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FROM THE EDITOR



Hard to believe, we're halfway through another year.

Our volunteer groups continue to bring us interesting events and activities, with a very successful Brigadoon just past and Winterfest on our doorstep, there is so much to get involved in. Check out the contact details in the back of JCG and you'll find something to bring you joy.

Recently I joined a great group of friends old and new on a Bundanoon History Group bus tour to the Hawkesbury, where I discovered even more facts about my convict ancestors! Don't forget – articles and ideas are very welcome. Our September issue theme will be *Interesting Ancestors*.

This month our issue is late, please note the deadlines below! Read on, and I hope you enjoy the compelling mysteries and fascinating histories from our present and past.

Christine Janssen
JCG Editor

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BUNDANOON

Community Association Inc.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7:30pm
on the 3rd Thursday of every month
(excluding January).

15 JUN 2023

20 JUL 2023

17 AUG 2023

Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

Come along and keep up to date with what
is happening in and around Bundanoon.

* Please check updates on the Bundanoon
Community Notice Board Facebook page.

www.bca.asn.au

BCA Gift Shop

- gifts all year round!

Don't forget the online gift shop where you can always buy
Wildlife gift cards and Bundanoon on Tap Water Bottles.

The gift cards are six images from the BCA Wildlife
Calendar with cultural notes on the inside left, and
the inside right, blank for greetings. \$4 per card
or \$20 for a set of six cards. Quality envelopes are
included. After ordering they can be picked up, or
posted (with postage calculated at checkout).

The Bundanoon on Tap water bottle comes with a special
bonus original "Bundy on Tap" Camelbak bottle. These
bottles were returned from the "Ecologic" display at the
Powerhouse which retired after almost ten years. For \$25
you get both bottles. Order online for local pickup only.

All proceeds assist the BCA in its community activities.
Thanks to Sonja Bowden for the
beautiful artwork and Lyndell Giuliano
for the notes for the cards.

The shop link is here: <https://bundanoon-community-association-inc.square.site/>





What does Bundanoon need?

Andy Carnahan
BCA President

More of this and less of that, or is it more of that and less of this? Listening to the voices of our village is what community consultation is about. Using a new initiative called the **'Place Game'** everyone in the village can be involved. It is a truly democratic method, where the loudest and quietest voices are heard equally. In April we ran our first **'Place Game'** event and were delighted by the interaction and responses.

We are sometimes asked what does the Bundanoon Community Association (BCA) do? It does bring to mind the famous Life of Brian sketch "but apart from [long list of items] what have Romans ever done for us".

Inspired by an expo arranged for Council for Seniors Week, we are holding a **BCA Expo in the Hall on Saturday 15 July**. We will fill the Hall with tables showcasing our many subcommittees and activities. Please come along. If you can't find something of interest, something that will bring you joy, something that will connect you with others, let me know. Perhaps you can start your own activity to bring further enrichment to our community.

Many activities in Bundanoon have the lovely sandstone logo of the BCA 'Bundanoon Our Village' sitting quietly in place.

The production of **Macbeth** certainly needs a mention. Organised by **Melting Pot Theatre** (you guessed it, another subcommittee of the BCA), it brought a standard of theatrical production that could have played in any venue in the world. Four performances, four sell-outs, almost 400 people watched a sharp delivery of Macbeth set in a modern context. Set 'in the round'. Well done to the performers, director, writer, backstage crew and the sound and lighting. If you missed it, I can only say don't miss the next one.

And congratulations to the **Bundanoon Highland Gathering** (not part of the BCA!) for the welcome return of Brigadoon. More than 10,000 people enjoyed all things Scottish, unperturbed by the cool autumn weather. Brigadoon is an icon of Bundanoon organised by the Bundanoon Highland Gathering Inc. Like the BCA, Brigadoon also relies on volunteers to deliver their wonderful gathering.

We are looking forward to the return on **Winterfest** (yes, a BCA subcommittee) on the street on **Saturday 1 July**. Thanks to those who responded to our survey. The wishes were clear – back on the street, family friendly, focus on locals, a village fair. Our organising committee is working hard to deliver a winter wonderland. See you there.



Bundanoon Community Association Inc. (BCA)

Photo by Meg Nurse

BCA Community Expo

Come and discover (or rediscover) everything the BCA does in Bundanoon and has on offer.

With over 20 activities and groups there is something for everyone.



Our display at the 2023 Seniors Expo

Saturday 17 July 10am to 1pm (drop in anytime)

Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

Highlights include:

- Free one year membership of the BCA to 30/6/2024 (normally a bargain at only \$5 or \$20/5 years).
- Ongoing hands-on demonstration of our CPR training manikin and AED trainer
- Have crucial apps installed on your smartphone – Emergency Plus, Hazards Near Me



Our Community Expo after the 2019/2020 bushfires

Our activities on display

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Arts Bundanoon – Music @ 10 | • JCG (Jordan's Crossing Gazette) |
| • As Plastic Free As We Can Be | • Leaver Park Group |
| • Bundanoon Sings! | • Melting Pot Theatre |
| • Bundanoon on Tap | • Needles and Natter |
| • Bundanoon Pipe Band | • Picnic Park |
| • Bundanoon Ukesters | • Our Place Bundanoon |
| • De Meyrick Reserve | • Rex Cinema |
| • Garden Ramble | • Soldiers' Memorial Hall |
| • Glow Worm Glen Track | • Welcome to Bundanoon |
| • The Green Team | • Winterfest |



The Voice Referendum



Information Evening

Thursday 22 June 6:00pm for 6:30pm

Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

The Bundanoon Community Association has long recognised and acknowledged the land of Bundanoon as part of Gundungurra Country. Our meetings and many events in the Hall begin with heartfelt acknowledgement.

While there is almost universal support for Indigenous recognition in the Constitution, concerns remain about the actual wording and possible ramifications arising from the proposed wording.

We are holding an information evening on the upcoming referendum. At the time of this flyer, the wording of the referendum has been drafted as:

"A proposed law: To alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Do you approve this proposed alteration?"

We have well-known local Huw Kingston speaking on his upcoming walk of some 3,000 kilometres from Uluru to Parliament House in Canberra. He plans to arrive at Parliament House in Canberra on the day of the referendum, the end of a journey he has called Take Heart.

We also have Professor of Law at ANU, Professor Asmi Wood. Professor Wood is a member of the Referendum Engagement Group and the Constitutional Expert Group. As such, he is truly an expert able to provide a briefing and answer questions on the wording of the referendum. As a member of the Groups, Professor Wood will not be speaking for the 'No' case or the 'Yes' case.

We may have other speakers. The evening will be moderated, with each speaker providing a briefing and then, through the moderator, questions can be asked.

We hope members and visitors can attend what will be an informative evening. No bookings are required. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion.

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With a Bundanoon-based Connector, we're getting Community Circles Wingecarribee underway.

New in town? Feeling left out and disconnected? Or looking to build a supportive local network?

Find endless possibilities for making meaningful connections through Community Circles Wingecarribee. Check the daily Facebook feed for circles near you, from catching up for a few laughs, pub-singing, or finding solace at a Death Café.

