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A magazine for Bundanoon
and Southern Villages

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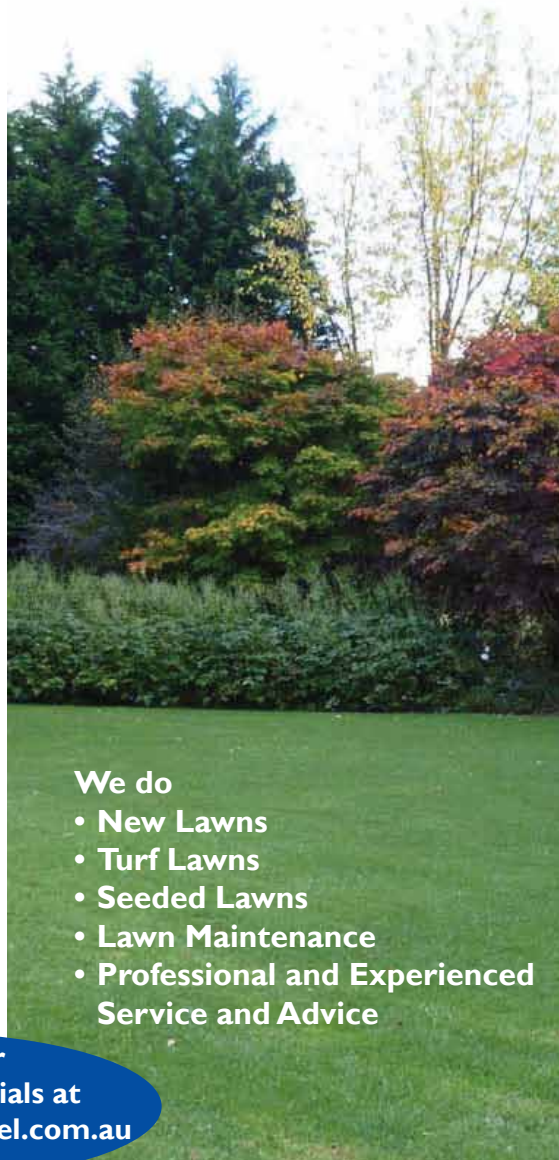


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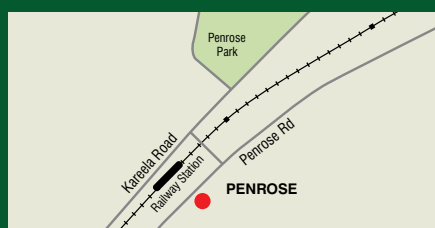


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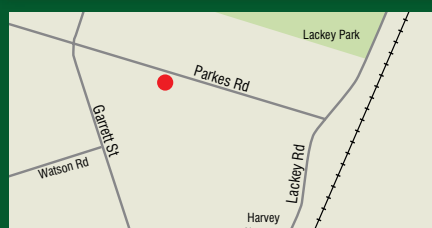
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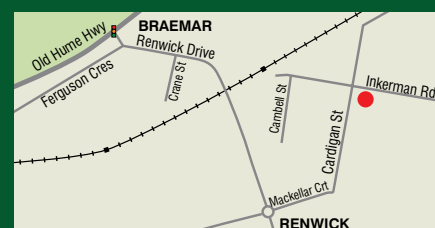
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**Deadline for next issue:
Friday 1 May**

Calendar of events –

FEBRUARY



5: Garden Club guest speaker
Trish Arbib presented the history of nurseries in our local area

15: Australian Geographic filming in Bundanoon – Kangaroo March



History Group –
See current display in the Old Goods Shed – Religions in Bundanoon and exhibition of historic pictures in the

railway station waiting room

MARCH

4: OFFICIAL LAUNCH in the Soldiers Memorial Hall

8: Grow cook eat – Bundanoon Community Garden festival



Sandra Menteith gave a talk in celebration of Bundanoon's 150th birthday with the theme: "We've done it before, we'll grow it again."

Putting locally grown food on the table 150 years on". Featuring archive photos of food growing in Bundanoon over the years, the talk took a trip down memory lane with stories of how important local food production was to the growth of the town and its various activities, such as tourism. It also explored today's resurgence of interest in home and community gardening: both for good health and to meet the challenges of a changing climate and rising fresh food prices.

14 AND 15: History group mini bus tours, with commentary on points of historical interest. Find out more about your village. 10.30am and 1.30pm each day (approx 1 1/4 hours). Meet at The Old Goods Shed



Cost: \$5.00 per person. Bookings desirable, contact Pat Guy on 4883 6971 or patmalguy@hotmail.com

21 AND 22: The Art of Needle Work: Past and Present. Needles and Natter exhibition in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

Work by Southern Highlands Quilters Guild, Tallong Quilters, CWA and Southern Highlands Machine Sewing Guild will be on show, some items for sale. Also historical exhibition – handmade lace, dolls, wedding gowns, christening robes, old spinning wheels and sewing machines.



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APRIL

4: Piano at Ten

11: Brigadoon, featuring:

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"Lavoz" Ladies Drumming Group who perform for the promotion of women's health



And there are new 'heavy events' scheduled from the Tartan Warriors



25: Anzac Day

March and service in the Hall.

Rex Cinema screening in the Memorial Hall of "Gallipoli", 7:00pm for 7:30pm.

MAY

2: Piano at Ten



23: Bowral, 3.00pm

29: Bundanoon, 6.00pm

30: Bundanoon, 3.00pm



Join the choir for a concert celebrating our sesqui-centenary. Songs reflecting Bundanoon's past, present and future will be interwoven

with historical snatches and a few surprises! Come along for a trip down memory lane together accompanied by a glass of celebratory bubbles.

Tickets \$15.00, available from Todds Real Estate, Bundanoon (and our Bowral outlet, the Brown Bookshop) from 2 May.

Contact Kerith Fowles, 4883 6515

JUNE

5-8: Dancefest

The long weekend in June will see the 7th Bundanoon DanceFest. Local organiser and musician, David Johnson, from Penrose is expecting up to three hundred keen dancers and musicians to descend on Bundanoon from as far away as Tasmania and Queensland for



days filled with dance workshops in up to four different venues concurrently and an evening dance or ball each night in the Hall. An array of Australia's finest dance callers in Australian Bush Dance, as well as Irish, English, Scottish, American, Contra, Ballroom, and European styles will lead the way, with some forty musicians providing top quality live music. Bush Tradition Inc, whose aim is performing and popularising Australian traditions, is behind this event. Information is available on the website www.bushtraditions.org

13: Garden Club Winter Seminar, Soldiers' Memorial Hall. Featuring expert guest speakers



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14:

Bundanoon Lions Club presents a concert featuring Peter Coad and the Coad Sisters in the Hall. Doors open 1pm



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and 150th contribution to the community.

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17: Bundanoon History Group – 'Voices from the Past'

2.00pm at the Old Methodist Church – an afternoon of listening to interesting/ amusing



recorded reminiscences of older residents of our village collected over the last eight years or so.

Afternoon tea will be served. Cost \$5.00 per person (further advertising closer to the event).

150th celebrations



JUNE 26 – JULY 5:

Winterfest

150 years of Bundanoon and 10 years of Winterfest

Opening Night Street Party, with performances from: The Shane Pacey

Trio (member of Bondi Cigars) and Nick Rhineberger

Art in the Hall. Theme – 'Rainforests'. Entry open to children and general public.

Concert in the Hall

Picnic in the Park – Music and entertainment.

