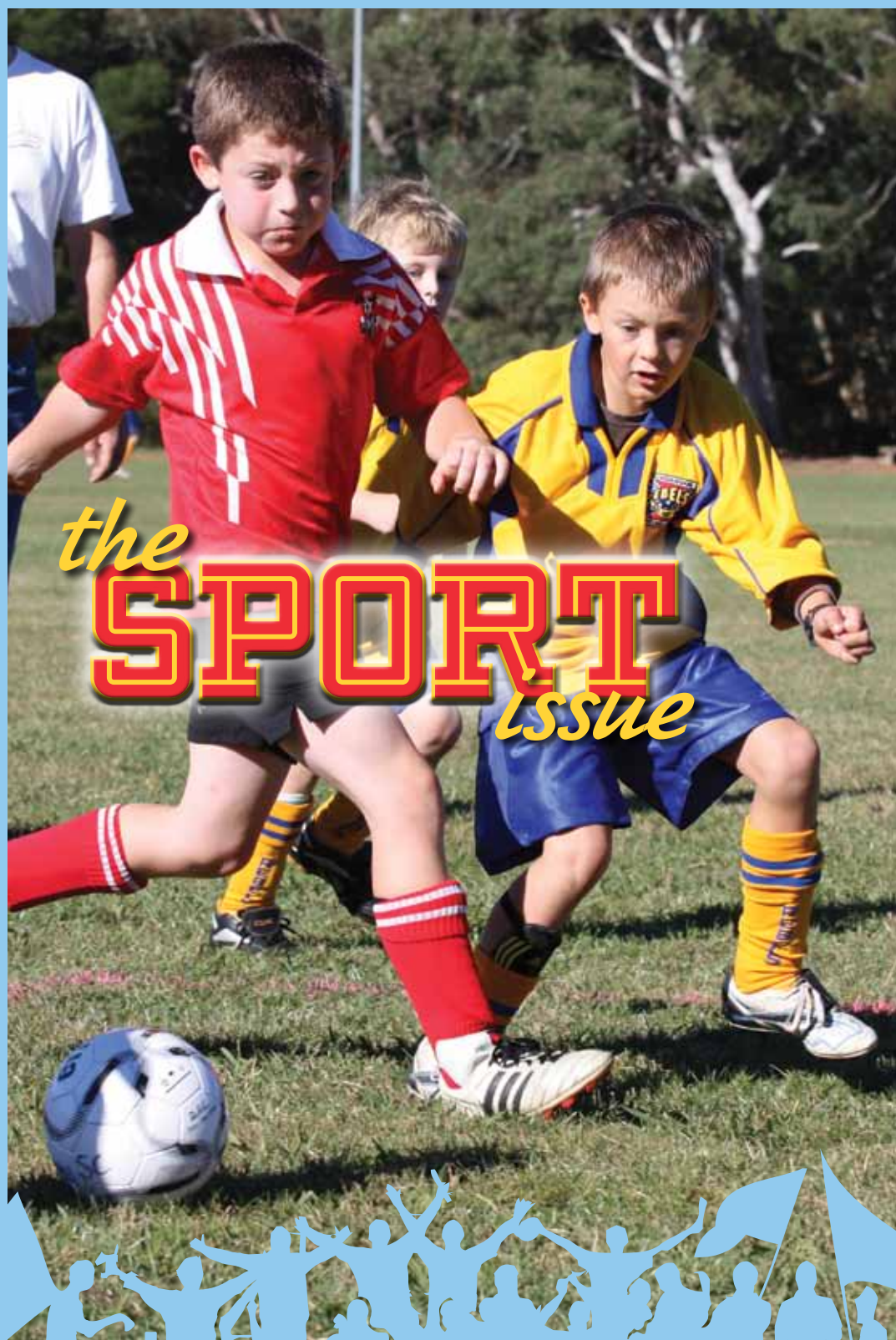


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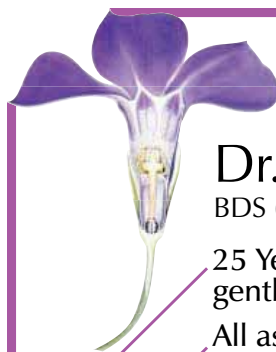
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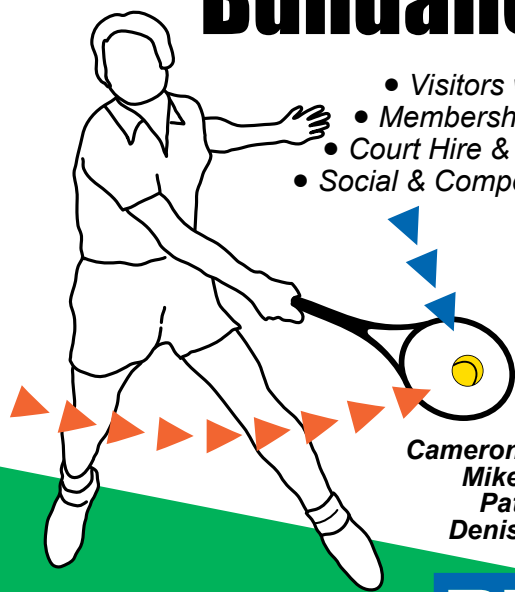
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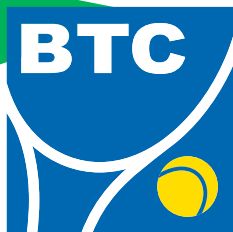
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**Pam Davies,  
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WE HAD AN overwhelming response to requests for articles about sporting activities in Bundanoon. I hope you enjoy reading about our local sporting identities, past and present. Walking in the Snowy Mountains is an interesting story in our Sports feature, and considering the degree of difficulty, deserves its place. The Bundanoon Club has recently increased its membership as golf croquet has become such a popular pastime, and Super Sunday coaching day showed that bowls is a sport available to young and old.

We have paid tribute to Jean Terry, a well known Bundanoon resident, who died recently. Jean and her late husband Roy will be remembered as proprietors of the golf course, now Parklands Estate.

I would like to thank Tony Hill for his long association with *jcg*. His last climate column can be found on page 47.

Elsewhere, Harvey Grennan's real estate column brings us up to date on current sales trends in Bundanoon. The calendar for the fourth Winterfest is also included with this edition and offers something for everyone.

—Pam Davies

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## Musical feasts



Jesse Pinazza and Sarah Hindson.  
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"IN MY VILLAGE I walk just five minutes up the road on the first Saturday morning of each month and pay \$5 for a fine music performance followed by coffee at the local café. How lucky am I?"

The above comment was made by a local resident describing part of her life in Bundanoon to an envious city visitor. But how true it is.

Piano at Ten performances this year have been just outstanding. At Easter young Wollongong pianist Jesse Pinazza was joined by violinist Sarah Hindson for a spellbinding performance of Cesar Franck's Sonata for Violin and Piano, and this was followed by a visit in May by the acclaimed Choir of St

James. Absolute treats for the appreciative Piano at Ten audiences.

The Arts Bundanoon concert series commenced in March with a return visit by the acappella choirs Jonah and the Wailers and The Elementals. It is always difficult when these choristers sing to be able to determine who enjoys themselves the most – the choir or the audience. Fair to say that everyone walked out of the hall with very broad smiles on the faces!

During the winter months Piano at Ten will host international recording pianist Ken Davis in June, wonderful classical pianist Jocelyn Ho in July and guitarist Kjell Goyer will return with a small ensemble in August. It will be difficult to miss any of these performances.

On the afternoon of 26 June the superb Ilythian Ensemble will present their Boite de la Musique chamber program and we are thrilled to be able to host the visiting Josef Pauly (Flute) Ensemble visiting from Belgium on the evening of 20 July. An absolute musical feast. For more details go to: [www.bundanoon.nsw.au/community/arts-bundanoon](http://www.bundanoon.nsw.au/community/arts-bundanoon)

## Position Vacant

ARTS BUNDANOON IS seeking a volunteer to co-ordinate and manage IT activities.

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## Green Team

THE LAST FEW months have been busy and productive.

Planter boxes outside the shops were trimmed, fed and mulched.

The men in our group finished pushing a path through the middle of the embankment garden opposite the pub. This has provided easier access to weeds and a work environment safe from the road traffic. The path will be almost invisible once our 45 newly planted natives grow. When the road was closed in March, 35 Green Teamers were able to spread 40 cubic metres of mulch on the embankment. A huge effort! – we certainly earned our refreshments at The Bundanoon Club afterwards.

In April, more than 1500 bulbs were planted in the Information Bay and all the beds were mulched with another 30 cubic metres of mulch. Our 34 Green Teamers made short work of a generous morning tea. (Just don't mention the word mulch to any of our team!).

—Valerie Crampton



## Not just a village choir

BUNDANOON HALL WAS the venue on March 20 for the concert by *Serendipity: the choir* directed by Kerith Fowles, who presented their program "Times Past" with associate, classical guitarist Mark Williamson.



The unique quality of the guitar, in both older and contemporary Spanish compositions, contrasted with the wide range of the choral program.

On Palm Sunday *Serendipity: the choir* repeated the program in St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn. Mark Williamson was

unable to take part so his place was taken by Robert Smith at the organ, and by *Sliver*, a small group of singers taken from the larger choir. This concert was truly memorable, the choral works hanging magically in the air, enhanced by the beauty of the surrounds and the outstanding acoustics.

Kerith and accompanist Ann Clipsam are at present travelling in Europe and the choir is in recess.

*Serendipity: the choir* will be presenting a program entitled *Shall We Dance* at Bowral and Bundanoon in September.

Visit their website at <http://serendipity.bundanoon.nsw.au/>

—Margaret Symonds.



# BUY IT IN BUNDANOON

## Why shop locally?

IN AN ECONOMY dominated by high energy prices, healthy local businesses will not simply be convenient, they will be essential. The stronger that the residents of Bundanoon can make the local businesses and trades today, the better position all will be in.

Bob and Sandra Menteith took upon themselves the Buy-It-In-Bundanoon Challenge during the whole month of April, which was to not spend any money outside Bundanoon unless there was no other choice. They discovered that there are some terrific people who run local businesses, and that living on locally sourced products is not out of the question, although it may require a little reorientation. So – here are their thoughts on the characteristics to be considered:

**Confidence:** There are people who live in Bundanoon without a car for whom shopping locally has been a way of life, so it really isn't such a crazy idea.

**Awareness of all the costs:** The first hurdle for Bob was facing the fact that, when buying locally, he would likely pay a premium for many products. Needing sugar (2 kg) and milk (2 litres), he was not surprised to find that their cost at the local supermarket was \$1.41 higher than the same products at the Moss Vale IGA, but if he had driven to Moss Vale to buy them, he would have put 36 kilometres on the car. The cost of running (fuel, oil, servicing, tyres) a medium size car is 17 cents or more per kilometre (\$6.12 for a trip to Moss Vale), so on the first day of the challenge, the choice to shop in Bundanoon, saving both time and money, was a no-brainer.

**Not open all hours:** Typical of a small town, 24 hour, 7-day-a-week shopping is not available. Enquire about opening times and remember that 8.30am to 7.30pm makes the supermarket a genuine convenience store.

**Flexibility:** If you can't always get what you want, learn to want what you get. Easter Saturday came and the Easter rush had depleted the butcher's stock. The anticipated scotch fillet was clearly not going to be on the menu for Easter, but the chuck steak looked particularly good. As it turned out, the curry Sandy made was superb, and the scotch fillet was never missed.

**Look outside the box:** It's not necessary to travel out of town for fine dining. When Bob and Sandy went to dinner at one of the local guest houses they discovered that fine dining is indeed possible in Bundanoon.

**Feedback:** The same good advice applies to shopping as applies to sex: if there is something you want and are not getting, voice it. Any business owner knows that success comes from a satisfied clientele, but the customer has a responsibility to tell the proprietor what brings satisfaction in order to make it happen.

**Know when not to be flexible:** We need to support our town's businesses, but we also need to encourage local businesses to source their goods locally.

**Know that YOU are essential:** The more that businesses are patronised, the more service, quality, variety and price-competitiveness they will be able to provide, and everyone benefits from your participation. Clearly, having fresh fruit and vegetables is a problem for any store that only sells small volumes, but as more people buy fruit and veg in Bundanoon, the quality and range will improve, and indeed, over the past few months we have noticed an improvement.

Sandy and Bob invite you to join them in the challenge. Buy-It-In-Bundanoon for a month, and let it become a habit.

—From Bob Thomas

## Where is the Men's Shed?

IT'S STILL IN the planning stage!

A general-purpose basic workshop is envisaged, with a comfortable social area attached to act as a drop-in centre, which will be open as often as resources allow. It will cater not only to Bundanoon men but also to those from villages in the general vicinity.

The group, which does not compete with local tradespeople, is dedicated to community projects and has made a significant contribution to charitable organisations. The Men's Shed offers a wonderful opportunity for men to meet and they recently organised a trip to the Australian War Museum for their members.

The most recent project for the Mens' Shed team has been the modernisation of the fittings within the Good Yarn Charity shop next to the Community Hall.

At present there are more than thirty members.

Meetings are held in the Bundanoon Community Hall at 10:00 am on the first Tuesday of every month – all interested men are welcome. Formalities are kept to a minimum.

For more information, contact Ned Ward on ph (02) 4883 6082 or by email at nedwin@bigpond.com.au

### Stop press:

The plans for the new Shed were approved at the Council meeting on 26 May.



## Bundanoon welcome packs

ROSEMARY PAGE AND John Brock have recently revised the Welcome Packs given to new Bundanoon residents. This was a BCA initiative first undertaken a number of years ago. The pack includes comprehensive information of all

kinds – shopping, medical, social, tourist and contact numbers for all BCA activities. If you are a recent arrival in Bundanoon and think you have been overlooked, please contact Laurel Hones (until 4 July) on 4883 6090 or Rosemary Page on 4883 6499 to request your pack.

## Bundanoon on Track

A RECENTLY-FORMED GROUP interested in the long-term future of Bundanoon as a sustainable community recently arranged a meeting for interested residents. The meeting was addressed by Dr David Garman, President of the International Water Association. Local environmental economist Dr Terry Beed has been collating responses from participants. This has resulted in a comprehensive report, "Achieving Sustainable Resource Management in Bundanoon", which will provide a basis for future discussions and action.

In similar vein, Paddy Murray has conducted some focus groups seeking to collate views and ideas. His report "Bundanoon Community Aspirations" is available from the community website <bundanoon.nsw.au>. This also puts forward some excellent suggestions.

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The inaugural trip to Broken Hill was booked out before the brochure could be printed. The target was 35 people and we ran out of seats on the bus when we reached 46. Extra rooms had to be booked to meet the demand.

