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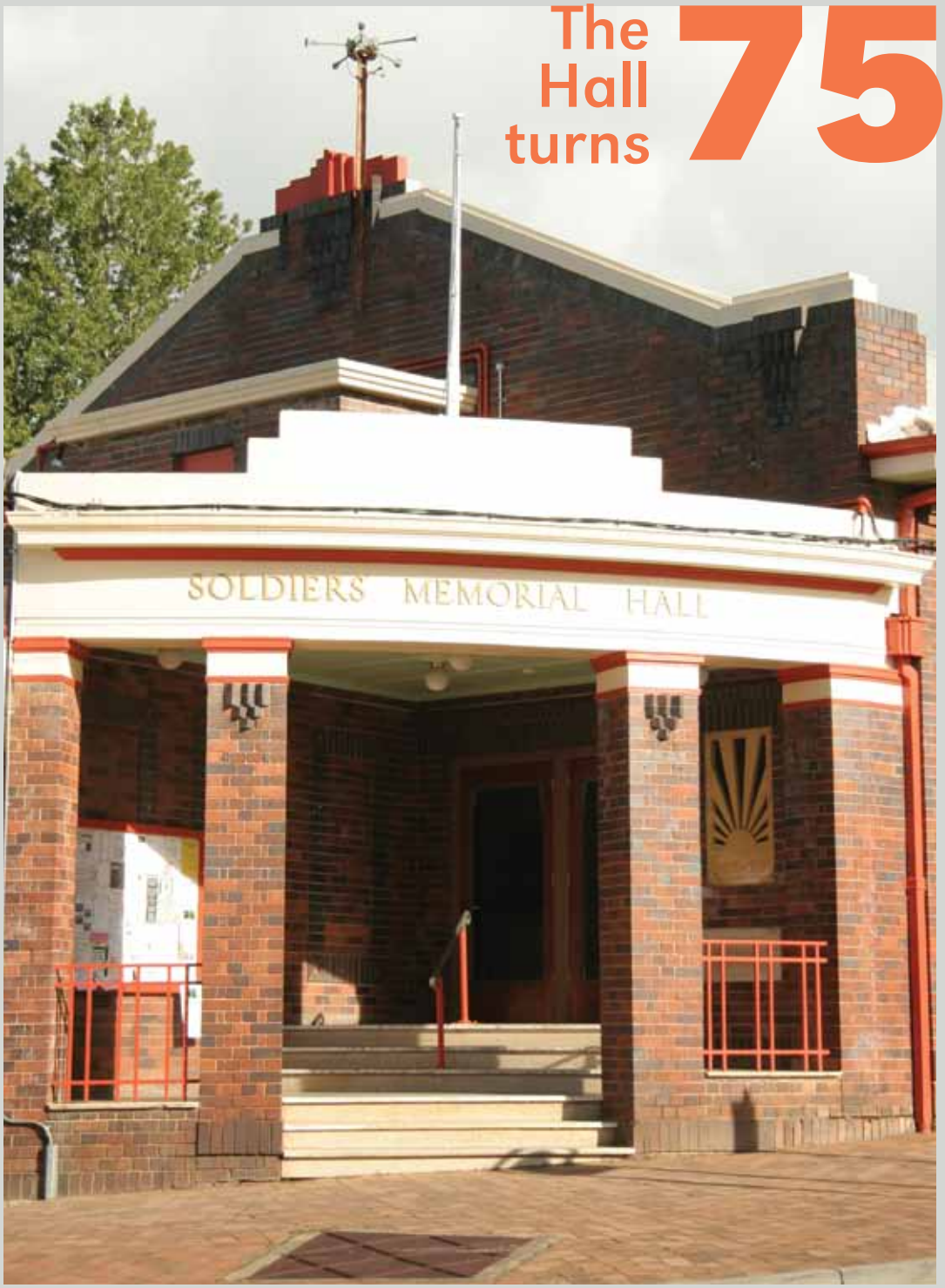

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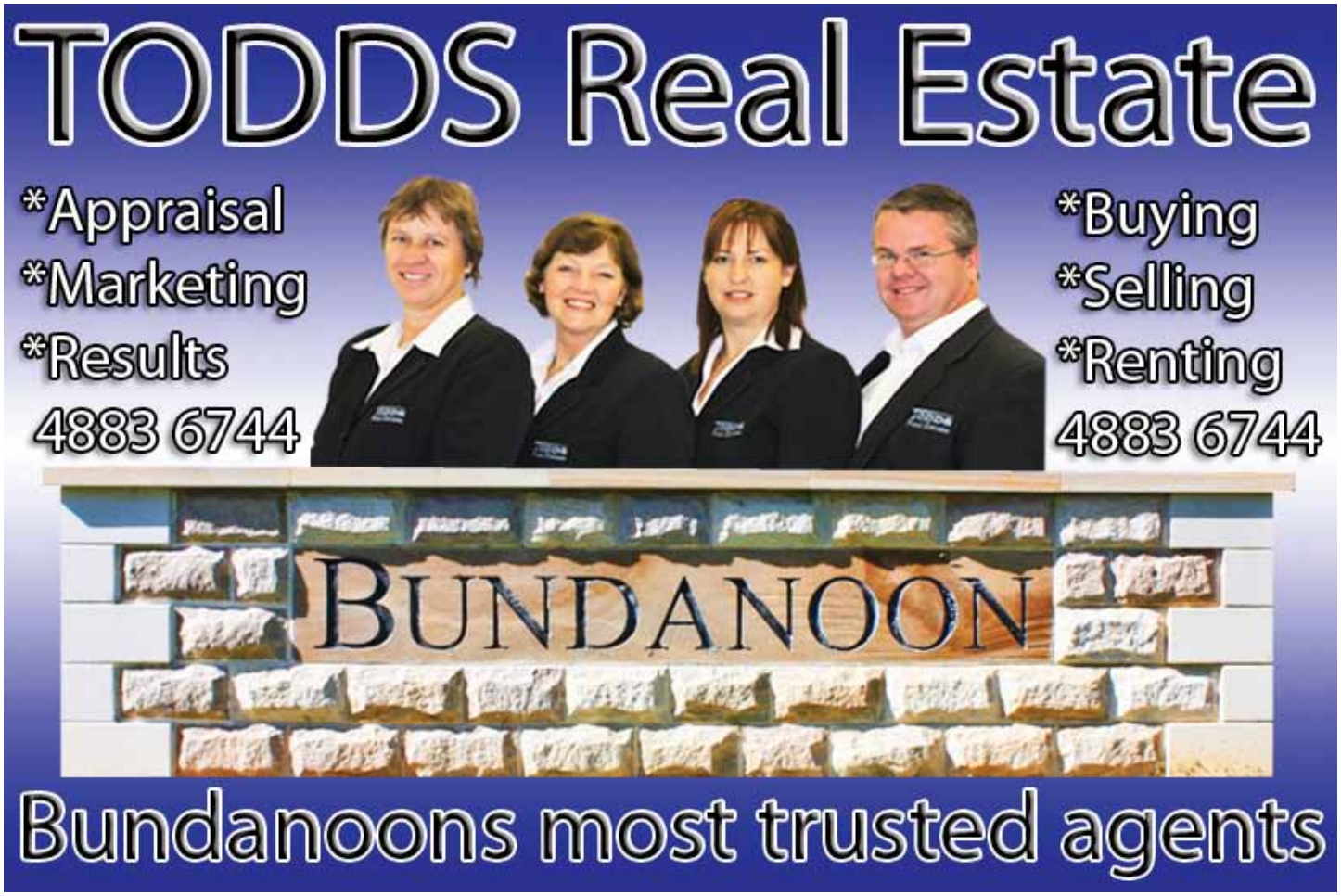

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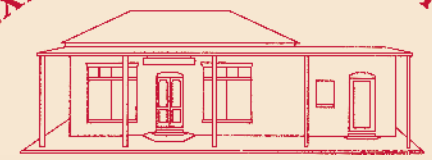

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Pam Davies, Editor

WHEN I WAS asked to coordinate a feature for the 75th anniversary of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, I wondered how I could source enough material for the centre section. For every issue we need to find a theme that allows us to showcase the ideas, interests and talents of people of Bundanoon and the southern villages. The Hall seemed a very narrow subject for eight pages of text but thanks to the History Group, and some very competent interviewers, writers and photographers, we have produced an issue which celebrates the place of the Hall as the centre of our community. Also of particular interest is JCG Travel, an initiative of Harvey Grennan in consultation with Wal Glading, an experienced tour operator. It is hoped that the choice of a trip to Broken Hill as a first tour will have popular appeal. Many people have never been to "the outback". I remember Broken Hill from 40 years ago but the city has become a major international tourist destination since then.

The Trungley experiment, a Stock Horse holiday camp for 40 young riders, our regular columns and personality profiles have added interest to this issue which has been so well supported by advertisers that we now publish a 60 page magazine.

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BCA meetings

Third Thursday each month:
18 March (AGM), 15 April, 20 May.

Start 7:30pm in Supper Room at rear of Hall. All welcome.

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The BCA's Green Team…

…is entering our seventh year of beautifying Bundanoon and enjoying ourselves at the same time!

We welcome newcomers and it's a great way to get to know people – while you work or over a cuppa afterwards.

Tuesday 9 March, 3.15 – 5pm: Mulching

Saturday 10 April, 8.30 – 11am: Planting bulbs & natives

Come when you can, leave when you need to. A range of tasks to suit everyone. Ring Dorothy Swanton 4883 6224 to ensure you receive our newsletter with details of meeting place, tools to bring etc. Alternatively, you could ring Green Team convenor Valerie Crampton on 4883 6574.

Cinema screenings for 2010

- 1 May, 5.30pm: **On Our Selection** – 1920 silent film, with wonderful musical accompaniment by Ian Cooper and Christine Tilley. Movie/meal package.
- 24 July, 5.30pm: **An American in Paris**
- 25 September, 5.30pm: **Dial M for Murder**. Movie/meal package.
- 6 November, 7.30pm: **It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World**

NEEDLES AND NATTER: Join us!

RESIDENTS MAY BE familiar with the Bundanoon Quilt which is proudly on display in the Memorial Hall. Some, though, will not know about its origin, or the group of people who designed, sewed and hung the quilt.

The quilt was a community project, involving many local needlewomen and represents the history and essence of Bundanoon. Have a look at the quilt next time you are at the Hall and see what local landmarks you can pick out. The creation of the quilt brought a number of women together and when the community project was completed they decided they would continue to meet for companionship and to share their experiences and expertise. This is how the local group, **Needles and Natter** came into being.

Needles and Natter meets every Thursday at The Bundanoon Club from 10.30 am until 2.30 pm. Some days more nattering is done than needlework; however, we all look forward to being together each week. The atmosphere is friendly, though admittedly noisy at times. We work on our own projects, and share ideas. If you are struggling with a knitting pattern or having a problem with your craftwork, it is likely one of our members will be able to help you. You are welcome to visit or come and join in. There is no need to stay all day if you haven't time. Bring something for lunch and a cup for your tea or coffee.

Each year we hold a craft and textile exhibition at the Bundanoon Hotel where we invite other local people to exhibit their work. Money raised from the exhibition goes to community projects. Our group has provided for a water bubbler in Picnic Park, paid for signage in the quilt display at the Hall and is currently working with the Green Team to build a new picnic shelter at the Information Bay. Excess from subscriptions ($2.00 per week) has been donated to Wingecaribee Animal Shelter.

Come and join us, meet people and make new friends. Four years ago, when I first came to town I joined the group and haven't looked back.

—Pat Wheaton, 4883 7463

Men's Shed

IT WAS ANNOUNCED at the Bundanoon Men's Shed meeting recently that the NSW Government, under the Community Building Partnership Program, has given us a $30,000 grant. We are grateful to Pru Goward MP for helping to bring this about. Formalities are yet to be completed.

The "Men's Shed" movement is an Australian initiative designed to foster the wellbeing of men in the community and the Bundanoon branch has received several funding grants from various sources including Wingecarribee Shire Council.

Our activities are directed to charitable purposes of benefit to the community and the group, now over twelve months old, has completed several projects. Last year we constructed and installed outdoor seating and paving at the Bundanoon Primary School and a memorial bench seat at the Church of Christ, Wollongong. Other projects included painting and restoring some outdoor furniture for the Bundanoon Croquet Club. We will be constructing timber surrounds for the crab apple trees along Railway Ave in the near future. Refitting and painting of the Good Yarn will take place later this month.

We welcome new members.

For more information, contact Ned Ward on 4883 6082 or by email at nedwin@bigpond.net.au.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Memorial Hall supper room at 10am.

Bundy on Tap update

IT'S BEEN FIVE months since our town proudly became Australia's first bottled water-free town. The majority of former water retailers have been very happy with the initiative, not only because they're pleased to be part of a community initiative but because their turnover from selling bottled water has in many cases been more than replaced by the sale of refillable bottles and other items. A Buy it in Bundanoon campaign has followed the removal of bottled water, so please support our local shops.

The water stations in town are being well used and a fifth refill post should be installed at Ferndale Oval in the next month or so. The Bundanoon Rebels Club gave up the sale of bottled water at their kiosk so they deserve their own refill post. There are also moves afoot to install a water station at the Bundanoon Oval, perhaps in time for Brigadoon.

Talking of Brigadoon, that is our next major focus. The April 17 event will be bottled water-free and this is a huge challenge for the Bundanoon Highland Gathering Committee. More than 500 volunteers will be issued with folding bottles and Culligan Water will set up at least two stalls offering chilled, filtered Bundy on Tap. Mobile "water nymphs" will move among the crowd with backpacks of filtered water for anyone who wants it! Bundy on Tap will have its own stall too.

We continue to be contacted by many communities and councils in Australia and overseas interested in following Bundanoon's lead. We point them to www.bundyontap.com.au (check it out for all the updates) and tell them that the most important thing is to make public water easily available and highly visible. Media interest remains strong with a number of overseas TV crews in town already in 2010.

Finally, if you are keen to play a role in Bundy on Tap, then we're looking for some new blood on the committee to give some of those involved over a very intense year a helping hand or a rest. Please contact sandra@bundyontap.com.au or phone 0403 790 777.