As Connector, Rose keeps in touch with what people in the community need and turns what's missing into something with meaning and purpose they can be part of. The idea can be simple, and the circle can be small. It's the inclusivity that counts. "Whatever we do, we make sure it's accessible for everyone to join in," Rose says. One of her first shout-outs was for anyone keen for a few laughs, singing at the pub. "200 people said 'I'm in', so now we'll keep that group going with a local songwriter and musician." Locals from all walks of life have been eager to do their part to help connect their community. From retired professionals to mental health support workers, Council workers and stay-at-home mums, the initiative involves various volunteers.

"Once they've undertaken Community Circles training, their involvement is so valuable," Rose

says. "We have a lawyer wanting to volunteer advice, a local Dad is co-facilitating a Disability Supported social group, and at the Death Café gathering, a grief counsellor can advise on dealing with grief through art. People appreciate the opportunity to connect over a cuppa and talk openly about preparing for dying or dealing with loss and how to get on with the rest of their lives in a safe, supportive space."

WSC is the first Council to have backed the Community Circles pilot within its LGA, with an investment of \$20,000. This amount has been matched by the Touched by Olivia charity, dedicated to bridging the gaps and breaking down barriers to connection in our communities. "We've been working very closely with our villages and share in the priority they place on creating ways to strengthen community circles," says WSC Community Development Coordinator Corinne Buxton. "Together with the NSW State Government and Touched By Olivia team, we want to help local communities build capacity for staying connected in inclusive ways through this simple initiative."

Organisations such as Creative Space, Meals on Wheels, Pop-In, Wingecarribee Aboriginal Community Centre,

and Highlands Community Centre are also involved.

Packed with activities run by locals for locals, the Community Circles Wingecarribee Facebook page also posts practical free services such as men's health checks, stress and trauma clinics, and more.

Whatever connecting looks like for you, Community Circles Wingecarribee can open the door. Find out what's on near you by regularly checking in with Community Circles Wingecarribee on Facebook.

For weekly updates on community initiatives like this, join Your Shire e-news www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/council/newsletters and follow us on socials.





Bundanoon Community Association Inc. (BCA)

Thanks to everyone who took part in the reopening of

Glow Worm Glen

Celebrations at the top of William Street marked the official reopening of Glow Worm Glen in late March.

Thanks to everyone who worked hard and make the reopening possible.



photos by Peter Gray





THE REX CINEMA

In addition to our usual Saturdays,
The REX CINEMA introduces a relaxed vibe with our

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

The Rex is dipping its toe in the water
with our new
Friday night 'Supper Club',
where we'll show
less main-stream material
in a table of 8/BYO setting.

Our first Supper Club kicked off Reconciliation Week
with the documentary



Our second Friday night Supper Club event will be:



FRIDAY 21 JULY 7.00PM

A captivating tale of the people and events behind
one of humanity's greatest achievements in exploration.
Voyager 1, which left our solar system and ushered
humanity into the interstellar age in 2012, is the
farthest-flung object humans have ever created.

Check our Facebook page for details

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www.bca.asn.au/rex-cinema/

– Stuart Reid, Convenor Rex Cinema





In 2022 MPT, unleashed a new Winterfest tradition - the Sing-A-Long film and performance. This year we present:

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW 3 p.m. SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023

As with last year's sing-a-long, expect cast members to be dressed as the characters from the movie. Hopefully you, the audience can come in costume as well. Tina Pollard has choreographed the cast, so expect to see some amazing performances. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the stage show production and we're excited to be putting it on.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show is a 1975 musical comedy horror film directed by Jim Sharman. Based on the 1973 musical stage production The Rocky Horror Show, the production is a tribute to the science fiction and B-Grade horror movies. Along with O'Brien, the film stars Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon, and Meatloaf, with cast members from the original stage productions.

The movie soon became a cult hit as a midnight movie, when audiences began participating with the film, singing along and generally having a good time. We have 2 ticket prices – General Admission and General Admission + Party Bag. There will be a special prize for the best dressed. So come along, have some fun. After the movie finishes, Tina Pollard and her dancers will be teaching us all how to do a group choreographed version of the Time Warp.

Last year's Sing-a-long was a sell out, so buy your tickets NOW!

<https://www.trybooking.com/CHPPF>

Melting Pot Theatre is a Subcommittee of the Bundanoon Community Association.



Ted Ayers
MPT Convenor

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ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW



3.00 PM, SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023 | www.trybooking.com/CHPPF

MACBETH – IN REVIEW:

The reviews are in and we're very happy with our audience's response. Here's just a couple:

Set in the round, Dean Carey (Director) and Ted Ayers (writer, Creative Director) brought one of the best productions of Macbeth that this reviewer has seen. The set, lighting, soundscape, and costumes (created by Ted Ayers) are all exquisite; the actors move around the stage with grace and discipline; the small moments of pain and intimacy are portrayed with clarity and realism.

There are so many moments when this show absolutely shines, serving up a Macbeth that is at once easily recognisable and at the same time completely original. This is a subversive masterpiece, with an intentionally destabilising tone and ironic sensibility.

PETER GRAY, SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS EXPRESS

Just a note to say how much my wife Dianne and I enjoyed Macbeth last Saturday night. I am a Macbeth tragic and this was the 5th stage version I have seen. It was as good as any. I thought your Banquo's Ghost scene was outstanding. PD

MPT may stage a return weekend of Macbeth later this year – keep an eye out or get on our mailing list. You can send us your email at melting.pot@bca.asn.au



The witches, Macbeth 2023



King and Lady Macbeth, Macbeth 2023

photos by Ted Ayers

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You're invited BACK TO THE STREET!

WINTERFEST 1 & 2 JULY 2023

This year Winterfest returns to the main street of Bundanoon with a few surprises!



ART COMPETITION

The Bundanoon Winterfest Art Competition is a showcase of local artists from Bundanoon and the immediate area.

Bundanoon has a unique sense of place and belonging for all residents and that sense of belonging is reflected in this year's theme, **"Belonging - Place and Home"**.

The competition is open across three categories with artists' work displayed at the Bundanoon Club during the Winterfest weekend. Entry forms will be available on the [Winterfest website](#) from 1 June, 2023. Thanks to Jordans Crossing Real Estate, Ngununggula Regional Art Gallery Bowral and the Bundanoon Club.

WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

We have a range of workshops like:

- **Pizza Making**
- **Funky Music Zoo**
- **Lantern Making**
- **Grannie's Story Time**
- **Heritage Walks**
- **Face painting.**

No matter your age, you'll find something for everyone to enjoy!

Workshops and activities placed are limited. Please see the [Winterfest website](#) for further information and booking instructions.



WINTERFEST STREET PARTY

The famous **Bundanoon Winterfest Opening Night Party** will once again be on Railway Avenue.

Railway Avenue & Church Street will be closed to traffic and transformed into a winter wonderland with

- **Food stalls**
- **Food trucks**
- **Amusement rides**
- **Entertainment.**

Some special surprises and guests!