This trip takes off on August 21 and will visit Griffith, Mildura, Broken Hill, White Cliffs, Nyngan and Forbes. Highlights will be three days exploring Broken Hill and surrounds, a night underground in an opal mine and the Parkes radio telescope.

The trip to Europe next May touring the back roads of France, Switzerland and Italy also looks like being booked out early. The 29-day tour will depart on May 6 with two and three-night stays in some of Europe's most beautiful and historic villages.

The idea behind JCG Travel is to provide residents of the Southern Villages the opportunity to travel to out-of-the-way places with people they know at affordable cost. Being a non-profit venture prices will be hundreds, sometimes thousands, of dollars under those offered by commercial operators. The overseas trips in particular will offer the flavour of independent travel with the convenience of everything organised and door-to-door service.

With the interest already shown the organisers are already turning their minds to further trips.

The trip to Europe will start with two days and finish with three more days in romantic Paris. Our first stop outside Paris is Ornans near the Swiss border, a charming historic town on the Loue River also known as the "little Venice of Franche-Comte".

Then we head across the border into the spectacular alpine scenery of the Bernese Oberland. From our hotel at Lauterbrunnen it is possible to take the quaint cogwheel railway to the very top of Europe – the snow-covered Jungfrauoch mountain.

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Our next stop is an ancient farmstay or "agriturismo" at Castelleone for four nights. Here we mix with the locals for an Italian BBQ and venture out to the immortal cities of Venice and Verona, the Shakespearean

homes of the moneylender Shylock and the tragic lovers Romeo and Juliet.

On leaving the Agriturismo Santa Maria Bressanoro we cross the Apennines to reach Chiavari on the Italian Riviera from where we can visit the playground of the glitterati at Portofino or the colourful cliff-top cottages of the legendary Cinque Terra.

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We leave Provence and travel through the Languedoc region and the huge Cevennes National Park. Our home for the next three nights is a charming small hotel in the rural hamlet of Le Fel on the Loire where our hosts are known for their cuisine.

## STOP PRESS

AS JCG WENT to press there was only one spare room left on the European trip. Contact Harvey Grennan on 4883 7343 or [contact@hgrennan.com](mailto:contact@hgrennan.com) to check for any cancellations.

There is a waiting list for the Broken Hill trip so could any cancellations be promptly notified.

## creative writing

### A trip to another country

IT IS A rare event for me to return to the city of my birth. Almost sixty five years ago I came into this world (presumably screaming and kicking) in Kings Cross. My mother, sensible to the prods of prejudice, insisted on always reminding me that the great event was actually in a private hospital in the far more socially acceptable Potts Point. Nonetheless I have always felt myself to be a native of that iconic heart of Sydney's underbelly. I grew up knowing the secrets of the wider city's secret ways. I knew just what went on at Thommo's Two-up School and at the Bell's and the Rockers in the Loo on Friday night. I had the secret knock for the PMG Club in The Rocks. Who else had partied in the dungeons of the Hero of Waterloo and danced to the harmonicas of the Hungry Mile. I was a denizen, a familiar. So it was with a slight bemusement that I exited from Wynyard Station into the autumn clarity of George Street on a mundane mission to see the financial advisor for a "Strategic Review" of the retirement resources. I have not been in a total cocoon in Bundanoon, I am fully aware of the cultural enrichment of our capital and indeed am heartily in favour of the resultant rainbow pot-pourris that bustles through our 21st century streets. That was not the shock. If anything the unremarkable multi-culture of George Street indicated the quotidian rather than the exception. And then I turned into Angel Place. A perennial shortcut to Pitt Street, this lane has always been desolate. It has never really been much more than a dunny carter's back access to the buildings that front Martin Place (Plaza). No traffic disturbed the eerie bleakness of

this ancient alleyway that never sees the sun. It was then that I heard the call of a songbird. Too-wit, too-wit, too-wit with a wonderful warble at the end. I looked up to see dozens and dozens of bird cages suspended, as if from sky-hooks, above the lane. Empty, every one!

The penny dropped. An art installation courtesy of Clover Moore, no doubt. The birdsong issuing from a recording. Amused by the distraction I looked around to see who could share with me in the joke and whilst I was certainly the only traveller on that lonely tract I was not alone. There were in fact many people standing in the shadows of doorways and fire exits. Solitary. Not conversing with each other, an invisible force-field seemed, indeed, to keep them at a double arm's length apart. Each one attempting to be invisible, to fade into the grey stone walls of that stolid realm. My immediate irrational thought was that they too were part of the Clover's installation just like street performer mimes pretending to be frozen statues. I rounded the bend that put me out of hearing of the birdsong and just a short step to Pitt Street. No more art installation but still more of those grey individuals standing on the narrow kerbs talking to no-one whilst pretending to be invisible and intently smoking that cigarette down to the stub. The bright sunshine of Pitt street seemed more than a metaphor. I sat an outside table of a coffee shop as a pleasant young person placed my cappuccino down next to the ash tray.

—Graham H Anderson





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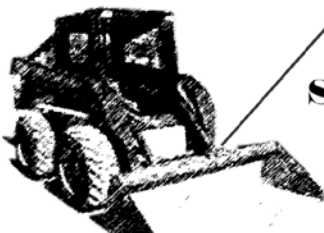
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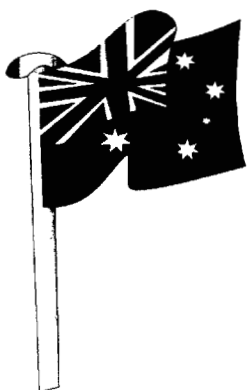
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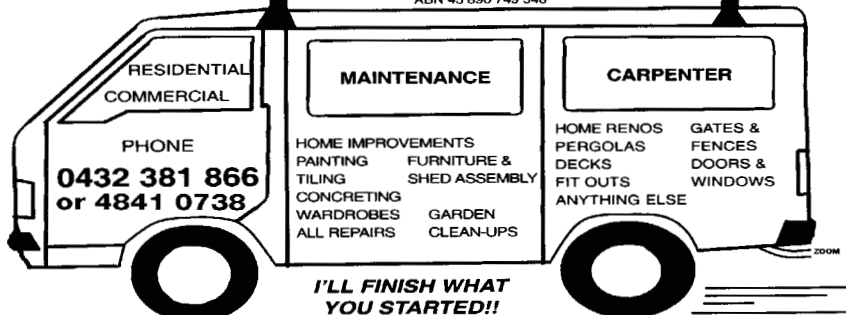
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Bundanoon Community Association (BCA)



**Ralph Clark,**  
BCA president

## BCA report

# Repairs and renovations

THE RECENT ROADWORKS outside the shops in Railway Ave were completed quickly and efficiently; they were a great example of cooperation. We were told a few

weeks beforehand when the work would take place and during the construction Council staff were in constant contact with the shopkeepers, letting them know how the area would be affected at different times. The work was completed within three days.

On the topic of shops, the Bundanoon History Group has done a great job researching the history of the shops which have served the village in past decades. Their exhibition *Shop in Your Own Home Town – a history of the Bundanoon Shops* should not be missed – it may be seen in the Old Goods Shed on market days over the next couple of months.

BCA has been running a campaign this year to encourage residents to consider shopping locally, including letterbox drops. The stores have participated in turn, with specials and more items in stock. It is not easy running what is often a family business in a small community, so the proprietors deserve your encouragement. I am sure they will welcome any suggestions you may have. Of course it will not be possible to fill all requirements here, but the availability of the Main Street shops is an important ingredient in our village amenity. The article on page 11 gives food for thought.

By the time this is read I hope that Council will have agreed to the plans for the Bundanoon Men's Shed in Burgess St. This is a fantastic initiative from Anglicare which will play a very important role. The BMS members have already completed several community projects, including the refurbishment of the Good Yarn (with BCA paying for materials). The camaraderie among members augurs well for future success. By the way, have you been into the Good Yarn recently? There is a great range of merchandise, with some great bargains. The volunteers raise an amazing amount for various charities.

Bundanoon will again submit a Tidy Towns entry this year. We did not enter in 2009 as the judging criteria were changed, although it would be remembered that we won our population categories in the two previous years.

At the last BCA meeting we received a Bundanoon on Track report from Terry Beed; earlier Paddy Murray had produced a report from the focus groups he ran. There is more on this elsewhere in *jcg*; much more will be heard in coming months.

Last month we farewelled Coralie and Michael Flint, who have moved to the Hawkesbury to be nearer to family. They made a significant contribution to Bundanoon, particularly in the instigation of Arts Bundanoon. The grand piano in the Hall is a lasting reminder of their time here.

The new school hall will be opened not long after this is read. This will be a great addition for the school; principal Robyn Versluis has spent many hours trying to ensure that the best possible result was achieved.

BCA is currently talking to Council about several issues, including a new entry at the cemetery, pedestrian and railway crossings, the proposed passive recreation area behind the Rural Fire Service station, de Meryck reserve in Ben Nevis Circuit and another reserve on the Parklands estate.

Winterfest is not far away – there is a calendar with this *jcg* – I hope to see you at some of the many events.



**Councillor Jim Clark**

## council news

# Development concerns

COUNCIL IS IN conflict with the Department of Planning over the proposed Chelsea Gardens–Coomungie subdivision in

Moss Vale. Residents have waged a late rebellion against the proposal and council has refused to transfer the proposal to the new Gateway process, fearing it would lead to the fast tracking and approval of the project without further resident input.

The proposed development to the south of Moss Vale has been four years in planning and, should it be approved, would involve a rezoning of farmland to residential. The Department was unhappy with council's perceived reluctance to transfer to the new process and has signalled that it may intervene and grant approval via a planning panel or direct through the planning minister. In a letter to council it curtly reminded councillors of Wingecarribee's responsibility under the Sydney–Canberra Corridor Strategy to provide significant increase in provision for new housing blocks. Once again council is caught in the tension between what residents want and State Government policy. However, I wouldn't expect much to improve should the government change in next year's election.

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THE PLAN OF management for Exeter Oval has gone on display at council and will be open for public comment till 29 June. There was recent concern regarding a proposal to change the entrance to the oval and the proposal for the construction of new toilets in the park still remains unresolved due to insufficient funding. The park is one of the most scenic in the Shire. Thanks to the interest of local residents the reserve and hall have remained a well managed and valued asset to the Highlands.

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BUNDANOON RESIDENT PAT HALL who has worked as the local Education, Information and Tourism Manager for the NPWS has recently retired after 31 years with the service. Pat has served with distinction on both council's Tourism and Environment committees, and has been a strong advocate of advancing connections with the Aboriginal community. During her time she worked closely with local volunteer conservation groups, including Landcare, Bushcare and National Park volunteer groups. Pat was first employed in the old Fitzroy Falls visitor centre and was instrumental in the development, planning and construction of the new visitor centre. I wish Pat all the best in her future plans, which shouldn't surprise us include various volunteer conservation work projects in Australia and overseas.

—Cllr Jim Clark, ph 0428 213 939



## Fantastic photographers

JCG WOULD LIKE to thank John Everett for his unflagging support in providing many of the photographs we need to document events. For this issue we have also received excellent contributions from Wayne Todd, Linda Christison, John Byrne, Harry Pidgeon, Nathalie Brokate,

Bundanoon History Group and the Brigadoon photographers.

# Easter weddings



Left to right: Heather Gale, Matthew Dabin, Eden Gale, Bronte, John and Jordan Gale.

THE WEDDINGS OF two daughters of well-known Bundanoon families, the Gales and the Dennings, were held at Easter.

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**Eden Gale** and **Matthew Dabin** walked down the aisle at St Aiden's, Exeter, before celebrating with 170 guests at an afternoon garden reception at Exeter Park and Village Hall. It was a magical autumn day and the bridal party and guests, at the request of the bride, played cricket, a family tradition.



**Tara Denning** and **Robert Noble** married in the gardens at Tara's family home in Ashgrove Place Bundanoon.

The Bundanoon mist added ambience to the afternoon and a reception for 90 guests was held in a marquee.

Photography by Something Unique Photography, Moss Vale.



Maid of honour Jenna Denning and best man Nigel Noble





Photo: Kate Heaslip



Photo: Jeff McGill



Photo: Jeff McGill

## Brigadoon 2010 in pictures

AN ESTIMATED 14,000 people attended the first bottled water free Brigadoon on a beautiful sunny Saturday 17 April. Celtic rock band Highlander, first time performers, were a highlight, as was the kilted dash for pre-schoolers. Perennial crowd-pleasers included Southern Highlands Obedience and Kennel Club, haggis tossing, the Bundanoon stones of manhood, caber tossing and Highland dancing. See you next time on 2 April 2011.



Photo: Jeff McGill



Photo: Kate Heaslip



## Winterfest 2010: three weekends and two weeks of fun and activity



Includes Yuletide dinners, Vinterfeast, the Bundanoon Markets; folk guitar for tweens, writing for publication, candle making for kids and many, many more workshops – all run by enthusiastic locals – see our community website [www.bundanoon.nsw.au](http://www.bundanoon.nsw.au) for details.

### Art & Design Fair

Friday 7 July, 6.00–8.30pm and Saturday 10 July, 9.00am–3.00pm. Calling local artists to set up a stand in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall, cost \$60. Interested artists call Lisa Stuart on 4883 6379 or 0411 297 963.

### Second Hand Sunday

Sunday 4 July, 8.00am–1.00pm. Do you want to sell your 'preloved' goods? Clothing, books, music, furniture, kitchen goods, etc? Site costs \$20. To be held at Bundanoon School. Contact Lisa Stuart on 4883 6379 or 0411 297 963.

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## Wishbone

COMMUNITY MOVIE  
PRODUCTIONS Inc would like to covey its thanks to Bundanoon residents, BCA members and The Bundanoon Club for their support and financial sponsorship of Wishbone.

The Charity Premiere last night (Wednesday 12 May) was enthusiastically received by more than 380 patrons. Those in Cinema 4 enjoyed champagne and canapes before Ita Buttrose's introduction which emphasised the enormity of the project.

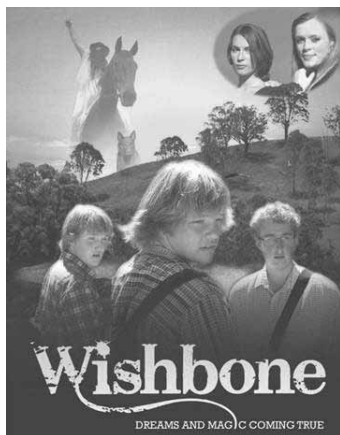
The film that CMP eventually produced had a gestation period of more than four years. The project's sponsors enabled hundreds of Southern Highlands residents (and some from further afield) to join together in a unique exercise that became a wonderfully exciting community experience.

It should be said, however, that Wishbone would have been stillborn had it not been for the tenacity of Dave Letch, the technical skills of Tim Elston and an eleventh-hour injection of funds.