—Sandra Menteith

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6th century BC figure cup depicting Poseidon, by artist Oltos

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U3A SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Inc expanded in 2009 to 798 members. With the increasing membership more courses are planned to be held in Bundanoon. In Term 2 which commences on19 April, a well qualified local resident will be presenting a course in the Memorial Hall weekly on a Monday. The topic will be Greek Myths & Legends .

Each term around forty courses are offered to members and mostly without any additional course cost. Sometimes photocopied course notes are available at a nominal charge.

To join, membership for 2010 is $45 single & $85 per couple.

Details of all the courses held & how to enrol in them is provided in the U3ASH Inc. newsletter which is sent to all members a few weeks before each of the 4 terms.

If you have a computer other details including an application form are available on www.sohiu3a.org.au

For a membership application form you can leave a message on our message bank (02) 9990 6650

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—Sheila Benning, Course Co-ordinator

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Events for 2010

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Ilythian Ensemble
Chamber music ensemble performing their 'Boite de la Musique' program. **3.30pm, Saturday 26 June**, Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall. Tickets $15 each.

ENCORE
A benefit concert to help Daniel Rumsey go to the Down's Syndrome World Games. Presented in conjunction with Andrew Rumsey. **7.30pm, Saturday 31 July** at Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall. Tickets $25.

Sydney Symphony Fellows
This is our black tie & champagne event for 2009. **7.00 for 7.30pm, Saturday 18 September**, Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall. Tickets $35.

The Wizard and Oz
Piano, guitar and vocals duo playing classical, jazz and blues. **3.30pm, Saturday 20 November**, Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall. Tickets $18.

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The first tour will be to Broken Hill in late August (see separate story) before it gets too hot.

We are also planning a trip to Europe in May next year, travelling in small groups and staying at family-run boutique hotels which are less expensive and have a lot more charm than big hotels. We will be travelling the back roads where the big tour companies never go, looking at places and sights the package tourist never sees and without paying for huge, glossy marketing campaigns.

Planning, organising and conducting this trip will be Bundanoon's own Wal Galding who has generously volunteered his services to the local community. Wal has a great deal of experience in this field, organising small group tours for teachers over many years to Europe, Scandinavia, North America, Africa and the Far East

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From left to right:

Delprat's mine at Broken Hill

The Living Desert Sculpture Park near Broken Hill

Underground hotel, White Cliffs

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We will have Italian cuisine at Griffith, visit the spectacular Menindee Lakes and the historic mining ghost town of Silverton, see "The Dish" radio telescope at Parkes and sleep underground at White Cliffs.

The cost will be $985 per person twin share with a single supplement of $250. A similar trip with a tour company costs hundreds of dollars more with fewer inclusions. We can save money because we have organised every detail of this trip ourselves.

There will be many things to see along the way as we traverse the real outback of NSW.....a winery at Griffith, the old gaols at Hay and Wentworth, Mildura's grand historic buildings, the junction of the mighty Murray and Darling Rivers, Pro Hart's gallery at Broken Hill, the motor museum at Forbes and much more.

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Ralph Clark, BCA president

BCA report

New look for Hall

THIS EDITION OF ***jcg*** features the 75th anniversary of the Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall, which in many ways is the hub around which the town revolves. I am sure you will enjoy reading the centre spread, which includes a brief history of the Hall and reminds us of the diverse uses it has had over the years.

We are very fortunate to have inherited a building, testament to the vision of the civic leaders of the time. We are also privileged to have enjoyed a lease from Council over many years. The support of Council in maintaining the structure has been substantial, as have been the efforts of Hall committees and dedicated individuals. I am sure we are all very proud of the building we enjoy today. Work on the Hall has been a long term project which culminated last year, in repainting, new blinds and stage curtains and restoration of the art deco proscenium, all involving Lyndall Beed's expertise. Of course the purchase of a grand piano was a major addition to the facilities and I wish Michael and Coralie Flint all the best as they move to the Hawkesbury to be close to their family. Their contribution to our community is acknowledged on page 32.

Thanks are due to the members of the Bundanoon History Group for their contribution of information for this issue. The group is presently researching the history of the shopping centre and would welcome any memories you may have. I urge you not to miss their new display planned to open in April or May.

This month sees the BCA AGM on Thursday 18 March at 7.30pm in the supper room. BCA now boasts a membership of well over 400 involved residents and is the most active such group in the Shire. It has many subcommittees, all of which make their own significant contribution, helping to ensure Bundanoon is an even better place to live. You would be very welcome; membership applications are available at the Post Office and at Bundanoon Real Estate.

We are currently investigating areas in which the association can effectively become involved in environmental issues. A preliminary meeting recently was addressed by Dr David Garman, president of the International Water Association. That we could attract such a guest is testimony to the stature of Bundanoon after all the publicity we received from the Bundy on Tap project.

The hard-working BoT group is still very active, coordinating supplies of bottles etc. and giving advice to towns all over the world interested in following our lead.

Our Buy it in Bundanoon campaign continues. The main-street businesses provide an essential service and deserve our on-going support.

The new sewer system will be officially opened shortly. The sub-division moratorium has already been lifted and, as the economic situation improves, development applications are inevitable. The BCA Planning group recently met with Council staff to discuss the draft Bundanoon development control plan and will have lodged a submission on the document by the time this is read. Please join us on 18 March for our AGM.

Councillor Jim Clark

council news

Making changes

THANKS TO THOSE of you who have encouraged my move to develop a bottled-water-free policy for all Council events. It can be difficult to achieve change to firmly entrenched ways of doing things but with the co-operation of staff it is hoped that suitable alternatives will be found. The community at Bundanoon has led the way and already a number of local events are held without using commercially available bottled water. Spare a thought for countries such as Nepal, where tourism has taken hold and waste disposal and recycling facilities are primitive or non existent. Discarded plastic drinking bottles are creating a huge environmental problem there.

Approval has finally been given for a 25-lot subdivision of part of the 'Vine Lodge' property at Exeter. The long running proposal created much controversy over many years, but was scaled back and re-configured as part of a compromise solution that saw the closure of Exeter quarry in return for a large-lot subdivision of part of the quarry site and a smaller scale subdivision adjoining Exeter Oval.

Council's new General Manager Jason Gordon has settled into his new role and is undertaking a review of council structure. Jason hopes to soon visit local organisations to talk about the best way to achieve cooperation between Council and communities. A General Manager's role can be a difficult one, seeking to efficiently run probably the largest organisation in the shire whilst achieving amicable relations with councillors, staff and residents. He is currently living in Moss Vale and is looking around the shire for a permanent residence.

Despite the refusal by some councillors to agree to the permanent continuance of the Environment Levy the program will continue for at least the next four years. The levy has achieved major improvements for on ground projects in our area. Local projects including Indigo Creek, Glow Worm Glen track, Currabunda wetland and Penrose Bushcare pine removal, have been major successes. The levy has also achieved matching grant funds for many thousands of dollars from State and Federal governments. Should it not be renewed after this current term, Council would need to fund many of these projects from the base budget.

—Clr Jim Clark, ph 0428 213 939

Energy audit

AFTER ONLY A week since flyers were delivered into letterboxes, 55 people have signed up for the free home energy and water assessments, sponsored by the Federal Government and supported by the Bundanoon Community Association and Transition Bundanoon. This detailed assessment is carried out by local, trained and licensed assessors who are not tied to large companies. It provides the householder with the money-saving information to help reduce their energy and water use in the face of rising charges, as well as helpful advice. To take part in the assessment program, ring Sandra Menteith on 4883-7687 or 0403 790 777 or email her at <menteith@bigpond.net.au>

Get involved with Winterfest 2010

Friday 2 July to Sunday 18 July

Do you ...have a skill to share? ...an idea for an event?

The Bundanoon Winterfest 2010 organising committee is seeking interested people or groups of people to run skill-share classes during Winterfest 2010.

If you are an enthusiastic writer, poet, artist, historian, gardener, health practitioner, woodworker, mechanic, (the list is probably endless) and you're keen to share your enthusiasm and your skill as part of the Winterfest 2010 programme we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Graeme Whisker on ph 4883 6570 or email gwhisker@tpg.com.au

Bundanoon Railway Station at night, by Ken Rooke
Winterfest photo competition 2009

Photo competition

The previous two Photo Competitions sponsored by Jordans Crossing Real Estate drew some excellent photos that showed what a beautiful village Bundanoon is, so the theme for 2010 is: **Beautiful Bundanoon**

To enter, take a photo of your favourite part of Bundanoon and it will be displayed with all the other entrants in the Soldiers Memorial Hall prior to the opening of Winterfest.

First prize is $1,000 and second prize is $500.

The People's Prize, awarded to the most popular choice as voted by the public, was a huge success last year and will be on offer again.

Entries will close in early June so don't waste a good shot, take it now and get it into Jordans Crossing Real Estate's office.

All winners will be announced by Tony Sheffield, the chief photographer from *HighLife* magazine, at the opening of Winterfest 2010.

Entry forms and details are available at Jordans Crossing Real Estate, Railway Ave, Bundanoon.

New weekday bus service

THE DECEMBER ISSUE of **jcg** noted the improved CountryLink train service for Bundanoon, with more services each week.

Many residents have already seen a Berrima bus wandering the local streets. It's not lost or moonlighting, but it is our new weekday bus service, which is more frequent and more convenient for many people.

As shown on the map below, this new service which starts in Moss Vale, comes along Erith Street, and then via Ellsmore Road, Bindar Crescent, Nerrim Street, Birriga Ave, Hill Street, Bromhall and Penola Streets, Anzac Parade, Railway Ave, William Street, Rosenthal Avenue and then back to Exeter, Sutton Forest and Moss Vale.

The bus takes about fifteen minutes to complete the circuit from/to the Erith Street bridge, and arrives at Moss Vale after another twenty minutes. It starts the circuit at 9.46, 11.51 in the morning and at 1.21 and 5.06 in the afternoon, and there are extra services on school days only.

Their best fare is the Regional Excursion Daily (RED), $2.50 for all-day travel within their system, for most pensioners, seniors and concessions. Their other fares from Bundanoon to Moss Vale, Bowral and Mittagong are: Adult – $9.00 each way, Child – $4.50 each way, Concession – $4.50 each way (who is not eligible for RED).

This bus stops to pick up and deliver passengers wherever required (not just at Bus Stops), and it often connects with other Berrima Buslines services at Moss Vale to and from Berrima, Bowral, Mittagong. This new bus service also connects with some trains at Moss Vale.

Timetables for all the Berrima Buslines services are available at The Good Yarn, Bundanoon Newsagent, and Bundanoon Supermarket. Timetables and fares can also be downloaded from their web-site: www.berrimabuslines.com.au or phone 4871 3211 for information.

CityRail and **CountryLink timetables** are posted at the station, and are also available at the Newsagency and Supermarket.

This is the BBC!

IN LATE 2009 The Bundanoon Bike Club (BBC) celebrated its one-year milestone with a weekend ride to Bathurst via the recently sealed Abercrombie Ranges route to visit the Australian Motor Sport Museum and take a (very slow) ride around the hallowed tarmac of Mount Panorama.

The BBC is not so much a club or an association; it is more a network of similarly minded motorcyclists who enjoy riding as a group and sharing their motorcycling passion with others. Riders typically take a semi-organised luncheon ride of 200 to 300 kilometres each month, interspersed with shorter 'coffee' rides. The ride groups can be as many as 15 or as few as 3 or 4. The emphasis is on camaraderie and safe, enjoyable riding. Non-riding spouses and partners often join the riders by car pool at a pre-determined venue for lunch or morning coffee.

Riders vary from young enthusiasts in their twenties to 'grey beards' in their seventies, some of whom have been riding motorcycles for 50 years or more and are happy to share their knowledge and experience with less experienced riders. Other 'mature age' riders have arrived at motorcycling in recent years; the common element is the joy and freedom of motorcycling.

As the BBC network is not a formal association there is no members' list; however, up to 50 different riders have joined rides during the year.

The range of motorcycles ridden varies from modern sportsters to large modern touring bikes and cruisers, through to older classic machinery. Marques such as BMW, Moto Guzzi, Ducati, Honda, Kawasaki, Yamaha, Suzuki, Royal Enfield, Triumph and others are all well represented on ride days.

In mid 2009 member Charles Kenway (now in Melbourne) designed a small pin badge logo for network members. Members proudly wear the pin on their riding apparel.

Coffee stop at Taralga on the way to Bathurst.
Left to right: Dean Worner, Chris Petersen, Brian Jackson, John Kelly, Rod Moore, Bruce Ryan, Rob Hackett

Motorcycling in the 2000s has become more a recreational and social activity than a means of utilitarian transport and the BBC adds an extra dimension to Bundanoon's already rich social life.

—Rod Moore

BBC cheerleader Roslyn Ryan with Rod Moore's 1954 BSA Bantam

Big changes to train fares in April: 65% cut in fares to Sydney.