RSPCA Dog Walk

Movies in the Memorial Hall

Poetry afternoon

Workshops (Open for suggestions)

Planning Winterfest is on-going. If you would like to help sponsor Winterfest this year or want to know more, please contact Lisa Stuart: 0411 297 963

JULY

4: Piano at Ten

Christmas in July Date TBA, Bundanoon Hotel



AUGUST

1: Piano at Ten

29 – 30: Bundanoon History Group presents 'Objects from the Past'

At the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, 10.00am to 4.00pm each day

An exhibition of objects from the past – farm machinery, books, household furniture and items used in the home, clothing, jewellery, bric a brac. All the items on show come from collections owned by Bundanoon residents and form a fascinating insight into the lives of our ancestors.

Entry by gold coin donation (further advertising closer to the event)



SEPTEMBER

5: Piano at Ten

5: Bundanoon Rural Fire Service 75 year celebration, 2.00pm. The Rural Fire Commissioner, Mr. Shane Fitzsimmons, the Emergency Services Minister, our local Members, both State and Federal, Wingecarribee Shire Council Mayor, the Councillors and the General Manager will be invited, together with representatives from all Bundanoon community groups.

After the disastrous bush fires of 1939 a loose-knit group of volunteers came together to fight fires in the district. In 1946 Bundanoon Bush Fire Brigade was officially recognised. Their equipment consisted of



beaters (some made of hessian bags, some from old shoe leathers), rakes and hoes, and were stored in the lock-up at the Police Station, where the bell (now in our Fire Station) was mounted on a pole. The first vehicle was a 1924 Garford – when the bell rang the driver would often stop by the Pub to pick up the firefighters! Training was non-existent in the early days – things have changed dramatically now.

Further information will be available closer to the date.



5: Boronia Garden Party, Bundanoon Hotel



OCTOBER

1: KANGAROO MARCH RENACTMENT

3: Piano at Ten

OCTOBER (cont.)

1 – 5 Carriage Driving Festival



This is the Club's contribution to the Bundanoon Community for the Sesquicentenary celebrations,

and promises to bring many visitors and competitors from interstate, and perhaps N.Z., to the area for an extended period.

There will also be two International Judges coming from Belgium, who will conduct clinics during the Festival. This added attraction will add interest for carriage drivers from all over Australia. Five days of competition, fun and socialising for competitors and visitors alike.

Everyone is most welcome to come and enjoy some of the spectacles and thrills of the many facets of Carriage Driving – right here in Bundanoon!

24–25: Bundanoon Garden Ramble 2015

In 2015 to celebrate the sesquicentenary of Bundanoon the Garden Ramble will be featuring several gardens of older and more historic properties. Some are close to 100 years old or more and whilst their gardens have evolved and changed over the years they still reflect their history. Many feature old roses, heritage perennials, camellias, rhododendrons and beautiful trees both deciduous and evergreen in park like settings.



More information is available at www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au and on the Bundanoon Garden Ramble facebook page.

AND THERE'S MORE!

Keep an eye on *jcg* throughout the year for updates and more events and watch for a monthly calendar banner on the wall of the Memorial Hall.

And see also the official website at: www.bundanoon150.org.au

ARTS BUNDANOON EVENTS:

See page 43.

A message from the Mayor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BUNDANOON!

And what a celebration it is.

This year of course marks the 150th anniversary, or Sesquicentenary, of the settlement of Bundanoon.

But of course Bundanoon wasn't always the village we recognise today. Like all of our Shire's towns and villages, Bundanoon has seen its fortunes ebb and flow.

The first settlers to the region came lured by rich seams of coal that had been discovered in the nearby gullies and gorges, and by 1865 the first permanent settlement of Jordan's Crossing had been established.

It wouldn't be until the early 1880s that the name of the now little village changed to Bundanoon. The change of title coincided with visitors from Sydney seeking refuge from their coastal humidity who had heard word of the village's charms.

But whilst industry changed throughout its history, a redeeming constant of Bundanoon has been its people. Because a village, regardless of how beautiful, is little without its residents.

Bundanoon's citizens have always been determined, generous, proud and amongst all else, possess an extraordinary spirit of community.

As with all projects there needs a driver to make it a success. Outgoing JCG Editor Pam Davies is such a leader possessing the abovementioned characteristics that have helped make JCG the wonderful publication that you enjoy today.

For the past decade, Pam has selflessly dedicated her spare time to ensuring this beautiful quarterly community magazine arrives safely tucked in mail boxes across Bundanoon and its surrounds.

Keep in mind too that it's been 20 years since JCG was launched as a humble black and white newsletter and you begin to realise how much effort Pam – and indeed the entire JCG team – have poured into this magazine.

Praise is also in order to all the readers and advertisers. Your continued support has made JCG the envy of many other villages and its contribution to Bundanoon should not be underestimated.

So take a bow Pam, you've done a wonderful job. It's time for you to relax and join in with rest of Bundy as you celebrate 150 wonderful years.

—Wingecarribee Shire Mayor, Councillor Duncan Gair



A year to celebrate!

Bundanoon's Sesquicentenary and the 20th anniversary of Jordan's Crossing Gazette are celebrated in this issue of our community magazine

THROUGHOUT 2015 EVENTS will be held as part of a year-long celebration of the history of our community. 1950s style fetes, bike riding and equestrian events, country dances, garden workshops and many more will be held throughout the year. Popular annual events – Brigadoon, Winterfest, Garden Ramble and the Highland Fling to name a few – will be adding special features to celebrate Bundanoon 150.

Over the years Bundanoon has marked important dates with special events: 125 years since a school was established, 100 years since the building of the Primitive Methodist Church (later the Uniting Church) and anniversaries of the Anglican and Catholic churches were also celebrated. Special editions of **jcg** commemorated 75 years since the Soldiers' Memorial Hall was built and 75 years of community organisations working together to make Bundanoon the unique village it is today. This began with the early families who raised funds for many public amenities in our village. There has always been a strong community spirit here and we are still experiencing a wonderful sense of pride in Bundanoon.

Stories reflecting our history have been a feature of the magazine since the first edition in 1995. A selection of these are republished to celebrate both our history and the 20th year of **jcg**.

In the 15th Anniversary issue of **jcg** a tribute, first published in 2005 for the 10th anniversary, was republished. Written by Kate Perkins, it acknowledged the contributions of Chris Dwyer, Paul Gleeson, John Hartley, John Royal and many others too numerous to mention. Their vision for **jcg** has been maintained and expanded. In 1995 the focus was on matters of concern to the Bundanoon Community Development Association. Gradually, personality profiles and items of general interest followed. It began as a newsletter but as advertisers supported the publication more pages were added. When David Morgan became editor in 2002 the scope of **jcg** broadened

and a magazine format began the transition to the style which has been used for the last 12 years. It remains a not-for-profit publication supported entirely by advertisers and the original brief still applies – to reflect the ideas and interests of the people of Bundanoon (and more recently) the southern villages.

Bundanoon's sesquicentenary is a celebration of a history of community involvement in the development of our town's unique character.



Kangaroo March centenary parade



On Sunday 15 February Bundanoon was the site for filming by Australian Geographic of part of a program to be screened on Channel 9 later this year. Thanks to organiser Rhondra Vanzella and enthusiastic local participation, the event was a great success.

Photographs courtesy Bundanoon Photography Group



Eventful year ahead



**Christine Miller
President**

AS YOU READ the first of our *jcg* magazines for 2015, our Sesquicentenary celebrations will have begun. To keep in touch with what lies ahead in each month, go to the website www.bundanoon150.org.au and you'll be able to read about many wonderful events. There's also a board on the Church Street side of the Hall that will list activities for 'the month ahead' throughout the year.

