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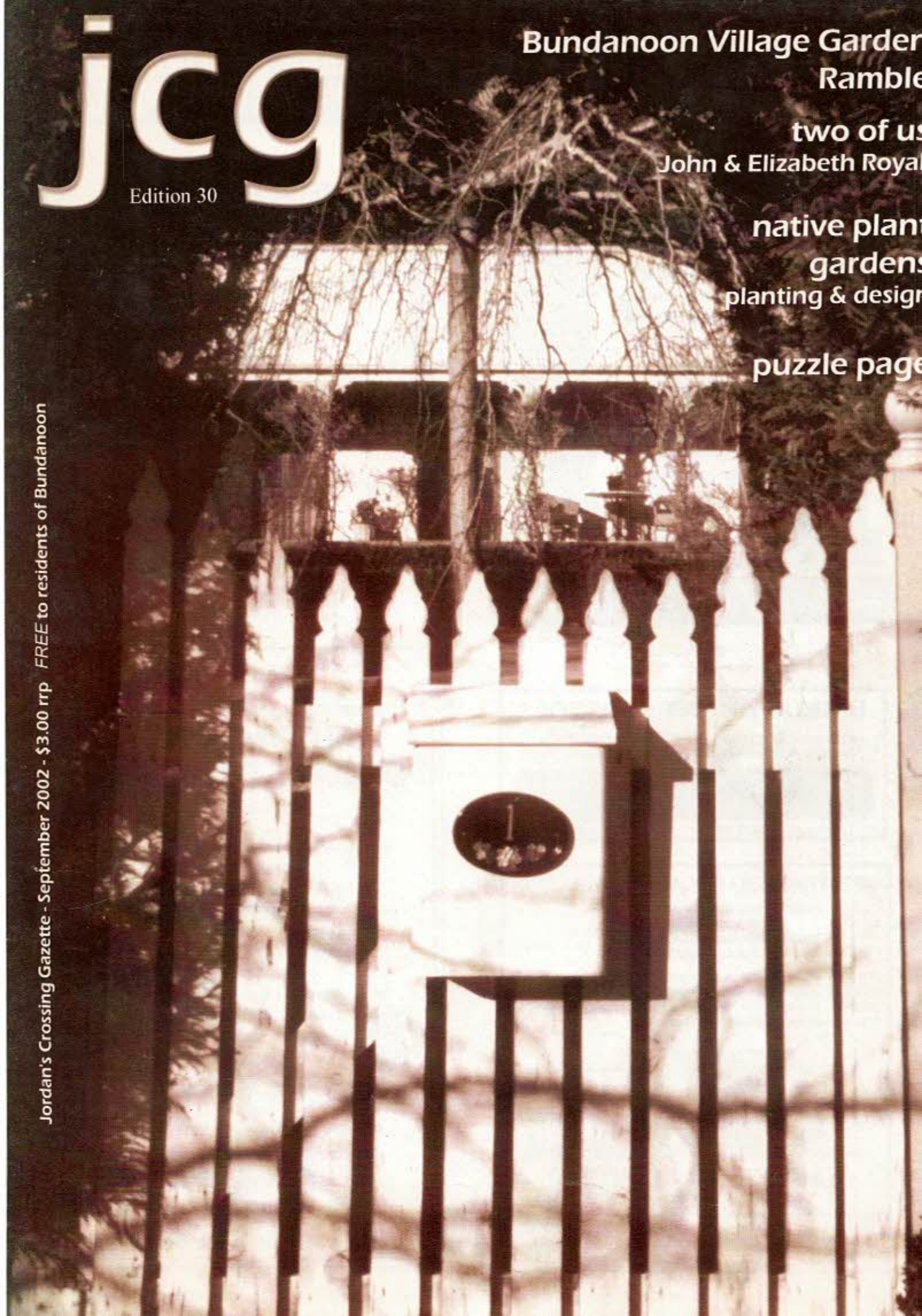
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editor's notes



The Bundanoon Village Garden Ramble is the theme of the magazine this month.

We enter this edition through the picket gate and hedge arch of No 1 William Street and exit past a full-page advertisement introduced by one of last year's scarecrows. There are some good articles and interviews to enjoy in the intervening pages.

The Ramble gardens are described in the centre spread of this issue and their locations shown.

Lever Park (or is it Leaver Park?) is not the recreation and picnic area it used to be. We are hoping that some of our readers may see its restoration as a worthwhile project when they see the photographs and small article submitted by Alec Cameron of the Bundanoon History Group.

Following the article in our last issue featuring a photograph of an early model car, Chris Daley gave JCG the good oil on the make and a range of years of manufacture. Then a brief search of the wonderful world of knowledge residing on the Wide Web gave us the car pictured; a 1921 Buick Model 45. Now, is it the same make and model of automobile shown parked at the Mark Morton picnic shelter? (refer page 27 JCG June 2002).



Our advertisers are very important to us; without them there would be no magazine. We would like to extend to you many thanks for your support over the years. Jewel Hillier has taken over the role of Advertising Manager and will be contacting you all in coming months to ensure that you are happy with the service we are providing.

The JCG Diners Club had its inaugural monthly dinner in August. The dinners will be hosted by Pam Davies at Inverard. Anybody wishing to organise a group of 10-12 for dinner should contact Pam on 4883 7196.

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Update



The BCDA holds two main events at this time of year and it is always a busy time. This year is no exception. On 13 October is our 7th Annual Garden Ramble and on 9 November is the 7th Annual BCDA Dinner.

The Garden Ramble draws people from across the state and is an ongoing success for our community. This success is in no

short measure attributed to the dedicated individuals who organise the event, open their gardens for display and volunteer for the many jobs on the day. The last two years have seen 600 and 800 tickets to gardens sold and we hope this year will be as good if not better. All monies raised from this event go toward 'village beautification'. In the past, works have included landscaping at Picnic Park opposite the shops, at the Bundanoon Pool and along the railway embankment.

Our annual dinner also draws people from far and wide, and it provides an opportunity for many members of the community to meet and have a very enjoyable time, both as the guests and as the behind the scenes staff. This year the theme is 'Year Of The Outback', and I'm sure many will come dressed appropriately. This event is a real tribute to the organisational skills of some very dedicated individuals, and this dedication has provided some of the impetus for the kitchen renovations that are currently underway. This year's annual dinner will serve as the christening of our new kitchen, and will undoubtedly make the task of feeding 180 people in the space of half an hour a lot easier.

The people involved in the events above are always on the look out for volunteers to help on the day. Those involved insist that the rewards and satisfaction of being involved easily outweighs the enjoyment had from merely attending on the day. Those wishing to get more involved can contact me on 48 844 435.

On another note, in this issue of the JCG there is an article about Lever Park and its history. After seeing the photographs that appear, I was prompted to visit the park to see what it was like today. While I was under no illusion that it would be a shadow of its former self, it was very sad to see both Paddy's River and the park in such a dilapidated state; the river was not flowing, has significant algal bloom, and the park has not been tended in quite some time. My thanks goes to Cllr David Fairall and the environmental section at Wingecarribee Shire Council who, following my email, were very prompt in visiting the park, taking water samples and sending them away for analysis. My hope is that we will be able to remediate this area, so that at least it is a

pleasant place to visit. Who knows, maybe sometime in the future some of the facilities that were there, such as the outdoor dance floor, bandstand, punts and canoes for hire, amenities block, refreshment kiosk may return. We can live in hope.



Danien with some Hall volunteers

Danien Beets - President

Dear Sir

Who could ever have thought JCG could get any better. The changes in the June edition are very welcome. The layout gives a more professional appearance to an already quality publication.

The Don Talintyre, Peggy Kernaghan, Miranda Lean, the Fairall's stories along with the history of local shops all make very interesting reading. They also provide a very valuable record of local history. With so much electronic communication these days it is very important to have 'hard copy' of local history.

It was also good to read the Kirsty Smyth story. The evidence of some young people who do "burn outs" on the roads, damage sporting facilities or carryout break and enters can give us a poor impression of young people. Kirsty's story is so typical of many successful local young people. I look forward to reading many more good news stories about our local young people.

Well done to your editorial committee. Keep up the great work. - Rob Spence, Bundanoon

Dear Sir,

We enjoyed reading 'the two of us' about David and Judith Fairall. How sad that the Fairalls left their old Nerrim St home and moved to Penrose. Hearing train whistles at one's bedroom window must have been quite a price to pay, for the advantages they anticipated through that move. Our home is only a few doors from Nerrim Street; we hear the wild birds,

not the trains. Such bliss!! Our mobiles don't work. We can pick up only local radio which suits us fine.

David, I think that you will find State Rail to be ineffective in handling your complaint about train horns. It seems they no longer have exclusive rights to the track. We now have line drivers and loco's from several states and private employers. We encountered a train at OUR level crossing last year, tolling a U.S. locomotive cow bell - quite a cacophony as it competed (in the wrong musical key) with OUR level crossing alarm hooter.

As the real estate agents tell us, the true value of a cottage is all about position, position and position. Our cottage is thus priceless! We would be pleased to hear from David and Judith if they would like to consider a home swap. I am an ex-railwayman (1946-1953) and could be tempted! If the offer price was generous, of course...

Yours sincerely, Alec Cameron

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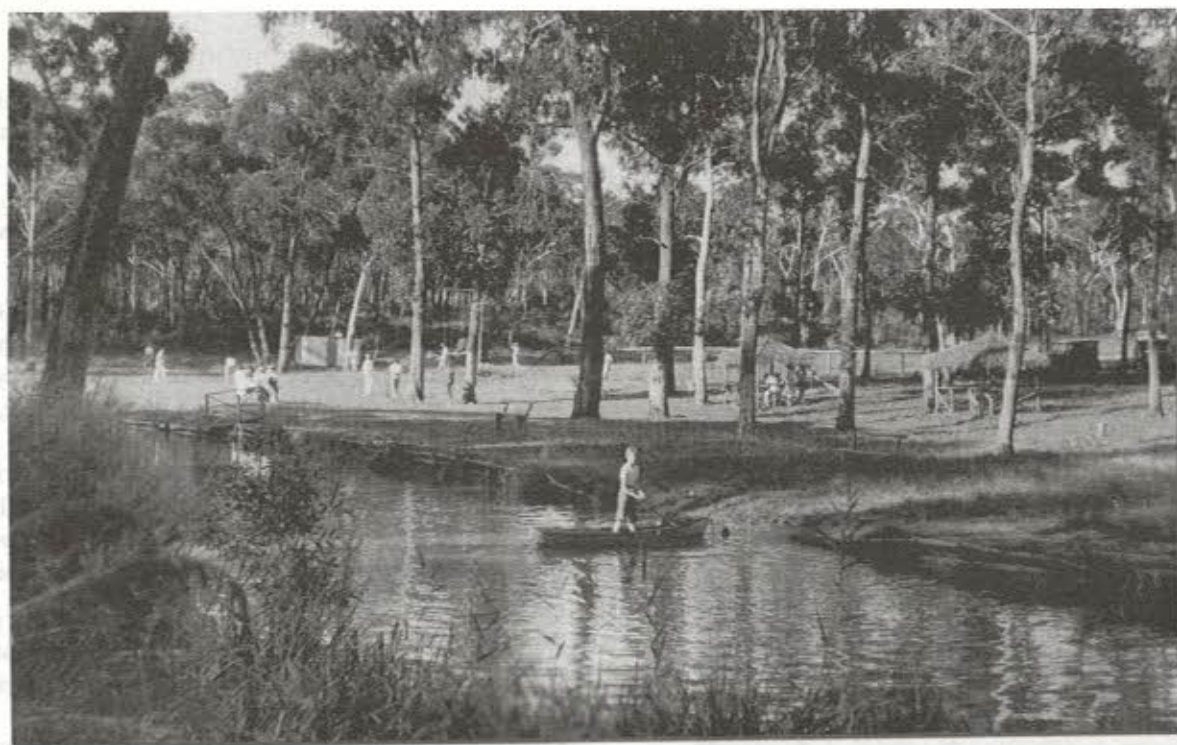
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In the days when this photo was taken (1930s?) the grounds had shelter sheds, a refreshments stall, canoes, fireplaces and toilets, since neglected and rarely used.

