

# **Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated**

# 2024 Annual General Meeting

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 7.30pm Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

The formal name of the organisation is the Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated, referred to as 'BCA Inc', or more commonly 'BCA'

The objectives of the BCA are:

- to serve and represent the interests of Bundanoon in any manner necessary as decided at a General Meeting of BCA, and
- to enhance and beautify Bundanoon, and
- to foster a community spirit in the township, and
- to further develop an environment that supports the well-being, and contentment of the people of Bundanoon.

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# **Agenda**

# BUNDANOON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 21 March 2024

#### Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

- 1. Acknowledgement of Country
- 2. Welcome to members and visitors
- 3. Apologies
- 4. Confirmation of the 2023 AGM Minutes 16 March 2023
- 5. Business arising from the 2023 Minutes
- 6. President's Report 2023
- 7. Consideration and adoption of Financial Statements 2023
- 8. Consideration and adoption of Auditor's Reports 2023
- Announcement of Subcommittee Convenors for 2024 and thanks to outgoing Convenors
- 10. Appointment of Auditor
- 11. Appointment of Public Officer
- 12. Election of BCA Officers and Committee for 2024-25
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Committee Members
- 13. Close

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall

#### **MINUTES**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1. The President, Andy Carnahan, acknowledged Country

#### 2. Welcome to members and visitors

The President then extended a warm welcome to members and visitors. A special welcome was extended to Mr Viv May, Interim Administrator of Wingecarribee Shire Council

# 3. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: 31 members Visitors: 4

Apologies: Angus Taylor MP; Wendy Tuckerman MP

and 11 members

**4. Confirmation of the Minutes** of the AGM held on the AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

President advised that duplication of page 7 had been corrected and updated.

Moved by Rosemary Page, and second by Helen Kohler. THAT the 2022 AGM

Minutes, as corrected and tabled, be confirmed. CARRIED

#### 5. President's Report

The President advised that he would leave members to read the Report, which was printed in the AGM Booklet. The President thanked the committee for their contributions and support.

Moved by Elizabeth Cranny, and seconded by Jeremy Tonks THAT the President's Report, as tabled, be confirmed. CARRIED

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer advised the method of reporting had been changed. Reports would now show total of all sub-committees' expenditure. The reports could be broken down into individual sub-committee expenditure. Treasurer advised that the change may be confusing to start but would produce clearer reports.

Moved by Henk Janssen, and seconded by Donna Andrews THAT the Treasurer's Report, as tabled, be confirmed. CARRIED

# 7. Consideration and Adoption of Financial Statements

The Financial Statements for 2022, prepared by Laterals GLP Chartered Accountants of Goulburn, and contained in the AGM Booklet which had been tabled, were presented by the Treasurer. Moved by Jonathan Melrose-Rae and seconded by Peter McDonald THAT the Financial Statements be adopted. CARRIED

# 8. Consideration and Adoption of Auditor's Report

The Auditor's Report for 2022, prepared by Laterals GLP Chartered Accountants of Goulburn, and contained in the AGM Booklet, which had been tabled, was presented by the Treasurer.

There were no questions or discussions.

Moved by Jeremy Tonks and seconded by Rosemary Page THAT the Auditor's Report for 2022, as tabled, be adopted. CARRIED

#### 9. Election of BCA Officers and Committee for 2023-24

The President declared all positions vacant and called on Tim Allen of Laterals GLP to conduct the elections. The following nominations had been received for the Committee positions:

President Andy Carnahan
Vice President Trevor Wright
Treasurer Greg Olsen
Secretary Christine Janssen

Committee Members - Jeremy Tonks; Belinda Wright; Jonathan Melrose-Rae; Ralph Clark.

Tim Allen advised that, as there were 8 nominees for the 9 positions, Tim Allen declared all nominees duly elected and invited them to take a seat at the front of the Hall. Following the elections, the incoming President, Andy Carnahan, resumed the role of chairing the Meeting.

#### 10. Subcommittee Convenors for 2022-23

The newly elected President gave thanks to outgoing Committee members Mel Morris and Stuart Reid and invited representatives of Subcommittees to the front of the Hall. The President acknowledged the efforts of Convenors for their contribution to the community.

#### 11. Appointment of Auditor

Peter Gray moved and Peter Brown seconded THAT Laterals GLP Chartered Accountants be reappointed as the Association's Auditor for 2022-23. CARRIED

## 12. Appointment of Public Officer

Christine Rowell-Miller, having indicated her willingness to continue was confirmed as the Public Officer.
Christine also agreed to continue as the BCA's Representative on the Southern Villages Group.

There being no further business, the Annual General Meeting closed at 7.50pm and was followed immediately by the March General Meeting.

### 2023-2024 Office Bearers and Committee Members

President Andy Carnahan

Vice President Trevor Wright (to September 2023)

Secretary Christine Janssen
Treasurer Gregory John Olsen

Committee Donna Andrews (from February 2024)

Dean Carey (from February 2024)

Ralph Clark (to July 2023)

Siobahn Flattery (from October 2023) Gen Grayson (from October 2023) Andrew Rennie (from October 2023)

Jeremy Tonks

Belinda Wright (to September 2023)

Public Officer Christine Rowell-Miller

Auditor Grant Pearce, Laterals GLP

Delegate Southern Villages Group

Christine Rowell-Miller

# 2023-24 Subcommittee Convenors

Arts Bundanoon	Pamela Jane
Bundanoon Garden	Robin Coombes
Ramble	
Bundanoon on Tap	Christine Rowell-Miller
Bundanoon Pipe Band	Jeff Appleton
Bundanoon – Plastic Free	Gregory John Olsen
As We Can Be	
Bundanoon Sings!	Geoff McCubbin/Lisa Bonavia
Bundanoon Soldiers'	Lyndell Giuliano
Memorial Hall/BCA Shop	
Bundanoon Ukesters	Anton Baggerman
Glow Worm Glen Track	Liz Norrie
Jordan's Crossing Gazette	Christine Janssen
Leaver Park Group	Christine Rowell-Miller
Melting Pot Theatre	Ted Ayers
Membership and Website	Andy Carnahan
Needles & Natter	Meredith Brooks
Picnic Park	Geoff Pollard
Our Place Bundanoon (was	Andy Carnahan
Planning and Development)	-
Technical Assets	Peter Gray
The Green Team	John White
The Rex Cinema	Stuart Reid
Welcome to Bundanoon	Catherine Andrews
Winterfest	Jonathan Melrose-Rae

# President's report for the year of 2023

2023 brought to completion a number of significant projects. It is also my last year as President. What began as a community commitment after retiring in 2018 became very close to an unpaid full-time position. I left full-time paid employment to "wander and wonder" after a career that was essentially being curious and reading few pages ahead in the IT playbook. I will remain involved in the BCA, but happy to take a step back.

I have mentioned some of the events of the year below. Regular General Meeting business paper readers and attendees will recognise much of these from my reports.

# Selected Notes from President's Reports to General Meetings April 2023 to Feb 2024

Place Game The Place Game is a simple, inclusive tool for getting people to think about their place. Using this model, we ran a number of Place Game meetings in the Hall, along the lines of speed dating. It was very successful for those who attended and gave a good basis to provide to Council for their more involved Place Plan. Thank you to the table hosts and to the attendees.

**Macbeth** – Four sold out performances and a wonderful event for Bundanoon. The bar for future performances has been set even higher thanks to the Melting Pot Theatre team.

**Highland Gathering** – **Brigadoon** – the Highland Gathering was another Bundanoon success. Over 11,000 people including attendees and performers brought the village to life. Our own Pipe Band performed for the first time at Brigadoon and received many well-deserved accolades.

Reconciliation Week – Rex Cinema held a Friday night screening of the Archie Rose/Ruby Hunter film "Wash My Soul in the River's Flow". All the ticket sales (approx. \$250) were donated to the Our Yarning project. There are also three flags on a hanging trident at the rear of the Hall, Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island. This was the completion of a project that the committee endorsed six months ago. Thanks to Stuart Reid for the beautiful retro wooden trident.