When we have completed our sums there should be more than \$5000 to purchase an item of equipment for the Children's Ward.

Hopefully, community organisations from around the Shire will use the Faux-Premiere Package, that we will be sending out soon, to organise a fun evening around a screening of Wishbone. We will be suggesting that any funds raised will go towards assisting a children's health project in its area.

—David Morgan



## Super Sunday

AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS of promotion in the village members of the Men's and women's Bowling Clubs saw their efforts well rewarded at their open day, Super Sunday in May. There was a great roll-up to the pro-am coaching clinic and many who had never previously held a bowl in their hand learned the mysteries of parabolic target shooting. Guest coaches Barry and Lorraine Copeland were impressed with the standard of both experienced and new Bundanoon bowlers. "I always cite Bundanoon as an example of a community club that is a joy to come to, where the members are always so enthusiastic about whatever they do", Barry told those in attendance. Both greens were fully utilised and were running fast and true. A barbecue lunch was followed by a wonderful afternoon of country music played to a full house by Bundanoon's own famous Coad Family band.

An old time Rock 'n Roll night, with prizes for the best fancy dress from the era of Bill Haley and Buddy Holly, was held on 5 June. As they say "Rave on that crazy feeling!"

Watch for future events at your club.

—Graham Anderson



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The Quest for Life Foundation was established in 1989 by Petrea King to further her work. Since her recovery from leukaemia in 1984, Petrea has devoted her life to counselling people, facilitating support groups, running residential programs and workshops and lecturing widely on health and healing. In 1998 the Quest for Life Foundation purchased Killarney Guesthouse and, after completely renovating the building, conducted its programs there for ten years.

In 2010 the Quest for Life Foundation leased the property to the Harmony Centre Foundation – an organisation also dedicated to healing. This shared arrangement enables Quest facilitators to deliver programs at the Harmony Centre Foundation one week out of each month as well as delivering programs into rural, remote and regional Australia. By taking Quest for Life programs out to the wider community, people who found it difficult to get to the residential Centre at Bundanoon can benefit from the programs that have already helped over 80,000 people.

In October 2009 Petrea King and Wendie Batho conducted 20 one, two or three day workshops for over 2000 people throughout rural and regional Victoria for communities affected by drought, debt and the bushfires.

2010 sees the implementation of a new range of services including introductory evenings, counselling, support groups, blogs, Facebook, webinars and an online educational video hub. The NSW Health Department supports the programs by providing an annual grant to subsidise places for people on low incomes. Further fundraising by Quest also provides additional subsidies to enable those in financial stress to attend our programs.

For further information please go to [www.questforlife.com.au](http://www.questforlife.com.au) or call 1300 941 488. If we can be of service to you or those you love please contact us and we look forward to our paths crossing with yours!

## The yacht in the pine forest

VICKI STREATFEILD

CONTACTED *jcg* to say that John Condon, who lived in Bundanoon as a boy, believes the yacht is actually on private property. He remembers seeing "Private Property" and "Keep Out" signs on a fence around some land with a shack on it. He says it was brought in on a float and propped up with logs about 1977. A Penrose local, Ken Sparrow, and a group of forestry workers planted hundreds of trees around it. Sometime later he noticed "a bunch of hippies" had taken it over and when he returned on another occasion, the shack had gone and the boat had been vandalised. Books and papers that he had previously seen in the hold had been burned in a campfire. "Someone had unbolted the motor and scarpered with it!"



## Mistaken identity

TONY STANTON AND Dr Steve Douglas have both written to *jcg* to point out that the bird pictured in last issue's "In your garden" was in fact a channel-billed cuckoo. (The golden cuckoo-shrike is usually seen only in Papua New Guinea and Indonesia.) The channel-billed cuckoo is one of several cuckoo species to visit Bundanoon in the spring to lay their eggs in other birds' nests.



## Fencing – the Highlands' secret sporting success

FENCING, OTHERWISE KNOWN as Europe's original martial art, is one of only four sports which have been featured in every modern Olympic Games. It is a sport involving large numbers around the globe, with huge television coverage, professional prize-money events and enthusiastic fans and yet, here in Australia, it is a permanent entry in the obscure sports register. But despite this shadowy profile, the Southern Highlands has real cause to celebrate and foster fencing. What began with the Joadja Fencing Club, among the oldest of fencing clubs in NSW, continues today in the Southern Highlands Fencing Academy which is producing state, national and Oceania champions.

SHFA is one of the most phenomenal fencing clubs in the nation. It is a powerhouse of major event winners, laying claim to being the most successful club in recent history in NSW and arguably Australia when it comes to competition in the various grades up to twenty years of age. SHFA fencers have won innumerable titles in foil and epee in individual and team competition.

This tradition of fencing first took hold when the Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company brought experienced miners from civilized Scotland to the wilds of the Southern Highlands to work at Joadja Creek, now the Joadja Ghost Town. Along with other diverting habits, the miners engaged in the organized sport of fencing. In 1889 a medal was awarded by the Joadja Fencing Club to H. Thompson in singlestick competition, where the object of a bout was to draw blood.

Although singlestick and backswording have been relegated to history, fencing still offers a fresh and exciting sporting experience, with its combination of agility, athleticism, technical skill, exercise of the mind and plain fun. There are three weapons – foil, epee and sabre – with participants wearing safety equipment to prevent injury. Winning by wounding is a thing of the past and now the aim is to outscore an opponent as measured by hits on electric scoring apparatus. And it's fast, with the tip of a weapon being the fastest moving object in sport but for the marksman's bullet.

In NSW there are numerous fencing clubs across metropolitan and regional areas, all coming under the umbrella of the NSW Fencing Association which runs regular competitions from Under-11s to veterans. For the more adventurous, the Australian Fencing

Federation conducts open national competitions culminating in the December national finals.

The Southern Highlands Fencing Academy is based in Mittagong and welcomes new members of any age, whether they wish to fence socially within the club and region or compete in the state's inter-school events or have ambitions to fence nationally. Come and fence with SHFA at the Parker Gymnasium, Frensham School, Range Road on Friday nights, beginning at 6.30. There is no annual fee, simply a \$10.00 per night charge which covers all equipment and training. There are professional club coaches to ease you in and help you develop your skills. Club President Phil Mansfield is happy to assist with any enquiry, on 0457 905 418.

*Reference has been made to Leonie Knapman's book, Joadja Creek, the Shale Oil Town and its People, 1870-1911; to NSW Fencing Association published material; and to the website of the US Fencing Association.*

—Chris Peek



Above, left to right: John Downes, Maxim Peek and Daniel Alchin at the Australian Youth Olympics Festival, January 2009, where all won medals.

Left: Maxim Peek fencing *epée* against a Malaysian competitor at the Australian Youth Olympics Festival.







## Life with training wheels

AT BUNDANOON PUBLIC School the development of strength, co-ordination, stamina and flexibility is a high priority for our students' health. From the student perspective the most important part of sport is that it is fun and if you want people to exercise regularly during their lifetimes then enjoyment is probably the component that many adults unhappily pursuing fitness have forgotten. Rediscover the fun of hanging upside down on the monkey bars or running as fast as you can with the wind pushing you or freewheeling down hill, and exercise is no longer a chore.

But the most valuable contribution of sport to children's personal growth is that it teaches values and relationships. When children's sport is coached and managed in the correct spirit it is an opportunity to experience life with the training wheels on. Sport enables children to learn about victory and loss and to discover the rewards of persistence and personal achievement. The skills of co-operation and compromise, the roles of teamwork, leadership and participation are characteristics that are enhanced through involvement in sport. Emotions that we would like to protect our children from, such as disappointment and frustration, are part of life, as are setbacks and unfairness.

Replace attendance at training with attendance at work, the reaction to an umpire's incorrect decision with the potential road rage situation, non-selection in a team with a lost job and of course endless interactions with a range of personalities and you realise the potential of sporting activities to give children life skills.

—Linda Christison







## Lions Club of Bundanoon

### We serve

ON 10 DECEMBER 1980, the Lions Club of Bundanoon was chartered and officially became part of Lions International, one of the largest service organizations in the world. Community support and continuing membership are the lifeblood of a service organization and the Lions Club of Bundanoon is proud to have achieved both over the last 20 years. Countless fundraising barbecues and raffles have enabled our club to contribute to local projects and to Lions International foundations during that time. Our club began with 20 members and was assisted with its charter by the Lions Club of Kangaroo Valley.

A special dinner will be held early in 2011 to recognize this occasion and we would like to invite former charter members as our guests to this event by contacting our secretary, Les Johnson on 4883 6918. Should former Lions members wish to participate in the evening we would be delighted to have you attend.

As with any service organization our membership has ebbed and flowed, but we now have a strong team with a variety of complementary skills. And there is always room for more.

Our members give generously of their time when they are able and over the years have donated thousands of hours to fundraising projects. I will add that we never underestimate or take for granted the help that wives, husbands, partners and children have also contributed to these activities.

Some of our past projects have included carpeting the Bundanoon Pre-school, building benches at the Bundanoon Primary school and a rest area in the main street. Our club has contributed financially to the Bundanoon sign and security lighting, RSL memorial, junior events at Brigadoon and the Stroke Unit at Bowral Hospital. These are but a few of the worthy recipients of our fund raising dollars.

We are currently in the process of painting the outside of the Bundanoon RSL sub branch hall and hope to be able to help refurbish the interior.

We have now taken on the Scarecrow event with the Garden Ramble committee and will endeavour to have many more scarecrows on display this year.

Some of the activities we participate in include Anzac Day, providing breakfast and morning tea, the Rugby Day for the Mark Leslie Foundation, Winterfest, Cancer Council Daffodil Day, Highland Fling, Christmas Carols and Brigadoon.

We host a Christmas Seniors lunch in conjunction with The Bundanoon Club at no charge to those who attend.

Our newest project which we are taking to the first ever Lions convention to be held in Sydney is the Flash ID. More on Flash ID

can be found on our Lions web site: [www.lionsbundanoon.org](http://www.lionsbundanoon.org)

The Lions Club of Bundanoon say thank you to the Bundanoon community who have supported us by purchasing from our barbecues and from our raffles. We couldn't do what we do without your support.

—Elizabeth Cranny, President



## Vet's casebook

by Ken Davidson BVSc (Hons)

### Heart disease

Heart disease in pets is very easily overlooked by their owners for a number of reasons. It mostly develops slowly and only rarely presents as an acute 'heart attack', so often seen in humans.

The heart is arguably the most vital organ in the body and it's gradual failure causes a wide variety of signs, all relating to decreased oxygen flow to the organs and body tissues. In increasing order of importance some of these **early** signs are as follows:

- Lethargy
- Reluctance to exercise on their own
- Decreased exercise tolerance when walking on a lead—hanging back after a long walk.
- Reluctance or difficulty in walking up hills.
- Lack of interest in playing games or 'fetching.'
- Reluctance to climb stairs

If the above signs go unnoticed and untreated, some of the more distinctive signs of heart disease will appear such as:

- Mild cough, particularly with exercise or at night when lying down.
- Panting even when not hot or exercised.
- Difficult breathing
- Wheezing
- Tongue and gums change colour from bright pink to a dull blue (cyanosis)
- Very reluctant to exercise, often lying down and refusing to walk.
- Distended abdomen in some types of heart disease.

Because untreated heart disease is progressive and fatal, the problems associated with bad hearts soon become really obvious:

- Acute respiratory distress, unable to catch their breath, continual panting.
- Collapse
- Shock
- Blue tongue and gums

At this stage it is imperative to seek veterinary help as a matter of urgency. Pets in this condition need urgent oxygen therapy before further treatment. There is no time for delay in getting to a vet if your pet is to be saved.

Remember that the earlier heart conditions are diagnosed, the better they respond to treatments. They can often return to leading normal lives on available treatments that are now very effective. Your vet will advise you on this after doing a thorough cardiac work-up. Also note that some young dogs can have inherited heart disease, usually heart murmurs resulting from valve disease. They are readily diagnosed with a stethoscope, often at routine checkups e.g. at vaccination. Most do not require therapy in the early stages but it is handy to make a note of these conditions so that care can be taken if an anaesthetic is to be given to your pet at a later stage.

### Stop press

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## Through Ross-coloured glasses

by Ross Armfield

### Sports mad?

IMAGINE THE HEADLINE: "Top Neurosurgeon Sprains Index Finger. Unable to Operate!" You have to imagine it, because there's no way you'll ever see it in print. On the other hand, if a footballer 'pulls a hammy', or a cricketer has a hair transplant, it's earth shattering news. Why do we give sportspeople, and entertainers, so much media attention, money, kudos, prominence, adulation and publicity.

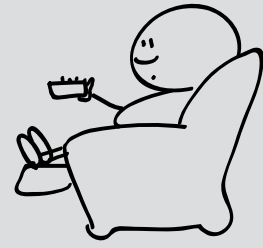
Cricketers hit a hard leather ball with a piece of wood, tennis players hit a furry rubber ball over a net, soccer players kick a larger fur-free ball INTO a net, Aussie Rules players kick it between four sticks and Rugby League and Union players place an inflated pig bladder covered with leather over a white line! I mean, it's not rocket science and the benefits to mankind are relatively insignificant. Are they really 'legends', 'heroes' and 'superstars' because they're proficient at playing games? O.K., sport is fun and worthwhile, but why does it get special attention? For example, ABC 702 Radio listeners will know that interviews with anyone from a politician to a preacher will be cut off mid-sentence when "we MUST take this news break" for sporting details. If Australia is playing international cricket or footy then, the dear listener just has to go elsewhere for a current affairs update!

Now don't get me wrong, I really enjoy sport. I have followed my beloved Western Suburbs Magpies (now Wests Tigers) League team since childhood. I love watching the Australian Open tennis, Iron Man surf competitions, Liverpool and Newcastle in the English Premier League soccer and of course the Olympics. Despite such noble attributes as physical fitness, teamwork, effort and often courage, they are primarily just games and activities which entertain us. Does this encourage us to adopt a healthier lifestyle? For some this may be true. As obesity has overtaken smoking as Australia's major health concern and there is talk of bringing back the 'Life, Be in It' campaign, that proposition seems questionable. We like to think of ourselves as a sporting nation, but for most adults, sport is observed. Participation is not a requirement! Many sportspeople work hard and achieve high standards and, as professionals, deserve to be rewarded well for their skill. However, the salaries they are now paid appear to be as obscene as the millions that run-of-the-mill movie actors and one hit wonder pop stars receive. It all seems a bit out of proportion when REALLY fit and skilled performers, like gymnasts and ballet dancers, are so poorly paid in comparison.