There are no existing buildings and some trees have been savaged for firewood supplies. It appears that a Council gardener does essential slashing of weed growth and rubbish removal.

The refreshments vendor is reported to have been a Magician, who entertained visiting children.

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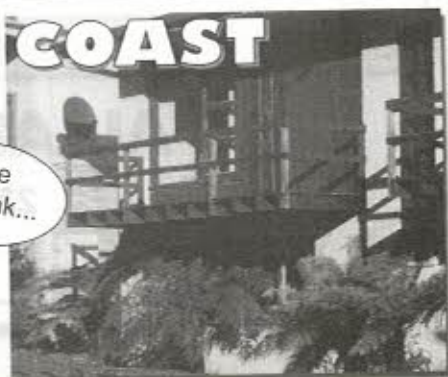
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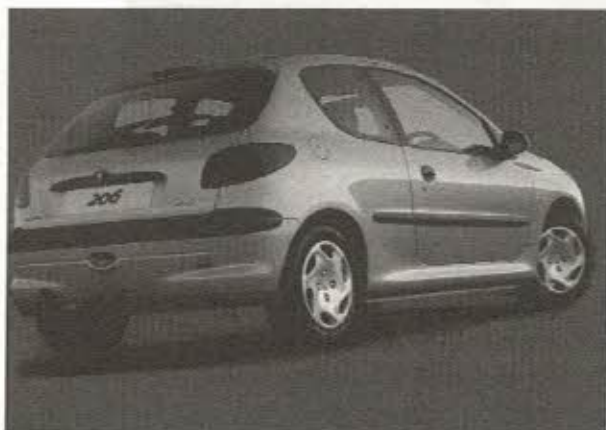
Over 60 members of the club attended in a wide range of Peugeots, from the diminutive but tough 203, winner of past Redex trials, to the latest Peugeot 307. Many of the cars had diesel engines and these proved to be the most economical by

far. Pundits of the automotive industry believe that in five years time manufacturers will be offering an equal number of diesel engines to gasoline ones. Strangely, Australia is slow in acknowledging the many benefits of a diesel engine, long life and economy being the major ones. It is not unrealistic to expect 1000 km between fill ups with a diesel car.

There were five entries from the Southern Highlands. Bundanoon was represented by Pat Glading who returned a very creditable 5.15 litres per 100 km and won the ladies' prize with her eight-year-old Peugeot 405 diesel. Pat's car, with 234,000 km, had covered more kilometres in its life than all other entries except one elderly Peugeot 505. The winning car was another Peugeot 405 SRDT which returned 4.21 litres per 100 kms. A truly remarkable achievement when one considers most medium sized cars use around 10 to 12 litres per 100 km.

Once the trial was over all competitors congregated at the Bundanoon Memorial Hall for a barbecue alfresco lunch. The day was just perfect and the many Sydneysiders were so enthusiastic about the magnificent scenery they had experienced during their time in the Southern Highlands. Particular mention was made regarding the suitability of the hall for the finish, even though the new kitchen was far from ready.

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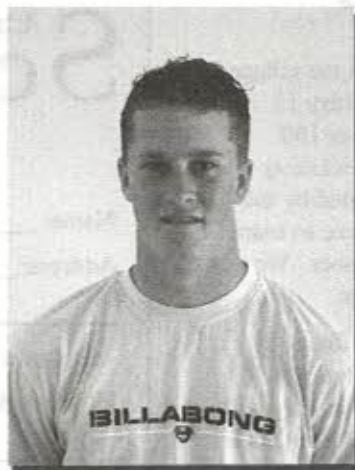
Luke hines

A true 'local', Luke was born in 1986 at Bowral Hospital and has lived in Bundanoon since then. After attending Bundanoon Pre-School, he went to Moss Vale High before leaving at the end of last year to take up a first year carpentry apprenticeship with Carney Bros. Constructions. Luke's passion and main interest in life though, is rugby league.

'I used to play soccer as a youngster but I would go along and watch Jason, my elder brother, play League for the Moss Vale Dragons. I became very interested and started playing for them when I was thirteen,' Luke said.

Luke's talent and skill in the 'five-eighth' position soon began to show. This year he was invited to trial with the Moss Vale and Sth-West Academy team representing an area from Goulburn to Liverpool as well as playing in his club side. He gained selection in the Academy side and after playing for them against other Academy teams in Narromine, the Hunter District and even once before 17,000 people as a 'curtain raiser' for an N.R.L. game, he has been chosen to tour NSW 17 years Academy team to France in October this year. This provides a thrilling opportunity for Luke. 'I still don't quite believe it,' he said, 'I've never been overseas before or even on a large plane!' Luke will travel to France from October 1 to 16. The tour is a tremendous mix of sightseeing and sport, so not only will he play against Toulouse, a Russian team, the French National 17 years Team, but he will go to Euro-Disney, the Eiffel Tower and many other tourist spots as well.

Luke's family are delighted for him and very excited at the prospect of an 'international sports star' in their midst, though Luke's mum, Cathy, hints at and suppresses, all the little anxieties that any parent



would feel when a child is on the brink of such a great venture.

Luke needs \$4,000 for this tour and over half has already been raised by raffles and some tremendous community support. Bundanoon Bowling Club recently held a day for Luke's benefit and a very considerable sum was raised. 'Darren and Darlene Parker from Complete Photographics have come to help us in lots of ways too,' adds Luke. His short term ambition is to be 'spotted' by League scouts (this in fact is the purpose of the Academy teams program), and invited to trial for the lower grades of an N.R.L. team. 'I don't mind which club, Wests - Tigers are close, but then St. George-Illawarra is too!'. His pick of all the teams though, would be Parramatta.

A long time fan of the 'Eels', Luke says 'I just love them'. Long term he would love to play State of Origin football and of course, to be selected as a 'Kangaroo'. Then perhaps into sports conditioning and training. In the meantime he is sensible enough to see the advantage of getting a trade behind him. Already though, the demands of training and travel have cut into his apprenticeship commitments. 'They (Carney Bros. Constructions) have been great, but I do owe them some work'.

Luke being without a car, the whole family's week revolves around his training and games. 'Hopefully, I'll be able to pay them all back one day,' he says with a smile but the family doesn't really mind.

Luke is an honest, talented, hard working and fun-loving young man. We as a community should, like his family, be so proud of his achievements, his potential and for being just the fine type of person he is. Good luck in Europe Luke.

Clare and rachael



Clare

Clare and Rachael Freeman took their first tentative steps on Bundanoon soil when they were just 7 and 5. Their parents had just purchased the old Bundanoon Riding School on Erith Street which in 1989 was just a disused shed and stables. It was to be a weekend retreat from the bustle of Newtown. It wasn't until 1996 that they took up permanent residence. This meant a reluctant change of schools for the teenaged girls. But their sea change was to present new creative opportunities. It was in the Highlands that their interest in photography

and visual arts really flourished.

Clare's interest in photography was aroused soon after arrival, when she was 14 and travelling overseas with her family. As her enthusiasm grew, a darkroom was shoe-horned into the laundry and she was able to further her skills in her senior years at Bowral High. Now 19, Clare is in her second year of the Advanced Diploma of Commercial Photography course at Canberra Institute of Technology. Her photographic interests are varied, from candid portraiture through to landscape photography. Her admiration of documentary photography, embodied in National Geographic Magazine, has also fostered an interest in documentary writing, history and anthropology. She is also undertaking a part-time arts degree at the Australian National University. Clare has put her skills to work and recently sold a number of photographs at the Sturt Gallery, Mittagong. Along with part-time work in photography (weddings) and hospitality, Clare's life is somewhat full.

Rachael discovered her love of drawing as soon as she was able to hold a pencil. "While other children were content to watch TV or play

video games, Rachael would always prefer to reach for the pencils and paper," her mother said. Rachael began after-school art classes when she was seven and continued to win awards and accolades for her art throughout her school career. Her biggest achievement was to win the art Scholarship to Oxley College for years 11 and 12. Rachael says that "the scholarship has allowed me to meet fabulous people who share my passion for art... my teacher is an inspiration and the Art Faculty has added a whole new dimension to my school life". Now in year 12 and lurching towards her final exams, Rachael has just been awarded the first Oxley half-colours in Visual Arts and Design and Technology. Her major works are nearing completion - these include a large sculptured ceramic relief of wading waterbirds and a number of paintings inspired by the ginger root! Life drawing is also a major interest and will feature in her year 12 portfolio.

Does creativity run in families? Their grandmother, Joan Toms was a photographic colourist and is a fine painter and drawer - she, more than anyone, has been unflagging in her encouragement and practical development of Clare's and Rachael's creative abilities. Their parents are simply proud - and reluctant to claim too much credit for their daughters' talents.

For both girls, their art is driven by a deep desire to create rather than for reward. The problem of how to earn a living is yet to be faced. But it would seem that their talent and enthusiasm will serve them well.



Rachael

Carnival of scarecrows

The Carnival of Scarecrows is on once again in the village of Bundanoon from Saturday 5 October to Sunday 13 October. The success of last year's carnival saw over 100 scarecrows on display throughout the village. The winning scarecrows "Bob the Builder & Friends" were created by the Angel family in Bindar Crescent. Overall, there were so many creative scarecrows it was difficult to choose a winner. We expect great things from all entrants again this year.

The winning scarecrow will be announced at the official opening of the Garden Ramble on Saturday 12 October at 10 am in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall. A scarecrow trophy will be presented to the winning family. Come join in the fun, as it could be your scarecrow that is declared the winner.

It's important to remember that your scarecrow must be registered by 28 September to be judged and on display by 5 October. Don't let all of your hard work be in vain, send in the entry form early!