Entertainment for 2023 will come from local groups including the

- **Bundanoon Pipe Band**
- **The Ukesters**
- **Bundanoon Public School Choir.**

Joining them will be a selection of some of the top emerging young performers from across the Southern Highlands from the Wingecarribee.

VOCAL MUSTER.

Busker Circles will be located up and down Railway Avenue, so you'll enjoy live music were ever you are at Winterfest and support local and young and upcoming artists.



BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG SMILES!

Ride all night with our \$5 wrist bands.

Rides include **Turbo Tubs**, **Rock Climbing Wall**, **A Giant Snow Globe** and a **Ferris Wheel**!

Wrist bands will be on available for purchase from our Winterfest Volunteers on Saturday mornings in June outside the Bundanoon Winterfest, as well as the [Winterfest website](#). A limited number will be available to purchase on the night.



BUNDANOON
Winterfest

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

Closing out **Bundanoon Winterfest 2023 Street Party** will be a special parade led by **Glenda the Glow Worm**, the **Bundanoon Pipe Band** and the students of **Bundanoon Public School** carrying **specially made lanterns** to light up the night... and everyone's heart.

If you want to join the parade and make your own lantern, you can join a lantern making workshop on the 25th June in the Soldiers Memorial Hall. Numbers will be limited so book online via the [Winterfest website](#)



AND MORE ON SUNDAY 2 JULY



**BUNDANOON
MAKERS MARKET**
Bundanoon Public School
8.30am - 2pm



MELTING POT THEATRE
returns with another fabulous
Sing-a-long at 3pm.



BUNDANOON REBELS FC
host the
Closing Night Bonfire!

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Our bus will return at 12.00pm and our friendly and professional drivers and bus assistants will assist you to take your groceries from the bus to your door.

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LOCALITY SHOPPING DAYS

Tuesday: Residents from Wingello, Bundanoon, Exeter, Werai, Moss Vale and Burradoo

Wednesday: Residents from Robertson, Burrawang, Fitzroy Falls, Avoca and Bowral

Thursday: Canyonleigh and Berrima

Thursday: Hill Top, Colo Vale, Yerrinbool, Braemar and Mittagong

*Vehicles will stop at all villages in between the above locations

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BUNDANOON Garden Ramble 2023

Save the Date

**Saturday 28 October and
Sunday 29 October 2023**

Come and join in the fun of the annual festival of gardens in our town. Once again there will be eight beautiful gardens to browse and admire in the fresh crisp air of the Highlands in Spring.

As new buds unfurl, bulbs emerge from cold storage and flowers open to the sun and bees, the Garden Ramble opens to visitors, welcoming all to sample horticultural treasures in a selection of private gardens in Bundanoon.

Take the opportunity to browse market stalls in the Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall and peruse an assortment of specialty stalls that will be set up in the gardens as well. Enjoy refreshments offered by the Lions Club in one of the gardens.

Scarecrows will once again be scattered around the village in hopes of being chosen the best in town in the Lions Club Scarecrow competition.

It promises to be a magnificent Spring this year, as it is every year no matter what the weather holds in store for us. And what better way to celebrate than rambling through the delights on offer from our carefully chosen gardens of beautiful Bundanoon.

More details will be available in the next issue of JCG.

Visit bundanoongardenramble.org.au for updates. See you there!



LIONS LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Buy a sausage sanger at this year's Bundanoon Winterfest on Saturday, July 1 and you will be helping to save the lives of children with cancer.

Bundanoon Lions has joined this year's Lions Biggest BBQ which is targeted to raise another \$250,000 for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF). Proceeds from the Lions' BBQ at Winterfest will go to the Foundation.

So far the Foundation has raised \$12 million in just seven years for 16 major research projects including brain tumour immunotherapy at Monash University, enhancement of brain immune cells at the University of Western Australia and nanotechnology to treat neuroblastoma, the most common solid tumour in young children, at Macquarie University.. More than 450 Australian Lions clubs will hold barbecues during the year to raise funds for medical research into the causes and prevention of, and to find a cure for, childhood cancer.

"It never ceases to amaze me what Aussies can do when they work together," says ALCCRF trustee Peter Lamb. "Who would have thought the good old Aussie barbie could have been used to help Lions raise over \$12 million for childhood cancer research. Well that's what we have done but the job's not over. More than 900 Australian kids are diagnosed every year with various forms of childhood cancer and unfortunately we are still seeing around three kids dying every week. We believe every child deserves the chance at a healthy life."

Young Ava Bell is just one success story thanks to the efforts of scientists and Lions. At 12 months of age Ava was diagnosed with a 5.5 centimetre neuroblastoma in her chest and abdomen and the cancer had spread to her bones. The Lions' Foundation funded the first Phase 2 clinical trial of two novel drugs (Interferon and Valproate) in kids suffering from neuroblastoma. The trial involved Children's Hospitals in Australia and New Zealand. The goal is to make it part of the standard treatment for children diagnosed with neuroblastoma around the world.

This year Ava started High school.

So munch a sausage sanger at Winterfest and make your tummy - and your heart - feel good.

Harvey Grennan





Bundanoon Garden Club has been helping people have fun in their garden for over 50 years.

We are one of the largest and most active garden clubs in Australia.

Our monthly meetings are social events with keynote speakers who are experts in their field. At the meetings, we offer a lending library full of gardening books, current gardening magazines, and DVDs for our members to borrow. Our "Trade Table" is where you can pick up locally propagated plants for a fraction of the cost you'd see at nurseries or markets. Grown by club members, you'll know that they'll work. The meetings are highly entertaining and very social.

The club also presents a series of monthly open gardens called "Friendship Gardens". These are often local gardens, but sometimes we venture further afield to visit private gardens that are opened exclusively to our club members and their friends, mostly free of charge.

We also organise exclusive day trips to famous public gardens. Some of these are part of the National Trust's portfolio, others are extensive private gardens and acreages.

Since 2022 we have once again been able to offer gardening workshops. These are so popular that we are building up a calendar of workshops, including "How to shape mature trees", "Propagation Techniques", "Growing Heritage Roses" and many more. One of our new workshops will focus on teaching new residents how to get the best out of Bundanoon's soil and climate. We know that for many people moving to this area, their choice of plants and shrubs can fail due to a lack of local knowledge.

Our free monthly newsletter is packed with stories and articles that are both entertaining and educational. We have local contributors and edited texts from a broad range of professional nurserymen and journalists.

Many people may not know, Bundanoon Garden Club looks after the Garden of Memories (Uniting Church), The Southern Villages A.N.Z.A.C. Memorial Garden, and Nancy Kingsbury Memorial Park.

The club holds seasonal dinners that are very popular and our catered Christmas Parties are well organised and well attended.

bundanoongardenclub.com.au

Ted Ayers
President



Janet and Ross Tapener and Tessa Spencer at a working bee



PERSEPHONE @ SPRING DINNER 2022
Our members dinners always have some entertainment! Persephone and the birth of Spring.

