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"BUSH CHRISTMAS"

Christmas Day was going to be like any other Christmas. Sleep in, relax, bond with the family. Not so. At 2.30pm we got a call from HQ to say Sydney was on fire. We were to get a crew ready and go to the shed to await orders. When the call came, it was not for Sydney but South Marulan! The smoke could now be seen from our shed. We left immediately. The fire was sweeping across the flat grass paddocks, being pushed by the strong hot winds. It had already crossed South Marulan Road and was heading towards the quarry, slowing in the sheltered gullies. We joined up with both Wingello Brigade crews and were busy blacking out the edges of the fire. As darkness fell and the temperature dropped the fire slowed to a crawl and allowed a bulldozer to cut a break in front of the main fire front, and a backburn was planned to cut the fire off before it had a chance to reach the quarry and the township of South Marulan. Relief from Mulwaree at 1.10am saw us heading home, not realising what was in store for the next 19 days.

Belmore Falls - Bundanoon was on evening shift and had to patrol and blackout the northern edge of the escarpment. The fire was burning at the bottom of the gorge and early in the morning made a run up the side of the escarpment and up over the top. In about 10 to 15 minutes we managed to stop the fire with a direct attack on the fire front and proceeded to blackout the slower moving flanks. The rest of the shift was relatively quiet.



Burke River

Fire - We went to Diamond Fields Road Mittagong and into the catchment area for the Avon

Dam. Mittagong and Mandemar were backburning and Canyonleigh and Bundanoon were blacking out. We had 7km to do before the Avon Dam fire reached us and not much time. Several hours later the cavalry arrived - ten tankers from the CFA.



Balmoral - Leaving Hill Top Shed we drove through flames to Balmoral for property protection. One was completely organised (being a member of the RFS) and another was a property with 27 greyhounds. While the owners were organising all the necessary items for saving, their young kid squeezed in his cricket pads and the Valiant of many colours put in an appearance too. It was worth saving too, apparently. After several hours securing and making safe the property we went on to Buxton, then to Hill Top for a backburn with Exeter. On blacking out the area we were stunned to find a charred, full gas bottle! Close call.

New Year's Eve - Out again for the 4th NYE. At least the nudist colony several years ago was interesting, but we were at Colo Vale. While blacking out, the fire made a run on the ridge. Smoke was coming along at a good pace and we were told to pull back to safety. Storm cells and winds of 72km per hour were expected - oh goody! The main fire front hit Hill Top and we were redirected to assist in property protection. Happy New Year!!

New Years Day - Arrived at Hill Top to blackout behind houses. People do stack their wood awfully close to the house. Called to the 'Germans' with Moss Vale and Exeter we proceeded to put out a windrow fire which could have spread into the forest. Just as we were blacking out a 'dozer appeared from the woods heading for the clearing. Being a tidy chap he thought he would park it beside our tanker.

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**B C D A
MEETING
DATE**

Annual General Meeting
Thursday 21 March 2002
at 7.30pm - Soldiers' Memorial
Hall (Supper Room)
Chair - Councillor Fairall
Guest Speaker - Joanna Gash M.P.

Election of Office Bearers and
Committee will take place at the
BCDA AGM

Following meetings -
Thursday 18 April 2002, 7.30pm
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Editorial



The Christmas/New Year period was a much disrupted holiday for some in our community.

I refer to the volunteers who, locally and further afield, were busily saving or protecting our property from the worst bushfires in many years.

Although the State Government has offered, such is the volunteer spirit amongst these exceptional people, they will not hear of payment or even compensation for their sacrifices. It seems it is against their unwritten code to accept payment in this way.

Hence, for those of us not directly involved in the fire-fighting or back-up teams, it is incumbent on us to ensure that they have the best equipment and facilities money can buy.

I am sure you have all given generously.

On another matter close to the hearts of our townspeople, the Bundanoon central business district streetscape is to receive much needed rectification and beautification work in the near future, this year, if the assurances of Council's Strategic Planning Manager are to be believed. At the meeting on 11 February of the Bundanoon Master Plan Committee, community representatives gave the go-head to Council's officers to take a draft design further and present it to the April budget committee for the additional funding necessary.

The BCDA will be getting regular updates on the progress of the Master Plan Committee.

Letters from individuals supporting the Master Plan Committee's initiative addressed to the Mayor and General Manager of council with copies directed to all councillors would not go amiss.

The JCG format and appearance has remained the same for some time. This area of the Southern Highlands has a number of publications now. There are five magazines, from Exeter down to Marulan, that all look pretty much the same. Perhaps we should be looking at ways of improving our publication to keep us ahead of "the pack"? We would appreciate your comments and constructive suggestions on this subject.

Can we improve the layout of the magazine? Can we improve its readability to attract more advertising? Should individual advertisements be smaller to release space for longer articles? Should it be kept as it is?

The Committee would be pleased to receive your thoughts by letter, e-mail, fax, or telephone.

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Unfortunately, beside our tanker was a really deep hole. Now you see it, now you don't. The uninjured driver made a hasty exit as an irate black snake was too close for comfort. In between putting out spot fires, at least 17 people gave their opinion on how to get it out. Someone mentioned the black snake could drive it out. A traxcavator got it out in double quick time with lots of directions. The main fire front continued towards us and we took safety precautions. Fortunately the winds changed again and it moved across the top of the valley. We eventually returned to Hill Top Station to await relief. Our 'Olympic Legend' volunteered for a double shift.

A Day Off - Whilst cleaning the tanker and restocking, we got a call to back up the Town Brigade at the pump station. Luckily residents had put out the fire.

Mt Flora - What a beautiful place. Blacking out from the previous night's backburn. Met up with CFA. The fire took off again and we put in a backburn to protect the family cemetery. The CFA were already impressed with our tanker and equipment but when we brought out the cucumber eye patches they were speechless! We continued here the next day, with the fires threatening to come up over the ridge and then deciding to go across the top instead. In the late afternoon we had the helicopter in water bombing.

High Range - Backburning around Ireland's place, Wombat Hill throughout the night. At daylight we went back to put out the fire only to find another oxy and acetylene bottle. Yippee, we have all the luck. Some people just have no idea how dangerous these things can be. Our relief continued throughout the day.

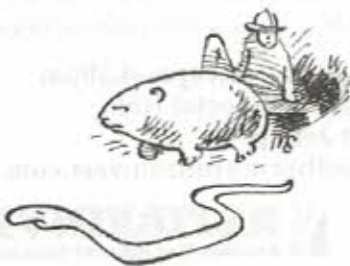
High Range - Continued blacking out the backburn Mandemar had put in during the night. During this time one of our members (in the dark) disappeared into a giant wombat hole. After a very concerned "are you all right?", great gales of laughter erupted from everyone within sight, including the wombat. Of course, some really mature members are still laughing.

Ben Har - What an experience! The scenery is magnificent. The drive in took an hour (and four chapters in big print of Great Serial Killers in the UK). The previous nights backburn from Wollondilly had joined our shire's backburn and now totally encircled the main fire - hugs all round. We spent the day blacking out and the next day's crew would probably be the last. Our job was done.

For those into statistics Wingecarribee Shire lost just under 60,000 hectares, no structures; did 120km of backburning, Bundanoon Brigade posted 1286 hours and lost several bits and pieces of the truck and one apricot and yoghurt muesli bar.

I would like to thank all the crews who made themselves available to help out with these fires. And to those not on shift, it made a big difference when we returned very late at night or early in the morning to have someone there with the shed open, the lights on and a cheerful smile. Thank you to all of you - Craig Rowley, Dean Rowley, John Brock, Garry Muldoon, Rosemary Page, Brian Scott, Brad Peacock, Justin Barker, Jill Fairbrother, Jane Fairbrother, Julie Anderson, Andrew Taylor, Jonathan Hall, Shane Hall, Dave Lidgard, Bruce Slater, Todd Letchford, Mark Turner and Greg Amos.

Alan Fairbrother
Captain



BCDA NEWS

A New Year is upon us and as usual we have a full program of work planned.

The Picnic Park has a new shelter with table and chairs, with another chair to be installed further along the park.

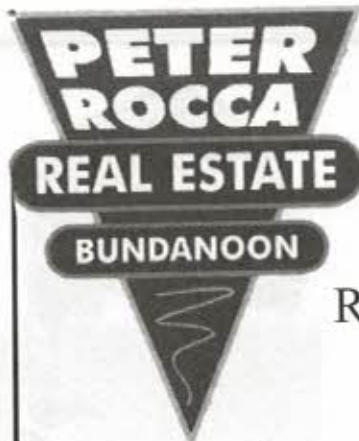
In mid-Autumn we are going to have more bottlebrush planted to fill the gaps along the fence line of Picnic Park, and we will be organising a refurbishment of the railway embankment. Mid year we have the second stage of the Centenary of Federation tree planting.

During the year we will have our Garden Ramble, Movie Nights and Annual Dinner as part of the ongoing program, and the Bundanoon Voices may even put on another splendid concert.

If you are interested, why not come along to the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21 March 2002, become a Member, assist us in continuing to make Bundanoon one of the prettiest villages in the Southern Highlands, and vote in the election of committee members and office bearers.