Fill in the entry form below and send to the address shown. The scarecrows will be indicated on the scarecrow map that will be available on 13 October.

A new feature for 2002 is Scarecrow artwork by children of the Bundanoon Primary School and the Bundanoon Pre School. The artwork will be on display in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall for the day of the Garden Ramble.

Carnival of Scarecrows

REGISTRATION FORM

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Name of Scarecrow: _____

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This form is to be returned to PO Box 440 Bundanoon 2578 and received no later than 28 September, 2002.

Entry forms are also available at the Post Office, Supermarket and other outlets in Bundanoon. Entries are to be displayed from Saturday 28 September to Sunday 13 October.

PS: Your scarecrow is invited to attend the BCDA Dinner on Saturday 9 November. Contact Pam Davies 4883 7196.

Something from kate



Katherine Pryor attended primary school at Bundanoon, then moved on through Bowral High School where she majored in Visual Arts and Design Technology in her HSC.

Katherine is now halfway through a three-year degree course at Charles Sturt University (Wagga Wagga), where she is studying for a BA in design for theatre and TV. This course

covers set, costume, sound and lighting design as well as stage management.

Her latest project is working as Head of Costume Making for the University's third term stage production of Dorothy Hewitt's *Fields of Heaven*. These productions are held in a purpose-built theatre in central Wagga Wagga, and receive great local support.

Katherine's previous role was as Associate Costume Supervisor for the Riverina Theatre Company's production of the play *Cosi*.

Her first year's accommodation was in one of the many campus cottages, but she now flats in central Wagga Wagga and works part-time in a second-hand bookshop. She has also worked for the local ABC radio station, helping to present a segment on the Saturday morning gardening program, where her 'tip of the week' was introduced as 'something from Kate'.



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John and Elizabeth royal



John Royal, 81, is an Ex-Royal Navy, retired ABC radio and television announcer and presenter.

Elizabeth Royal, 80, is his wife and the mother of the Royal children, two sons and two daughters.

JOHN: As far as John and Elizabeth Royal are concerned, we are a pretty good team and the BEST of mates after 56 years of marriage - I think that speaks for itself! It's even more remarkable for the difference in our upbringing.

I was born in England and orphaned at the age of eight and sent to a rather tough boarding school which laboured under the quaint name of The Royal London Orphans' School - A Secondary School For Orphans Of The Necessitous Middle Class! That's where I had my education. It was pretty raw, but it prepared me for the next stage of my life, which was the Navy.

I left school at nearly seventeen and spent a year and a half in a London insurance office, which I loathed. Shortly after turning eighteen I joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve. They had a ship on the embankment of the Thames where we performed our drills several nights per week. On 3 September 1939, I was called up. After initial training in Skegness, we went to sea in February 1940 in a cruiser called 'Enterprise'. We saw a lot of action in the North - an aircraft carrier, 'Glorious', was sunk, along with several destroyers - and we were attacked by Stukas, but we were lucky and got out of it. Following that, I had tours of duty in the Mediterranean, the south Atlantic, Singapore and the East Indies. On the way home to get a commission in 1942, the transport I was on was attacked and sunk 800 miles west of Freetown. We got into lifeboats after much swimming around, but unfortunately, two-thirds of the people on board went down with that ship. I was lucky once more, another one of my nine lives. German U-boats towed us to the west coast of Africa where the Vichy-French took us to a prison camp in Casablanca, which was under a German commandant, but manned by the Vichy-French. We were set free after a few months when the Americans landed in north Africa. We thought we were going back to the UK, but because we were the first liberated allies of the war, the Americans wanted to show us off. So they flew us to New York and paraded us in double-decker buses, putting us on show. Hardly a ticker-tape parade though!

Interviewed by Ross Armfield

Getting home finally, I got my commission and served in destroyers as part of the British Pacific Fleet out here in Papua-New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands.

In late December 1945, I was on my way home via Sydney, when a friend of mine, who knew Elizabeth French, suggested I meet her family while I was here. I travelled up by train to Lisarow, near Gosford, and Elizabeth was waiting for me - she'd driven the family Oldsmobile. Here was this nut-brown maiden with slightly sun bleached hair, looking very much the outdoors girl. Just the typical Aussie country girl. As she came to meet me, I fell for her completely. That was the beginning of a very happy marriage. We met in late December '45, were engaged in February '46 and were married in the following May.

Andrew, our first child, came along in February 1948. We took him back to the UK, as I had the opportunity, after taking my discharge, and as an ex-British serviceman, to return to England. We travelled first-class on the 'Orion'. We came back after 12 months following a spell I had at the BBC reading news on the overseas service.

Having met Elizabeth, I decided to stay in Sydney. I had to find a job. Walking with a friend one morning in Pitt St, in uniform, we paused at the old ABC building. My friend reminded me that I was always doing mock cricket commentaries and announcements and talked me into going in and trying my hand. So I bowled in, gave my details and they organised an audition for the next day. Within a week I was on the air.

When I first started reading the news on radio, there was another John 'Royle', much my senior. He read mornings and I did the midday news. Coming off air, the phone rang - it was the manager, Mr. Moses. He said he wasn't going to have two John Royal/Royles reading his news and that as I was the younger I had until midday the next day to change my name. Martin was it. Of all the news items I've read, the one that really sticks in my mind is that awful train disaster at Granville - but you cover so many stories in 36 years.

I was one of the first announcers to go over to television in 1956. I read the news occasionally, but initially I was a presentation announcer. It was all done 'live' in those days. James Dibble became the main reader, but I would do news too, as well as general announcing. Soccer announcing for me started on radio in 1952. The General Manager, Mr Moses, said they'd received complaints that soccer wasn't being covered. No-one on the sports desk knew anything about the game, so because I had played it as a school boy and followed a team back in the UK, I was auditioned. A week later, microphone in hand, I was calling a game from the grandstand at Arlington Oval. This carried over into television. I would do summaries on a Sunday evening. I called Trevor Allen (Union), Mike Cleary (League) and myself (Soccer), the Holy Trinity. I reckon they cheated though and would run overtime giving their items, leaving my report barely enough time. Tired of this, I just carried on once, receiving all sorts of frantic wind-up signals.

One of my worst moments was in radio during the Melbourne Olympics in 1956, when I said something not very complimentary to someone in the control room who'd just messed me around somewhat. I let fly with a few expletives and discovered I'd been on air. I think it was pretty quickly forgotten.

John and Elizabeth royal

I retired on medical grounds in 1982; I had the 'big C'. Fortunately, I had a tremendous bowel surgeon attending me, with the most menacing name of Killingback, but he was the best in Sydney.

Elizabeth and I lived our early married life in a duplex at Balgowlah and then built at St Ives in 1953. We lived there until 1986. From there we went to Callala Bay. All our homes have been designed and built by Elizabeth, she's a great home designer and ideas person. We loved Callala Bay, but after about 12 months we discovered there were so many weekenders coming down, caravans, roaring around with parties and so on, that it had turned from the ideal for us. Returning from a Melbourne trip, we decided to look around the Highlands. We thought it might be too cold after Callala Bay, but we looked and found this block for sale in Ben Nevis Circuit. We bought the block in 1988.

We've always loved gardening - Elizabeth is from great gardening stock of course. We started in Balgowlah, lots of trees, most of them are still there. St Ives was a big block which we enjoyed planting out. We love our garden at Bundanoon, but it's all getting a bit much for us these days. We've been looking to 'downsize' for a while. We very nearly sold in '98, but decided we weren't ready to leave just then. But this time, what with Elizabeth breaking her leg recently and both of us slowing down, we decided that if 'the team' couldn't walk in the garden together, it's just not on. At Mittagong, where our retirement village is, (Henley Brae), we have a fair space for landscaping, we look forward to that.

We shall miss our friends and this village. For thirteen years we've taken a concentrated interest in Bundanoon. We've worked as a team, and any team has a captain, but we alternate. Elizabeth had the great gardening ideas and I'd carry them out. We'll miss the gardens of Bundanoon, even picking up the roadside rubbish, which we've done for many years. I remember Dave Lidgard trying to get us to join the BCDA very early on, but we said 'hold on, we'll just start with the Gardening Club first'. The BCDA had to wait a year or two. We've loved being involved in the beautification work, the trees along the shopfront area, the garden at the rear of the Memorial Hall, the landscaping in front of the Hotel, the Information Bay Arboretum and so many others. You have to be careful when you come into a community and start to re-design or change things. It can cause ripples as some folks like things as they've always been, but I think we overcame all that. I think Bundanoon has been the happiest 13 years of our life together.

ELIZABETH: I was born in Gordon in 1921. My father ran the Advocate Courier newspaper in Hornsby at the time. When I was very young our family moved to a citrus orchard at Lisarow, just five miles north of Gosford. It was a wonderful childhood. I remember my first pony. When I went to buy it, my father suggested I take some money from my money box just in case the seller wanted some. He did. Just five shillings and I had my first pony. Eventually I ended up teaching eight and nine year olds how to ride in a 'professional' manner. I would pull them up by the pants until I thought they were riding properly. I always kept winning the local riding club prizes, because the only challengers were the 'pupils' I had 'taught'.

I attended Lisarow Primary School and then went on to Gosford High, but my youth is filled with the memories of picking and packing fruit. I went to work for a while in the Bank of NSW which I absolutely hated, so I went back to picking and packing. I'd always had a secret desire to be a nurse, so I started nurse training at Paddington, but the hours of work were so bad during the war, that I headed back to the farm and back to the five shilling pony. I remember riding that pony once all the way from Lisarow to Gordon. The Hawkesbury ferrymaster had to help me get the pony on board. He pulled and I pushed. I think we rested at Cowan.

I remember meeting John for the very first time on Lisarow station. He was thin and yellow, (from the malaria tablets he'd been taking during the war which made his blue eyes appear very blue), and had very short cropped hair. I thought, "Oh my goodness, what have I got here?" We fell in love quite quickly and deeply. He denies saying this, but when he said, "Would you be my girl?", I just burst out laughing because it seemed so old fashioned to me at the time. Of course I was thrilled. It took me a little while to get used to his very English accent. Once he was going on for ages about these cars in the paddock, until we finally realised he was talking about 'cows'.

I think I was a bit of a strict Mum by today's standards but the family home in St Ives was a great place to raise the children. We had been renting and were tired of that, so we moved into St Ives before the house was quite finished. In we came with three children and no doors. All the neighbours were like us, just starting out, not much money and also raising families. John would often ride his bike to Pymble station on the way to work. We had lots of bush around us so the children had a wonderful sense of freedom in their growing up years. St Ives was a big block and we loved the garden there, though I missed the Jacaranda and Frangipani trees of our Balgowlah home.

I was always petrified and embarrassed whenever John came on the radio. I always felt that I 'should' have been listening. It was worse when he was on TV: I was a very self conscious person and I guess I felt awkward on his behalf. I lacked self confidence then, but I'm better now, though I'm still shy enough to dislike getting up and talking in front of people. I leave all that to John.