Photos by Peter Gray



meet the first Thursday every month
9.30 am for a 10.00 am start
at Soldiers' Memorial Hall Bundanoon

Warrigal

BUNDANOON AUXILIARY INC

The Auxiliary supports Warrigal Bundanoon in providing care and support for older persons to create an inspiring community.

We are pleased to be back in action again after all the interruptions during COVID, with several items planned for 2023 including a Fashion Parade in September and the Warrigal Walk – laps around the Oval – later in the year.

Fundraising

Our most recent fundraising activities have been our participation in the Trivia Night at Bundanoon Hotel, running the Meat Raffle at the Bundanoon Community Club and holding a Cake Stall at the Lions Car Boot Sale.

Warrigal Bundanoon Café

The Café is open for business again, offering coffee/tea, homemade cakes, toasties etc on a Friday, 10am to 1pm.

Volunteers play an integral part at Warrigal.

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COUNTRY WOMEN ASSOCIATION OF NSW BRANCHES AT BUNDANOON AND EXETER

How exciting it is to have at last, a great new supermarket in Bundanoon. CWA members of Bundanoon and Exeter are delighted. Congratulations for the first year of our Local Grocer IGA. Bundanoon branch had a small stall outside the IGA on this Birthday celebration day selling cakes and handicrafts.

Bundanoon CWA members are continuing making breast care drainage bags for the CWA Hospital Support Cttee. Another batch ready to be sent off!

Exeter Branch had their busy day at Brigadoon both in activity at their stall and also the manning of the Rest Area. A highlight of the day was the informal unexpected visit to the stall by Mrs Linda Hurley, wife of the Governor General. She has always been a strong supporter of the CWA.

State Conference is always held in May, and two delegates from every

branch in NSW/ACT are entitled to attend. All members may attend as observers. Every individual member of CWA can feel she has a "Voice" and her contribution is important. Two members from Exeter branch will be delegates at Bathurst, unfortunately Bundanoon has no one available to attend this year. Next year Conference will be held in Coffs Harbour.

Latvia has been the Country of Study this year. Several members from both branches have attended a most interesting day at Robertson recently. At this annual day we meet as a Group, learn more about that country, decorate our branch tables, taste foods from that country, handicrafts etc ... a fun and interesting day.

At the time of writing this update, two members of Exeter branch are preparing to attend the World Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World in Malaysia in May. CWA of NSW is

just one of many organisations of women across the world, concerned for improving rural life by assisting women in member countries with projects that they consider vital for their areas. Every April, there is a special fundraiser for ACWW known as Women Walk the World. Exeter branch held its event on 28th April, with members, and friends in the community walking around Exeter oval followed by morning tea.

Bundanoon CWA meets 2nd Thursday of the month

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Exeter CWA meets 3rd Wednesday of the month

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BUNDANOON PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

BPG has had a most enjoyable autumn.

We had three outings: the Canberra Balloon Festival, Brigadoon, and Crookwell.

Meg Nurse took the main image on this page. It shows how balloons brighten up a large part of the Canberra morning sky. Meg captured others that conveyed the giant size of the balloons.

We also "attacked" Brigadoon in limited numbers. However, this month's "President's Cup" and "Pepperoni Prize" brought forth particularly evocative images, conveying emotion and colour. The President's Cup went to "These Boots are Made for Walkin", taken by Christine Kelly, representing determination in the face of adverse weather. The Pepperoni (said with the same respect and awe as "the Archibald") went to the symbolic "Scot in Training" taken by Debbie Catlin.





Our popular trip to Crookwell rendered some great images by many members. Interestingly, the most photographed item wasn't the autumn colours nor the streetscape: it was the disused but well-cared-for railway. Apart from images of different perspectives, the tracks also yielded hilarity: our esteemed Patron, Peter Gray, laid down on the tracks to capture a perspective he had envisaged; along came a young man who asked, "RUOK". No one has reliably repeated Peter's response.

A pleasing aspect of the Group's life is that, at our "planning" meeting in January, we agreed we wanted to resume a social element to our meetings and our outings. When we used to meet in the Mens' Shed, we broke for self-catered wine & cheese. At the Bundanoon Club, we can't quite do that. At the past couple of meetings, we have broken in the middle of proceedings; this month, Anthony, the Club's chef, cooked and sliced pizza for us (& members have slipped off to the bar for lubrication).

Another characteristic of our changing format is that various members have given presentations on aspects of photography which spark their interest. Other members find these views and insights enlightening. For May,

Meg Nurse presented on "Perspective in Photography". Not only did it convey concise insights, but when we came to look at the images for the competition and those from the Crookwell outing, the insights Meg identified could be recognised in the photos.

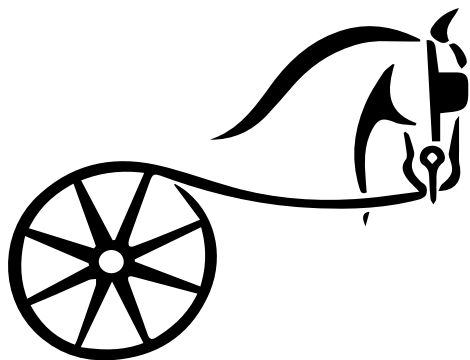
Our May outing is Retford Park, and June President's Cup / Pepperoni Prize is Autumn Colours. Our next meeting is at 4.00 pm at the Bundanoon Club, Thursday 8 June.

New members are welcome.

Graham Kelly
Photography Group President

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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB INC has

so far planted over 120 Native & Exotic species of trees and shrubs around its facility in Quarry Road, Bundanoon, with a Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting Grant.

The Commemorative Opening Ceremony was performed by Angus Taylor MP on February 4, 2023, with other Council and Community representatives invited to attend.

This coincided with an Event that SHCC was conducting that weekend, so many Carriage Driving competitors and their friends contributed their enthusiasm and support.

SHCC is also building a large driving competition obstacle, to honour both the late Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip, it will be named "Balmoral Castle" and will be enjoyed by many and be a reminder of their passion for and dedication to the wonderful sport of carriage driving, and other equine sports.

SHCC also successfully obtained funding from the Stronger Country Communities Grant for an outdoor multi-discipline dressage arena surface, which is now in the process of being built. This is a much-needed public training/competition tool and will be available to many ridden disciplines of equine sport, as well as the driven discipline in the Southern Highlands area and beyond, and is the only facility of this



kind in NSW other than AELEC in Tamworth and SIEC in Sydney, both of which are totally out of the financial reach of not-for-profit sporting clubs.

This is very exciting for SHCC, as it continually strives to improve and upgrade the facility which is used and enjoyed by SHCC and Moss Vale Pony Club, as well as other equine bodies.

Many local community groups and organisations, of all types, together with many visitors, use the camping facilities provided by the Club when local festivals such as Brigadoon, Winterfest and Garden Ramble etc. are taking place.

Motorhome/caravan groups also use the facility for their Chapter Meetings and other celebrations, or just for their monthly club weekends away.

All these groups come and enjoy the peace and serenity of the Bundanoon area, visit local attractions and generally make a huge financial contribution to the local and wider Shire economy.