Bundanoon Railway Station Tourism proposal – as a person fond of, and a patron of, Bundanoon Railway Station, I am excited by the proposal to open the southbound buildings as a tourist attraction. For those who have not been inside, it is a time capsule of NSW country stations for most of the 20th century. Freeman Ryan Design (FRD), world renowned museum consultants, have engaged with the History Group and BCA to develop a plan to bring the station and goods shed together as a tourism precinct.

Voice to Parliament Information evening – the Voice Information evening was held on Thursday 22 June. Our guest speaker, Professor Asmi Wood, provided excellent information on the proposed Referendum and fielded answers to a wide range of questions. As one of the eight experts who created the wording to the proposed Constitutional amendment, he

provided a broad explanation to the implications and the importance of constitutional recognition of the first peoples of Australia. Thanks also to Patrick Fitzgerald who facilitated the event and questions.

Winterfest – 'Winterfest on the Street' provided a joyful evening to open July and the return of Winterfest to the main street. Over 4,000 people attended, the weather was kind and a range of entertainment focussing on families was well received. The Pipe Band, Glenda the Glowworm and a Lantern Parade with many school children's handmade lanterns closed out the evening. The Rail Motor Society were visiting Bundanoon with their heritage diesel rail motors and provided two "joy rides" in the afternoon. Thanks to the Winterfest Committee particularly convenor Jonathan Melrose Rae. Also, to Lyndell Giuliano, the volunteer Licensee for the licenced area.

**Community Expo –** on 15 July, so many BCA subcommittees were represented at a Community Expo to show locals the wide range of activities conducted under the BCA banner. Many thanks to all the subcommittee volunteers who attended and the creative displays. There was a great "buzz" to the event. It was awe-inspiring to see what the BCA, through its subcommittees, brings to Bundanoon.

**The New Roof –** The roof has been replaced and we look forward to many years of drip free enjoyment for our events. Our thanks to our Hall Convenor, Lyndell for communication with Council and the contractors and our regular hirers for their patience and understanding. The top roof line is innovative and means that the roof void will vent without need for whirlybirds.

The insulation also makes a significant difference to keeping the temperature in the Hall comfortable. The BCA and particularly Hall Willing Workers politely and patiently worked with Council over many years to highlight the leaks and the need for a new roof.

Off-leash dog park – A BCA suggestion to Council to fence the off-leash dog park in Jordan's Crossing Reserve came to fruition in August. The fenced area is a wonderful (and legal) place for dogs to run, play and interact off-leash. The park complements all the facilities in the wider recreation precinct.

Ralph and Pam farewell – friends of Pam and Ralph from the BCA, Lions and History Group said farewell at our function on Sunday 6 August. As well as a book voucher for Ralph from the BCA, History Group and Lions and a silk scarf made by Ted Ayers for Pam, the BCA presented a beautifully made blackwood "Key to Bundanoon" handcrafted by Stuart Reid, to two people who leave a wonderful legacy.

Garden Ramble – perfect weather and perfect event. Whoever prayed to the weather gods for the Garden Ramble had those prayers answered. A refreshing splash of rain the day before to put a sheen on the gardens and then sunny but not hot for Saturday and Sunday. Even Telstra's mobile data network in Bundanoon being down failed to make a major impact. Eight wonderful and varied gardens, special events in some of the gardens and a bustling garden market in the Hall. There is the core subcommittee who works for many months, then the volunteers on the day including our fleet of bus drivers and conductors. And the garden owners, who work for many

months to make their gardens a showcase of gardening in Bundanoon. Well done to all.

The Resilience Expo attracted 250 to 350 people. All stalls were well received, those with 'give-aways' especially so. Our unique Go-Bag was appreciated. CPR lifesaver challenge and snake bandage wrapping proved popular. Over 100 questionnaires were returned. The Expo left a lasting impression and according to the questionnaires, inspired most of the attendees to create/update their RFS FirePlan and Red Cross Rediplan. They left with their Go Bag (a first for Resilience planning), a hi-vis vest and snake bandages – the vest and bandage cost less than \$10 each but if needed, they are priceless. Funding for the items was kindly made possible through a Council Resilience Grant.

Community Christmas Party at the Recreational Precinct – the weather was an issue and attendance low. Was very well received by those who attended – very satisfying to see community members in demographics the BCA does not reach except via JCG. Funding from Council was used to provide donations to the Bowling Club, Tennis Club and Croquet Club

Hall improvements – visible and invisible – the safer loft access is the result of three years persistence - grant applications, varied feedback/opinions, Council requirements and it is finally welcome to see it in place. The good work of the building contractor was probably 5% of the effort! The previous vertical rung ladder served its purpose, but it stood out to me as a catastrophic risk. That risk has now been significantly

reduced to an acceptable level using a Standards Approved mezzanine ladder

Risk identification and reduction is primarily important to reduce harm. It is secondarily important to reduce liability. With both of these in mind, we have identified several known risks in the Hall, with their treatment and these specific risks are made available to every Hall user, external and internal. We also require all users to submit a risk assessment – there is a simple form for many hires, and we expect more complex hires with a higher risk profile to submit their risk assessment. The development of the forms was invisible, but it is critical to demonstrate that we are managing risks, expecting hirers to manage risks, and we have a process that demonstrates our management.

**The Community Newsletter** – Thanks to Ted Ayers for taking this on and adding a fresh perspective to the monthly events newsletter.

#### **Last Words**

Many thanks to those in the BCA who are the doers. The lifters. The seemingly tireless. The "take-owner-shippers". You make community, may make positive change.

The final thanks fully belong to Lyndell. When I became President and jumped in with enthusiasm there were many things needing to be done and no-one to do them. Lyndell offered to do these. The behind-the-scenes catering and cleaning up at meetings. Proof reading reports and papers.

The lion's share of work at many BCA and non-BCA events. Taking on the Hall Convenor and for a time the Booking Officer role. She "didn't sign up" for her massive involvement in the BCA and is the one behind much of the results you see as well as the results that are not noticed. Her encouragement, her guidance and above all her genuine kindness and compassion has made the sometimes-overwhelming past three years as President possible for me.

### Andy Carnahan



The Resilience Expo, November 2023

# **Convenors' Reports**

#### **Arts Bundanoon**

Arts Bundanoon's classical music concert series Music@10 rebadged and repositioned itself at the end of 2023. The new entity is now named Music@11 and so concerts are now held on the second Saturday of each month, January to November, at 11am. The occasional exception



to this schedule sometimes occurs in June when the long weekend falls on the second Saturday. We then reschedule to the first Saturday. Such is the case in 2024. The change of concert time means that the hall is freed up for Friday night bookings for other groups.

The team of volunteers who support Music@11 are endlessly generous with their time and support. The concerts only happen because of the team, and I thank them all from the bottom of my heart as do the loyal concert goers who attend our recitals.

This year features stellar performers on a range of instruments. We launched with a beautiful performance from an eleven-year-old pianist, Sophia Bae, who was simply superb. The two larger acts booked are Luminescence, chamber singers, who will perform in May. As part of their visit to us from their base in Canberra they are giving a workshop for Bundanoon Sings. In October, we will host the 2023 winner of the Sydney international Piano Competition. Jeonghwan Kim who will be on his regional national tour which is part of his prize. This 23-year-old pianist is nothing short of stunning.

As long as audiences enjoy and support Music@11, the team will continue to bring quality performers to the Bundanoon stage.

Pamela M Jane

#### **Bundanoon Garden Ramble**

Once again eight lovely private gardens in Bundanoon opened for more than 1200 visitors from the Highlands, Sydney, Canberra and the South Coast. Members of three Garden Clubs arrived in large coaches.