I've drawn up plans for all our homes - I think I'm a frustrated architect. We've loved coming to Bundanoon. When we first drove around Ben Nevis, there were very few houses at the time, a lot of vacant blocks, but most had been taken. We've loved being involved in Bundanoon's beautification, we'll really miss doing the work such as picking up litter and clearing out the Memorial Garden. It's very frustrating at the moment, I can't hear very well and I'm very wary moving around since I broke my leg the other month, it's awful not being able to garden. We just have to give it away, leave it.

I'm happy now about our move to Mittagong but I shall miss dreadfully all our friends here, some of whom we first met on Friday evenings in the Pub all those years ago when we first came into town. The good thing is that we'll still be on the Highlands and not too far away. John's right! These have been our happiest years here, and the cold of the Highlands winter has always been easily dealt with by the warmth of this community. **jcg**

a tour operator's point of view

Looking at the organisational side of a tour, 80% of the work by the operator has been done before the tour departs. Handling people and travel is a labour intensive occupation and there are so many pitfalls. It is a wise tour operator who takes a fresh look at every tour and goes over each facet of the tour's operations well before the departure. At Interlude Tours each tour is a new entity and is nurtured accordingly. Before designing a new tour we review comments made by our clients about past tours - likes, dislikes, hopes and wishes. A season is then chosen. We prefer April to June and mid September to late October for Europe. These months usually have good weather and the tourist numbers are far from their peak.

With a rather sophisticated software program we begin to plot the course of the tour, paying particular attention to the kilometres travelled on each touring day and the scenery we will encounter. We like to use scenic back roads and keep to an average of under 280 kilometres per day.

Let's assume Europe is our destination. Where will we start and where will we finish? What main features should we include in the tour? What will be the duration and should we have a stop-over coming home? Should there be a pervading theme to the tour? Once all these factors have been acknowledged the research begins and it is many months before a tour reaches its final polished version.

Over the years we have found that any tour to Europe should include at least three countries - five or six is preferable. With a high degree of repeat business we are kept on our toes finding new and interesting places to go. Hotels have to be chosen very carefully. We base our decisions on regional location, ambience, size and expected quality of staff. As a general rule the further south we go, the higher the star rating for the chosen hotel. In Europe it seems the warmer the climate the less efficient the staff of a hotel. In most hotels service seems to fall over once 85% occupancy is reached. This is another good reason not to travel in the peak times. Of course, we could get lower prices by negotiating with a particular chain of large hotels. Doing this, our clients would end up with a mundane sameness with every overnight stop. There's another thing. A tour should be a relaxed leisurely experience with stops of two and three nights whenever possible. Cities are not really important. On questioning past travellers we found the major highlights of any tour they had experienced were the scenic areas, usually in the countryside, although, it is important to balance a tour with a few cities which have a distinct personality.

Even with the closest of monitoring, a tour can go astray. Recently we were about to depart for Rome. Our ferry operator in Ancona advised by fax that they had cancelled their sailing on the day we had chosen. This overnight Adriatic crossing does not operate daily nor is there much competition for this route. Frantically, we had to change our stay in Perugia, Italy and increase our stay in the Plitvice Lakes, Slovenia. As it happened there was only a short distance to Perugia so we were able to sustain the planned visits within this new time frame.

Many tour operators are tied up on a curious treadmill generated initially by the traveller. Many years ago someone carefully designed a tour that was well balanced, unrushed and offered good value for money. The competitor reviews the itinerary and finds he can offer two more cities within the same time frame. This means significant extra mileage that can only be achieved by extensive use of the motorways coupled with early departures and late arrivals. To keep costs down the competitor then uses hotels that are further out from the centre of interest. This, of course, increases the time taken to see the location.

When choosing your next tour get maps out and ask questions. Don't assume the travel agent has vast knowledge of the areas in which you are travelling. Beware of the 12 cities in 14 days tour. You will come back exhausted and probably not remember much of the content of the tour.

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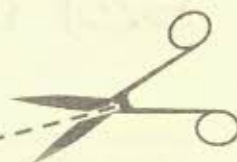
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Census

If you're single, female and looking for a man, Bundanoon may not be the town for you.

The 2001 Census data, released in June by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, shows that like urban Sydney, single women now outnumber men in Bundanoon and they're on the increase.

The total population of Bundanoon - that's the postcode area of Bundanoon - was 1,852 on census night. It comprised 865 males and 987 females. Of those over 15 years old 28% were married women and they matched with a roughly equal number of married men (not surprising really!) But among the singles, the balance is distinctly out of whack. Of those over 15, 27% are either separated, divorced, widowed, or never married women (up 5% on the 1996 Census).

Only 18% of the adult population of Bundanoon were single men. And they're in decline - down 13% from 1996. Part of the reason for the imbalance is that women outlive men and Bundanoon's population has more old people than the national average (26% are over 65 compared with a national average of 13%). But the imbalance may be affected by another trend evident in the Census; single women are settling in urban areas while single men choose to stay in rural Australia, despite the shortage of women. Bundanoon, it seems is part of the urban phenomenon.

But there are other aspects of Bundanoon's make up that distinguish it from Sydney. It's less ethnically diverse than Sydney, with an overwhelming number of Bundanoon

inhabitants reporting they were born either in Australia (1,540), the UK (189) or New Zealand (29). However, Bundanoon also has a significant European population from Germany, Italy, Poland and the Netherlands, who together comprise 44 of its citizens.

The most popular religious affiliation reported was Anglican (32%) with the Catholics coming in second with 20% of the Bundanoon population. But the atheists and agnostics are a very close third (16%) and on the rise, which is bad news for the churches.

Bundanoon is not a wealthy township, with over 40% of the population reporting they live on less than \$299 a week (see table below). However, most people own their houses outright. Of the 939 dwellings in Bundanoon (this includes flats and caravans as well as houses) only 190 had mortgages, and 119 were rented. There is still a significant number of weekenders around the area with 156 houses found to be unoccupied by the census collectors on census night.

INCOME IN BUNDANOON - Weekly Income (15 years +)

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'Friends' have continued their ongoing program of track maintenance in the north-western section of Morton National Park, in conjunction with the NPWS. Metal walkways and steps have been installed on the steeper and rougher sections of Fairy Bower and Erith Coalmine walks by contractors, contributing to safer access and minimising erosion to fragile environments. The NPWS has also carried out hazard reduction burning in the Mt Carnarvon area of the Park.

The essential aim of 'Friends' is the continuing preservation of the 'Bundanoon' section of Morton National Park and its viability in catering for visitors. It is perhaps timely therefore to reflect on the value of National Parks in general, on a number of levels:

- National Parks offer healthy, passive and active recreation for individuals, families and bushwalkers.
- They provide the 'raw material' for environmental education and scientific research.
- They preserve a sample of an area's endemic flora, fauna and landscape, and provide the 'gene-pool' or repository for living and evolving species.
- They reflect the altruistic side of humanity, not for their exploitive value, but simply because nature should be allowed to exist in its own right, free from interference, as part of the biosphere.

In a society apparently obsessed by the Internet, share prices and an urban/rural landscape blighted by shopping malls, industrial estates and ranch size houses on pocket-size blocks, the psychological worth of nature cannot be over-estimated. Simple pleasures of life have been largely supplanted by 'hi-tech' (and high tack!) and our spiritual side all but submerged. The more reason to fight for our beautiful natural heritage, especially considering some of the hideous development projects in our region.

Virtually all visitors to Morton National Park appreciate its splendid vistas and atmosphere. Most also notice the more spectacular individual trees, flowers and birds they encounter in their explorations. Some might even wonder at the cryptic patterns on tree bark or the exquisite detail of a fallen leaf or feather found on the track. Just as there is inspiration in the overall environmental experience, there is equal delight and complexity in the smallest detail.

It is fascinating for example to observe the Park's butterfly fauna. These delicate creatures are perhaps the most popular of all insects and their presence adds a colourful, if fleeting, charm to the bush. They are an integral part of a complex,

interdependent ecosystem. The 'Satyrinae' (Browns) are common in the warmer months, most species having patterns of black, brown, yellow and tawny orange. The larvae are grass feeders, and the adult insects have the uncanny ability of seeming to 'disappear' when they have alighted on forest leaf litter - having perfect colour and camouflage on the wing undersides. The 'Australian Admiral' similarly has grey-black underside markings but when resting from its swift flight, the upper surfaces are revealed as a beautiful combination of black, green, and maroon. The 'Common Jezebel' and 'Imperial White', with wings resplendent in flashing white, black, yellow and red are dependent on mistletoe species hanging from Eucalypts as food plants for their larvae. The 'Common Imperial Blue' larvae feed on certain species of Acacia and are attended by several species of black ants. All these fragile creatures have complex life histories and add another subtle dimension to our natural world.

The Friends of Morton National Park are dedicated to maximising the enjoyment of its visitors, while preserving a piece of living heritage in as pristine a state as possible. If you would like to join, assist financially, or find out more about FMNP and our scheduled meetings, please contact either:

Sheila Micholson on 4883 6107 or write to:

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The Glow Worm Glen Track is at last demonstrating what a difference the consistent effort on the part of a few dedicated people can make to our environment.

A special mention must go to our 'Girls from the Council' who have made an enormous impact with their fantastic work especially at the top of the walk. Led by Belinda, they have cleared honeysuckle, berberis, blackberry, Cape Ivy and English Ivy, to name but a few of the nasties which have invaded the track over the past few years. They have also removed blackberry from the wetland and consequently the reeds are recovering on either side of the track near the spring. These dedicated council employees are a perfect example of how our environmental levy is being used to improve the ecology of Wingecarribee Shire.

Jim Clark has done a sterling job tackling the mass of weeds that had threatened to cover the steps up to the start of the track. We are now concentrating on the opposite side uncovering more of the original stone wall. The wall at the bottom of the steps is still free of blackberry and ivy and is home to a very industrious wombat. If you wander down to the glow-worms at night you are quite likely to see him walking around on the grassy area near his burrow. There is a quite large colony of wombats using the track for their nocturnal ramblings as well as possums, grey kangaroos, swamp wallabies and lyrebirds. We would be interested to hear from anyone who has encountered any unusual or rare native animals.

Liz, Denise and helpers have started planting out a flora and fauna area below the flat grassy patch and these native plants are growing in leaps and bounds even in this extended dry spell.

There is still a great deal of work and maintenance to be done on the track and we extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us on our working bees on the second Sunday of each month. We meet at the top of the track in William Street at 9.00 am and finish by noon.

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the shared table

When this feature was introduced into JCG I had the idea that it should contain hints designed to make even better cooks of already good cooks. So, with this in mind, it was decided to make **NUTS, LEAVES & SEEDS** a theme for this issue.

We all grew up knowing that mint sauce was an essential accompaniment for the Sunday roast lamb, and in more recent times there would be very few of us who haven't experienced the wonderful taste of **Basil Pesto**. This aromatic combination of basil, garlic, lemon, olive oil and pine nuts served with pasta is a traditional Italian dish imported to Australia.