Some think newsworthy sports add to a 'tough' national image, which makes me laugh when I think back to the dreadful destruction on September 11, 2001 in New York. From memory, an Australian cricket or league team was due to travel to England. The tour was cancelled due to understandable fears of terrorist attack. At the time my brother Neil was in London with his large cast of actors and crew involved in the play *Cloudstreet*. After a cast meeting, not only did they complete their London shows but flew on to New York and performed there two days after the attacks. A pretty gutsy effort for the so called 'arty-farty' set!

The thing that most upsets me on this issue however, is the publicity and attention we give to the most trivial and boring details of our sporting 'heroes' lives. Do we really care if Warney has hair implants and likes to eat baked beans on tour, or if Clarke and Lara flushed a diamond engagement ring down the loo. Do we need to know how many and on which parts of his body Matt Rogers has tattoos? Of course, this sort of guff is hardly the players' fault. We can blame the media but ultimately it's OUR collective fault for consuming such tosh so willingly. Sadly, this trivia appears to be the current trend. Let's not go there – that's a whole new issue – and besides, it's time for me to meet the boys down at the pub and talk about the final that 'got away' back in '85 when I missed a kick because of a massive groin strain!

comment



### A view from the couch

THE FOOTBALL SEASON appears to stretch from the twelfth day of Christmas – my birthday – to the end of September, grand final day often occurring on our wedding anniversary. This nine months, normally a period related to gestation, gives the players ample time in which to hone their skills, tone their bodies and have suit fittings, take short courses in the correct use of knives and forks at ceremonial dinners, and engage in extra-curricular activities such as procreation. During the brief three month off-season they become dedicated family men and model citizens.

Now to the game! A simple dictionary definition is 'a large ball: a game played with it by two teams'. No mention of heaven, and significantly it doesn't actually mention the foot, rightly so. To the uninitiated – me, despite a lifetime of casual exposure by osmosis – the game appears to proceed as follows:

At the kick-off whistle the ball is in fact kicked off, and 30 men scramble to take possession of it – well, 29 if you don't count the kicker-offerer. (I have now been advised that it's actually 13 to a side, not 15. Shows how much I know.) The lucky recipient then tucks the ball under his wing and, in company with his fellow team members, proceeds in a battering ram fashion to try to break through the human opponent barrier. This is made somewhat easier, visually though not physically, by the fact that each team wears different coloured jerseys, shorts and socks. If the team with the ball is not as big/strong/fit as their opponents they can take some time to make any progress. Ground is made by throwing the ball backwards – backwards! – though I'm not sure that you can actually run backwards. You can be pushed over and jumped on, seemingly by any number of opponents, tackled, pummelled, have your face ground into the dirt – all good clean fun, any one of which moves would have had you banished from the kindergarten playground all those years ago and hauled before the principal. The therapists would probably be happy with all that repressed aggression finally having an outlet. Meanwhile, some yards (hard) have now been gained, and if the team with original possession still actually has the ball, a member thereof KICKS (football, remember?) said ball to the other end of the field where it either 'goes dead' or is caught on the full by a member of the opposing team (he of the red shorts – why don't they just save all that energy and hand it to him) and passed and run with to the other end where a try is scored. Rah! Rah! This try is/is not converted, everyone hugs and kisses – wusses -, then there's a sort of group hug, loosely referred to as a loose head, or is it a scrum, the ball is tucked peremptorily under the legs of someone on the outer edge of said scrum, and the whole darn sequence begins again.

In the off season the model citizens resume their off-season activities, playing on the beach with their children, mowing the lawns with their shirts off, nightclubbing – whatever!

The cricket season has meanwhile now begun, and be warned. Instead of a mere 80 minutes the matches last for 5 days.

—Kate Perkins



# Ray Alexander: a sporting life

IN CONVERSATION WITH Gai Waterhouse one day at Royal Randwick Racecourse, Ray Alexander commented on Gai's decision to give up her acting career in London to take on training racehorses with her father, T.J. Smith. Gai

pointed out to Ray that in fact his own career had taken a right-hand turn when he abandoned sports writing for a career in racing administration.

Ironically, a few years later, the two were on opposite sides of the fence when Ray, as Secretary-General Manager of the Australian Jockey Club, was involved in the Fine Cotton investigation, which led to the warning-off racecourses world-wide of Gai's husband, Robbie, and the AJC Committee's denial of a trainer's licence to Gai as Robbie's spouse. It was an uncomfortable time for both, but they have remained friends.

Ray started his career as a copy-holder to the proof-reader at "The Bulletin," then was offered a cadetship in journalism on the paper, owned at the time by the Prior family before Sir Frank Packer's purchase of it. Ray moved into feature writing and editing on "The Bulletin," which then employed such well-known writers as Douglas Stewart of "Fire on the Snow" fame.

Ray's father, Dave, was a trotting trainer, so his transition to sports writing, when offered a D grade at the *Daily Telegraph* in 1957 was a natural transition. He stayed at the *Telegraph* for 14 years as a racing writer, coming into close contact with Sir Frank Packer and his son, Kerry, before resigning as a super-A grade when 2pm to 11pm shifts were incompatible with family life.

Briefly without a job, Ray found his way into sporting magazine publication and, through this venture, commissioned thoroughbred breeding authority Douglas M. Barrie to write articles for *Stud and Stable*, a magazine he was editing. Barrie was managing director of advertising agency Dean Forbes, which had the Australian Jockey Club account, and he offered Ray the job as AJC Public Relations Manager.

From there, Ray became Assistant Secretary and Racing Manager before being appointed Secretary-General Manager of that famous old institution in 1984. "The Fine Cotton affair cut into the time I would have liked to have spent on promoting the AJC and Australian racing, but I take pride in making an ultra-conservative club more people-friendly, improving the image of Australian racing overseas, attracting vigorous, new talent to the club, upgrading drug-testing procedures through a new laboratory with cutting-edge equipment and building a modern grandstand for the general public," Ray said.

During his eight-year tenure as CEO, Ray attended Asian Racing Conferences as an Australian delegate in Japan, Singapore/Malaysia, Hong Kong, Turkey and Sydney in 1988, when he was elected conference director-general. He was also an Australian delegate on three occasions at the International Conference of Racing Authorities in Paris, once being invited to join an expert panel for forum on the problem of drugs in racing.

Ray's resignation from the AJC in 1992 after such a significant career to become CEO of the Macau Jockey Club came as a surprise to the racing fraternity. However, as Ray explained, he welcomed the prospect of a more entrepreneurial role at that stage of his life.

"Macau was worlds apart from the AJC – Triads and all -- but I enjoyed the time there, despite innumerable frustrations. Myra loved the culture change and the friends we made – both local Chinese and expats from Australia, England, Ireland, America, France, Germany and South Africa."

Ray and his wife, Myra, agree that their time on the international racing circuit was extraordinary. They dined at the exquisite New York Jockey Club offices in Madison Avenue, New York, with Kitty Brady, wife of the New York Jockey Club chairman, from the "Diamond Jim" Brady family, lunched at Belmont Park with Alfred G. Vanderbilt II, the driving force behind American racing for most of the 20th century. They attended International Stud Book Conferences in London managed by the famous Wetherby family, attended Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe dinners at exotic venues in Paris hosted by the Aga Khan and organized the 1992 visit to Randwick by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

"That magnificent animal, the thoroughbred horse, made it all possible," Ray says.

When he returned to Australia, Ray became CEO of the Canberra Racing Club, but after two years there retired life at Port Macquarie beckoned. Family ties, notably three of their six grandchildren, brought the Alexanders to the Southern Highlands. They feel very settled in Bundanoon and enjoy life in our community.



## Bill O'Reilly

SIR DONALD BRADMAN is the name which comes first to mind as a Southern Highlands cricketer but this end of the Shire has its own hero. Bill "Tiger" O'Reilly was born in White Cliffs in 1905 and moved with his family to Wingello at the age of 12. He was soon a member of the local cricket team. When he played his first match for

Wingello juniors the team walked the seven miles to Tallong.

Known as "Tiger" for his ferocious approach to the wicket and competitive attitude – almost hatred – of batsmen, O'Reilly played 27 tests and 135 first-class games. His obituary in the cricket bible *Wisden* following his death in 1992 described him as probably the greatest spin bowler the game had ever produced. Certainly Bradman described him as the best bowler he ever faced.

A school-teacher like his father in the days before professionalism, he became a respected cricket writer and broadcaster – never afraid to express an opinion on the game he loved. The cricket ground at Wingello is named in his honour and each year the local side plays Bundanoon for the Bill O'Reilly trophy.

—Ralph Clark





# SPORT



TODAY, SPORT IN AUSTRALIA has become a focus for identification of our national "heroes" as the colour and spectacle of televised events are screened in our living rooms. While the image of Australia as a sporting nation is an important part of our cultural psyche, in Bundanoon it has been an integral part of community life.

Sport is defined by the Macquarie Dictionary as "an activity pursued for exercise or pleasure which usually requires some kind of physical prowess" - a simple explanation of its place in everyday life. In a small community like Bundanoon there is another dimension to sport. History Group files show the importance of team competition to the social fabric of our town.

Early *Scrutineers* mention foot-races, cricket and wood-chopping. The remnants of sandstone entrance gates on Ferndale Rd are a silent reminder of the race course and its lively social life. Guesthouses in the 40s and 50s had tennis courts and even golf courses. A young Don Bradman played tennis with local builder Joe Counsell at Spackman's court in Old Wingello Rd. Bundanoon Tennis Club was formed around the same time.

The swimming pool was built, administered and maintained by members of the community. In the 70s Bundanoon hosted the National Horse Shoe Pitching championships and during the 80s it had an Archery Club. The Bundanoon Gift was run. Some of Bundanoon's former hockey players are legendary and they have great memories of their successes.

Now, we enjoy the spectacular sporting precinct in Erith St, where the amphitheatre-like oval is home to cricket, rugby, school sports, and Brigadoon's Highland Games. The pool, tennis courts and the Bundanoon Club with its associated bowling greens and croquet lawn are popular recreational meeting places. The new netball court is used regularly while the basket ball court has become a meeting place for skateboarders. The Ferndale oval area has a well equipped soccer venue and equestrian sport facilities. And of course Bundanoon has always been, and remains a popular destination for walkers and cyclists.

—Ralph Clark



# Cricket



## Bundanoon Cricket Club

THE BUNDANOON CRICKET Club has been a long standing participant in the Highlands District Cricket Association competition, fielding teams in both junior and senior grades. By far the majority of our players are resident in the Bundanoon area with the remaining few coming from surrounding towns. Four of our junior players were selected in the Association's representative teams to play against teams from Goulburn and South Coast areas in the NSW Southern Zone competition. In the past two years the Club has also conducted an in 2Cricket Centre (otherwise known as Milo cricket) where 4 to 8 year olds can develop their hand/eye coordination and learn some of the basic skills of cricket in a fun environment. We conducted similar sessions for pupils of Bundanoon Primary School early in the season.

During the past season the Club fielded teams in the Under-10, 12s and 16s competition with four of our junior members joining forces with the Wingello Tigers Club to form an Under-14s team. On the senior front the Club fielded a second and third-grade team, with a second third-grade team from the Jemmy Moss hotel participating as an affiliate member. In all, some 30 senior and 50 junior players played under the Bundanoon Cricket Club banner during the season.

Whilst sometimes struggling to field full sides each Saturday, our teams are generally quite competitive and a match for the teams from larger towns in the Highlands. Our second grade and Under-16s sides won their way through to their respective grand finals but unfortunately neither one could pull off a victory.

Our major sponsors are The Bundanoon Club and Sherwood Machinery with a number of local businesses providing some financial support. A small group of dedicated volunteers devote considerable time and effort to managing and coaching our junior sides and to the general administration of the Club.

The Club caters for all ages and all skill levels, with our main objective to provide the youth of our community (and some of our older members) with the opportunity to participate in the sport of cricket in a friendly team environment, gain some exercise and generally enjoy themselves. We are always looking for new players and volunteers to assist us. Any further information can be obtained from our website, [www.bundycricket.com](http://www.bundycricket.com) or phoning the Club President, Jeff Mitchell, on 4883 6528.



Photos from the History Group archives of cricket-themed buckles found by builder Peter Mangold.

## Cricket in the early days

BY THE 1880s cricket was well established as a regular sport in Bundanoon. The Bundanoon Cricket Club held an Annual Picnic in 1883. The same year they won a match by 49 runs against the Progressive Cricket Club from Sydney.

In 1885 there was a rift in the club, for reasons unknown. This resulted in the formation of a new club known as "Our Boys", with twice as many members, whose fortunes dominated the news pages for the rest of the decade.

Although the accounts of team members and scores are quite detailed, it is difficult to ascertain where the matches in Bundanoon took place. Some were held at the Ellsmore property, Beverley Park, which lay to the north towards Exeter. In 1884 the Anniversary Day sports, including cricket matches, were held at "the pleasure ground", one mile from the station, possibly the area now known as Ferndale Reserve. By the end of the decade Mr Grice had offered his own land for use as a cricket ground, maybe the area where the Oval is now situated.

The cricketers were a very sociable group, frequently entertaining other clubs after matches to dinners, balls or concerts. They celebrated the end of each season with presentations and parties. When their captain Mr Edmund Milne, a railway employee, was transferred from Bundanoon, he was presented with a gold trophy for his splendid record of 21 wins for the Club from 28 matches as captain.

The description of the Sports Day organised by the Bundanoon Cricket Club to celebrate Anniversary Day on 26 January 1884 illustrates how cricket was just one of many games enjoyed by the early inhabitants of Bundanoon. Refreshed by cartloads of fruit and other comestibles, men and boys engaged in running races, pole vaulting, three-legged races, tug of war, sack races, and "go as you please". There were quoits matches, hurdles, high jumping and too many other events to finish the program.

—From Bundanoon History Group archivist Liz Walker



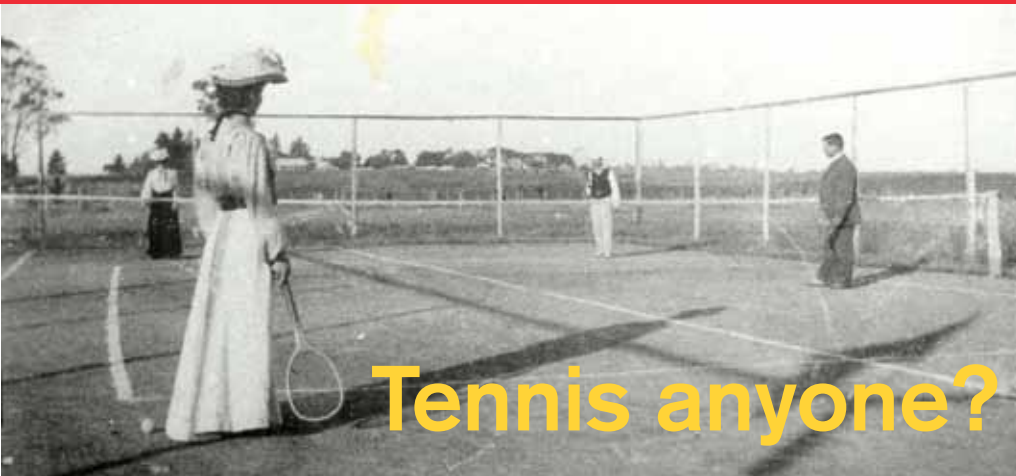
## Cross-dressed cricketers in the 1940s

Back row from left: Ron Greason, ?, ?, Ces Greason, ?

