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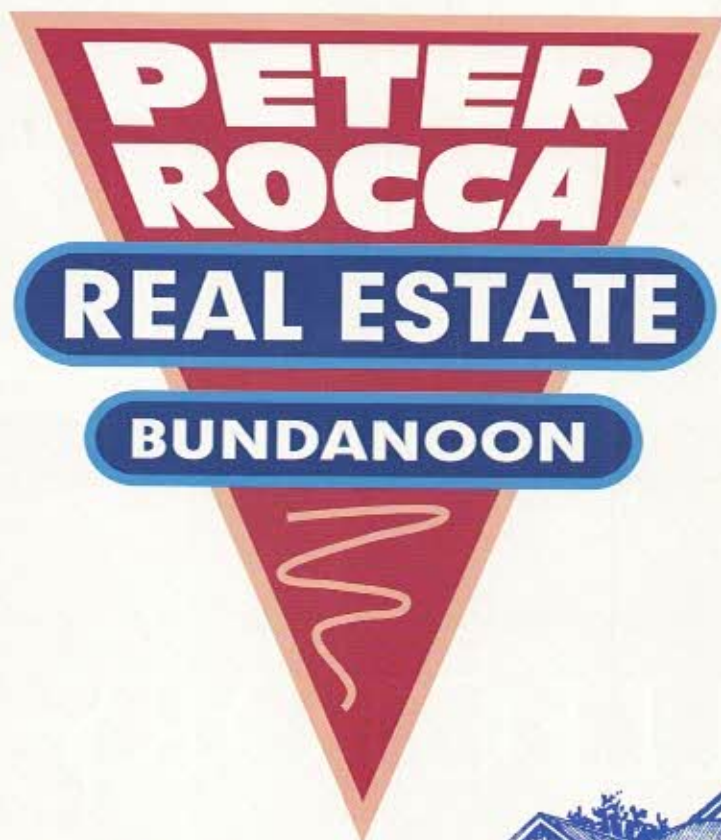
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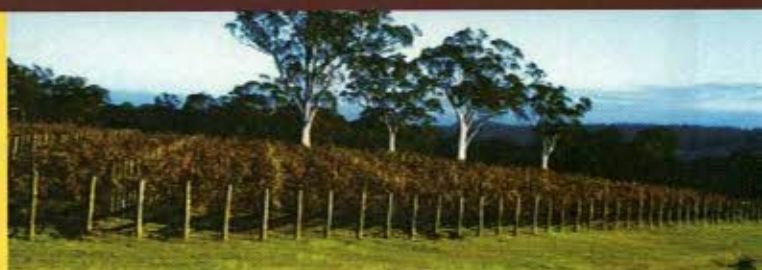


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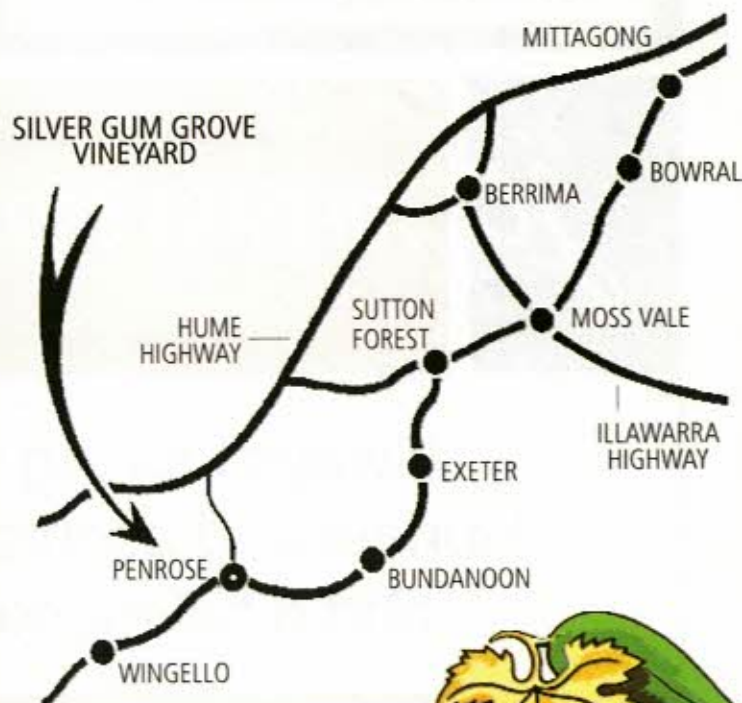
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*jcg* wishes to thank retiring BCDA president Danien Beets for his contribution to the development of our magazine. Behind the scenes he has encouraged us to be innovative and professional, and we wish him well.

We have developed to a point where the amount of advertising is equivalent to the editorial content which means that *jcg* is entirely self supporting. As demand for colour

advertising has increased we have been able to use more colour to enhance our articles. We have some talented writers who have contributed to our publication but as is the case with all volunteer organisations our regular contributors are not always available. Many of our stories require interviews and we are looking for people who would be able to do some of those for us. We can always assist with writing and editing. Some regular features start in this issue and we intend to add more.

Please let me know if you have other suggestions or would like to join our 'editorial staff'.

**Pam Davies**

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## BCDA meetings

Third Thursday each month:  
AGM: 16 Mar, 20 Apr, 18 May '06  
Start 7:30pm in Supper Room at rear of Hall. All welcome.

## Hall Hire

To enquire about bookings and rates for the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, please call Gale Pritchett: 4883 7195.



## Council news

Councillor Jim Clark

Despite the recent focus on liability problems involved in running local events, the community is managing to rise above such difficulties. Brigadoon is going from strength to strength, with the Exeter Village Fayre soon to be revived. The Highland Fling mountain bike competition was a great success last year so the future of community run events seems assured. Such events require sound management and skilful organization. Full credit to the local community groups and individuals prepared to take on the challenge!

Council is getting serious about tree preservation. Property owners and earthmoving contractors who clear native vegetation from land zoned for environmental protection and ignore the council's preservation order can be subject to fines or legal action. This also applies to removing vegetation from land which contains ecologically endangered fauna communities and to council owned roadsides.

Council is in the process of reviewing some of the Development Control Plans (DCP's) as well as introducing a new DCP for Bundanoon and a separate Residential DCP. Following this the overall shire wide draft Local Environment Plan (LEP) will be released towards the end of the year. The NSW Department of Planning is moving toward requiring all development controls that apply to a particular site to be covered in one document. It is also intended to provide all the DCPs on council's website.

Despite the recent decision to downsize the mobile library service, council will be investigating the placement of a kiosk internet terminal in Bundanoon. The terminal would allow public access to the council's library website. As Bundanoon has no community technology centre such as those at Robertson and Hill Top, it is hoped that agreement can be reached with a local business to host the service.

The proposed expansion of the Linkside Nursing Home at Bundanoon has been approved by Council. The existing 42-bed building will be demolished and an expanded 106-bed facility will be constructed. The approval comes after some negotiation over the siting of access and service roads and the imposition of further conditions for drainage and screening for neighbours.

Please contact me for any matters of Council concern: ph 0428 213 939 or email [jdm22@bigpond.com](mailto:jdm22@bigpond.com).



## BCDA update

Danien Beets, President



It feels strange to be sitting in a hotel room looking out at the skyline of Hong Kong and its bustling harbour, and thinking about Bundanoon, its community and our local magazine.

With the company I work for having secured the design and management process for the Equestrian Facilities for the 2008 Olympic Games, I am spending one week in four here, which means when I am at home I am very busy with my family and trying to squeeze all the things I usually do into three weeks.

While this is a very exciting time in my professional career and a wonderful opportunity for our company, it does unfortunately mean I can't give the necessary time to my role as President of the BCDA. It was with a degree of sadness that I wrote my resignation letter to be read out at the February meeting. I have been president of the BCDA for three years and I am constantly impressed with the dedication and hard work of our volunteers and sub-committees. Every year Bundanoon's community is fostered, celebrated, and enhanced by the dedicated efforts of individuals within our town. Sometimes this goes unnoticed by the general community.

When I drive back into Bundanoon after being away, jetlagged, tired and looking forward to seeing my family, the drive through Bundanoon is a joy. I feel a sense of belonging, a sense of involvement and a real sense of enjoyment in being home.

I would encourage everyone to be involved, and to consider our town as unique.

**The BCDA AGM will be held on 16 March. We represent a community forum designed to voice and act on the wishes of the community as a whole. You are welcome to join us.**

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# Making a grand entrance

by David Beasley, BCDA Green Team

community

Have you noticed how the entrances to Bundanoon have changed during the course of 2005? As you enter Bundanoon, you cannot fail to see how beautiful it is and how much pride we residents have in our town.

At the Northern approach, the dilapidated garden bed at the Information Bay was removed and replaced with four flowering pear trees. The mown area of the Information Bay was extended towards Exeter to enhance the entry to town. Approximately 70 trees were planted in the Information Bay and Arboretum as well as 1500 daffodils. A number of trees have been planted in Bellevue Park at the Southern approach to Bundanoon.

In the Arboretum, the untidy watercourse was transformed with sandstone boulders and random planting of flax, kangaroo paw and other hardy plants. At his own expense, Don Turner prepared the watercourse with his excavator and



then helped move the sandstone boulders which Bundanoon Sandstone provided and delivered free of charge. We really are grateful for the support of these Bundanoon businesses.

These improvements have been achieved through the efforts of The Green Team, one of the many active sub-committees of the BCDA. Four or five working bees during the year completed specific projects with the aim of beautifying Bundanoon.

As the year drew to a close, the enhancements were capped off with a major contribution to our town by the erection of fabulous town signs at both approaches in Bundanoon sandstone and the installation of a wonderful sculpture of a lyrebird in sandstone at the Railway Avenue and Erith Street intersection.



The generous support of Bundanoon Sandstone underlies the completion of the new Bundanoon signs. Giselle and **Stephen Jones** (pictured, middle) of Bundanoon Sandstone were enthusiastic about the proposal when it was put to them and kindly agreed to donate materials and craftsmanship to build them. Stephen also contributed to the selection of the design with advice on size and proportions of the sign.

A number of other town signs in Wingecarribee and Illawarra were studied before coming up with the design. We may be biased, but they are clearly the most attractive town signs around.

Wingecarribee Shire Council have been very supportive and also provided funds to go towards the construction of the signs. Because of the generosity of Bundanoon Sandstone and other contractors, sufficient funds remain to enable erection of signs in the Information Bay detailing Bundanoon's history.

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# An update on our passenger rail



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After six months, many of the complaints about our rail service have been left unanswered.

CRASH's suggestion of one or two diesel cars being taken out of service in the Hunter valley has been rejected (these are to be scrapped) and further, Rail Corp has advised the Minister that while there is potential to increase rail services between Moss Vale and Goulburn later this year 'limited patronage of off-peak services on the Goulburn line cannot justify the operation of the Endeavour cars that had formerly operated on the Hunter Line'.

Also, a combined service between City Rail and CountryLink to provide a better spread of trains has not been considered.

Minister Watkins' letter continued, 'Rail Corp has advised me that the integrated bus service with an interchange to rail services at Moss Vale is considered to best serve public transport in this area'.

That is the clear message. If you want the convenience of a train service in the future, USE IT OR LOSE IT!!

CRASH lobbying pressure, with Southern Highlands Rail Users Group (SHRUG) has had a few wins: Bundanoon is now a designated stop on the Canberra CountryLink service and can be booked any time on the web [www.countrylink.info](http://www.countrylink.info) or by phone 132232. Discount fares apply depending on lead time of booking. This is an excellent service and we encourage you to use it.

The off-peak bus service between Goulburn and Moss Vale and weekend bus links to and from Moss Vale are also concessions made by Rail Corp.

CRASH will continue to lobby the Minister about the service but we need your support. Help us by using the services and continue to write to the Minister about the need for good public transport.

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## Get ready for a Highland Fling! (11-12 Nov 2006)

Wild Horizons is holding a meeting for local businesses, community groups and individuals wishing to be involved in the 2006 VAUDE Highland Fling. This will be on Thursday 23 March, 7pm, in the Supper Room at the Bundanoon Hall. All welcome. Contact Fiona on (02) 4883 6509 or [fling@wildhorizons.com.au](mailto:fling@wildhorizons.com.au) for further details.

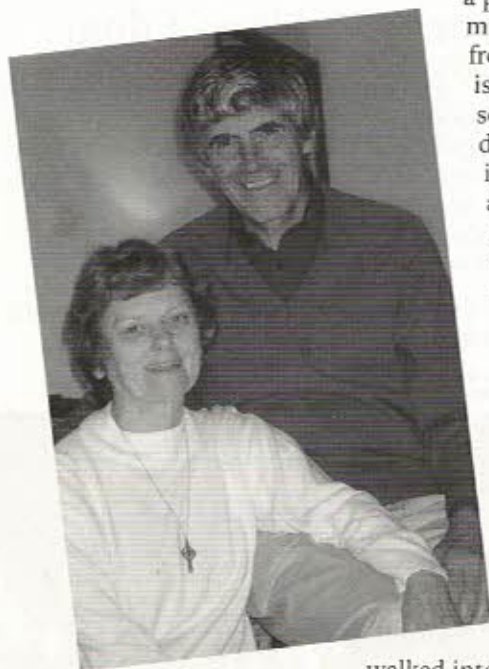
Meanwhile, here are some photos of the 2005 Highland Fling to get you in the mood.