The gardens looked beautiful after a day of rain on Friday followed by two sunny days for the Ramble. From the beautiful roses and manicured lawns of Garden 2, the mature planting and range of unusual plants in Garden 3 and 4, the quirky touches that made Garden 3, 6 and 7 special, to the huge trees and park like grounds of Garden 5 and 8, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The Committee would like to thank the Garden owners who devote considerable time and money to preparing and presenting their gardens for the pleasure of sharing their beautiful gardens and contributing to our community.

Visitors could also browse a wonderful range of stalls in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. Feedback from stall holders was excellent and many are booked to return in 2024. Stalls were also setup in the gardens with visitors enjoying buying trees, shrubs and gardenalia in a garden setting.

Feedback from visitors was full of praise, particularly for the organisation and the quality of the gardens on display. A huge thank you to the committee who worked from March finding gardens, organising signage and transport, co-ordinating stall holders and promoting the event.

Our volunteers were the key to the success of the Ramble. Without nearly 70 volunteers, largely from the Bundanoon

Garden Club, to welcome visitors to each garden the Ramble wouldn't happen. Volunteers battled with EFTPOS machines due to the Telstra outage but visitors were understanding. Behind the scenes more volunteers put up gazebos, signs and banners and a small army of smiling volunteers drive the shuttle buses with helpers to assist passengers.

Bringing business to the village is an important goal of the Ramble. It was rewarding to see Café's in the village bustling, as people sought refreshments between wandering through the gardens. The Bundanoon Club offered a special High Tea to over 100 visitors while the Lions Club Café in Garden 5 was well supported and raised funds for its various projects.

Full tickets to the Ramble are sold online and, on the weekend, 348 were sold online, 112 pre-sold to groups, 616 in the Hall and 153 in the gardens. A total of 1231 tickets at \$25 each. 2023 saw a doubling of the number of single garden tickets sold from 484 in 2022 to 851 this year.

With thanks to our sponsors, the 2023 Bundanoon Garden Ramble generated a gross income of \$34,662, after expenses including printing, shuttle bus hire and storage the net profit will be approximately \$24,031.

The Committee extend sincere thanks to Sue Frazer, who is resigning from her position as Treasurer after 3 years. Sue skills and attention to detail will be missed. Also, Wendy MacDonald who has organised all the Stall Holders for the Ramble, such an important part of the Ramble experience.

#### Robin Coombes

# **Bundanoon on Tap / Don't Bore Bundanoon**

15 million is an estimation of the number of single use water bottles NOT going to landfill as a result of our decision as a village in 2009 to no longer sell single use bottled water



Over the 14 years since there has been constant interest and support. Recently a young member of the Bundanoon Primary School was seen peddling up the hill to school with not one but two Bundy on Tap bottles - one in each of the pockets of his backpack. In 2023 Bundanoon on Tap spent time with the year 6 students in our school sharing details of the exercise in 2009 and how things have progressed in the years since. It is very reassuring to talk to young people about what was decided and what the future might be. Nothing is perfect and 100% isn't possible, but we continue to share the message, promote as we can and support in particular the concept, for future generations. Go to the Bundanoon Community Association page on-line and scroll through to Bundanoon on Tap to read more. If you are interested in being part of this project, please be in touch.

Christine Rowell-Miller

# **Bundanoon Pipe Band**

2023 to 2024 has been a very eventful year for the Bundanoon Pipe Band. In April of 2023 the band marched for the first time at Brigadoon. The band joined forces with the Ingleburn Pipe band for the



march and the display. We were made to feel very welcome by many of the other bands.

Since then, we have participated in The Thirlmere Steam Festival, The Berry Celtic Festival, The Canberra Highland Gathering and the Bundanoon ANZAC Day parade. The band also played at the very successful Robbie Burns night celebrations at Bundanoon Hotel. During the year the band has made various appearances at a number of village events such as Winterfest and Australia Day. The band has also been asked to appear at a number of private functions.

In October 2023 the band organised a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. This activity raised over \$1200 to help fund the band's activities. This is a thank you to the BCA for supporting the band by paying the band's annual subscription to the Pipe Band Association. All members of the band must also pay a membership fee to the Pipe Band Association. The BCA has also bought some drums for the band's use. It has also assisted in the purchase of Jackets which will improve player comfort on those cold Bundanoon days.

Our Pipe Major, Andy Thompson, has also forged links with other bands, notably Ingleburn Pipe Band and the Highlands Pipes and Drums. We also have a drumming coach who comes from Canberra to give our drummers lessons every couple of months.

We are intending to participate in the same events as last year but build our expertise in playing for the public and continue to improve our musicianship. The band is also receiving regular requests to play at private functions.

The Bundanoon Pipe Band wishes to thank the BCA for their support.

Jeff Appleton

#### Bundanoon - Plastic Free As We Can Be

Since the NSW Government legislated single-use plastic bans have been in effect since June 1, 2022, we have been less active in our community. The NSW Government has released its **Plastic Plan - Next Steps** that follows up on bans on straws, cutlery and other problem plastic items that were introduced in 2022. It aims to phase out problem and unnecessary single use plastics by 2025 and reduce overall litter by 60% by 2030 and plastic litter by 30% by 2025.

As allies of the national anti-plastic organisation, Boomerang Alliance, we have been augmenting their messages by posting links to their newsletters on our Facebook Page. Boomerang Alliance is seeking a commitment from the NSW Government for a much greater effort. You can read about it here:

<a href="https://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/nsw\_plastics\_plan\_202">https://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/nsw\_plastics\_plan\_202</a>
3 have your say

Sadly, our sign at the entrance to Bundanoon on Bundanoon Rd was graffitied late in 2023. Thankfully the BCA President cleaned it up and it's looking good now. The blue paint on the sign is peeling and in need of repair. If anyone has the capability to rejuvenate the sign, please let me know.

We look forward to Bundanoon community members and businesses continuing their efforts in 2024 to reduce single-use plastics in their households and workplaces.

Gregory John Olsen

# **Bundanoon Sings!**

The community choir has steadily rebuilt after the COVID interruption, and now some forty-five members meet for rehearsal each Tuesday evening in the Hall. Much of the credit is due to the Musical Director Trudee Green, ably



supported by accompanist Rhonda Langford OAM. 2023 successes included two sold-out concerts, and participation in ANZAC Day and Winterfest community events.

The choir has always made a useful profit for BCA's community projects, but due to a blowout in the cost of commercially photocopying music, it registered a loss for the first time in 2023. Thanks are due to BCA President Andy Carnahan, who is now using the BCA's quality photocopier for the choir, which will lead to a cost saving of at least 75 percent for music in 2024.

The choir will again be involved in the community for 2024, and has concerts scheduled for June and December. Geoff McCubbin has stepped down after seven years as Convenor, and Lisa Bonavia now heads an enthusiastic committee, which will carry forward the commitment to and love of making music together, which have been so much part of Bundanoon Sings!.

Lisa Bonavia

#### **Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall**

2023 was a wonderful year for the Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

The best news in town was that after 18 months of following up with Council and the Land Titles Office, the covenant of not allowing alcohol to be sold in the Hall, set in 1934, was finally lifted. This meant we can now choose to continue to have 'donations', or we can sell a glass of wine at events. Thanks to Andy the outgoing President who one day had a 'lightbulb moment' and wondered if the covenant could indeed be lifted!

The second good news! A new roof and the joyful knowledge is that the Hall will be much cooler in summer and less need to have the heaters continuing to run in the colder months. According to the roofing contractor, there was little or no insulation under the old roof.

And there's more! We now have a safe loft ladder after three years of the outgoing President's campaigning to replace the antiquated vertical ladder. This mezzanine ladder was professionally installed in December and works beautifully.

We and many people of the community welcomed the return of the Bundanoon Makers Market back to the Hall on the third Sundays of the month. The first market back was on Saturday September 16 and was a fun bustling market with many locals selling their beautiful hand made products.