Front row from left: Bob Greason, Harry Lansdown, Greg McNally, Wilf Counsel.

Do you know the names of any of the unidentified 'players' or why they were dressed like this?





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Social tennis has been an integral part of village life in Bundanoon since the 1800s and the tennis court was a popular meeting place for visitors to guesthouses during the 1940s and 50s. History Group records include a photographs of early tennis parties, such as the one above.

Tennis in the 21st century has changed in most respects but direct links remain. 'Real' lawns are still with us but other playing surfaces have proliferated such as en-tout-cas, stabilised loam, clay, various 'hard' courts such as Rebound Ace, to come full circle

with artificial 'grass'. Racquets have evolved in materials and shapes from the venerable wooden 'Maxply' (stored in a wing-nut locked frame when not in use), to aluminium and steel, carbon fibre and composites. Scoring now includes such alternatives as tie-breakers and shortened games after deuce to ensure a 'reasonable' finishing time. High-tech, high visibility yellow balls have been developed for different surfaces. Clothing has morphed from decorous skirts, long trousers and blouses to slinky coloured apparel. The once universal 'Dunlop Volley' sandshoes have been (almost) superseded by a multiplicity of engineered sports shoes.

As regards the future, maybe we'll see hexagonally shaped courts to accommodate triples, eccentrically weighted balls to test reflexes or zero gravity tennis in space.

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—Alan Hyman



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—Peter Lach-Newinsky

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## Rugby



### The Highlanders

BUNDANOON'S RUGBY TEAM, the Highlanders, was formed seven years ago. Markus (right) and Kristian Fenwick were part of the initial group and Markus is the current Highlanders' President, while his elder brother Kristian is the club coach.

Both attended Chevalier College. Kristian was named man of the match when Chev played the famous ACT rugby powerhouse St Edmonds College in the final of the Waratah Shield. The St Edmonds team that day included Joe Roff who later became a much-capped Wallaby.

Markus played several seasons for the Highlanders, where he showed great leadership skills. He coached the team to the finals of the Illawarra competition in 2007.

### Charity games

RUGBY (UNION) PROUDLY claims to be 'the game they play in heaven'; it is not just a football code but a whole, internationally based culture.

Luke Boland will never forget an inter-school trial game when Oakhill College team-mate Mark Leslie suffered a permanent spinal injury. The foundation set up to assist Mark has strong links to Bundanoon.

Steve and Pamela Boland, Luke's parents, bought a property here in 2006. Steve, who is NSW manager for the giant Visy recycling operation, describes the purchase as designed to provide the family with breathing-space away from the insanity of city life. They have four children, eldest daughter Lauren, Luke, Nicholas and Andrew, currently doing his HSC year at Oakhill. All three boys played rugby there.

Visy sponsors the NSW Waratahs and, recently, the Parramatta club, where Steve is now President.

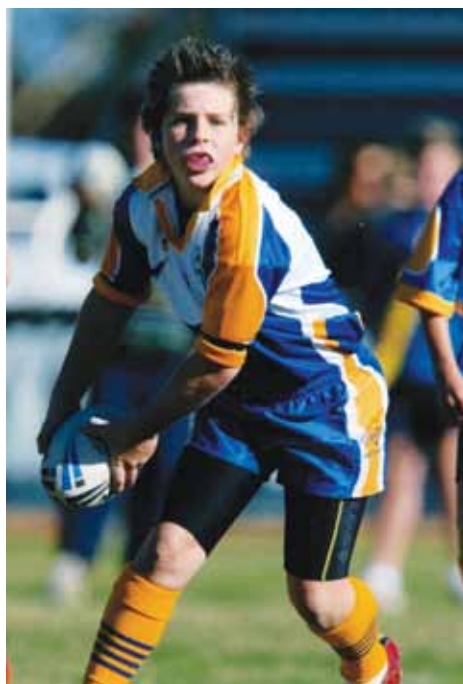
Luke Boland still plays rugby in Melbourne; Nicholas is a grade player at Parramatta, where one suspects Andrew will be a Colts player next year.

A game between Oakhill and Chevalier College First XV's to raise funds for the Mark Leslie foundation was played on Bundanoon oval in 2007. The function has grown since, supported by charity dinners at the Bundanoon Club. This year there it will be promoted as the Bundanoon Festival of Rugby and will feature Sydney 1st and Reserve Grade competition

matches between Parramatta and Penrith on the oval on Saturday 17 July, with the dinner in the evening. On the following day Oakhill will play the NSW Country Under-18 side, while the Country under 14, 15 and 16 teams will battle their ACT counterparts.



Andrew, Luke and Nicholas Boland



## Rugby league

IN 2006 ROSS Armfield interviewed eight year old Tom Angel on his achievements in rugby league. At that time he played halfback and fullback. He has a clean sweep of the Best and Fairest awards from Under 6 to 11, but is modest about his achievements. Now, nearly 12 and with his strength, size and speed he plays in the 2nd row.

Tom's sportsmanship and leadership still shine through both on and off the field. This year he is proud to be School Boy Captain at Bundanoon Primary School and also leads his Under-12 Moss Vale Junior Dragon side in the local Group 6 competition.

In the 2009/2010 cricket season Tom was second highest scorer in the district with 315 runs with an average of 45. He was also selected in the District Under-12s team who missed out on the Southern Zone finals by .02 of a run!

Tom's representative league career also kicked off last year. In April 2009 he was selected in the South Coast U'11 PSSA (Primary School Sports Association) team. This team is selected from teams from schools from Wollongong's North, south to Narooma and West to Queanbeyan and Goulburn. The team travelled to Parkes for the State Championships where his team finished 5th overall. The experience was fantastic. There are some BIG boys in the Sydney teams!

Tom has recently been selected in the South Coast Open PSSA team, again in the 2nd row and will travel to Griffith in June. He is hoping this year to gain selection in the State side chosen at these championships, so fingers crossed.

Tom's dreams are still alive and with hard work he hopes to live those dreams some time soon.





# Soccer

SOCCKER IS A popular sport and club membership in the Highlands continues to grow. The Bundanoon Rebels Soccer Club was formed in 1991 as a breakaway (or rebel) group from the Exeter Soccer Club. In 1992, the Rebels fielded sides in first and second grades, making the major semis in firsts and finishing fifth in the seconds. The club formed its first junior sides in 1994. It has gone from strength to strength and for a relatively small club, is highly successful in the local HSA competition each year in both junior and senior levels. The club has significantly expanded the facilities of its home ground, Ferndale Reserve, in recent years thanks to the volunteer efforts of its members and administration. This year there are three men's and eleven junior teams with a total of 140 players, all doing quite well.



**LOCAL REBEL PLAYER** Josh Day recently captained the New South Wales Country Under-13 team at the National Titles. The country team came second in their table, only losing one game to the NSW Metro team (1-0).

Josh scored in the game against Northern Territory, was man of the match against ACT Capital Football and at the end of the tournament was presented with a medallion for technical excellence by the

Football Federation of Australia. He was part of the selected Australian Football Federation All Stars team that played an exhibition game at the end of the tournament and won 3-0. Making it into the top 50 players in Australia was a remarkable feat but unfortunately he wasn't selected for the Australian squad, although he came very close. He has been named in the top 28 technical players in Australia and has been included in the talented athlete programme which is run in conjunction with Football NSW, the Department of Education and the Sydney Institute of Sport. He now has his eyes firmly set on the Australian squad for next year and his parents Dennis and Tina wonder at his determination, having heard him mention that he intends to work harder!

Joshua is proof that local players, with hard work and training, can progress through the player pathways set out by Football New South Wales and reach elite levels of football.



**SHANE SCOTT BEGAN** playing soccer at the age of 4 and is now a coach with Moss Vale. He is grateful to his mentors the Sants, Saddingtons, and Dean Rowley for their commitment to the Rebels and encouragement they gave junior team members to play representative soccer and ultimately to join the Highland Eagles. Shane was selected to travel to the UK when he was 17 but a freak knee injury before departure meant he was unable to play. Shane says "Despite this I had the experience of travel and watched 15 premier league matches along the way and my knowledge of soccer grew. I returned after 12 months and had surgery but was off my feet for 18 months and was told I would never be able to play again."

An interest in coaching, through reading and a number of courses has led to his present head coach position. A connection with the Glasgow Rangers gave him another travel opportunity and the experience of coaching at a premier level in Scotland.



'Spiderman' Shane at his 21st



The Bundy Bunnies (gold & navy)

# Netball

**MANY WONDERED** A few years ago when a mysterious concrete slab appeared at the south-eastern corner of the oval. A foundation for what? Then artificial grass was laid, then goal-posts appeared and all was revealed.

In fact the Bundanoon Netball Club had been formed six years ago, when a group of mothers, spearheaded by Janine Wandell, decided that one of Australia's largest participant sports should be available to girls in our community.

The 2010 season commenced in April, with Bundanoon fielding a 'Nettas' (7-9 years) side and two teams in the 10-12 years group. The girls compete in the Southern Highlands competition and are already making their presence felt.

The club also has a brand-new website: <[www.bundanoon.netball.asn.au](http://www.bundanoon.netball.asn.au)>.





## Bowls

THE PICTURESQUE SETTING of The Bundanoon Club, next to the oval in Erith Street, has been "home" to bowlers since the 1950s. Peter Kellond, manager of the Club and President of the Men's Bowling Club, is a bowls enthusiast who explains that he has always played team sports but there came a day when his body decided he should try something less demanding. He joined the Bowling Club in 2003 after 30 active years with local hockey, cricket and soccer teams and has already won several club championships. Peter thinks the great attraction of bowls is that it is a skillful game which can be played by people of all ages and levels of ability. Competitions are held regularly and Bundanoon has fared very well over the years, playing in Pennants games in an area stretching from Crookwell to Campbelltown. Peter points out though, that it's not necessary to compete to enjoy the game. He claims that the rudiments of the technique of bowls can be taught in 15 minutes and the challenge is to refine your own game. "You don't have to be an expert to play and there is certainly no problem for beginners to play with others who are more advanced."

The Club offers bowls as a sport to Bundanoon Primary School students in the first and last term each year. A Junior Academy encourages young players between the ages of 12 and 18 and this has changed the image of the sport. Indeed, Australian representative, Brett Duprey learned to play at Bundanoon. Both the Men's and Women's bowling clubs recognize the need to increase their membership and recently held information stalls in the main streets of Bundanoon and Moss Vale. Another "Barefoot Bowls" coaching day is planned for Sunday 16 November. This form of the game has become very popular in Sydney and is a relaxing way for families to spend an afternoon. As the name implies there is no need for expensive gear and there is indoor bowls available for children if they prefer.

As part of the membership drive Peter is happy to give individual 15 minute lessons to beginners and as follow-up he's prepared to organise practice times to ensure you "lift your game".

Phone The Bundanoon Club 4883 6174 to find out more!







# Croquet



## Tradition and innovation

THE CHALLENGE OF the modern world has changed many sports. So too the great traditional game of croquet.

The new game of golf croquet was launched in Bundanoon last year and it has grown like wildfire. It appeals to young and old, it's easy to learn, great fun, very addictive, and can become quite aggressive. As one's game improves, great levels of skill can be acquired. Jump shots, short shots, long shots, two hoops in one shots are all part of the fun. Games can take as little as 20 minutes or can take a lot longer and there is no end of surprises, it also tends to get a bit noisy.

As one new player, Pat Guy says, "it's outdoors and a very social game", while Paul Birchall reckons it's "fast, testing and enjoyable", Michele Reader from Moss Vale adds "great challenge, and being out in the fresh air is No 1". Club president Charles Cook says, "it's good fun spiced with hidden malice."

Playing days are very friendly, with more experienced players always willing to help newcomers improve their game. These days can also become very competitive with some players booking the lawn privately to battle it out and see who, in their own minds, is the champion of champions.

The Bundanoon Croquet Club has more than doubled its size to nearly 50 members, and there is plenty of room for more.

Some people may choose the more traditional and complex game of association croquet, the game upon which the Bundanoon Croquet Club was founded 18 years ago. The club has produced many highly regarded and skilled players which include Sylvana Sturevska, a state champion, the late Michael Walker, a state team member, and John Hope, once a leading tournament player, who is now enjoying retirement at 105. The club has a dedicated coach, Leila Merson, also a top tournament player, who is always ready to lend a hand to develop players' skills.

Association games are intensely strategic, and usually take about two hours, but they are as exciting a game as one can play and very satisfying, particularly if you win.

Comparing Golf Croquet and Association Croquet is similar to drafts and chess, both great games, quite different, played on the same territory.

The club particularly likes to introduce newcomers to the game, so it holds regular "Come & try days". **During Winterfest, on Saturday 10 July, there will be a "Come and try carnival"** at the croquet lawn at The Bundanoon Club. Just phone 4883 6957 or email [artbird@ozemail.com.au](mailto:artbird@ozemail.com.au) for details.

—Harry Pidgeon





## Keeping fit by cycling

BIKE RIDING IN Bundanoon has been steadily increasing in popularity due to Huw Kingston's organisation of Mountain Bike Events, especially the annual Highland Fling, which brings thousands of people to Bundanoon in November. Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe Cafe Thursday morning bike rides, initiated by Karen Wilson, have provided a wonderful opportunity for locals to meet and ride together and to share time over a coffee afterwards.

I started to ride a mountain bike about five years ago after seeing my husband, Geoff enjoy it so much - and lose weight! I can remember having to stop two or three times coming up Gullies Road because I was so unfit and being terribly embarrassed about how loud my breathing was!

Having proper cycle gear can greatly assist with performance and we are blessed in the Highlands with several very good cycle shops including Cycliste in Moss Vale, Bong Bong Cycles and Bikes by McGees in Bowral.

Modern bikes have great features such as disc or hydraulic brakes and numerous gears, which facilitates riding up-hill. Also, improved suspension makes it easier on your body. Keeping your bike well oiled and maintained helps too. Huw Kingston holds occasional workshops at the café so have a look on the website: [wildhorizons.com.au](http://wildhorizons.com.au) for dates.

I have my bike serviced regularly and this has consistently improved its performance in the forest at Penrose and Wingello, especially now it has tyres that cope with riding in sand. Improved signage in Wingello State Forest has made cycling easier as there are so many different tracks. A map giving directions is available from The Bike Shop Cafe and Bundanoon Newsagency. Regular maintenance and building of single tracks is being carried out by volunteers who would welcome people to join them. Wild Horizons' website has details.