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*In a four-handed approach, musical duo Coralie and Michael Flint have played a significant part in the last few years in the cultural enrichment of Bundanoon, perhaps adding to the claim of the Southern villages to be 'the Arts end of the Shire'. Kate Perkins listened while they recounted some of their story.*



## Coralie:

'Just wait 'til you meet Michael – he's the one for you'. Well, that's enough to make a girl decide to give this Michael a cool reception! But we did meet in the Church choir when he returned from England and they were right, of course. The twinkle in his eye and his boyish good looks and impeccable manners totally captivated me. We have all this music in common, and he's so funny – he's very good company.

Michael had left the relative security of suburban Sydney to go a-droving in Western Australia where his brother was managing a property at Yalgoo, an old gold mining town 150 miles inland from Geraldton. But he found the isolation and loneliness too difficult so after six months jackarooing he decided to leave. Television was in its early days and he contacted a cousin in the industry in Perth. He worked there for some months as a trainee cameraman and eventually left for the U.K., hoping to continue in this field. He had no luck, however, and shortly afterwards came back to Sydney, and the Church choir, and me! Although entrepreneurial, Michael is somewhat pessimistic by nature. He looks at stepping stones (he calls them stumbling blocks) and takes a very realistic view of life and its projects. Thus when he

walked into the ABC studios at Gore Hill to enquire about a position, he didn't expect to get one, and certainly didn't reckon on being there for the next 20 years. He worked as a floor manager in programs, drama, opera; he was a vision mixer and studio music specialist in T.V. production. Our mutual interest in architecture, proportion, colour and design led to our renovating, refurbishing and restoring houses in all our spare waking hours, moving on after each challenge to the next one, finishing further up the North Shore with our daughter, Susannah, now a fine musician in her own right. Here I directed a Church choir for ten years and it was with that background that we decided to make a new home in the Highlands. We both love to sing, and having joined first the Berrima Singers and the St. Jude's Choir, we then formed the Bundanoon Voices. We sing in the Hall, at occasional functions throughout the Shire, and at Holy Trinity with its splendid recitalist's organ which came from St. Andrew's Cathedral. Michael is always among the willing volunteers for Hall and Church projects, and enjoys 'getting away from it all' on his ride-on mower, where

he can think, dream and plan. He still doesn't know what he wants to be when he grows up.

## Michael:

The piano! A grand vision indeed. We found Bundanoon and our house in Durham Rd. by default really, but the omens were good from the beginning. FM classical radio playing in the post office and newsagency, a hairdresser who practised the cello in between clients, a guitar-making cabinet maker and a chance meeting with John (Martin) Royal, whom we recognised from ABC days, on day one. John invited us to morning tea and to the AGM of the Community Development Association, where we were amazed to find 80 people present. From that time we became interested in community affairs; the music came later. The Sydney Welsh Choir was making its first visit to Bundanoon and I gave Brad Parker a hand with the organisation. It was a very successful concert, and they came again, as did the Savoy Arts Company on their annual 'opening in the provinces'. Hearing the piano accompaniment on these occasions led to Coralie's vision of a grand piano for the Hall, a vision not widely shared. The acoustic was good and she felt that a decent piano would attract good artists. Coralie sees the big picture – she has dreams that are perhaps sometimes unrealistic, but her somewhat fanciful ideas are balanced by my realism and we complement each other.

Before coming to Sydney from her native Queensland to teach, Coralie toured Australia with J.C. Williamson in My Fair Lady and Camelot, taking solo roles and dancing in the corps de ballet. After we met we played together in amateur musical productions and continued our choral work, something I had been involved in since school days in North Sydney. So though she and I have an abiding interest in classical music, we also have quite broad musical taste. When the grand plan for the grand piano was mooted we set about fund-raising in a small way, mindful of not splitting the focus on other Hall projects, in particular the unfinished kitchen renovation. So the fund sat first at \$1100, then \$1400 until gradually we built up some momentum and a loyal following of music lovers. We gave concerts at our home, having added a music room for this purpose, raising awareness as well as dollars. We found it both gratifying and rewarding that some who were not concert goers were happy to come to 'Machalebah' for musical afternoons. This feedback, sometimes quite passionate, was all the motivation we needed and we enlarged our scope to include artists other than pianists. The A.N.U. Chamber Orchestra, Guitar Trek, The Steel City Strings and the Balalaika Orchestra, among others, have all accepted



our invitation to play, some more than once. This was all 'cold calling' and no one has turned us down. Children have come to and sometimes played at our Saturday morning concerts and the sum total of all this is that we now have our piano, a Kawai, fully paid for and regularly used. A Gala Concert in November was the culmination of hard work and generous sponsorship on the part of many local residents

and a vindication of Coralie's improbable dream. She is more driven than I am – I'm inclined to sometimes bail out – but we trust each other's judgment in our awareness of needs and hope that our Christian conviction is seen through what we strive to do. We have recently sold our home and small acreage but will certainly be staying in the Highlands, continuing to make music among our new-found friends.

## Arts Bundanoon

A gala concert which was held on 19 November 2005 was a fitting celebration of the successful community fundraising venture to purchase a grand piano for the Soldiers Memorial Hall. Coralie and Michael Flint, whose dream it was to bring beautiful music to Bundanoon have made that dream a reality and we can look forward to visits from many professional performers in the future.

Marilyn Meir, who performed for us in November has been described by Bela Siki, eminent teacher and pianist as "one of the most talented pianists of her generation". A winner of many piano competitions and after extensive studies overseas she returned to Australia. She currently performs as a soloist and chamber musician. We will always remember her brilliant interpretation of Liszt's *Legends 1 & 2* – 'St Francis of Assisi preaching to the birds and St. Francis walking on the waves.'

Scott Taggart, dynamic violinist and chamber music specialist is an engaging performer who demonstrates his musical vitality in his solo performances. He has travelled extensively and played in international orchestras such as the Royal Philharmonic and City of London Sinfonia. His virtuoso performance of Eugene Ysaie's *Sonata no.3 'Ballade'* left no doubt about his ongoing success as a soloist.

Bundanoon Voices left us feeling proud to have such an accomplished group of singers in our town when they concluded the evening with three beautiful songs – *The Lover's Ghost*, *The Cuckoo* and *Lily of the Valley*.



Marilyn Meir

### Coming Events

Arts Bundanoon is delighted to announce the forthcoming visit of one of Australia's foremost pianists, **Gerard Willems** who will give a solo recital of varied works from the piano repertoire on Saturday evening, 13 May, at 8pm in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall in Bundanoon. Gerard Willems, who is currently Professor of Keyboard Studies at the Conservatorium of Sydney, performs regularly around Australia and is renowned for his landmark recording of the complete Beethoven Sonatas on the remarkable Australian-made Stuart & Sons, 8 octave, piano. Many music lovers remember him as the insightful expert commentator for the ABC broadcasts of the last Sydney International Piano Competition. This concert promises to be one of the great musical events in the Southern Highlands.

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## Highlands PASSION

Bundanoon artist Del Cooley admits her works are inspired by the atmosphere and lifestyle of the Southern Highlands. A tree change to Bundanoon has resulted in a life divided between painting, and developing a large parkland garden with her husband on eight hectares of rural land adjoining the Morton National Park.

The exhibition "Highlands PASSION" demonstrates her artistic versatility with a striking collection of landscapes, still life and figures.

The works are powerful oil paintings on canvas ranging in size from the very small to 1.8mx 1.2m. The dynamic brushwork, tactile textures combined with the atmospheric use of colour and light are a reflection of life in the Highlands. If you could imagine paintings that have the romanticism and use of light reminiscent of Turner and the brushwork of the Abstract Expressionists, then you will have some insight into Del's paintings. Let your senses be stimulated, – visit the exhibition and enjoy them!

Del has exhibited in the Southern Highlands, Sydney, Melbourne, and Canberra and established a strong clientele with many commissions across Australia and the USA.



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## Let's make a movie...

...no, not a major production starring Russell Crowe and Nicole Kidman! They tried that in Bellingen with *Oscar and Lucinda*. It didn't work out and was a major disappointment, financially, for the town. A *Village like Ours* would be low budget, have a local cast, local sets and Ken Methold as producer/director. We could have lots of fun in the process and screenings would raise money for local charities.

Ken Methold, who has already staged two live productions, *Bed and Breakfast Murders* and *A Radio Play* in Bundanoon, which raised significant funds for the Rural Fire Service, has an idea for a community movie.

Last August a similar proposal was taken up by Kiama Lions Club and with a budget of \$500, Ken's digital camera, a computer editing program, a cast of locals and heaps of enthusiasm *A Town like Ours* evolved – a film of 84 scenes shot in 20 locations with a cast of 200 was completed in about two months.

From Ken's experience, what will we need?

- A script that is funny
- Mostly small roles – most amateurs can only master a few lines
- Visual comedy made up of short scenes
- Community involvement – lots of extras and behind the scenes expertise
- Locations within five kilometres of Bundanoon – each scene easy to direct and shoot

And what will we get?

- A gentle satire on town life and a money spinner for local charities.

Ken has been inspired by a number of British comedy series: *Monty Python* (of course), *People Like Us*, and *Human Remains*. And he claims as his mentors: Benny Hill, Dick Emery, Morecombe and Wise, The Two Ronnies, Dave Allen, Jimmy Edwards, Tommy Cooper, Billy Connolly (without the strong language!), Woody Allen, John Cleese and The Goodies.

He will need two kinds of people to make this movie possible: willing participants with no special skills but a desire to be involved in some way; and people with skills or equipment that will make it possible to create a worthwhile final product.

In recent correspondence with jcg he says 'I hope it will be possible to organise, soon, a public meeting at which my 'Heads of Department' and I can find out who would like to do what. Although it would be possible to use my existing script and make *A Village Like Ours* I am hoping for an idea for a completely new script, based on urban myth that will have special significance to the people of Bundanoon.'

*Come on! Let's make a movie!*

**Ken Methold** Contact: 0411 593 801

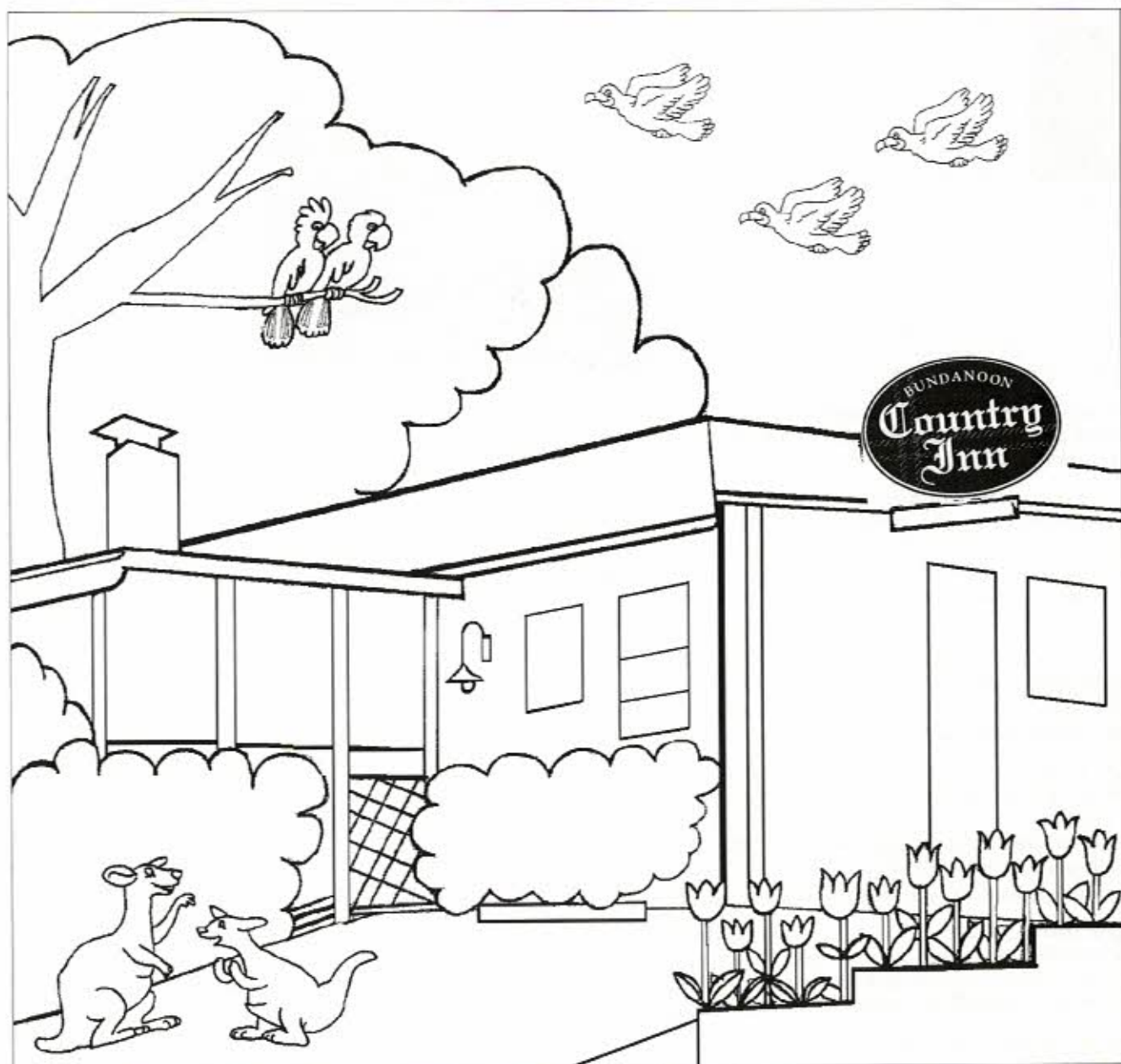
Ken has written and produced two shows for Bundanoon. For ten years he had his own film and TV production company in Sydney. His productions have been screened internationally. Now semi-retired, he lives in Burradoo and Kiama and spends much of his time writing and producing shows to raise money for various charities.