See page 47 for details

Visit of St James' Choir

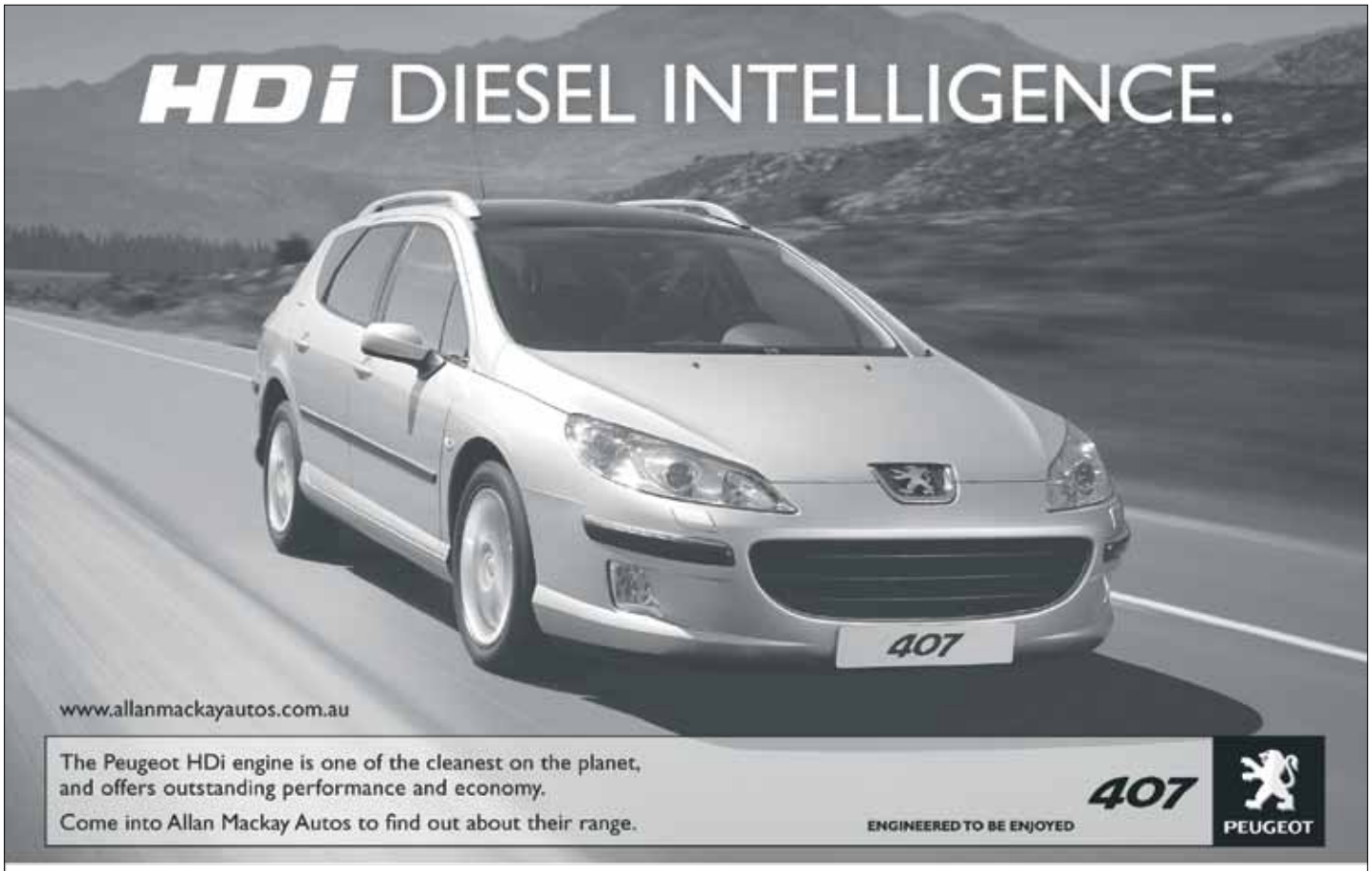
Can you offer a chorister a bed on Friday 30 April?

THE CHOIR OF St James' Church, King Street, Sydney will be presenting two concerts in the Southern Highlands in the first weekend in May. The first will be on Saturday morning in the Memorial Hall – in the Piano at Ten slot.

They wish to come up the night before to be ready first thing for the concert. Are you able to offer a choir member a bed for the night (and maybe a bit of breakfast)?

We have a few takers at the moment but still looking for about eight places. If you can help please call 4883 7178 or e-mail: <thomasab@vitreo.com.au>. Thank you.

Read some background and reviews of the choir on page 44.



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Letters

Garry Barnsley, front centre (pictured with staff of RMB Lawyers, who took over his premises on his retirement last year)

Dear friends,

Nerida rejoices with me in offering our warmest congratulations to you on the brilliant presentation of Jane Rutter's concert last night (12 September 2009).

Your organisation was flawless; the Bundanoon hall has never looked so good; the supper was terrific; the program stylish; the music stunningly eclectic; Dave the pianist masterful; and the luscious Jane, well, luscious!

And I mustn't forget to observe that none of the participants (not even your graceful MC) felt the need to honour the memory of Burke and Wills by making the arduous journey from backstage to centrestage provisioned with a supply of bottled water!

Here in Sutton Forest we are in awe at the scale and quality of community endeavours undertaken by our Bundanoon neighbours. You do us proud 'south of the river', where action trumps blarney.

Blessings on your enterprise and artistry.

—Garry Barnsley

BCA wishes to thank Garry Barnsley for his creative ideas, hard work and support for community events in the Southern Highlands over many years. We wish him an enjoyable retirement.

Harmony Centre Foundation

THE HARMONY CENTRE Foundation Bundanoon (HCF), based in the former Quest for Life premises on Ellsmore Road was officially opened on 7 March 2010.

"We are a charitable, multi-faith, caring community promoting mental, emotional, spiritual and physical well being. The Centre offers an integrated series of seminars called the Path of Ease and Grace™ which is designed by the founder of the HCF, Shakti Durga.

We also run residential retreats, usually one a month. Some are specifically focused, aimed at helping people to negotiate challenges such as depression, stress and anxiety. Others are for spiritual aspirants who enjoy the blessings we receive when people of all traditions come together as a group.

A good place to meet us is our weekly meditation and satsang (spiritual gathering) on Sunday mornings from 9.30am to 11am (approx), where I or one of our skilled team will lead you through meditation. We also often incorporate some chanting from many of the world's great spiritual traditions. It is a good opportunity to ask questions and get to know the team. Through Shakti Durga's great generosity all our seminars and meditations are offered by donation.

We look forward to meeting you or please visit our website: www.harmonycentrefoundation.org"

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Email bundanoon@harmonycentrefoundation.org

An offer I couldn't refuse...

WHEN ROD MOORE and Malcolm Townsend walked into my office, a frisson of anxiety ran down my back. It might only be a few kilometres from Bundanoon to Bowral, but it is still quite something when the men of Bundanoon come to town!

Bundanoon is one of the most activist communities in the Southern Highlands (and probably also ranks well state-wide) with many an issue to take up with ministers, councils and courts. But that has never necessitated a call upon my office. I am usually only too happy to take the pretty drive to this lovely town and do so whenever I can. It is not like Bundanoon to come to the Mountain, in fact I was half way there when my office rang to tell me to return, the BCA had come to me. There must be something really wrong, I said as I turned the car. Perhaps Norlex was going to sink a second bore!

Outsiders might think the initials BCA stand for that august business lobby, the Business Council of Australia. Once, so did I. These days I know it stands for something much more formidable, the Bundanoon Community Association. The Association and I have worked well together on a number of issues and they have always warned me in advance about concerns or coming events. Until now!

We began with a discussion about Arts Bundanoon and the town's recital season of which I am very fond. When they asked me to be Patron of Arts Bundanoon, I could have wept (a) with relief, because it was not a problem (b) with delight, because I get so much pleasure from music and art generally and (c) with pride, because it is a great honour to be asked.

Arts Bundanoon is a great achievement for a community of two thousand people. It puts on Piano at Ten, where you get to hear very good music on Saturday mornings for the ridiculous price of $5, and a number of recitals and at least one fundraising concert each year. Bundanoon's reputation for hospitality means top Australian musicians like Jane Rutter are not only delighted to play there, but recommend it to fellow performers.

The artistic life of Bundanoon, a town so strangely isolated by its position on the escarpment, is an extraordinary achievement for Rod, Malcolm, their wives and partners. Together they are a very formidable group of organisers, marketers and arts-lovers. This takes nothing away from the beauty of the town and the community more generally, which can be relied upon to turn up to these events, bring the food, enjoy them enormously and dig deep to make sure everyone can share.

So I am very proud to be the patron of Arts Bundanoon and thank you for the opportunity to serve the arts in our district. Shared cultural activities, reasons for being together without the need to leave, are an integral part of ensuring Bundanoon is the vital and united community it is and more strength to it.

See you at the Hall.

—Pru Goward

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Leading the way

WHILE WORLD LEADERS were failing to do anything meaningful at Copenhagen, three Bundanoon primary girls were taking care of business. At a time when our governments seem to be lacking in vision and leadership, we can take heart that our young people have a vision for a sustainable future for Bundanoon.

Anna Reid, Clare Shepherd and Ella Grier returned from the YOUthLEADing Australia Climate Congress held in Bowral with their own action plan to start achieving that vision. With 60 young participants aged 11-26 years, our regional three-day Congress was oneof the largest nationwide. Youth delegates gathered to voice their concerns about the state of the planet, and to chart a way forward.

The Bundanoon team was the only primary school from the Highlands represented at the Congress. They worked very efficiently as a team researching, illustrating and presenting their plan to install solar panels with a generating capacity of up to 3Kw on the school roof. The girls calculated that even without factoring in the Government grants available from March this year, the initial set-up cost of up to $30,000 would be paid off within five years, and the school would be earning up to $4000 per year from electricity generation.

The invited dignitaries at the Community Forum on day three were undoubtedly impressed that these (then) year 6 girls had also done the economic analysis and come up with creative ideas to foster involvement of all the children and bring their plan to reality, such as:

Mufti days to purchase chickens with the eggs being sold locally; donation tins in the town; funds raised from the Brigadoon stall in April; face-painting and raffles in the town; Year-6 fundraisers; P & C financial support; selling recycled goods at school fairs; selling food grown in the school veggie patch; and the choir, dancers and other musicians busking in the town.

Clare Shepherd, Anna Reid and Ella Grier

One facet of the Bundanoon girls' presentation at the Congress that was particularly striking was the obvious confidence that the local Bundanoon community would get behind them in this endeavour.

Within weeks of the Congress, the girls had presented their plan to the P & C, and the first Mufti fundraising day had been held. Oh, that the world leaders could work so effectively and expediently!

—Sandra Menteith

The Hall's for all!

THE BUNDANOON MEMORIAL Hall is put to good use by the students of Bundanoon Public School. It's the venue for the presentation of awards, tai chi, aerobics and games when a Highlands winter is outside the door. The Hall is where many discover the thrill of performing for their first audience and the satisfaction of being part of a community during carol singing or the solemn observance of ANZAC Day.

Photos: Linda Christison

True locals

by Vicki Streatfeild

Vicki's brother Brad died in January and she has written this loving tribute to him. Ed

BRAD MURRAY WAS born at the Moss Vale Community Hospital on 21 April 1960, first child for Fay and the late Jeff Murray of Bundanoon.

He attended Bundanoon Primary school in 1965 and then Moss Vale High School. Being a lover of the great outdoors, it was obvious that he was never going to be happy unless he was working outside. School was never one of his favourite places .

Brad had his own business managing farms and properties in Sutton Forest and Wingello until his death last month. He lived in Bundanoon for most of his 49 years and he wouldn't go far unless he was wearing his Akubra hat and a grin.

When he was growing up he loved climbing trees looking for bird's eggs or baby magpies to bring home for his mother to rear. , His sister Belinda remembers at the age of about 10 and 11 they used to pinch a cigarette or two out of the cars their father worked on as a backyard mechanic. They'd smoke them in their cubby which was on the banks of the railway line at the end of Fidelis Street where they lived. After that, they'd eat wattle tree sap, hoping to get rid of the smell before going home.

Brad enjoyed playing in the basket ball competition at the Soldiers Memorial Hall in the 70s with his mate the late James Angel. The team was called the "ball bashers" and he and James were a pair to be reckoned with. He also played for Bundanoon Men's hockey in the 80s.

Later in life he discovered a passion for draught horse "log snigging" which was introduced to him by well known horseman Sid Samuels who owns "Marlie" Stud at Exeter. Sid and Brad could be seen competing with the horses on the local show circuit. The display attracted many onlookers.

Brad was a sensible, level headed quiet country fellow who could always find a solution to a problem. Unfortunately, his love for the great outdoors meant he paid a heavy price, when Melanoma took its final hold, and he died at home on 17 January 2010.

Determined and strong till the end, he will be fondly remembered by his many friends and sadly missed by his wife Jan, son Ben, his adoring mother Fay, sister Belinda and myself…the sister, who didn't pinch the cigarettes.

A tribute to David Irwin

DAVID IRWIN , a well loved and respected member of the Bundanoon community died on Christmas Day 2009. He was born in February 1949 in South Africa and growing up in Zimbabwe he had experiences of the African bush and wildlife that were unique. These were often the subject of many family stories over the years. He worked in various banks around Zimbabwe and after leaving school he moved to South Africa to save money to travel. It was in San Francisco during the seventies that he was introduced to the Jesus Movement and thus his life was changed. Almost immediately, he gave all his money and himself to work fulltime in an inner city mission for drug addicts and alcoholics and then, knowing nothing about farming, he became the manager of the mission farm. In 1972, he left Africa (temporarily, he thought at the time) to travel to Australia to study at the Sydney Missionary and Bible College. It was there that he met his wife Jane. David studied at Moore Theological College in Sydney and this was followed by five and a half years working as a minister in the northwest of NSW. His ministries included Barradine, Bomaderry on the south coast and Menai. David's preaching was inspirational, his wisdom in dealing with people and situations was amazing, and he was held in high regard by the local churches and the community at large. On the day of his Memorial Service the Hall was filled to capacity with people whose lives he touched during those years.

While in Menai David pursued studies in psychology and counselling, as well as introducing new ideas and practices to the church. This was followed by a year working with the Anglican Counselling Centre, where he began to develop his own teaching style of psychology and counselling, which was to prove very valuable in the years ahead.

David also found time to lecture in psychology in various tertiary institutions, and commence his own unique SoulCare ministry of seminars and counselling during his time spent at a small church in Canterbury.

Three and a half years ago, he and Jane moved to Bundanoon and David continued to teach psychology at the Australian College of Applied Psychology, and to develop his SoulCare ministry.

jcg valued his contributions to our magazine and regret that his wise reflections on "happiness" were curtailed when he became ill.

Our condolences are extended to Jane, their daughters Katherine, Jenn, Sarah and their families.

PD

Dear Wonderful People of Bundanoon,

Thank you so much for the love, encouragement, hugs and practical support that David and I have received over the past few months, as he has suffered from pancreatic cancer, and then when he passed away on Christmas morning. My family and I appreciate your generosity of spirit, kind words and practicality, as well as your loving presence at David's Thanksgiving Service – you have been so good to us all.

I especially want to pay tribute to various groups who have been particularly helpful and supportive – Serendipity, the choir,my exercise class, my book club, many health professionals, my household help and gardening team, the BCA and all who assisted at the Thanksgiving Service, not to mention the individuals, too numerous to name who have given so much of themselves for us. I am grateful too, for the leafy streets and beautiful National Park on our doorstep, where my soul has been restored on many occasions.