And now we are installing 'Art in the Supper Room". Our first piece was from Catherine Hanes. Catherine entered and displayed a collage artwork titled "Under the Wings" in the Winterfest Art Competition. We all loved it so much we asked Catherine if the BCA could display her artwork as it symbolises themes that are close to the BCA – Belonging, Place and

Home. Catherine kindly agreed and the artwork is now displayed on permanent loan along with her artist's statement on the work

Also hanging in the Supper Room is Geoff McCubbin's emotional work 'After the Inferno', where an aerial photograph was taken of Wingello, and a commentary by Nick Sas said "This area just east of Wingello has been nicknamed 'Ground Zero' by firefighters...it looks like an abstract painting, not the bush we are used to..." which Geoff has captured on canvas.

And the Supper Room now has a Bose sound Bluetooth system available to all users and hirers. This was donated and installed by Andy.

Excellent news! We have a new Hall Booking Volunteer. Bobbi started her role on 1 February. The role of answering enquires, negotiating various bookings needs with other hirers and just keeping ahead of the calendar so as not to double book is almost a full-time position. Bobbi says so far the role is fun.

Smaller news - The old Birkos were replaced with safer urns with lids that can be locked, as the old lids had had the locking tabs broken and the lids are, unfortunately not replaceable. The new Birko urns are double walled so the outside of the urns will remain only warmish to the touch. The old urns were sent off to be scrap metal, maybe being made into steel water bottles...

Also created was a new Risk Assessment Jot form for all hirers to complete. We have also a Jotform for all bookings which makes the role of the Hall Booking Volunteer so much nicer! All these are found on the BCA website under Hall Hire.

We also now have a true to scale floor plan of the Hall which will help hirers have a good oversight of the Hall and the layout and will help with planning events.

Sad news – There was a fierce electrical storm and consequently lightning strike damage to the Hall on 13 December affected various systems in the Hall. Eight sconce lights bulbs were destroyed, many of the buildings in the street had their fairy lights damaged and the stage lighting system was not functioning at all to the dismay of Dean Carey and crew, ready to make Bundanoon Sings! Concert a fabulous night of light and sound. An insurance claim for the lighting system has been made.

Kind news! We again thank the Hall Willing Workers (HWW) for their checking and maintaining the regular needs of the Hall such as filling up tissues in the toilets, removing rubbish, making sure the lights/heating/refrigeration is switched off to checking all doors are locked after each booking. Also thank you to all the Hall hirers who use the Hall and leave it in excellent condition as this does lift the burden of the HWW. And to Rosemary who has been looking after the HWW's roster for years, thank you.

Our Hall, the heart of Bundanoon activities.

Lyndell Giuliano

#### **Bundanoon Ukesters**

The Bundanoon Ukesters have now been going for more than 5 years and we are growing in skills, players and enjoyment.



During February 2023 we held our first "Bootcamp" which was oversubscribed and ended up being a huge success. Almost all of the Bootcamp attendees ended up joining the Ukesters on a regular basis. The bootcamp differed from previous years beginners workshops in that we first of all charged a small fee which resulted in more motivated attendees, and secondly we spread it out over 4 nights so that the attendees ended up being fairly accomplished at the end of it, and ready to join the Ukesters.

We spread our cheer around the village and the Highlands. The Ukesters have a regular gig at the Bundanoon Markets on the first Sunday of each month. In March the Ukesters helped celebrate the IGA's first Birthday, in July we played at Winterfest, we held our concert in October, played at the Garden Ramble, and in December we played our Christmas repertoire at Moss Vale Christmas Carols.

This year will be no different as we are always looking at opportunities to spread our cheer. We will be performing at the Cinema Rex Supper Club screening of "A Street Cat Named Bob" playing a beautiful song from that movie which has been a favourite for many years.

We meet in the Supper Room of the Hall on Mondays at 7pm. New players are most welcome – join us to share the world's most inclusive musical instrument.

Anton Baggerman

# **Glow Worm Glen Track Bushcare Group**

The Glow Worm Glen Track was officially reopened in March last year after 3 years closure rebuilding infrastructure damaged, or destroyed, in the January 2020 bushfires.

Our group, with the assistance of the Bushcare team at Wingecarribee Shire Council, has been steadily working on maintaining the track, and the nearby Reserve, removing weeds such as honeysuckle, blackberry, turkey rhubarb, Arum lilies and Box elder maples.

Liz Norrie

#### **Green Team**

It is not entirely clear, but it seems this year marks twenty years of the Green Team being formed. We are pleased to



report that we are still going strong although our role has changed somewhat from those early days when clearing was a big part of its existence. Now our main objective is to maintain the established gardens beds, topping up daffodils when necessary, keeping weeds at bay and pruning trees. Sadly, for the first time, we had two freshly planted trees stolen from the Information Bay last year. We do get daffodils taken but trees are a new reflection of our times.

At a recent meeting of the History Group, Andrew Killingsworth spoke eloquently about the Station Precinct, its heritage value and plans to extend the use of the station buildings. Among his comments were references to the work the Green Team is doing to maintain the Station embankment garden. We took over that garden, opposite the Hotel, as we felt it was an

important visual part of Bundanoon. However, it comes with its challenges; it is a steep block and slopes down to a busy road. This means that we have to limit our number of active volunteers as a safety precaution, and we then try to put in at least an hour every week gardening.

The areas we cover, apart from the railway station, are the North and South entrances to the Village and the Village tubs. We do get requests at times to take on other areas, but this would put pressure on our wonderful volunteers, and I think would be counterproductive.

John White

#### **Jordan's Crossing Gazette**

The team continues to produce a magazine which is enjoyed far and wide – according to the response of our many readers. Our aim is to encourage contributions from residents with diverse backgrounds and interests, so the challenge is to come up with themes that can be interpreted however the writer sees fit. We think you'll agree, it makes for interesting reading!

Our team has worked together for quite some time, and I'm extremely grateful for their invaluable input. Bella (bella@beehivecreative.com.au) not only makes JCG look beautiful, but contributes ideas, articles, and finds new writers. Lorraine Dillon ensures that the advertisers continue to fund JCG, while Henk Janssen ensures that the payments are received for each issue. Our treasurer Cherie Donnelly admirably manages all our finances. I receive a lot of comments on the quality of the printing, and for this I thank our local printer, Peter McDonald

(<u>sales@southwestprinting.com.au</u>), and, of course, JCG wouldn't reach you if it wasn't for Denis and his Men's Shed team

So, thank you to everyone who makes JCG an incredible part of our community, and thanks to our readers, who make it all worthwhile

Christine Janssen

## **Leaver Park Group** (Bush Regeneration in Bundanoon)

Our group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month from February to November. We work from 0900-1200 with a break for a cuppa.

We are meeting at the Bundanoon Cemetery (in Ferndale Road) at present. Our earlier projects were at Leaver Park - the group came together after the Sesquicentenary year. There are a number of areas of Bundanoon where bushcare and bush regeneration take place. We work with Council staff, all needed tools are provided and come as you prepare for gardening anywhere.

Just go the WSC website, sign into the Bushcare space and click on 'volunteers'. Look out for 'environment' 'get involved' and 'Wingecarribee bush care and river care' to sign up. The work achieved in this last year has been excellent. We have worked on removing invasive species in a significant area of the Cemetery space. We learn a great deal from the very knowledgeable staff who we work with and learn from. The first Busy Bee in 2024 was very exciting as we came across the complete metamorphosis of the Imperial Hairstreak, Imperial Blue butterfly in the area we were working in. More to come. Join us!

Christine Rowell-Miller

#### **Melting Pot Theatre**

2023 has been a busy year for Melting Pot Theatre. In March we staged an original adaptation of Shakespeare's Macbeth to enthusiastic full houses. We were very pleased with the positive comments from the audience and the reviews by the press. Director, Dean Carey showed us what was possible in our amazing hall with a dazzling light show and outstanding performances. Set in the round,



with an original soundscape written by Ted Ayers, it was unlike any production of this classic play. Macbeth was nominated for four CAT Awards for 2023 (Canberra and Region Theatre Awards) for Best Set - Ted Ayers, Best Director - Dean Carey, Best Production - Company MPT and Best Original Work - Ted Ayers. On Sunday 18 February, Ted won Best Original Work, A Modern Adaptation of Macbeth.