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## Why Bundanoon?

Glennis Kennedy



That's a tough one.

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Nah, that's not nailing it.

For me, maybe my choice of Bundanoon was a matter of economics. The fact that the closest DJ's is 50 km away means that I can't shop easily and therefore I save money, right?

In fact, any reasonably major shopping expedition requires a pretty lengthy journey (we'll just ignore the hike in petrol costs here for a sec).

But despite the many positives, there are some irritating little flaws to the place too, you know. Like the fact you can't just slide unnoticed into the pub of a Friday night without a dozen or so locals calling you by name and saying 'G'day' and asking how you are and what you're up to (pretty intrusive stuff don't you think?).

And things like arriving home to discover your garbage bins have been stolen and then getting to the bottom of your driveway only to find that some phantom has put them away for you – without so much as leaving a note.

Though it's nice of course to know that when your car has to be serviced and you need a lift; or your garden wants watering when you're sick, your dog needs walking when you're working late or in the event of four lumberjacks emptying the contents of your house into the back of a lorry – that there's someone nearby who gives a toss and will do something to help you.

However there's hardly a sense of "exclusivity" to the place. A case in point: the criteria for attending the Penrose Road street party is that you have to have driven down the road at least once, or at least know someone who has!

And as for social activity, apart from the events mentioned above, and things like the Christmas In July, Bastille Day, Melbourne Cup 'do's', assorted birthday parties, wine tastings, sausage sizzles, trick or treating, the Oktoberfest, concerts, film screenings, etc, etc, etc... there's precious little to do.

I've lived in a lot of places – London, Hong Kong, Paris, Melbourne, Sydney (Cronulla), and Bundanoon.

And there's only one place where I've found the peace and privacy I crave, the friendship and camaraderie I welcome, the support I need, and the sense of belonging I treasure.

Yep, Cronulla's the place for me.

And where do I live? Bundanoon. Why?

Why Bundanoon? Well because it's 50 km from the nearest DJ's of course...

*She's just joking! Glennis has recently joined the staff of Bundanoon Real Estate. Ed.*

## Sustainable Living

Keith McMenemy's favourite hobby horse is battling for sustainable living and he believes that we ignore this issue at our peril.



Kay and I are unreconstructed city bush-people, having moved out more than twice. Something keeps drawing us back. Also, like many people, we realised that we can escape noise and pollution but should not overlook wider responsibilities. So this time around, having bashed the bush to some extent with previous efforts, we wanted to build with less impact – a less

harmful footprint. Adding to that, we have experienced a few droughts, fires and flooding rains.

Learning too from previous 'DIY' embarrassments we commissioned an empathetic architect to design a low-energy homestead. To our delight his concept is the most comfortable and pleasant house we have lived in. His contribution was worth inestimably more than the fee charged. While six years after completion we are still working towards some components – solar electricity panels and inverter to feed back into the system, heat-pump driven hydronic water heaters to reduce fossil fuel use – we will eventually be able to finance these. This will make our highland life easier, our budget will be improved and we will not be such a burden on the power grid.

Nevertheless, doing the right thing towards our sunburnt country and future generations is made unnecessarily difficult by present legislation. The set up costs of responsible living, building, energy use, fall solely on the buyer – the 'user pays' principle. Fair enough for retirees like us, maybe. But I worry about our children's generation already unable to afford their own roofs. Listening to an ABC radio program we were reminded that the Government is reducing a modest subsidy on solar power products before phasing it out. I believe rebates on cost of domestic water tanks have gone the same way. Little Johnny, Peter, Bob and so on keep telling us we have never been better off. Perhaps many are surviving comfortably but we occupy a drying continent which is seriously denuded and degraded in one way or another. The land that supports us has never been worse off. With all this, local research and development, solar energy, recycling and water-conservation lags behind really clever countries. International scientists and researchers from Yale and Columbia Universities have recently ranked 133 countries according to how they tried to tackle 16 global and domestic problems and met domestic and world targets. In the top ten, clever New Zealand was followed by Sweden, Finland, the Czech Republic, United Kingdom, Austria, Denmark, Canada, Malaysia and Ireland. The United States was ranked 28 and who knows where we are? (*The Guardian Weekly*, Jan 27-Feb 2, p4)

On a lighter note, allow me another suggestion in closing. While it seems sensible to graze the garden to eliminate the cost of a ride-on-mower, avoid using goats or horses! Eventually their gaze and grazing moves up from grass level to more exotic delicacies. We might try sheep sometime in the future!



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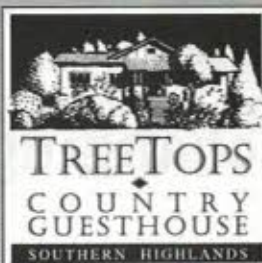
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From the immense blue circle of the sea,  
And the soft thunder where long waves whiten  
These were the same for Sappho as for me.  
Two thousand years – much has gone by forever,  
Change takes the gods and ships and speech of men  
But here on the beaches that time passes over  
The heart aches now as then.*

Sara Teasdale

*Alan Cowley knows a great place for a break by the sea...*

No matter how we may try to ignore it, the pull of the sea is irresistible – at least it is to Meg and me! Perhaps this is because we were both born in seaside towns.

Not too far away, but far enough to be 'away', quiet and unspoiled but close to amenities, shops, restaurants and entertainment, the village of Tathra has become our twice-yearly retreat.

Tathra is famous for its old wharf, which dates from the mid 1800s and was once a crucial link in the transport of produce to and from the Eurobodalla coast. From the lookout in the park overlooking the wharf you have a good chance of seeing humpbacks on their twice yearly run along the coast.

We stay at Tathra Beach House, which is across the street from the beach and has modern, well equipped self-catering apartments as well as motel units for those who don't want to cook. The hosts, Lesley and Rob White, are meticulous about their property and helpful when it comes to information or advice. Lesley knows Bundanoon well – she is in the habit of spending a week at Solar Springs in October each year.

In the mornings you can cross over to the beach for a swim with the dolphins (we saw two of them surfing the breakers the first time we walked on the beach) or you can walk up the sand to the mouth of the Bega River. We're told the beach and estuary fishing is good, but that is not our area of expertise.

From Tathra you need only take a short drive to find beautiful Gillard's Beach, with its intricately patterned and coloured volcanic rocks meeting the sands. This is a good place to camp if you don't need modern facilities.

Mumballa Falls is half an hour drive from Tathra, up into the hills. This is a traditional Aboriginal sacred mountain that has a distinct feeling about it, perhaps like that at Hanging Rock. The 'Falls' is better described as a series of rock pools linked by short rapids or cascades. The largest of these pools is quite deep and is said to be where Aboriginal youths finished their three or four days and nights of ritual initiation and ordeal on the mountain – washing off their ceremonial ochre by diving into this pool.

Before we forget, on the way to or from Tathra it is essential to drop into Central Tilba and pick up a ginger ice-cream at the old Cheese Factory. Then back to good old Bundanoon!

Tathra Wharf

## Autumn in Bundanoon



Trish Arbib – Bundanoon Village Nursery

Summer's extreme heat is gone and the garden has that rather scruffy but welcoming look of autumn. Magpies are carolling, blackbirds scuffling up leaves, and trees are ablaze.

Every autumn I get enormous pleasure from planting anemone corms. Known as De Caen and St Brigid anemones, they appear in woodcuts by Margaret Preston – wonderful simple shapes, in vivid reds and strong pinks, plus a softer blue and white. I love touches of strong colour in the garden. Anemones planted now provide this in late winter/early spring, are a filler when perennials have not yet emerged from winter, and are a beautiful cut flower.

From now until the end of April you can plant daffodils, tulips and other spring flowering bulbs. Inspired by the array of colours from the mixed tulips in front of the Bundanoon Country Inn Motel last spring, I'm hoping to do something similar this year. It reminded me of an impressionist painting, and of wild flowers among the ruins in Greece.

Sweet pea seeds are traditionally planted on St Patrick's Day. Two old fashioned varieties, Busby and Cupani are bi-coloured pink and white, and burgundy and blue respectively. Worth growing for the perfume alone!

For those who grow perennials, its time to cut back brown unsightly stems left after flowering. If you wish to divide and spread or move clumps of perennials you can do it now, and get it out of the way or leave it until winter or early spring. For example, it's easy to dig a clump of obedient plant or asters, knock the bulk of earth off the roots, and divide into sections with a heavy knife or a spade making sure that each piece includes roots and a stem or bud.

Salvias, ornamental sages, are a versatile group of plants and flower well through autumn. They come originally from areas as diverse as Mexico, Africa and Europe, so not all are frost hardy. Many are perennial and grow happily in Bundanoon. There is the tall, somewhat rampagous *Salvia ambigua* with its spikes of vivid blue flowers, the ground cover *Salvia chamaedryoides* with silver leaves and sky blue flowers, pineapple sage with its red flowers and pineapple scented leaves that can be added to salads and fruit salads, and Mexican sage with woolly purple flowers that look a bit like lavender. There are many more. They are long flowering and attract honeyeaters to the garden.

Enjoy your autumn garden whatever you grow, and the blue skies and crisp days that are Bundanoon at its best.





# The world in focus

Ossie Emery who lives in Bundanoon has a collection of 240,000 negatives recording his life's work as an international photographer and cinematographer. He has had 145 assignments around the world and from 1980 to 1991 he directed all the television specials for the International Aid Agency, World Vision. He has been an accredited member of the Australian Cinematographers

Society since 1966, shared a Gold UN Peace prize with Anne Deveson for a television documentary on the plight of Somali refugees, and illustrated a number of books, as well as staging four major photographic exhibitions. He is at present involved in writing and publishing books based on his collection. Some of Ossie's framed photographs are on display at Exeter General Store.

Below: Actor Gary Sweet making friends with a young orphan in Ethiopia.

Bottom: At the Castle Hill Show

Nairobi slums. From a series on the plight of Third World mothers.





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## Can you identify these Bundanoon residents?

Peter Lowry sent us this photograph, taken in 1948. Mrs Grice is in the centre front and Peter's grandmother Mrs Fowler is on her right (facing the photograph). Others in the photograph are Mrs Calverly and Mrs Gamble. This is the only information we have.

Please help!

Bundanoon Country Inn is offering a 'Dinner for Two' for the first correct contribution received. Post your entry to The Editor, PO Box 201, Bundanoon 2578.

The Lowry family has a long association with Bundanoon. Read their story on page 34.

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## Silver Tassie triumph at Sutton Forest

*Garry Barnsley shares with jcg a story which enhances the reputation of the Southern Highlands as host for Scottish events of national significance.*

**B**undanoon Highland Gathering - Brigadoon is held in April, A Winter's Evening with Robert Burns at Bundanoon Hotel in June and the Moss Vale pipe band competition in February.

The Silver Tassie is a hard fought solo piping competition for the title of Young Bagpiper of the year, held in October. 2005 was the second year that the competition has been promoted by A Little Piece of Scotland. A talented field of 17 young musicians played for an audience of family and friends who enthusiastically support them. As Sean Hodgemen, the winner of the competition and a member of the Canberra Burns Club Pipe band explained, 'my grandfather played the pipes for a while and when I was nine my parents suggested I learn a musical instrument. They suggested the clarinet but I told them I wanted to learn the bagpipes.' Sean was full of praise for the Silver Tassie. 'It's got the best atmosphere of any piping contest in NSW,' he said. 'I love the setting, the acoustics and the friendly rivalry.' Now Sean, a 19 year old university student has his sights set on excelling in competition piping both in Australia and overseas, as well as a career as a research scientist.