On another note,

SHCC has just learned that it has been chosen as the WINNER of the U.K. Carriage Driving Awards for 2022, after coming second behind France in 2021, in the category of Best International Carriage Driving Club/Society!

This is a huge honour for SHCC, as some years ago it made a firm commitment to provide as much expert training for all Australian Carriage Driving Society members, and Equestrian Australia members, as possible. The club has been super proactive in bringing Bram Chardon from the Netherlands, twice yearly for ten days at a time, to Bundanoon, prior to Covid of course, but this program will be recommenced in early 2024, when all the worldwide problems have hopefully eased.



Bram competes in both the indoor and outdoor European competitions with his four-in-hand teams of Dutch Warmbloods and Andalusians, and is neck and neck with Australia's own Boyd Exell, originally from Bega, and now based in the Netherlands.

Both Bram and Boyd alternate as the World Champion in this huge sport in Europe, so it is wonderful that SHCC brings such world class training opportunities to Bundanoon, for the benefit of so many drivers from across Australia.

Then of course there is SHCC's National Training Program, with Mr. Phil Marshall coming from Victoria every second month for six days of coaching, with participants coming from across NSW.

And to top everything off, SHCC has been invited by the U.K. Carriage Driving Society, to participate with them in the "Zilco Ashes", which is the inaugural International short format championships at home, from August 8 – 12 2023.

This competition has been designed for the grassroots drivers to participate initially in the championships, and then to gain a place on the Australian Zilco Ashes Team headed up by none

other than Australia's own World Champion, Boyd Exell, as Honorary Australian Team Captain.

The Championship Festival will be conducted at SHCC's grounds in Bundanoon, with four days of specific Training offered to participants, prior to the two competition days. Both Championship Competition days will be fully televised by H & C CC TV, with interactive commentary taking place throughout.

Competitors will be coming from interstate to take part in the first ever event of this kind, and which will next year, by all accounts, become a truly global event.

This has never happened in the Australian carriage driving world, so it will be an enormous promotion of driving in this country, as well as putting little old Bundanoon on the worldwide map.

Everyone is invited to come along and show support for Bundanoon, Southern Highlands Carriage Club, the Zilco Ashes Australian Team, and enjoy the excitement and buzz that this event will deliver.

**Let us all work together to help
"Bring Home the Ashes"!**



Mrs. Lauren Harris

Interviewed and illustrated by Matilda,
Year 2 Kookaburras

Role at Bundanoon School: Year 3/4 Classroom Teacher.

What do you enjoy about working about Bundanoon School? I enjoy seeing all the happy, smiling faces every day.

What do you like to do outside of school for enjoyment? I like to hang out with my family, play my Nintendo switch and watch funny movies.

Where are some places you have visited and what was your favourite place and why? I have been to Canberra, Melbourne, Viet Nam, and Cambodia. My favourite place is Hoi Ann in Viet Nam because it has the best spring rolls ever!

What is your favourite book or movie and why? The original Star Wars trilogy because the characters are awesome! There is a lot of action.

What is your best 'Dad' joke? I only know twenty-five letters in the alphabet. I don't know 'y'!

What is an interesting fact about you? I have never broken a bone (touch wood)!

Do you have any special or hidden talents? I was a part of the Bundanoon Teacher Olympics for the talent show.

Can you tell us about your family, including pets? I am newly married and have a 2-year-old son Luke, and two ragdoll cats called Benji and Bailey.

Advice for kids today? To have a growth mindset. If you believe you can, you will.



Miss Tahnee Edgecombe

Interviewed and illustrated by Timothy,
Year 2 Kookaburras

Role at Bundanoon School: Year 1 Classroom Teacher.

What do you enjoy about working about Bundanoon School? I enjoy getting to teach all the wonderful children at Bundanoon Public School.

What do you like to do outside of school for enjoyment? I like relaxing at the beach.

Where are some places you have visited and what was your favourite place and why? I have been to Hawaii, which was a favourite place because I have fun exploring the island.

What is your favourite book or movie and why? The movie Pearl Harbour because I love true stories.

What is your best 'Dad' joke? I'm not sure. I'm not very funny.

What is an interesting fact about you? I am also a tennis coach!

Do you have any special or hidden talents? I am pretty good at sewing and singing.

Can you tell us about your family, including pets? In my family I have my mum, dad and big sister Brooke and a baby nephew called Fletcher.

Advice for kids today? Make sure you get outside and play. It is good for you.



Mrs. Carmel Day

Interviewed and illustrated by Sana,
Year 2 Kookaburras

Role at Bundanoon School: Classroom teacher for the Mopokes.

What do you enjoy about working about Bundanoon School? I enjoy when students have a 'light bulb' moment when they learn new things.

What do you like to do outside of school for enjoyment? I like to go on bushwalks and taking photographs of waterfalls.

Where are some places you have visited. What was your favourite place and why? Jungfrau in Switzerland where I got to catch several trains and a gondola on the highest railway station in Europe.

What is your favourite book or movie and why? The Jolly Postman because it has lots of letters you can open and read.

What is your best 'Dad' joke? I'm hungry! Hi Hungry.

What is an interesting fact about you? I used to work with Healthy Harold in the Life Education van.

Do you have any special or hidden talents? My talent is taking photographs.

Can you tell us about your family, including pets? I have a great Dane called Boo and a border terrier called Kenzi.

Advice for kids today? Always try your best.



Mrs Ashleigh Burke

Interviewed and illustrated by Kirra,
Year 2 Kookaburras

Role at Bundanoon School: Teacher

What do you enjoy about working about Bundanoon School? I enjoy seeing all the lovely students I have taught of the years.

What do you like to do outside of school for enjoyment? I like going to the beach and spending time with my family.

Where are some places you have visited. What was your favourite place and why? My favourite place so far has been the Whitsundays. I am looking forward to visiting the Maldives this year though.

What is your favourite book or movie and why? My favourite movie is The Greatest Showman because it is about being yourself.

What is your best 'Dad' joke? Why did the cookie go to the doctor? Because he was feeling crumbly.

What is an interesting fact about you? I want to open a car wash one day!

Do you have any special or hidden talents? Some might say I was very good at the Teacher Olympics (talent show).

Can you tell us about your family, including pets? I have a husband named Mitchell and 2 dogs named Nala and Koda.

Advice for kids today? Be yourself and be kind.



MR. GREG MCCROARY

Interviewed and illustrated by Tainn,
Year 2 Kookaburras

Role at Bundanoon School: Assistant Principal 3-6.
Class teacher for the Bull Sharks.

What do you enjoy about working at Bundanoon School? I enjoy getting to know the students and helping them learn.

What do you like to do outside of school for enjoyment? I like being in nature and going on bushwalks.

Where are some places you have visited. What was your favourite place and why? One of my favourite places to travel to is the United Kingdom and visiting London.

What is your favourite book or movie and why? My favourite book is also a movie now. I like the Lord of the Rings series.

What is your best 'Dad' joke? What is brown and sticky? A stick!

What is an interesting fact about you? I actually do not enjoy gardening!