I look forward to seeing you then, when the guest speaker will be Joanna Gash.

Dale Chalmers
Acting Secretary



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New Rector Welcomed...

Bundanoon's population is mushrooming: most readers will know at least one newcomer.

One of our most recent families was welcomed with pomp and ceremony on Saturday 2 February. The venue was crowded and included people of local fame, such as Rural Fire Services representatives, and more widely known names such as Ms Peta Seaton, our Member for State Parliament, and Reg Piper, the Anglican Bishop of Wollongong. Up-and-coming piper Alexander Dale serenaded the visitors to The Holy Trinity church in Bundanoon.

The family being welcomed was the new Anglican Rector, David Pratt, his wife Kathryn and sons Josh and Nate.

David has a huge task, ministering in the Anglican Parish of Sutton Forest. This means that he has all the congregations of Sutton Forest, Exeter, Bundanoon and Tallong in his charge!

I'd like to tell you that he is a special individual: he's purple, with green hair.

Knowing the hugeness of the task, David has chosen to tackle it by both horns. No doubt his background as a

jackeroo will aid this!

David has also been a builder, and both he and Kathryn have been teachers (David as a science teacher). They have a special concern for the young in our community, and are convinced that Jesus Christ is in the business of liberating people of all ages and persuasions. David hopes to introduce you to that Liberator (his 'Boss').

Kathryn is a vivacious young mum, who has found help with her parenting from God. Both she and David hope to join our thriving community and to get their 'hands dirty' in growing a strong and caring Christian community.

As I said, David is a special individual, but he is not purple and green (I lied). Come to church to find out what he is!

by Adele Smith

POSTSCRIPT:

Alexander Dale is a member of the Highlands Pipes and Drums Band.

The band is currently in need of more pipers and side drummers. For more information please contact Rod Parker on 4868 3325



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Philip Joice was born in 1916 He was brought up in Brisbane, won a scholarship to Brisbane Grammar School where he excelled at sports and did well enough academically to begin an apprenticeship in pharmacy.

With lectures out of the way, by the end of his fourth year he was working full time. As his dad was a bank manager they moved often so Phil worked throughout New South Wales and Queensland.

His first pharmacy was at Lakemba, in Sydney. Here he started California Laboratories and manufactured pharmaceutical products supplying about half of the chemists in New South Wales. About this time he had a few shady customers asking for special preparations to make their greyhounds run faster or, if it suited, slower! He sold the business in 1948 but continued to receive royalties for the 'Never Suck' preparation.

During this period he bought and sold blocks of land at Lakemba one of which was rented to the two-up school. They always paid on time, in cash! Another investment was in a sports store on the South Coast. It was not successful however, and was a lesson hard learned.

He married Mum at the end of the war in 1945, and soon after they purchased an old home in Cronulla on Gunnamatta Bay. Of the improvements they made, the most important for us boys were the pool and boatshed. We always had friends, relatives and neighbours dropping over for a swim. This was our home until we moved full time to Bundanoon in the sixties.

Dad and Mum spent a lot of quality time together in the early years going sailing, ice-skating and playing tennis. There were also some strained times with the neighbours, especially when one of our dogs attacked the chooks next door and brought home the trophies for Mum to dispose of!

Life was tough for them in the Fifties. The family car was at different times a second hand taxi, an old ambulance (Mum made him get rid of within six months) or various big Dodges, Humbers and a troublesome Mercedes 300SEL. Later on he chose to own either a Ford, Holden or Toyota.

In 1950 Dad purchased a block of land next to Caringbah Railway Station for 12,000 pounds. The US style drug store he built there was the first of its kind in Australia. One of its features was a wide street frontage with lots of glass. Dad, being protestant, was also able to sell contraceptives - much to the annoyance of the Catholic chemist down the road. He told us that he had the brick wall of the store erected a few inches inside the boundary. When his neighbour, who built right up to this wall, was giving Dad some trouble he suggested that he get a survey done of his boundary. He had no more trouble from him! The shop opened with six registered chemists and turned over 2,000 pounds on the first day.

Diversification came in the form of a milk bar, chinaware, sporting goods section with one of the first tennis racquet restringing machines and a record bar, where I remember getting my first record - Mitch Miller and his Band! When television arrived he gave the pharmacy side of the business away and started Joice's

Television. Soon he was selling 70 sets per week. It seemed as though he brought a different TV home every day for us to try out. Eventually the business grew to eight or more shops and Joice's Television became the third largest electrical retailer in New South Wales, selling and servicing all kinds of electrical appliances.

Dad did a part time correspondence course in radio and TV servicing so that he had enough knowledge to know when the servicemen were trying to 'put one over' on him. He was so enthusiastic about selling TV sets that he had his sales rep's trading-in the customer's piano for 20 pounds to make way for the new TV set. In the end he had hundreds of pianos that he sold as a job lot!

As the business grew so did the need for a large service and storage area. He couldn't afford a new building so he purchased an old wool store building at Roseville. After colour coding and numbering every piece of timber, the building was dismantled and re-erected on a block of land at Taren Point. The original building cost 4,000 pounds and completed cost was 30,000 pounds.

The TV business was eventually sold to Reid Murray for sufficient money for Dad not to have to work again. Later Reid Murray went bankrupt but not before Dad had sold the shares received in part payment for the business.

Dad still owned 15 acres of industrial land at Taren Point. He started the first government approved go-kart track in Australia. He manufactured go-carts out the back called Murray Karts that were fitted with Victa

lawnmower motors (which he also sold). The carts were front wheel drive with a motor on each front wheel. Races were held there every weekend. That is where Steve got his nickname, "Speedy".

Together with Charles Foreshaw, Dad got involved with the development of Sylvania Waters south of Sydney. The idea of creating islands was Dad's. There were some early problems but soon houses were being built and occupied in six weeks and there were usually about eight or ten houses being built at any one time. Unfortunately Dad fell out with Charles over some dubious management and accounting methods he was using and they parted ways, with Dad receiving his investment in the project plus a percentage of the expected profits.

The Jumping Rock property at Bundanoon was purchased from Alan Rosebery in late 1959 as a weekender. It was 700 acres, originally, with only 100 acres of cleared land around the stone house. Adjoining land was later added to the property to bring it up to 2200 acres. Clearing the land of bush took some time and effort. Three different contractors were tried but eventually Dad bought three bulldozers himself as well as employing Bob Boag (his first job), to finish the job.

Dad and Mum used to travel between Bundanoon and Cronulla regularly at weekends. They came to like it at Bundanoon and eventually moved here, travelling to Cronulla at weekends only to visit us boys at boarding school.

One major innovation in the land clearing was the incorporation of the Keyline plan, developed by Yeomans, where trees were left in contours throughout the property for weather protection for animals



Philip and June Joice

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and prevention of soil and wind erosion down the slopes. These trees still remain a major aerial identification feature of the property today. Some of the property has been sold off from the Penrose side but there is still approximately 1750 acres left.

Mum had to make do a lot of the time in the early years. The only power was a 32volt petrol generator to run lights and vacuum cleaner etc. And a (very) slow combustion stove which, on one occasion, took three days to cook a roast lamb. Mum needed power so Dad arranged for power lines to be erected over the 5 km distance from Bundanoon at huge expense. We learnt what innovation and entrepreneurial skills were all about living with Dad during this time. He tried potato growing with Steve and Ian (Vickery) but found the Greek marketers too tough to deal with. He did lots of things that many people said were not possible or wouldn't work, including growing grass on sandy soils and developing humus to sustain it, harvesting seed from pastures.

Rearing Herefords proved troublesome so Dad decided to try Santa Gertrudis cattle. Temperament and constitution were critical elements for animal selection. We built up the cattle stud and had stud sales with Charles Young at Mittagong initially, and later at our own sale facilities at Bundanoon with Greg Cusack. Dad also set up a small Brahman stud that Mum used to adore.

During those years the stud was successful at cattle shows and Dad became an RAS cattle judge and important figure in the Santa Gertrudis Breeders (Aust) Association.

About the time of Stephen's death, (which was particularly hard for Mum), Dad had started an Artificial Breeding Centre with three other local businessmen. Initially the collection of cattle semen was done at Jumping Rock and frozen in the temporary kitchen (which we had been using during recent house renovations). There were many nights when David Brown and I would be up till 3 am freezing the semen collected that day. There

were lots of innovative ideas coming from Dad including the use of electro-ejaculation equipment, just new to America, and the first freezing of horse semen in Australia. David went on to collect from goats as well as sheep at the Bovine Semen premises on Penrose Road which Dad and David had built specifically for the purpose of collection, storage and sales of semen worldwide.

During the property and cattle development stages Mum and Dad travelled widely all over the world. It was odd that it was always while three of us boys were at boarding school and Simon was giving the housekeeper at Bundanoon (Mrs Cook), one hell of a time, hiding in cupboards etc when she was about to take him off to primary school. So we missed going on any of these trips. Maybe this was because, years earlier a caravan holiday for the whole family heading north somewhere, was so disastrous for them that it was never going to happen again!!