2005 judges were Robert Pierce OAM and Ainslie Hart. Between recitals they talked to the audience about pipe music; the instrument, different styles of music and criteria for quality performance.

Later in the day, pipers of all ages competed for the Bill Green OAM Memorial Trophy. This competition is a heat to select state representatives to compete in the Australian finals in Brisbane this year. The winner there goes on to compete at Laurient in France. The open section was won by 13 year old Lincoln Hilton with local piper Maree Poole a close runner-up.



### Dates for your diary

**Saturday 21 October:**  
Scottish Feast and Solo Piping Exposition,  
Sutton Forest Village Hall

**Sunday 22 October**  
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from [www.museumstuff.com](http://www.museumstuff.com)

A serious contender for Bundanoon's logo might well be the Satin Bower Bird (*Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*), a handsome local resident which also dwells around much of Australia's eastern edge. The male is shining blue-black with an ivory tipped beak. By contrast, the female is basically olive and brown above – with pale buff, rippled with a brown scalloped pattern beneath. Immature birds are similar in appearance to females – males developing full black plumage in about seven years. We have noted several birds with a 'mosaic' appearance as this transition occurs.

From our domestic 'hides' (aka kitchen window & front door) we sometimes observe their rather shy habits. Occasionally feeding on the rear lawn, they politely stand back for the other birds, quickly disappearing into thick foliage at the slightest disturbance. However, to our delight, a male constructed his bower a few metres from our front door

in a secluded garden area. The symmetrical arch of the bower was assembled from stiff plant stalks which he decorated with bottle caps, plastic straws and clothes pegs, in fact anything blue and portable, (thus verifying the well-known metaphor). From this base he performed and made his unique calls, two females subsequently taking an interest, but the results of his overtures remain unknown. Eventually he deserted the bower site, not just leaving it as vacant possession, but methodically dismantling the structure, and removing the blue decor, thereby ensuring that no newcomer could ever profit from his architectural efforts.

Maybe some 'developers' should follow the Satin Bowerbirds' example – they practice aesthetic, minimalist design: use local, environmentally friendly materials and even seem to clean up afterwards.



Photo courtesy NPWS



*Most people tend to think collections are comprised of stamps, coins, and teaspoons or perhaps antique French clocks. Ross Armfield found out about a very different type of collectible when he recently talked with local plumber, Les Rundle.*

Les collects stationary farm engines, such as ploughs and pumps and the odd tractor too. Not particularly exciting? Not according to Les. He described the thrill of discovering an abandoned, rusted, paddock-bound piece and bringing it back to life after 30 years of neglect. 'It's wonderful', he beamed, 'It makes your hair stand on end!'

## "There's ALWAYS room for one more!"

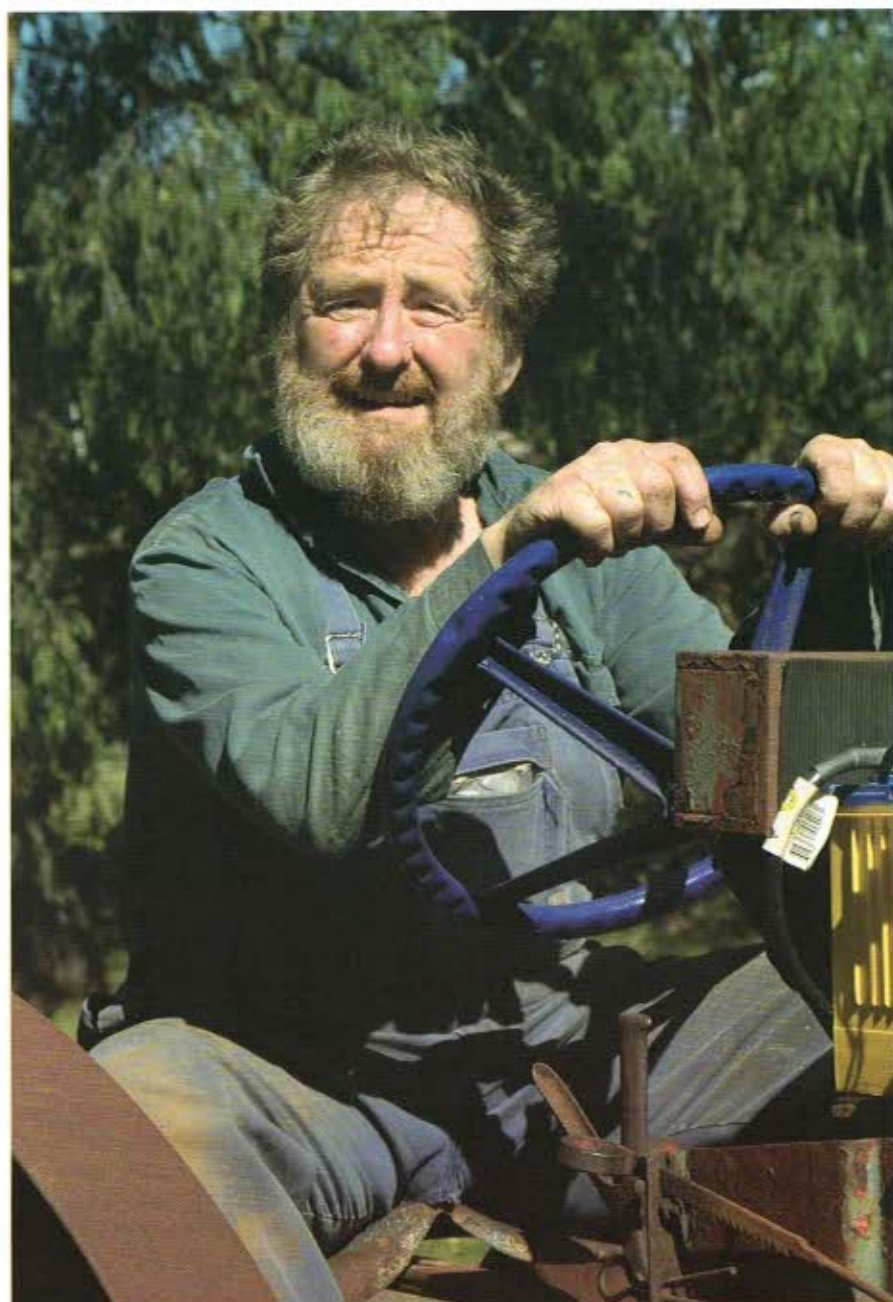
He has around 35 pieces, dating from 1911 up to 1959, even though he has only been seriously collecting and restoring for 7 years. His father bought 10-year-old Les and his 12-year-old brother Jim, a 1924 Chevrolet to drive around their paddock and he claims he has been 'into machinery' since then. More than a hobby or collection, Les admits it is now an obsession, 'There's ALWAYS room for one more!'

His favourite piece would have to be an old 1927, blue Fordson tractor bought when he was 17 for £10. It featured recently in the 2005 Brigadoon street parade.

He spends 10-12 hours a week on his machines. 'Getting them working is the main aim but full restoration if possible,' he explains. To this end, he often has to make his own parts at a casting course he attends at Wollongong TAFE. As a plumber, he really appreciates early pumps. 'They were made solidly, to last and required little maintenance. Those were the days!'

His collection is an investment too. 'A well restored and presented piece could be worth \$2000 to \$3000. I can't see myself selling them though, but my son Luke might when he inherits the lot,' he reflects.

With a very supportive family behind him, the collection continues to grow despite the high cost at auctions. 'I tend to avoid auctions. Most people give them to me gladly when it's clean up time. I'm going to keep on collecting, there's no upper limit - apart from the area of land needed to put them on,' he added, with a smile.





Harvey Grennan

# "To have and to hold"

*"Collecting is one of the most common pastimes, and can often become a passion bordering on the obsessive. Our familiarity with the pursuit, however, obscures the questions at its heart: why do people amass things that have no use? What drives them to spend time and money to get hold of a single stamp, an unusual beer mat or a rare doll, only to put it in an a folder or on a shelf? Why do we feel a need to possess these items, and why is it not enough to know that they exist in a museum, or somewhere else?"*

*From the dustcover of  
To Have and To Hold  
by Philipp Blom, Penguin Press*



Bruce Slater with "trench art" made from cartridge cases



"Dodgy" gold scales, a Bismarck lamp, a writing set belonging to Bruce's grandmother, convict handcuffs and muzzle loader pouches.

Bundanoon boasts many collectors. Plumber Les Rundle collects and restores old engines, John Shepherd old cars, Alan Hyman butterflies and stamps and Ron Shead has a number of collections, including electric jugs. Others are into antiques, books, art, clocks, porcelain, music, Fifties' kitsch, garden gnomes or particular flowers. The variety of collectables is limited only by the wonderful imaginations of the collectors. Some need a huge shed for their treasures, others only a glass cabinet in the corner of the lounge room.

One of the most fascinating Bundanoon collections is that of retired farmer Bruce Slater who amasses small artefacts from our colonial days. Bruce started collecting historical bits and pieces when he was only 12 years of age and hasn't stopped. "I look for items made or used in Australia from the householder, the miner, the war and from tradespeople who were the backbone of the country," he says.

Bruce's collection is nothing if not eclectic – miners' lamps, police handcuffs used to restrain convicts, an 1850s Bismarck oil



The Thomas Edison cylinder phonograph found under a tree

There is a set of gold scales with two sets of weights, one set with a bit filed off each weight. "It depended on who you were buying the gold from," winks Bruce. A different type of scales made by the Chinese to sell fruit and vegetables on the goldfields is also in the collection.

Military memorabilia includes a striking pair of cartridge cases fashioned into works of art

## Every passion borders on chaos, that of the collector on the chaos of memory

Walter Benjamin

lamp, soy and ginger jars from China, an early bayonet from England, a carbide car lamp, a candlelit magic lantern and a set of coachbuilder's tools.

Bruce collects memorabilia wherever he can find it – at garage sales, auctions, markets and gun shows. "I swap and trade items with other collectors and people also give me stuff."

Some of Bruce's biggest prizes have come from rubbish tips. He has a set of four military medals which the family of a dead soldier had thrown away. "These kids died at 18 or 19 and never had children to leave their medals to," says Bruce.

Perhaps his most treasured piece, a cylinder phonograph manufactured by the Thomas Edison Company in the 1830s or 1840s, was lying abandoned under a tree on a property Bruce was inspecting with a view to buying.

Much of Bruce's collection relates to the gold rush days of early Australia. A bottle bears a Pickaxe brand to appeal to the miners. "The beer was pretty dirty, you had to swallow twice to get it down. That's why it was in coloured bottles."

in the trenches of World War I – so-called "trench art". "We thought they were over there just fighting and dying but they were so bored a lot of the time they made these in the workshops," says Bruce.

From even earlier days there are pouches for muzzle-loaded rifles – a metal one for gunpowder and an embossed leather job for shot. Bruce's longtime interest in colonial artefacts is certainly reflected in his collection.

Antique lamps from a private collection





# ...and butterflies

*Harvey Grennan finds out why, in the name of conservation, Alan Hyman now puts his butterflies in the fridge.*

The impulse for humans to collect things seems to be genetically encoded – in my case butterfly collecting has been a passion since schooldays.

In those early times my unsophisticated equipment was a homemade net and a cardboard box, with little regard to specimen preparation or preservation. As years passed and experience grew I collected in Sydney's North Shore bushland, southern NSW and north Queensland. By now specimens collected in the field were papered and packed, then later relaxed, pinned, set and arranged with data tags and labels in purpose-built, glass-topped cases according to time-honoured entomological convention.

But butterflies being benign and beautiful living things introduced an ethical dimension. Should they be 'terminated' to be collected? My wife's 'gentle' influence has helped me move to close-up photography instead – occasionally augmented by 'found' specimens. Mostly nowadays if I catch a live butterfly I pop it briefly in the fridge to temporarily slow its movement, photograph it and release it unharmed.

It must be said that many of the butterflies in my collection were hard-earned. Slogging along bush tracks in heat and perspiration; mosquitoes and, once in Cooktown, wasps; net caught in lantana or vines while a coveted species escaped; car wedged in a rainforest creek – all were part of the adventure which made a capture worthwhile.

There is also a certain romance in butterflies' common names like Splendid Ochre, Pale Imperial Blue and Black Jezebel (all local species)... much more appealing than their scientific equivalents.

Of course, one can always collect without conservation worries or major expeditions through thematic philately (butterflies on stamps) – but that's another story.

Further reading: *The Complete Field Guide to Butterflies of Australia* by Michael F. Braby (CSIRO Publishing 2004, \$39.95).

## There is a certain romance in butterflies' common names like Splendid Ochre ...and Black Jezebel



## Time flies...

*Oskar Olsson reflects that ever since the development of time we never seem to have enough of it.*

I've always had an interest in things mechanical, clocks included. When young I could dismantle the alarm clock but putting it back together took a bit longer.