This is an amazing community, we are so blessed to be part of you all – the thought of going through all this in the big city would have been too awful to contemplate!

So, I give you my sincere and heartfelt thanks,

Jane Irwin

Country living

by Keith McMenomy

'Unpredictability and precaution, small scale'.

SOUNDS BORING DOESN'T it, but this is about a survival technique across so many pursuits - ethical economics, industrial reform at a global level, and for present focus, even humble hobby farming or personal security. Groundbreaking designs and new inventions often rely on people defying safe practice, and technical progress depends on innovators. However, on the other hand planning on the land, with a constant unpredictability of weather and markets, favours precautionary behaviour to reduce risk. I suppose wise action always involves weighing up pros and cons before acting. Some big risk-takers do make fortunes but many more crash and burn, beaten by pests, droughts, fluctuating market demand or unsympathetic financiers.

I was told by an elder who survived and thrived on the land, "Always think optimistically but plan cautiously. This way you won't make a fortune but you will survive to enjoy the experience".

So here's the point of this story! The last few months have offered an example of unpredictability in forecasting. After four dry winter months October '09 was OK but November was dry again and unseasonably hot. It looked as if we were heading into another extreme summer. We decided to sell a few head of cattle in case feed would be scarce. Then, as it turned out, the first half of summer was a Highlands classic with frequent storms to bring on ample grass that will probably carry our cows through to autumn. Are we sorry we de-stocked? No way! In this sunburnt country where droughts are normal we erred towards safety and are still ahead in a very small way.

The frequently hot, damp and misty season has brought on growth in garden trees and shrubs, as well as neighbouring bush. The little birds are thriving under the protective canopy. Out in the open magpies and kookaburras have ample offspring and bands of charming Choughs have arrived on our few acres. They are large black birds with red eyes and white underwing patches. Hopping about the paddocks in large groups, they are sociable birds, chattering and chortling as they turn over dung for insects. They are similar in appearance to Currawongs and Crows but have none of their bad habits. For a while at least we are in a little bit of paradise again. So, don't bury your head in a pillow and hope for the best, think optimistically and plan cautiously!

Pedalling words

by Huw Kingston

Kids on Bikes

IT'S ALWAYS GREAT to see kids having fun and more young people in Bundanoon are out and about on the bike, particularly, riding to school; sometimes with mum or dad in tow! Some 140 took part in the Kid's Fling last November - the vast majority from the local area.

Whilst you might never forget how to ride a bike, you first need to learn how to do it properly and safely and you need to have good, fun places to ride. In February, Bundanoon Primary School offered cycling as part of the Active After School Programme. The kids who have signed up for this will learn how to ride safely and move on to more challenging skills as the sessions develop. Having the skills is one thing! Having good places to use them is another.

An exciting project this year is one involving Highlands Trails, our local trail building and cycle facility advocacy group and Bundanoon Lions Club. The Lions approached us to say they were keen to fundraise and help build something that had a focus on young people and cycling. With Bundanoon's role as a mountain bike centre, the idea was formulated to build a mountain bike track that is easily accessible for kids of all ages. Ideally this track will consist of up to 2km of 'single track' featuring climbs, descents, berms, log rolls, tight turns and tests of mountain bike skills. The emphasis is on fun, fun, fun for all - adults included – for locals and visitors alike. We're currently exploring possible locations within the town boundaries.

Also do check out www.benmikicfoundation.org.au. This Highlands based group exists to promote safe cycling for young people and includes occasional courses. The next MTB course for young people is on 12–13 April.

No Kids Allowed! Trail Ales is happening on Friday 9 April!

Danien Beets, former BCA President and mad keen mountain biker, had the idea of holding a gourmet food and boutique beer tasting night as a fundraiser for Highlands Trails (to pay for tools, signage etc used in such places as Wingello MTB Park). It will be a great night! The Beer Diva, international beer judge and editor of Beer & Brewer magazine (www.beerdiva.com.au) will guide us through a range of ales matched to three superb courses prepared by local caterer extraordinaire Ann Morgan. If you like good food and good beer this is a night for you! Location – Bundanoon Memorial Hall. Tickets from Bundanoon Newsagency and Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe. Details trailales@highlandstrails.com.au or Danien Beets on 0418 431625

The Saga of Old Argyle Road

As many know, Old Argyle Road, running down into Penrose State Forest is the original road to Goulburn. It is **the** favourite access trail for mountain bikers and walkers into the forest from Bundanoon. It's a beautiful, rough trail with plenty of wildlife to be seen along the way. It was apparently identified by Wingecarribee Bush Fire Management Committee as a route that should be kept in 'trafficable condition'. Before Christmas Council spent a grant of $51,000 on a road upgrade. Included in this was the erection of two locked gates at either end, despite the fact that it is a gazetted road (not a fire trail). Some residents contacted council and the situation now is that the gates remain but they have been unlocked. One hopes that the upgrade of the road does not encourage rubbish dumping down this laneway.

Enjoy the ride!
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The Good Yarn

EVERYONE KNOWS THE Good Yarn and you've looked in the windows but how many of you have actually had a sticky-beak inside? All manner of wondrous things are on the walls, on the shelves and on the floor!

There are Christian cards, gorgeous hand-knits for babies and adults, scarves, beanies, children's clothing, and socks from Crookwell. There is produce in season, fresh flowers, local jams and honeys, bric-a-brac, pre-loved books and magazines. You name it and you might just find what you are looking for. The Good Yarn is proud of the talented people who contribute to the stock and sell their craft with them. There are many local suppliers, although some items on consignment are from outside the district.

Nearing its 35th year, this little shop is staffed entirely by volunteers. In their first year of trading they were pleased to donate $400 to charity but things have certainly looked up since then! Donations are given to a wide range of recipients, local, state, national and international organizations both large and small. The total amount donated since inception up to 2009 was $355,645. From March to December 2009 alone, $15,500 was added to that amount – and the grand total to date is an amazing $371,145. Not bad for a small registered charity, non-denominational with no affiliations to any other organisation!

The rent paid to Wingecarribee Council for the shop is returned to Bundanoon via the BCA so the good works can continue to benefit our village. Generous locals also play a part by donating goods to sell. These are gratefully accepted.

The Good Yarn, a Bundanoon institution, personifies the contribution that volunteers make in small communities.

So come on in and have a look!

—Marilyn Rocca, ph 4883 6542

Hall memorabilia

Photos courtesy Erica Petersen

Bundanoon History Group is always looking for additions to their collection. Photographs and items of historic interest can be copied and the originals returned. What's in your family album?

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Coming soon: new display of Bundanoon history

BUNDANOON HISTORY GROUP is preparing a new display for the Old Goods Shed, showcasing a variety of main-street businesses, their proprietors and their changing specialities over the years. The exhibition will open later this autumn.

Saving our past

If you visit the History Shed in the main street on the first or third Sunday of each month when the markets are held in the Hall, you will find there is a wonderful collection of photographs from the archives for viewing on computer. History group members in attendance are there to answer your questions.

The group is always keen to expand their collection. If you have old family photographs or documents relating to life in Bundanoon and would be happy for copies to be made for the records, please contact them.

In particular, as the group is currently collecting material for their main street display, they would like to borrow photos taken in the main street with the shops in the background or items of memorabilia (original shop fittings, signs, vintage advertising receipts etc.). If you have anything which you would be prepared to lend to BHG please contact: Maureen Townsing, ph 48 83 7359, Andrew Pardoe, ph 4883 7064 or Pat Guy, 4883 6971

BHG meetings are held at The Bundanoon Club on the 1st Monday each month 10am for 10.30 am. Visitors are welcome.

Bon Ton Cafe (now The Good Yarn)

Main street cafes of Bundanoon in bygone days

Pierre's French Inn (now Bundanoon Pottery)

A PLACE TO GATHER

HOMO SAPIENS HAS felt the need to gather in groups for social rituals ever since Adam found some interesting company under an apple tree.

"When the citizens of a society can see and hear their leaders, then that society should be seen as one," said the philosopher Plato in *The Republic*.

Indigenous Australians had many words for a "meeting place" such as Nganbirra (from which the name of Canberra is derived) and Gumbuya. Their symbol for a meeting place is concentric circles with radiating lines denoting pathways leading to it. A bit like our Parliament House really.

The Greek word "agora" connotes both the assembly of people and the physical open space that served as a meeting ground for religious, political, judicial, social, and commercial activity. As early as the 5th century BC this space was often enclosed by colonnades and adorned with statues and fountains, a formula favoured by the ruling classes for the next thousand years.

Every language recognises the importance to society of a place to celebrate and exchange ideas. The Romans called it a forum, modern Italy calls it a piazza and here in Australia it can be a hall, square, church, pub, club, opera house, two-up ring or backyard BBQ.

Bundanoon has its own history of meeting places starting with the Wadi-wadi and Gandagara peoples sitting around a circle in a bush clearing. In the mid-19th century came the Primitive Methodist Church on the site of the current hall, then came other halls and finally the Soldiers Memorial Hall which was opened in 1935.

—Harvey Grennan

Appreciation

WHILE FURTHER WORK on our Hall will probably always be on the BCA agenda, it is fitting that the 75th anniversary year has seen some significant improvements.

Last year Council had the main Hall and Supper room repainted, funded from its limited Halls budget. At the same time the front doors were replaced with an impressive new etched-glass entry and appropriately designed new exit doors were installed. Major improvements were also made to the Supper room. With the availability of modern audiovisual equipment and new furniture it is now a modern seminar and meeting facility. We believe that the Bundanoon Hall received this attention ahead of many others because of its demonstrated high level of usage.

Concurrent with this, discussions with Council staff revealed the existence of almost $30,000 in old S94 development contribution funds; councillors unanimously adopted the recommendation that this be allocated to work on the Hall. This has provided new blinds and curtains, and late last year the beautiful new stage curtains.

Councillors and council staff have always assisted and special thanks are due to the many local builders, cabinet-makers, electricians, plumbers, painters and decorators who contributed their expertise to these, and previous, renovations.

From the lovely Bundanoon Quilt displayed in the foyer, to the beautiful proscenium and curtains of the stage, to the improved kitchen equipment and meeting room, the Hall is testament to the community cooperation which brought this long-term project to fruition.

—Ralph Clark

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GRANT FOR A PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL. No. 1.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth:— TO ALL to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:—

WHEREAS the Governor of Our Colony of New South Wales, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hath in pursuance of the provisions in that behalf contained in the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, reserved and dedicated the Lands hereinafter described, as the site for the erection thereon of a Chapel for the use of the Religious Society denominated Primitive Methodists: Now

Left: A detail from the original land grant

Bottom: The Mountain Home guest house and shop, previously on the site of the Memorial Hall

The centre of Bundanoon's community life

"I AM PLEASED to meet you all in a collective way," said NSW Premier Mr (later Sir Bertram) Stevens to the audience of local dignitaries on February 22 1935, "and prouder still to meet individually the returned soldiers of the district whose work has culminated in such a wonderful memorial to their mates". The hall in which they were gathered, said Mr Stevens, provided tangible evidence of the value of cooperative effort, which had such an influential bearing on the social life of the community.

Sub-editing seems not to have been a strength of the Moss Vale Post 75 years ago. The front-page headline of the 26 February 1935 edition read:

OFFICIALLY OPENED
NEW DISTRICT HOSPITAL
MR. MORTON PERFORMS CEREMONY

The article then proceeded to described in some detail the opening of the new Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall by the Premier. MF Morton MLA was an apology!

The Hall site has played a central role in the life of Bundanoon for more than 130 years; the Soldiers Memorial Hall itself has served for three-quarters of a century. A review of its changing uses over that period gives an interesting picture of how the community and lifestyles have evolved.

The trustees of the Primitive Methodist Church were granted an acre of land on 8 January 1880 (fortunately, as the church had already been constructed!). The site extended as far as the school down Church St and along Railway Ave as far as where the Chemist shop now stands. The original Church building also served as a school and meeting-place. It was subsequently moved to another position in the village and became a guest-house called Summer Hill.

The land closest to the station was then leased out and two timber shops and the two-storey Mountain Home guest-house were erected. Two more shops were subsequently built on what had been the front garden of Mountain Home, on the present shop alignment.

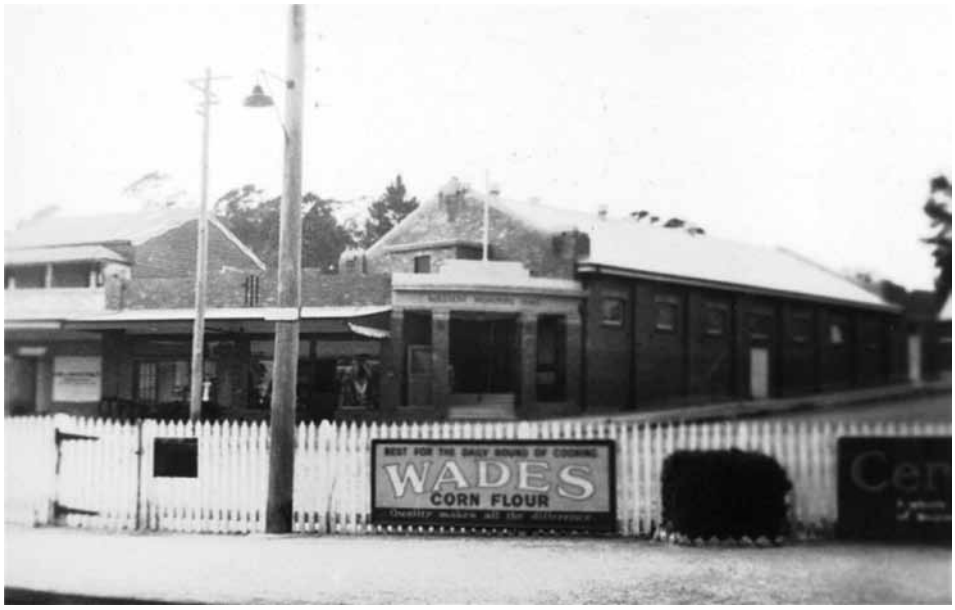
In 1930 the Church trustees subdivided the original one-acre grant. Wingecarribee Shire Council purchased the corner portion, where the Hall and the Good Yarn stand today.