As part of Winterfest, MPT organised a lantern making workshop with artist extraordinaire, Tracy Luff. This educational and fun afternoon resulted in the making and decorating of over twenty lanterns which were carried in the Winterfest Parade alongside Bundanoon's Glenda the Glow Worm and a giant "Wandering Star". We will be running another lantern making workshop in 2024.

Also as part of Winterfest, MPT and Cinema Rex put on The Rocky Horror Picture Show - Movie and Performance. Our choreographer, Tina Pollard created exciting routines and the actors had a ball playing their favourite characters. Not to be outdone, many of the audience came dressed to the nines. The movie and performance for Winterfest 2024 will be Grease.

Unfortunately we had to postpone our production "The Haunting." Originally scheduled for this October, it will now be presented in May 2024. It will be a night of immersive theatre. Victorian ghost stories, poems and recitations are combined with original content to create a night of enthralling theatre.

While we have a trading surplus in 2023 of \$2,635, we have another \$4,200 held over (after catering costs have been accounted for) in TryBooking from the ticket sales for The Haunting.

In 2023, we also held two Crash Test Drama's with excellent original 10-minute plays, written and performed by locals. There will be another two rounds of CTD in 2024.

So what's coming up in 2024? Another full calendar of theatre.

May - The Haunting, Stories from Beyond the Grave

July - Grease - Movie & Performance

September - Crash Test Drama Round 2

November - An original adaptation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream

Phillip "Ted" Ayers

#### Membership

The BCA currently has 430 financial members including 11 life members.

107 Members will be due for renewal on 1 July 2024. Reminders will be sent out to the email address on file.

If any member wants to know their membership status, please visit <a href="https://www.joinit.org/o/bundanoon-community-association">https://www.joinit.org/o/bundanoon-community-association</a> or email membership@bca.asn.au.

Perhaps the most important piece of membership information is an up-to-date email address, as so much of our communication runs through email. New members are added to our mailing list through our membership software.

Our main sources of new memberships are from the Welcome Pack (where new members are given 1 year's free membership) and membership of Subcommittees.

Thanks to members who continue to renew and introduce new residents to the Association.

Andy Carnahan

#### **Needles & Natter**

The year was another successful one for this friendly relaxed group of women who share a love of all things related to the gentle arts of knitting, embroidery, tapestry, quilting and sharing ideas, swapping recipes, books, and patterns and of course, a general chat!



Our membership increased to around 40 in 2023, and it has been a pleasure to welcome new participants to the group. Our hours have changed to an earlier start of 10.00am till 1.30pm to accommodate another group utilising The Bundanoon Club's room. We are very grateful to The Bundanoon Club for their wonderful and continued support for Needles & Natter. It is a great venue, and the staff are always friendly and accommodating.

Activities in 2023 included the donation of two Mothers' Day hampers of handmade and other goods to the club for their regular raffle, member donations of handmade goods to charity organisations and outlets, knitted jumpers for baby lambs and support for The Bundanoon Club Christmas Charity Tree.

We enjoyed an excellent Christmas Lunch in December at the club thanks to chef Anthony and the staff, and members had fun with a gift exchange at that event.

We are looking forward to continuing our crafty endeavours in 2024, and welcome new and existing members of our community to join this happy and productive group.

Our group members pay \$5 per weekly session they attend, which is paid directly in full to the club each week. There is also a \$5 annual fee from each member, which is used to cover the ongoing costs of morning tea supplies, with any funds left over at the end of the year used to contribute towards drinks with our Christmas lunch.

Meredith Brooks

#### **Picnic Park**

The Picnic Park Project is having its one-year anniversary, with a fair amount accomplished throughout 2023.

The Picnic Park has a definite presence in the life of the Village and, being opposite the Railway Avenue shops, the Picnic Park Sub-Committee felt the Bundanoon Community would be interested in some positive change. As a result, things kicked off with a comprehensive Community Survey over April and May.

The survey was hosted on the BCA website and widely promoted to all BCA contact lists. There was also a QR code link poster in most of our shops and a letterbox drop to 300 random properties across the village. We received great feedback with 246 surveys completed online. The community also participated in two BCA "Place Game" sessions, that provided further feedback.

The Sub-Committee spent a couple of months analysing the data, with several main themes shining through the data. We 'road tested' these ideas during a Place Game event in September and along the way we kept the BCA 'Our Place' Sub-Committee and the Wingecarribee Shire Council (WSC) informed.

Here are the three main themes and the various work elements within those themes:

#### 1. Greenery

- a. The hedge
- b. Trees
- c. Garden beds
- d. Grass infill

## 2. Access

- a. Curving main path
- b. Hard surface function area
- c. Appropriate signage

# 1. Amenity

- a. Shelters
- b. Furniture to an Australian standard for handicapped access
- c. Lighting
- d. Extra seating
- e. Bike stand

As we are planning some changes, prior to Christmas we undertook a broader review of the Licence we have to use the land owned by the Australian Rail and Track Corporation (ARTC). As a result we are currently in discussion with both ARTC and WSC, who maintain the land on the BCA's behalf. When this is 'sorted' we will be in a position to come back to the BCA (who will have a new Executive by then) and the Bundanoon community to seek endorsement for our planned changes. We are hoping for Q2, 2024.

After that, we plan to start the actual work. I trust this time next year we will be able to say, "A job well done".

Thank you for your input and patience, from the 2023 Picnic Park Sub-Committee.

Geoff Pollard

#### Our Place Bundanoon

The former Planning and Development subcommittee agreed to change the name to Our Place Bundanoon to reflect a long-term interest in Bundanoon as a Place.

Our focus in 2023 was the Place Game exercise as a forerunner to the fuller proposed Council Place Plan for Bundanoon

Andy Carnahan

#### **Technical Assets**

Hall business has picked up post covid and the technical equipment, sound and lighting, are being used on a MORE regular basis. Access to the loft has been significantly improved with the removal of the old vertical ladder and the fitting of a new retractable ladder. The entrance has been reconfigured, the ladder made stowable and the access into the loft itself made safer to use. It is Council approved and in use. Thanks must go to the President for his persistence and determination to move this project forward.

They say when buying equipment "plan for now and buy for the future". This is true for us. The problem is, we have a diverse group of users. They range from Melting Pot's award-winning production of Macbeth for which we were short of equipment, through to subcommittees like Music @t 11 who require a simple lighting and sound configuration which is reliable and simple to operate. We have tried to accommodate this by building in pre-set configurations for everyday users and a fully controllable mode for the regular users. More work on this is required and the operating manual revised to reflect the changes.

Through the year we met Wayne Chee who has worked in lighting for the ABC for 49 years and is now a technical director His interests are working with community theatres and is an expert in Chamsys lighting desks. In July Wayne came to Bundanoon and provided training on the Chamsys QuickQ 10. to seven members who were composed of the "power users group" The weekend was a great success. We are about to request Wayne to make a return visit for the next phase in our training.

The year has not past without it problems. We have had reports of hums from the sound system and have reconfigure some of the power cabling to improve the hum from the original level. Cinema Rex had an issue with poor sound quality. This was not easy to resolve as it involved the type of input/output from the DVD and projector, speaker configuration and complicated by the quality of the source. We had a lightning strike on or very close to the Hall which put the lighting system's WiFi transmitter out of action. A 'Loaner' was provided by Luminous to keep us in action whilst the damage was assessed. It was decided to replace the unit with a new one as the price difference in new versus repair was marginal.

A task which was long overdue was to map the in-use sound and light connections, re label if required and record for future users. This will remove an ambiguity from which socket to use for equipment and simplify the system for all.