Along with my wife Margot came a father-in-law who was an avid collector. My interest increased along with my knowledge of the workings and repair of the machines.

Then started the auctions, second-hand and charity shops and, of course, Duncan, my father-in-law. Clocks grew in number – French, English, German, Russian, Chinese, American – mechanical and electric. Cuckoo clocks have strong attraction. They are simple in operation but quite a challenge to work on with bits of wire going everywhere.

Electric impulse types also appeal, devised by Mr Moulin and Mr Bulle and marketed from 1904 in one form or another until quite recently. The pendulum is driven by an electrical impulse and then in turn drives the clock, the reverse of a normal clock where the works drive the pendulum.

Quartz clocks which actually date back to 1929 don't rate very highly in my interests. Their steady "clunk, clunk" is most uninspiring and they are not economically repairable. No point in having something you can't fix.

My collecting has slowed as clocks do take up a lot of space. But then again...

*Psst! Wanna buy a clock?*

A 'Wood White' (*Delias aganippe*) photographed in Alan Hyman's backyard.





**captured!**



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Above: Fern

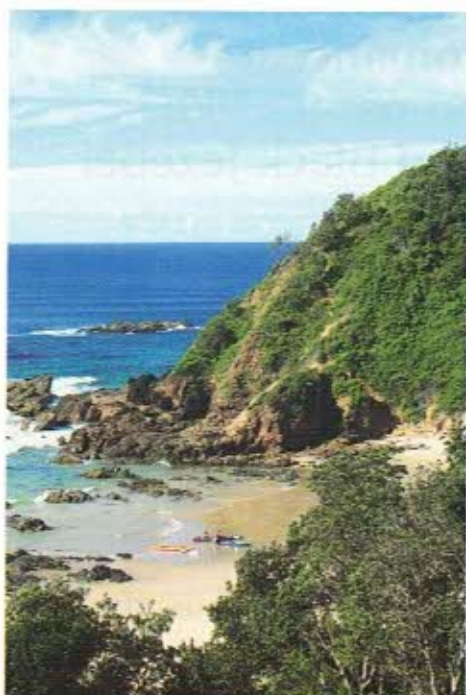
Above right: Norfolk Lane

Below: Kayaks, Port Macquarie

Below right: Abercrombie River

[All above by Ken Rooke]

Right: Australian Painted Lady, *Vanessa kershawi*,  
by Alan Hyman



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# Lover's Walk – Morton National Park

walks

Alan Hyman



Above: 'Drumstick', *Isopogon*



Below: *Epacris*

Lover's Walk is a microcosm of the Park's environmental beauty. Commencing at the rear of the Echo Point shed, a recent (2005) track extension meanders through open, regenerating bushland. Geebungs, Mountain Devils and cryptically marked Scribbly Gums give a variety of scale to the vegetation, and in summer the ground is carpeted with masses of Lesser Flannel Flowers.

After a right turn, the track gradually descends into a small gully with occasional trickling water, supporting lush ferns and Sword-grass. On the other side one encounters massive sandstone outcrops, rust-red with lichen and festooned with white-flowering *Epacris* growing from every crevice. Here too in spring, the diversity of wildflowers presents a multi-coloured display – white, yellow, pink, mauve, purple and blue – the ubiquitous *Boronia* being especially prominent. Several species of *Banksia* sport orange or honey-coloured flower spikes, grey-green new foliage (and the inevitable 'Banksia men'). White-flowering Tea Trees and yellow Drumsticks provide a foreground to sculptured caves. Eventually, hewn steps in the rock lead up

to a broad ledge – a place to relax and contemplate the panorama of bush and valleys beyond. You may hear a lyrebird practicing his impressive repertoire or glimpse other native birds darting through the scrub.

The next section of track has intermittent views on the right, finally emerging near Bonnie View, perhaps the finest vista in the Park – Eucalypts, *Banksias* and Grass Trees framing spectacular sandstone gorges. Return to the starting point via the graded road through attractive eucalypt forest, turning left at each junction encountered.

For the visitor with limited time or for quiet communing with nature this is the walk to show the Park at its finest while gently refreshing the spirit.

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– a place to relax and contemplate the panorama

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'Honeyflower', *Lambertia formosa*





*Do you remember how you felt on your first day at school or when you moved from primary to high school? For some it's just a little step, but for others it's a giant leap as Ross Armfield found when he spoke to Julia, Kristen, Jessica and Michael, four local young people about to make their progression to the next level of learning.*



Julia (above) and Kristen (below)



little girls feel comfortable about the next step because they visit their new school so often and have had three orientation sessions to make the change as smooth as possible. Julia and Kristen are both excited about their new uniforms, school bags and lunch boxes. With delight in their eyes these little girls eagerly anticipate the next step. Already, Julia would like to be a teacher. ('She certainly organises us all here at home!' says mother Linda)

Kristen wants to be a hairdresser. ('She's very good at talking, so she'll fit right in there!' her mother Leanne and dad Simon agree).



### Jessica Bromfield (Age 12)

From: Bundanoon Public (Pop. 140) To: Moss Vale High School (Pop. 750)

Despite just completing her best year at primary school, (including being on the SRC, being declared sports champion and enduring Mr. Hanna's famous prolonged jokes), Jessica is quietly anticipating her move to high school. New subjects and a variety of teachers will be a big change, as will be the size of the school population. Jessica calmly looks forward to both the challenge of academia and the prospect of much greater involvement in her favourite subject, Sport.

She will miss the secure and physically beautiful environment of her primary school, (and to a lesser degree, her siblings Ben and Sam), but the lure of athletics, swimming and hockey at high school is a great compensation. Having visited the high school through the School Linkages Program she knows what to expect. Unconcerned about bus travel, different uniforms and new classmates, Jessica has no qualms about the change. She admits she'll 'probably feel like a little kid', but intends to get involved in as much as possible as soon as possible. She would love to participate in the SRC if elected and represent the school in sport. While having no particular career aims at this early stage, Jessica does have one very powerful dream, you guessed it, to represent Australia in sport one day. My pick says it will be hockey!



### Michael Giannakos (Age 18)

From: Bowral High (Pop. 800) To: Wollongong University (Pop. 14 000.)

Michael overcame a somewhat unsure and directionless Year 11 to enjoy a spectacular Year 12 in 2005. He was male captain, topped the year in Maths, was a key member of the debating team, received awards for public speaking, communications and public relations and had the best

lunchtimes ever with his Year 12 friends. He also passed the HSC and plans to take up an offer of a place in Bachelor of Commerce Degree program at University of Wollongong. While he will miss his high school friends, his fabulous teachers and a secure, caring, known environment, he too looks forward to his next step.

He has no real fears past the initial 'nerves' of any new situation. He has cousins attending university in Wollongong and may even stay with them if an on-campus room is unavailable. Despite his success at Bowral High School, Michael feels he is more focused now and is ready to put 'cranium down, posterior up', to really work much harder than before. He looks forward to greater independence and a more mature approach to learning. 'Uni really is a Greek thing you know,' laughs Michael. He will miss his family and their moral support, 'they won't be too far away, and they can always give me financial support'.

Michael drives, so transport is not a problem either. His aim is 'to broaden my experience, to read, absorb and learn. I'd like to meet nice girls and get a decent job, but is too early to be specific about that now. I would just like to reach my potential'.

From the wide-eyed innocence of Julia and Kristen, through the calm confidence of Jessica, to the cool optimism of Michael we can see the high level of political rhetoric is true. These young people are our most valuable resource and they are our future. Let's hope they are supported by an equally high and appropriate level of funding. Good luck with your 'giant leap' kids. Enjoy it!

### Julia Hutton and Kristen Dixon (Age 5)

From: Bundanoon Pre-School (Daily Pop. 20) To: Bundanoon Public School (Pop. 140)

Julia loved pre-school but is really looking forward to kindergarten. Despite leaving behind a beaut cubby and swings, she looks forward to the adventure playground at 'big school' and 'learning how to read and do writing'. She has a brother Jeremy (10) and a sister Mia (7). At home she plays happily with them on the trampoline or building Lego and she is obviously keen to join her siblings at primary school.

Pre-school must be a wonderful environment because Kristen, too, loved it and like Julia, will miss Caroline and Deni (the staff) very much. She loves her dolls and the swimming pool at home but is really looking forward to playing, reading, painting and especially computers this year. Both



# Treasures from the Old Goods Shed

by Lucy Rocca

history

*My Dearest Lily,*

*Long before you get this you will know that Greenhills has burnt, but you will not have the smallest idea of all we have been through... we have had the hottest and driest summer ever known in this district and Xmas was awful, several days in succession up to 102 on the verandahs... Clem came in to say that there was a fire on Rockley and it must be in the big paddock. In a minute he came back and said Maud get your hats quickly and come down the Easters, there is nothing to be done, the house is doomed...*

This is an extract from a letter written by the wife of the owner of Greenhills to her sister in January, 1905, telling of the horror of 31 December 1904.

The bushfire had already surrounded the village of Bundanoon. A large boarding house and several cottages were burnt. The guest houses were full for the season, and, according to a report in the newspaper, guests from the burnt-out boarding house 'who had lost all their possessions rushed panic stricken to the railway station and boarded a train for Sydney'. Helped by 'a rising wind from the west', the fire destroyed the timber Anglican Church 'only the bible was saved' and took at least six cottages in the Church Street/Gullies Road area. 'Mr Tyler of the Commercial Hotel (Erith St) who for some time had been ill in bed, got out of his sickbed to look at the fire, but in his precarious state of health the terrible sight of the threatening fire quite overcame him and he collapsed and died.' (All quotes from *The Scrutineer* newspaper).

Burning not only Greenhills, this fire burnt over Manchester Square, Coliers Leigh, Mt Ashby and towards the Falls,



The original Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Bundanoon, which stood on the site of the present church. It burnt down on New Year's Eve 1904.

threatening Throsby Park, Tudor House, The Camp and Maybrook. All were saved except Mt Ashby.

Heavily pregnant, Maud Bowyer-Smyth was forced to flee Greenhills with her husband, two small children and their nurse, and seek shelter in a waterhole some distance from the house.

*Clem had baby on one arm and his account books under the other, Phil had a bucket of water and two loaves of bread... we all went as fast as we could out the little garden gate down the Easters... the fire was coming over the big paddock on our right, so we went on again to our left, the awful roar behind us, then we met another fire and found it was on three sides of us... Clem said there was a creek somewhere... He found one, a small hole about four feet across and two or three feet wide and six inches of water in the bottom but high banks at the side that would give us some shelter.*

You will have to read the letter to learn the outcome of her ordeal. This long letter makes fascinating reading, so why not come into the Old Goods Shed, take a seat and read it all?

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# Grr... you know what I hate?

comment

In September 2005 jcg canvassed the opinions of four grumpy men from the Southern Villages. They gave us their views on everything from road rage to celebrity TV. In an aside to their stories there was a claim that male grumpiness tends to go away after 65 when an age of acquiescence follows. We have yet to research this theory. For this issue we tracked down some intelligent, attractive, considerate and caring women who uncharacteristically became quite strident on a number of issues.

**G**rumpiness has nothing to do with age,' claims **Jenny Byrne**. 'I think I was born that way. The nickname of one of my brothers was Grumpy so I was always referred to as 'Grumpy's sister'.

You want to know what makes me grumpy? Service! What service? Why do businesses employ people who have no knowledge of the products they are selling? They have problems stringing three words together and when asked if they have an item which you could reasonably expect to find in their stock you get a quizzical look which infers 'No we don't have it and why would you want that anyway!' If you are in a bookshop asking for a book or a record shop asking for a CD surely the appropriate response is 'No I'm sorry we don't have that item but would you like me to order it for you.'

And technology makes me really mad. Why is it that an item I bought 20 years ago lasts forever but anything purchased more recently breaks down immediately after the warranty has expired? And what about computer technology! Replacing any component costs nearly as much as buying a new one!

Supermarkets are another thing! Shopping has always been a chore but now it's a challenge. It's bad enough that nearly every product comes in a multitude of brand names, sizes, colours and aromas but management has decided to throw a little excitement into our lives by moving the aisles around.

**Karin Hull** speaks from a provider's side of the service industry:

I guess that my gripes are common to everyone working in 'hospitality'. Political correctness dominates our lives when dealing with the public. Free range children are predictably regarded by their parents as 'gifted - quite clever in fact' and when perceived as perpetrators of some vile mischief it's always another child's fault and that's that!... I just thought - it's really the free range parents who are the problem!

Smokers also make me grumpy - flicking their butts out the car window or grinding their cigarette stubs into my driveway. Do they think they are biodegradable!!

Every time I pick up a magazine, another diet is offered...how do they all know I have put on weight since moving to the country? It was easier to stay slim when I was not in the kitchen all the time!