One can but wonder at the initiative of the Bundanoon RSL members in erecting such a grand Hall in the middle of the Great Depression. The Post of 26 February 1935 tells us that "the project took root 12 years ago and, following a period of 10 years of inactivity,

Above: Hall under construction

Right: An early view of the completed Hall

Bottom right: Hall interior, circa 1960



a determination gripped the residents about two years ago".

"Advantage was taken of the availability of cheap money at the hands of the Government, and an amount of £3.600 was advanced for the purpose of constructing the memorial. Additional work increased the cost to £4,200.

A Sydney architect, Bertram Duckworth was given the hall commission. It would be interesting to know why he was summoned to a meeting with Council a month before the opening, but his building has certainly stood the test of time. The builder wasted no time – the foundation stone was laid on 19 October 1934 by the Minister for Labor (sic) and Industry, the Hon JM Dunningham, MLA.

RSL sub-branch president CJ (Charlie) Ross told the capacity audience at the opening that a shop-frontage had been let for the sum of £2/2/0 per week and the picture shows were expected to produce a further £3/3/0, aggregating approximately the repayments to which the sub-branch was committed. This announcement was greeted with warm applause. A Mr Peter Loughlin had led the well-supported fund-raising effort, to which the Premier added his cheque for two guineas.

In concluding his speech Mr Stevens stated that he hoped the local young folk would be impressed with the memorial to their forebears, and that their great ideal would be to preserve the tradition so nobly established by the soldiers whose memory was being honoured by the magnificent edifice erected in their midst.

As would be expected the Bundanoon ladies played a significant role. A committee headed by Mesdames Nicholas and Calverley raised sufficient funds to provide a Lipp piano, stool and stage fittings. The kitchen was furnished by the RSL Auxiliary.

The honor* rolls were dedicated with due solemnity by the RSL state president, IA Robbe, CMG. The lights were dimmed as the Last Post was played, followed by the dedication and Reveille. The boards had been made by an unemployed ex -soldier, free of charge.

In the early days the walls of the building were evidently emblazoned with the names of the battles in which the AIF had fought.

During WWII the parapet of the Hall was used as a plane-watch position; the lack of enemy planes in no way detracts from the patriotism of those involved. For many years the village fire-alarm was also situated here.

The Rex picture theatre was the main attraction of the hall for several decades, although many dances, balls, meetings, concerts and other functions were hosted. Indeed the venue was so popular that plans were drawn up for a two-level theatre on the site, which would have seen the hall demolished less than twenty years after it was built. It would be interesting to learn more about this scheme and its proponents.

After long-drawn-out negotiations Council leased the building to the Community Association in the 1970s. The Good Yarn has occupied its present site since 1975.

In the 90s, through the vision of the BCDA executive, the long overdue refurbishment began. Several Council loans have enabled improvements to the Hall; a $20,000 Australian Government Federation Grant and the proceeds from nine community dinners and events funded a major kitchen upgrade.

The standard of the Hall we enjoy today would not have been achieved without the support of Council and the voluntary efforts of the Bundanoon community. Countless hours of unpaid labour and (often anonymous) donations went to make it possible. As Hall usage has steadily increased the resultant hiring charges have enabled yet more work to be carried out.

Our Hall now proudly boasts excellent stage, sound, lighting, catering and conference facilities. It is truly the centre of community life in Bundanoon. As we mark its 75th anniversary I hope we all will take a moment to remember those whose memory it honours, those who had the initial dream of a memorial hall, and those who brought that dream to fruition.

—Ralph Clark

* **Note**: The spelling of honour on the boards in the Hall appears as 'honor', which was the convention of the time.

Before the hall, what…?

THE PEOPLE OF Bundanoon have been coming together for social, cultural and political events for close on 150 years. How was that achieved in the first 75 years, before the memorial hall was built?

The earliest communal meeting place was afforded by the commodious Primitive Methodist Church which stood on the block occupied by the current hall. As well as performing religious and educational functions, the church building hosted secular entertainments such as concerts, tributes and farewells.

Public recognition of departing citizens, and presentations at well-attended social gatherings, were a popular feature of late-Victorian rural communities. They usually comprised many effusive testimonial speeches and toasts, punctuated by recitations and popular songs delivered by just about every individual in the village.

In the early days many social events were hastily organised to collect money for local families who had suffered adversity. Residents shared not only their meagre earnings but also their food, drink and talents.

Larger events such as dinners and balls were often held on private properties, in barns or large booths or marquees erected for the occasion. A typical example was a Bachelors' Ball held at Mrs W. Bruce's residence at Reedy Creek in August 1887, where about 40 couples danced the night away accompanied by the usual accordion, fiddle and piano.

The Commercial Hotel owned by W. A. Nicholas opened in 1884 and offered another venue for meetings, dinners and receptions to those prepared to enter its demon doors.

Naturally it was shunned by the many temperance members of all denominations who continued to hold concerts and social events in the Methodist schoolroom or in a tarpaulin booth at the rear of the chapel.

Ever the social entrepreneur, the percipient Mr Nicholas eventually came up with the idea of an all-purpose public hall next to the hotel. The Centennial Hall opened with a Grand Railway Ball in July 1890. Immediately it filled a long-felt need more satisfactorily than the hotel, and was taken up by every group from the Cricket Club to the Self-Improvement Society and Railway Ambulance Corps.

Right through the last decade of the 19th century the Centennial Hall witnessed most major community events, including a ball in September 1894 to farewell railway gangs who had been re-laying the track. The decorations, as reported by The Scrutineer, were typical of the period:

"The interior of the hall was tastefully decorated with beautiful flowers, evergreens and ferns, interspersed with Chinese lanterns and different coloured lights …"

With the new century came new ownership of both the hotel and hall, when the Tyler family took over. The community was now coming together in aid of more remote causes, such as the Mount Kembla relief fund in 1902 and far west drought relief in 1903.

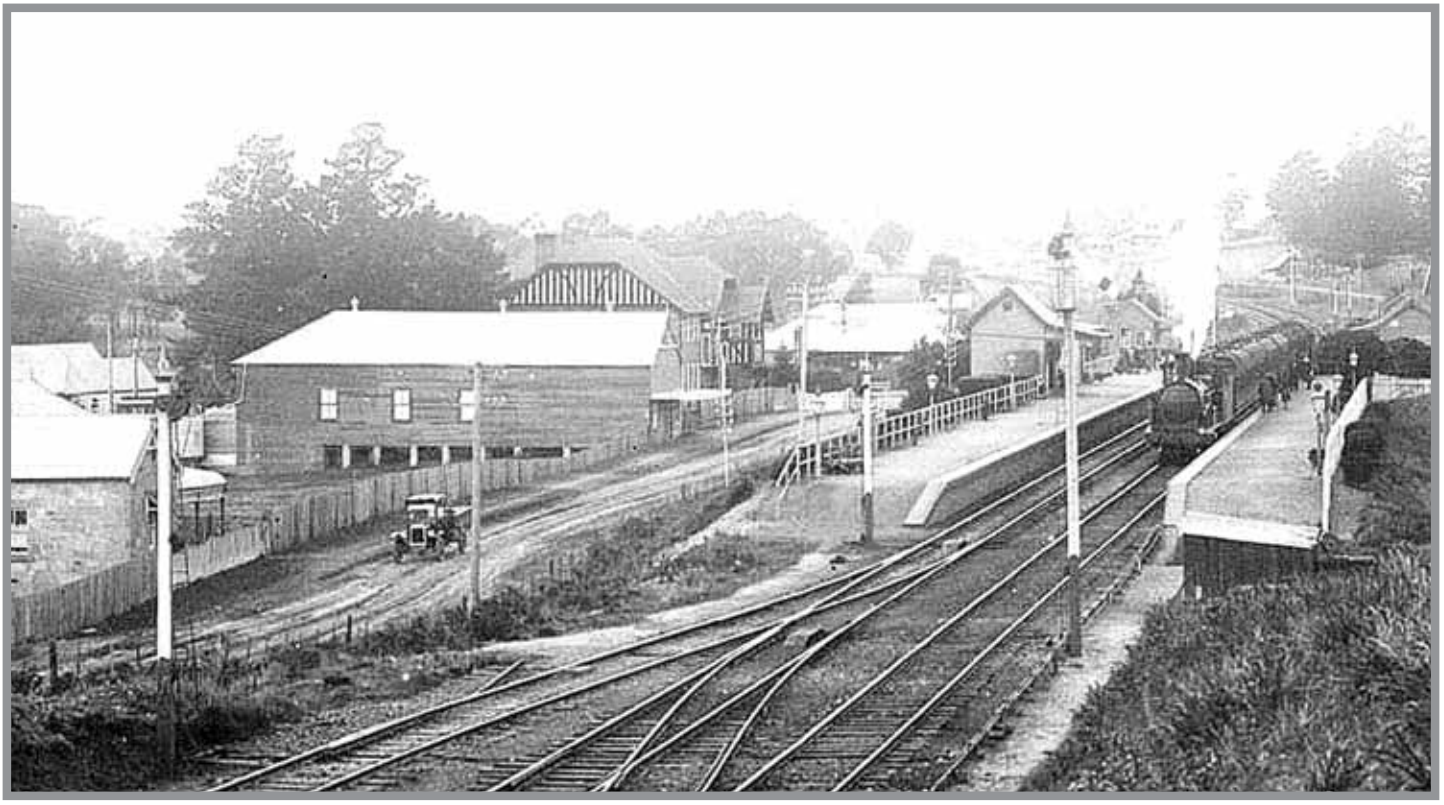
For nearly three years Bundanoon was without a public hall. From late 1904 Mrs Tyler was building a new hall with sandstone foundations. It finally opened as Tyler's Public Hall in April 1907 with a Bohemian Evening, in aid of Holy Trinity Church building fund.

Tyler's Hall maintained its place as the heart and soul of the Bundanoon community until the 1930s. In particular it carried the community through the development of cinematic entertainment from Bioscope in 1908, and silent films accompanied by piano, to talkies.

Towards the end of its life, on 29 August, 1929, as the Moss Vale Post reported, "Tyler's Hall emerged from stygian gloom into a blaze of iridescent illumination" when Mark Morton MP switched on the electricity and kerosene lamps were extinguished.

—Thanks to Liz Walker, Archivist, Bundanoon History Group

The picture shows Tyler's Hall (foreground, building with row of three windows) and the Royal Hotel



Heroes look down from Hall's honor roll

IN SEPTEMBER 1917, at the battle of Polygon Wood in Belgium, Lance Corporal Rubin Hillier had two knuckles on his left hand shot off while leading a charge on a German position.

Undeterred, Rubin continued the charge, single-handedly taking out a German machine gun placement. Later in the engagement the tip of his nose was shot off but he still refused medical attention and consolidated his men's position. Even a third wound through his forearm did not stop him.

But the Germans were determined to stop this crazy Australian. Out on patrol at night he was shot in the thigh, his femur shattered.

Rubin James Hillier was born at Exeter, NSW in 1891, the eldest child of William Hillier and Ada Gambell of Bundanoon. In March 1916, at 24 years of age, he and his brother Henry, 21, enlisted at Goulburn.

Rubin's name is among the local lads who served their country on the honor roll in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall.

At the end of September the brothers embarked on the troop ship Aeneas in Sydney for the seven week journey to Plymouth, England. A month later they were sailing on the Princess Victoria from Folkestone to Etaples in France where they joined the 5th reinforcements for 56th Battalion in February 1917.

Four months later Henry contracted mumps and was invalided back to Parkhouse Military Hospital in England. At about the same time Rubin was made a Lance Corporal and the 56th Battalion advanced on the Germans following their retreat to the Hindenburg Line.

The AIF's focus then switched to the Ypres sector in Belgium, where the 56th Battalion had its major battle at Polygon Wood on September 26, the day Rubin was first wounded in action.

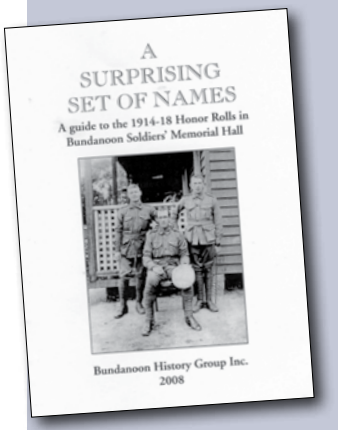
Rubin spent the next six months recovering in English military hospitals before his return to Australia in June, 1918 and subsequent medical discharge. During his military career he was awarded a Distinguished Conduct medal (DCM) the French Medaille Militaire and the Italian Bronze Medal for Military Valour.

Rubin Hillier returned to Anglegrove Farm at Exeter where he quietly contributed to community life for the next half century or so, passing away at Bowral in 1980 at the age of 89.

Rubin and Henry Hillier

The citation for Rubin Hiller's DCM reads, in part:

"At Polygon Wood, East of Ypres on 26 Sep 1917, this N.C.O. was always at the front in the attack. Early in the engagement he had the knuckles of two fingers of the left hand shot off, but he continued at duty, always in the lead. Near the final objective a strong point with a machine gun held up the right flank. L/Cpl. Hillier alone, proceeded to the right of this point. A couple of shots were heard from his direction, the machine gun ceased fire and the advance continued. Later in the engagement L/Cpl. Hillier received a second wound, the tip of his nose being shot off. He was urged to go to the Dressing Station but declined. A third wound, through the right forearm did not deter him. At 10 p.m. he was in a patrol, and received a fourth wound, through the leg, which caused his retirement. This N.C.O. showed magnificent courage and cheerfulness, as well as fine leadership. At all times he made light of his wounds. His wonderful courage and devotion to duty under very trying circumstances, and in the face of heavy artillery and machine gun fire made a great impression on all with whom he came in contact."