From cattle the next move was to horses, setting up Australia's largest Appaloosa and Palouse Pony Studs with nine stallions at stud at one time with 400 brood mares. After several very successful years of services and on-farm auction sales, horse sales eventually declined so Dad again moved on to other things, but not before sorting out the financial worries of the Appaloosa Association and serving on the board under difficult circumstances for several years. Dad and Mum were now starting to feel their age a little and when I married in 1984, they built themselves a smaller home and moved out of the main house.

A new project was needed. Rope Wick Applicators were in their infancy in the US so Dad decided to introduce them for weed control in Australia. This was the start of the family's rural manufacturing business. Soon the indoor horse service shed, (which also housed our yabby breeding tanks), became a production facility for the applicators. Product was taken all over Eastern Australia to machinery and Department of Agriculture field days.

Although this project was enormously successful, Dad was looking for other ways of supplementing farm income. There was an opportunity to manufacture rollover protection for tractors under licence to a Victorian manufacturer. His designs were so ill fitting that it was necessary to manufacture and market our own product instead.

After numerous trips to Melbourne a NATA-registered testing station was set up at the Jumping Rock. With over 250 designs, Australia's two major distributors, (Bare-Co and Vapormatic as its most important customers), and a more than significant hold on the quantity of ROPs frames reaching the Australian market (about 90% market share), the business has never looked back. There have been major Government rebate schemes introduced in Victoria and NSW to facilitate the retro-fitting of ROPs frames to all tractors in those states over the last six years and the likelihood of Qld and other states following those leads in the near future. These decisions have made a significant impact on the future of Sherwood Machinery.

Dad also encouraged and helped in the introduction of a wide range of other agricultural (and industrial) products into the manufacturing business.

Not content with those successes Dad facilitated the development of an industrial estate in Moss Vale where Simon and I bought five acres of land and developed the site to accommodate about 12 factory buildings. Of those completed, all are rented out and providing regular income.

All of Dad's achievements pale into insignificance when compared to his parting comments about Mum, and I quote:

"Marrying your mother was the best thing I ever did. We have had over 50 years of happiness and never had a cross word. She was a wonderful person and if I had looked around for years, I could not have made a better choice. We loved each other and never wished to be parted."

Phil Joice - Innovative, Entrepreneurial, Successful and Loving to the end.

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The 13th Annual Wine Expo was held at the Bundanoon Hotel on Saturday 2 February 2002.

If one were slightly superstitious about the number 13, the weather prior to Saturday was an ominous indicator of the possibility of things going wrong.

However on the morning of the 13th Annual Wine Expo the dark clouds parted to reveal a luminous blue sky, the sun shone its golden rays and dried up all the rain, thus heralding yet another great Wine Expo.

By mid morning the garden area near the swimming pool was spotted with an array of portable gazebos. Keen locals were eager to reserve their favourite vantage spots for the entertainment of the afternoon.

The Wine Expo has proven to be not just a Wine buffs' day but also a family day. The Jazz band Smorgasbord played a mellow blend of jazz in the garden, children frolicked in the pool and an aroma of sizzling steaks and satays wafted through the air. It was a perfect Highlands summer's day, and with the bonus of sampling fine wines at discounted prices.

The Hotel's Guest Lounge, Billiard Room and Main Dining Room were transformed into the Wine Expo arena itself. Stands were attended by Wine makers and their

representatives, affording customers the opportunity to discuss the wines and processes involved.

The Wine Expo brings out the discerning wine buyer but doesn't deter the beginner. The atmosphere is informal and friendly, and the Winery Reps are a pleasure to listen to as they guide you through the elements of tasting wine. In addition a buffet of fruit, cheese and bread is provided to complement the wines.

Six local Wineries were represented this year as well as three from Mudgee and the larger Yalumba and Southcorp.

The day concluded with a sumptuous three-course dinner served in the Main Dining Room and musical entertainment in the Bistro area by the band "Furry Animals".

We thank the visitors and the local community for their support of the event and, of course, the weather gods for a break in the rain and drizzle.

David Kerrigan - Licencee



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Our congratulations to author Linda Emery on the above titled Highlife Publication, released towards the end of last year.

This beautiful coffee table edition, which has featured in book shops and newsagencies throughout the Highlands, depicts the history of the towns and villages through text and glorious photographs. No matter how well or how little we feel we know the area, turning each page is a joy, and surely gives us a greater appreciation of these lovely Highlands in which we live.

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There was standing-room only at St. Jude's Anglican Church in Bowral on 27 January when Highlands' musicians delighted the audience with a concert in aid of the Bushfire Relief Fund and the Wingecarribee Rural Fire Service Canteen Brigade.

Almost \$4,500 was raised in this single performance, to be divided equally between the two fire services.

The efforts of the fire-fighters were well documented during the period of the fires, and their professionalism and bravery were applauded.

What is perhaps less well-known is the fact that the canteen to feed the fire-fighters was the brainchild of David Lidgard in 1989 - an idea that has of course proved its value time and again.

David, a Bundanoon resident for some twenty years, is actively involved in community affairs and is a strong advocate of running with one's ideas.

Accepting the donation, David told those present that 22,000 meals were served in the six weeks of the fires over the holiday period: truly a remarkable figure, when we baulk at having twelve for Christmas dinner!

Allan Beavis played Bach on the beautiful pipe organ and he also conducted the St. Jude's Singers. L'orchestre du Troisieme Age played Brahms, Massenet and Scott Joplin. Vocalists Rob Langley, Suzanne Matthews, Shirley Thompson and Carolyn Gettins sang classical and popular pieces, with Shirley and Brian Petchell also providing accompaniment.

Allan Blake read Henry Lawson's The Fire at Ross's Farm, and the concert concluded with the Southern Highlands Concert Band, conducted by Julian Paviour, playing Prokofiev, Stravinsky and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The musicians are drawn from residents from Wingello to Hilltop, and beyond those boundaries, and the audience showed strength in their community effort and solidarity.

A delicious afternoon tea was provided and served by the St. Jude's Mothers' Union, thus concluding a most enjoyable afternoon.

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Spotlight on Travel Part II... The Funeral Ceremonies

In the last issue of JCG I was talking about my recent trip to Sulawesi and now... their very unusual funeral ceremonies.

The Torajan people today consider themselves Christians and the Christian Church of Toraja is a very active force. Prior to the arrival of Christianity with the missionaries, the Toraja believed in many gods but worshipped one in particular as the special god of their family. Tomate (funeral) literally means 'dead person' and the funeral ceremonies take many days to complete. 'Temporary houses' - bamboo pavilions for the family and guests - are constructed around the field. The dead person 'presides' over the funeral from the high roofed tower constructed at one end of the field. The Toraja generally have two funerals, one immediately after a death and the second, very elaborate funeral, may be held up to three years later giving the family time to save enough funds to obtain livestock for sacrifice, gather relatives from afar and so on. This is why the end of the rice harvest, and traditionally dry season from July to September, is the most popular time.

The corpse is preserved, today generally by injection instead of traditional embalming herbs, and remains in the house where the person died. We were invited into a traditional home where the corpse was being wrapped in yards of black cloth in preparation for the funeral two days later. The people were delighted to have their photos taken and even more delighted when we immediately showed them the photo on the screen of the digital camera. There was much laughter and frivolity - most unusual for us in what we would consider a solemn situation.

The following day we attended another part of the funeral.

A Christian minister presided over the service, reading passages from the Bible. Hymns were sung and the close relatives were all sitting around the coffin and weeping quietly. Beside the coffin on the other side was a dead buffalo. The belief is that the soul of the deceased will ride the soul of the slaughtered buffaloes to heaven.

The following day we attended the 'celebrations' - many buffalo and pigs were being barbecued along with the cooking of vast amounts of vegetables and other foods. The gathering ate large amounts, and also took home with them great lumps of slaughtered meat. It seems the funeral season is the only time of year that families are guaranteed regular supplies of meat. However, before leaving, traditional songs and dances are performed. Men dressed in black sarongs stand shoulder to shoulder and chant for hours. This bids farewell to the soul of the deceased and relays the hope that the soul will arrive safely in the afterworld.

The body is then transported to the 'grave' site - often a hole cut out of the many granite hills that surround the area. The body is placed in the hole, a wooden door is placed over the opening and 'tau taus' (wooden effigies) are placed at the door to guard the dead body, along with food and water for the soul of the deceased.

It was certainly a fascinating time, a journey of discovery that will stay long in our memories - and definitely very different from anything else I have seen in my travels. It is so interesting to consider these people are some of our nearest neighbours but I, for one, knew very little about them.

Maybe someone else has some unusual travel stories. Please let us know. They would be good to include in 'Spotlight on travel' in forthcoming issues.

Anne Stephen

BCDA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome once again to another great edition of Jordan's Crossing Gazette. Congratulations to the editorial committee. This March issue sees the start of a new time frame for the Gazette which will now be published March, June, September and December. It has always been difficult to get the February edition out as it was compiled in December which is a busy month for everyone.