Sesame seeds, cashew nuts and coriander leaves are essential ingredients in **Asian** food but there are many other seeds, nuts and leaves which enhance the flavours of everyday family meals.

Try this alternative pesto made with **parsley** and **walnuts** or **pecans**. It is not only an interesting sauce with pasta but also works well served with potatoes or cauliflower.

Blend one large bunch parsley (preferably flat leaf Italian variety) with half to three-quarters cup olive oil in a blender or food processor.

Add 50g chopped walnuts, two cloves crushed garlic, salt, pepper and a little lemon rind.

Blend until ingredients are well combined.

Mix in 50g Parmesan cheese and store covered with a thin layer of olive oil in a screw cap container. This keeps well refrigerated. When using with pasta, add a little of the cooking water to dilute to a suitable quantity and consistency.

For a pesto with an **Asian** flavour, omit Parmesan cheese, substitute peanut oil for olive oil and using similar proportions of coriander, garlic, lemon (or lime) rind and roasted cashew nuts, blend until well combined. The addition of a small seeded and chopped chilli while blending gives an authentic Thai flavour - delicious with chicken or fish.

An **Italian** condiment for roasted or grilled meat contains a simple mixture of parsley, garlic, pickled cucumbers, capers, anchovies, bread, lemon juice and olive oil.

Salsa Verde is made by whizzing all the ingredients together in a blender and makes a great substitute for mustard or horseradish.

1 thick (2cm) slice white bread, crumbled, soaked with 2 tblspns of olive oil is blended with 3 small chopped pickled cucumbers, 2 crushed cloves garlic, 2 chopped anchovies, 1 tspn capers, 1 tblspn lemon juice, with a little rind.

Add 2 more tablespoons of olive oil, salt and pepper and whiz again.

Use within 24 hours.

Almond slivers or chopped hazelnuts 'roasted' for one to two minutes in a microwave add another dimension to freshly cooked green beans and a sprinkle of **roasted spices** made from a combination of the following seeds is especially good with vegetables or sprinkled on top of a blended soup.

Dry roast each of the following separately in a hot pan until they start to smell fragrant.

2 tblspns coriander seeds, 1 tspn cumin seeds

2 tblspns black peppercorns, 1 tspn cardamom pods

2 crushed cinnamon sticks, half tspn cloves.

Whiz together in a coffee grinder or crush to a powder in a mortar and pestle. Grate in half a nutmeg and store in a screw top jar to use as required. Keeps indefinitely!

Following the success of a recent 'Christmas Dinner' held by the Bundanoon Visitors' Group at Camp Orana, local Chefs Neville Christiansen, Karen Henry and Patrick O'Loughlin agreed to share with us some favourite recipes using **nuts, seeds and leaves**.

Neville recommends using sprigs of **rosemary** when roasting poultry. Together with garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper, it provides an authentic **Italian** flavour. He also suggests adding a few sprigs of rosemary to a vegetable saute when preparing minestrone soup.

Karen's **Rocket and Sweet Potato Salad** goes equally well with a barbecue or a roast.

Peel and cut sweet potato (kumara) into thick slices, toss in a baking dish with garlic cloves, olive oil, a sprig of rosemary and bake in a moderate oven for one hour or until cooked. Allow to cool.

Wash rocket leaves and spin dry. Whisk together a dressing of balsamic vinegar, virgin olive oil, Dijon mustard with salt and pepper. Toss dressing through rocket leaves and sweet potato. Pile on to a large platter and scatter with toasted pine nuts.

This recipe can be made for two or twenty, just allow one small sweet potato and a handful of rocket leaves per person.

Patrick's **Radish Salad** to accompany barbecued or grilled meat or seafood is made from the following ingredients:

85 grams desiccated coconut is soaked in a little warm water for 5 minutes, then excess liquid is squeezed out.

Coconut, 350 grams of daikon radish, sliced very thinly is placed in a bowl with one medium red chilli, seeded and finely sliced. To this is added 1-2 tspns palm sugar (or brown sugar) dissolved in 2 tblspns white wine vinegar. Add salt to taste.

1 tspn of cumin seeds and 1 tspn of mustard seeds are gently heated in 1tblspn olive oil over a medium heat until the seeds pop. The hot oil mixture is poured over the salad which is tossed gently with a handful of coriander leaves.

(Daikon, or white radish, is available at Highlands Fresh.)

Wishing you lots of culinary adventures.

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9. Ashgrove Place. (First opening)

In the 5 years the current owners have been in residence this 1 1/2 acre garden has been transformed. One finds a blended collection of exotic trees and shrubs with bird attracting natives. Arbours and pillars abound covered in roses and wisteria. Seasonal perennials and annuals give additional colour and fragrance. The pool area and semi enclosed courtyard are almost hidden behind a riot of vegetation. Wandering through the rear garden one is taken with the sweeping rural views and the well placed benches welcome you to linger and relax as there is something new and different in every area of this property.

11. Nerrim St. (last open 1999)

One third of an acre crammed full of interesting and varied plant species. This compact garden has been developed over 11 years and many of the now splendid species of Azaleas and Camellias have been grown from cuttings. Crammed full of bulbs the garden springs alive come September and the kitchen garden provides well for its owners. An aviary and fernery add interest to the back garden. Maples and Fuchsias and a wonderful Luculia also feature. The pond in the front garden is framed by a section of 60 year old fence and a lazy lizard rests dreaming on a rock with a snail as companion.



2. Fidelis Street. (First Opening)

A new picket fence and Rose covered entrance introduce the visitor to this garden dating back to 1914. The pictures tell the story of the transformation of this old garden in the past two years. As of writing, the small front garden is as yet untouched but the new shrubbery featuring Camellias, Crab apple, Dogwoods, Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Magnolias hint at the delights to come. One passes the future summer house location past the small herb garden and rose bed and spies the bird bath nestled under the old apple tree. The garden is packed full of shrubs, perennials, bulbs and the owners much loved annuals. The visitor can pause under the Wisteria arch overlooking the pond or rest under the Golden Elm. Other features include a small birch grove, camellia hedge and rose covered lattice. Tree ferns, Yiburnum Carlesi and Luetia thrive in this much loved garden. Plans for a new walled paved area are currently under way. Shallow unfenced pond. Buses park on main road.

1. Bundanoon Flower Farm, Teudts Road (last open 2001)

A highlight of last years ramble, visitors will again have the opportunity to visit this 15 year old working flower farm and delight in the thousands of Waratahs in bloom. *Telopea speciosissima* and the rare white waratah *Warrumbirra* feature along with leucadendron and Australian protea. Not to be missed. Level but uneven terrain. Proceed 5 km down Penrose Road. Farm 2 km from Teudts Road/Penrose Rd junction along dirt road. Turning area for buses. Vegetarian food available at Buddhist Monastery opposite.



8. Ashgrove Place. (Last open 1999)

A true country garden that invites you to wander and discover the collection of cool climate trees and shrubs plus hundreds of perennials. Roses, adding colour and fragrance ramble over arbours, a wagon and a section of 100 year old post and rail fence. The roses have been under planted with over 100 varieties of bearded iris which are a special feature of this garden. Many of the gardens have been colour coordinated with others a splendid combination of colour, texture and fragrance. A duck and chook enclosure and a view over surrounding pasture land finishes the picture. Only 6 years old this 1.5 acres property will delight the garden lover.

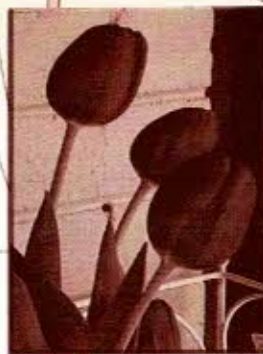
3. "Memorial Garden" corner of Church/Osborne Rds (first opening)

This small garden created as a gift to Bundanoon's residents in 1995 is set amongst the 19th century graves of the Uniting Church and provides a quiet spot for contemplation. The garden features a rose covered arbour and fountain with formal edged beds, Silver Birches, Lavender, Irises and a variety of bulbs and shrubs. A camellia hedge shields the garden from neighbours. For those interested in old graves a visit to the newly restored graveyard in the Anglican Church across the road is also worthwhile. Toilets available

Village Garden

10. Nerrim St. (First opening)

If you think garden rooms can only be achieved on a large plot - think again. This long narrow block is made up of eight small but effective rooms. The old gum surrounded by grasses features in room one. A lavender hedge connects room two featuring camellias and azaleas moving on to the bulbs and hellebores mingling with shrubs and perennials. As you approach the front door a Camellia hedge encloses the small entry garden. One is invited to move on as you catch a glimpse of the red gravel arched pathway which passes a simple gravel courtyard featuring an interesting metal sculpture. Down two steps and one is in the orchard and rose garden area. A small oriental garden with Buddha contemplating the tiny pond is found in the corner. Moving back up the path one enters the enclosed courtyard which features a fountain and raised seating area under the wisteria covered pergola.



7. Bluegum Road. (First opening)

One is introduced to this 5 acre property with a stroll up the long Azalea and Rhododendron lined drive which takes the visitor past the new parkland area. Nearer the house guarding the dry stone wall, one meets Ned Kelly a larger than life size sculpture specially commissioned by the owners. The charming mud brick home is surrounded by a rambling cottage garden. Mixed with natives the house garden is full of surprises with its interesting sculptures and ceramics and the owners collection of succulents. A vegetable garden, mini orchard and chook yard provide well for the owners. At the rear of the property is the working pottery studio and the visitor is welcome to browse the interesting display. Nearby a small area for wine grapes has been set aside. Grazing under the tall blue gums the 5 pet Alpacas complete the picture. A perfect spot for a tea break.

Refreshments - proceeds to Bundanoon Pony Club.
Buses turn at Lynne Close.



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5. Yuille Ave. (Last open 1996)

Dating back to 1911 this garden features wonderful old trees and shrubs some of the Rhododendron reaching 20ft tall. Today the visitor will approach the 6 acre property from the rear taking in the view over the national park to the left and ambling past old out buildings and the designated "significant" gum and Jacaranda preserved for the future. On reaching the garden proper one is faced with a sweeping drive and a hedge enclosed garden with Maples, Geebung and Tulip Trees mixed with conifers. A large Azalea bank provides a spectacular display in season and a small unfenced pond is protected by Crepe Myrtles. A new Barbecue area looks out over the garden. To the side of the house Rhododendrons feature with another small pond and Ornamental Cherries. At the rear a Camellia Walk with resident Bower Bird and fenced in children's playground. Plans for the future include a dam and new Barn. Unfenced water and some steep and stippery areas which can be by-passed. Parking and entrance from adjoining "Piper's Hill".