Available for $2 at the History Shed

A surprising set of names

WHEN RESEARCHING THE material for this booklet it was found that only four names belonged to men born in Bundanoon although several others were descended from early Bundanoon families. The names on the honor board in the Hall more accurately lists veterans of World War I who were living in the Bundanoon District or had relatives or digger mates living here in the 1930s when the memorials were established. If this was a revelation, imagine the shock on finding men shown as "killed in war" who died of illness unrelated to the war, in some cases long after the war was over. Or the man who failed to complete training and was discharged as unsuitable. Finally the omission of Bundanoon born and bred Herbert Phillips Kernick, memorialised in Bundanoon Cemetery. Hence the title, "A Surprising Set of Names". Although the boards were an integral part of the original Hall design they were kept at the railway station until 1971, a popular place for such memorials. It's not known when the rolls were placed in the present site and the board which commemorates the dates of Australian involvement in later conflicts is at present in the RSL Hall.

Service records of World War I are on public access at the National Archives of Australia:

www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/conflicts.aspx

A grand achievement

VISITORS TO BUNDANOON are surprised when they see a grand piano on our stage. This wonderful addition to our Hall was the initiative of Michael and Coralie Flint who came from Sydney to live in Bundanoon in 1997. With a strong music background they were soon aware of the outstanding acoustic qualities of the Hall, and conceived the idea of establishing a guild of all the arts, both performing and visual, with members who had established a standard of excellence in their field. Thus Arts Bundanoon came into being, as a sub-committee of BCDA, creating an opportunity to showcase performances of a professional standard.

The first step was the formation of a small choir, six in number to begin, who met for rehearsals at the Flints' home. This vocal ensemble grew to become the Bundanoon Voices, known and respected in the Highlands as a seriously good choir. At this point the dream of a grand piano to replace the existing instrument in the hall started to become a reality. There were fundraising concerts and donations for the "purchase" of piano components (keys cost $50). A beautiful Kawai piano was the result! Performances by professional artists and senior students from the Canberra School of Music and the Sydney Conservatorium saw a significant increase in audience numbers. Piano at 10 was established and this monthly Saturday morning concert now attracts up to 100 people, sometimes more. Regular attendees are local residents who may not be able to travel to a concert in any of the city venues.

The stage area was increased and storage space was made beneath it. Fire-proof stage dressings were made, stage lighting was purchased and hung, and a box office, true to the Art Deco period of the Hall, was built. Michael continued his "cold-calling" and a number of significant artists have played and sung in our little town, among them the head of keyboard studies at the Sydney Conservatorium, Gerard Willems, Canberra cellist David Periera, and choral groups and soloists. Regular afternoon and evening concerts continue to be held each year, with a gala evening performance being a highlight.

Michael and Coralie stepped aside from their involvement early in 2008, and the baton was handed to a small Arts Bundanoon committee headed by Liz and Rod Moore. 'Voices' singers became the nucleus of a new choir, 'Serendipity', led by Kerith Fowles. Concerts continue to attract a wide audience from throughout the Highlands and beyond. Thus the seed sowed by the Flints has germinated and flowered, and the Arts are alive and thriving in our southern part of the Shire.

—Kate Perkins

Michael supervises the arrival of the grand piano

Ron Cunnew

Rex Cinema

THE REX CINEMA at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall replaced Tyler's Hall as the new "Picture Show". With a couple of short breaks, movies continued to be shown regularly at the Hall until the mid 1960s, when the popularity of television meant the death of many movie theatres, including the "Rex".

In 1994, some volunteers from the Bundanoon Community Association decided to start showing movies again at the Hall. The 1928 projector was repaired, and the "Rex" was back in business. Since then, there have been about three movie showings each year at the Hall, with the old classics being the most popular. Charles Slater became our projectionist and more recently Ron Cunnew has also "driven" the restored machines. Advertisements from the silent movie days are often shown prior to the main feature, reminding us of long forgotten household items as well as pointing out some courtesies to be observed during the film. And the audience loves it when the projector breaks down and they have to wait several minutes for the movie to continue – all part of the nostalgic atmosphere.

Sadly, the 1928 projector had to be retired in 2004, but we were able to procure a 1947 projector to replace it, and some more bits and pieces for repairs were picked up in 2008, so the show still goes on. The 1928 projector is now proudly displayed in the foyer of the Hall, along with some of the posters for movies shown over the years.

Centre for the arts

Photo courtesy Fiona Joy Hawkins

arts BUNDANOON

FOR THE PAST decade the Hall has been home to Arts Bundanoon, now one of the most active and respected community arts organisations in the state of NSW.

Arts Bundanoon presents five or six afternoon and evening concerts in the hall each year. Talented and high profile musicians such as Gerard Willems, The Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Ensemble, The Song Company, Jane Rutter and many more have entertained local audiences.

On the first Saturday of each month Piano at Ten has become an iconic and 'must-do' event for Southern Highlands music lovers and a vehicle for young musicians to hone their performance skills. Local and visiting artists always enjoy playing to appreciative audiences in the Hall with its fine acoustics and splendid Kawai grand piano.

The Bundanoon community is indeed indebted to Michael and Coralie Flint who established Arts Bundanoon (see previous page). With the professionalism of Brian Banting, Bob Smith, Malcolm Townsend and others, stage lighting and sound systems were fitted to enhance the venue for both music performances and other events.

The high standard set by Michael and Coralie has positioned Arts Bundanoon on the radar of many performance artists seeking to take their music to regional NSW.

During 2010 Arts Bundanoon will host a further range of talented musicians. **Jonah and the Wailers** are returning in March, and both the **Illythian Ensemble** and players from the **Sydney Symphony Orchestra Fellows** will play later in the year. A radio play and a visiting woodwind ensemble are also planned for mid-2010. **For details see page 11 or go to www.bundanoon.nsw.au and follow the links to Arts Bundanoon or phone 4883 7777.**

—Rod Moore

Jonah and the Wailers

SERENDIPITY:THE CHOIR FINISHED 2009 with another choral triumph. Our performances of the program entitled "Heavenly Bodies" received generous acclaim from audiences, and the beautiful images which Sandra Menteith and Bob Thomas prepared were much admired. This program challenged the choir to reach new heights and it was with a common sense of relief that we 'pulled off' our world premiere at the Bowral performance. We begin 2010 with renewed confidence.

Serendipity the choir

As both the Music Director and Repetiteur will be overseas in April and May our usual routine of a May concert will be varied. Instead, we are presenting in March a program called "TIMES PAST – a choral retrospective", in which we will feature music chosen (democratically of course) by members of the choir. All the pieces have already appeared in earlier programs – hence the title. We are delighted that Mark Williamson, arguably the première classical guitarist of the Highlands, will be joining us as associate artist and he is choosing some of his favourite pieces for inclusion in the concert.

It's not just the time of year which is changing for our concerts; we are venturing further afield than before by taking this program to St Saviour's Anglican Cathedral in Goulburn. This is an exciting development for the choir as we seek to share our music making with a wider audience, and to promote Bundanoon and its vibrant artistic community in the Tablelands.

Remember we have a beautiful website. Do visit us at: http://serendipity.bundanoon.nsw.au

—Kerith Fowles

Performances of "TIMES PAST" will be:

Saturday 20 March, 3.00pm:
Bundanoon Memorial Hall

Sunday 28 March, 3.00pm:
St Saviour's Anglican Cathedral, Goulburn

Diary dates: 4 and 11 September.

'Bob's your uncle!'

'UNCLE BOB', BUNDANOON personality, convenor of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall's comings and goings and an active member of the BCA since his arrival in Bundanoon, describes himself as 'Mr Make Sure it Happens – right place, right time, right price!' and has certainly involved himself closely in the life of his adopted village.

His working life began as an apprentice carpenter/joiner and he later became General Foreman (Building) which had him managing every aspect of the work of up to 100 men for a building company in Sydney. Over the years he moved beyond his original training to other aspects of major construction works. He has had experience in explosive tool operation and has worked as a rigger, a heavy crane operator, a scaffolder, a dogman and a hoist driver. Some interesting projects were refurbishment work on the Queen Victoria Building, a large external clock on the Sydney GPO, at Elizabeth Farm and the Coats of Arms on the Commonwealth Bank building on the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place. Later in his working life Bob accepted the role of safety coordinator for a large Australian construction company and significant amongst his responsibilities were the overall safety issues of a $100 million project involving the construction of a large shopping centre together with 300 residential units and associated civil works. You could say 'Uncle Bob' was a busy fellow!

In retirement Bob is still busy! He has played a major role in BCA's refurbishment of the Memorial Hall and enjoys working with others in the Men's Shed Group. 'Uncle Bob' is comfortable being a team player and certainly his management role at the Hall has been invaluable. He has continued to supervise the upgrade which was undertaken by BCDA in 1993 following the successful application for a grant from Wingecarribee Council

Bob and his wife Lois came to Bundanoon about ten years ago and they are both members of the Garden Club. At home Bob has his own shed and he and Lois enjoy working on their garden. Having raised six children of their own they now have five grandchildren. Spare time activity has ranged over scouting, bushwalking, family camping, caving and photography and as if he didn't have enough to do Bob collects cameras – and what a collection it is! Bob says it all started back in 1957 when he moved from the bush to start work as an apprentice. He brought with him 'one of my favourite possessions at that time, a Canadian Kodak Bullet Camera' (see pic) his own father had brought to Australia with him when he immigrated to this country. From this simple beginning the collection has grown to in excess of 600 individual pieces. His latest purchase is a 18x optical plus 10x digital zoom digital camera that has all the "programs I need". His favourite though is still his World War I, third field camera purchased in 1987.

—Graeme Whisker

Bob Smith, right, helping out in the Hall

Hear this!

BRIAN BANTING IS sadly missed, at present, from his perch in the mezzanine level where he controls sound and lighting for most events in the Hall. He is recovering from knee surgery and even the thought of climbing stairs is daunting.

Brian and his wife Carolyn came to live in Bundanoon from Wollongong six years ago, although for some years before that they had a weekender at Exeter. Their garden in Bundanoon is beautifully landscaped and Carolyn works tirelessly to maintain "Open Garden" standards. Brian admits to lawn mowing duties only, which probably accounts for the amount of time he has given to upgrading the sound and lighting facilities in the Hall. Working with Bob Smith and other community volunteers, Brian has contributed generously to the "mini Opera House" sound system now in place. The improvements to lighting and sound often receive compliments from artists who are surprised to find such facilities in a regional hall.

Brian is a music lover and found his way to Piano@10 and concerts soon after arriving in Bundanoon. He was impressed with the quality performances, but also recognized the inherent acoustic features of the building. Since then he has been involved in ongoing improvements.

Performances have been improved with the installation of stage lighting and electronic equipment. A12-channel lighting console with dimmer units has been added to the lighting bar installed by Michael Flint. Brian explains, "There is also an eight-mic. channel with a three line-in mixer, and five radio mic. receivers. Add to that a lectern with twin mics, six mic feeds from stage to the mezzanine loft and two high power speakers and you have a pretty good system." Two new stands have been added to the equipment which includes two belt packs with microphones and seven microphones for stage use. Too much information? Well that's not all! With changing technology Brian says, "It's a work in progress!"

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Through Ross-coloured glasses

by Ross Armfield

Taking them on

THERE IS A place for bureaucracy! I don't know where, but there must be one. We're aware of it when things go wrong on a large scale and the papers have a field day exposing the excesses and bewildering decisions of State and Federal governments, but the greatest impact on us individually must surely be at a local level. Delays in development applications, tree removals, road repairs or inconsistencies in approvals of business types and housing designs when it comes to being 'in keeping' with their surroundings. And then there's the problem of dealings with 'telcos' and power suppliers. Most people have horror stories about these! My most recent run-in with bureaucracy is just a little more basic.

In early December, Council sent me a letter informing me that I had to apply for permission to operate a 'system of sewage management' – that's a septic tank to you and me. In the same letter I also had to apply for an inspection of my septic tank (cost $30, to be paid within 30 days), even though they had already told me of the date they were coming to perform the said inspection. They also told me that the cost of the inspection, (as opposed to the application), would be $50 extra if my property was less than 3000sqm, but just under $70 extra if it was more. WHAT? Same number of septic tanks (1), same number of loos, same number of bottoms, but $20 more if you live on a larger space! Incredible! I'd been through the same process just five years previously and despite the inspector, (a polite young man), telling me in 2004 and in 2009 that they were working their way through all the shire's systems, (a very messy thought), I know of many properties that have never been approached. I suddenly had a 'Peter Finch' moment! As a newsreader in the film *Network*, he encourages everyone to scream out of their windows, "I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore"! So, I wrote a letter.

My letter from council had been signed by D (Surname!), so I started mine by beginning: Dear D. The body of the letter began by thanking them for the opportunity to contribute my money to their funds as I knew how carefully it would be invested, particularly overseas. I then queried why it was necessary to pay these charges when I already pay $3000 per year in rates. Surely, I said, that amount would cover the inspection of a septic tank given that we get nothing else for that money as water and garbage and even council cleanups are charged separately. I reminded them of the absurdity of applying for something they had already initiated, and charging different amounts for the same job based upon the size of a block of land. I concluded the letter by thanking them once again and signed off as R. To show there were no hard feelings I added a p.s. offering them the shirt off my back if they'd like that too! To date, I've paid the application fee and had the inspection. I've not yet received the report or paid for the inspection. Maybe the letter worked and they felt some sympathy for my case, maybe the letter went in the bin after providing a few office laughs and expletives or maybe it's just the bureaucratic wheels turning very slowly over the holiday period. I live in hope.

In the great scheme of things it's a pretty trivial matter and amount, but it's funny how the little things spur you to act. How it all pans out is now quite irrelevant. My blood pressure was eased, my anxiety levels subsided and at the time of writing to the bureaucracy, it felt bloody great!

DIY know-how

by Patrick Fitzgerald

Shocking news

HOW MANY BORDER Collies does it take to change a light bulb? Two: one to change the bulb and one to rewire the house. How many sparks does it take to burn your house down? Just the one. That is not a joke.

Our family house burned down completely when I was very young, and almost claimed my younger brother. The real shock was how quickly the whole inferno erupted and the shell that remained after just one hour. All this was caused by a fault in the electrical system.

That was quite a few years ago, but unfortunately, a huge number of houses in Bundanoon will have wiring of a similar vintage. Add to that some interference by rodents, large and small, some amateur work done somewhere in the distant past, and the introduction of white goods, plasma TV's and electric heaters and it is not a surprise to realise that many systems are overloaded, or just hanging in.