The editorial committee decided, with the full support of the BCDA, to move all issues back one month and our AGM has also been moved to March to coincide with publication of the Gazette. This issue also sees some new faces on the editorial committee as Mechelle Todd, co-ordinator and John Royal, a long standing member of the team, are both taking a well earned rest for the time being. On behalf of the BCDA, I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mechelle and John for their contributions over many previous issues.

Our annual dinner in November was, as always, a tremendous night both socially and financially. The BCDA and all those who attended would like to thank Pam Davies and her enthusiastic team for their sterling efforts in helping to stage a night of delicious food and entertainment. The Centenary of Federation dress theme was well received, with many guests dressing in period costume. It really was a great community gathering.

The southern villages' Christmas Carols event in December was well attended by young and old. The Wingecarribee Shire Band once again led the carols, ably assisted by special guest, Colin Buchanan. Our own Bundanoon Voices also held a number of very successful performances during November and December and they already have many performances booked for 2002. The Voices are to be congratulated for their continuing success.

I am very pleased to announce that construction of the new kitchen at the Memorial Hall is due to start in March, with completion in mid June. This long awaited project has already had many hours of planning and re-planning to get to this stage. Unfortunately, our site does not lend itself to an easy construction but we are pleased to say it is very close.

In closing I would like to remind you of our AGM on 21 March. All positions are open and we are always pleased to welcome new committee members.

Mark Corbett
President BCDA

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The Shared Table

After talking to a number of people in Bundanoon, chefs, cooks and food lovers, we decided there is a place in Jordan's Crossing Gazette for an exchange of culinary ideas which support the philosophy that interested cooks should experiment with new ingredients to make the simplest family meal a great food experience.

If you learnt to cook at your mother's side or know how to put together a meal from whatever is in the cupboard, the refrigerator or garden, please send us your contributions.

To begin, I would like to share with you an ingredient which I think makes a difference to everyday dishes.

LEMON PEEL - Use it chopped with garlic, fresh herbs and oil in marinades. It is a wonderful flavour enhancer. A sliver of peel improves a stew, a variety of sauces, and grated zest in whipped cream gives it a lovely tang.

Try this - **TOMATO SAUCE**. Fry chopped onion in a small amount of olive oil. Add a crushed clove of garlic, a sprinkle of dried basil, salt, pepper, a teaspoon of sugar and a dash of chilli paste (optional). Stir in a tablespoon of tomato paste, a 400g can of diced tomatoes (I always use La Gina) and half a can of water. Add 2-3 slivers of lemon peel (approx. 4cm long). Bring to the boil and reduce until it reaches a suitable consistency (approx. 15 minutes).

This makes a wonderful accompaniment for a barbecue and is particularly good with Bundanoon Butcher's breakfast sausages.

STEAMED VEGETABLES are greatly improved with the addition of a dressing made from natural yoghurt. To a small carton add 1 teaspoon of grated lemon zest, 1 teaspoon of horseradish cream, 1 dessertspoon of chopped dill (or mint from the garden). Mix well and trickle across the hot vegetables. Garnish with cracked black pepper.

A large tub of European or Greek style yoghurt with these additives keeps for days in the refrigerator.

When Neville Christiansen from Idle-a-Wile was asked what



he enjoyed about cooking, he said "It's 4.45pm, they're arriving at 6.00pm. I like to know I can pick up ingredients I need just by going to the local shops."

CHOPS WITH CHUTNEY

Line a roasting tray with sliced potatoes, cover with as many fore-quarter or chump chops from the Bundanoon Butcher as you need. Cover with onion rings and crushed garlic and spread with a jar of fruit or vegetable chutney from the Good Yarn. Cover and bake in a slow to moderate oven for 2 hours until the meat melts off the bone.

And while the guests are enjoying a pre-dinner drink, here's a snack to serve prepared from ingredients bought at the Bundanoon Deli.

CRACKER SNACKS

Spread plain or seaweed rice crackers with White Castello cheese, add a piece of smoked salmon (the size of the cracker), top with a slice of lemon and cracked pepper.

A quote from Stephanie Alexander:

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Pam Davies

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KIDS' STUFF



by Hannah Davis Age: 12 years

My name is Hannah Davis and I have lived in Bundanoon all my life. I am twelve years old and have enjoyed my seven years at Bundanoon Primary School.

This year I will be attending The Southern Highlands Christian School to Year 12.

I did the self-portrait in school with my art teacher, Mrs White, last year (2001). Apart from Art, I also enjoy my dogs and the company of my good friends.

I would like to thank Mrs Perkins and the Jordans Crossing Gazette for this opportunity.

BIRTHDAYS

by Maddison Todd Age: 9 years

I love Birthdays.
Birthdays are my thing
When I have a sleepover I get like something in a mixer.
But when I have a Birthday I like to sing
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By Nina Matsumoto Age: 8 years

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BCDA 6TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

Question No. 7 of the Federation Quiz,

which was part of the entertainment at the dinner held on 10 November 2001, asked, "What did the people of Bundanoon do to celebrate Federation in 1901?"

Answer: nothing.

To make up for their lack of enthusiasm in 1901, those who attended the celebration 100 years later agree it was a great occasion.

This year BCDA committee members hosted the dinner as well as participating in preparation, presentation, serving food, waiting on tables and the dreary job of washing up at the end of the night.

The responsibility for food fell to Karen Henry - Mildenhall, Neville Christiansen - Idle-a-Wile and Pam Davies from Inverard, assisted by friends. CWA members provided entrée components, Mauger's of Burrawang supplied and carved huge amounts of roast beef and Lola

Angel's confectionery was served with coffee.

The Federation menu was well received and although rules on etiquette for such occasions were supplied, guests did not appear to be inhibited by such advice. They did not toy with their cutlery, make crumbs of their bread or draw imaginary lines on table cloths, and elbows were kept at sides. We are



Above: Rosemary Page

pleased to say that no one was seen to be eating from their knife and 'servants' reported that guests were undemanding and, as requested, spoke only in 'low tones' when requesting service.

Sadly, the advice that "two persons should not monopolise a conversation" and that guests should "converse only with those nearest to them, raising their voices only enough to be distinctly heard" was completely ignored. From the kitchen we could hear the sounds of raised voices and laughter which indicated that the evening was, again, a success.

There are a number of features of the annual dinner which, after six years, could be said to be traditional. The



Above: Jim & Nan Thomson

most important of these is the awarding of certificates to community members who have made significant contributions to Bundanoon. This year Dave Lidgard who, as everyone knows, has been involved in many associations since he came here 20 years ago, was a popular choice. We congratulate him on this award.

Our MC was Jim Thomson who, with his wife Nan accompanying him on the piano, also led community singing of old favourites including 'Daisy', 'By the Light of the Silvery Moon' and 'Happy Days are Here Again'. After 18 years in Bundanoon where they also have been active community members, they have gone to Queensland to be closer to family. Their contribution to the evening certainly helped create a party atmosphere.

The raffle prizes this year were all donated, and thanks to John and Elizabeth Royal, Bundanoon Pharmacy and Bundanoon Hotel, almost \$900 was raised from sale of tickets on the night. Generous donations from people unable to attend also contributed to our financial success, a profit of approximately \$3,000.

All proceeds will be allocated to the long awaited kitchen improvements at the Memorial Hall. We are pleased to report these will commence as soon as they are approved by Council.

So, watch your Jordan's Crossing Gazette for announcement of next year's dinner and remember, everyone is welcome. Come with friends, as couples, or singles. It is a wonderful community event.

Pam Davies

Grice + Baker = Rocca

Walter Grice was one of the earlier settlers in Jordans Crossing, arriving from Foxground, near Berry, in about 1860 with his wife Mary Ann and five or six of his nine children, the later ones being born here.

Walter took up land in 1867, about 332 acres bounded by what is now Ellsmore Road, Blue Gum Road and William Street, with 'Spring Hill' on the north. On this land he built his home 'Summer Hill' in the area that is now Broughton Street. All trace of 'Summer Hill' has long since vanished, a fire in 1920 accounting for most of the buildings.

When the Primitive Methodist Church built their new (present) church, Walter bought the redundant building on the corner of Railway Avenue and Church Street, the site of the Memorial Hall, and moved it to 'Summer Hill' as accommodation for Bundanoon. This was in 1885.

The Grice land was cut by the railway in 1868 and Walter divided the land on the western side among some of his children, mostly daughters, in about 25 acre lots. The sports oval in Erith Street was acquired by the council in about 1934, and subdivided into smaller lots.

Walter Grice was active in village affairs, particularly the Primitive Methodist Church; early services were held at 'Summer Hill' before the first church was built. Walter and Mary Ann moved to Sydney in 1887 and Walter died there in 1890. Mary Ann survived him and died in 1897.

In 1881 Ezekial Alexander Baker and his sons Sydney and Ernest came to Bundanoon to open, or rather re-open the Rock Roof coal mine, re-naming it 'Erith' after their home town on the river Thames in England. Ezekial Alexander Baker was trained in the family business which had contracts with the East India Company and the Board of Ordinance for military stores. He was also trained as a mineralogist and in mining and had emigrated to New South Wales in 1853 as a mineralogist to an English company prospecting for gold in the Tamworth district, later prospecting for himself in the Bathurst, Burrangong and Lambing Flat areas. After the anti Chinese riots at Lambing Flat in 1860 Ezekial was chosen with James Torpy to go to Sydney to plead the miners' case.