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4. Viewland Street (last open 2001)

Winner in its section in 2001 for the Garden Clubs of Australia Awards this 3/4 acre property always delights the visitor. It is filled with camellias, hydrangeas, lilacs, buddleias, young dogwoods, fruit trees and an interesting variety of roses and perennials. In spring bulbs abound and massed annuals give added colour and texture. Never satisfied the owners are continually developing new pathways, pergolas and garden beds. The owner is an expert on vermiculture and is happy to share his knowledge. Enjoy a tea break in this charming setting.

Avoid parking too close to corner.

Refreshments - Proceeds to Bundanoon Primary School

6. Yuille Ave. (last open 2000)

It is hard to believe that this now well established 3 1/2 acre country garden has been created from bare blackberry ridden paddocks in just 10 years. The garden features sweeping lawns, formal pond and vistas of large conifers, weeping copper beeches and cherry trees and includes bands of native plantings to encourage bird life. The large caged vegetable garden is a feature as is the spring-fed Dell which forms the start of Glow Worm Glen Creek. Dry stone walled terraces filled with tulips, daffodils, irises, lilies, waratahs, camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas are testimony to the hard work of the owners. Since last showing a new rainforest area has been created in the lower glen. A number of "significant" trees grow on the property which features some wonderful old Peppermint Gums.

Unfenced water. Steep paths can be avoided if necessary. parking in paddock only.

Ramble - 2002



discover native plants

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Glenboyne reborn

by Marianne Ward (nee Rowe)

Why do people return to live in Bundanoon? Well, for me, I never really left! My whole life has been quietly associated with Bundanoon as my mother Winifred, was pregnant with me when she and my father bought Glenboyne in 1941.

My father, Septimus Rowe, was an artillery officer in France and Belgium in World War I and was training troops in Sydney and Newcastle in World War II. As the Japanese invasion became more of a threat he decided to evacuate his family to a safer place and, during a brief holiday at Greenways Flats in what is now Garland Road, they met the Everett family. Mr and Mrs Everett had built Glenboyne at the top of Viewland Street in the mid thirties. However, by 1941 they felt they should be on site to manage Greenways where the nuns from Kincoppal Convent, in Rose Bay, were then in wartime residence.

Our family file of correspondence regarding the purchase of Glenboyne is filled with details about the water supply as Mr Everett had set up a pumping system from a spring-filled dam down in the valley to our water tank on the hill. It was agreed that a major part of our petrol ration would go to Mr Everett to continue pumping water until some years later when town water arrived.

Dad set about preparing for the Japanese invasion by sandbagging the cellar under the house, whitewashing the cellar walls for extra light and of course, hanging blackout blinds in every room. All this was still there when old Glenboyne was demolished in May 2001 to make way for the new Glenboyne!

We lived in the house during the war years - my sisters, Virginia and Susan (born in Sydney in 1943 and brought back to Bundanoon), my South African grandmother (who was stranded here for the duration as her return ship was commandeered as a troopship), and various wonderful helpers like the 18-year-old English nanny who insisted on wearing her starched London uniform and veil to push the pram down to the village shops! We all looked forward to the rare weekend when Dad could visit us, coming down on the steam train - we could hear the whistle as the train chugged up the grade and through the cutting near the first overhead bridge and we would rush down to the station to meet him.

Once peace came we returned to live in Sydney but every school and university holiday was spent at Glenboyne. These

were the happiest days, great bike rides to Penrose, or all day horse rides to Paddy's River swimming hole. The gullies were our stamping ground and we really thought we owned Glow Worm Glen. Every tree and stone had its own story and the footbridges over the creeks were great places to play Poohsticks! Sliding on tin trays down the steep grassy slopes of our bottom paddock was the greatest fun in summer. As we got older, (and naughtier!), we would go for evening walks, pop into the manual exchange at the old post office and ring mother

up (sorry, wrong number!) or help whoever was on duty at the station change the points for the trains (they had the best coal fires in winter). A round of golf at the Bundanoon Golf Course (now Parklands Estate) was great - not sure about the state of the fairways and greens after we'd finished! And of course we wouldn't miss the pictures every Wednesday

and Saturday at the Memorial Hall where we rolled jaffas down the aisles and enjoyed chocolate-coated icecreams from the Bon Ton Café.

In all, we owned eight acres of land around Glenboyne house. However, over time, the Council demands regarding blackberries and rabbits became too much and Dad slowly sold off all but the one-acre house block which had the most wonderful view out over Morton National Park.

As time passed my husband Ned and I used the house much more

than my sisters. Because we were anxious to retire from 25 very busy years of bookselling, we suggested to my sisters that we buy out their interest in the old house.

Everything transferred very smoothly and in 2000 Ned and I started to explore what to do with Glenboyne for permanent living. The fibro-lined, uninsulated, tin-roofed weatherboard cottage from the thirties was great as a weekender but not for longterm living.

So, we found ourselves an excellent Southern Highlands architect and an excellent Southern Highlands builder. Demolition started in May 2001 and we returned to Glenboyne II in late October 2001. We have just had a wonderfully cosy winter in our properly heated and well insulated house in which just about every room has a great view. Most important of all, Glenboyne II really looks like the old house right down to matching the profile of the old weatherboards and the roof and wall colours. Ned and I have years ahead re-establishing the garden (but we do have great red soil) and we are very happy to be living once again in Glenboyne, Bundanoon... maybe for another 60 years!



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Allan operated his own restaurant at Bondi Beach then, becoming Boardroom Chef and Functions Manager with a major newspaper for fourteen years and then House Manager for the Rich and Famous. While on long service leave Allan helped Ian to set up his nursery and gift shop and realised how much he appreciated the quiet life with normal people in Bundanoon.

Most of the plants in the nursery are grown on a trial basis in Ian's two-acre garden or in the various Bundanoon gardens where he has worked.

You'll find Allan in the shop in his favourite role as maitre d' and he loves to chat. Ian is outside offering advice from his wealth of experience and is more than happy to research from the internet if required.

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Erith coalmine - a brief history

By Andrew Pardoe, Bundanoon History Group

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Staging and lift, Erith Coal Mine Courtesy State Library NSW
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Bundanoon lies in an area known as the South Western Coal Field. The coal seam dates back 220-275 million years.

The Erith Coal Mine lies about 2.5 kilometres south of the Bundanoon Township in what is now the Morton National Park. The coal seam lies about 25 metres below the top of a cliff. The mine itself is on the western side of a narrow gully with a waterfall nearby.

Mr Martin Larkin is credited with having started the coal mining industry in Bundanoon. In 1867 he applied for mineral rights to his property near Bundanoon Creek and developed what became known as the Rock Roof Mine. He initially worked the mine himself but was later joined by some friends from Sydney. Two hundred tons of coal was produced at the mine during 1871 to 1872 which was valued at 160 pounds.

Mr Larkin and his associates had spent the considerable sum of £2,000 in developing the mine; however, they proved to be

unsuccessful. By about 1876 the mine had closed for a number of reasons.

By late 1881 Mr Larkin had sold his property to Mr Ezekial Alexander Baker and his two sons. Mr Baker senior was a prominent NSW state politician at the time as well as being a mining entrepreneur.

The Bakers opened a coal mine at, or very close to, Mr Larkin's Rock Roof Mine and named it Erith after the area in England from whence he came.

They initially proved to be more successful than Mr. Larkin because they developed it in an easterly and northerly direction as opposed to Mr Larkin's westerly direction. The coal seam in this new direction was an improvement.

During 1881 to 1882, 18 men mined 50 tons of coal per day and, as the quality of coal was improving, a small quantity was placed on the market.

An eight horsepower stationary engine lifted the skips of coal to the top of the cliff. From there the full skips were pulled by horse traction along a tramway to a siding at the Great Southern Rail where the coal was loaded into freight trains.

Things went well at Erith until about late 1884. In May 1884 about 300 tons of coal per week was being produced. Bundanoon was talked of as becoming the Lithgow of the Southern Line.

Men worked for five shillings per day during the 1880s.

Late 1884 and early 1885 saw industrial action at Erith. Work stopped in late 1885 due to lack of sales. Things did not improve in 1886 to 1887 and no work done at all. In late 1887 the equipment and mine were

advertised for sale.

On 20 April 1895 a report in the local press stated that no work had been done at Erith for 12 years. The property had been sold to James Fletcher and Samuel Palmer of Sydney. Glowing reports were made in the local press about Erith. 2,173 tons of coal was mined during 1896.

It is difficult to determine when Erith closed. One source stated it was in late 1896 in favour of coal from other areas which was more accessible and of better quality.

It was around this time that Erith stopped being mentioned in the local press. It was also not included in the Department of Mines Inspector's annual report for 1896.

Erith's rail siding was dismantled in 1915 when the main rail line from Sydney was duplicated.

the tree riddle

The slightly unreliable puzzle page makes its return this issue with a very 'Garden Ramble' theme.

The 'Tree Riddle' is a multiple riddle that dates from the 19th Century. There are a total of 65 answers, with some answers having been lost over time. It will take the botanically experienced to solve the majority of the riddles. Those that get over 30, please number your answers on a sheet of paper, send them in to JCG and we will publish the results. (Don't forget to include your name and phone number too!)

Some of the answers are quite straight forward, some are a little harder, some phonetically challenged. For example: And the tree that is nearest the sea: Beech; the tree in a fog: haze-l; the tree that we offer to friends when we meet: Palm

The Tree Riddle

What's the sociable tree, and the dancing tree,
And the tree that is nearest the sea;
The most yielding tree, the busiest tree,
And the tree where ships may be?

The languishing tree, the least selfish tree,
And the tree that bears a curse;
The chronologist's tree, the fisherman's tree,
And the tree like an Irish nurse?

The tell-tale tree, and the traitor tree,
And the tree that's the warmest clad;
The layman's restraint, and the housewife's tree,
And the tree that makes one sad?

The tree that with death befrights you,
The tree that your wants would supply,
The tree that to travel invites you,
And the tree that forbids you to die?

The tree that will fight, and the tree that obeys you,
And the tree that never stands still;
The tree that got up, and the tree that is lazy,
And the tree neither up nor down hill?

The tree to be kissed, and the dandiest tree,
The tree guiding ships to go forth;
The tree of the people, the unhealthiest tree,
And the tree whose wood faces north?

The tree in a battle, the tree in a fog,
And the tree that bids the joints pain;
The terrible tree when schoolmasters flog,
And the tree a mother and child do name.

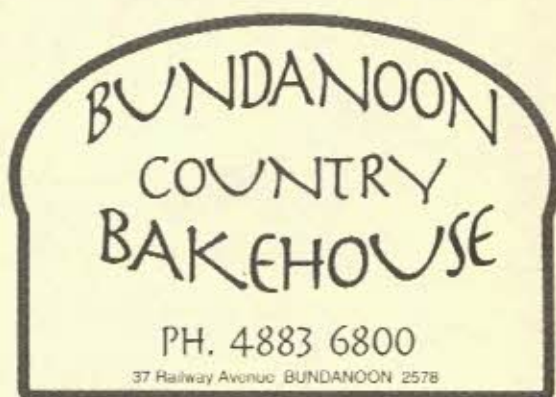
The emulous tree, the industrious tree,
And the tree that warms mutton when cold;
The reddest brown tree and the reddest blue tree,
And the tree one becomes ere one's old?