An on going issue is users who set the equipment to their requirements and don't return it to the default condition as requested and illustrated on the diagram in the loft. This makes it difficult for the next user to find the source of all the clicks and hums that inevitably appear. The committee is looking into way of overcoming this whist keeping the system available for the benefit of all members.

Let's look forward to the new BCA year and wish it all success possible.

Peter Gray

#### The Rex Cinema

2023 was a great year at The Rex Cinema. Again, we enjoyed the support of local wineries including Southern Highland Wines; Cherry Tree Hill;



Rotherwood Estate; Artemis; Bendooley Estate and Dawning Day. Among our great events during 2023 was the world premier big screen showing of *The Appleton Ladies Potato Race*, where directors, actors (and locals!) saw their own work in a cinema for the first time.

The big news for The Rex Cinema is that 2024 celebrates 100 years of cinema in Bundanoon! To mark the year The Rex has a full programme of films coming to town every third weekend through the year. And all our Saturday nights enjoy the support of our fabulous Highland Wineries.

During 2023 we introduced our occasional Friday night 'Supper Club' – and we encouraged people to bring friends, a grazing board, a bottle ... sit back and enjoy something different. We will continue with our Friday nights during 2024 to show intriguing documentaries and non-mainstream films.

## Our programme for 2024 is:

17 Feb	7:30pm	Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
20 April	7:30pm	Belfast
17 May	6.30pm	My Octopus Teacher (Friday night
		Supper Club)

15 June	7:30pm	Past Lives
19 July	6.30pm	A Street Cat Named Bob incl The
		Ukesters (Friday night Supper Club)
19 Aug	3:30pm	Some Like it Hot
21 Sept	6:30pm	Shayda (Friday night Supper Club)
18 Oct	7:30pm	Strictly Ballroom

The Rex will continue to sell tickets online through **TryBooking** as well as having tickets available at the door on the night for cash and card sales. See what is screening at your Rex Cinema on Facebook.

And The Rex Cinema still offers a free family pass to one screening, to all new Bundanoon residents!

The Rex Cinema committee is a fabulous group who enjoy making events fun for the community. If you'd like to join us, please get in touch with one of our committee members.

Stuart Reid

#### **Website and Electronic Communications**

The BCA uses a website (www.bca.asn.au) to provide static information and an email program (mailchimp) to provide semi-regular newsletters about current and upcoming events.

Our membership software can be accessed via the website and provides signup and payment. It can also provide existing members with their membership status. https://www.bca.asn.au/membership/

New members are subscribed to the Newsletter.

Cards and water bottles can be purchased from <a href="https://bundanoon-community-association-inc.square.site/">https://bundanoon-community-association-inc.square.site/</a>

The Subcommittee contacts are also on the website and this is (almost) always the up to date version: <a href="http://www.bca.asn.au/about-the-groups/">http://www.bca.asn.au/about-the-groups/</a>

Hall hire has been enhanced and potential Hall Hirers can see a calendar showing free/busy times to assist with finding dates: http://www.bca.asn.au/hall-events/

We have updated the booking form which now asks the potential hirer questions that help the hirer and the booking officer ensure a smooth process. It is also has a risk assessment form to guide hall users through the known risks so they can create a comprehensive risk assessment.

The Welcome Pack can be found (in a lower resolution than the printed pack), but it is very helpful for reference: http://www.bca.asn.au/welcome/

There are over twenty years of JCG Magazine to download and read. Perfect for new residents: <a href="http://www.bca.asn.au/jordans-crossing-gazette/">http://www.bca.asn.au/jordans-crossing-gazette/</a>

Any errors, corrections or suggestions for additions can be emailed to <a href="mailto:membership@bca.asn.au">membership@bca.asn.au</a>

Andy Carnahan

#### Welcome to Bundanoon

The objective of the Welcome Subcommittee is to identify new residents to Bundanoon and welcome them at a personal level.



At meetup, new residents are introduced to the BCA, provided with the BCA welcome pack which comprises the comprehensive Welcome to Bundanoon booklet (also on the BCA website) with information on the BCA and its Subcommittees, other organisations and groups in Bundanoon, the RFS NSW Bushfire Survival Plan, introductory vouchers for local activities and traditionally, a jar of local honey or jam. New residents are also offered a free introductory membership period of the BCA, a year membership to the Bundanoon Club courtesy of the Club and a quarter year introductory membership of the Croquet Club

Historically, the identification of newcomers has been based on real estate sales. Subsequent letter drops were made to these addresses within a 6-week period of sale notice. The process is fraught with uncertainty – timing in particular. Response to this effort over the last 1-2 years has been underwhelming. The Group has determined that the organisational effort and material cost is not commensurate with the response rate. The reply rate has declined significantly from the approximate 35% prior to 2021 (and the Covid impacts). Anecdotally, it appears that many sales are for investment purposes, some are current residents moving within the community, many properties are undergoing substantial rebuilds and refits and many are occupied by newcomers with dual residences and/or ongoing work commitments outside of Bundanoon. As such, if the

letters are received, it is frequently not timely for newcomers to meet with the Welcome Group. It also is relevant that the Bundanoon community now offers a very wide range of opportunities for newcomers to quickly integrate into groups and activities in the wider community.

In 2023 our Group sought to better target new residents by increasing display of our business cards in local outlets, developing and displaying a membership poster in shop windows and developing a QR Code which directs to our membership records and a Facebook page. Response from these initiatives has been underwhelming. It is our view that the most effective "identification" of new residents who wish to avail themselves of the "Welcome" comes from existing resident referrals.

When the Welcome Group meets with newcomers, it is clearly a valued and singular service.

Shortly into the new term of the incoming BCA Committee, the Welcome Subcommittee proposes that a small group of interested community members convene to reinvent and reimagine a more appropriate and impactful welcome process.

I would like to thank my Co Convenors Jane Smith and Catherine Hanes, commend Catherine Hanes for developing our technological outreach, thank Steve and Amy Press from the Bundanoon Club for their unfailing support and Andy Carnahan for his interest and counsel.

Catherine Andrews and Jane Smith

#### Winterfest



Firstly, a huge thanks to all the Winterfest volunteers and supporters for 2023 – Alison Trotter, Narelle Murray, Annie Louge, Douglas Melrose-Rae, Geoff Matruglio, Chris Berry, Roger Berry, Ellen Melrose-Rae, Olivia Trotter, Victoria Trotter, Danita Phelan, Helen Lynch, Bronwyn Richards, Josephine Le Cheminant, David Le Cheminant, Maggie Colley, Susan Grey, Tessa Spencer, Keith Spencer, Kate Hints, David Hints, Maggie New, Jeff Appleton,

A big thanks to Andy Carnahan and Lyndel Giuliano for their dedicated support on and leading up to the day. I'd also like to thank the preceding Winterfest Committee once again - James Fulford-Talbot, Kaz Williams, Jodie Fulford-Talbot, Jeff Appleton, Sara Marshall, Kylie Bushby, and Cherie Donnelly for laying down such strong foundations and handing over a well-oiled machine. Finally, special thanks to Ted Ayers, Alison Ayers, and Dean Carey from the Melting Pot Theatre for bringing the lights and the magic!

I'm pleased to introduce you to the Bundanoon Winterfest Committee for 2024 – Roger Barry (Secretary); Lorraine Dillon (Treasurer); Helen Lynch, Bronwyn Richards, Josephine Le Cheminant, David Le Cheminant and Susan Gray. Thank you for joining me on this wonderful adventure.

The Bundanoon Winterfest 2023 consisted of several key elements. The Bundanoon Winterfest Art Competition, Workshops, Street Party, and of course the Sing-along.

## **Art Competition**

The Bundanoon Winterfest Art Competition attracted over 50 entrants from an incredible range of artists, and we're pleased

to have been able to select clear winners for each of the three sections. Congratulations to all entrants your work was truly inspiring.