In the good old days, wiring was made of solid copper wire surrounded by a type of heavy fabric. In many cases the earth was introduced as the metal conduit within the walls. When too much load was put on the system, a wire proportional in size to the capacity of that circuit burned through. Luckily, this was contained in the fuse board so no harm was done. The offending appliance was identified and repaired, new fuse wire installed (same size as the old), and all was well. Except that it wasn't. In many cases, frustrated householders, fed up with repairing fuse wire late at night, put heavier fuse wire in so the wire didn't fail. Problem is, the wire in the system is not designed to take the extra load, the wire heats up, ignites the fabric, burns the now very dry timber and next thing the blaze has started.

If your house is 15 years or newer, then the latest in circuit protection will have been installed along with far better wiring technology. If the fuses in the meter box are the old style fuses with a light wire running through them, it's probably a good idea to replace them with circuit breakers. Ask a local friendly electrician to have a look at what you have, and replace them if necessary. If a short, or electrical leak, is detected, the circuit will cut out in milliseconds, necessary if a kiddie sticks a fork in a power point. Once the fault is found, the switch is reset with a flick. Foolproof!

All qualified electricians can tell you what is necessary to up grade a power box. Allow from $500–$1000, depending on the number of circuits and any problems the electrician may find. Better safe than sorry was never more true.

And yes, Border Collies are that smart. Trust me. All queries regarding the above article should be addressed to Scruffy my collie, c/o Patrick.

Vet's casebook

by Ken Davidson BVSc (Hons)

Stormy weather

Q: What do thunder storms, New Year's Eve and Cracker night have in common?

A: Petrified pets!

Psychotic fear of loud bangs experienced by dogs can be a huge problem for animals and their owners. In many cases the panic caused by claps of thunder or a fireworks display can lead to loss of your pet or injury and/or death as your dog blindly does everything to escape. It seems that fear completely overtakes the brain of an otherwise normally calm and intelligent pet.

Behaviour varies from relatively harmless hiding under the nearest bed to actual destruction of the inside of the house if your pet is locked in and you are not at home. I have heard of cases where dogs, clawing to escape, ripped screen doors, architraves were destroyed and the inside of the house was trashed while a thunder storm raged!

Why is it that some dogs remain unaffected by loud noise and others go berserk?

Mostly the answer to this lies in the formative 6-8 weeks of a pup's life. During this time, bad experiences are never forgotten. They become imprinted on their brains forever. (This applies to good experiences as well but these are less recognisable as your pup grows into a loving dog.)

Here's a classic example! We once owned a dog called "Mr Breeze." He was a German Short-Haired Pointer which came to us as a seven week old pup. He was a loving animal, totally well balanced as a family pet. For 99% of the time you couldn't fault him. The trouble was the other 1%!

Mr Breeze feared and hated thunder storms. He also hated the Moss Vale Show on Friday and Saturday nights. We lived about 400 metres away and around 9 pm there was a fireworks display. We found this out the hard way the first time when Mr Breeze clawed his way over our fence and disappeared for three days. It was an agonising time, not knowing whether he was run over and possibly lying injured in a ditch. We spent the whole time searching, ringing the pound, ringing all the vet practices and putting up signs on light poles…all to no avail!.

Just as all hope of finding him alive faded, we had a phone call. The shrieks of delight from Kerry on the phone brought instant smiles from the five children and me, all trying to listen in. Believe it or not, Mr Breeze had run blindly for three kilometres and ended up right at the end of Broughton Street. The owner of the property collected old broken down cars and happened to look in the back of an old Ford Cortina with the window down. There was Mr Breeze, sitting in the back seat, shaking like a leaf and still too petrified to move. Luckily he had his collar on with a telephone number on his metal tag!

Mr Breeze was one of a large litter bred by a Short-haired Pointer breeder who specialised in Gun Dogs. I remember him disdainfully telling me that Mr Breeze was a reject and only suitable as a pet. When questioned, he proudly said

"I test them by firing a 12 Gauge shotgun at close range when they are 6 weeks old…the good pups hang about and enjoy the smell of the gun-powder, the rejects race off, screaming in fear." It was quite apparent that Mr Breeze was not destined to a life of retrieving dead ducks and also explained his life-long fear of loud noises!

Advice:

- Try desensitising your dog by playing a CD of storm sounds on a daily basis. Use a tranquilliser tablet available from your vet although this must be done 1 hour before storms hit. Not an easy call.
- Try to be at home to console your dog during a storm.

CWA report

OUR CHRISTMAS BREAK is over and it is back to work beginning with the annual "Get Together Morning Tea' which was held for all Highland branches, Bowral, Bundanoon, Exeter, Mittagong and Moss Vale. We played host this year to about 30 of our fellow members on 1 February 2010.

At our Christmas lunch, which we again enjoyed at Treetops Guesthouse, our raffle prize winner was none other than our past President, Kath Smith. Justifiably deserved after all the wonderful work she has done, and continues to do, in CWA of NSW. Kath has now taken the position of Group secretary as well as our Branch treasurer. Cheers, Kath!

In early March we went as a group to see our very own Jan McPhail, who appeared as Miss Jones in "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying".

Four of our members have been busy with a ribbon embroidery project for the handicraft competition. This year, the subject is a chatelaine whereby the ladies of old carried their scissors, thimble, pins and needles attached to a belt. Sheila Topham has kept us all up to the mark to be ready for Group competition in March.

Our plans are under way for our charity fundraising efforts for 2010 so watch for our advertisements, stalls and posters. May 27 is the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea and Wednesday, September 8, has been designated CWA Day by our State Executive. This will be held State-wide and will be a day of information, celebration, fun and fellowship. This will perhaps include a parade of ladies in purple clothes and red hats!

Our first meeting for the year was held on Thursday, 4 February, 2010 and we look forward to a year of peace, sharing and friendship… from little things big things grow. If you would like to join us please contact Gaye Everett, ph 4883 7999

Gaye Everett, Bundanoon Branch Publicity Officer

February rainfall

IN RESPONSE TO a query from jcg, Stephen Owens sent this message:

"As at [8:30pm on 14 February] the rainfall for the month so far is 285.2 mm (nearly 12 inches) with most of the rain falling on 5 February. This is the highest February rainfall since 1961. From Friday we have only had 47.6 mm.

Now about Bundanoon's rainfall records. There are two stations, "Bundanoon bowling club" (68008) which is now run by me, and "Plattwood"(68100) which is run by Chubby Nurse. The numbers refer to the station and can be accessed at www.bom.gov.au where daily and monthly readings are available. 68008 started recording in 1902 and 68100 in 1961. We send a monthly report to the BOM (the met office) and they add it to their website."

Far left: Neolithic dwelling, Skara Brae

Left: View of Hoy from ferry

In the footsteps of giants

GIVEN THEIR REMOTE location and tiny population, you could be forgiven for assuming nothing very important had ever happened on the Orkney Islands. But you would be wrong. In fact these islands have played a role in history out of all proportion to their size, from Neolithic times right up to the Second World War.

In June last year I had the opportunity to go. My partner Thomas is Scottish and is always keen to visit the land of his birth, especially its wilder areas. I knew something about the ancient archaeological sites and the islands' remote beauty and was happy to see somewhere entirely new. An additional reason to visit was a family connection. An uncle in Sydney researches our family genealogy and gave me details of an Orcadian ancestor who had emigrated to New Zealand in the nineteenth century.

Our departure point from mainland Britain bears possibly the unloveliest place-name in the world: the port of Scrabster, near Thurso. The ferry, however, was beautifully appointed. The crossing takes around 90 minutes. Standing sentinel over the approach to the islands is the Old Man of Hoy, a sandstone sea-stack rising 137 metres out of the sea, a favourite destination for fearless climbers.

The ferry docks at Stromness, a picturesque village of stone buildings stretched along the shoreline. Many ships took aboard their last fresh water here before setting off across the seas, including Captain Cook's *Discovery*. Stromness is on the main island of the Orkneys, known simply as Mainland. The largest town, Kirkwall, is about 25km away. Today Stromness is home to the European Marine Energy Centre, as the strong tidal flows between Orkney and mainland Britain promise enormous generation potential.

Also on Mainland is Skara Brae. In 1850 a great storm stripped off the grass and sand covering the remains of this ancient settlement. Eight stone structures have now been excavated and carbon-dated as far back as 3200BC, older than the pyramids. It is thought the village was inhabited for at least 600 years. It is an awesome location. Other Neolithic sites to visit are the tomb-mound at Maes Howe and various standing stones. Norse and medieval remains also abound.

The islands encircle the natural deep water harbour of Scapa Flow, a vital British naval base in both World Wars, enabling protected access to the Atlantic. The German fleet was interned here after World War I, but before any decision could be reached as to its fate, the order was given to scuttle the ships. Today they form a popular diving location. The sinking of HMS *Royal Oak* in the harbour by a U-boat at the start of World War II prompted the building of the Churchill Barriers, a series of causeways to block the channels between several islands – now a handy road link.

The Orkney Family History Society is a group of helpful volunteers with premises at Kirkwall Library. They are open to the public each afternoon to help with genealogical questions. I dropped in and was delighted they were quickly able to locate a family grave in the nearby Cathedral graveyard and give me its exact location.

On the return ferry trip, we took advantage of a great deal. You can board in the evening and spend the night in a comfortable cabin, then wake and enjoy breakfast as the ferry sets sail early in the morning. I was sad to leave, realising that the astonishing Orkneys offer much more than we had been able to experience.

—Ben Mawston

Below: St Margaret's Hope
Below middle: Stromness Harbour
Right: Old Man of Hoy

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Garden club

by Joan Geraghty, President

BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB has proven to be one of the larger gatherings in this people-centred community and is thriving, with membership at the end of 2009 standing at 221. We meet in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall on the first Thursday of every month except January and December (Christmas lunch!) at 10.00 am. Sometimes, during the two hours we are there, the roof of the Hall may well rise to accommodate the sounds of 100 people talking at once; it is a very friendly club whose members welcome newcomers to the area with generous hospitality.

We have members from most areas of the Southern Highlands – much can be learnt from their experience – and we often visit gardens outside Bundanoon. One of the main objects is to circulate information, particularly to those experiencing cold-climate gardening for the first time. There is an opportunity to learn both formally and informally at our meetings, our visits and during visits from other clubs. Several "Friendship Gardens" are open during the year on the first Saturday of the month. These are arranged for club members and their guests and are announced at our meetings.

In 2009 we had a marvellous trip to Crookwell to see a variety of gardens and to share experiences with their owners. Lunch was a highlight with catering provided in an old-fashioned café whose hospitality was reminiscent of a much earlier time. Later in the year we took two coaches to Vaucluse to look at Vaucluse House and garden and also the garden of a private home belonging to a Vaucluse Garden Club member.

Each meeting concludes with a guest speaker, sometimes from within our club, but more often from further afield. Topics are usually garden-centred, always entertaining and instructive. We constantly look for guest speakers, so would welcome suggestions.

The Garden Club library continues to grow and is a great resource. Our librarian keeps it so well-organised that it is easy to find a book of particular interest and members may borrow three items for the period between meetings. With the library, trade table and morning tea, the interval between meeting and guest speaker disappears much too quickly!

We moved into the electronic age during 2009. Most of our members now receive their newsletter by email and contact among committee members is done the same way. A significant purchase was our own laptop which will be available to guest speakers for power point presentations. We are presently training people in its use so that someone will be available at each meeting to set up and assist guest speakers. Our other major purchase was ten gazebos for the Garden Ramble Committee. Given the miserable weather on the final day, they were very well appreciated.

The Club maintains Nancy Kingsbury Park. It is not onerous, and several working bees each year together with the oversight by an energetic committee member, ensures that it remains one of the treasures of the town. We added a memorial seat for Kane, our past president, early in the year.

According to our minutes the club moved its meeting place from the Bundanoon Hotel to the Memorial Hall on Thursday 5 July 2001. We have met at the Hall ever since on the first Thursday of each month from February to November. Prior to meeting at the pub, the club met at the Uniting Church hall, the community centre (CWA) and in private homes.

If you have come to this area recently, consider joining us – we would make you very welcome. Most people arrive at 9.30 to be ready for the meeting to start at 10.00.

Climate change

by Tony Hill

Copenhagen observations

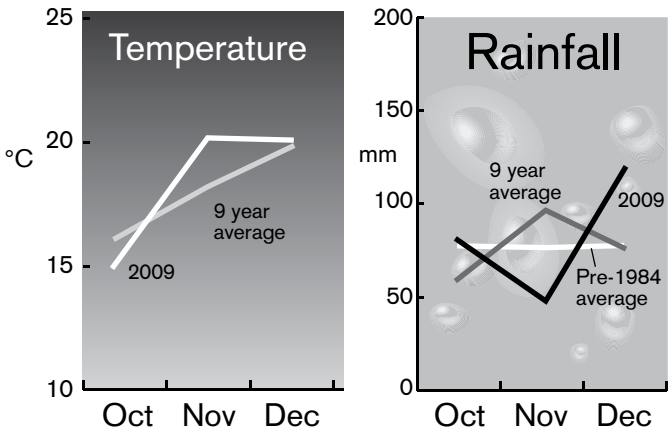
AROUND THE SOUTHERN end of the Wingecarribee Shire 2009 was shaping up to be another 2002,when smoke had started to hang around from late September and in November a fire started in the bush at Touga, south east of Wingello, and ran all the way to Jervis Bay. This was followed by fierce fires in Canberra in January 2003.

Last year also had been an exceptionally dry year, until an extra 100mm fall made it not much below the 8 year average. This happened after a tropical cyclone hit the northwest coast and instead of turning back to the Indian Ocean, kept tracking inland as a tropical low, bringing Christmas rain to north-western NSW and eventually to us.

On the international scene the focus was on the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference. I have had a long term interest in environmental issues and I believe that Copenhagen was not altogether a failure. It may be seen, in the future, as a landmark in the progress towards adapting to and controlling global warming. The political and economic deal put forward by the developed countries was rejected by the developing countries who are much more immediately threatened by climate change. The deniers staged an alternative conference and came across as old men enjoying the limelight by repeating their discredited claims to the joy of their supporters. They were largely ignored by the media and by the tumultuous main conference.