We are keen to have some legacy for the village from 2015, not just fun in 2015 and a number of projects planned to begin this year will take our acknowledgement of this achievement into 2016 and possibly into 2017. Our RSL is working with Council and BCA to consider a way to protect the historical gates at the entry to the area in town where the RSL hall, the pool, the Bundanoon Club and our beautiful oval are located. Sitting stately as they have done for many years now, there are signs of wear and tear particularly from being quite narrow. A most sensitive and appropriate re-construction, re-location (just to widen the space) will be undertaken as is possible. The sanctity of the gates as a First World War memorial will be respected at all times.

Leaver Park is a wonderful part of our early years and BCA has submitted a request to a NSW Government funding body for financial contribution to reviewing the area, to rebuild it to a more appealing and usable and visitable space. It used to be the 'go to' location for a leisurely stroll and weekend get-together but has become run down and overgrown. We have put forward a 50:50 proposition, that volunteer time from the people of Bundanoon is matched by government support. The result of the application will be received towards the end of March, but on March 1st, Clean Up Australia Day, the project for Bundanoon in 2015 is starting the clean up and clearing of this location.

You'll have noticed changes in the village with bright white lines now indicating where parking in the elbow is to take place and where pedestrian access is provided there and elsewhere. This will be followed up shortly with wheel stops sitting on the roadway near to the kerb to block cars from reversing too close to, or even over the edge of, the footpath. There has been concern for a while with this issue and the result is these changes. A small group from BCA worked with Council for the best outcome. What we've got isn't our 'ideal', however, there is much legislation applicable to things of this kind and most of our – "could we do this", and, "would you consider an alternative" – were unsuccessful. It is likely that when the wheel stops are in place BCA (with Council's permission) will attach markers in some form to highlight day and night that the wheel stops are there.

There's a phrase I like that refers to something, an event, a contribution, change, as – *another thread in life's rich tapestry*. One of the most significant threads that makes up the amazing tapestry that is Bundanoon is *jcg* magazine. One of the most significant contributions to this part of our tapestry is Pam Davies, who has fulfilled the role of editor of *jcg* for 10 years. This is her last magazine and we say 'thank you Pam, your personal contribution, the outcome of your work, is simply magnificent'. We are very proud of our magazine and its contribution to Bundanoon matters.

**The BCA AGM will take place on
Thursday 19 March, 7:30pm in the
Soldiers' Memorial Hall. All welcome.**

Bon voyage madam editor

TEN YEARS AGO when Pam Davies became the editor of *jcg* I happened to owe her a favour. "Just do one piece for me for the magazine," she said. Forty issues and a million words later I am still here.

Such are the powers of persuasion of this remarkable woman who came to the job with no journalistic experience yet who has lifted *jcg* to such professional heights. Better design, stronger covers, more pages, more colour, more gloss, better stories, sharper pictures.

Perhaps it was in her latent DNA – her daughter Anne is a star investigative reporter on the *Sydney Morning Herald*. Mind you, if it was in her DNA she really should have found it in her laboratory career.

Pam's talents were made for the job. Not only could she discover and cajole other budding writers in the community to work for nothing, she could always come up with an interesting theme for the next issue and then allocate the many and various tasks – often to herself.

Readers of *jcg* would not be aware of the time taken to put such a magazine together. You must assemble the team of writers, allocate assignments, chase up the copy, sub-edit and trim to length all that copy, write headlines, organise photographs and then – with the able help of designer Ben Mawston – lay out the magazine, page by painstaking page. This is many days work for both of them each issue. Pam says "Ben has had the design skills to bring my ideas to the page and during the 10 years we have worked together we have developed a distinctive style for the magazine."

In her previous life Pam was a scientific officer at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital where she ran the diagnostic cytology laboratory. She also completed a degree in sociology and education.

She came to Bundanoon in 1989 after telling RPA "she had met and fallen in love with a guest house". That guest house was Mildenhall which she created out of two flats and ran successfully for 10 years. Later she converted Inverard into self-catering accommodation, selling that in 2010 to build a new house.

She was a member of the Southern Highlands Tourism Board and, of course, the then Bundanoon Community Development Association where her flair for catering was soon put to good use. More recently she set up the JCG Food and Wine BCA sub-committee. In 2009 Pam was elected a Life Member of BCA.



This issue is Pam's and Ben's last *jcg* after their 10 year partnership. She looks forward to more time to enjoy life, friendship and travel with partner Ralph Clark. David Morgan resumes the role he filled pre-Pamela. Bundanoon wishes you both well.

—Harvey Grennan

"From our early meetings in the back room of the pub Pam undertook massive amounts of work in writing, organising and editing. Amazing commitment, dedication and perseverance."
– Ross Armfield, writer.

"Without Pam's phenomenal personal contribution, significant editorial skills and magnificent persuasive manner *jcg* magazine simply would not be what it is today and likely would not still be such a significant part of our village life."
– Christine Miller, BCA president.

"The number of people Pam has encouraged to write for the magazine would probably make a surprising total, from school children to octogenarians, new residents to third-generation locals."
– Kate Perkins, writer.

"Pam is thoroughly committed to making JCG as good as it can be, and to involving others in that vision."
– Ben Mawston, *jcg* graphic designer.

OUR HISTORY

March 2007

We all have a past, and we hope, a future. Because what we do now helps to shape the future, most people spend much of their time planning and working for the future to the exclusion of the past.

However the past is not without its fascination, as evidenced by the multitude of museums situated throughout New South Wales and the fact that over sixty local historical societies operate in Sydney alone.

It could be argued that Bundanoon's history commenced when the area was explored in 1818 by Charles Throsby but prior to that it had been a meeting and trading place for the Wadi-wadi and Gandagara aboriginal peoples.

After the passing of the Land Act of 1861 selectors began taking up land near the location of present day Bundanoon. In 1868 the railway had arrived and a station named Jordan's Crossing built.

Settlement followed the railway as there was now a way of transporting the produce available from the Bundanoon district. Two coal mines and at least three timber mills sourced their product from the gullies. There was enough timber and coal to warrant Erith and Ringwood coal mines along with Amos' timber mill having their own railway sidings. The last of these was dismantled when the line was duplicated in 1915.

By 1870 the Primitive Methodist Church had been established, with this building also serving as the first school. A new school of two rooms was built in 1880 and is still used as the school library. In 1872 the first post office was opened.

In 1879 the Holy Trinity Anglican Church was built on its present site, although the original timber building was destroyed by bushfire in December in 1904 and rebuilt in stone in 1905. The Uniting Church was built in 1885 and St Brigid's Catholic Church in 1895.

After subdivision of larger properties, the village was officially renamed Bundanoon in 1881. Shops and businesses sprang up on both sides of the railway line. This is partly explained by the fact Ellsmore Road was once the main road to Sutton Forrest. The first licensed hotel, the Commercial, was in Erith St alongside the site of the existing hotel built in 1922. Early settler Mr. W A Nicholas manufactured his Golden Cross brand powders in the two storey building in Anzac Parade.