The Bundanoon Winterfest Art Competition will return in 2024 with the theme "Frost and Bloom" chosen to reflect the two defining seasons of Bundanoon – Winter and Spring. More details will be published soon.

### Workshops

The workshops were very time consuming, showed poor advanced ticket sale yet were successful on the day. Felt Making, Travel Sketching and children's workshops continued to be popular. Over 160 participants took part in over 13 workshops. Thank you to all providers.

The Committee has made the decision to not proceed with workshops in 2024. However, workshop providers are welcome to do their workshops and Winterfest will assist in marketing them.

For 2024 – we will instead be providing family entertainment on Saturday afternoon with a Children's Concert featuring artists, performers and interactive sessions aimed at 3 – 12-year-olds. More details will be published soon.

### **Street Party**

The 2023 Street Party was very successful with over 4000 people coming through the site. Feedback from stall holders was very positive, as was the feedback from community. A very special thanks to Tina Pollard and her dance class for the amazing flash-mob! And of course, huge thanks to the Bundanoon Pipe Band, Bundanoon Sings and Bundanoon Uksters for performing for the crowds.

We have gathered feedback and are currently working on the plans for the 2024 Street Party to include that feedback. This includes two stages, more information on when and where activities will occur and improved sound systems. More details will be published soon.

## Sing-along

What has very quickly become a much-anticipated event on the Bundanoon Calendar – the Melting Pot Theatre presented "The Rocky Horror Picture Show". An interactive dance and song performance and movie. Congratulations to all who organised and performed in the event – it was truly amazing!

In 2024 the Melting Pot will be presenting "Grease" so get ready with your Quiffs and Poodle Skirts to rock and roll your way through one of the greatest movies to come out of the 1980s! More details will be published soon.

### Other events

## The Rail Motor Society

We were very fortunate to have a vintage train tour visit us in Bundanoon during the Winterfest weekend. Not only did this bring many new friends to our village it also allowed us to take a journey into the past on the train.

Unfortunately, we're unable to replicate this for 2024 – but stay tuned for other rail related events occurring during the year.

## History Club - Guided Tours

Popular with locals and tourists, we've very grateful to have the Bundanoon History Society open the Old Goods Shed and provide guided tours. We hear that the Tour Guides were not only knowledgeable but good fun as well.

#### Makers Market

Always popular again with locals and tourists, the markets hummed last year with the visitors to Bundanoon for Winterfest.

In 2024 the Winterfest weekend falls on a Market Weekend so make sure you book your stall or come along and find a bargain in the range of amazing stalls.

The Bundanoon Winterfest 2024 opens with the Art Competition and closes with the Sing-a-long from the 29<sup>th</sup> June – 07<sup>th</sup> July. Further details on all activities will be released after Brigadoon via the Winterfest website.

Until then, thank you for your support of this great gathering and celebration of all things Bundanoon. If you would like any further information on Winterfest 2024, or indeed would like to register your interest in volunteering in 2024 please email me on Winterfest@bca.asn.au or visit our website at https://www.bundanoonwinterfest.com

Jonathan Melrose-Rae

### **BCA Shop**

The BCA gift shop sells exclusively the Wildlife cards drawn by our local artist Sonja Bowden - three-time art winner at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.



The six wildlife images chosen live in our Morton National Park. Koala, Wombat, Red Robin, Gang Gang, Flying Fox, and a pair of Glossies. Every year we add another beautiful Christmas card to the collection.

We also continue to sell our special 'Bundanoon on Tap' insulated metal water bottles and until stocks run out, the Camelbak water bottles that were on display at the Powerhouse Museum are free with every metal bottle sale.



Pop online from the BCA website, order your gift and pick up at Osborne Centre or have your gift delivered.

All proceeds go towards other initiatives at the BCA.

Lyndell Giuliano Gift Shop coordinator.

### 2023 Subcommittee Profit and Loss

Account	Income	Expense	Net Profit
Administration	16,117	32,207	-16,090
Arts Bundanoon	12,192	13,210	-1,019
Bundanoon on Tap	180	358	-178
Bundanoon Pipe Band	1,924	1,737	187
Bundanoon Sings!	2,712	3,472	-760
Bundanoon Ukesters	847	86	760
Garden Ramble	34,662	10,756	23,907
Green Team	0	384	-384
Hall (Soldiers' Memorial Hall)	25,898	24,118	1,779
Hall Technical Assets	0	111	-111
JCG Jordan's Crossing Gazette	35,920	33,582	2,339
Melting Pot Theatre	21,880	19,245	2,635
Membership	2,560	349	2,211
Our Place Bundanoon	0	214	-214
Rex Cinema	3,595	2,330	1,265
Winterfest	16,383	47,654	-31,271
Total	174,870	189,813	-14,944

Winterfest includes remainder of Commonwealth Bank Grant (approx. \$21,000). Taking this into consideration the trading result for Winterfest is approximately -\$10,000 and the BCA \$6,000.

## 2024-25 Subcommittee Convenors

Arts Bundanoon	Pamela Jane
Bundanoon Garden	Tessa Spencer
Ramble	
Bundanoon on Tap	Christine Rowell-Miller
Bundanoon Pipe Band	Jeff Appleton
Bundanoon – Plastic Free	Gregory John Olsen
As We Can Be	
'Bundanoon Sings!'	Lisa Bonavia
Bundanoon Soldiers'	Lyndell Giuliano
Memorial Hall	
Bundanoon Ukesters	Anton Baggerman
Glow Worm Glen Track	Liz Norrie
Jordan's Crossing Gazette	Christine Janssen
Leaver Park Group	Christine Rowell-Miller
Melting Pot Theatre	Ted Ayers
Membership and Website	Andy Carnahan
Needles & Natter	Meredith Brooks
Picnic Park	Geoff Pollard
Our Place Bundanoon	Andy Carnahan
Technical Assets	Peter Gray
The Green Team	John White
The Rex Cinema	Stuart Reid
Welcome to Bundanoon	Catherine Andrews
Winterfest	Jonathan Melrose-Rae
BCA Gift Shop	Lyndell Giuliano

## **Southern Villages Group (SVG)**

The aim of SVG is a 'voice to Council' for the Southern Villages. The members are Bundanoon, Exeter, Canyonleigh, Penrose, Wingello – all located on the outer rim of Wingecarribee Shire and Tallong – (invited into SVG as a village with similar concerns and frustrations).

The President and I attended most of the quarterly meetings. One thing that stands out is how lucky we are to lease and manage the Hall from Council as it greatly simplifies the use by BCA subcommittees and for external hirers. This is possible by our size and volunteer base.

Council gives good attention to the SVG meetings and usually sends their Place Liaison Officer to report and take back requests.

It is also a good opportunity to share ideas between the village community associations.

Christine Rowell-Miller, BCA Representative

## **Financial Statements and Reports**

# **Financial Report**

Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated For the year ended 31 December 2023

Prepared by Laterals

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## **Income & Expenditure Statement**

# Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Advertising Income	35,902	39,031
Donations & Sponsorship	10,404	16,004
Events & Sales	83,594	68,981
Grants & Rebates Received	18,127	15,938
Hall Hire	18,591	14,847
Interest Income	2,624	570
JCG Subscription	18	18
Membership Fees	2,025	1,383
Merchandise Sales	1,872	1,961
Total Income	173,157	158,734
Expenditure		
Advertising & Sponsorship	7,381	1,661
Audit Fees	2,300	2,100
Bank & Square Fees	296	380
Cleaning	9,256	8,583
Consumables	2,661	2,877
Depreciation	7,458	9,413
Donations Given	4,760	4,662
Equipment Purchases	7,629	5,414
Gifts	1,036	-
Hire & Rental Costs	29,615	11,129
Insurance	6,945	6,702
Licence Fees & Films	1,339	3,960
Other Expenses	5,467	5,674
Performer Fees	12,770	12,045
Piano Tuning	491	655
Postage	717	501
Printing	31,537	32,855
Production	11,281	-
Professional Services	21,998	8,876
Refreshments	6,284	7,464
Stationery	876	966
Storage	4,909	4,280
Subscriptions	1,693	2,334
Trade Services	15	5,095
Transport Hire	1,407	923
Utilities	2,642	2,441
Volunteer Expenses	148	-
Waste Removal	1,916	1,578

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

	2023	2022
Workshop Providers & Tutors	3,274	4,020
Total Expenditure	188,101	146,589
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit)	(14,944)	12,144

 $The accompanying \ notes form \ part \ of \ these \ financial \ statements. These \ statements \ should \ be \ read \ in \ conjunction \ with \ the \ attached$ compilation report.