Do you have any special or hidden talents? I am very good at juggling.

Can you tell us about your family, including pets? My family has 2 kids, 2 dogs, 2 cats!

Advice for kids today? Always make things better.



Mrs. Emily Longshaw

Interviewed and illustrated by Cash,
Year 2 Kookaburras

Role at Bundanoon School: Teacher Librarian

What do you enjoy about working at Bundanoon School? I enjoy being with all the lovely children, the fun of Book Week and getting to read books.

What do you like to do outside of school for enjoyment? I like travelling to new places and riding bikes with my family.

Where are some places you have visited. What was your favourite place and why? My favourite place so far has been visiting Uluru. It is unlike any other place I have visited. Very special.

What is your favourite book or movie and why? My favourite book is Edward the Emu because it reminds us that we are pretty great just as we are.

What is your best 'Dad' joke? Why don't cannibals eat clowns? Because they taste funny!

What is an interesting fact about you? I have 4 siblings!

Do you have any special or hidden talents? I can teach my dog cool tricks! I do really good story/character voices, but very bad accents.

Can you tell us about your family, including pets? I have Mr. Longshaw, 3 boys and 2 dogs.

Advice for kids today? Adventures are always worth the time and effort.



Mrs. Lisa Ryan

Interviewed and illustrated by Evie,
Year 2 Kookaburras

Role at Bundanoon School: Principal.

What do you enjoy about working at Bundanoon School? I love working with the children, enjoy learning with the teachers and greeting the families each day.

What do you like to do outside of school for enjoyment? I enjoy spending time with my family, especially at the beach.

Where are some places you have visited. What was your favourite place and why? I have been to Canada, America, France and England. My favourite place was 'The Little Chapel' in Paris.

What is your favourite book or movie and why? My favourite book is *Pride & Prejudice*. A favourite movie is hard to choose, maybe 'Back to the Future'.

What is your best 'Dad' joke? Why did the chicken cross the playground? To get to the other SLIDE!

What is an interesting fact about you? I went skydiving with my grandma for her 79th birthday.

Do you have any special or hidden talents? I love making artworks with Kindergarten.

Can you tell us about your family, including pets? I have 3 grown up children- who all went to Bundanoon Public School - Callum, Bridie and Patrick.

Advice for kids today? Be curious! You learn something new EVERY day!



Mrs Ashlee Cosgrove

Interviewed and illustrated by Connor,
Year 2 Kookaburras

Role at Bundanoon School: Teacher for the Year 2 Kookaburras and Assistant Principal.

What do you enjoy about working at Bundanoon School? Bundanoon feels like home. I love meeting the children and their families and I get to work and learn from really kind teachers.

What do you like to do outside of school for enjoyment? I enjoy lots of things like reading books, watching movies, going swimming but if I am honest, lately it is just catching up on sleep!

Where are some places you have visited. What was your favourite place and why? I have been to quite a few places in America, Mexico, Southeast Asia and the South Pacific. Hmm hard to choose a favourite but I do love Hawaii and Disneyland was REALLY fun!

What is your favourite book or movie and why? My favourite book is 'There is a Monster at the End of This Book' my kids think it is hilarious. At the moment my favourite movie is 'Encanto'. I think it has an important message that everyone is special and valuable in a family.

What is your best 'Dad' joke? What is the difference between broccoli and boogers? Kids eat boogers! Ewww!

What is an interesting fact about you? I love HUGE earrings.

Do you have any special or hidden talents? I can surf.

Can you tell us about your family, including pets? In my family there are 4 kids, Roy, Mabel, Lennox and Paddy. My husband and our bulldog Lola and 5 cats!

Advice for kids today? Manners cost nothing but will get you far.



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true art and true science."*

*Albert Einstein,
The World As I See It*

The Ghost of Mary... and others



Modern Australia is a largely secular country so it's a bit surprising that there are believed to be so many haunted places in Australia and no end of people interested in such stories. Our marvellous media from time to time have stories reflecting this interest e.g. "The 12 most haunted places in Australia", whilst travel companies obligingly offer tours to, for example, "Australia's most haunted places" or enjoining one to "Discover the country's nine spookiest locations."

Not to be outdone Bundanoon has its own resident ghosts who 'live' in the Bundanoon Hotel. Most interest centres on 'Mary' who, grief stricken after losing her son, took a room at the hotel sometime in the 1930s, swallowed some pills (poison?) and set fire to her room. It is unsure in which room this occurred – rooms 36 and 39 have been proposed but room 38 is most favoured; indeed, there are burn marks on the dining

room ceiling directly below that room. Both hotel staff and guests continue to feel her presence (e.g. cold chills, a 'sense' of someone being present even when they are alone) to this day, both in the rooms and the hallways.

Lest all the limelight fall on Mary, people have also experienced two other ghosts assumed to be from the time the Commercial Hotel occupied this site (1884-1892). The first is an old well-dressed gentleman and the second is an elderly lady who sits in the dining room either sewing or knitting. These two always seem to have a benign presence.

Should there be any doubt about the existence of these apparitions, several investigations have been conducted at the hotel by people skilled in the art of investigating the paranormal. For instance, one such person used motion



sensors, dowsing rods, tarot cards and other devices to confirm Mary's presence. The sensors were constantly being activated by Mary, and the dowsing rods allowed direct communication with her. They sensed from Mary an overwhelming feeling of unresolved grief (which explains her ongoing presence at the hotel), and some need for resolution, though there is nothing evil in her intent.

Other investigators have similarly sensed Mary. Indeed some have photographed and filmed unexplained shadows and spectres as well as using other techniques to confirm the presence of the supernatural in the hotel.

Now, of course, whether one is a believer or not in any of this is a moot point. Suffice it to say that it is difficult to confirm whether Mary actually existed or that she set fire to and died in her room. Any such events would have attracted the immediate interest of the

police. There would have certainly been a coronial inquest to determine the circumstances of Mary's death, as well as the fire. It is also safe to assume that newspapers would have reported this event and any subsequent inquiry. The trouble is there is no evidence of these events in any newspapers, the NSW Government Gazettes of the time, or any other readily accessible contemporary source.

So, is the story of Mary true or not? Future research may confirm these stories, indeed may even confirm Mary's ongoing presence. But for now, you can always have a glass of 'Mary Ghosts Red Ale' at the hotel, and maybe give a toast or two to Mary and her supernatural companions!

Ian Smith

Bundanoon History Group



A MYSTERY TO MANY OF US

What will kill you in the garden,
or at least make you very ill?

by Trish Arbib

I've occasionally been asked, in my previous life as a nursery woman to advise on plants for school gardens. It is crucial to know what is unsafe to plant, but, if you read the books or Google poisonous plants, you could become unnecessarily agitated. Still, some knowledge of common poisonous plants is good especially if you have young ones, who are likely to put everything in their mouths.

I like adding flowers to food, sometimes as decoration, other times for flavour. And this is becoming more common with the sale of punnets of flowers for garnish. Some that I use safely are herb flowers like sage, chives and rosemary. Others are big bold nasturtium flowers with their peppery flavour, violets and heartsease, clove pinks, calendula and borage. But some people, and children, if they follow you around the garden, think that means every flower is for edible.



Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*) flowers are truly beautiful and attract children with their thimble like flowers to fit on tiny fingers. But please don't let them eat them. Whilst there are not many cases recorded of poisoning in Australia, their leaves have at times been mistaken for comfrey. Symptoms include nausea, headache, skin irritation and diarrhoea.

Another common garden plant to be aware of, and this one edible, is **rhubarb**. Stems make a wonderful dessert and chutney, but the leaves are poisonous to eat, as they contain toxic amounts of oxalic acid. (It's OK to touch them). Symptoms may include mild gastrointestinal symptoms, and more serious problems such as kidney stones and kidney failure if you ate a huge amount.





Beautiful **oleander**, seen more often in Sydney, but growing in the Southern Highlands can be lethal in all its parts. Just touching the plant and tree sap with bare hands or inhaling the smoke of burning oleander can induce toxic effects. All parts of the plant are poisonous when eaten, even if the leaves are dry or the shrub is dead.

And it's not just people who will be poisoned, we've heard of goats dying after a meal of oleander.

Aconite is a poisonous plant that you are less likely to have in your garden, but if you love blue, and rare perennials, then you might. Or you may have inherited it. Known as monkshood, it has an attractive shape like a monk's cowl in a deep blue. Other names hint at its danger – wolfsbane, leopard's bane and devil's helmet. It is used in homeopathy. All parts, especially the roots contain toxins, the most dangerous is aconitine, both a heart and nerve poison. It has been used since ancient times as a poison on spears and arrows, and ancient Romans used it as a method of execution. Symptoms include numbness, slow or fast heart rate, respiratory paralysis, nausea. Can be deadly.



Hemlock is dangerous as it resembles a big parsley. It has big umbels of white flowers like so many in the Umbelliferae family. Some hemlock plants are distinguished by purple blotching near the base of the stems. There used to be plants growing wild near Moss Vale shops, and in an Open Garden we visited years ago in Bowral. Hopefully plants were destroyed after we pointed them out! This is the plant that Socrates was forced to drink in 399BCE after being found guilty of impiety by a jury of Athenians. He didn't survive!

To finish off, and I could go on, **fly Agaric**, *Amanita muscaria* are gorgeous looking, but lethal, toadstools, red with white spots, like something out of a witch's fairy tale. Amanitas occur in our paddock, and quite possibly in yours at this time of year, under pine trees after autumn rain. It is important to distinguish them from the edible slippery jacks and delicious pine mushrooms (saffron milk caps) also growing there. Luckily they are very distinctive.





Scurrilous deeds and S.C.A.N.D.A.L

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THE CHIMNEYS OF Ferndale stand alone! Their stance is mighty yet sullen against a backdrop of the natural world! They hold the account of a page in Bundanoon's history when, on a night 75 years ago, fire completely destroyed the elegant rooms they warmed. They hold answers to a burning question – was this a blameless calamity or were scurrilous deeds and scandal perpetrated?

The chimneys are nestled in a meadow on an Old Argyle Road property. They stand in ruins, united yet solitary; withholding the knowledge of what caused the fire at the luxury guesthouse on the night of 19 January 1937.

Long gone are imported marble mantles and elaborately carved fireplaces. Long gone are the proudest chimney pots in the district and the latest fashionable house accessories of 1896 when the house was built as a grand private residence for wealthy Sydney businessman John James Booth. Long gone are classical ornaments of silver and displays of painted ostrich eggs – all lost in the glowing embers and ashes on that fatal, foggy night.

But as the cinders cooled, suspicions and whispers grew loud. How did this fire start? How could the clouds of smoking evidence be unseen for so long? Why was the fire not reported until the next day? Who was watching as the spark ignited and then resolutely took hold? Did someone act alone, or was there an accomplice? Who and what could be gained by razing Ferndale?

A Bowral auction notice of November 1936 (a year earlier) describes Ferndale as a farm–guesthouse with outstanding appeal, The house is of two storeys, strongly built of weatherboard. The notice also described 12 bedrooms graciously appointed with cedar panelling, quality oak furniture and featuring soft-furnishings of sumptuous satins and embossed fabrics. Two bathrooms, 4 lavatories, lounges and dining room, plus modern conveniences of septic system, telephone and wired for electric light. Ample water supply. Tennis court and swimming pool.

It was indeed a splendid respite for those who could afford to flee the humidity of the city but at the time of the fire the accommodation was virtually closed and the property was on the market.

Mr Frank Knight, who had an oil importation business, owned the guesthouse but his fortune of late was diminishing. Sinking from lavish moneyed heydays into mounting debt, he was on a business trip to America when the fire occurred. Mrs Gladys Sandford had been employed as manageress of Ferndale, although she lived in separate rented accommodation, and at the inquiry she admitted that at Knight's request she had been at Ferndale searching for a plan of the house in a storeroom at 3 pm on the afternoon of the fire. She had not brought a light, so she used safety matches to light the dark. The storeroom was packed with odd items including a bag of kapok. She said that all was well when she left soon afterwards.



Ferndale, built 1896 (opposite page)

Detail of decorative gable (above)



The ruins of Ferndale (above)

Townsfolk had always regarded her with suspicion as she was from Sydney and was the first woman in the district to have a driver's licence. In fact Gladys, originally from New Zealand, was the first woman aviatrix in that country and according to an article written by Michael Throssel for *Highlife* (December 2000/January 2001) she often drove to Goulburn to fly at the fledgling Aero Club. She was also reputed to be Frank Knight's mistress and had a financial interest in Ferndale.

Little is known about the caretaker Anthony Regan, a farm labourer who was employed by Gladys in 1936. He gave evidence at the inquest that he lit the kitchen fire in the morning and that it was not alight before he left the property in the afternoon. He did not return until 7.50pm when he found the smouldering ruins glowing ominously in the mist. All was gone!

He informed Gladys who told the inquiry that she didn't report the fire until the next day because it was a wet night and she didn't have transport. In the opinion of Constable Rudge, the local police officer, although the nearest phone was two miles away, neighbours who could have assisted her lived only half a mile from her house.

Constable Rudge had enough suspicion about the fire to report it to the Sydney Arson Squad and although they conducted an inspection of the property, curiously, they were not called to give evidence. The police investigation and the coroner's inquiry of 19

February 1937 estimated that the fire had started around 3.30pm on 19 January and was not reported to police until the next morning on the 20th January.

Knight owed Gladys £403.00. It was known he was also in debt to many local businesses in Bundanoon and Penrose. The Ferndale insurance policies were current, lodged with Queensland Insurance Company for the sum of £2250.00 for the building and £600.00 for contents. An inspector said the portfolio was not over insured. When Gladys was asked about the contents during the inquiry she stated that furniture had not been removed or sold. Significantly though, no drawer handles, glass and crockery fragments or metal objects were found in the ruins although I have retrieved one blackened teaspoon from the site.

After a day-long inquest the magistrate could not find enough evidence to say how the fire started – whether it was calculated or simply an unfortunate accident.