I also enjoy riding on roads around Bundanoon and Exeter and appreciate the rural atmosphere along Ferndale Road. I've found most drivers to be very considerate but wearing bright reflective clothing and having lights on the bike earns more respect on the roads.

Training for and taking part in The Fling has given me a sense of achievement; it really is such a great event and makes riding an adventure. I feel a wonderful sense of freedom when I'm on the bike that I haven't felt since riding around London years ago during my training as a nurse at Guy's Hospital. I didn't actually ride past Buckingham Palace or see the changing of the guard but the scenery around the city was great. I feel closer to and more a part of the environment on a bike.

Increased fitness has made me feel more alive and is worth all the hard work (and even the occasional fall!) I bought my second mountain bike this week and I'm looking forward to more adventures in Bundanoon and beyond.

—Miranda Lean

## Successful season for swimming club

2009/10 WAS A successful season for Bundanoon Swimming Club, with around 50 swimmers each week and, for the second year in a row, no meets were cancelled due to thunder-storms!

Outgoing President Jenny Walker said that one measure of the effect this Club has on swimmers is to look at how many kids were doing the 12.5m races when the season started, and compare that to how many are still there during the last week. 'The numbers drop dramatically. Bundanoon Swimming Club helps children build confidence in the pool and to try to do their best,' she said. 'It's also



quite evident at school swimming carnivals which kids attend a swimming club.'

'When the committee decides on the trophies to be awarded at the end of the season, there are several criteria: how much the swimmer's times have improved, whether they are trying new strokes and different lengths, and how regularly they attend the meets,' Jenny explained. 'Where the swimmer placed in their heat each night is irrelevant when we are choosing the junior and senior champions. As we tell the kids - you are only racing against yourself.'

The Club operates on a very slim budget and it didn't undertake any fundraising activities this season as the committee recognised it had been tough year for many people, and that parents are often bombarded with fundraising activities from other organisations. 'However every year we set up the hall for the Brigadoon Ceilidh, so I'd like to pass on our thanks to Helene and the Ceilidh Committee once again for their support,' said Jenny.

The 2010/2011 season sees a whole new committee for the Club: Debbie Peacock is now President, supported by Janine Wandell as Vice-President and Nanette Moroney as Secretary. Special thanks goes to Elaine Angel and Robyn Bromfield who retired from the committee after many years of helping the Club run smoothly.

Registrations for next season will commence in late October – watch the shop windows and school newsletters for details.

—Jenny Walker

2010 Club Champions – Senior Girl Lucy Noble (left), Senior Boy Jack Reid (not pictured), Junior Boy Ben Bromfield, Junior Girl Julia Reid.





## Social golf

GOLF IS LIKE any sport, once started, it becomes a challenge to strive to improve. You don't need to depend on others to play, however, it's always more enjoyable with company. Social golf is non-competitive and purely for enjoyment - walking, relaxing and enjoying the company of friends while endeavouring to get that little white ball into each of the nine holes around the course.

Golf is a gentle exercise that keeps your body active. It's not necessary to be part of a team when playing golf, even though you play with other people. Letting the side down is not an issue if you are just starting out or haven't played for a long time. The only challenge is to improve your game for your own satisfaction.



Left to right: Maree Owens, Meg Cowley and Sylvia Jeffery.  
Photo: Carol Townsend

Our group plays at Sylvan Glen golf course at Penrose. The advantages are that it is only a small 9-hole course, approximately two kilometres, in a beautiful setting. There are no crowds or queues, \$15 for either 9 or 18 holes. I call it the best therapy in the world. Please phone Carol Townsend, 4883 7380, if you are interested in joining us.

### Now, let's get serious!

#### A tip for young players from Des Perkins

IN GOLF THE greatest problem facing long markers is distance, or the perception of distance. Faced with a 400m par 4, the average B or C grader will try to hit the ball too hard. This quite often results in very poor shots off the tee. An even worse situation is when an overly ambitious attempt is made at recovery with the second shot. Early in a golfer's "career" it's virtually impossible to reach the green in two shots. A much better idea is to plan a three shot strategy which is quite achievable by playing the first two shots as smoothly and conservatively as possible. The third shot is the important one. Inside the 50m mark the following approach is worth considering. Use a wedge, body weight firmly on left side (for right handers) place ball in back of stance, eyes firmly fixed on the bottom of the back of the ball, slow short backswing, hitting down on the back of the ball. Keeping eyes fixed on point of impact (this will keep the head and body steady) follow through quite firmly. This technique gives consistency and a very good chance of being on the green reasonably close to the hole. With this approach you should play to your handicap. Try it!

*It really works! Congratulations! Des shot a birdie on the 15th hole at Bowral Golf Club on 15 May. —Ed*

## Brett Parbery, international horseman

IN THE TWO-AND-A-HALF years since Brett Parbery moved to the Highlands and established Parbery Performance Horses at Penrose, he has become one of the top dressage riders in the country. In March he represented Australia in the Dressage World Cup in The Netherlands on the 18hh gelding Victory Salute, coming tenth in a very strong field. To be tenth in the world in this sport is no mean feat.

Brett has proved himself a master in the arcane and beautiful discipline of dressage, described by some as ballet on horseback. It wasn't always so. Although he has had a lifelong involvement with horses, before turning his attention to dressage a decade ago Brett was a professional bronco rider, competing across Australia and North America. He came to his new calling almost by accident when he was given a dressage horse to ride. Then he caught the bug.

The art of dressage is known to most people from



images of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. Its origins go back to ancient Greece – Xenophon wrote a book about the elements of classical riding in 400BC. Back then, training horses to be responsive to the lightest of aids was a military essential. Some of the famous leaps and bucks were military manoeuvres. Such moves are no longer required in the dressage arena (although Brett of course would be at home with them!).

Dressage has developed into a discipline that is both a sport and an art. The best riders in the world tend to be German or Dutch and it is no accident that Brett has trained in both countries.

After the World Cup, he returned home to await, with his wife Mel, the birth of their first child, a boy, who arrived on 30 April. But he won't be home for long. Soon he leaves for Europe again to prepare Victory Salute, who remained in The Netherlands, for the World Equestrian Games, to take place in Kentucky in September. It's a big year! In between – as a coach and trainer, as well as a competitor – Brett has to try to keep his business running.

—Anne Coombs

**Note:** Equestrian sports have been regularly covered in previous editions of *jcg*. This profile of Brett Parbery illustrates just one aspect of the wide ranging activities available to riders in the Highlands. Bundanoon is proud to be host to carriage driving, major stock horse events and a well attended pony club. *jcg* has also featured other accomplished riders, breeders and the beautiful property Shibumi and its established equestrian centre (in edition 58). —Ed

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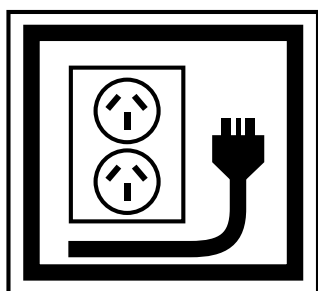
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## Walking – the under-rated activity

HAVE YOU EVER thought how bizarre it is that we drive to the gym to walk on a treadmill?

NSW Department of Sport and Recreation says that "walking is great for general fitness, as well as being a safe, cheap and convenient way to exercise". At least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity every day will help control weight, improve blood cholesterol, lower blood pressure and produce stronger bones. Not a bad investment!

Many of us enjoy not only the health benefits of walking but also the camaraderie of friends and the satisfaction of a challenge overcome. For easy regular walking I recommend the walking tracks around Bundanoon and in Morton National Park which offer some wonderful and changing scenery.

For more serious walking I have been introduced to other scenic tracks in the Blue Mountains, multi-day pack walks in the Snowy Mountains, the Budawang and other areas. Several of us have walked about 250 kilometres of the Hume and Hovell Track and will shortly complete the Great North Walk from Sydney to Newcastle.

Recently a group of us undertook a bushwalk in the western part of Kosciuszko National Park between Cabramurra and Khancoban. The trip also included a side trip south, along Pretty Plain, for the official opening of a re-built hut. About 80 kilometres in total!

I drove with Phillip Crampton from Bundanoon on the morning of Wednesday 10 March and met the other three members of the party in Cooma before heading to our departure point through Kiandra, Mount Selwyn and Cabramurra. The first leg of the circuit was only a short walk to our first campsite near Round Mountain hut. The remainder of the trip required us to travel between 12 and 20 kilometres each day before arriving back at the car. Our packs contained food and cooking equipment, clothing, tents and bedding and weighed around 18 kg. Weight is an important focus. Some bush walkers are so intent on reducing weight that things like toothbrush handles are cut off!

The mountains offer some spectacular views – Mount Jagungal is over 2000 metres high. Of course, you have to climb it first. When



walking in the mountains, it is a given that you will climb hills and descend valleys – all carrying close to 20 kg in the pack.

The words of Banjo's "Clancy of the Overflow" become very real in the clear air when we "see the vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended, and at night, the wondrous glory of the everlasting stars." It is good for the soul to be so close to nature with like minded friends. You also appreciate the comforts of home after a couple of very cold nights with heavy frosts and wet tents packed for the next day's leg.

At this time of the year the rivers are still running well with the spring thaw. River crossings can be quite exciting (deep) and exhilarating (cold). At least the water supply is not a problem because water is heavy to carry.

A walk like this is physically demanding because of the distances involved, the weight carried and particularly, the vertical component of the route. However, the body recovers quickly and finds reward in the achievement.

If this sounds too strenuous, why not try some of the walks around town. Details of the Bundanoon Discovery Rambles are listed on the web site and on the information board in the bus shelter. Get started – put on some shoes, a hat and some sun screen, fill your Bundy on Tap bottle, open the door and you're away!

—David Beasley

## The fastest iron headed dragster in Oz!

BELIEVE IT OR not the fastest Iron Headed Holden Dragster in Australia was built in Bundanoon. Yes – by our own Chris Petersen. In 1971 Chris decided to indulge his passion for speed and built his own vehicle in which to do it. He raced this wonderful machine on the drag strip at Castlereagh north of Penrith but in 1973 had a change of mind and sold the dragster to buy a colour television set!

For a while – quite a while in fact (1973–1990) – Chris decided to play in a very different environment and built – all in Bundanoon – and raced six fibreglass 'Manly Graduates'. He was a founding member of the Southern Highlands Sailing Club and spent many, many hours on (and sometimes in) the chilly waters of the Fitzroy Reservoir.

In time Matthew, his younger son, started to race carts and the remembered lure of the track proved too strong for Chris so he did the inevitable thing. He swapped the last of his 'Graduates' for a cart for himself. Regular weekends were spent on the dirt at Goulburn Speedway, at Nowra and on the short circuit track at Yass. In his typically modest style Chris admitted to winning the Club Championship 'a couple of times'.



But bigger things awaited. His next challenge was to 'build' – perhaps 'modify' is a more commonly understood term – the Datsun he races to this day, for the very different challenges of the tar surfaces at Wakefield Park, Oran Park and Eastern Creek. Hill climbs at Wakefield,

Huntley, Bulladelah and Bathurst also provided their challenges.

In 2003 the NSW Road Racing Club Championship was his. In 2006 at Bathurst Chris won the Hill Climb Championship in the 'Improved Production – up to 1600cc' class. He still competes in NSW Super Sprint Championships against the clock and plans to 'continue on'. 'Whatever happens, happens!' Typically he gets an idea and runs (or races) with it.

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—Graeme Whisker

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## Beverley Bennett

'EVERY TEN K'S, the further I drove out of Sydney the more I would feel myself releasing huge sighs and relaxing, and the closer I got to Bundanoon the happier I became.'

Like many Bundanoon residents, Beverley Bennett first discovered our town

when visiting friends here. It wasn't long before it became her favourite place to spend time unwinding, 'a sanctuary', and she found it increasingly difficult to leave for the trip home. A trained primary teacher, Beverley had moved into the field of information and communications technology and worked at Macquarie ICT Innovations Centre, situated on campus at Macquarie University. She was running workshops on Lego robotics for students K-12, facilitated workshops in Stopmotion Animation movies (similar to the premise of claymation 'Wallace and Grommitt' movies) and ran robotics consultancy for teachers of gifted and talented students. The following year she remotely managed the K-6 section of writers and editors for an online maths website from home. Today she is employed at our local public school as an IT teacher and computer co-ordinator. How many small country schools could count themselves so fortunate?

So what leads someone with this background to become a civil celebrant specialising in funeral celebrancy? Beverley explains that she is comfortable with the notion of death and dying being simply a part of our life cycle and that she feels able to empathise with the family of the bereaved and to be of worthwhile service, 'a real vocation' as she puts it. She has no aspiration to celebrate marriages. 'I was privileged to be with my mother when she died and I don't look on a funeral as a mere end to a person's life, but rather I see it as a final celebration and a last great passage or rite.' Naming and commitment ceremonies, renewal of vows and milestone celebrations are all occasions at which Beverley is happy to preside. 'These significant events are all part of our own stories as well.'

Genealogy is a passion of Beverley's and she would love to be able to help people write their life story. 'What greater legacy can you leave your loved ones? We need our family history. It can help to provide a moral backbone for not only our generation but future generations. It's where we come from, our roots.' She maintains that young people, 'Gen Ys', are looking for mentors and role models and would be inspired by reading their forebears' history. To this end she is in the process of building a website, [www.justmystory.net](http://www.justmystory.net), and hopes to have this up and running in the not too distant future.

As well as being actively involved in the school, Beverley sings with Serendipity: the choir, whose website she manages, and in quiet times she quilts. Having lived in Japan for 8½ years she loves the strong colours of the Japanese fabrics, and the quilt she is working on at present is stitched with gold thread to highlight the dramatic effect.

—Kate Perkins



## Country living

by Keith McMenomy

## The more things change..

BRACE YOURSELF FOR some reflection, but first a warning! The following thoughts duck and weave about with no obvious direction so please be patient. It's about living and the best place to live - in the countryside.

After WWII, and several seasons before grey Ferguson tractors supposedly ended the horse era, I was only a little fellow and had been ordered to sit quietly on a fruit box by the stable door to watch the morning ritual when my grandfather led out a Clydesdale horse to be readied for another day's work. The huge animal's shoes banged the wooden step as he came through. The size of big saucepans, these could crush anything, including me, yet fowls walked about between them as he moved. There would be whispered soothing, one-sided conversation to get co-operation while rigging the harness and huge collar. Occasionally Tibby would toss his big head or stamp a foot and Grandpa would growl something like 'Settle down, darn you, animal!' (or something stronger). Finally, with everything buckled and strapped in place we would set off to hook him to a cart or plough.

