall from 9.00 onwards on Sunday October 12th.

carnival of scarecrows october 4 - 12

As part of the Bundanoon Village Garden Ramble, the fifth Annual Carnival of Scarecrows is on again and is something for the whole family to participate in. The Carnival of Scarecrows continues to grow in popularity and has become a major feature of the Garden Ramble for residents and visitors alike. There have been funny scarecrows and scary scarecrows, but most of all, there have been some very creative scarecrows. Each year the scarecrows get better and better; who can forget Wash Day Blues, the winner from last year! Also Bill and Ben the Flower Pot Men and Gilbert Whistler. 2002 was the most successful year for the number of entries received. However, we would like to encourage everyone who took the time to build a scarecrow to enter. We want to include your scarecrow on the map so everyone can enjoy it! The winning scarecrow and others will be announced at the opening of the Garden Ramble in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall at 10am Sunday October 12th; the winner to receive the Roger Bell Scarecrow Trophy. See you there!

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Two for the road - david and kay lidgard

By Ross Armfield

Dave 'Gunna' Lidgard, 61, retired builder, motor cycle/caravan tourer.

Kay Lidgard, 59, retired nurse, motor cycle/caravan tourer.

DAVE: I was born in Ashfield in 1941. Our family lived on a poultry farm at Lakemba, near where Roselands is now. I was the third of six boys. I attended Lakemba Primary then Belmore Intermediate High before doing a pre-apprenticeship course at St George Tech. I grew up in a Plymouth Brethren family where church was the only allowable interest. There was no sport, no mixing with other people, just home on the farm. When I started work I delved into the other side of life. In 1961 Dad found me with a transistor radio and said, "Either the radio goes or you go." So I 'goed'! That's when I left home, as a 19-year-old apprentice, and moved around Sydney serving my time as a carpenter with Concrete Constructions who built Centrepoint Tower and Parliament House. I stayed with them until I moved to Bundanoon many years later to set up my own business, 'Gunna' Constructions.

I met Kay on Friday 13th, (not unlucky for me), August in 1965. I was having a rather intimate operation performed in Canterbury Hospital and Kay was the nurse who looked after me. She actually got to have a 'look' before I showed her!!! I had a girlfriend at the time but Kay 'overtook'. Funny, but that girlfriend never did marry, she figured she'd missed out on the best and didn't want to settle for less!! We married on April 15th 1967 and bought a house at Guildford. I left Concrete Constructions in 1973, worked by myself for a while, then for a bus company before moving to Bundanoon in 1981 and worked for Gary Turland, who'd just started out as a builder.

I then started my own company. This was a dream come true, to be working for myself. Of all my work over the years, I was particularly proud of the job I did at Solar Springs, planning,

designing and building 13 ensuite bathrooms. It was a very sad day when I got a call from Adrian Vollebregt, of the town fire brigade, asking for my assistance to put out a fire at Solar Springs. We lost the whole section that I'd built.



David and Kay Lidgard
April 15, 1967

In 1988 my back got so bad I had to give building away. I worked for Robinson's Hardware in Bowral and then as a sales rep and truck driver for Evalock Windows. After originally registering the name 'Gunna' all those year ago, on my sister-in-law's suggestion, I've only just cancelled it.

I've loved being involved with this community. I've been vice-president and president of the BCDA, I'm a member of the bush fire brigade, been on the town planning committee and have driven the bus for Harbison. I'm on the Brigadoon committee, was on the chamber of commerce and even helped organise the horseshoe pitching competition for four years plus heaps of others things. For a while there I was never home.

At the end of last year we bought a little place in Goulburn. It is easy to look after and we'll still be close to the family and friends at Bundanoon. It will be the perfect base from which to tour Australia in our caravan. While the grandkids are still young, 'Pa' wants to be near them. Our postal address is still in Bundanoon and apart from visiting the family, I still go back to Des, the chemist, for my prescriptions: I'm very loyal! I was very involved in Bundanoon but now it is time for the younger ones to take over. As soon as the main street upgrades have taken place that is! When we've renovated this house we're 'gunna' see Australia in our caravan, not just visit it. I'm allowing one year per state, but I'll always be back for Brigadoon. I'm proud to have been involved in improvements to the town over the years. Perhaps my greatest pride was when the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games were declared "the best ever" and Kay and I thought, as volunteers, we were part of that. Even though our lives have moved on, most of

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my relatives pass away in their nineties, so Bundanoon is going to see a lot more of me yet.

KAY: I was born 28th June 1944 at Gilgandra. My Mum and Dad, my younger and older brothers, and I, lived on a two and a half thousand acre wheat/sheep farm called 'Ferndale' on the Dubbo side of Gilgandra. I attended Gilgandra primary and high schools, which for us was a three mile bike ride to the bus stop, an 18 mile bus trip to school and then the reverse in the afternoon. Rain, hail or shine! It was a lovely life growing up on the farm. I left when I was 18 to train as a nurse in Sydney. I started training at Canterbury Hospital in 1962 on a four year nursing course with one year in obstetrics on top of that. After training I got into aged care, I was married by then, and stayed with that side of nursing for the rest of my career. When I first came to the Highlands I worked at Kenilworth in Bowral and then at Harbison where I eventually became what was then called 'Matron'. Later on I did a lot of relief work and even did a little in Bundanoon at Linkside. I really enjoyed aged care but never felt like that about obstetrics for some reason.

I met Dave when I was on duty at Canterbury Hospital, I looked up, saw this fellow at the door and thought, "Crikey, I'm going to marry that bloke!" I had no idea who or what he was. I immediately swapped shifts and admitted him, he had no chance. I'd decided! His ex-girlfriend would visit, but we soon got around that. David kept coming back after his 'op' to visit a mate still in care, that's when the romance blossomed. I thought I had a chance when he asked me to go on trip with him to Bundanoon of all places. The attraction was always there, he was just a bit slow! We were married in Gilgandra. At first my family didn't like him. It was a city/country thing, they just saw him as a 'city-slicker'. They warmed to him eventually, although Dave says it took them seven years to get his photograph onto the piano, and then, only when he was actually visiting! We had our children in 1968, 1969 and 1973, Robyn, Trevor and Bernice. As far as David's nickname, 'Gunna', is concerned, he was a bit slow at completing things at times. I always said it was lucky I had the kids or they'd never have been finished!!