In 1870 Baker was a member of the legislative assembly and continued as a member until 1887, when he resigned, having served as Minister for Mines and Minister for Lands in the Parkes-Robertson governments. While living in Grenfell he founded the Mining Record newspaper in 1866.

The Erith mine closed in 1888 during a miners' strike and was not re-opened by the Bakers. Another company made an attempt to work the mine towards the end of the century, but this was not a success.

The Bakers were involved in village affairs; Ezekial formed the first Progress Association in the village in 1884, a forerunner of the present BCDA. Sydney and Ernest were very much involved in sport, especially cricket.

Sydney Baker married Annie Grice in 1884 and they lived at 'Maidenstone Park', now the site of Linkside nursing home. A son Garnet was born there in 1886. The family moved from Bundanoon in 1890, living in Mosman in the early part of the 20th century.

There is an Erith Street in Mosman, named when land they owned in Hale Street was subdivided in 1901 and further subdivided in 1903. There was also time spent in Armidale, then finally back to Bundanoon to 'Doonside' in Erith Street, which was Annie's portion of her father Walter Grice's land. Sydney Baker died there in 1918 and the land was subsequently sold. Annie died in Sydney in 1954.

Ernest Baker married Ida Knapton in Glen Innes in 1915, and in 1916 they too came to Bundanoon, having bought in Erith Street another Grice portion from an aunt. My sister Judy and I were both born there.

In 1950 I married Louis Rocca and in 1957 we too came to Erith Street, to the same portion on which I was born. We had bought part of the land owned by my parents.

Eldest son Peter built his home of mud bricks in Blue Gum Road, on land which was part of 'Doonside' and youngest son Andrew has bought a house on part of what was his parents' and grandparents' land.

So with a daughter, three sons and six grandchildren it looks as if the Rocca name might be around for a while yet.

The Bundanoon History Group hopes other Bundanoon families will be encouraged to write about their family history. New members are always most welcome. The group meets on the first Monday in each month (except January) in the Old Goods Shed at 10.30am.

Lucy Rocca

NOTICE

The History Group has had a request for information regarding old school friends of SHARON FLANAGAN nee HARVEY, who was at Bundanoon Primary School from 1947 to 1950.

Teachers were Mrs Edmanson and Mr Tweddle. Anyone who remembers Sharon, and she specifically mentioned Janice Greason, Bronwyn Terry and Beverley Counsell, could contact her at:

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THE RONALD McDONALD CASSEROLE CLUB

by Ross Armfield

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Bundanoon has its turn at the beginning of the year, while surrounding villages such as Robertson provide meals later in the year, so meals are available for these needy families throughout the year.

This scheme was developed by Mrs Janet Greason and has been functioning well for many years.

Many thanks to Roy and Heather Taylor for being the collection point, to Tony Hong for transporting the freezer to Sydney, and with a special thank-you to Sharon Mangold who has recently moved to Darwin after her many years of coordination of this project.

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by Pat Jordan

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And they came for Peggy to say farewell.

Talk was of love and joy of life
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Daffodils, smiles, the twinkling eyes

And her wicked wit and strong opinion.

The rain was warm for plants to grow.

The garden her church for our tears to flow
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In addition, it raises funds for various Park improvement projects such as signage and visitor facilities. Well defined and maintained tracks ensure that visitors and bushwalkers can enjoy the Park's natural attractions with minimal environmental impact - otherwise, neglected tracks invite people to make their own!

A major project, the restoration of the Fairy Bower track, is now well advanced, with the contractors having constructed steps and safety railings in the steep sections towards the Bundanoon Creek gorge. Other works are in the pipeline, and lighter maintenance is carried out by volunteer members on an ongoing and regular basis.

These volunteers meet on specific days to patrol a selected track or area to ensure that it is free from overhanging branches and debris and is safe for walkers, reporting back any remedial work required. Members also remove exotic plants, weeds and rubbish to prevent contamination and degradation of the Park environment. Flora and fauna identification is an ongoing activity, cataloguing the area's extensive biodiversity. All these activities are carried out within the context of productive and enjoyable bushwalks, in a congenial and cooperative atmosphere.

Another important aspect of the 'Friends' is public awareness, promotion of the value of the bushland ecosystem, and the necessity to preserve and nurture our natural heritage. Even in this so-called enlightened age however, such laudable aims are not always universally accepted.

For example, it is impossible to reconcile the delightful media coverage of enthusiastic primary school-children planting a few dozen native trees in the local reserve (ever accompanied by an opportunistic politician), with graphic images of

massive chains being dragged between gargantuan bulldozers clear-felling areas of native vegetation the size of small European countries, in order to graze a few extra head of cattle!

Despite the resultant soil erosion, salinity increase, species loss, tree dieback and river system degradation, the ignorance persists. It sometimes seems that little has been learned from the lessons of 200 years of land misuse. Unfortunately, as the saying goes 'those who will not learn from history are doomed to repeat it'.

We must all strive to appreciate and protect the natural world entrusted to us. Recent inappropriate development in our area should make us wary of complacency, and set alarm bells ringing.

We are fortunate to have the 162,000-plus hectare Morton National Park for our backyard. The 'Friends' group has the responsibility for the North-Western (Bundanoon) section. We are always seeking new members who empathise with the ideals and conservation work outlined here, both as active volunteers and financial supporters.

Look for us at 'Brigadoon' on 6 April. Find out more about the 'Friends', and discover how you can have a valuable input into the preservation of our natural assets in either an active or auxiliary capacity.

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Writer/producer/director Chris Kennedy then introduced his delightful off-beat film *Doing Time for Patsy Cline*. He and Peter Beck, who wrote the musical score for both movies, answered questions from the audience and chatted about their experiences.

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Bundanoon & District OVER 50's CLUB

by Joy Anthony

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The result was that we are now a fully registered organisation with a committee of three and a membership of sixteen.

Being only a fledgling club, our activities so far have been limited to a bus trip to Floriade, lunch at Rosehill Gardens Convention Centre with entertainment by The Three Other Tenors and club dinners. Not bad so far but we hope to do better!

Residents of Bundanoon and surrounding villages are actively encouraged to join our group and help us plan our agenda for 2002. One doesn't even need to be over 50, but we had to call ourselves something! Shortened, it converts to the Bundy BOFs.

Meetings are currently held in the Bundanoon RSL Hall at 10am on the second Monday of each month, followed by morning tea.

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MY HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

by Lauren Boyd
Age: 11 years

I settled into my plane seat, a jumble of nerves, sickness and excitement. I was going to visit my sister Sarina in Cairo. Flying only made me nervous and I hated looking only at the fluorescent lights for hours. But the excitement . . . well, I was going to Egypt for goodness sake! My sister was an archaeologist over there.

I started daydreaming. Maybe they have terrifying thieves who threaten you with dazzling silver knives. Well, if that happens maybe I shouldn't have brought my money, but I do want to buy that red pocketknife. . . My thoughts were interrupted by some turbulence and I glanced at the woman sitting next to me. She was a funny sort, tall, slim with curly black hair, a million pimples and hazel eyes that looked slightly crooked. It was her wonky nose with a very large wart on the end that stood out the most however.

I looked out the window. It was filled with high mountains and the occasional house, my watch read 9:00pm, Egyptian time. Only one and a half hours until I would arrive. I fiddled through the channels. *Pride and Prejudice* it said in large letters at the bottom of the page.

"Oh Jane, how I love you! I've always loved you!"

"Oh, but Mr Bingley!" . . .

"Ok folks! We are just about to land, so fasten those seatbelts thank you!"

I quickly got my luggage and walked into a wall of heat and humidity. I raised my hand for a taxi and was soon

on my way to the hotel. We pulled up outside a run down and shabby building, one corner was covered by big bold letters, The Cairo Hotel. I paid the driver and dragged my luggage up to the front desk "Hello! What name are you uzink?" yelled the man at the counter. "Boyd B-O-Y-D" I replied. "Right, come zis way please!"

He led me through a long corridor and to number 28. He opened the door with a loud CREAKKK!! "Here is your room, enjoy". He dropped my things on the bed, grimaced an imitation of a smile and slammed the door. I remember looking at the walls and thinking what a dump, the faded pink wallpaper was peeling to reveal an ugly shade of green. I lay down on the single bed exhausted, and slowly fell asleep.

A sickly ray of sunshine woke me the next morning. Once in the dining room a little chubby man with a long black beard came up and served me sweet pastries and a large bowl of cous cous. I then went outside and heard a familiar yell "Lauren!" shouted a voice, it was Sarina. I looked up at her, my sister was a tall, thin lady with blonde hair, hazel eyes and a small dimple on her chin. "Sarina!" I replied giving her a big hug. "Did you have a good trip over?" she asked smiling. "Yeah, it wasn't too bad"

"Are you looking forward to coming home again?" I asked

"Yep! Definitely!" she said, with a big grin on her face as though she couldn't wait.

Over the next three days Sarina and I had a great time. We went to Egyptian diners, exotic markets and long camel rides but we never expected what was going to happen.