*Oh yes - another thing - you know what I hate?*

*You're in a rush, it's your husband who's late.*

*It's not the occasion of pomp or of ceremony he'd surely be timely for a tasting at Kemeny's!*

...aah, that's better!

**Miranda Lean** thinks that becoming a grumpy old woman creeps up on you unexpectedly when you realise that no one else in the household seems capable of performing simple, routine tasks such as moving dry towels from the rack before putting wet ones on it or pegging the washing carefully on the line so that it dries in a nice shape and with luck won't need ironing. You become aware of unpleasant decorator items such as shoes and socks left lying around the house long after their occupants have moved on.... that's when grumpiness really sets in!

Trying to keep your ego intact can become difficult at times as the rear vision mirror in your car reveals disturbing facial hairs that weren't nearly so apparent in your bathroom mirror when you had your tweezers handy. Worse still! You have just spent an obscene amount of money on a new pair of swimmers that partly disguises your ever increasing stomach flab when your teenage daughter or some other gorgeous young thing with a perfect figure floats nonchalantly past. You realise that all hope is lost! Sure you're still attractive to men - it's just that they're getting older and older!

And what about computer skills! You really can't ask your teenager, again, how to do that task they showed you just the other day because they get so annoyed... and that's after all the years of patience that you've shown towards them! Oh well...

What is really worth being grumpy about, says **Dawn Jonas**, is the steady destruction of our beloved Highlands with unsympathetic development such as huge 'look at me' houses straddling small blocks, suburban houses in rural settings and lines of Leylandii carving up the landscape and blocking out the beautiful views. And if enough people get grumpy about this, too, things might just change for the better. Maybe well-directed grumpiness is not such a bad thing after all!

But on a day to day basis, it's modern underwear that makes me grumpy. I've got my knickers in a twist! An increasingly Rubenesque stomach now repels bikini pants so they end up sitting in a tight roll well below the hips. So bring on the Bridget Jones variety and maybe I'll be much happier. To compound the problem thoughtless manufacturers have decided, out of the blue, to discontinue my favourite 'comfortable' style of bra. In its place they offer a profusion of itchy, frilly lacy things for pert young fillies or contraptions with stand alone blancmange like cups that add centimetres I don't need. Galling!...So is going to the hairdresser!

Emerging from the shampoo looking like a haggard drowned rat you face your image in the huge mirror

while a creamy complexioned young hairdresser regards you sympathetically over your shoulder. All salon mirrors should be vaselined. Now I'm even grumpier because I've fallen in to the female trap of focusing on appearances. Grr!

Oh yes, and what's more - now I live with a grumpy old man!



Jenny Byrne



Karin Hull



Miranda Lean



Dawn Jonas



*In 2004, Peter and Christopher Lowry purchased the Bundanoon Holiday Resort and Conference Centre which has been refurbished and revitalized as the Bundanoon Country Inn Motel. Their family has had long association with Bundanoon, as Peter Lowry tells us.*

**WWW.** bundanoon.com.au, the website designed to promote Bundanoon, its businesses, its attractions and its people was launched by its creator, Christopher Lowry, at the Bundanoon Country Inn Motel on Tuesday 31 January. Christopher is the fourth generation of his family who has been involved in promoting Bundanoon as a holiday destination. The story begins with Christopher's great-grandparents Kate and Fred Fowler.

In 1911, Frederick Fowler set off to Australia from Glasgow ahead of his wife Kate (formerly Kate Barclay) and two daughters Ada and Catherine. As a bespoke tailor, Fred came to Australia seeking opportunities and a new life for his young family.

Kate, Ada and Catherine followed in 1914 by ocean liner on a journey not without some drama. They later told of an incident during the trip when they

were being followed by the German light cruiser 'Emden'. A German spy on board their ship was signaling to the enemy. He was subsequently arrested and removed at Cape Town. Upon arrival in Australia the family settled for a number of years in Bankstown south-west of Sydney.

Ada Fowler followed her father into tailoring before taking a position in Bundanoon looking after an elderly widow who lived in Railway Parade. Ada toured the countryside with Mrs. Alcorn, driving her about in a T-model Ford.

During the Depression, Fred and Kate followed Ada to the Southern Highlands and built the family guesthouse 'Glenelg' on the corner of Railway Parade and Rosenthal Avenue. They thrived, self sufficiently, by keeping poultry and growing their own fruit and vegetables.

Kate and daughter Ada were great knitters and like many ladies in Bundanoon, produced a constant supply of knitted garments for the troops in World War II. They became well known in the community, belonged to the Methodist Church, where Ada often played the organ and sang in the choir. Kate who belonged to the CWA is featured on page 21 in a photograph taken with her friends from the Church.

Kate, Fred and Ada lived in 'Glenelg' for the rest of their lives. Fred was a founding member of the Bundanoon Bowling Club and played until he was 99. Fred was a well loved identity in Bundanoon and died there at the age of 103.

Ada became an enthusiastic worker for the community, supporting many local charitable causes. During the war she also did plane spotting of military aircraft from the projection room

above the Memorial Hall picture theatre. She was an active fundraiser for the Berrima Historical Society even into her 90s when she moved to Harbison Retirement Village at Burradoo.

Ada's younger sister Catherine married Tim Lowry. They lived in Sydney and the Fowler family had their younger son Peter to stay every school holidays. Peter would be put on the steam train at Central and was welcomed by his grandparents and aunt as the train pulled into Bundanoon station, often with a few hundred other passengers on board. Over the years Peter spent his formative years during his school holidays hiking in the gullies, riding horses and spending countless hours chatting to the drivers of freight trains, in the days of steam, when the trains were shunted off the main line to allow the express trains to pass. He remembers his grandmother Kate Fowler as a dedicated homemaker, regular worshipper at the Methodist church and a serious person. Like her daughter Ada, she spoke with a distinct Scot accent. His Aunt Ada was a tireless worker for Bundanoon. She was talented, selfless and energetic and had an infectious sense of humour.

Like many other resourceful families in Bundanoon in those busy lively days their pantry was lined with bottled fruit and jams. Delicious cakes, scones and biscuits were regularly baked on the wood fire stove for family, guests and charitable fundraisers. Fred, who rode a bicycle until he was 90, spent many afternoons yarnning with his mates on the front verandah over a cup of tea.

Ada was like a second mother to Peter and his boyhood days at Bundanoon are some of his happiest memories. He couldn't wait to take his own two sons Nigel and Christopher to Bundanoon to holiday at 'Glenelg' in the 1970's.

When Auntie Ada was spending her last years at the Harbison Retirement Village, she fondly predicted 'the Lowry boys' would make her proud. The Fowlers are remembered today as great contributors to the social fabric of the community and great grandson Christopher Lowry and his dad Peter hope to continue the tradition of welcoming visitors to Bundanoon and contributing to the community.

*Peter Lowry gave jcg this story and we would like to publish other family histories. If you are a long-time resident of Bundanoon and would like to share your family's story with us or have photographs of family events taken during the early to middle 1900s please contact Pam Davies 4883 7196 or email [inverard@hinet.net.au](mailto:inverard@hinet.net.au)*



Ada Fowler, Fred Fowler (aged 103 years) and Catherine Lowry, nee Fowler



Fred Fowler celebrating his 100th birthday at Bundanoon Bowling Club. Left to right: Harold Baker (78), John Clyne (85), Fred Fowler, Bill Carlisle (87) and Les Grice (81).



The Petrea King Quest for Life Centre has been operating in Bundanoon for seven years now and we have continued to grow as a dedicated group of individuals with a clear focus on people and the community. People travel from around Australia and New Zealand to attend our residential programs and quite a few local residents have been to Quest when they have been dealing with illness, loss or grief or as a volunteer. We are also host to the weekly exercise group conducted by Lee Robinson. We strongly believe in the strength of our local community and we have some very exciting events planned.

On Thursday 25 May 2006, at the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel Sydney, the Quest for Life Foundation is hosting its annual **Celebrity Gala Dinner**. All funds raised on the evening go directly to supporting the work of the Petrea King Quest for Life Centre by providing subsidies to participants who are otherwise unable to attend programs at the Centre. This fundraising event allows us to turn no one away on financial grounds as well as assisting us to provide more services for people. This annual event has become a tradition, where more than 45 major Australian celebrities attend the dinner and change tables after each course. There is a

major auction, silent auction and a number of smaller raffles and events to give away prizes.

The Quest for Life Centre is also looking to host regular **seminar and information nights** – our plan is to host a free seminar for Bundanoon residents each week based on a range of topics of your choice. When we conducted a series of meditation evenings over a year ago more than 30 local residents attended and many of you expressed interest in learning more about the techniques and strategies we teach in our programs at Quest.

You might also be interested to know that the Quest for Life Centre is available for **venue hire** – we are pleased to be able to offer the Centre to you as a venue for a range of Bundanoon community events.

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# Let's do lunch!

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It's Monday, 12:30pm. The washing is on the line, beds are made, the house is tidy and there's just time to have a sandwich and a cup of tea before keeping that 2:00pm appointment in Bowral. What's in the fridge? A few tomatoes, lettuce and a cucumber and the last of a block of cheddar! Oh well – a cheese and salad sandwich will have to do.

A visit to a supermarket while you are in town will revolutionise lunches for the rest of the week.

Low-fat fresh ricotta or cottage cheese (preferably Weight Watchers, for smooth texture and flavour) make excellent bases for a variety of tasty additives for sandwich fillings, toppings for Turkish bread or flatbread wraps.

Add these to your shopping list and you'll have a supply of interesting ingredients for lunch snacks:

- Small tins Sirena tuna
- Wattle brand Chunky Dips (Exotic Thai and Dill and Parsley are good)
- S and W or Norganics mayonnaise
- Capers
- Semi-dried tomatoes
- Black olive paste
- Hummus
- Some roasted vegetables from the deli and maybe some shaved pastrami
- Butter lettuce and rocket.
- Mixed salad seeds or Dukka

Ricotta goes well with any of the following. Don't be afraid to use whole egg mayonnaise. Small quantities improve the flavour of sandwich fillings so much that anxiety about calories is forgotten.

## Suggestions:

Ricotta with

- a swirl of olive paste and chopped semi-dried tomatoes
- tuna, capers and mayo
- Wattle Chunky Dip and tuna.

Fresh salad vegetables like Lebanese cucumber, lettuce, celery and grated carrot add texture to these mixtures, especially when using wraps, and a sprinkle of salad seeds give any sandwich an added dimension.

Pastrami goes really well with roasted vegetables.

Bundanoon Deli stocks Turkish bread which improves in flavour when lightly toasted.

Flatbread (lavash), cut into triangles, lightly sprayed with cooking oil and baked until crisp in a moderate oven makes a great accompaniment for ricotta mixtures, for a change from a sandwich.

\* \* \* \* \*

Or even better – your appointment isn't until 2.00pm so why not treat yourself to lunch in Bowral where Christian Petersen and Will Tooth from Bundanoon are making a name for themselves at the extended Coffee Culture at the rear of the Empire cinema. Chris is now co-owner of this successful business with Sally Terry who established it 10 years ago with her sister Lisa. Will is an accomplished chef who has trained in Sydney and London. During his seven years in the UK he worked at the exclusive Harvey Nicholls 5th Floor Restaurant and as a new venture opened Electric House in Notting Hill. Their lunch menu is innovative and features a number of 'snacks' – such as hummus with crispbread.

Will has given jcg the following recipes. Buon appetito!

## Hummus

250 grams chickpeas, canned or prepared from dry  
1 clove of garlic  
50 ml extra virgin olive oil  
1 tsp cumin  
1 tsp coriander  
100 ml tahini  
Salt and pepper  
Tabasco  
Lemon juice  
Little water

Blend all in a food processor. Serve with warm Lebanese bread or warm toasted Turkish bread.

## Eggplant relish

2 eggplants  
1 brown onion  
2 tsp extra virgin olive oil  
4 cloves of crushed garlic  
1 tsp curry powder  
1 tsp cumin ground  
1 tsp coriander ground  
Pinch of chilli powder  
200 gm crushed tomatoes

Cut eggplant into 1 cm squares and fry off in a frying pan with the olive oil until golden brown in colour. Set aside on kitchen paper to cool.

In a separate pan heat 1 tsp of olive oil and cook off the diced brown onion for about 5 to 6 minutes until transparent.

Add garlic, curry powder, cumin, coriander, chilli powder and cook for a further 5 to 6 minutes.

Add crushed tomatoes and bring up to the boil, once up to the boil simmer for 30 to 40 minutes.

Add cooked eggplant at the end. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with crispy Lebanese bread or toasted Turkish pide.



Christian Petersen  
and Will Tooth at  
Coffee Culture



Roger came back to the car to find Meg sitting in the driving seat. She just sat there and completely ignored his angry face. She didn't even look at him. Furiously he yanked on the handle but the door was firmly locked.

'Oi! Out!' She continued to look through the windscreen. 'I said out!' Slowly she turned her head to face him.