David and Kay Lidgard

Once we'd decided to leave Sydney, we first looked around Melbourne. On the way back we stopped at Bundanoon, did the gully walks and thought it was just lovely. We went home, put the house on the market and moved to Bundanoon. I was a little reluctant at first, having lived in a country town all my childhood, but this was such a great space for the kids to grow up in, so much freedom and room, that I soon overcame any doubts. Dave and I reversed roles when we came here. In Sydney I was in every charity, committee and school activity. Dave would say that I would raise

money even if there were nothing to raise it for. When we got here I was working full time and raising children. It was suddenly Dave who was never home, always out doing something in the community. The highlight for me in my work has always been just dealing with elderly people. I feel aged care is in crisis now. That's why I left. The paper work took over from the actual amount of caring you could give, but I loved the people. I just hope there's someone to look after me when I'm old, but I can't see it happening!

We've had a very fortunate marriage. Great kids, wonderful grandkids, we've travelled to Europe and Canada, done many coach tours of Australia and now we're on the verge of our dream, to tour the country in our caravan. We just love the caravan lifestyle. We're no strangers to it. We honeymooned in a caravan and took the kids on their holidays in it. Now we're looking forward to the freedom, the travel, the outback and all the wonderful people you meet on the way. We sometimes take weekend trips on Dave's Yamaha 900cc Diversion motorbike. We've got the leathers and all the wet weather gear. It's great fun. We've just started a whole new stage of life, I've just got this little house now which, wonderfully, means little cleaning. We're ready to set off. Our daughter Robyn, calls us the 'Grey Nomads'. I'm getting a sign for the caravan that will read, "Living, Laughing and Loving Again." Despite our plans to travel it's just like Dave says, "Although we now live in Mulwaree, our hearts are forever in Wingecarribee."



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"Kissing don't last. Cookery do!"

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Men need encouragement to see cooking as an adventure. One problem is that recipes often appear prescriptive when all that is required are some basic instructions, leaving scope for experimentation. If you have ever watched Nigella Lawson's program on ABC TV, and concentrated on her cooking techniques, you will know that she makes cooking look exciting.



Illustration by
Mim Smith

Virginia Hill, in the introduction to her book, *'Fit Food for Fellas'* says; "After 25 years of women's liberation mothers have failed to teach their sons to be involved with food in any way except to eat it". I don't entirely agree with her because I know lots of boys who are good cooks--- it's their fathers who don't do cooking.

Maybe this is because they have wives who are not just good cooks but who really enjoy making meals for the family. Also, some women are reluctant to relinquish control of their kitchens because they can't cope with the mess that a novice tends to make.

For the purposes of this column let's assume that you have been granted entry to the kitchen and are prepared to embark on a culinary adventure!

There are two ways to cook creatively. One is to cheat a bit until you have mastered the mysteries of herbs and spices, by using ingredients such as ready made curry mixes and commercial marinades. The other way is to make use of whatever is available in the fridge or the pantry. You know what flavours you like--- garlic, ginger and soy sauce for an Asian influence or perhaps tomatoes, onions and basil if your taste buds suggest an Italian experience. You will quickly learn how to use these to create meat or chicken dishes if you are prepared to make a start.

When I walk early in the morning during winter it's still dark when I leave home. Often there is a mist and on fine days there is sometimes a full moon in the sky. There are very few people about at that hour of the day except those working in the building industry. As headlights come towards me and cars and utes swish by I wonder what it must be like to begin every day before the sun comes up. As my mind seldom strays from thoughts of food I find myself thinking how organised they would need to be to have breakfast and pack lunches while most of the world is still sleeping. Maybe lunch is just something from the nearest take-away outlet, but I know that many men have become diet conscious since there has been so much publicity about the risks of heart disease.

My dawn reveries about food gave me an idea for 'Shared Table'---some recipes for weekend family food with leftovers for a lunch box.

Yes, I'm suggesting that you should take over the kitchen and have a go!

You will need a large bowl, a non-stick loaf tin (approx. 24 x 12 cm), and a large saucepan.

You will also need to call at a supermarket on your way home from work on Friday afternoon. Bundanoon Supermarket has most ingredients required. Call at Bundanoon Butchery for meat and the deli for any little extras to make a memorable meal.

Shopping list for Meat Loaf

Supermarket	Butcher
1 jar sweet fruit chutney	1kg rissole mix
1 pkt. French Onion Soup	(premium mince with sausage mince)
Eggs	3x rashers bacon

Method

Heat oven to 180 degrees centigrade

Mix 2tbsp chutney and pkt. soup into the mince in a bowl.

Add 2 lightly beaten eggs and make sure all the ingredients are evenly distributed.

(Using your hands is the best way to achieve this.)

Line the bottom of the loaf tin with bacon rashers from which rind and fat has been trimmed.

Press mixture into the tin and place on the middle shelf of the oven

Bake for 30 min. or until the loaf begins to leave the side of the tin

Pour off any fat in the tin and run a knife lightly around the edge so that when the meat cools it will come out of the tin easily.

When cool cut into slices approx. 1.5 cm. thick

This is delicious served with potato salad and a simple salad of lettuce, tomato and cucumber with a readymade French dressing.

Potato Salad

Shopping list: Deli or Supermarket

2 kg washed potatoes (Pontiacs, Desiree or new)

2 Spanish (red) onions

1 jar good quality mayonnaise, preferably low-fat.

1 jar French mustard

Approx. 200g your favourite nuts (walnuts, pecans or almonds)

Method

Slice potatoes into rounds approx. 1cm thick

Cover with water and add a tsp salt. Bring to the boil and cook for approx 15min. or until the slices feel soft when pricked with a fork. (Be careful not to cook too long or the slices will break when mixed with mayonnaise)---then drain well.

Finely chop the onions and mix together with mayonnaise (approx 2 tbsp) and French mustard. Pour over the potatoes, cooled to room temperature and mix well. Sprinkle with nuts

Serve two slices of meatloaf with potato salad, iceberg lettuce, wedges of tomato and slices of cucumber. Children usually cover meatloaf with tomato sauce but you may prefer some relish or perhaps a more spicy sauce which you will certainly find in the fridge or pantry.

The most appropriate conclusion to this meal is a bowl of strawberries which have been hulled and allowed to soak for about an hour in freshly squeezed orange juice.

If your surprised family hasn't eaten everything you will find that meatloaf and potato salad makes a great lunch, next day and salad travels well as long as you don't add dressing until just before eating. What about stopping at the bakery for a couple of fresh bread rolls as you drive out of town.---- and you thought your days started early!

Have fun in the kitchen!

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4wheels 4 sean - continued...

In the June Issue of JCG Huw Kingston was preparing for his trek "through the mighty gorges of the Hammersly region". By the time this edition reaches you he will have returned to Bundanoon. His gruelling City 2 City journey from Perth to Darwin is part of a project to raise sponsorship for 4 Wheels 4 Sean, a charity set up for a mountain bike rider, Sean Fitzgerald, who became quadriplegic as the result of an accident. The goal of \$50,000 has been achieved but the charity continues to raise money for other seriously injured cyclists.