As student geniuses we endorsed the notion of progress. Our grandparents were delightful but quaint and limited, our parents only a little better. We had the benefits of better education and better technology. We were talented, almost bullet-proof and could just about walk on water. Our future would be one of increasing perfection.

Six decades and countless innovations later, from pills for everything to iPads, iPods and blogs, we look back on even our own earlier times as ancient history. Now, the hard working and more fortunate are healthier, live longer, travel more and have bigger houses. How could we have functioned before the Internet, the Web, facial tissues and photocopiers? Blah! Blah! Blah! But does everything change or improve, or is there some degree of purposeful delusion?

I am about the same age as my grandfather in the late 1940s and like him will become fertilizer in the next decade or so. I have no problem with that, so far. He looked back fondly to childhood before electricity, noisy engines, telephones, radio, aircraft or the bright idea of personal income tax. The difference between us is that he worked hard with hands, soil and seasons for sixty years or more where I slaved over a drawing board in air-conditioned comfort for half that time and can now play in the dirt for the pleasure of it. Another pleasure is taking, (or being taken by), my horse for exercise through the bush. It calls for the same routine I watched as a little kid on a fruit-box. I check and scrape underside of hooves to clear stones, grumble soothingly about dust to be brushed from his coat, hold the bridle so he cannot turn to give me a nip. I check and tighten the cinch strap after he has forgotten to extend his tummy. It is a quietly enjoyable hour or two of escape from chores. It's a time of contemplation and smelling wattle blossom, of watching to see if the ant nests signal coming rain and all the while being prepared to handle the animal under me if he takes fright.

The ancient Greek Heraclitus observed that the only constant is change. Romans identified us as *Homo Ludens*, *Homo Faber*, compulsively busy, purposeful animals. We cannot leave anything alone, we must strive to change and improve things. Well-being and fleeting happiness is a bi-product of endeavour. Our present biggest challenge is to avoid turning the globe, (our nest so to speak), into a complete desert. Now the point of all this rabbiting on is this: Things do and must change. But as a tiny minority of wise thinkers have pointed out since the Stone Age, we should also take time off work to simply enjoy and celebrate - offer prayers of thanks if you like, for just being here. My grandfather would halt my interminable questions and say stop! Listen! What do you see, hear, smell, feel? Amen to that.

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## Hockey

BUNDANOON NO LONGER fields hockey teams in district competition, although a number of residents still play in local junior and senior teams.

The women's club was formed in 1936 and it was not long before they became a force in local competition. The teams won the district premiership from 1939 to 1942 and after the war from 1947 to 1954. Bundanoon dominated local hockey! Several players went on to represent the club at higher levels. Audrey (Greason) Petersen (NSW 1951–1952); Elsie (Greason) Collins (NSW 1952–1953); Faye Gibson (NSW 1956); Maureen (Petersen) Feltham (NSW School girls 1962 – 1963); Elaine (Clarke) Angel (NSW Under-19 1981–1982, NSW Open 1982–1984, Aust Under 21 Squad 1984); Tracey (Denney) Hafford (Zone Under-19 1982); Lisa (Petersen) Mulherin (NSW Under-16 1992, NSW Open Indoor touring team 1994).

In 1956, seven Bundanoon players represented the district in a game played against Scotland. This team held the international team to a two-all draw.

The men's club was formed a few years after women's hockey had been established. Although not as successful, the determination was there. The boys won the first grade premierships in 1947, 1961 and in 1963 the club scored a treble with the men's first and second grade and women's first grade. All won their respective premierships. Bundanoon second grade had premiership wins in 1974, 1975, 1978 in men's local competition.

The men and boys have also had representative success. Christian Petersen Jnr (NSW Under-14 Touring team, Umpire 1991); Stephen Saurine (NSW Schoolboys 1993); William Tooth (NSW Schoolboys 1987, NSW Under-13, 15, 16 and 17, NSW Country 1988–1993, NSW Combined High Schools 1991–92); Grahame Tooth also managed several NSW junior teams.

In the early 1980s numbers were starting to wane, and the men's and women's clubs joined to form the Bundanoon Hockey Club Inc. Both junior girls' and boys' competitions throughout the district were struggling and a welcome decision was made to combine the teams. In the early 1980s Bundanoon had teams in Under-11, 13 and 15, Women's A and B, Men's first and second grade. The men's team also travelled to Goulburn midweek to play in their second grade competition and were very successful – coming away Premiers in 1995 and 1996

The last win in local premierships was the Women's B grade side in 1990. They won the district competition UNDEFEATED! The men had to wait until 1995 when the second grade side won their district premiership.

Life members were Dennis Hoyer, Alan Hines, Grahame Tooth, Chris & Erika Petersen.



**1978:** Back row: Elaine Angel, Karen Kellond, Denise Bromfield, Erica Petersen, Elsie Collins, Vicki Lansdown. Front row: Margaret Hoyer, Kerry Simmons, Heather Taylor, Jenny Saurine, Terry Foster.

Unfortunately the Club folded around 2000 and while hopeful of eventually reforming, purchased hockey equipment for the Bundanoon Public School to encourage students to play. The town's hopes now are on local juniors such as the Bromfields, Cants and Nobles. It is hoped that one day this proud club can be resurrected and will again dominate local competitions.

—Elaine Angel



**1974 2nd grade premiers:** Back row: P. Terry, R. Taylor, D. Hoyer, D. Folkard, G. Tooth, W. Folkard, P. Swartzkoff. Front row: J. Hines, G. Acton, C. Petersen, L. Quigg, R. Angel.



## Swimming champions

- BUNDANOON HISTORY GROUP supplied this photograph, courtesy of Edna Rogers. It shows children on swimming trophy day in 1963. Do you know the names of any of those pictured?
- DANIEL RUMSEY'S SWIMMING achievements will be covered in a future issue of the magazine.

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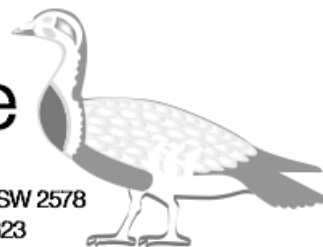
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## Jean Terry tribute

FRIENDS OF LONG-TIME Bundanoon resident Jean Terry were saddened by her death in April this year, following a six month illness. Born in Sydney in 1923 to Albin Meier and his wife Marjorie, Jean was one of four girls who grew up in West Wyalong in the depression years. From her early years she

made her own clothes and took pride in her appearance, a quality she maintained throughout her life. She was lady-like and proper, maintaining views and standards of that era, though always quick to laugh at her own expense.

Jean's older sister Ailsa introduced her to Roy Terry at one of the local dances. They were married when she was just 20, in 1943, and while Roy served in the RAAF and RAF Jean endured two years without him, moving from West Wyalong to Sydney.

After the war they moved to Bundanoon, taking over the running of the golf links (now Parklands Estate).

Her daughter Linda recalls:

"This was to become the major focus of their life together over many years. Jean supported Roy in all his efforts of running the golf links, building the bowling green and the associated club, running Rosnel Guesthouse, as well as various farming activities and building their family home." This house in Hill Street, next to St. Brigid's, with its beautiful grounds and much admired garden, was home to the family and it is where Jean died peacefully, in the garden she had loved and tended.

The many holiday makers who stayed in Bundanoon during the years following the War played golf, bowled on the new green opened in 1949, and enjoyed the gullies and other recreation. Jean became a keen golfer, finding time in between her other pursuits and raising four children. She loved to cook, hosting afternoon tea parties, and the family fondly remembers coming home from school to fresh scones or hot apple teacakes. Bread, jam and cream was another treat loved specially by their mother. Jean sewed for the family and for fetes, stalls and the craft shop in Bowral. She was creative – the mural she painted in the children's cubby house is there to this day – and she often took on the role of window dressing at the craft shop and the Good Yarn, dedicating herself to the latter over many years, helping with the books and serving on committee.

After Jean and Roy closed the golf links they enjoyed touring through NSW and Queensland. Roy died in 1981 and Jean took on the challenge of getting on with her life, becoming fiercely independent. She was a loyal friend to many, forging a particular bond with Isobel Greason who had been widowed in the same year. They could often be seen together in their beloved village, smiling and chatting as they went their way, popping into the Primula or the Chinese for something tasty for tea.

Jean faced her final illness bravely, cared for during her treatment by her sister Hazel. But still she was determined to return to Bundanoon, to her home, her garden and her friends and to regain her independence – a wish which was fulfilled.

—with thanks to Jean's daughter, Linda



## Real estate

by Harvey Grennan

## Rising demand

JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS one man flew from Karratha in Western Australia just to look at a property at Penrose and went straight home again. A house at Bundanoon attracted two buyers with one offering more than the asking price.

The man from the West did not buy but the two events marked a turning point in the recovery of the Bundanoon property after six years in the doldrums. Agents are selling houses and land at twice the rate of a year ago and reasonably priced stock that has been on the market for years has finally been cleaned out.

The local market is no longer just for houses under \$400,000; buyers are now looking and buying in the upper brackets. The main problem now facing agents is a critical shortage of stock.

The bad news (for vendors) is that while turnover is up, prices are not. If the Sydney market remains strong that could be the next step. However Sydney is slowing.

The recovery in Sydney has been strong with the average median house price rising 12 to 20 per cent in the last 12 months depending on which analyst you believe – and much more in some areas. Outer areas like Bundanoon are the first to suffer and the last to recover and it has taken a while for the ripples to reach here. The question now is whether rising interest rates will slow the market down as the Reserve Bank intends.

Prices in and around Bundanoon headed south in early 2004 and dived another 10 to 20 per cent over the last two or three years. There have been a dozen or more bank repossessions and forced sales and vacant land was particularly hard hit with values falling by up to half. The Bundanoon market hit bottom in the early months of last year.

There have been some strong sales in the last six months. An 8ha property in Yuille Avenue sold for \$2.3 million after just a couple of weeks on the market, others in Morgans Road, Coalmines Road and Gullies Road for over \$1 million and a couple in Ross Street for more than \$800,000. More million-dollar-plus homes are now on the market.

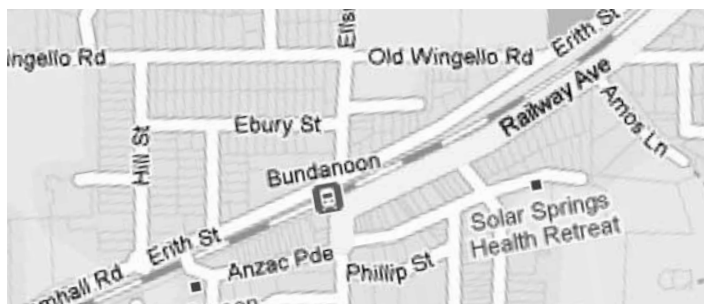
Land is also being soaked up with not much available outside the new estates where there are still bargains to be found.

Prices are showing very modest improvement and John Byrne of Bundanoon Real Estate says new listings are being appraised a bit higher than 12 months ago. "We had a great start to the year but the market is slowing mainly because of the shortage of stock, particularly at the lower end," he says.

Wayne Todd of Todds Real Estate reports good sales since Christmas with March and April very strong. "We are now seeing demand across the board, not just the cheapies. Buyers have sold their own homes and are now ready to go."

Jordans Crossing's John Everett says there are more higher-priced sales and inquiries than have been seen in years. "The days of the \$300,000 Bundanoon house have all but gone," he says.

According to Henry Ramage of Highlands Rural there is good demand for houses under \$400,000 and for land that has come back in price. "Like everyone else we are very short of stock".



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## True locals

by Vicki Streatfeild



Denis Hoyer's souvenir photo from the 2000 Olympic Torch Relay

## A compulsive sportsman

A RESIDENT OF Bundanoon for over 60 years, Denis Hoyer has a truly outstanding record as a sportsman of many stripes – hockey, boxing, various football codes, golf, tennis, swimming and bowls.

Originally from Broken Hill, then Coogee, Denis began playing hockey for Bundanoon at the age of 16 and represented the district many times, with first grade premierships to his credit in 1947 and 1963. He has held every position in the Bundanoon Hockey Club from water boy to

president over a 40 year period. He was team captain for many years and also a qualified umpire, and was made a life member in 1979.

Denis also cut a fine figure in the boxing ring. In 1947, aged 18, he beat the NSW champion in a non-title amateur fight. He had started his boxing career with the Bundanoon Gym and became a dual title holder winning the Southern Highlands and ACT lightweight championships.

Then there was the football field. First it was Aussie Rules at Broken Hill as a boy, then Rugby with the Randwick Rugby Club on Saturdays and League with South Sydney Juniors on Sundays with a bit of footy and competitive swimming for his school on weekdays.

Denis began playing League for Bundanoon at the age of 17 in reserve grade. Coached to a premiership win over Picton by Jack Hardman and Roy White the team was undefeated that year.

At 18 he took up tennis, playing in the NSW Country Championships in 1974-75, and is still a social player. He won numerous club championships in singles, doubles and mixed titles and was Division 11 singles champ in the mid-70s for the Berrima District. He was made a life member of the Bundanoon Tennis Club in 1988.

Around 1962 Denis joined an 18-hole championship golf club set up in Bundanoon in the 1940s on private land owned by a Miss Tyler. He played in the Saturday afternoon pennants and was an active committee member.

Denis was involved in the running of the Bundanoon Swimming Club for about six years. He was vice president in 1966 and obtained his bronze medallion in lifesaving and qualified as a swimming instructor.

He is also a keen bowler and life member of the Bundanoon Bowling Club having been honorary treasurer from 1975 to 1995 – a record 20 years.

Being such a multi-faceted sporting talent has brought Denis wider recognition. In 1956 he was chosen as one of 42 runners to carry the Olympic Torch through the Highlands on its way to the Melbourne Games. In 1982 he again represented the area by carrying the Commonwealth Games Baton as part of the 35 person relay team from Paddy's River to Robertson. Yet again in 2000 he was one of the Olympic Torch bearers through the Southern Highlands to the Sydney Olympics.

The icing on the cake of a truly outstanding sporting career was the Australian Sports Medal awarded to Denis in 2000 for his contribution to and achievements in sport. In his "spare" time he has been an active member of the NSW Fire Brigade (retained) for 43 years.

end of an era

## Small business, big impact

TRISHA ARBIB STUDIED English and Psychology at Sydney University, worked in education research in Sydney and moved with Howard Nicholson, previously farmer, cook and literary agent to Bundanoon in 1980. Operating since 1982 the Bundanoon Village Nursery, a shared idea and passion, was one of the oldest surviving continuously owned businesses in Bundanoon. They ran it together for 26 years, and Trish continued for a further 2½ years after Howard's death but has now decided to close the nursery: a new phase in her life begins.

Like many new residents they found Bundanoon a big, happy change. They moved from a tiny terrace house behind Sydney's busy Taylor Square to two acres and a weatherboard cottage here.