Christmas at "The Knoll", 1932



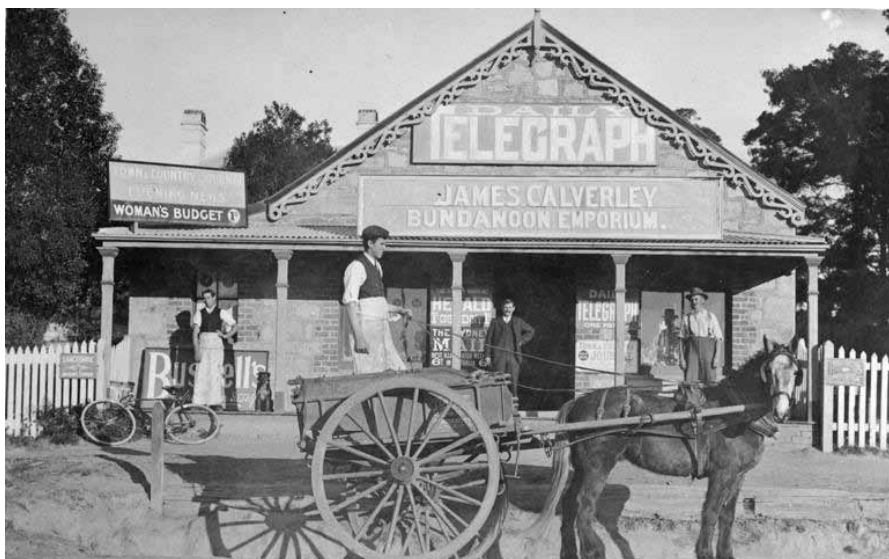
Guest houses and tearooms became popular as tourists from Sydney were able to use the railway to access Bundanoon. During the peak years in the early 1900s special trains were run and at one time our village had approximately 68 guest houses. After World War II car ownership allowing travel to destinations further afield became common and the popularity of Bundanoon as a holiday destination declined.

In March 1965 when the population of Bundanoon was 750 the town was nearly destroyed by bushfire. The seriousness of the situation can be appreciated when it is realised that the same fire that threatened Bundanoon, in a period of just four hours, destroyed 43 homes out of about 130 at Wingello and Tallong.

These are the events that provided the framework for the evolution of our village into what it is today.

—Gil Wheaton

General Store, Railway Avenue, Bundanoon



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, 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 honour 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



An early view of the completed Hall



Before the hall, what...?

March 2010

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

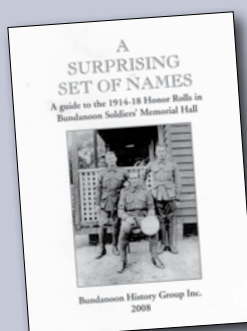
The picture shows Tyler's Hall (foreground, building with row of three windows) and the Royal Hotel



James and Henrietta Calverley, with sons Ben and Charlie, 1892

James Calverley is an important figure in the development of the town. He opened a general store in 1896, where the Soldiers' Memorial Hall now stands, later moving premises to the building which is now the Primula Cafe. His legacy also includes building the first police residence, now 'Altona'.

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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

David Powell tells how the history and development of Bundanoon are inextricably linked with coal – poor quality coal at that.

What made Bundanoon's poor quality coal viable? For a time it was the proximity of the Erith and Ringwood mines to the railway which needed coal to power its steam locomotives.

The archives of the Bundanoon History Group also mention a mine called Rock-roof or Rock-reef in the 1860s, possibly in the vicinity of the Erith mine, but no documentary evidence can be found to support the claim.

Bundanoon Village is located over the extensive south western coal field which extends from Camden to Wollongong. What helped bring mining to Bundanoon was the fact that the coal seam was exposed and visible in the escarpments above Bundanoon Creek.

The Great Southern Railway was extended between 1864 to 1868 from Badgery's Creek Siding (now Exeter) to Barber's Creek (now Tallong) through Jordan's Crossing (now Bundanoon).

The Ringwood mine north of Bundanoon started selling coal to the railway in 1869. Martin Larkin had taken out mineral rights on his property at the junction of Bundanoon and Indigo Creeks in 1867. It was carried by horse and dray to the railway where it was dumped into rail trucks to be removed by goods train at night.

In October, 1884 T.S. Huntley, Atchison and Thomas Saywell and Sons of Sydney leased the property and established an access into the 300 cm thick coal seam some 85 metres below the escarpment cliff top.

A platform was built out from the clifftop and fitted with cable winding gear. Skips full of coal were winched by a stationary engine to a tramway where they were coupled together and drawn by a powered cable 2.4 km to a rail siding. The siding, about 120 metres long, was of poor construction and on a steep incline.

In 1885 the mine was abandoned and the plant sold. The property freehold was retained by Mr Larkin.

In 1896 the Ringwood Colliery was reopened by James Collins of Glebe, Sydney, who proceeded to refit the mine. During 1896 to 1897, 3,282 tonnes of coal a year was mined by 11 men and this output was maintained until 1904 when operations were temporarily suspended because of bushfires.

A new rail siding about 400 metres long was constructed in 1896 and with a reduced slope could accept the longest train of that time.

The Ringwood mine closed in 1912 after the Railway Department introduced a new model steam locomotive which was unable to operate on the rail siding incline.

The Department of Mines reported that the mine was reopened in October 29, 1923 but production was abandoned on May 16, 1924. The mine site today is on private property and not accessible



Ringwood Coal Mine engine house

to the public. Remains of the old tramway linking the mine to the main railway are still visible near the rail bridge between Exeter and Bundanoon.

In 1881, E.A. Baker and Sons opened the Erith Colliery on the escarpment 3 km kilometres south of Bundanoon, also to supply the Railway Department.

The mine entrance was 25 metres below the cliff top in the vicinity of a waterfall. A wooden platform projected over the valley, and through a hole in the platform skips loaded with coal were drawn by horse along a private light rail for about 1 km to South Lampton, along what is now Coal Mines Road. The coal was screened and loaded into railway wagons.

Production at the mine rose from 50 tonnes a day with 18 men in 1881–82 to an annual peak of 10,492 tonnes with 40 men in 1883–84. However, due to the relatively poor quality of the coal and the subsequent lack of sales, mining was suspended in March 1887 and the property of 100 hectares plus winding engine, tram line, tools, etc. was advertised for sale through Tucker & Co. of Sydney.

In 1896 Messrs. Palmer and Coppard reopened the mine but it did not last – production ceased the same year. Finally, on September 13, 1915 the colliery siding was removed and the history of the Erith mine came to an end. The entrance is now within the Morton National Park and can be seen from one of the public look-outs.

...and Arthur Tooth remembers...

"The miners, including Thomas Tooth my uncle, came to a fault in the Erith mine. They worked through this and came to an 8 foot seam of very high grade coal, with very low percentage of ash – a coal similar to Bulli coal.

They asked for an additional shilling per ton to mine this new seam but Ezekiel Baker said he would pay only sixpence extra. A strike followed. The miners said "all or nothing"! Ezekiel Baker said it would be nothing, and closed the mine. He also said that if he couldn't get them back to work, no one else would work the mine and he certainly did just that. (Circa Sept 1884 *Scrutineer*)

I am very familiar with the coal mine as my father, the late Joseph Tooth, in later years bought some 250 acres of the area, sold for unpaid rates. The old Title Deeds included all minerals below the surface including coal. Later I also bought Lot 30, being 40 acres which included the mine entrance. If WWII had continued the mine may have reopened. Mention was made (in the previous *jcg* article) of a third coal mine in Bundanoon. This may well have been a mine known as Dwyer's Mine which apparently operated for only a very short period of time. It's many years since I was in this mine and it was maybe only 5 to 8 metres in length. If you walk over the sandstone near View Point then follow along towards the old 'Hell Hole' track you will find it.

After WWII I took timber and firewood off the land my father had acquired and used what had been the old tramway track as it made a good all weather roadway for my truck in wet weather. Selling firewood around Bundanoon I had a regular customer, Mr Ted Trood, at the end of Victoria St. He used to love to have a yarn and told me a story about the mine similar to the one my Uncle Tom had told me many years before."