23 May 2003

Greetings from Broome! I'm now six weeks and 3,000 km from Perth having traversed the spectacular country of the Pilbara and the deep gorges of the Karangi National Park.

There were some nine hour days spent riding on lonely dirt tracks and some sections which involved swimming down narrow gorges. At times the only way forward meant taking heart stopping water jumps which entailed throwing my pack over a five metre waterfall then following it blindly. Fortunately, on each of two occasions the water was deep enough to cushion the fall.

Water was seldom a problem once I located bores in the area. I enjoyed the hospitality of a number of homesteads but wasn't always in luck. One homestead, which I calculated was 16 km away and as I understood, had a campground and small store, was closed on Saturday. What day did I arrive? Saturday of course to find a notice "closed Saturday, without exception". They were Seventh Day Adventists! Timing is all important when the distances are so great. One guy I encountered at an isolated homestead had driven 250 km for Sunday lunch at his 'local' pub only to discover it was Thursday!

I arrived in Broome knowing that the next part of the trip would mean travelling by kayak along some isolated coastline of the Kimberly and being out of touch for about a month.

My friend Wayne has joined me and we are anticipating this part of the trip with an equal measure of excitement and trepidation.

Two months to Darwin and we have to organise enough food to last from here to there!

7 July 2003

We have arrived at Purnululu National Park in the Bungle Bungles, recently inscribed on the list of World Heritage sights, making it Australia's 15th. We are now close to the Northern Territory border and aim to reach Darwin on 31 July

Our paddling experience along the Kimberly coast is still in our heads, even though we've been off the water for two weeks. This part of the trip was awesome!

We learnt to respect the forces of nature! After three days we were sitting on an island in the middle of Sunday Strait, an area with the strongest tidal flows in Australia, waiting for a change in the weather. The wind was howling and all around us the sea was a patchwork of whitewater rapids, swirling whirlpools and whitecaps. During the afternoon the wind dropped and we took a window of opportunity to cross the strait before the tide turned against us.

After a few days we got a handle on the tides and learnt 'to go with the flow'. Some days we wouldn't leave our stopover until lunchtime and at other times we'd be away at dawn and paddling



for eight hours or more. Occasionally the Kimberly would throw us a curly one! Paddling out of an area known as 'the Drain' we found ourselves being swept backwards at a rate of knots. Thirty minutes of shoulder killing, ferocious paddling got us out of it.

Sometimes the wind howled night and day. I spent my 40th birthday on Cape Voltaire where big seas crashed against the rocks and waves rose from nowhere on unseen reefs. I

woke up to a tent full of sand but Wayne had carried with him a couple of cans of Guinness for the occasion. These, followed by six bottles of Crown Lager handed over by a cruise boat meant we happily celebrated the onset of middle age.

From there on, every night offered a perfect beach for camping, but water was always an issue. We could carry enough for four or five days at a time but we were reluctant to look for water by exploring up mangrove lined creeks for fear of encounters with 'snapping handbags'. We managed to keep up supplies from an occasional spring or pearl farm.

A comment once made to me, "if you can't catch fish in the Kimberly then you shouldn't be there" kept ringing in my ears. Trailing a lure or dangling a naked hook in the water didn't lead to the results we'd been promised. Instead of yielding bountiful hauls and gorging on fish every night we were reduced to tiny morsels every few days. Malcolm Douglas, who runs a croc farm in Broome and is well known for his Kimberly documentaries came to our rescue. We bumped into him on a number of occasions and he not only invited us to dinner on his boat but provided us with some 'can't fail lures'. They worked--- but using them with great success I almost capsized my kayak!

The general view of everyone in WA was that we would be eaten by either crocs or sharks. In fact we had only a few 'shark bumps' when we were followed one afternoon and only one real croc encounter worth mentioning. It was a month of wonder and on 22 June we were non-paying guests at the \$8000 a week Kimberly Coastal Camp. They not only looked after us but we were able to leave our kayaks. We picked up our bikes which were waiting for us with the rangers at Mitchell Falls and spent a couple of days looking at aboriginal art sites. We followed the 'orrible corrugated Gibb River Rd. and with some rear end relief joined narrow winding tracks through mountain country up to 1000 m in height. We ran out of food during this week and at night the temperature dropped to 6 degrees. The ranger station in the Bungles was a welcome sight!

Huw had a heartwarming experience at the Gascoyne Junction hotel when the seven-year-old son of the proprietor, having asked a great number of questions about the bike and the 4 wheels 4 Sean project, gave him a donation of \$5 which had been given to him for his birthday the day before. The charity is dedicated to assist seriously disabled cyclists and you can make donations by visiting the web site www.polarismtb.com.au/4w4s

Ed.

Wander walls

with Ralph Clark

On the corner of Gullies Rd and Church St sits Ralph Clark's garden and contoured basalt stone walling. Nestled into the side of a steep gully it is his demonstration site, his 'office'.



Walking through his family's garden, gently moving dappled light falls across stone lined paths. Walled gardens create 'rooms' designed to contain under storey planting. A sweeping glance reveals re-cycled bulbs from Tulip Time in hospital and nursery beds, groundcovers and some new shrubs which are beginning to look quite at home.

Scattered giant eucalypts are a dominant feature of this steeply sloping site and the loop and curve of carefully placed stone upon stone enhances the landscape. Blue-grey and shades of brown, the colours of basalt, blend beautifully with the native backdrop.

Ralph points out that the three most important things about stone walling are "drainage, drainage and drainage". You need smaller aggregate behind large stones and stones of different shapes on top of each other will naturally drain well. Where very strong walls are required, concrete blocks can be used then feature stone placed around to conceal them.

Ralph says that working with locally quarried basalt is like working on a jigsaw, although he also loves sandstone. According to Ralph, in six to twelve months, sandstone in the Southern Highlands climate will look as if it has been in place for one hundred years.

As well as building walls Ralph offers a consultation service which includes photographing the site and concept drawings for the client's consideration.

"A successful garden landscape requires integrating stone walls with all elements of garden design such as solar orientation, aspect, view and existing planting. Basically there needs to be a holistic approach" he says.

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Passing through

by Jane Grey

I have been passing through Bundanoon since the early seventies, travelling extensively, but always returning. Nerrim St and Hill St marked the edge of town then and when Bindar Crescent was first developed residents had time to adjust to the changing landscape. Sites remained vacant for so long that it seemed no-one was interested in coming here to live. That was thirty years ago! Copperheads and wombats reigned supreme and many people with holiday homes found them in residence when they came to stay.

Three Bundanoon characters come to mind when I think about those days.