The following day Sarina was going to take me to look at the pyramids and tombs. So off we went we had a really great time until the last tomb. It was dark inside, only dimly lit by the four lamps hanging on the roof. The floor was paved and strewn with sand.

After what seemed like an hour we decided to head back and walked towards the door.

"Ummmm . . . Sarina I think the door's stuck. Could you give me a hand?"

"Sure. Uh oh, I think someone's locked us in. I looked at my watch it was 6:30pm and the place closed at 6:00pm.

"Well!! What are we going to do now?" I asked impatiently.

"HELP! HELP! HELP!" I squealed through a crack in the door. She looked at me with a patronising look on her face.

"You know that's not going to help in the slightest bit". She said in a know it all voice. I could tell she was worried though, she then sat down and started to hum. "Well, what are we going to do?" I asked again. I knew she was getting annoyed. "We'll just have to wait till 6:00am in the morning. In the meantime, I'm catching some sleep" Sarina said in a relaxed sort of voice.

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(My Holiday Experience of a Lifetime continued...)

She was right, there was no point in getting worked up when it's not doing any good. I slid down and rested my head against the door, then slowly fell asleep.

"CREAKKKK!"

"Sarina! Sarina!" I whispered in her ear, "Sarina!"

"Humm? What? . . . What's the matter?" she whispered croakily back.

"I heard something!"

"It was probably your imagination. Go back to sleep, there's nothing wrong with sleeping here!"

I couldn't keep the sarcasm out of my voice. "Oh sorry! Maybe you forgot! We are sleeping in the same room with a mummy!!"

"CREAKKKK!!!"

"What was that?" This time it was Sarina.

"I dunno...go have a look!" She peered through a crack in the door.

"Oh my . . . AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!!!"

"Sarina! What's the matter?" Just at that very moment a human body with scabby, brown skin burst through the door. There were no eyes in his sockets and all his teeth were missing, he was wrapped only in bandages. We backed up against the wall waiting for it to hurt us. Instead he walked straight past us and knocked on the door to Tutankhamun's tomb. The door swung open and another mummy came out. "Oh, hello Tuti!" said the first mummy happily. We fell silent with shock and just stood there, jaws open.

"Oh hello, Neffi!"

"I say you are looking spiffing tonight!"

"Oh! You too Neffi old chap! Absolutely corking!"

"Fancy a spot of tea?"

"Oh! Most certainly!"

"AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!!!"

. . . the next thing I knew, I was waking up. Was it a dream? Did it really happen? I just don't . . . but I do know that I had a very exciting holiday!

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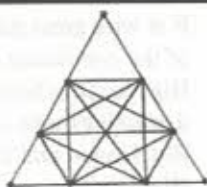
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BICYCLES

Now that Christmas is over and Santa has delivered a lot of presents, including new bicycles, to the area, I think it's time to revise some bicycle laws... Incidentally, ALL penalties for bicycle offences will cost you \$45 per offence.

All bike riders must know and abide by the SAME road rules as the driver of a motor vehicle. This includes STOPPING at STOP SIGNS, INDICATING when turning and GIVING WAY to pedestrians. So, mums and dads, how about teaching your children the road rules when you're teaching them how to ride a bike.

All people who ride bicycles are required by law to wear an approved Australian Safety Standard bicycle helmet. The helmet must be securely fastened to your head!

The riding of a bicycle on a public footpath is prohibited to anyone over the age of 12 years UNLESS that person is accompanying a child under 11 years.

All bicycles must be fitted with brakes, a bell and rear reflector. If you intend to ride a bike after dusk you must also have a front light fitted.

PARKING

It has been brought to my attention that parking times around our town are being disregarded...

There are only three signed time-limited parking zones in Bundanoon. These are:

- 15 minutes Church Street outside the Post Office
- 1 hour Railway Avenue commencing at the line of shops from the Youth Centre up to the Bus Stop outside Bundanoon Deli
- 1 hour Church Street beside the Memorial Hall.

Please be considerate of these times or be prepared to part with \$60.

Also, some drivers obviously forget the difference between a NO STOPPING sign and a NO STANDING sign.

'No Stopping' means just that! No stopping at all. You are not allowed to set down or pick up passengers in this zone. In Bundanoon the 'No Stopping' signs are located on the corner of Erith Street and Ellsmore Road outside the Bundanoon Hotel. The penalty for disobeying a 'No Stopping' sign is \$141.

'No Standing' means you can stop for the purpose of picking up or setting down passengers or making short collections or short deliveries. The vehicle is not to be locked and left unattended. In Bundanoon the 'No Standing' areas include around the Bundanoon Public School. These signs have specific no standing times to ensure the safety of children attending and leaving school. Disobeying a 'No Standing' sign will incur you a \$63 penalty.

I'm often told 'it's only Bundanoon...' This is no excuse. Safety is the issue and is why laws like these are in existence. Please try and abide by them as, you are all aware, I have been known to issue tickets!

Megan Bailie-Mace



Bundanoon Highland Gathering Silver Jubilee

This year, being the Silver Jubilee of "Brigadoon" we sincerely hope to have another outstanding gathering.

Our Chieftain for the day is Alistair Guthrie Davidson of Davidston (Jock to his clan & friends), Chief of the Name and Arms of Davidson and Chief of the Clan Davidson. Jock was born in 1924 in Dargaville, north west of Waipu where his father had a sheep & cattle station. On completing school he enlisted in the Royal New Zealand Air Force where he trained as an engine fitter. He served in the Pacific war zone until demobilisation in 1946. A career in engineering followed and he eventually ended his career as a consultant prior to retirement.

Jock and Mary were married in 1952 and they have three children.

Since succeeding to the Chieftainship Jock has actively promoted his clan in New Zealand and he is acknowledged as a promoter of Scottish tradition and Celtic Heritage.

We are often asked by village folk, "What happens to the money "Brigadoon" makes each year?" We thought this would be an opportunity to give a short summary of "Brigadoon."

All committee members are volunteer members and receive no financial reward for being on the Committee. The committee members meet in excess of twenty times throughout the year and spend countless hours of their own time (willingly given), working on their committee responsibilities. The Bundanoon Highland Gathering Committee is a registered non-profit charity and all profits are distributed back to the community. Last year we were able to disburse some \$26,000 back to the community. There were some 42 Wingecarribee based community groups that benefited from that disbursement. These community groups assist the Committee by supplying volunteer labour or services, amounting to nearly 3000 volunteer man-hours, to the Committee. The disbursement formula is arrived at by dividing the money pool by the total number of man-hours, thus setting a volunteer man-hour rate. In addition we recently made a special donation to the State Emergency Fund to assist with the bushfire crisis.

This annual event originally began in 1978, with the principal aim to raise funds for local charities and bring tourists to Bundanoon in particular, and the Southern Highlands in general,

thereby benefiting local businesses, guesthouses and hotels. This idea has continued to the present day and makes it one of the most successful events staged in the area. Consequently, from their humble beginning which began with a handful of pipe bands and spectators this gathering has grown to into one of the finest Scottish Highland Gatherings in Australia and the people of the Southern Highlands should be extremely proud of this achievement.

With such an influx of people coming into the Southern Highlands, local businesses and the hospitality trade in particular have thrived, there is hardly a room available anywhere and in most cases all accommodation is booked a year in advance.

It is with great pride that the members of the committee of the Bundanoon Highland Gathering associate themselves with and for the people of Bundanoon and the Southern Highlands.

The Bundanoon Highland Gathering Committee welcomes feedback or input from the Bundanoon Community. If there are folk out there who believe that they have something worthwhile to contribute to "Brigadoon", and might wish to join the committee, then they are most welcome to contact the Committee.

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Glow Worm Glen Track Committee

Our scribe has been caught up in unavoidable family business and is unable to submit an article this quarter so I have offered to fill in for her.

The group remains as committed as ever though other responsibilities deplete our numbers from time to time. Thus the progress of the work is at times slower than we would wish. For all that, a great deal has been achieved in the two and a half years since we started. Why not pay us a visit on the morning of the second Sunday of the month - any month - to see for yourself what's been done. Better still, if you are reasonably able bodied, come along and join us. The work is not onerous, the welcome will be cordial and the company genial.

The lower section of the track abutting the park is now remarkably free of weeds, though not entirely so because of the nature of the beasts we are dealing with. Blackberries and the like are especially resilient. The flat at the foot of the first steps looks entirely different since the mess of blackberries, ivy and Cape ivy have been tackled - though not yet subdued, and some eucalypts and shrubs are becoming established. The Shire Council have helped out here with occasional mowing to keep down the grass and weeds.

The next gentle fall towards the reeds has seen the clearing of the large tangle of blackberries and its replacement by a variety of trees and shrubs which we are carefully nurturing at the moment. Again the help of the ladies employed by the Council with the funds from the Environment Levy, is gratefully acknowledged, as is the spraying of blackberries and Cape ivy done by the Council's Bushcare Coordinator, Martin Zierholz. Also acknowledged is the grant we received from Solar Springs quite some time back which was spent on the provision of the trees and shrubs which will remain as a memorial to their generosity.