Signalling the end of an era

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This photograph and Lucy Rocca's recollections appeared as part of a larger article on changes to rail signalling.



Photo courtesy Bundanoon History Group

Lucy Rocca, well informed on Bundanoon history, wrote that following the advent of the railway to this area (the small settlements of the 'Private Village of South Lampton', the 'Private Village of Bundanoon' and the 'Barren Grounds') in 1868 a station was built here and named Jordan's Crossing. The land on which it was constructed was owned by Charles Jordan and was the point at which trains travelling north and south crossed.

Settlement soon followed. Railway construction meant there were jobs available in quarries, coal mines and timber mills and a village with churches, shops and a school developed around the railway station. In 1882 the May edition of *The Scrutineer* reported that 'a neat wooden railway station containing a parcels, ticket and telegraph office with comfortable waiting rooms for ladies and gentlemen' had been erected. The line was duplicated in 1915 and a platform and station building, linked by a foot crossing, were constructed to service trains travelling north.

The old goods shed, now the home of the Bundanoon History Group archival collection, was originally used for the storage of produce. Large sliding doors facing the road and the railway line facilitated the transfer of goods for dispatch and delivery. There were holding yards on railway land opposite Osborne Street as sheep and cattle were also transported by train. This continued until the 1960s.

Passenger trains were used extensively for short trips. Children travelled to school in Moss Vale and Bowral and local sporting teams used rail transport for weekend events.

During the halcyon days of guesthouses in Bundanoon crowds of tourists arrived by train but by the end of the 1950s cars had replaced trains and the gradual decline in passenger services began.

Story compiled by Pam Davies.

Timber and stone

TIMBER MILLING WAS one of the earliest industries in this area. In 1887 a mill owned by Alexander and Robert Amos employed 100 men (60 at the mill and 40 in the bush). An adzing machine was used for 'slotting' hardwood sleepers at the rate of 100 per hour. Other trees mentioned in the mill records were sassafras, beech, musk, cedar and lily pilly as well as stringybark and box which were used for railway sleepers.

The Freeman brothers also operated a mill at the northern end of Bundanoon. In March 2013 JCG featured Tooth's tramway, which was built in 1890 to bring timber up from the gullies to the mill at the top of the cliff, including remarkable pictures courtesy of the Tooth family and Bundanoon History Group. The tramline was located between Riverview and Mark Morton lookouts but the last remains were destroyed by successive bushfires. This structure was an early engineering construction phenomenon. The last Tooth's mill in Penrose Rd was closed at the beginning of WWII.

The 1880s history of quarries in the area which appeared in the Bundanoon History Group publication states 'Bundanoon sandstone is of a very fine grain and sought after for detailed work, being easy to carve. It has been used in St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, St Michael's Cathedral in Wagga Wagga as well as Goulburn Gaol and parts of Berrima Gaol.' Edward Hayman and Sons Pty Ltd gained the contract for stone for Goulburn Court House. Messrs Tooth and McWilliams also had quarry interests.

Information: From Jordan's Crossing to Bundanoon

On the back of the original of the photo below, Alma Tooth has written: "The tramway at Riverview, built by Joe and Ted Tooth to haul logs from the gully below. From left to right Leonard, Ted, Joseph and Tom Tooth... Logs were drawn up to the mill at the top from the gully below and guests taken for rides on the tram."



Churches of Bundanoon

An 1882 correspondent to the Moss Vale *Scrutineer* commenting on the development of Jordan's Crossing remarked, "the Church of England and the Methodist Primitive Church have places of worship not far from the station, but neither edifice is in keeping with the progress of the locality. However, it is said they look better inside than outside, and certainly they would need to be so." At this time the town did not boast Roman Catholic or Presbyterian churches.

Bundanoon's Presbyterian church building, in Phillip Street opposite the school, is its youngest, dating from 1959, although the earliest-recorded Presbyterian service in the district was held in Wingello as far back as 26th November, 1837. A church was erected in Sutton Forest in 1866.

The first Presbyterian services in Bundanoon were hosted by the Methodists and subsequently, until 1959, in the CWA hall. The Rev Mr W. Drooger, student-minister at Moss Vale, who had been a builder before leaving his native Holland, drew the plans for a church on the present site, on land donated by Miss McGeoch of Exeter. Mr Drooger, aided by retired ship's master Captain R. Stewart, did much of the construction, assisted by voluntary labour. The building was opened by the State Moderator, the Rt Rev C.J. Vernon, on October 10th, 1959.

Cardinal Moran laid the foundation stone for Bundanoon's Roman Catholic place of worship on 10th March, 1891, on the site in Hill Street where the present St Brigid's stands. (Born near Dunkald in 453AD, St Brigid, known as 'Mary of the Gael', is the second Irish saint, after St Patrick). The impact of the famous Irish eminence on the little village must have been considerable; certainly some eighty pounds was collected at the ceremony.



The land had been donated by Mr W.A. Nicholas, of 'Pill Factory' fame; the necessary timber was pledged by the owner of Bundanoon Sawmill, Mr H. Larkins. Soon afterwards, however, the bank where the funds were deposited closed its doors, putting a temporary halt to the project.

A new start was made three years later and the church was completed in 1895. An extension to the church was consecrated in November 1935.

The Church of England referred to so disparagingly by the *Scrutineer* correspondent was a slab-walled, shingle-roofed building with a belfry and porch, on an acre of land (which also had been donated by W.A. Nicholas), where the present Holy Trinity Anglican Church still stands.

In 1877 Nicholas and Mr G.W. Osborn had written on behalf of the residents of Jordan's Crossing to Bishop Barker in Sydney seeking support – 'if one of the local Ministers from Sutton Forest, Berrima or Bowral could visit us once a month we would feel it a great boon (as) our children are growing up in total ignorance of the Rites of the Established Church'.

Little time was wasted – the original Holy Trinity was built by Samuel Tooth and consecrated by Bishop Barker on 9th November 1879. The earliest grave recorded in the churchyard is that of Amy Eliza Nicholas, daughter of W.A., who died on 6.9.1880, aged eleven.

The bushfire on New Year's Eve 1904 destroyed the original building. A laconic entry in the church register for 1.1.1905 records "No service. Church burnt".

On Wednesday March 8th, 1905 the Governor, Sir Harry Rawson laid the foundation stone for the new church, which was finished later that year at a cost of £530. JWR Walker of Kareela was architect, contractor and supervisor, so it may be assumed that there was little difficulty with building inspections! The beautiful building which resulted remains a feature of our town.

The first Primitive Methodist (later renamed Methodist after amalgamation with the Wesleyans) services were held in private homes, often that of Walter Grice, but when the first school opened in Bundanoon in January 1871 classes were able to be held in a slab church on the present site of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

—Ralph Clark

Top: Uniting Church (formerly Methodist), opened in 1885

Above left: St Brigid's Roman Catholic Church, completed in 1895

Left: The first Holy Trinity Anglican Church building, consecrated in 1879

Early community builders



Robert and Jeanie Amos and family

Tooth

Samuel Tooth served on the committee to open a school in 1870. In 1879 he pit-sawed the slabs for Holy Trinity Anglican Church (destroyed by bushfire in 1905) and in 1885 he built the Methodist Church which still stands.



Walter and Mary Ann Grice and family

Osborn

George Wilson Osborn was a storekeeper, the first postmaster, a newsagent, a trustee of the reserve for public recreation established in 1892, and was actively involved in the Progress Committee. George held a gunpowder licence for the keeping and selling of explosives, was one of the founding members of the Bundanoon Cricket Club, was on the committee to establish a school in 1870, supported the Ambulance Corps and, with Dinah (his wife and the first teacher at Bundanoon Provisional School), was active in serving Holy Trinity Church until just before his death in 1915. George and Dinah frequently attended market days, fairs and balls in the district and held picnics for the children. He took an interest in politics and was involved in the Bundanoon Band of Hope, as well as serving as a Justice of the Peace for many years.