The stationmaster was most memorable. I appreciated his nod of recognition with its promise of grand discourses to come. The combined flair of our cynicism would produce a lively and rather operatic exchange on the woes of the world, especially the declining state of the railways. Once I found him in the track room booming obscenities down the phone before slamming the hand piece down into its cradle. A pregnant woman had been waiting at the barrier when a goods train thundered through our little village. The last carriage catapulted a spray of loose stones across the gates, causing her great distress. Our man, insisting on adherence to safety measures, ordered the driver to stop the train and walk two or three kilometres back along the track to ensure no further loose stones would cause problems.

This was an ignominious experience for a driver working to a time table. As gruff as the stationmaster appeared to be, I found him to be a responsible and friendly individual. There was never any trouble about leaving your bags with him at the station to save carrying them to the shops before you boarded the train. He was always there to help elderly passengers and mothers with little children.

The second character is a mystery to me but I remember sadly watching her deterioration over the years. She lived where the medical centre now stands. The house was falling down around her and apparently overflowing with old newspapers. Once chirpy and talkative, she seemed to descend into weariness and despair. It seemed to me that the community showed no understanding at the time - perhaps things would have been different today. I wonder if anyone out there knows her story.

Another person who comes to mind has only just left us. Dr Phillip Knowles was as much a part of Bundanoon as the Bushell's Tea sign above the shops. He saw many families through the death of a loved one, would call at our homes at any hour and quietly listen to our needs before making decisions. So many older residents are at a loss now that he is no longer available to them. He is greatly missed.

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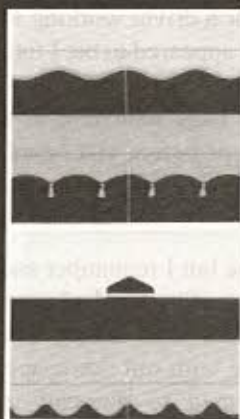
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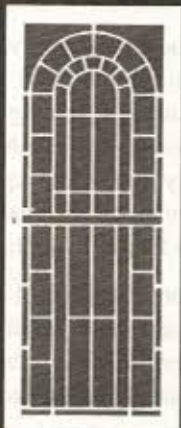
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Bundanoon before trains

by Lucy Rocca

The coming of the railway in 1868, saw the beginning of Bundanoon as we know it today.

The earliest record of Bundanoon is in the diary of Dr Charles Throsby in 1818 when he recorded the name 'Bantanoon'. In 1824 Government Surveyor Harper was instructed to reserve 1200 acres as a Government reserve, one boundary of which was to be 'Boon-doo-noon' Creek.

Early settlement had been in the Ferndale-Jumping Rock area, even to the planning for a school, but when the railway arrived along its present route, settlement followed. If the railway had taken a different route, Bundanoon may well have been named as Jumping Rock. In 1838, Margaret Johnson came to Jumping Rock to be near her sister for the birth of her baby.

When Samuel Tooth and his family settled in 1863 on land in the Penrose Road area, known then by the uninviting name of Barren Ground, life was very spartan. In a letter to her parents in England, Emily Tooth told of, "having 6 acres cleared" and saying "we have 2 milking cows and will do much better now". By 1871 the population was estimated to be only 20 or 30 souls.

Housing was very primitive, slab huts with bark roofs, and clearing the land was hard work with no luxuries such as chain saws. The trees were cut down and the roots grubbed out, sometimes with the help of bullocks or horses. The trees were stripped of bark, posts split, post and rail fences erected so crops could be planted.

Shops were non-existent and housewives had to be self-sufficient, supplies brought in by dray as the weather and roads permitted. No going to the corner store for a pound of butter or bag of flour! The first shop was built by Will Tooth at the Barren Ground, and it wasn't until 1885 that the first shop was built on what is now Railway Avenue.

The Primary School wasn't built until 1871 but early private tuition was being given by Emma Harriman well before this to augment the family income, 3 pence per child per week and sometimes it seems, given in kind rather than cash.

Some of the early settlers were strong Primitive Methodists and services were held in private homes before the church was built in the early 1870s.

The way out of town was Sutton Forest Road, later Old Sutton Forest Road, and now Ellsmore Road. The Argyle Road was the way south to the early discovered lands near Lake George, which Governor Macquarie had named the Argyle County.

From 1824 until the coming of the railway the Bundanoon area was more or less an outpost of Sutton Forest. Mrs Tooth asked her family to address letters to them at "The Barren Ground near Sutton Forest".

There doesn't seem to have been a government survey of the town, it mostly grew from private settlements, such as 'Private Village of South Lambton', 'The Barren Ground' and 'Private Village of Bundanoon'.



Slab hut from the book 'Beautiful Bundanoon' by Dulcie Shannon

The streets had been oriented north-south. However the railway, in order to negotiate the ruling grades, had to pass through at an angle hence the town intersections near the rail track are acute/obtuse rather than at 90 degrees. The old houses in Erith Street by Ellsmore Road, consequently have the front walls askew in relation to the street route. A similar situation may be seen today with some of the older buildings in Railway Avenue. In that case the original subdivision boundaries were no doubt established to the east-west alignment of Osborne St, the northern boundary being later shaved to suit the alignment of Railway Avenue.

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Links to our swinging past

by Kate Pirie

Bundanoon had a strong golfing heyday. It must have been fabulous to come to play and socialise during this period.

The Bundanoon History Group reports that the first course to be built was in the 1920s. The development of part of an 1854 land grant of one square mile was known as Ringwood. It was funded by both Sydney and local investors. The course was located at the Exeter end of Erith Street close to the Railway Bridge.

Sixty acres were cleared to build the course and there was also a guesthouse built, Golf House, as it was aptly called. It claimed radio compere Jack Davey as one of its guests. In a social history book, *Australia Through Time* he is noted as being one of "...Australia's most popular personalities in radio and famous for his quick wit and extravagant lifestyle."

The property was later known as Corinda Grange. Golf House burnt down in 1951.

At the other end of Erith Street, Terry's Royal Park Golf Links came into play in 1933. The local history group notes this course to have been popular with tourists.

It was founded by Roger Charles Terry, then proprietor of the Royal Hotel, nowadays the Bundanoon Hotel. The 18 hole course encompassed 160 acres and Mrs Jean Terry recalls that Roger had also purchased a large area of adjoining land with the thought of one day building an airstrip!

After Roger's death in 1939, the Links and land were retained in the family. His nephew, Roy Terry, became part owner with his sisters. During WWII the place continued to be managed while Roy was overseas flying with the RAAF. Mrs Jean Terry (nee Meir) and Roy married and on his coming home to a sedentary bank job, Roy decided to take up the challenge of becoming sole owner and proprietor of the golf course.

Mrs Terry recalls these as very busy times when guesthouses were again flourishing and tourism was booming. A bowling green was built adjacent to the tearooms and office. A Bowling Club was soon formed and Mrs Terry recalls proudly rolling the first bowl, in 1949. Soon after, a clubhouse was built for the golfers and bowlers to entertain members visiting from other clubs. There were also several Golf Balls organised that were quite a highlight through the years. They were held in the Memorial Hall.