China and India both showed that they have no intention of accepting any cuts that would reduce their right to pollute the atmosphere the same as everybody else. They and the developed countries tried to cut a deal that did little to address the problem and had plenty of loopholes. The proposal was not accepted by the conference and in the end it was merely "noted". The likely outcome may be that the main polluters will try to stitch up emissions allowances in backroom negotiations to soothe the voting public back home and exclude the poorest and smallest countries, but these countries, the scientists and non-government organisations will not let them have their way without a fight.

2010 is an election year in Australia. It seems to me that Kevin Rudd has proved to be a conservative who puts political and economic expediency ahead of firm action on climate change and prefers to deal with other climate conservatives. I hope that the Greens and thoughtful and informed independents will hold the balance of power in the new Senate so the next government will have to negotiate with people who support the scientific consensus and see the economic and social opportunities for Australia in a low carbon sustainable society. Doing nothing is much riskier than taking action. There is not much time left and it is up to the voters to decide whether Australia's role is constructive or destabilising in the worldwide negotiations.



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Northern section during an early stage of planting

North-east corner and creek awaiting attention

The "Trungley Experiment"

'SOIL PH 6-7. High wind area - unprotected. Exposed to summer heat and winter frosts. Rare instances of flooding. Rabbits, wombats. Electricity transmission line cuts across north-western corner. Crossed asymmetrically by eroded tributary of Reedy Creek.' These were the somewhat daunting specifications submitted to Wariapendi nursery for native plants suited to harsh conditions in a planned revegetation project.

Betty & Brian Higgins, owners of the 55 acre Trungley Lowline Cattle stud on the edge of Bundanoon, had been interested for some time in revitalising a 2000 sq m section of their property. The catalyst for the project's initiation was the availability of mature lomandras (several truck loads) from John & Margaret McNamara's Exeter property last June. Elements of the Morton National Park Volunteers Group agreed to plant this massive mat-rush in previously prepared rip lines in two tough winter work sessions. In the spring, 400 additional plants recommended to withstand the conditions were ordered from the nursery (along with ancillary items such as water crystals, fertiliser pellets, stakes and guards) and following a scale plan, the crew commenced phase two of an ongoing planting, again utilising parallel rip lines spaced at two metre intervals. (Thanks also to the Higgins' son-in-law and grandson who auger-drilled more than 100 holes for the creek-bank area). The species selected included *Lomandra longifolia*; *Juncus usitatus* (a fine, tall rush for the creek); *Melaleuca linariiifolia* (for the swampy north-west comer); two kinds of tea-tree - *Leptospermum lanigerum* and *L. obovatum*; a hardy bottlebrush – *Callistemon pityoides* and a number of Eucalypt varieties for the canopy - *E. macarthurii, E. ovata* and *E. stellulata*. Hand-watering in the early stages is time consuming but essential during an unforgiving summer and has been carried out weekly. Water is sourced from a pump-augmented 500 litre tank on the tray of a 4WD ute (replenished weekly from a bore by Brian) and manually from the creek (when it is flowing).

Why attempt this project? For the owners it was an opportunity to revegetate a portion of surplus pasture-land incorporating a watercourse. For the MNP volunteers it provided an 'extra-curricular' activity to refine regeneration and teamwork skills while having the satisfaction of seeing tangible results take shape (and enjoy Betty's excellent Christmas lunch). For the environment, it represented the creation of a small wildlife habitat in an otherwise essentially cleared landscape. It is fascinating to speculate on the animals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates which will make this their home. Along the creek for example, frogs are heard, there is evidence of fresh water molluscs, at least four species of dragonfly have been seen and two related butterfly species unrecorded elsewhere in the Bundanoon area - the Fiery Copper, *Paralucia pyrodiscus* and the Chequered Copper, *Lucia limbaria* were recently observed there. This reserve will be for the foreseeable future an isolated oasis on a portion of the creek which flows downstream from Bundanoon's Currabunda Wetland. Ideally, it might become the nucleus of a contiguous green corridor stretching from Bundanoon to Paddy's River.

There is an urgent need for thousands of similar programmes to help counter land degradation. The "Trungley Experiment" is one small step along the road.

—Alan Hyman

View of creek area, lomandras in middle distance

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Havoc at Bundanoon railway station: the 1955 derailment

EARLY ONE SATURDAY morning, the quiet pre-dawn of Bundanoon was shattered at 4:30am by what sounded like an earthquake or a bomb going off.

It was 19 November, 1955 and a heavily laden goods train approaching Bundanoon station from the north suddenly derailed.

Local resident Les Rundle was eight years old at the time and remembers being woken by the commotion. When he and his mates hoofed it down to the station they were amazed at the devastation.

The Sun-Herald on Sunday 20 November 1955 reported as follows:

"The main southern line was blocked yesterday when 10 trucks of a Goulburn-bound goods train were derailed at Bundanoon.

Both sets of tracks at the station were damaged. One set was ripped up for 500 yards. The derailment occurred when one of the 39 trucks broke an axle at 4.30am. The truck was laden with blue metal which was strewn along the permanent way.

Breakdown gangs from Goulburn and Sydney had cleared the line to Sydney shortly before 1pm. The first train to get through was the Riverina Express at 1pm, about two and a half hours late.

Mrs J Sawtell, the wife of the Bundanoon police officer, said she had never seen anything like it."

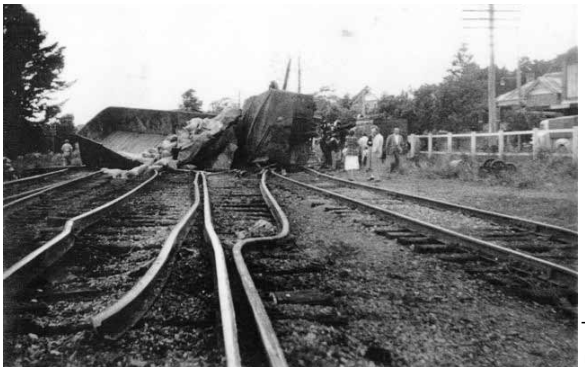
Pat Turner, the stationmaster at Bundanoon from the 1960s, recollects that as the wagons derailed, the engine and first wagons careered along and up, smashing through the platforms. Railway employee Harry West saw it coming and took off out the back window of the signal room without injury. No other persons were hurt but the lengthy disruptions inconvenienced many.

We wish to acknowledge the substantial contributions of Les Rundle, Pat Turner and Leon Oberg to this article.

—Bundanoon History Group

LONG DELAYS: Waiting for the train or spectators?

VIEW ACROSS TO RAILWAY AVENUE: Note the wide variety of car models in Bundanoon in 1955.



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The Choir will be accompanied by parish organist **Andrej Kouznetsov**, who has just been appointed organ scholar to Salisbury Cathedral (UK), and who will be magical on Bundanoon's grand piano.

Put this in your diary as a 'must see' for May 1!

The unexplained...

HOW DID AN abandoned yacht end up in Penrose State Forest? If you've seen it, what's your theory ?

Our newsagent, Peter Stewart says " There is a "geo-cache" site near it, which means that people from all over the world have seen it and there are remarks from them on the internet as well.

Please contact *jcg* if you know more. Ed

In your garden

CAROL TOWNSEND HAS sent us a photo of a Golden Cuckoo Shrike, one of two that took over her garden in December 2008. They had been reared by a resident currawong. The poor currawong was nearly demented by these two orphans, who squawked at it constantly to be fed, which she did under great duress. Unsurprisingly, after about three months, the currawong disappeared, to let them feed themselves.

Then one morning this past December, about 7am, there was a huge ruckus in the garden as the cuckoo returned and tried to lay her eggs in a currawong's nest. Fortunately the currawong won this round.

Carol writes, "I feel so sorry for the bird that loses especially when the cuckoo breaks out of its shell and then proceeds to toss all the other newborns out of the nest. Nature is a hard task mother when it comes to providing for all its species."

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TONI BARTUSH-PEEK HAS set up practice in Bundanoon, thinking it's strange where you end up, but it's all down to her husband Kit whose family has been in Bundanoon, almost continuously, since 1881.

In November 1881 Kit's great-grandfather, Walter Grice, was granted three 83 acre blocks between what is now Blue Gum Road in the north and William Street/the Glow Worm Glen track in the south. From 1885 Walter operated the "Summer Hill" guesthouse.

On part of the land Walter's son Joseph and his wife, Annie, built the Lynbrook guesthouse, now the YHA. Toni and Kit still have some of the decorative china and linen table cloths used in Lynbrook's dining room. The laundry mark "J Grice", stamped in India ink marks the cloths and Annie's "calling cards" alert guests to the availability of "electric light" in the house.

Joe and Annie also built the cottage, "Glenview" next door to Lynbrook where, after Joe's death, Annie lived until she was about 98 and decided she could no longer quite manage the wood fired stove and dealing with the snakes attracted to the warmth of her kitchen. Lynbrook had already passed into other hands. Annie was 106 when she died at Linkside Nursing Home, leaving Glenview to her son, Les.

Kit has memories of school holidays at "Glenview", spent on long walks with his grandfather Les, who was always in a black beret with a walking stick.

By the time Kit inherited "Glenview" in the late 1980s all that remained of Walter's original grant was the cottage and less than an acre of land. Glenview was sold and later, with a young family of his own, Kit came back and bought a weekender and some acres at Exeter and Toni continued as a barrister in Phillip Street, dashing to the cool and quiet of the Highlands most weekends.

When the draw of the Highlands became irresistible, Kit moved his family to Exeter. As the children grew, a larger house was needed so they bought "Rosewood" in Nicholas Avenue, Bundanoon. The house was part of the 1881 grant to a Dr Nicholas who had had the "pill factory" at the corner of Penrose Road.

Toni has been practicing in the Southern Highlands since 2006 and, finally freed of the M5 madness, is glad to be a country solicitor in Bundanoon.

—PD

Congratulations Leslie!

AUSTRALIA DAY IN Berrima is a major event. There is a significant colonial history and iconic buildings including the jail and Harpers Mansion have been recorded in the National Trust register. It is an appropriate choice of venue to mark the occasion in the Southern Highlands. This year, the Hoye family of Bundanoon were there for the celebrations.

A highlight of the day is the Wingecarribee Shire Council presentation of awards for Citizen of the Year. Former mayor Gordon Lewis was a popular choice in recognition of his many years of service to Council and the wider community but selection of Young Citizen of the Year was more difficult. There were five candidates who felt honoured just to be nominated. Leslie Jonson-Hoye of Bundanoon took out the title. *Southern Highland News* reported that he has had many awards for leadership, fundraising concerts and drives at school. Leslie was a School Council member for five years and has worked with other student bodies at regional and state levels.

Having completed high school at Moss Vale last year he is now enrolled in an Information Technology course at Campbelltown TAFE. His ambition is to have a secondary school teaching career and he will follow his TAFE studies with a Wollongong University degree course and a Diploma of Education.

Leslie still makes time for community involvement and is at present working on a computer system update for Wingecarribee Adult Day Care Centre.

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The Parliamentary Secretary for Transport informs us that by June a DVA unit will be reinstalled at Bundanoon to provide information about delays and cancellations.

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Each day during the lunch break Tom Skinner, an Equine Education tutor, gave an eye-opening demonstration, taking an unbroken three year old horse and convincing it that being ridden was the only thing it ever wanted. The horse was saddled and semi-mounted in the first hour and was ridden in the open with stock whip cracking on the final day of the camp. Another spectacle for the children was a display by three mounted troopers of the Australian Light Horse under the guidance of Trooper Graham Brown. The highlight of the camp was the cattle handling instruction where children worked in pairs. The exercise was aimed at teaching the skills of "leg aids, haunch turns and roll-backs" culminating in a mini-draft where the animal had to be run through a simple course on time. This required preparation, the night before, of a pre- designed arena and holding yards for fifty head of young cattle selected and donated by Steve Simpson and Anna King of Wylarah Pastoral Co.

On the final day Polocrosse instruction was given by Bruce and Janice Greensdale, Neville Gilpin and Ann Anderson of the Burradoo Polocrosse Club.

The camp provided a wonderful opportunity for young riders to improve their riding performance and horse skills. Time trials under the watchful eye of Ken Turner, held on a course set up on one side of the grounds ensured everyone was fully engaged each day. Many people helped to make this a special school holiday experience and the organisiers are grateful to all those who contributed to the event.

Information provided by Joan and Tony Lacey
Photography by Tony Lacey

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Cattle handling demonstration

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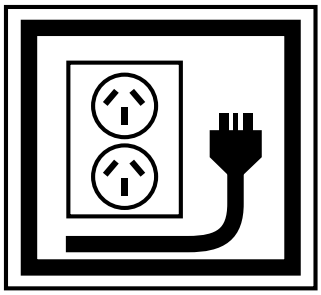

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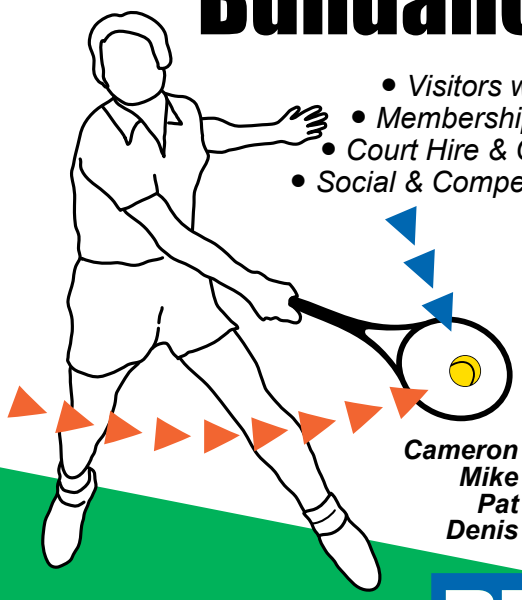

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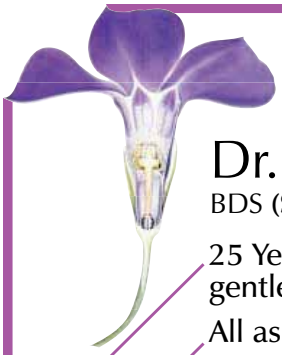

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