## **Assets & Liabilities Statement**

# Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated As at 31 December 2023

	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Assets		
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	12,817	8,045
Bank Accounts		
BCA Statement Account 741	2,177	-
BDCU Account	-	10,281
BDCU Online Saver	-	137,306
BDCU VISA Debit Card	-	1,738
Savings Account	34,442	-
Term Deposits	101,590	-
Visa Debit Card	1,044	-
Total Bank Accounts	139,253	149,325
Cash Floats	560	1,608
Inventories	2,274	2,617
Total Current Assets	154,904	161,594
Non-Current Assets		
Computer Equipment		
Computers at Cost	7,925	7,925
Accum. Depreciation: Computers	(6,725)	(6,284)
Total Computer Equipment	1,200	1,641
Furniture & Fittings		
Furniture at Cost	55,541	55,541
Accum. Depreciation: Furniture	(28,711)	(26,837)
Total Furniture & Fittings	26,830	28,703
Plant & Equipment		
Equipment at Cost	71,884	71,884
Accum. Depreciation: Equipment	(42,410)	(37,267)
Total Plant & Equipment	29,475	34,617
Total Non-Current Assets	57,504	64,961
Total Assets	212,408	226,556
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	2,530	2,593
GST Payable	2,951	2,842
Hall Bonds Held	1,800	1,050
Total Current Liabilities	7,281	6,485
Total Liabilities	7,281	6,485
Net Assets	205,127	220,071
Net Assets	205,127	220,07

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

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	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Member's Funds		
Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)	205,127	220,071
Total Member's Funds	205.127	220.071

 $The accompanying \ notes form \ part \ of \ these \ financial \ statements. These \ statements \ should \ be \ read \ in \ conjunction \ with \ the \ attached$ compilation report.

## **Depreciation Schedule**

## **Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated** For the year ended 31 December 2023

NAME	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
Computers at Cost						
Cinema Rex	4,700	1,197	-	-	241	956
Dell Optiplex PC	900	218	-	-	87	131
HP Laptop	1,316	226	-	-	113	113
Laptop	1,009	-	-	-	-	-
Total Computers at Cost	7,925	1,641	-	-	441	1,200
Equipment at Cost						
3x Stage Mics	2,775	2,429	-	-	486	1,944
All Time Amusements	1,091	165	-	-	33	132
BaVAS Music City	3,494	921	-	-	138	782
Betts Welding	2,189	892	-		89	803
Colorbond Chiller	2,290	-	-	-	-	-
Colorbond Freezer	2,530	-	-		-	
Display Boards	1,192	473	-		47	425
Festive Lighting	2,050	739	-	-	74	665
Hall Lighting	20,636	13,473	-	-	2,021	11,452
Lifepak CR2 Defibrillator	3,075	1,753	-	-	351	1,402
Risers for Hall Choir	5,236	4,703	-	-	470	4,233
Sound Equipment	7,270	4,799	-	-	960	3,839
Sound System	871	-	-	-	-	-
Strobe Lights	10,959	3,809	-	-	381	3,428
Trailer	4,749	-	-		-	
Training Defibrillator	595	464	-	-	93	371
Yamaha Console	882	-	-		-	
Total Equipment at Cost	71,884	34,620	-	-	5,143	29,477
Furniture at Cost						
Bseated Global	4,900	-	-	-	-	-
Bseated Global	4,900	1,082	-	-	270	811
Tables for Hall	10,286	2,221	-	-	333	1,888
Yamaha C6 Piano	35,455	25,401	-	-	1,270	24,131
Total Furniture at Cost	55,541	28,704	-	-	1,874	26,830
Total	135,350	64,964	-	-	7,458	57,507

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### **Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated** For the year ended 31 December 2023

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales 2009. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

#### Property, Plant & Equipment

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

#### **Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result ofpast events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflowcan be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to ettle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

#### Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

#### Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

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If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

#### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivablesand payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in theassets and liabilities statement.

#### **Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

## Statement of Cash Flows - Direct Method

## **Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated** For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Operating Activities		
Interest received	2,624.36	570.42
GST	566.00	252.54
Cash receipts from other operating activities	179,866.27	173,428.38
Cash payments from other operating activities	(195,912.98)	(149,503.49
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(12,856.35)	24,747.85
Investing Activities		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	-	(2,774.54
Other cash items from investing activities	4,627.85	(2,832.05
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	4,627.85	(5,606.59
Financing Activities		
Other cash items from financing activities	(1,843.00)	410.30
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(1,843.00)	410.30
Net Cash Flows	(10,071.50)	19,551.56
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	149,324.96	129,773.40
Net change in cash for period	(10,071.50)	19,551.56
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	139,253.46	149,324.96

## **True and Fair Position**

## **Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated** For the year ended 31 December 2023

Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance of the Association

We, Andy Carnahan (President) and Gregory Olsen (Treasurer), being members of the committee of Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated, certify that:

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 31 December 2023.

Dated: 11/03/24

## **Auditor's Report**

### **Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated** For the year ended 31 December 2023

#### Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Association

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 31 December 2023, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, cash flow statement, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

#### Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Association Incorporation Act of New South Wales 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated as at 31 December 2023 and (of) its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Association Incorporation Act of New South Wales 2009

#### Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Association Incorporation Act of New South Wales 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Tim Allen

Dated:

Laterals Chartered Accountants 213-215 Auburn Street, Goulburn NSW 2580

## **Certificate By Members of the Committee**

# Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated For the year ended 31 December 2023

l,	[Committee Member]
of_	[Physical Address] certify that:
1.	I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on//2024
2.	The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting
Sign	ed:

## **Detailed Profit and Loss**

## **Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated** For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023
Income	
Advertising Income	35,902
Donations Received	4,404
Grants Received	11,694
Hall Hire - External	18,591
Interest Income	2,624
JCG Subscription	18
Membership Fees	2,025
Merchandise Sales	1,872
Raffle Income	632
Refreshments Income	1,671
Refund Income	1,689
Sponsorship	6,000
Stalls	5,038
The Good Yard Rent Rebate	6,433
Ticket Sales - Events	76,276
Total Income	174,870
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Total income	174,670
Expenses	
Advertising	527
Audit Fees	2,300
Bank Fees & Charges	210
Cleaning	9,256
Consumables	2,661
Depreciation	7,458
Donations Given	4,760
Equipment Purchases	7,629
Gifts	1,036
Hire & Rental Costs	29,615
Insurance	6,945
License Fees and Films	1,339
Online Subscription	1,693
Other Expenses	5,467
Performer Fees	12,770
Piano Tuning	491
Postage	717
Printing	31,537
Production	11,281
Professional Services	21,998
Refreshments	6,284

	2023
Refunds	24
Reimbursements	1,689
Samples/Promotion	4,992
Signage	1,862
Square Fees	86
Stationery	876
Storage	4,909
Trade Services	15
Transport Hire	1,407
Utilities	2,642
Volunteer Expenses	148
Waste Removal	1,916
Workshop Providers & Tutors	3,274
Total Expenses	189,813
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation	(14,944
let Profit After Tax	(14,944
Net Profit After Distributions/Dividends Paid	(14,944)



Bundanoon Community Association Incorporated (BCA Inc.)