Terry's Royal Park Golf Links developed into a Bundanoon attraction with hard and constant work by Roy and his dedicated staff.

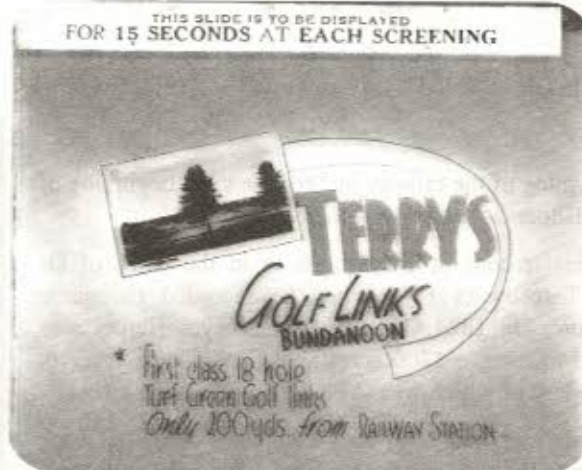
In 1969 the course was leased to Andrew Mair who operated nine holes

Two of Bundanoon's guesthouses also had 9 hole courses for the use of their guests. These were Rosnel and Lynbrook, now the YHA.

Later the land was used for farming until Roy's death in 1981. In 1988 the land which had been Terry's Royal Park Golf Links was sold and is now a housing development known as Parklands Estate, home to many new residents of Bundanoon.

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Brick veneer or timber clad studs are the most popular choices in Bundanoon but there are other external wall types to consider when designing your house.

Straw has been used as a building material for centuries, mixed with earth in cob and wattle and daub walls. It is a renewable material resource as its primary energy input is solar and it can be grown and harvested.

Straw bales are surprisingly resistant to fire, vermin and decay. They are typically 900 x 450 x 400 mm high and weigh about 20 kg and usually rendered with cement or earth inside and out. When placed behind corrugated acrylic cladding the straw can be left visible. Current building codes require modified post and beam timber or steel framing. A 75mm earth render needs to be used to increase its intrinsically low thermal mass but its resistance to heat and sound transfer greatly exceeds that of any conventional construction.

Earth walling can take the form of mud brick, pise or rammed earth, stabilised rammed earth and poured earth. Archaeological remains show the use of earth walls in the earliest civilisations. These forms of construction save on energy usage by providing an ideal combination of thermal transfer and heat storage, ensuring a cool house in summer and a warm one in winter.

Mud brick is traditionally made from compositions of clay, aggregate, sand, loam and silt with occasionally a binding or stabilising agent such as straw or cement. It can be finished inside and outside with a soft lime render or wash, left as it is or painted with linseed oil.

Timbercrete blocks are manufactured from a mix of 1:1 earth and sawdust stabilised with about 10% of off-white cement. It can be finished internally with a semi-hard render similar to mud brick but no outside finish is necessary.

Rammed earth is a monolithic structure constructed by mechanically ramming, in 100-150 mm layers, a mix of selected aggregates including gravel, sand, silt and a small amount of clay between flat panels called formwork. Walls are typically 300-400 mm thick.

It is referred to as Stabilised rammed earth when the materials are sourced primarily from quarries and 5-10% cement is added to the mix to increase strength and durability. It is very strong in compression and performs better than brick or block under



earthquake conditions. A water repellent additive in the mix greatly increases its ability to resist effects of long-term exposure to moisture but generally it is a very durable product. Off-form finish can be wire brushed to give an appearance of monolithic sandstone but in the case of unstabilised rammed earth, external protection against erosion should take the form of caves overhangs and render or sealant.

A high thermal mass value is offset by its having a low thermal insulation rating.

However, a well designed house with internal earth walls and glazing facing north can rate a five-star performance with NatHERS (Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme). Having a monolithic mass means it has very good sound insulation qualities, and unlike other masonry walls, doesn't generate harsh echoes.

Poured earth walls are erected between formwork in a similar manner to rammed earth but sufficient water is added to the mix to allow it to flow into the walls forms.

Poured earth walls are erected between formwork in a similar manner to rammed earth. A sandy material with coarse to fine granular particles is used with 5-8% white cement by volume. Sufficient water is added to the mix to allow it to flow into the walls forms where it is left for about 12 hours before forms are removed. Off-form finish can be left natural or sandblasted. Fixing rods are placed within walls for tying down the roofing top plate and finished walls are weather and dust sealed.

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Polystyrene hollow blocks filled with concrete give an external wall material with many of the characteristics of the above forms of construction. Externally, a textured finish can be applied or battens used for fixing timber cladding. Inside, linings such as plasterboard can be glued to the surface or timber lining boards can once again be fixed to battens.

Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (AAC) or Hebel is effectively concrete with lots of bubbles in it. It is lightweight and energy efficient. It is produced by adding a foaming agent to concrete and 'cooking' it with steam, after which blocks are wire cut from the resulting 'cake'. AAC is inorganic, incombustible and does not harbour or encourage vermin. If used without supplementary insulation it needs to be 250mm thick before it can achieve a high thermal insulation rating but its sound insulation qualities are high. It can be sculpted using woodworking tools to form some interesting wall and opening shapes. A block is typically 600 x 200mm high and 50-375mm thick. They are 'glued' together and can also be used to form the masonry skin in veneer or cavity wall construction. House design using AAC needs to take into account that it is a porous material that will soak up moisture and also be subject to impact damage.

Perhaps precast concrete panels, natural stone or double brick could also be considered. There are many materials and different forms of construction available.

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Karen, Patrick and Neville

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The theme was Mediterranean flavours across five generous courses with several different dishes per course. We found tastes we knew, we discovered lots of new flavours we want to try again, and we all ate and ate and ate. Everything was gorgeous, as we should have expected from the wealth of talent in the kitchen. It just goes to show what ability and flair exists in this village. Huge thanks to Karen and John, Robert and Patrick, Neville and Stefan and Bronwyn for a meal that none of us will forget, and all of us will talk about until we can persuade you all to arrange the next sumptuous feast.

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Judy Walker

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One wood tern preserves another

Pat Hall, well known Bundanoon resident and Education Manager for South Coast Region of NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, is currently managing an interesting project on the South Coast to ensure the survival of Little Terns.

The Little Tern is a threatened species, migrating each year with thousands of other shore birds from the Northern Hemisphere to Australia in spring and summer. They nest along some of our beaches. Only a certain percentage of the Little Terns that come are breeding birds and it is believed that non-breeders actually breed in the off season in northern Asia.