Amos

The Amos brothers, Robert and Alexander, were born in Scotland and came to Australia in the mid 1850s. They became contractors for the rapidly expanding railway network in NSW including the lines from Strathfield to the Hawkesbury and Goulburn to Albury. Robert's wife Jeanie loved the country around Bundanoon and in 1867 he bought for her 73 acres of land from George Osborn, adjacent to the block which is now Solar Springs with the northern boundary marked by William Street. Jeanie died in 1906 and she was buried at the property known as Cairn Hill. The land was not subdivided until the 1960s and a block at the top of Amos Lane is still in the possession of her descendants.



Tooth family, 1886(?)

Grice

Bundanoon was known as a holiday destination as early as 1885, when Walter Grice purchased the former Primitive Methodist church and relocated it at his property "Summer Hill" as accommodation for guests.



Holy Trinity Ladies Auxiliary, c1910. Photo includes Dinah and George Wilson Osborn (seated)



John Walkley Dimmock and Sarah Dimmock

Dimmock

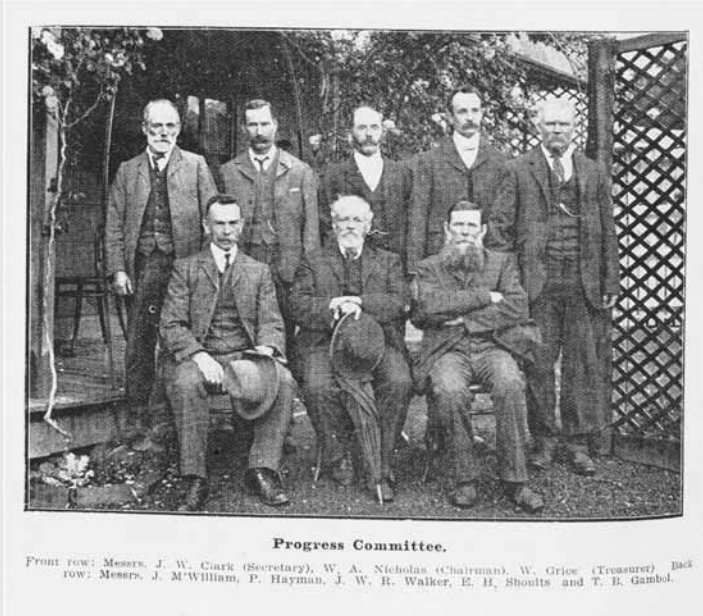
John Dimmock may have developed the oldest orchard in Bundanoon, was one of the trustees of the 1450 acres notified as a reserve for public recreation in Bundanoon in 1891, served on the Progress Committee and was its chairman in 1895, and supplied cases of fruit for sporting events and picnics.



William Gambell, wife and children

Gambell

Thomas Gambell was an active community member, especially concerned with the upkeep of the Gullies' tracks and lookouts.



Progress Association Committee, 1906

McWilliams

John McWilliams was prominent in Bundanoon affairs in the 1890s, was a member of the National Protection Association and was heavily involved in having Catholic churches erected in Sutton Forest and Bundanoon. He chaired the Sports Committee in 1890 and frequently held successful sports days at his property, *Riversdale* (on Ferndale Road).

Nicholas

William Augustus Nicholas was an entrepreneur, landowner, proactive community leader and warden for Holy Trinity Anglican Church, cricketer, singer, but most significantly a photographer. For 40 years he was the closest thing to a doctor available in Bundanoon. He advocated that Bundanoon and its surroundings should be the site of Australia's capital at the time of Federation.



W.A. and Sarah Nicholas

Other early community contributors

Thomas Fahey was involved in fundraising for St Brigid's Catholic Church.

Alfred Phillips served on the Bundanoon Progress Committee.

Henry and Elizabeth Bell were active members of the Holy Trinity Anglican congregation and the Cricket Club and heavily involved in other community affairs. In 1884 a son, John Henry, erected the Old Goods Shed adjacent to Bundanoon railway station.

Charles and Frederick Jordan contributed to flood relief in 1867, and signed the petition for a post office in 1871.

John Conlin was actively involved in sporting events in the district, particularly cricket, was a member of the National Protection Association and supported subscriptions for the erection of Catholic churches at Sutton Forest and Bundanoon.

James Denniss was active in the Lodge, and the family was involved in the Cricket Club. When his house burnt down in 1881,

the people of Jordan's Crossing raised a subscription under the guidance of Sarah Nicholas (wife of William Augustus). Over £42, as well as food and clothing, was collected for the family.

A concert was held in Bundanoon to raise money for the wife and children of **Daniel Cameron**, who was killed by a train at Bundanoon in 1884.

Thanks to Michele Bomford and Beryl Seckington, Bundanoon History Group, for information and photographs.

'Throughout Wingecarribee you cannot find anyone who doesn't know who Herbert Ellsmore is', wrote Claude McKay of Exeter after H.E. retired from council in 1964. The grand old man of local government, 'a better councillor than he was a farmer' according to his son, Barry, 'served the public nobly' and was duly rewarded for his labours.

Herbert Thomas Ellsmore was born in Sutton Forest on New Year's Day, 1886 and grew up in Canyonleigh. Following the early death of his brother he was sent to boarding school in Goulburn, and after returning to the family farm he had a bullock team, carting goods and wool in the district. He married Sarah Connor, 'the girl next door', and they lived first at Red Cow Farm and later at Beverley Park in Old Argyle Rd. He subsequently purchased 'Forest View', the stone cottage in Blue Gum Rd. now known as Holly Cottage, and ultimately owned one square mile (c. 600 acres) of land in that vicinity.

During the WWI years Herb became interested in local government. He was a foundation member of the Berrima County Council and subsequently chairman of that body from 1956 – 1960. He worked his property during the summer, rabbitted in the winter, grew vegetables, grazed cattle and kept horses. His wife died c.1940 and he later married Delia Quigley who owned a guesthouse, 'le Chalet', in Hill St.



At the opening of aged care units, Moss Vale, 1965 (left to right): Jim Tuddenham; Tom Lewis, MLA Wollondilly; S.T. Stephens, Minister for Housing; Herbert Ellsmore and Roger Street

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As a councillor Herb was remembered as a good arbitrator, quietly listening to debate while sucking his pipe and taking it all in, then finding a solution to the problem. It was perceived by the Press that 'it is in no small part due to Clr. Ellsmore's influence that the council is dealing with more matters in open council'. 'The Post' of December 10, 1968, reported that at a meeting of Bundanoon and district residents where council was being slated over the state of the roads "Clr. Ellsmore finally rose, waved that stick he carries habitually, and said 'you can have a grader for one day and a truck for four days' ". During his long tenure, commencing with his election to council in 1920, he served terms as deputy president and president between 1928 and 1964 and was also a member of the executive of the Shires Association of NSW from 1958 – 1966. Replying to a toast at a civic testimonial in his honour he quoted Sir Cecil Rhodes who had said 'so much has been

done but so much remains to do' – 'the same can be said about Local Government'. He acknowledged the 'many kind and sterling friends' he had made in his long years of service to council. This service was recognized in the 1966 Honours List when Councillor Herbert Thomas Ellsmore was appointed an officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, a well earned OBE. The Editor of The Post suggested that Railway Parade should be renamed Herbert Ellsmore Parade – that didn't come to pass, but of course Ellsmore Rd. is named in his memory. He died on 9 June, 1976, aged 90.