'You've got beautiful soft eyes; no, don't frown; it spoils your whole appearance'

'That's as may be, but if you don't unlock this door you'll be in big trouble.' He felt in his pocket on the off chance that he might have brought the spare set, but no luck. He briefly considered calling for assistance but quickly dismissed the thought. That would have to be the last option. 'What do you think you're playing at?'

'I was cold and there's nowhere round here where I could shelter, so I just sat in your car.'

Roger spluttered, 'You can't go round using Police cars as doss-houses. Open this door now before I get really angry. Come on. Be quick.' A light drizzle had started to fall, against which his thin shirt offered little protection. He slammed his hand on the roof of the car making Meg jump. 'Right, that's it. You're in for it now. I'm getting really angry.'

The guests were late, the church was bare,  
With only Col and Cathy there,  
And serves them right, is all I say;  
Getting married, Grand Final Day!

What a choice down for decision,  
With Souths playing on television;  
When finally the Minister did appear,  
He had a transistor in his ear.

Do you promise to love and obey –  
Hang on, McCarthy's on his way!  
Do you pledge with all your soul –  
Simms has kicked another goal!

Now, repeat after me, my dear –  
Hell! Someone's bitten Sattler's ear –  
All your life you be devout –  
Some mug's ironed McCarthy out!

I now pronounce you man and wife –  
'Cause Cleary's racing for his life.  
Now my boy, you kiss the bride –  
Holy Moses, Souths off-side!

Hear those Souths supporters cheer,  
Let's get the hell right out of here.  
Missing this would make you cry –  
Now Coote has gone in for a try!

I know where I would rather be  
God Bless you both –  
and post my fee.

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Isobel Greason



'You're getting really wet too aren't you?' she observed. 'I'm not going to let you in if you're going to shout at me like that. Good Heavens, what's that?' The radio had suddenly burst into life.

'Sydney Control to One Five; come in One Five, over'

Roger, stooped, shivering beside his vehicle in the Supermarket car park was in no position to answer. This is not happening to me, he thought, it's all a dream. I leave the car for thirty seconds to buy some fags and it's hijacked by some nutty old bird who ought to be in a loony bin. Shit, shit, shit!

'One Five, I say again, come in One Five, over'

Meg wound down the window just sufficiently to enable her to pass the microphone outside. 'Here, you'd better talk to him, he sounds rather upset'

Roger took the hand piece and, struggling to stop his teeth from chattering, responded. 'One Five, receiving, over'

'One Five, you took your time; where the hell are you, over'

Trying not to see the accusation in Meg's face he pressed the talk button, 'One Five, sorry, traffic's heavy. I'm on George Street, just approaching the Queen Victoria Building'

'One Five, roger; there's been an accident on Macquarie Street, near The Mint, render assistance, if you're not too busy that is. Out'

'You fibber! We're nowhere near the Queen Victoria Building. I thought that policemen were not supposed to tell lies.'

Roger weighed his options. 'Look mother, I've got to get to that accident. Will you please open the car door; I promise I won't shout at you again.'

'Alright, on one condition.'

'What's that?'

'I want to come with you.'

'You can't. This is official police business, not a bloody sightseeing trip.'

'I thought policemen were not supposed to swear either. Well, if I can't go, neither can you' and with that Meg resumed her long distance stare through the windscreen.

By now Roger was shivering so severely that he was having trouble getting his words out. 'OK, OK, you can come; just open the bl..., just open the door and shift over'

And so it was that call sign One Five, with lights flashing and siren screaming left the car park at high speed and forced its way through the heavy afternoon traffic. A careful observer might have wondered why the driver was so grim faced and why his tightly belted passenger looked more alive than any woman over seventy had any right to be.

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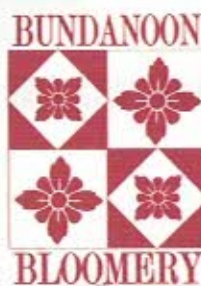
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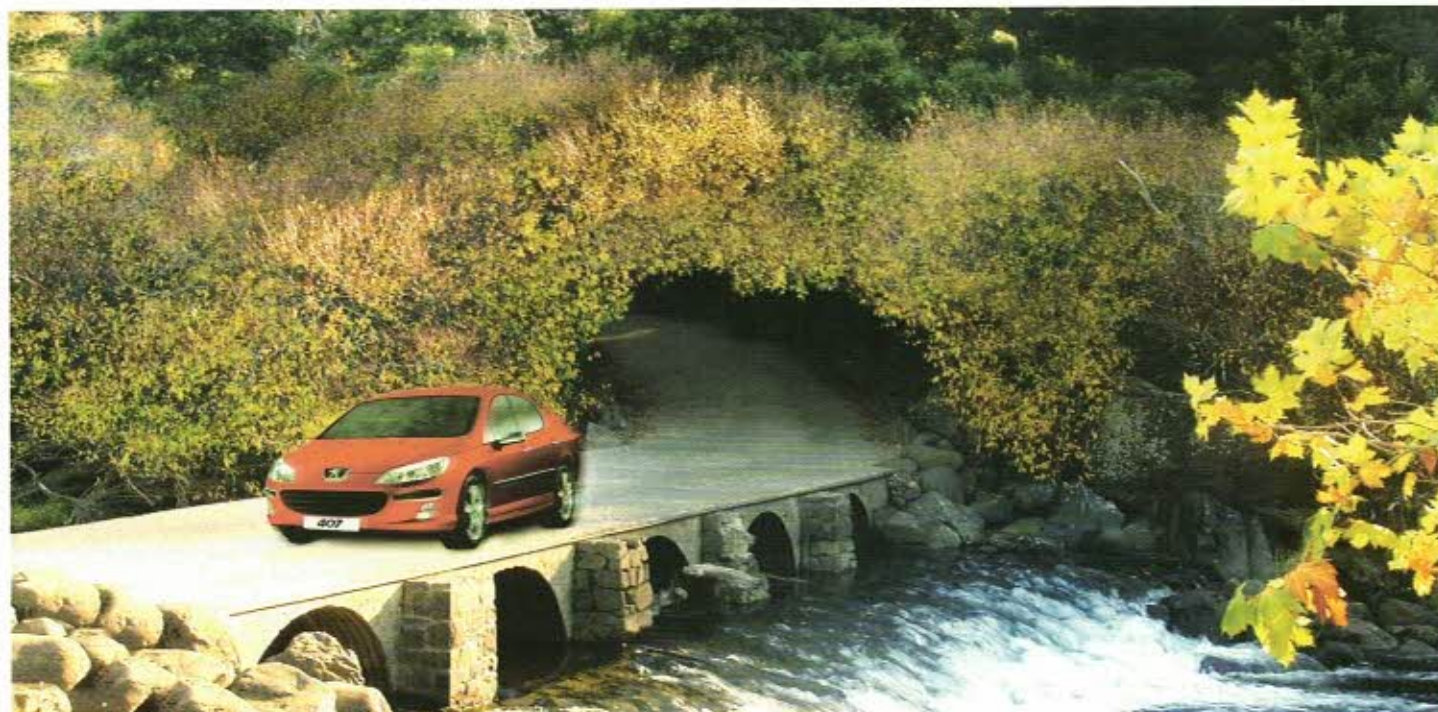


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Urban fire-fighting, bushfire interface fighting, and responding to hazardous material fires in a wider area are the main activities of the Town Brigade. The fire station is well equipped and has a brand new 'pumper' which was installed in February. Speaking to schools and local organisations, fire safety presentations and advice on installing smoke alarms are also important aspects of the service. Brigade members are issued with a pager and summonsed from work or home to attend fires. More crew would mean that a roster system could ensure a fairer distribution of the workload.

### info

For further information: visit the Fire Station in Anzac Pde or contact the Zone Office at 320 Auburn St., Goulburn, ph 4822 9395.



## CWA news

The 2005 year ended with the members of the Bundanoon branch of CWA enjoying our Christmas luncheon at a local venue, TreeTops guesthouse, where host and hostess Harry and Karin did us proud indeed. Bundanoon is lucky to have such a pleasant eatery so available.

A Friendship Day scheduled for 19 January was cancelled owing, sadly, to the funeral service being held for a much-loved member and friend, Chris Thomas. Just a few weeks previously, Betty Whitworth, a past President and a wonderful member also departed this life. Both these ladies had long-standing health problems which they bore with courage, strength of will and humour. They will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved them.

We should like to thank jcg for the opportunity of bringing to the readers news of the activities of the local CWA. We are a happy friendly bunch.

### just a thought...

"The generosity of your time is the most valuable gift you can give."

Sara Henderson

### contact

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4883 6526

Publicity Officer, Josie  
Cornell: 4883 6520

Our meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 1 pm. Craft days will hopefully begin again in February and are held on the last Thursday of the month, from 10 am. These days are open to all - bring a sandwich for lunch - we will make ample cups of tea or coffee.

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The 2006 committee is:

President – Kurt Singer 4883 6759  
Vice President – Luke Perriss 4883 7880  
Secretary – Elizabeth Norrie 4883 6421  
Treasurer- John Kelly 4883 6925  
Head Coach – John Sant 4883 6271  
Registrar – Birgitte Singer  
Canteen Coordinator – Michelle Kelly  
Committee Members – Dennis Day and Angela Bolton

If you have any questions regarding the club don't hesitate to contact one of the committee. Let's hope for a great season!

Liz Norrie



## Bundanoon Tennis Club

### ENTER THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2006:

After 20 years we have re-instated an important part of our club structure. Can the current club champions defend their titles? Maybe your children will have to lace up the Dunlop Volleys and do it for you! Even if you don't play come and be a spectator and see where tennis is at in your town.

- WHEN: 11 and 12 March 2006
- ENTRY: \$5 for Juniors (U/12's, U/16's) and \$10 for Adults.

To enter you must be a member of Bundanoon Tennis Club.

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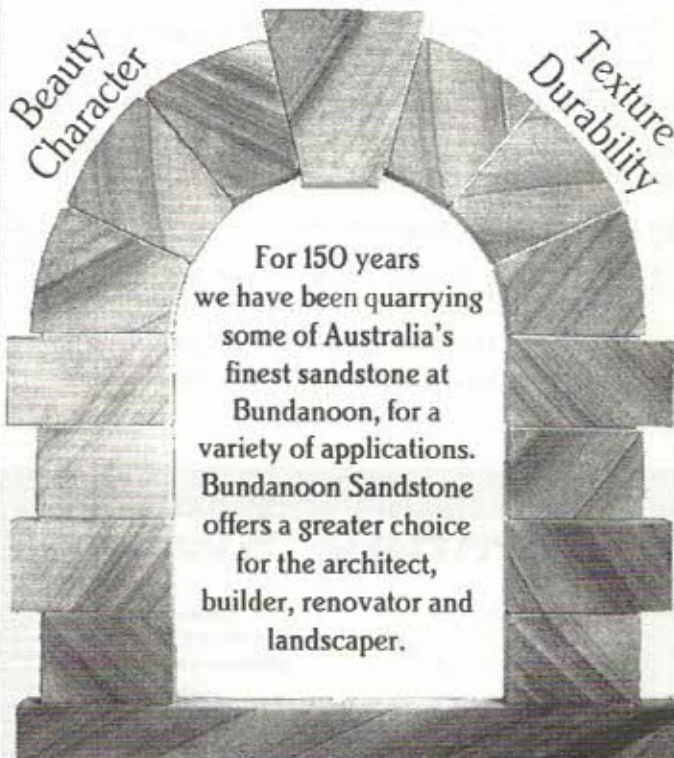
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## Thank you Megan

Megan Bailie-Mace is leaving the NSW Police Department after 23 years of service. We wish to thank her for being part of our community since 1997. Although Megan lived here, her appointment to the Bowral station, administered from Camden, meant that her presence was required across a large area. Like police officers in Moss Vale and Robertson, their days begin and end where they live and Megan developed a wide circle of friends, joined the Wingello Quilters and became a well known identity in town. Many of us who had contact with her in a professional capacity have high regard for her and we all wish her well for the future. Although her furniture and belongings are on their way to Wingham where her family lives she will stay in the Highlands for some time where she is in great demand as a 'house sitter' and has enrolled in a Bachelor degree in Business Administration at the Moss Vale campus of Wollongong University.

In 2005 Megan and a colleague Chris Roberson (Blue Light Disco Co-ordinator) shared the Bowral/Mittagong Rotary Club award for Police Persons of the Year.

Congratulations and best wishes, Megan!

**Megan has asked jcg to extend her thanks to the people of Bundanoon who have made her time here so memorable. Ed.**

## A REMINDER

**It is essential that all crime incidents are reported.**

In the event of a minor event or suspicious sighting: phone the Police Assistance Line 131444

In the case of a serious matter or you have information about someone known to you who may be connected with the event and you wish to speak in person to a police officer:

Phone 000 if it's an emergency or Bowral Police Station 4862 9299.

If you have concerns about the NSW Police Department please contact your State Member, Peta Seaton, PO Box 684, Bowral.