The breeding birds will lay their eggs, raise their young and travel back to countries like Japan, China and Russia until the next year. They are threatened mainly because of predators such as foxes, seagulls and ravens but also because of habitat and disturbance from domestic dogs.

One of these nesting sites is Lake Wollumboola near Culburra on the south coast east of Nowra. Unfortunately this last breeding season at Lake Wollumboola (September to March) was a disaster due to several rogue foxes. Over 600 eggs were laid but only 15 chicks fledged.

Pat became interested in a program being conducted in Japan near Tokyo Bay and Tokyo airport. The project involved using wooden Little Tern replicas as decoys to attract the birds to secure breeding areas. A Japanese wood carver named Haruo Uchiyama designed and carved the wood replicas, took them to the local school where the children painted them, then placed them in an area where it was safest for Little Terns to nest. From only forty breeding birds in 2001 they had over 1,000 in 2002, over 2000 eggs with 600 chicks.

Evidence suggests that the more Little Terns there are in one location, the more Little Terns will be attracted to that area. Large groups of Little Tern also have a greater chance of defending their colonies and can more easily protect their nests from predators.

Pat will commence a similar program this year with Years 3 and 4 students at Culburra Primary School. The Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society will carve wooden decoys and the students will paint them. The National Parks Rangers, Little Tern recovery volunteers, the students and wood carvers will place the decoys in the nesting areas around Lake Wollumboola in September this year ready for the arrival of the birds.

The students from Japan and Culburra will exchange e-mails, swapping information on bird numbers, chicks and how many fledge. The birds are tagged so it is hoped that one day we may see a bird that has landed in Japan also land in Australia.

"Opening communication with our Japanese colleagues is very exciting and will no doubt help us to learn more about the behavior of these wonderful little birds," says Pat. "It is a great example of how the community can make a difference to the survival of some of the world's most precious species."



"Mr Uchiyama is an amazing man", says Pat. "He carves not only Little Terns but also albatross, and hooded and white-naped cranes, all with outstanding success,

not only increasing numbers nesting but also dispersing cranes from overpopulated sites."

Another surprisingly practical application for his work is the carving of hand puppets in the shape of birds' heads with a handle to move the beak. Cloaked in black, researchers and carers hold the handle and feed artificially hatched chicks, to prevent them from imprinting on human beings.

"We do not know if this project will be a success but we certainly want to give it a go and I'm sure the children of Culburra School will get a lot out of it", says Pat.

Update:- The project has progressed. Shoalhaven woodcarvers have made sixty birds. Students at Culburra began painting in July before the school holidays. The birds are due for completion before the arrival of the Little Terns expected during the first week of November 2003.

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bundanoon lions club

Well, first of all, a great welcome to all our readers. Bundanoon Lions have started another year with a woosh! Our Club membership has increased and we are busy doing catering and barbecue days on a regular basis.

We were called upon to assist Linkside by holding a barbecue at their Saturday garage sale. We sold all we could supply and raised nearly \$300 towards the income for the day.

We were also asked to help Exeter Village Association with a barbecue on the day of their meeting to discuss the land and business dealing with Malcolm Holdings. Five members turned up and prepared a hot meal. A great effort by all involved.

At one of our meetings held at the Bundanoon Bowling and Recreation Club we had a presentation from Lyn Mulready who gave a good report on the effort she is currently making in preparation for her visit to Austria and the World Pony Carriage Driving Championships. We have recently had a letter from Lyn describing the events leading up to her qualification as a competitor from Australia. What a beautiful way to spend a winter!

We look forward to Lyn's return and an update on the results.

Daffodil Day was successful as usual, with best buys at stalls in the main street and various points around. We are also carrying out some everyday work at the school over the coming weekends and anyone who would like to help will be given an implement to assist!

All the best from Lions - Lion Noel Elliott

bundanoon over 50's club

It seems to be time to clear up some misconception regarding our club, and especially our name.

When our club was formed in June 2001, the need to register as a bona fide organisation resulted in the necessity of a title for official purposes. Thus most participants agreed that since our meetings are held on weekday mornings, the likelihood was that membership would predominantly consist of retirees. We are thus hastening to reassure villagers that this does not exclude any person who does not happen to be over 50. Indeed, the committee hasn't a clue just how old our members are, and it does not matter in the least!

True, most of our members are indeed retirees, but anyone at all can be assured of a warm welcome to our group, since we are all about socialising and making new friends. Thus we can assure any villagers, whether they have been residing in Bundanoon or surrounds for many years, or whether they have recently made their homes here, that meeting new friends is easy. Just come along to our monthly meetings held at the Bundanoon RSL Hall on the second Monday of each month where we conduct an informal meeting followed by morning tea.

Excursions are planned, and there is usually a monthly luncheon somewhere in the local area, designed both to get friends together and to support our local businesses. Our last lunch celebrated Christmas in July at The Highlander, and hostess, Anne Bishop, made it a most enjoyable day for us all.

If you would like to come along to enjoy some good company but don't have transport, a phone call to our secretary is all that is needed and it shall be organised!

For more information, please phone: Jeanette Shaw 4883 6410

cwa

We welcome new members at Bundanoon CWA rooms where meetings, followed by afternoon tea, are held at 1.30 pm on the first Thursday of each month. We plan functions, craft days, and visits to other CWA groups.

Our association holds International Day lunches and afternoon teas with guest speakers and our country of interest at present is Belgium.

The Primary School has done some lovely posters for us, and Tanya Sant went to the trouble of doing a book on Belgium which deserves high praise. Congratulations Tanya and thank you.

We are also supporting the primary product, 'Lavender', for 2003, with promotional events and speakers.

We were very pleased that we had three winners this year at state level in The Land Cooking and Handicraft Day Competition.

Joy Spencer - 1st for Poetry

Pat Wells - 2nd for Cake Decorating

Kath Smith - 3rd for Photography.

Congratulations to all three; however, Pat's cake decoration deserves special mention. It depicted a little boy fishing, even down to a cut lunch.

In September we have our Festival Day at Berry. A skit on Brigadoon 'Stones of Manhood', with kilts and all, promises to be a lot of fun

We are grateful to Wingecarribee Shire Council for a community grant which will be used for maintenance and re-roofing of our meeting rooms.

Our garage sale which is an annual event held in August raises money for scholarships for country children, the Flying Doctor Service and other causes. Keep it in mind for next year!

The Medical Research segment of our association is raising money for retinitis pigmentosa grants and we are pleased to be part of this project.

CWA is a vital organisation in Australia and the Bundanoon branch is alive and well.

For special monthly events, watch the 'Grapevine' in the Highland Post.

Margaret Davies

Publicity Officer



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soccer rebels

Thirteen years ago the Rebels, originally members of Exeter club, formed an all age men's team which was to become the nucleus of Bundanoon Soccer Club. They played hard and partied hard making Roscoe's Bar and Grill a frequent meeting place. Great times!