While the nurturing proceeds, others of us are starting to tackle the blackberries amongst the reeds. This is a rather daunting task as is the associated Cape ivy. If you only knew the problem some of the aggressive plants cause I'm sure you would eradicate them from your garden. We'd be happy to supply you with a list of these demons which the birds bring in regularly.

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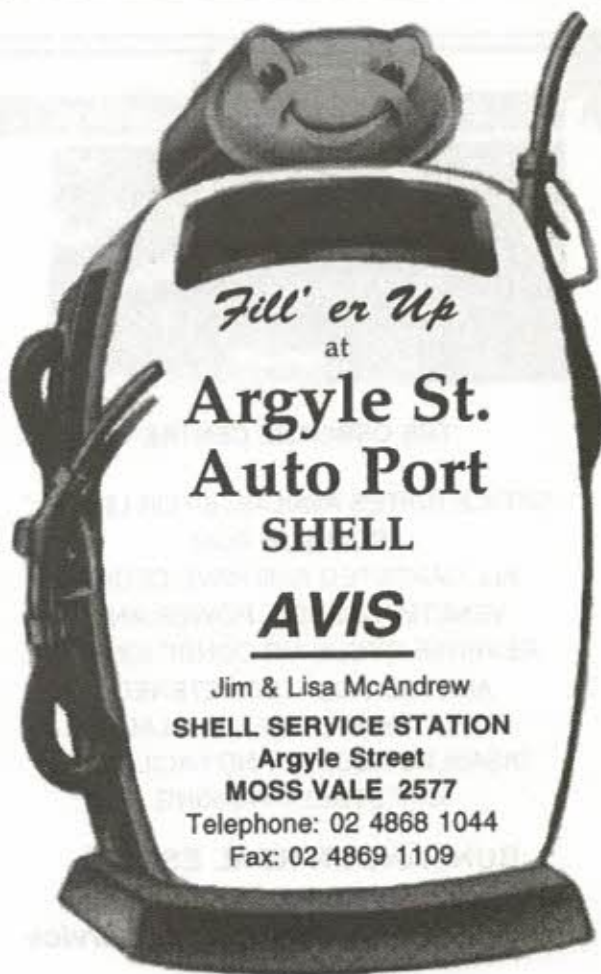
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The Bundanoon Movers is held each Wednesday at 2 to 3pm and the cost is \$5. This cost covers a small donation to the Quest for Life Centre for the use of their beautiful facility.

Lee Robinson is the group leader and is happy to have a chat with you if you have any inquiries. Feel free to give her a call on 4883 6010 at the YHA. Mention this article and come along to your first class for free.

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- (2) School Holiday Competition (\$10).

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During our time here we have completed some quite major improvements to the building and grounds and this is reflected in the 50% increase in occupancy since we first came. Our guests are certainly noticing the difference and we are receiving a lot of return business as the word spreads.

YHA Australia each year conducts a nationwide customer survey which asks guests to comment on factors such as cleanliness, comfort, customer service and general appearance of their hostels. We are pleased to announce that for the year 2001, Bundanoon YHA was ranked top in the state and eighth in Australia!

Some other happenings for last year included the installation

of a beautiful garden spa (which gets just as much use from the managers as the guests) and an absolutely unbelievable record set in April with around 850 bed nights being recorded for the month. We also hosted some regular local groups such as the literary society with their monthly meetings and Southern Highlands Off Road dropping in for lunch of a Sunday. We continued our ever popular 'Christmas in Winter' dinners, which are mostly in July, and September saw us hosting our first wedding.

Bundanoon YHA is quite different in many ways to a typical backpackers, in that we have many families, couples and social groups from Sydney and Canberra using our facility. We are also seeing more groups booking the whole hostel out for special occasions such as birthdays.

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The finale of 2001 and the beginning of plans for 2002

The picturesque hundred year old barn at Maryland provided the back drop for a large display of works by quilt makers and textile crafters of Bundanoon.

On the occasion of the annual Garden Ramble, Sunday 14 October, 2001, visitors and locals alike enjoyed viewing the many quilts large and small as well as fine embroideries, stumpwork, heirloom sewing, bear making and other textile works.

Jennifer Corkish and a group of gifted workers used this display as a demonstration of the talents in our town to publicly launch the preliminary sketches for our Bundanoon Community Quilt.

Historical photos sourced for this new community project were also on display.

Jennifer and her team eagerly answered questions and encouraged many to express their particular area of interest in our 'Expressions of Interest' book.

Now that we are into 2002, and have the busy festive season behind us it's once again all hands on deck as the Community Quilt Committee resume meetings and plan this years timetable.

Future activities will include:

- Streetscape Quilting Bees
- Fundraising
- Community Hall Sewing Mornings
- Home Quilting Meetings

We welcome all Bundanoon residents to register their interest in becoming involved by leaving their particulars at 3 William St, Bundanoon, or PO Box 283, Bundanoon.

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Camp Orana

Recently, loyal supporters of Camp Orana gathered to celebrate a milestone in the development of the campsite.

'Grevillea Lodge' was officially opened and dedicated by Rev. Wayne Tildsley after many months of dedicated team work, negotiation and hard work. Wayne was a driving force behind this project and was delighted to return to Camp Orana for this occasion.

The lodge is an ex-Olympic building designed to add a touch of luxury to the camp facilities as well as being able to accommodate campers with disabilities. There is a central common room and the four bedrooms can accommodate up to six persons each. Two of the bedrooms have ensuites and two have a shared bathroom that can accommodate campers in wheelchairs.

This delightful setting in Gullies Road, Bundanoon - on the way to the National Park - has been a popular destination for campers over many years, yet many locals don't know where it is. Interest groups (artists/bushwalkers etc), school and church groups, regularly visit.

Between Christmas and New Year a family group had a wonderful get together. The two parents, their five children and spouses and the 16 grand children came from Victoria, Queensland, Mudgee and the South Coast for a holiday. All meals were catered for and our local swimming pool, Glow Worm Glen and camp facilities - especially the flying fox, made it a great hit with the children.

On 17 December the BHP Youth Orchestra had their Christmas party at Camp Orana after performing for local schools. These musicians, boys and girls aged from 12 to 17 will be returning to the camp for accommodation next April. Look out for their concert at Bundanoon on Saturday 13 April.

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Our branch is 75 years of age this year, so it will be a year of celebration. We would be grateful for any information, photographs, reminiscences etc. from the residents of Bundanoon. I know that in past years, our hall was used for card evenings and social occasions (Contact Joyce 4883 6823).

Several activities have been planned for the next few months, including a workshop for contemporary basket making, entries for cooking, needlework and crafts competitions.

Small quilts were made for the Lions Club, and knitting for premature babies and beanies for cancer patients continue.

We are always seeking to increase our membership numbers: there are many activities within CWA to choose from, you don't have to be a cook or to do handcrafts. Many branches submit ideas and resolutions, which are taken up as a CWA cause, such as safety seats for school buses, and medical conditions such as Retinitis Pigmentosa for research funding. Monies raised in the branches go to appeals for the bush fires, floods etc. Each state has residential clubs and holiday homes, units for aged residents and support homes for families of sick relatives in city hospitals. Each branch is different. Bundanoon ladies meet on the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

At our last meeting we were wondering if there were any younger women who would be interested in forming an evening group for CWA in Bundanoon. Please contact our President, Marie Reid on 4883 6526.

Joyce Spencer

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Congratulations to Sue and Graham Wilson on their recent success in the National Garden Awards.

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Cricketers looking for a Grand Final Victory...

With only a few games to go, Bundanoon third-grade cricketers are attempting to go one step better this year and win the comp. After last year's disappointing grand final loss, this season was expected to be a rebuilding year. The retirement and re-grading of a number of the club's senior players, plus the lack of a second-grade team, made the task of fielding a competitive team a major hurdle for the new captain Christopher Sewell.

Fortunately, Bundy has managed to pull together a core of fourteen regulars to become a highly competitive unit. So, what started as a conservative outlook is now shaping up to be a big year for the boys. Vice-President of the club Craig Rowley has found a new lease of life with the bat - three 50s to date. Fast bowling tyrants Daniel Rule and Ray Turner have had the opposition ducking and diving for cover all year. Young Tim Stirton and Shane Martin have both backed up from juniors in fine style. Added to this, the old warhorses in Higgo and Schmalzi are still going strong and making contributions at the right time as are the rest of the players.

Chris Sewell and the club are focused on the job in hand. Chris is also having to look to the future as with only one senior and one junior team on the field this year, the aim must be to have two senior teams next year, plus a strong push for the youngsters to help build the current momentum.

Any interested players of any standard, and any volunteers to help get the juniors organised for next year, would be warmly welcomed. Call Chris Sewell on 8295 0319 or pop into the friendly Bundy Bowls Club after a home game and have a chat. Go Bundy!

by Christopher Sewell

Bundanoon TENNIS CLUB

A Happy New Year to all tennis players in the Bundanoon district. Bundanoon Tennis Club is looking forward to a busy year and hope that we can satisfy your tennis requirements in 2002. The committee would like to welcome anyone new to Bundanoon who enjoys a game of tennis, along to any of the regular social fixtures listed below - this is a terrific way to meet others, young and old!