Email: [peta.seaton@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:peta.seaton@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

## Spell-cheque

I have a spelling chequer,  
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It cheques out all off my miss takes,  
The one's I cannot sea.  
Eye putt this poem threw it,  
I'm shore ewer pleas too no,  
Its rite in every detail,  
My chequer tolled me sew.

## Can you believe it?

[www.museumstuff.com](http://www.museumstuff.com) lists 40 of the more unlikely museums, such as: The Bathtub Art Museum, Museum of Coathangers, Museum of Scams and Frauds, International Museum of Toilets, Banana Museum, Toaster Museum and the Museum of Questionable Medical Devices.

## Letters

May I, through jcg, say a big 'thank you' to all the volunteers who make life in Bundanoon so much better?

Firstly, the Meals on Wheels volunteers who do such a sterling job, and without whom some of us would not eat so well; also the Green Team who make our lovely village even lovelier.

Thank you,  
Lucy Rocca.

While admiring the new sandstone 'Bundanoon' sign on Penrose Rd from my vantage point atop a startled horse who was positioned somewhere in the middle of the road, I paused to wonder whether there was any consideration taken of the fact that it is entirely obstructing a very well-worn pathway that on any given day sees a procession of children walking to their buses, children on bicycles, people

on horseback, folk walking their dogs and mothers walking with strollers. There is now no safe way to proceed along Penrose Rd other than at some speed in a motor vehicle. There is no access on the other side of the road. The addition of a sloping dirt bank extending from the side of the sign to the roadside has completely sealed our fate. Thirty centimetres of path bordered by barbed wire on the verge of the road, or run the gauntlet of the traffic! One day I hope my trusty steed will grow wings and just sail over the wall; however, I realise that this feat may just qualify me for Olympic showjumping.

Sue Liersch

PS. Is there not a slight public liability issue in here?

**Note: Sue has taken her concerns about this matter to council. Ed.**

## A Special Thanks to a Special Community

John, Sue-Ellen, Rebecca, Tanya and Jennefer Sant would like to thank the Bundanoon community and neighbouring Southern Villages for their generosity and kindness offered to us during this tragic time. It really helped us to cope with Michael's passing away. From the very bottom of our hearts

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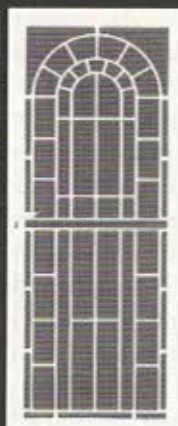
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Secretary	Ralph Clark	4883 6389	
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	Barbara Rowett	4883 7203	
Bundanoon Visitors' Group	Karin & Harry Hull	4883 6372	
Bundanoon Voices	Coralie & Michael Flint	4883 6588	
Chess Club	Pat Foley	4883 6064	
Country Women's Association (meets 1st Thurs, 1 pm, CWA Rooms):			
	Marie Reid	4883 6526	
Friends of Morton Nat. Park	Sheila Micholson	4883 6107	
	Alan Hyman	4883 7763	
Garden Club	Josephine Challenor	4883 6765	
Glow Worm Glen Track C'ttee.	John Dorman	4883 6296	
Green Team	David Beasley	4883 7122	
History Group (meets 1st Monday, 10 am, Old Goods Shed)			
President	Patricia Guy	4883 6971	
Secretary	Graham Morgan	4883 7714	
Lions Club (meets 1st/3rd Monday, 7.30 pm, Bundanoon Club):			
	Ralph Clark	4883 6389	
Playgroup	Sarah Munro	4883 7397	
RSL (meets 1st Tues (exc. January), 2 pm, RSL Rooms at Oval):			
	Trevor Fenton	4883 6433	
Waratah Slimmers	Kath Hogg	4822 6757	

## Sports Clubs

Bowls (Men)	Ron Angel	4883 6150
(Women)	Jan Witney	4883 7356
Cricket	Steve Granger	4868 2680
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## Support &amp; Volunteer Services

Community Health Service	Bowral	4861 8000
Early Childhood Clinic		4861 1744
Community Health Centre		4861 1744
Wingecarribee Adult Day Care	Anne Emms	4861 1744
Fire Station		4883 6333
Meals on Wheels	Fay Carter	4883 7441
Mobile Library	Moss Vale Library	4868 2479
Petrea King Quest for Life Centre		4883 6599
Red Cross (Exeter branch)	June Morrissey	4883 4443
Ronald Macdonald Casserole Club	Ross Armfield	4883 4144
Rural Fire Service (RFS)	Alan Fairbrother	4883 6597
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RSPCA (Goulburn/Highlands)		0412 475 428
WIRES		4862 1788

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## Church Times

## Anglican Church of Sutton Forest

## Holy Trinity, Bundanoon

Sunday..... 9.00 am, 5.30 pm

## St Aidan's, Exeter

Sunday..... 9.30 am

## St Stephen's, Tallong

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

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

## All Saints, Sutton Forest

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

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

## Uniting Church, Church St, Bundanoon

Sunday ..... 11.00 am

Thursday..... 12.30 pm

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

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

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

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

Vigil Mass, Saturday ..... 6.00 pm

Sunday ..... 9.30 am

## Moss Vale Christian Church, Cnr. Spring and Railway Sts. Moss Vale

10.00 am and 5.00 pm every Sunday

## Easter services

## Uniting Church:

Thu 13 April, 7 pm: Tenebrae Meal, Moss Vale Church

Good Friday Services at Moss Vale at 9am, Bundanoon at 11am

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Robertson Church, 6.30am

Easter Sunday Services at Moss Vale, 9 a.m., Bundanoon, 11am

## Catholic Church:

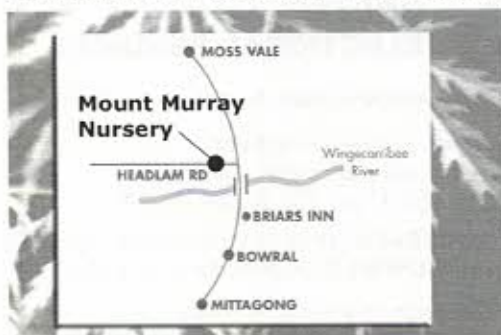
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March 12 to April 9: Robyn Kinsela Exhibition. Ph: Sturt Gallery 4860 2083.

Mar 24 to 26, 31: Oliver. Ph: Tourism Southern Highlands on 4871 2888.

April 1: Piano at Ten, Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall at 10am. Ph: Coralie & Michael Flint on 4883 6588.

April 1 & 2: Oliver

April 1 to 18: Del Cooley Exhibition, the milk factory gallery, 31 Station Street Bowral. Enquiries: Del 0429 848 104

April 22 to 23: Southern Highlands Classical Jazz and Ragtime Festival. Sydney and interstate bands. Ph: 1300 657 217.

May 6: Piano at Ten



## Entertainment

March 5, 6: Fairway Film Nights, Sylvan Glen, Penrose. Ph: 4884 4306.

March 10: Avoca Old Time Dance. From 7.30pm. Ph: 4887 7321.

March 11, 12: Fairway Film Nights

March 17: Robertson Family Dance. Ph: 4885 1216.

April 8, May 12: Avoca Old Time Dance

April 21, May 19: Robertson Family Dance

## Events & Festivals



March 12: Swirl 06 - Festival of wine, food and arts. Eling Forest Vineyard Tickets/info ph: 1300 657 559 or 4878 9155.

April 3: Moss Vale Golf Club Annual Wedding Expo. Open from 11am to 3pm.

April 8: Bundanoon is Brigadoon, Bundanoon Oval, Bundanoon.

April 8: Brigadoon Night Ceilidh, Mittagong RSL Club. \$25 per head which includes a snack menu.

April 8: Throsby Park open day. Ph: NPWS on 4887 8244.

April 22: 25th Annual Woolcraft Festival. Ph: Wendy Norris 4465 1601 or Sandie O'Neill 4626 4764.



## Markets

March 5: Bundanoon Market. Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall from 9am. Ph: 4869 3016.

March 11: Bowral Farmers' Market. From 8am at the Bowral Public School. Ph: 4862 4910.

March 12: Berrima School Craft Market. 9am-3pm at Berrima Public School. Ph: 4869 3016.

March 12: Robertson Market. 9am-3pm, School of Arts, Hoddle St, Robertson. Ph: 4885 1216.

March 18: Mittagong Market. 8am-2pm, cnr of Alice & Albert Sts, Mittagong. Ph: 4871 1354.

March 19: Sutton Forest Market. Ph: 4869 3016.

March 19: Bowral Market. 9am-3pm, Rudolf Steiner School.

March 26: Southern Highlands Country Fair. 9am-3pm, Moss Vale Showground. Ph: 4863 1639.

April 2: Bundanoon Market

April 8: Bowral Farmers' Market

April 9: Robertson Market

April 9: Berrima School Craft Market.

April 15: Burrawang Easter Markets. 9am-3pm. Ph: 4886 4198.

April 15: Mittagong Market

April 16: Bowral Market

April 16: Sutton Forest Market

April 22: Colo Vale Market

April 23: Southern Highlands Country Fair

April 29: 5th Saturday Markets. Ph: 4872 4101.

May 6 & 7: Southern Highlands Antique Fair, Bowral Memorial Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral.

May 7: Bundanoon Market

May 13: Bowral Farmers Market

May 14: Berrima School Craft Market

May 14: Robertson Market

May 20: Mittagong Markets

May 21: Bowral Market

May 21: Sutton Forest Market

May 27: Colo Vale Market

May 28: Southern Highlands Country Fair



## Shows

Mar 10-11: Robertson Agricultural Show. Ph: Carolyn Birley on 4885 2552, or 4885 1620 (ah).

March 17-19: Moss Vale Agricultural Show. Ph: 4868 1869.



## Sport

March 11: Fly Fishing. Ph: 4883 6324.

March 25: Moss Vale Greyhounds. Races start at 1.30pm at the Moss Vale Showground. Ph: 4868 1353.

April 1: Moss Vale Greyhounds

April 8: Moss Vale Greyhounds

April 15: Moss Vale Greyhounds

April 22: Fly Fishing

April 22: Moss Vale Greyhounds

April 29: Moss Vale Greyhounds

May 13: Fly Fishing

May 20: Moss Vale Greyhounds

May 27: Fly Fishing



## Young People

March 25: Wingecarribee Blue Light Disco. Mittagong RSL Club. Children under 12 years of age 4pm-6pm. Senior dance party for 12-18 year olds from 7.30-10.30pm.

April 9-25: NPWS Discovery Ranger Holiday Program. Call Fitzroy Falls Visitor Information Centre: 4887 7270.

April 29: Wingecarribee Blue Light Disco. Mittagong RSL Club. Children under 12 years of age 4pm to 6pm. Senior dance party for 12 to 18 year olds from 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

May 20: Wingecarribee Blue Light Disco. Mittagong RSL Club. Children under 12 years of age 4pm to 6pm. Senior dance party for 12 to 18 year olds from 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

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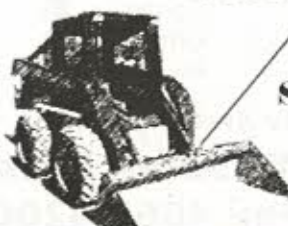
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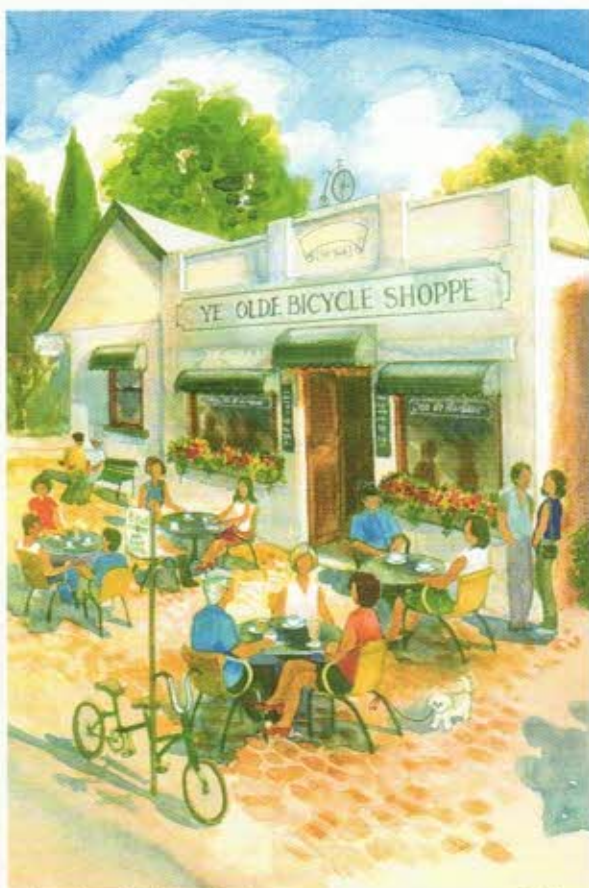
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