So why did salacious rumours persist of Ferndale's furniture, antiques and artefacts being sold through dealers in Sydney? And how is it that I now possess the heavy, royal blue drapes from the dining room given to me by a local man who told me his late mother bought them from Gladys Sandford after the fire?

Indeed a mystery!

—Helene Jesse

JEWISH APPLE CAKE

This recipe comes from the Israeli Embassy

This Jewish apple cake recipe is thought to have originated in Poland.

It is often made for Rosh Hashanah (the celebration of God's creation of the world).

PREP

- Pre-heat oven to 180C
- Grease and flour a bundt pan

INGREDIENTS

- 4 large Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and finely sliced
- 3 tpsps cinnamon
- 5tbs sugar

In separate bowl, mix together the apple slices, cinnamon and sugar. Leave to soak while making cake batter.

Drain liquid in bottom of bowl – don't add to cake batter

BATTER

- 3 cups plain flour
- 3tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 ½ cups caster sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 ½ tpsps. vanilla essence
- 4 large eggs (lightly beaten)
- ½ cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- Icing sugar for dusting

METHOD

Sieve/sift flour, baking powder and salt into a large bowl

Stir in sugar, oil vanilla essence, eggs and orange juice

Pour half the batter into prepared tin

Cover with half the apples

Pour on remaining batter

Arrange remaining apple slices on top

Cover top with foil

BAKE for 70 – 90 minutes.

Cake is cooked when a skewer inserted comes out clean.

Cool in tin, remove carefully.

Serve dusted with icing sugar



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THE GOOD LIFE

Lyn Morehen

One autumn morning I was driven by members of the Bundanoon Community Garden on a somewhat mystery journey to the nearby village of Tallong. It was a glorious day and the sun shone warmly. Arriving at our destination I was greeted at the property by more members and Bud, the seven year old son of Bel and Magnus the property owners. With a welcoming smile on his face Bud offered me the treasure hidden in his hand. It was a very welcoming gift, a cape gooseberry. I love cape gooseberries and this one was freshly picked and warmed by the sun and the embrace of his hand.

Over the last few years the members of the Bundanoon Community Garden have been on an adventure gardening first in Bundanoon then Exeter, then Tallong. Meanwhile their current temporary home in Tallong is producing amazingly abundant crops. Amazingly because of the variety of produce that I thought could have been devoured by birds and animals and with none left for the workers. I was there when the last of the pumpkins and tomatoes were harvested and the remaining parts of the plants now stripped of their fruits were thrown on the compost heap or tossed to the goats. The goats were delighted and all showed their preference for the old globe artichoke plants. The day of my visit many hands, both young and old helped with the work of picking, storing and preparing the beds for the next planting which will be a garlic crop the group's main source of income.

The tightly knit group share their love of gardening, hard work and the companionship that shared experiences provide. Results from the efforts involved include the pleasure of eating meals made using the produce that they have grown and harvested. After a few hours work everyone stopped to eat. There was a huge cauldron of homemade soup and crusty bread to celebrate their achievements. Chattering and laughter peppered the conversations that were mainly centred on future gardening plans.

Eventually the group started to disperse and go home. People were laden with produce. Each person or couple took with them a box of tomatoes, big tomatoes, and little tomatoes, red, yellow and green tomatoes. I was told that the members would cook and bottle them, and then bring them back to the group and share at the next meeting.

This hard working group have worked and travelled well over the years, they have survived many travails including drought, bushfires, floods and homelessness. Now they are a cohesive and harmonious group that is looking forward to gardening in their new home which is once again based in Bundanoon. The plan is to start planting there in the spring after preparing the necessary hardscape and landscape. You will find them along Ellsmore road, behind the pre-school. Bundanoon village will welcome them back and celebrate the beginning of this new and exciting time for community gardening in Bundanoon.





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As we arrived with anticipation to meet and greet old friends who also wore the same shiny medals, ready to line up, and represent the generations of our past, mixed with some still serving, I glanced around and saw my fellow Australians of all ages, waiting on the sidelines to cheer and give thanks to our fallen now represented by the ones proudly marching past.

It felt good to be there. I was filled with such a sense of togetherness, and community spirit, the Anglican Church as a backdrop filled with tables of refreshments, and of course free Anzac Biscuits handed out to all. It was like an overflowing basket that never ran dry with the delicious iconic biscuit we all recognised and loved - some too much of course!


The eerie chant of the Highland Bands leading the march had begun, the crowds turned to the street to gaze upon the rows of men women, and children, horses and hounds proudly marching behind with the medals they wore all clanking in unison as they marched along. Miss B and Miss C were in awe of the sight of so many, but only looking for one person, their Papa. 'Where's Papa' they would say, and luckily, he was closest to our side of the street, and they could see him march past and sang out his name loudly.

The ceremonial speeches and laying of the wreaths, the prayers for all our fallen and those currently serving who vow to protect this wonderful country and preserve our way of life that makes us all what we are as Australians was heart-warming, and a reminder that our spirit will live on in our children and grandchildren.

Once all was over, we were all welcomed to enjoy morning tea and chat, the children were excited that they could have a run around, and eat as many Anzac biscuits as their tummies would allow, and simply enjoy the wonderful community of people coming together, friends and strangers alike all there for the same reason, to give thanks and remember them.

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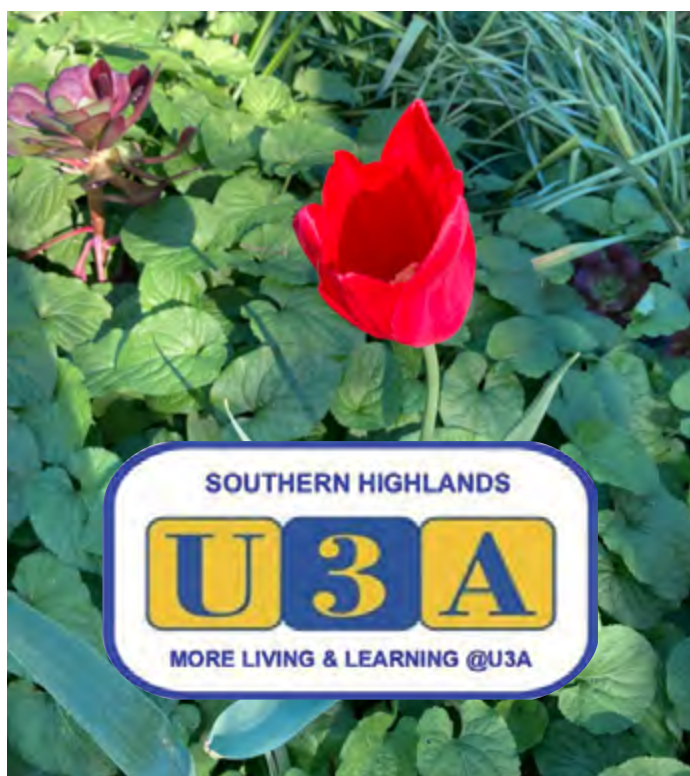
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