SOCIAL TENNIS

Numbers are healthy and are on the increase. Once the weather settles down a bit we hope people will come along on a regular basis, because if we have 12 or more players we can have all courts going at once and play lots of tennis.

Thursdays: -1.30pm on non-competition days. (bring afternoon tea)

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COMPETITION TENNIS

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Bundanoon LIONS CLUB



Our seniors luncheon held on 2 December, 2001 was a great success. It was great to watch the look on the faces as they were entertained by the District Lions Choir and Santa, who also fitted us into his busy schedule. We thank the Bundanoon Scout group for allowing us to use the scout hall and the help the young scouts gave us. They were very good waiters on the day also. We thank our drink waiters Shane Scott and Phillip Sparrow.

Bundanoon Lions have now been operating for eleven years. We hope we will be able to help our community well for another eleven years.

Our district governor Lion Ken Bowden came to celebrate with us and paid his official visit on 3 December 2001.

We aren't in the swing of things yet for 2002 but our regulars the Sutton Forest markets and Moss Vale markets are still on our agenda for this year, along with any help we can give to our community.

The Christmas raffle we held was won by Mr Ross Counsell. We thank all who bought tickets. Until next time.

Shirley Scott
Secretary

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BUNDANOON TABLE TENNIS

Bundanoon table tennis is back on again. We are in full swing as last year: 7.30pm Bundanoon Memorial Hall on Tuesdays.

Anybody interested in playing should come along to enjoy some friendly competition while having a great time. We invite Berrima, Robertson and Goulburn along from time to time: they are almost impossible to beat.

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Bundanoon SWIMMING CLUB

The swimming season for the club commenced on 17 October, with the Swimming Centre being given a 21-week season. The club has continued to meet every Wednesday evening, except for a four-week holiday break: we have ninety-two members with an age range of 3 to 39.

Fundraising is a challenge that faces a lot of community groups, and the club was fortunate this season to be invited by the BCDA to host a tearoom during the Bundanoon Garden Ramble. Once again our loyal members and families put in a huge effort, and were rewarded with a successful fundraising result. The Wingecarribee Shire Council also donated a family season ticket for a raffle, which was won by Debbie Burgess of Penrose.

Although a number of our Wednesday meets were run in the rain, the club has been well supported by the Swimming Centre Manager Darren Parker and his staff.

Darren says that the pool has had a good season with attendance figures and pool income above the estimates for the season. The club believes this is not only due to community support, but also to the programs introduced by Darren to include swimming coaching for different levels of swimmers. These figures are good news not only for our club but for the wider community too.

Croquet Club News

Greetings to fellow sports readers. Croquet in Bundanoon is in full swing again for the year 2002.

The corner of our lawn, which has been turfed and top-dressed, will soon be back in use, thanks to our greenkeeper Craig and his hardworking helpers.

We all enjoyed a very pleasant Xmas gathering at the home of Bill and Margaret Coffey in December, and the beautiful Xmas hamper was won by a local Bundanoon lady.

Two of our members played away at the recent Canberra Carnival and had a really good time. It is so good to get away, meet new people, and play at different venues.

Twelve of our members went to Sydney on 1 February to attend the official opening of the croquet season at Mosman Croquet Club by Professor

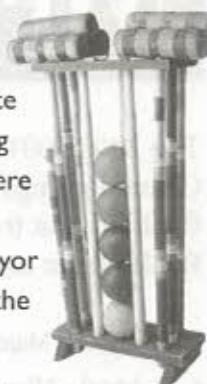
Marie Bashir, State Governor. Among those present were Sir Nicholas Shehadie, the Mayor of Mosman and the Lady Mayoress.

Despite the rain, croquet players participated in various croquet games of skill, and a number of our mob came away with prizes in the form of alcoholic beverages. Well done!

We hope that the enthusiasm for the game, and the effort being put into learning to be a better player, will continue, along with the friendship and healthy participation in this ages-old sport of croquet.

If you, like us, enjoy swinging a mallet, hitting coloured balls, and sliding through hoops, then we would love to hear from you.

For further information please contact Secretary Margaret Coffey 4883 4371 Captain Dick Topham 4883 6721



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- R. Colley, N. Phillips - Pairs
- R. Colley, F. Hippisley, N Phillip - Triples
- R. Angel, B. Burnham, K. Taylor, B. Garbutt - Fours.

The Championships not finalised were the handicap singles, handicap pairs and Clyne mixed pairs.

The 2001/2002 season should see them all finalised as a date will be set down for the completion of each round, and the play-or-forfeit rule will be strictly applied.

The 2002 Pennant season was kicked off on Saturday 2/2/02. Unfortunately, Bundanoon is not faring so well this year after losing B. Garbutt due to ill health, K. Taylor's lawn-mower accident and some players having a rest this year.

Even though we lost to Taralga on Saturday and again to West Camden on Sunday, we are still running fourth in the competition with nine weeks remaining. We hope to improve this position with the return of some of our stronger players.

The club is still up and running, but to be able to continue we need more support from the community.

If we happen to lose the club it will be a sad day for Bundanoon, as the club holds functions to try to help those in need in the community.

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Roslyn Hippisley
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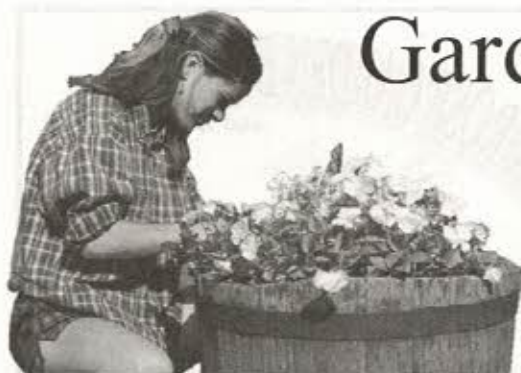
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Since our last report we have had the pleasure of Elizabeth Williams as our guest speaker in November. Elizabeth presented an excellent display of 'Weeds', and spoke at great length on the importance of being aware of weeds as there are many which are very aggressive and vigorous growers.

In December about eighty of our members enjoyed a Traditional Christmas lunch at Craigieburn in Bowral where a happy and fun time was had by all, particularly our member Paulena Lamonde who won the Lucky Door prize - a dinner for two generously donated by Craigieburn. Another very happy member was Michael Martin, winner of the Christmas Cake donated by Bundanoon Bakery: thank you Dianne and David!

Still on the subject of prizewinners, the winner of the overnight stay at Spinning Hill Farm B&B was won by Exeter resident Lloyd Bruce. He tells me that he and his wife Terry took advantage of this win to celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary, and reports that Spinning Hill Farm is 'absolutely stunning' both

for views and room comforts: there is 'breakfast to leave home for'. They both agree you should go overnight and stay a week!

Our regular meetings resumed in February with the Annual General Meeting in March. This year will continue the fashion of previous years with guest speakers, visits to member's gardens, and picnic outings and travel through Bowral Coaches.

If you would like to learn more about gardening in the Highlands please join us in the Memorial Hall. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 9.30 am for a cuppa and a chat. You could buy a plant, borrow a book from our up-to-date library and have a look at the lovely exhibits from our members' gardens - all before our meeting starts at 10 am.

If you'd like more information about our club, please give me a ring on 4883 6996. Information is also posted on the notice board at the Memorial Hall prior to each meeting.

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Since returning, Ally has been keenly organising the re-opening of her new gift shop "Open House of Bundanoon" which specialises in a range of giftware as well as select antiques and old wares.

Paul, in the meantime, has been back into renovating and redecorating while holding down a 9-5 routine.

Having already finished Ally's shop, the focus has been on getting the other shop completed and ready for prospective new tenants.

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Thursday, 2 May 2002**

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BUNDANOON MOVIES

Where: Soldiers' Memorial Hall
When: Saturday, 23 March

BUNDANOON SUPER SERIES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Where: Bundanoon Tennis Club
When: Round One - March 24
Contact: Sarah Munro
Telephone: 4883 7397

BUNDANOON IS BRIGADOON

When: Saturday, 6 April 2002

CONCERT - BHP YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Where: Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall
When: Saturday, 14 April 2002
Time: 7.30 pm
Contact: Bundanoon Visitors' Group
Karen & John Henry
Telephone: 4883 6643

BUNDANOON VILLAGE MARKETS

When: First Sunday of each month

BUNDANOON VOICES

When: Sunday, 5 May 2002 at 2.30pm
Where: Concert at St Jude's, Bowral
When: Saturday, 11 May at 2.30pm
Where: Concert at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn
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Anglican Church of Sutton Forest

Sunday Services

Holy Trinity, Bundanoon ...	7.45am & 5pm
St Aidan's, Exeter ...	9.30am
St Stephen's, Tallong ...	3.00pm
All Saints, Sutton Forest ...	11.15am

(except on 4th Sunday 2.30pm)

Uniting Church, Church St, Bundanoon

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

Presbyterian, Phillip St, Bundanoon

Sunday service discontinued until further notice.

St Brigid's Catholic Church, Hill St, Bundanoon

Sunday ...	10am
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