Their nursery specialized in rare and unusual herbs, fruit and vegetables, perennials and fragrant plants. It reflected the knowledge, interests and idiosyncracies of its owners. From the nursery garden they propagated many plant varieties and provided personalised advice for their customers. Over time, they observed great changes in personal attitudes towards herbs. In the early 1980s people believed that if a herb didn't come from a packet it wouldn't be right. Now people take fresh herbs for granted and will buy plants like red mizuna and Lebanese cress without thinking twice.

Trish and Howard both had a great interest in cooking, continually researching and acquiring different plant ingredients and cook books, and experimenting with recipes. Trish has a particular area of interest in edible flowers. Popular classes on herbs and on making various preserves were held – in the garden and around the big kitchen table. Trish also gave classes on making potpourri, attractive herb teas and spice mixes. She recalls appearing on ABC TV's *Gardening Australia* several times. It could take a whole day to film six minutes of show!

They say 'the proof is in the pudding' – a suggestion that taste proves the point. It'd be fairly safe to say that this was the only nursery where customers were invited to taste home made sloe gin when they were considering buying a sloe tree (a rare small species plum).

Trish intends to stay in her home in Bundanoon and plans to keep selling a few plants (including Chinese artichokes Howard brought back from China) by mail order in the winter.

She is developing 'Cabbage Tree Books', Howard's business allied to their interests – old books on gardening, cooking, and natural history. She plans to sell them from home, by appointment and via the internet. She also plans to continue her garden consultations when the nursery closes. Trish has made many friends through the nursery and she'll miss the interaction with customers, but it's time for the next stage in her interesting life.

—Graeme Whisker





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## DIY know-how

by Patrick Fitzgerald

## Thinking globally

THE GENEROSITY OF the JCG knows no bounds! The senior management team have sent me to various countries around the world to investigate building and environmental trends.

First stop was Tokyo, the safest city in the world! [As an aside, when I was in Belfast last week, the statistics showed it is the second safest – quite a reversal of fortunes!] Tokyo is definitely a high-tech city with a spectacular subway system and state-of-the-art, high-speed internet available free almost anywhere. On environmental matters they are not very supportive of new technologies. The only subsidy offered is for solar electricity, and even then it is only the developers who have taken it up to any large extent. (Having said that, I did see many private houses with arrays on their roofs.) I took an Express train into the new middle class suburbs to have a look at building techniques. The constructions are mainly timber framed but much more bracing and bigger members to cope with earthquakes. Most had fake brickwork panels nailed to exteriors and solar hot water systems (mainly evacuated tube type). I noticed most houses had good cross flow ventilation, wall insulation and passive solar heating which is obviously valuable in their winters. Japan is already one of the lowest emitters of greenhouse gases in the world so for them to achieve a 20% reduction by 2020 will be difficult. They say the use of smart technologies in the electrical systems to minimise use will keep usage down. These systems incorporate sensors so that lights and heat are cut off if a room when it's not in use. The bigger corporations have already implemented many new initiatives without government aid, in order to be able to advertise their green credentials

Next – the economic disaster that is Ireland! It is safe to say that the building industry has come to a complete halt here. Estimates show that there are 200,000 vacant houses and units resulting from the frenzied boom that ended two years ago. With immigration on the increase the supply of housing is enough for the next 10 years. Mortgage interest rates are around 4% and electricity costs are similar to NSW. It's interesting that gas is not readily available so heating can be expensive. Even new houses have appalling insulation in walls, although, like Japan, double glazing is standard. The standard construction method is still double block with rendered exterior and interior. Costs per square metre are similar to NSW but only because the builders charge less. All gutters, fascias, windows and eave linings are in UPVC, as are the vast majority of windows.

Ireland is a major culprit in the use of illegally logged rainforest timber. There is no legislation in place and none of the top ten major timber importers has agreed to use sustainably managed forest timber. Conversely, the use of wind-power is everywhere with massive wind turbines dotted all around the countryside. Very few people object to them even when they encroach on suburbia.

Every house being bought or sold, regardless of age, must have a Building Energy Rating (BER) and this has brought the cowboys out. (Sound familiar?)

Retrofitting double glazing, roof insulation, solar hot water and solar electricity is now the trend, with some good subsidies available. Let's hope they call Peter Garrett to ask how it should be monitored! Off to England next and then East Africa for further investigations. In the meantime there's a pint of Real Guinness waiting for me at the local!



## Climate change

by Tony Hill

## Off the grid

WE WENT CAMPING with the five grandchildren in late January, four from one family and one from another. Fortunately the parents of the four were with us, we don't cope well with the high energy levels that young children generate. The single child fitted in well once he realised that he was not the centre of attention and nobody had time to cook special meals for him. He soon learnt that there were four pairs of eyes watching his plate, ready to swoop on choice morsels that he left.

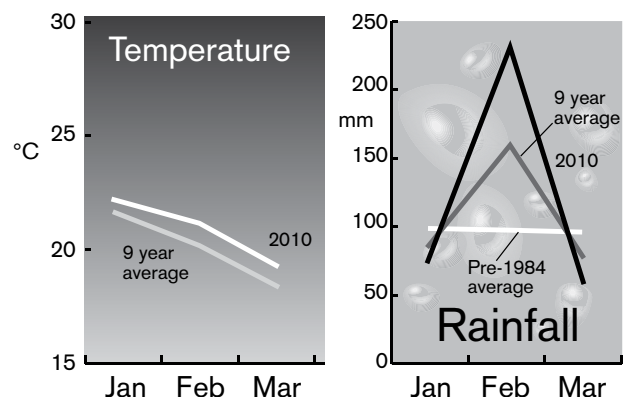
What legacy are we going to leave these children and their children? The US Joint Forces Command has warned that there could be a shortfall in oil output of 10 million barrels a day by 2015, which is also the year by which the International Panel on Climate Change estimated that greenhouse gas emissions should peak if there is to be any hope of avoiding dangerous changes in the climate.

This is my last Climate Change column. It is now a political problem and will need quick and decisive moves on a worldwide scale. There are few signs that this is about to happen. The science is sound, the consequences of global warming are alarming and the future for our grandchildren is uncertain.

The American author Bill McKibben wrote about the "end of nature" in which the actions of mankind have overtaken the natural processes as being the main driver of change in our environment. He contends that our way of life and population numbers have already begun processes that will radically alter the world we live in and these are now unstoppable and unpredictable. We should be committing ourselves to trying to avoid the worst of those changes and to adapting to what will happen.

I will spend my time promoting the importance and value of the natural environment: firstly because other species have an equal right to exist and evolve and are not there just to be exploited for the lifestyle and comfort of mankind; secondly because the ecosystem services and resources provided by the natural environment are essential to our own wellbeing and possibly our survival; lastly because nature provides us with spiritual nourishment and recreational opportunities that enrich our lives.

2015 is not far ahead. It is a year that we should pause and take stock of ourselves and what is happening. How far away are we from stabilising greenhouse gas emissions, what resources do we have left and how quickly are we using them, is world population growth slowing and how equitable is the distribution of wealth, what effect is climate change having on the weather and the environment and how will we adapt to it? My generation has reaped the benefits of a world with endless resources and an infinite capacity to absorb pollution but that world has suddenly shrunk to being vulnerable and limited. It is time for us to act, and not leave it to the generations of the future.



Thank you Tony for contributing to jcg and sharing your interest in climate with our readers. Also, your local statistics have been of great interest. Ed



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AS COORDINATOR OF BoT, Sandra Menteith, with her husband Bob Thomas, attended the NSW Government's 2010 Community Economic Development Conference at Broken Hill held in May. Sandra was invited to be part of a panel discussion on the theme of transition, designed to bring together the strands of sustainable lifestyles and community resilience sessions. The response from people on hearing about Bundy on Tap was very enthusiastic, often including the question, "What next?"

The conference theme, 'Communities in Transition' echoes the changing economic, cultural and environmental factors affecting many of our communities today. The compelling keynote address of



Prof Robert Manne focused on the inadequacy of political systems in the face of the challenge of climate change and the particular role of regional Australia in creating a sustainable future.

It seemed that the Bundy on Tap project was indeed the perfect case study to precipitate what Professor Manne termed 'the benign domino effect' – a creative project inspiring others to emulate the action. Of course it has been known for many decades that Bundanoon is a 'can do' village, rich in both skills and the community spirit that builds resilience, especially in the face of challenge.

In a three day conference of 250 delegates there is much exchange of experience and knowledge, so Sandra and Bob also came away from the conference with insights and new contacts that will be useful as Bundanoon pursues that question, "What next?" They have returned with knowledge of the best examples of sustainable economic development across the state, in areas such as marketing and "shop local" strategy, opportunities for funding, future tourism trends and building dynamic local economies. Seeds of thought such as: 'Green projects attract more funding'; possibilities for a Bundanoon bank; 'market experiences, not just products'... and many others.

When introduced as from Bundanoon, Sandra and Bob found that, in a majority of cases, people would immediately claim that Bundanoon held fond memories for them of past visits – and this had nothing to do with recent success of the Bundy on Tap project!



Photo: Jeff McGill

## Bundanoon Playgroup

WHAT IS PLAYGROUP, what does it do? It's a gathering of children ranging in age from newborn to five, along with their mums (or dads), to experience time with other families within the community.

My husband and I arrived in Bundanoon last year and we have two children under three. Playgroup has certainly helped us settle in to life here. Participation in Brigadoon in April with our float, which won second place, was a highlight.

The group has had difficulty finding a permanent venue but recently the Uniting Church has confirmed that their hall will be our home for the future.

We welcome all mums, dads, carers and children (under the age of 5) to join Bundanoon playgroup. We are members of the Playgroup Association NSW and meet every Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am, Uniting Church Hall, Phillip Street Bundanoon (during school term). Drop in for as long or short as you like. You can call me, Nathalie Brokate on 4883 7660 for further information.



# Community first response: another Bundanoon success

AS MANY READERS know, after formal training by NSW Ambulance Service, our 'Community First Response' (CFR) team, provided by the Bundanoon Fire Brigade, is now operational. Their purpose is to start first-aid to a casualty or a patient while an ambulance is still en route from Bowral – or sometimes from Picton.

Since this service became available in mid-August, the "First Responders" have attended 122 medical calls (about one every two days, with two calls in one night). Eighty calls were for Bundanoon and the remainder were to villages in the southern end of the shire, Goulburn and Hanging Rock. About a quarter of these calls were extremely serious, so our Fire Brigade's CFR team, which generally arrives before the ambulance, has had a major role in saving lives, as well as providing critical first aid help.

The addition of first-aid to the Brigade's duties requires attendance at training sessions which the Ambulance Service conducts every month at the Fire Station.

Also, there are almost as many calls to fire incidents as there are to medical emergencies, so the team is kept busy.

Many thank-you letters for their prompt and efficient attention have been received by the team and *jcg* would be pleased to publish

first-hand comments for publication in our September issue if you wish to share your experience.

**Remember:** Make sure your house-numbers are easily seen from either direction.

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- Assist identification of your house by placing any large object (perhaps a wheelie bin) at the kerb, or
- Ask a neighbour to help flag your location by waiting at the entrance to your house, with a torch.
- Ensure the driveway is clear, if possible.

—Graham Leech



## CWA report

THE BUNDANOON CWA rooms were built in 1939 and our main meeting room remains in its original charming style. However, an old building needs lots of maintenance and we are currently awaiting the result of an application for assistance to repaint the interior. Lots of work needs to be done on the exterior as well but we will have to raise more funds before we can carry this out. Any offers of assistance would be very much appreciated.

We have survived another "Bundanoon is Brigadoon", serving Devonshire teas and homemade soup from early morning. Did you catch our kilted "littlies" playing outside the CWA rooms? Lifeline experienced quite a run on their supplies of tartan skirts and kilts with Fletcher Jones well represented! We also wore our Bundanoon tartan scarves with pride. Next day, we followed up with morning tea for two busloads of Canberra visitors, 104 in all, within just over an hour. We have the routine down pat now and some of our new members helped out. These buses are good fundraisers for us and our scones, slices and facilities are very much enjoyed by our customers, many of whom are in the Highlands for the first time.

We were all delighted to have our chatelaine judged FIRST in the Wollondilly Group Handicraft Competition and it will now be judged at State Conference in Port Macquarie in May. The winning mark was given for our handmade cord and buttonholed loops which were skilfully made by Judith Berry. Margaret McNulty is attending Conference as our delegate and will return with news and results of debate from the working sessions.

We held a Cancer Council 'Biggest Morning Tea' on Thursday 27 May, and a special fundraising event for Father Chris Riley's 'Youth off the Street Programme'. A young local woman, Jessica Sheaffe, from the Multiple Sclerosis Ambassador Program spoke at our April meeting about what it is to live with MS. Jessica's first symptoms occurred when she was teaching in China and she is keen to return to finish her work as soon as possible. She is currently studying at Wollongong University and shows great positivity and courage in dealing with sudden onsets of debilities. We wish her well.

On 10 June Ali Hamylton Cosmetics will conduct a fun Make-over Morning Tea where her cosmetic products will be demonstrated and available for sale. Come along, have some fun, a great morning tea and support a very worthwhile cause.

We would love to see you at a function or meeting day. Everyone is very welcome.

—Gaye Everett, ph 4883 7999  
Bundanoon Branch Publicity Officer

## Fire station news

IN ADDITION TO ITS CFR role, our fire station has recently been upgraded to secondary rescue status with additional equipment and training. So our brigade is now even better prepared for a range of rescue operations such as motor vehicle entrapments and helicopter evacuations.

The most recent development is the Community Fire Unit in Dorothy Friend Place. This is a special trailer equipped for property protection and a group of trained volunteers. Both the trailer and the training are a free NSW Fire Brigade service. The brigade is keen to see more of these teams, especially in areas of high risk as local rapid response is most effective in controlling the spread of a fire. If you would like to find out about setting up a unit in your area our Captain Paul Sedgbeer would be happy to show you how the system works: he can be contacted by calling the Fire Station on 4883 6333.



The crew at Bundanoon Fire Station

## Positions vacant

We are keen to find a few more members with weekday daytime availability as retained fire fighters. The training supplied is of a high standard and very interesting, particularly with the extra rescue and medical components. If you would like to know more about how it all works, check the Fire Brigade website: [www.nswfb.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nswfb.nsw.gov.au)

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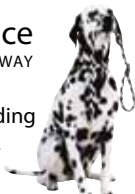
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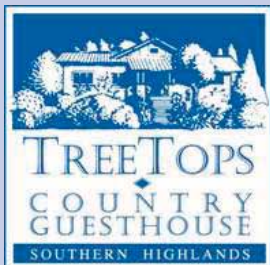
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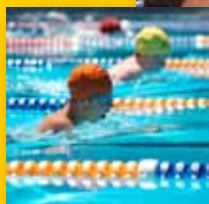
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