We've come a long way since then. We now have seven junior 'Rebels' teams and two senior teams competing across an area from Yerrinbool to Crookwell

Supportive parents as well as players make up our membership and we have a dedicated band of coaches. Soccer is played by more young Australians than any other code of winter sport. It is a relatively straightforward game and the rules are certainly easier to teach to seven-year-olds than the complexities of rugby. In fact many coaches of other football codes can see the value of early soccer training. Young players tend to develop higher levels of skill in kicking, balance and ball awareness.

Junior soccer teams are only as good as their coaches and we value the services of all our coaches, especially those who have joined us recently.

Leon Shanks, in his first year as coach of the 'Under 8s' has worked his squad into a happy and successful team.

John Kelly has enjoyed an undefeated run of twenty-two games with the 'Under 11s' and is an indispensable member of our club. He provides a great example by making serious soccer training enjoyable and lots of fun.

Phil Blair is training the 'Under 13s'. This is a mixed team of boys and girls who have reached the semi-finals. We hope by the time you receive your September JCG they will have been successful in the finals.

Todd Letchford trains a diverse group of women players whose ages range from 13 to 36. Five of them haven't played before so their level of skill varies but they are very enthusiastic about the game and working well together.

We have a new canteen and would like to thank Michele Kelly, Sue Sant and everyone who has helped make it a success. We would also like to thank our sponsors for their continued support. These include Haddonstone, Dux Hot Water and local businesses, Primula Café, Pioneer Flask, Idle-a-Wile, Bundanoon Butchery and Bundanoon Hotel.

Everyone has contributed to make this a successful season. Thanks!

Markus Fenwick

Head coach.

tennis club news - winter 03

NIGHT TENNIS

Despite some very wintery weather, the new Monday night open tennis competition is well established. The first eight week competition has been completed and was won by Craig Rowley with 119 points (games won) or an average of 4.96 games per set. Well done, Craig. Anyone who is interested in playing a regular medium to high standard should contact Cameron Reid (ah) on 4883 7074 or Patrick O'Loughlin on 4883 6354. Those who prefer a more social standard of tennis, Tuesday night tennis might suit you. Contact Pat Lewis on 4883 6322 for more details.

DAY-TIME TENNIS

* Tuesday Ladies Social Tennis contact Sheila Micholson 4883 6107

* Saturday afternoons at 1.30pm

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS TENNIS ASSOCIATION - Thursday Ladies Competition - It has been asked if Bundanoon Tennis Club could form another team for the 2004 competition. If interested, please contact Sheila Micholson on 4883 6107.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS are underway. If you aren't already a member - you should be! At \$35 a single, \$80 family or \$10 junior it's cheap and there is plenty of court time available.

If anyone has any unwanted TENNIS MEMORABILIA, would you like to donate it to our clubhouse for display? There must be a few old pairs of Dunlop Volleys or a Pancho Gonzales racquet complete with wooden clamps lying around. Old posters etc??? Please contact Cameron Reid.

Keep an eye out for the new club logo and signage. It is on its way soon!

For all other news and rankings in Australian Tennis go to www.tennisnsw.com.au

bundanoon croquet club

Earlier this year the Club was delighted to have the opportunity to coach a group of Bundanoon Public School pupils by our President and Coach Mr Dick Topham and others, as an introduction to the sport. The pupils were accompanied by their teachers and some parents, while the tuition took place on a weekly basis for the full school term. The course was enjoyed by all, and culminated in the granting of certificates of achievement. The photographs were taken during this term.

This club was established twelve years ago, and can be found playing at all seasons of the year, in the grounds of Bundanoon Bowling and Recreation Club in Erith Street, on Wednesday and Friday mornings, on one or two lawns. The Croquet Club and all its members are affiliated with Croquet NSW and therefore compete against other clubs in NSW, ACT and Vic at home and away.

The game of Association Croquet leads to the development of considerable technical ball skills and complex tactical expertise. It is played by young and old of both genders. Anyone interested in learning more about this unique sport is welcome to call in for a chat, or phone the President on 4883 6721 or the Captain on 4883 6571.



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Singing smorgasboard down south

by Yvonne D'Arcy

In a world where youth is placed on a pedestal, and where the ageing female barely rates a mention, except in connection to previous fame or notoriety, it is gratifying to learn that there is one place at least where age is irrelevant to usefulness. Down south-west of Sydney, about an hour and a half's drive, one enters a gentler pace of living, a tranquil, rural landscape, a cooler climate, a lyrical setting indeed: it is almost but not quite European in tone, but enough it seems to spawn that most civilised creation of man: the Vocal Ensemble.

Thus it has come about that in the Southern Highlands of NSW, or the Wingecarribee Shire with a population around 41,000, there are at least six distinct Vocal Ensembles, each numbering around 20-30 voices and top-heavy with warbling females aged 40-70+ years. Contrast this with the neighbouring municipalities of Mosman and North Sydney, combined population around 82,000, where you may be hard-pressed finding even one or two such groups. (Draw your own conclusions.)

Yes, here in the Highlands I have struck a veritable mecca of convivial 'choralling', all groups being within just 10 - 20 minutes of traffic-free travelling from my home. Gaining information about this 'Singing Smorgasbord' was not altogether a snack, the local Directory being jam-packed with sporting, hobby and craft clubs rather than musical ones. From my enquiries comes the following selection.

SING AUSTRALIA is a group belonging to a growing network of around 50 choirs through ACT., NSW, and Victoria. This is for the person who wishes to be part of a bigger picture and whose only qualification needs to be a love of singing.

Another broad-based organisation but with a tighter structure is **THE SOUTHERN BELLES**, an offshoot of the Sweet Adelines. It is a strictly all-female membership singing A Capella in the style of a Barbershop quartet. Entry is by audition.

If you are a female aged 60 or over, you will feel right at home with **THE HIGHLAND SINGERS** (male membership only seven at present). You will be singing all the foot-tapping old-time favourites (and some new) and show songs similar to the Sing Australia group. No audition is necessary.

Perhaps a love of organ and sacred music is your cup of tea, but full-on commitment is not. **THE ST. JUDE'S SINGERS** are associated with St. Jude's Anglican Church of Bowral, but welcome anyone (even non-Christians). Nevertheless, you need to be prepared to do four Evensongs per year plus Christmas and Easter music as well. Practices are only held once or twice a month, contrasting with the weekly two-hour practices of the other groups.

If you are male, you will of course be snapped up by all these groups (except the Southern Belles of course!), but you may welcome a bigger challenge in auditioning for the **BERRIMA SINGERS** or the **BUNDANOON VOICES**, who need good tenors and baritones for S.A.T.B. harmony, and a demanding, classically based repertoire.