The treacherous tree, the contemptible tree,
The tree to which wines are inclined;
The tree that causes each townsman to flee,
And what round fair ankles are twined?

The tree that's entire, and the tree that is split,
The tree half given by doctors when ill;
The tree that we offer to friends when we meet,
And the tree we may use as a quill?

The tree that's immortal, and the trees that are not,
And the tree that must pass through the fire;
The tree that in Latin can ne'er be forgot,
And in English we all most admire?

The Egyptian plague tree, the tree that is dear,
And what round itself doth entwine;
The tree that in billiards must ever be near,
And the tree that by Cockneys is turned into wine?



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The Mums from Bundanoon Playgroup put together yet another fantastic float for Brigadoon.

This year our fearless leader Robyn came up with the brilliant idea of a field of thistles. With a few hours work our little thistles came up trumps taking out first prize in the parade for the second year running. A big thank you goes to all those Mums who helped stage the event. Special thanks also goes to Jason Slater for towing the field of thistles to victory. We would like to commend the organisers of this year's parade for notifying the place getters so promptly. It was much better for those involved, as well as the spectators.

Our other major event for this year was our Big Morning Tea for the Cancer Council. We are very pleased to say that we raised more money than we did last year. This year's total was \$280. Thank you all for your attendance and generous donations. So that those hard at work did not miss out we took a selection of cakes around to the local businesses. They were big caters and very generous donors.

Playgroup is for children under school age. For those new Mums to the area with children of this age, we extend an invitation to attend our growing playgroup.

It is held each Monday in the old community health building next to the Post Office. Annual fees are \$21 and \$2 per week.

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The Playgroup's Float - a field of thistles for the Brigadoon Parade.

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If you missed (probably) our recital at Berrima Anglican Church on Saturday 14 September, we look forward to seeing as many Bundanoonians as possible in the stunningly refurbished Holy Trinity Anglican Church at 2.30 Saturday 28 September.

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No one wants to think that they will end their days in a nursing home and most people avoid visiting such places! Being a registered nurse does not make this possibility any more attractive and so when a relative needs this level of care, it is a heart wrenching decision!

Nearly 12 months ago my uncle's health deteriorated and he needed nursing home placement. After over a month in Royal North Shore Hospital, finding a nursing home became an urgent need and he was placed in a nursing home in Sydney but on the waiting list for Linkside. Now that he is well settled in Linkside, we can appreciate the special care more and more with each passing day. The comparison between the two places is unbelievable and I have nothing but praise for the staff at Linkside.

The physical trauma and lack of care my uncle experienced at the nursing home in Sydney I find distressing and best not described! However, the ability of all the staff at Linkside to treat every resident as if they are the only one, and 'special' is unique, most appreciated by my uncle and all our family. This restores my lost confidence in the nursing profession. The nursing staff give excellent nursing care with effective pain management that has resulted in a tremendous improvement in my uncle's health and wellbeing. He is listened to, his contribution is appreciated and he is treated as an equal. He enjoys special times with many staff and they often listen to his

stories from the past. Laughter is often heard as you walk in the front door and you are always greeted warmly. Visitors are not only welcomed and encouraged but also appreciated for any help they can give.

The Linkside staff is tremendously positive and supportive, giving the residents many happy times in their eventide of life. Not all the residents have family to visit them and so the staff often become the only family they know. As a community, the residents of Bundanoon can enrich Linkside by supporting the activities and the efforts of the staff. Also Linkside makes a very positive contribution to our community. The excellence in care surpassed by none!

In writing this, I don't know how much longer my uncle will be there. He is frail and has suffered much in the last 12 months. Moving him closer to us but away from his friends was a difficult decision but one that I will never regret due to the good care and amazing staff here at Linkside.

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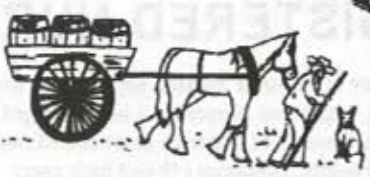
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Linkside nursing home



Linkside Nursing Home has been a part of Bundanoon's local heritage for over 40 years and continues to provide excellent aged care services. It is a major employer for the village and district communities employing over 50 staff. "We belong in Bundanoon and have a strong commitment to meeting the

needs of local older people," said Operations Manager Mark Sewell.

Owned and operated by Warrigal Care since 1994, Linkside Nursing Home provides accommodation for 42 residents at Old Wingello Road, Bundanoon. It is a non-profit public benevolent organisation with other aged care services in Wollongong, Sydney, Goulburn and Queanbeyan.

The facilities at Bundanoon include the nursing home and a self care village situated on 18 acres of landscaped gardens, providing a country cottage atmosphere within a peaceful environment.

"There are further plans to expand the facility and to establish a service for people with low care needs. This will enable us to provide the full range of accommodation and care for older people in Bundanoon should they need it. We would also like to establish a community care program in the village so that we can provide support for people in their own homes. Linkside Nursing Home is fully accredited by the Federal Government for the maximum three year period from 2000. The nursing home is acclaimed for its holistic approach to care. "I often get appreciative reports from residents and their families," said Regional Manager Leanne Taylor.



Socialising with families and local residents is essential to the holistic care approach at Linkside Nursing Home

REGISTERED NURSES

Warrigal Care is currently seeking applications from experienced Registered Nurses for Linkside Aged Care Facility, Bundanoon (42 bed high care) and Mirambeena Aged Care Facility, Goulburn (49 bed high care).

We have vacancies for both permanent and casual positions.

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Salary and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Nursing Homes & C. Nurses (State) Award.

For further enquiries and a copy of the job description/specification please contact the Regional Manager of Southern Highlands and Sydney, Ms Leanne Taylor on (02) 4257 4257 or 0407 009 558.

Written applications addressing the essential criteria are to be forwarded to Human Resources Manager, PO Box 435, ALBION PARK, NSW, 2527.

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Under the leadership of Vernia Blundell, Manager and Director of Nursing, and Jenny Troy, the Clinical Care Manager, there are 58 staff at Linkside, committed to the residents.

They assist with celebrations and events at the nursing home and it is obvious that it is more than just a job. Registered nurses are on duty throughout the day and night. Enrolled nurses, assistants in nursing and care service employees complete the teams, working either full or part time. "Warrigal Care is committed to offering flexible working arrangements for staff. To ensure our residents are happy, we are aware of the need to provide family friendly work arrangements for our staff," said Vernia Blundell. "We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic people to join our team."

As well as offering high quality personal service at Linkside, the special needs of residents are considered. Residents have the choice of their own doctor and access to a visiting physiotherapist, podiatrist, optometrist, dentist, pharmacist and, when necessary, dietician. Palliative care is also available at Linkside.

Besides the security and comfort of the nursing home, residents also enjoy home cooked freshly prepared meals. "One of the advantages of a smaller facility is the ability to cater for each individual's taste; a small aspect that is greatly appreciated by each of our residents," said Vernia.

For information about admission to the Linkside Nursing Home, or if there are enquiries about employment or volunteering opportunities, people are asked to contact the Manager, Vernia Blundell, on 4883 6066 or 1800 626670.

Garden club

It is Spring and if you live in Bundanoon you are twice blessed!

Our Club membership is growing rapidly and the reason for this, I believe, is that we encourage a friendly atmosphere and we provide education through our first-class lending library. We also have a trade table where you will find the best quality plants (at times, some very rare species) and fresh fruit and vegetables. We also have the best morning tea in the village.

As if that is not enough, we engage the services of highly respected and knowledgeable guest speakers. For example, in June, our member Elyane Lenthall, who holds a Diploma in Clinical Nutrition, gave a most informative presentation 'Healthy Plants, Healthy People'. Elyane reminded us that we are fortunate to be living in the Southern Highlands with the protection of our wonderful old trees, also that we need to eat more fresh cooked and uncooked fruit and vegetables. As a rule, we need 20% protein, 5% fats and 75% fruit and grains for a healthy lifestyle. It was a relief to be told by Elyane that gardeners don't usually need to exercise as they get plenty in the garden. Aren't we lucky!

In July, Heather Prior, who is a world judge of Louisiana Iris held the gathering spellbound with her slides and commentary on these beautiful plants. Louisiana Iris originated in America, so Heather is very proud to be now exporting her hybrids back to America. Our members quickly snapped up the excellent variety of iris available for sale on the day.

In August we welcomed Ted Duncan, President of the Highlands Garden Society, who spoke on the growing and care of hydrangeas. Ted's comprehensive slide collection and commentary encouraged many questions from our members. Ted also treated us to a practical pruning session.

Following our August meeting we were welcomed at Leila and Jim Merson's garden for the third year running for a rose

pruning demonstration by Jim who is a highly respected Rosarian. At least fifty members enjoyed Leila's and Jim's generosity.

Some of our regular activities include a monthly picnic outing, day coach trips and monthly Friendship Garden visits.

Our members Sue and Graham Wilson have been invited to open their garden for Tulip Time during September/October, and I thoroughly recommend that you gather up your friends and take them along to visit this beautiful garden in Viewland Street.

An up-date on the Nancy Kingsbury Memorial Park... Jean Foskett, who is the late Nancy's sister, after visiting our club twice, felt so at home that she has joined the club and travels from Blakehurst for our meetings. She has kindly made a donation towards the restoration of the park. A very proud President attended the Council's Community Grant Presentation evening to receive a Certificate for \$2000 towards the restoration. So the park will soon take on a new face.

What do we have coming up? In September, Gerda Foster will speak on her favourite subject 'Slow Food'; in October, a representative from Parks and Wildlife will visit; in November, Elizabeth Swane will be here and we finally round off the year with our Christmas Luncheon at Craigieburn.

If you would like to participate in any of our activities, expand your gardening knowledge, or feel you have something to share with our members,

please come along to the Memorial Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 9.30 am, for a cup of tea and a chat before the meeting starts at 10 am.

For more information please ring our Secretary, Neville on 4883 7191, or check the notice board in the porch of the Memorial Hall for our monthly updates.

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Cwa report

This is a very busy time for our members, with fundraising days such as an International Day afternoon tea and a Medical Research luncheon. The money raised on these days goes to the Wollondilly Group and then to Head Office for distribution.

With 480 NSW branches alone, we raise considerable amounts of money for numerous projects and charities and our small branch gives generously to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Travellers' Aid and Coins for Friendship etc.

At this year's annual NSW CWA Conference at Gunnedah, a cheque for \$28,000 was given to Retina Australia for the condition of retinitis pigmentosis. This was the largest single donation and we hope it will help to find a cure.

Canada was the focus of our international study day. Six children and their parents from Bundanoon Primary School made a most colourful and informative poster about Canada and earned a donation of \$100 for their school.