Barry, meanwhile, had been born in 1926 and after completing his education served a building apprenticeship with the Government in Sydney. Returning to Bundanoon on his 21st birthday he bought into a building firm and later became the sole owner. His father had not been a sportsman but Barry played all sports, rode, and played polocrosse. He built Blue Gum, the house in which he still lives with his wife Colleen whom he met when she was holidaying here. Their three children, Peter, Tim and Maree all grew up here, and after obtaining an engineering degree Peter established his business and lives with his wife Sonia on the hill overlooking Blue Gum Rd. Their children Melissa, Kimberley and Christopher are five generations from their great-great-grandparents in the Sutton Forest of the mid 1800s.

—Kate Perkins

Peter Ellsmore

ELLSMORE ROAD WAS previously named Old Sutton Forest Road, but the name was changed to honour Peter's grandfather who served on the local council for 43 years, with 19 as President. Having grown up in Bundanoon, Peter remained involved with the village and joined the Bundanoon Community Development Association in 1995, becoming President the following year. He served three years as President, remained involved with the committee for some years and still lives in Bundanoon. Although the Association was committed to community development, much of the focus had previously been on prodding Council regarding issues of potholes and road cracking.

A policy of encouraging greater involvement was decided on and a number of other sub-groups rapidly formed. One of the first of the smaller groups to form under the auspices of the BCDA was the Bundanoon Environment Protection Group which focussed on two main issues. First was the opposition to a number of Council rubbish tips proposed between Penrose and Bundanoon, and at Hanging Rock. Second was the campaign for greater application of the 7(b) Environment Protection zoning to preserve the integrity of the rural landscape from uncoordinated development.

During this period of greater involvement and growth, *Jordan's Crossing Gazette* started publication and the Bundanoon Rex film nights and the Garden Ramble

commenced. Enhanced reporting to members was gradually introduced, not to restrict enthusiasm but to harness energy and to encourage new ideas by any resident or group wishing to make Bundanoon a better place to live. Many more sub groups now operate and in addition relations with Council have progressed, so that the community is seen as a vital partner in many activities in the southern part of the shire.

Peter credits much of the achievement of this period, not primarily to the President or committee, but to the enthusiasm of a wide range of individuals and to the remarkable community spirit of Bundanoon.

—John Desmond

[June 2007]

Farewell notes



**Pam Davies,
Editor**

JORDAN'S CROSSING GAZETTE (JCG) is a sub-committee (along with many others) of Bundanoon Community Association Inc (BCA), and reflects an organisation's commitment to encouraging participation in activities which

continue to develop the character of Bundanoon. Many volunteers have joined BCA groups where people bring their expertise and knowledge to community projects. Over the years the magazine has featured many of these.

BCA (formerly BCDA) has evolved from the earlier Bundanoon Progress and Tourist associations. It plays a significant function in providing a 'voice' for our community on local and broader issues.

The fabric of our village can be attributed to the many other organisations which lend a sense of community to Bundanoon. Some of these were established by early residents, others are more recent.

Some examples of these are:

The Garden Club which has become a focus for gardeners to exchange ideas and their

Friendship Garden visits have become very popular.

The Bundanoon History Group attracting around 50 people to meetings every month, often to hear a guest speaker. Their publications and Railway Shed displays and archives continue to provide a valuable window into our history.

Members of the Bundanoon community have successfully sourced, repaired and organised despatch of Bikes for Humanity in the Southern Highlands.

The school and the pre-school are central to the wellbeing of our children. BPS P&C is renowned for event catering.

CWA has just celebrated 87 years of being a significant organisation in Bundanoon. RSL with its recently renovated premises reminds us of the significance of ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

The sporting clubs all bring young and older groups together for activities at the complex in Erith St where members of the community have been instrumental in the building of the pool and improvements to the oval.

The RFS plays an important role in keeping us prepared for safety in the event of fires.

NPWS Morton National Park at Bundanoon began with the establishment by local residents of a Trust and many of the sites were made accessible with volunteer labour.

The community garden is demonstrating the

advantages of home and group gardening to meet the challenges of rising fresh food prices.

Our lives are enriched by all of these and more. JCG's 20th anniversary edition, by revisiting some articles from earlier issues is a celebration of a history of community involvement in the development of our town's unique character.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the writers, contributors, photographers and administrative assistants who have given their time to the production of JCG. And of course the support of our advertisers maintains its financial viability. Ben Mawston has worked with me for 10 years and his design skills have given the magazine its distinctive style. Weston Print ensured we produced a quality product. This commemorative issue focuses on the history aspects of JCG articles but there were many columns and lively stories which would have made fascinating re-reading – see for example page 36! I would particularly like to like to thank all the writers who added this dimension to the magazine.

David Morgan who was editor from 2002 until I took over in 2005 has offered to take on the role again. It was due to his vision that the transition from newsletter to magazine began. I have enjoyed my time as editor for so many years and feel privileged to have been able to contribute to the work of BCA.

1865: an excellent vintage

IN 1865, IT was a very good year for the Southern Highlands, with the village of Bundanoon joining its siblings Moss Vale and Bowral, both a few years older. Bundanoon, place of Deep Gullies, Jumping Rock, Barren Ground, South Lambton, Jordan's Crossing.

What was 1865 like? 1865 saw William Booth in London set up the Christian Mission, now the Salvation Army. Thank God for the Salvos. 1865 saw Arnott's founded in a bakery in Newcastle. There is no substitute for quality. 1865 saw the death at 28 of Ben Hall, described in the Australian Dictionary of Biography as probably the most efficient of our bushranger leaders. Also dead at 28 in 1865 was Isabella Beeton, English author of *Mrs Beeton's Book of Household Management*.

Through a looking glass, 150 years on, 1865 was a very good year for culture. 1865 saw the first performance of Wagner's *Tristan and Isolde*, music that inspired composers such as Gustav Mahler, Richard Strauss and Benjamin Britten. Turning back the clock, Lewis Carroll wrote *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Dickens wrote his final novel, *Our Mutual Friend*.

Abraham Lincoln went to Ford's Theatre in Washington on Good Friday 1865 to see *Our American Cousin*, and was the first US President to be assassinated.

1865 was a good year for Toryboy, winner of the Melbourne Cup on the first Thursday in November. (Note: most years are good years for Tory boys). Rugby league had not been invented, but Tom Wills, a Rugby School old boy, created Australian Rules football to keep cricketers fit during winter. Oxford won The Boat Race.

1915, Bundanoon's 50th, was not a good year. In Australia's last summer of innocence 30,000 troops were on their way to Europe, including Major General Sir Charles Rosenthal, rated by Philip Morton as Bundanoon Public School's most renowned graduate. The Australian Dictionary of Biography reckons that 'Rosie's' actions on 25 April 1915 established his reputation in the Australian Imperial Force. He was twice wounded on Gallipoli. Lying amid a crowd of suffering men on a hospital ship, he entertained them by singing Handel's *Arm, Arm Ye Brave*. Sir Charles survived to resume his career as an architect in Sydney, serving as Administrator of Norfolk Island during the Second World War.

1915 saw the opening of Bowral's Empire Cinema, which competes with Bundanoon's Soldiers' Memorial Hall as the beating cultural heart of the Southern Highlands, showing National Theatre from London and Metropolitan Opera from New York. What

was on at the Empire 100 years ago? Charlie Chaplin in 1915 wrote, directed, and starred in fifteen films.