A Personal 'Sing-Tasting'

My husband and I are new recruits to the Bundanoon Voices and are travelling to the first practice of the year. Our drive takes us

through golden brown fields, made luminous by the dying sun, and ends in a gravel driveway. We are in a 'period' room with rich burgundy walls, vases full of scented roses, and a grand piano. We sit in a circle, the table in the middle bearing a fat waterjug, glasses and sharpened pencils. We sing, laugh, banter, sing again, concentrate, make mistakes; we are joyful and content. We revel in the music and the company. Two hours pass quickly, and disappointment surges as we leave.

Verdict: Congenial singing plus mutual striving for perfection very much equals food for the soul. Let's celebrate singing amateurs everywhere!

THE SELECTION

- * **SING AUSTRALIA** (Bowral) contact Lois Holgate 4872 3660
- * **THE SOUTHERN BELLES** (Bowral) contact Elisabeth Oldham 4861 3970
- * **THE HIGHLAND SINGERS** (Mittagong) contact June Collins 4871 2124
- * **ST JUDE'S SINGERS** (Bowral) contact Alan Beavis 4861 6944
- * **BERRIMA SINGERS** (Mittagong) contact Ian Cooper 4871 2492
- * **BUNDANOON VOICES** (Bundanoon) contact Coralie Flinn 4883 6588

JCG invites contributions on
'cultural pursuits in our town' for the
December issue.
Deadline for articles is: 24 October 2003

bundawhere?

We who live here in NSW know where Bundanoon is.

But are you aware that we are not alone.

Unique, yes, but in some way maybe not so.

A new resident related a tale of re-directing certain mail to the new Bundanoon address, but was somewhat surprised when the re-directed mail arrived marked, 'try NSW'.

Why was this so?

Well if you consult your Australian Post Codes book or the local telephone book, you will find Bundanoon WA 6522.

Now according to the post code our 'twin town' is in Western Australia located somewhere near Geraldton.

Upon speaking with Paulette (the Postmistress) at Mingenew WA 6522. I was told that she knew nothing of a town called Bundanoon in her post code area, but there was a private property of that name. Which is where some of our errant mail is visiting. Hence the notation on your mail 'Try NSW'.

As we all know, Bundanoon (NSW) is unique, but then so is Bundanoon WA 6522. It does not even exist. But then again it could be a Ghost town (sic)

Brad Parker

news from your club

Bundanoon's only licensed club is still alive and well!

A great deal of work has been done in the Bowling Club in recent weeks, largely through the voluntary efforts of members and local tradesmen. The lounge area has been enlarged and freshly painted; the gaming area has been relocated and is in the course of being upgraded. Work will be completed in the new dining area by the time this report is read. The restaurant area - in fact the entire auditorium - is now non-smoking, as is part of the lounge. If you haven't visited the club recently you will be pleasantly surprised by the transformation.

Those who were at the hugely successful Christmas in July function will be glad to know that Ngaire and Ralph, who catered in such spectacular style at that event, have been appointed to provide catering services. The Park View Restaurant will open in early September offering an attractive, well-priced menu. A Snack Bar will operate from Wednesday to Sunday each week. Function packages for weddings, 21sts etc will also be available. Why not come along and try this latest addition to the Bundanoon catering scene?

At the AGM on 21 September a motion to change the name of the



*Richard Colley & Des Perkins
enjoying Christmas in July at
the Club*

club will be debated. The new name will be one which truly reflects the philosophy of providing an entertainment facility for the WHOLE community. Submissions are invited from anyone who may have a suggestion and a prize of a dinner for four at the new restaurant is being offered for the best entry. The range of club activities already in place demonstrates the implementation of this strategy. As well as traditional croquet and bowls the club now hosts the Bundanoon Playgroup and the Quilting group. Organisations such as the Visitors Group, Cricket and Soccer Clubs and Lions Club have met there during recent weeks.

Raffles, members' lucky draws, bands and discos, pool competitions are regular features at the club and many more activities are planned for September and October. To

celebrate the launch of our new name and the opening of the restaurant our inaugural Spring Carnival will offer something for everyone including live bands, dinners, gala sporting festivals, an Oktoberfest and much more.

The Club is becoming a valuable asset to the community but can only survive and continue to improve if the community takes advantage of the facilities available.

Ralph Clark - President



*Ngaire Scott serving
Christmas dinner*

community connection



Who would have thought that the Olympic Torch passing through Bundanoon would be the first of a number of neighbourhood events in Penrose Road?

To celebrate the handing of the torch to Dennis Hoy, Tricia Alldridge, Kay Dever, Neville Christiansen and their friends set up breakfast on the grass outside No.16. It became the gathering place for other neighbours who came out to watch the event.

Realizing that people who had never met, spent a few hours talking and sharing the excitement of the day, the group has continued to organize a number of parties which are designed to include all generations. In three years they have not only celebrated Christmas together but have also held a Christmas in July at Idle-a-Wile, and an Oktoberfest at Bundanoon hotel.

At a recent celebration of Christmas in July to which everyone contributed food, children were involved in distributing 'lucky-door prize' tickets and helped in serving. Elderly neighbours were included in the party as well as young families. Disputes over boundary fences were sorted out, and the need for a 50-kph zone was discussed.

From a small circle of invitees the guest list has widened to include practically anyone who has driven down Penrose Road or knows someone who has.



Everyone involved has been delighted with the response from businesses in the area, and wish to thank all those who generously donated prizes.

Bundanoon donors included the Bloomery, hotel, newsagency, pottery, and supermarket as well as the Old Post Office Café and Pioneer Flask.

Even from further afield, people were happy to give prizes when they heard about the concept of these events: Mittagong Antique Centre, Kids Cottage Berrima, Moss Vale Sports and Toys, Creative Kid Bowral, High Life Magazine, Centennial Winery and Capels Restaurant Bowral.

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A.D.D.	Olwyn Farrar	4861 5399
Bundanoon District Over 50s Club	Jeanette Shaw	4883 6410
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President	Danien Beets	4883 7557
Secretary	Ralph Clark	4883 6389
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	Barbara Rowett	4883 7203
Bundanoon Voices	Coralie & Michael Flint	4883 6588
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	Marie Reid	4883 6526
Friends of the Morton National Park		
	Sheila Micholson	4883 6107
	Alan Hyman	4883 7763
Garden Club	Neville Sully	4883 7191
Glow Worm Glen Track Committee		
	John Dorman	4883 6296
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Youth Centre	Lyndall Nurse	4883 6048

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Contact Gale Pritchett 4883 7195 for Bookings

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1st & 3rd Sundays: ... 11.00 am

2nd & 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 & 5th Sundays ... 5.00 pm

2nd & 4th Sundays ... 8.00 am

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