Other highlights have been guest speakers from Bundanoon: Sylvie Commeau-Hall spoke of her French Canadian

background and Leisa Reid told us of her visit to the Calgary Stampede.

We were very sorry to farewell Helen Sargent who is moving to Goulburn as she has been a generous contributor to many of our functions.

Her cooking skills will be missed as well as her very delightful and popular personality. We wish her good health and happiness.

Our knitters have been very busy with over seventy beanies for cancer patients and smaller beanies and booties for premature babies, together with small patchwork quilts. Trauma Teddies and knitted rugs are also continuing projects.

For new arrivals in Bundanoon we wish you welcome and would love you to contact us. Please call either our President Mrs Marie Reid on 4883 6526 or our

Secretary Mrs Kath Jay on 4883 6418. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at one o'clock.

Joyce Spencer
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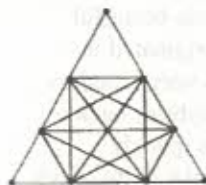
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So just have a look and ask yourself what if a bush-fire started in the area? How can I minimise the risk around my home? Am I prepared for the worst?

For more information, please feel free to come down to the Bush Fire Station in Burgess Street (next door to the preschool) where we meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm and we will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

On a lighter note, six members who joined us at the start of the year have now completed and passed basic training, so my congratulations go to:

Heather Hardie
Sharyn Rowley
John Everett
Brian Burns
Mark Turner
Greg Amos
WELL DONE!

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sports clubs

Our new sports page has its own Editor, Ross Armfield, who will be contacting all the sports club representatives in the coming months.

Ross will be responsible for the format and content of this page. We apologise that some submissions have not appeared in this edition.

bowling & recreation club

Over forty people enjoyed the Luke Hines Fund Raising Day held in July. Our thanks to the Bundanoon Bowling and Recreation Club for the use of their greens and clubhouse. We raised \$700 to assist Luke (and Wayne Cernovskis - another young local), to make the Academy Young Achievers Rugby League Team to tour France in October.

Families are always welcome at the Bowling Club. We now have a games room for the young people and always welcome visitors to learn the game of bowls or croquet. We also play carpet bowls on Friday evenings.

The club hopes to open a new restaurant in the near future where members and guests will be most welcome.
Ron Angel 4883 6150

bundanoon park women's bowling club

Members have been very busy these last few months. Our President's Day was followed by Open Triples Day and on both occasions we catered for morning tea and lunch for over fifty bowlers. A game of bowls was enjoyed by all, and 'Our Spider' (a donation to be given to a charity selected by the President) was sent to the Glaucoma Foundation.

This year the 'Triple Prizes' were sponsored by Donavon Oakes Hannaford Mortgage Corp Ltd:

1st Prize: Bowral Ladies - \$150 per team

2nd Prize: Goulburn Womens - \$60 per team.

The weather was lovely on these days, which does add to the enjoyment of playing, and it was good to see the greens with so many bowlers on them.

During winter on very cold or wet days, we played carpet bowls - great fun and plenty of laughter could be heard from the auditorium!

Our AGM took place on June 25th and we have a new President, Shirley Scott. We wish Shirley a very happy and successful term in office.

Once again, to anyone wishing to try the game of bowls, you are welcome at the Club each Thursday at 10 am or phone Roslyn, Hon Sec on 4883 6787.

croquet club

Well folks, Spring is here and what better thing to do than have a game of croquet in the fresh air of lovely Bundanoon. Good exercise, good company, pleasant surroundings and a nice cup of tea midway through the morning. You will find croquet to be a challenging and fun game.

The Bundanoon Croquet Club is ten years old. Recently, we celebrated the occasion with a morning of croquet followed by

a delicious lunch and a cake cutting ceremony. Our oldest member, John Hope, cut the cake and blew the candles out. It was so good to have four of our founding members, Jim and Leila Merson, with Axel and Gay Petersen, present at this happy time.

A number of members have played away at the Urunga and Port Macquarie carnivals. Some of them came home with trophies which was great to see. Croquet carnivals are friendly and enjoyable occasions, well organised and a great opportunity to meet up with friends all over New South Wales and other States.

DG For further information ring Dick Topham on 4883 6721.

bundanoon movers

This is a gentle exercise class for the over-50s, but everyone is welcome. The class includes movement to music, strengthening and stretching exercises, plus relaxation. There is always time for a chat, laughter and the odd joke or two.

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swimming club

The swimming season at Bundanoon Swimming Centre opens on Saturday 28 September, the start of the school holidays, and closes on Sunday 2 March - an extension of five weeks on the previous two seasons. There will be coaching available at Bundanoon on all levels, based on demand.

Our Swim Meets are held on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. The Club is open to all age groups. The committee is preparing for another season scheduled to start on 16 October.

Insurance for clubs such as ours remains a problem, so please keep an eye on school newsletters and posters around the village, or contact a committee member for information regarding membership, registration and swimming programmes. We will do our best to keep you informed.

Margaret Brignall, Secretary, 4883 6757

soccer club

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Uniting church



Greetings from Bundanoon Uniting Church. The months just fly by! We have had a few visits on Sundays from members of the Pitt Street, Sydney congregation and others holidaying in Bundanoon whom we have warmly welcomed. Our services are certainly varied, being taken variously by our Minister the Reverend Christopher Paine; by our Elders on the second Sunday each month; and Lay Preacher John Hawksley on the fourth Sunday when we have a shortened joyful service shared with our Rosnel Hostel congregation (preceded by morning coffee). Fifth Sundays when they occur are shared between the Moss Vale, Robertson and Bundanoon congregations and notified via church notice boards. The Reverend Lloyd Vidler will be joining our church, leading worship one Sunday a month in the area, and is helping us set up our Pastoral Partners Network which is a new approach to pastoral care within our congregations. It has been lovely to see folk enjoying the Garden of Memories, one family with a picnic lunch in the gazebo. We do appreciate those who give their time when they can to weeding and lovingly maintaining the garden. Not a lot of news since the last Gazette but we invite you to join us, assuring all of a warm welcome. Our church is open for prayer from 11am Thursdays and there is a half-hour service and basket lunch from 12.30pm Thursdays (tea/coffee provided). Our Minister can be contacted on 4868 1134.

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Antiques & Gifts	Open House of Bundanoon	9
Automotive Engineers	Petersen's Garage Pty Ltd	2
Bakery	Bundanoon Country Bakehouse	28
Beautician Service	Heaven Sent Mobile Beauty Service	23
Bicycles/Cafe	Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe Cafe de Railleur	26
Bobcat & Tipper Hire	Don Turner's Earthworks	17
Bookshop	The Sage	26
Building Contractor	Ground Up Building	38
Butcher	Bundanoon Butcher Martin Rocca	19
Cabinet Maker	Ray L. Wheatley	35
Cafe/Restaurant	The Old Post Office Cafe	15
Canine Care	Highlands Canine Care	12
Chimney Sweep	Brad Parker	29
Clothing	Whytes	8
Computers	John Rumsey	14
Dance School	Step by Step Dance School	34
Delicatessen	Bundanoon Delicatessen	35
Desktop Publishing	Scribblegum DTP Services	14
Electrical Contractor	Chris Bromfield	29
Engineer/Draftsperson	Peter Ellsmore & Associates Pty Ltd	2
Florist	Annette's Florist	30
Furniture	Reid Brothers Furniture	29
Gas & Electrical Appliances	AGL Energy Shop	14
Gas & Electrical Appliances/Computers & Communications	Harvey Norman Moss Vale	39
Gift Store	The Good Yarn Shop	35
Guesthouse	Mildenhall Guesthouse	14
Health Retreat	Solar Springs	23
Home Furnishings	Highland Blinds	39
Hotel	Bundanoon Hotel	35
Landscape & Rural Supplies	Penrose Country Supplies	17
Liquor Store	Pioneer Flask, Bundanoon	31
Massage	Verena Libbey-Faes	23
Medical	Lynwood Medical & Natural Health Centre	34
Medical Practitioner	Dr Susan Richardson	37
Member for Southern Highlands	Peta Seaton MP	9
Milk and Dairy Products	David & Kerry Stimson	9
Motor Vehicle Dealership	Allan Mackay Autos	6
Newsagent	Bundanoon Newsagency	19
Nursery	Bundanoon Village Nursery	33
Nursery	Moss Vale Garden Centre	33
Nursery	Bundanoon Bloomey	26
Painting & Decorating	S & J Osmond	16
Patchwork & Quilting Lessons	Jennifer Corkish	12
Pharmacy	Bundanoon Pharmacy	19
Plumber	Rundle's Plumbing	16
Plumbing	Mark Corbett	31
Politics	Joanna Gash MP	25
Post Office	Australia Post Bundanoon	4
Printer	Bowral Print & Design	39
Real Estate Agent	Peter Rocca Real Estate	25
Real Estate Agent	Bundanoon Real Estate	39
Real Estate	Ron Speller - LJ Hooker	30
Restaurant	Bundanoon Chinese Restaurant	35
Roofing & Plumbing	Reliable Roofing & Plumbing	2
Sandstone	Quarry Bundanoon Sandstone	2
Service Station	Argyle Street Auto Port	12
Sign Writing	Alan Weston Signs	28
Solicitors	Lamond Howard & Associates	28
Supermarket, Hardware & Video Hire	Bundanoon Supermarket	9
Tipper & Grader Hire	Dean Worner	31
Veterinary Surgeon	Bundanoon Vet Surgery	35
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Councillor David Fairall	25

CHURCH TIMES

Anglican Church of Sutton Forest

Sunday Services

Holy Trinity, Bundanoon	...	...	7.45 am & 5.30 pm
St Aidan's, Exeter	...	...	9.30 am

St Stephen's, Tallong

1st & 3rd Sundays:	...	...	1.30 pm
2nd & 4th Sundays:	...	...	10.00 am
All Saints, Sutton Forest	...	...	11.15 am
1st & 3rd Sundays:	...	...	11.00 am
2nd & 4th Sundays:	...	...	2.30 pm

Uniting Church, Church St, Bundanoon

Sunday	...	...	11am
Thursday	12.30pm

St Brigid's Catholic Church, Hill St, Bundanoon

Sunday	10am
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St Paul's Catholic Church, Garrett St, Moss Vale

Vigil Mass Saturday	6pm
Sunday	8am & 9.30am

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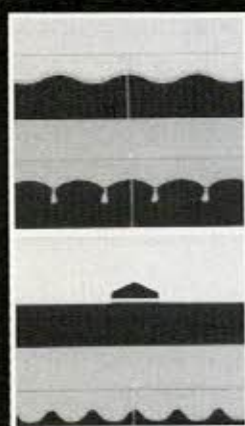
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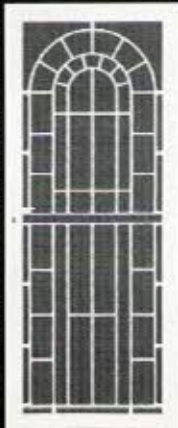
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