On the first Tuesday in November 1915, Edith Widdis became the first woman to own a Melbourne Cup winner with Patrobas, grandson of Carbine. Balmain went through the season unbeaten to win the rugby league premiership. The Boat Race was cancelled.

1965, Bundanoon's 100th, was a brutal year. The Chatsbury/Bungonia bushfire over ten days in March destroyed Tallong and Wingello as well as most of the surrounding orchards and Bundanoon's unique pink boronia. Three people died, 59 homes were lost, including two in Bundanoon. 1965 was the beginning of the end of the Bundanoon Boronia Festival, superseded by the Bundanoon is Brigadoon Highland Gathering.

St George beat South Sydney in the 1965 grand final in front of 78,065 at the Sydney Cricket Ground to take its tenth straight flag. On the first Tuesday in November 1965, Bart Cummings trained Light Fingers to win the Melbourne Cup, first of three in a row, first of twelve so far for the Cups King. Oxford won The Boat Race.

Now, in 2015, Bundanoon at 150 is a vintage village, aged to perfection, a very good year.

—Alan Olsen

The Blue Pool – a commitment to community

AS THE DROUGHT extends and the full heat of summer approaches, many people look forward to cooling off in the refreshing waters of the magnificent facility that is Bundanoon Swimming Centre. The warm weather and the Christmas holidays will see many locals, and visitors alike, going to the pool for picnics, swimming lessons, a barbeque, swimming club activities, a playful splash around, some serious laps and training, or perhaps just for an espresso coffee under the umbrellas, poolside. We are very lucky indeed to have such a summer resource available to us. But is it just 'luck' that is responsible for this most enjoyable and important recreational area in our town? Have you ever wondered why larger or similar communities to Bundanoon, such as Robertson, Berrima, Marulan, Colo Vale and Hilltop don't have their own pools, requiring their residents to travel to Mittagong, Bowral or Moss Vale for a swim in summer?

Most long time residents of Bundanoon and those in our community, who have been connected to the pool in recent times, would be aware that the answer to that question is not luck, but hard work, and a lot of it, both in the past, and in recent years.

Before the pool was opened in 1960, there were many popular, and dangerous, swimming locations. Most public of these was Leaver Park (see Sept. 2002 issue of JCG), where Paddys River had been cleared to provide a swimming hole. Canoe hire and picnic facilities were available, back in the early '30s. But many people preferred the natural pool at Erith Coal Mine, or the upper reaches of the Shoalhaven River at Long Point Lookout near Tallong, or indeed just dipping in local dams.

It was the tragic drowning of six local swimmers that provided the impetus for the movement to get a safe pool of our own. The first accident happened at Coalmine Falls in the Morton National Park with the drowning of two boys many years ago. Long time resident Audrey Petersen remembers being told about it as a child, to warn her. Despite this, Audrey had a very 'near thing' herself at Leaver Park a few years later! Then, in the 1950s, four members of the one family, Hilton Rumsey, his two sons and an uncle, Vic Luke, from Penrose drowned when they went swimming at Long Point Lookout.

This family were all patients of Dr Harold Cuthbert, the local GP at Bundanoon. He was so outraged by these drownings and the scores of 'close calls' that he decided to do something about it. He decided to organise the construction of a pool where local people could swim in clear water and be safely supervised. This also provided the opportunity of lessons for the community's non-swimmers.

First, Council made land available and



then Dr Cuthbert personally called on every resident between Tallong and Werai asking for donations. He was actually telling them to donate and, not having enough the first time, he went round again. Those people with no funds to spare were asked to provide physical labour at 'working-bees' when construction got under way.

The response from the community was magnificent. The Bundanoon History Group's publication, *From Jordan's Crossing to Bundanoon* notes: "Much local fund raising was carried out, including a 'Princess' competition. Audrey Petersen confirmed this and added the fact that street stalls, car rallies and dances were also organised to support the effort. Indeed, Audrey's late husband, Christian Petersen Snr., with naval engineering expertise, designed and built the pool's filtration free of charge at Petersen's Garage. He the maintained it for ten years, again at no cost!

As a result of Dr Cuthbert's organisation, £7000 was raised. A further £500 was donated by the NSW Government to provide for the building of an amenities block, containing showers, toilets and a kiosk. Dr Cuthbert and the local Development Association had launched the Pool Scheme in August 1958. On Saturday 12 November 1960 the Minister of Public Works, Mr Ryan, officially opened the Bundanoon Pool. Swimming exhibitions were given by Olympians, John Devitt, Jan Andrew, and Jan Hogan. Locals unofficially christened the pool 'the Blue Pool', a nickname that lasted for many years.

The hard work didn't stop when the pool opened as it was operated and maintained through the 60s and 70s by volunteers. I believe Council did provide chlorine though, which would have been greatly appreciated. Pool income was derived by kiosk sales and

swimming lessons.

Many local people were associated with the pool over the years, but my personal recollection is of Mrs Janet Greason always being there, supervising, helping, teaching and caring for generations of young swimmers.

Council eventually took over the running of the pool in the mid 80s for reasons of consistency in regulations and standards with the other pools in the Shire. The longest serving pool superintendent appointed by Council has been Darren Parker, who arrived in 1989. Council installed gas heating in 1995 but funds raised from raffles, swim-a-thons and donations continued to improve the pool and to provide other improvements.

General public use, an active swimming club and government run, annual Learn To Swim Schemes, all keep Dr Cuthbert's dream alive.

Just as we owe a debt of gratitude to the early citizens of Bundanoon for our pool's creation, so we owe a similar debt to our modern citizens for our pool's ongoing survival, enabling a whole new era of users to appreciate its fun, beauty and importance.

Our 'Blue Pool' was truly a product of community endeavour.

(With thanks to The Bundanoon History Group, Margaret Brignall, Darren Parker and Audrey Petersen.)



—Ross Armfield

A daughter lost, a park born

March 2007

Who is Nancy Kingsbury whose name graces the delightful little park in Anzac Parade?

Nancy Margaret Kingsbury was born on August 11, 1925, the daughter of a Sydney builder William Kingsbury and his wife Minnie.

Around the age of three Nancy developed asthma and by the time she was six doctors had recommended a change of climate. This was in 1931 during the Depression and as there was no building work in Sydney the family decided to rent a cottage in Gullies Road for six weeks.

They extended their stay and William dug a well and grew vegetables for the family. Nancy's sister Jean recalls that a Mrs Meeks later lived in this house and served afternoon teas and read the tea leaves for tourists.

The family moved to another rented house in William Street. Nancy and Jean attended Bundanoon Public School but Nancy was often away with asthma. Eventually the family sold their house in Sydney and bought a home in Railway Parade, on the Exeter side of Tree Tops.

William Kingsbury had a car so he started a taxi service which expanded to include more cars. He delivered tourists to guest houses and drove people to the coast for excursions.

In 1955 Nancy married Colin Charles Blows and later had a daughter, Kerrie, who now lives in New Zealand. Nancy and Colin lived in Forster for its better climate and she died there from an asthma attack on Mothers' Day in May, 1960. She is buried in Forster.

William Kingsbury was devastated at his daughter's death especially as Jean, his surviving daughter, married the same year. He felt that he had "lost" two daughters. He had bought the land that is now Nancy Kingsbury Park as he believed it was an ideal site for an expanded shopping centre. After Nancy died he gave the land to the council for the people of Bundanoon in perpetuity as a way of keeping part of her in Bundanoon.

The Moss Vale Post reported in about 1970 that the park was to be a major project of the Bundanoon Community Development Association. The association used \$200 which had been raised by the disbanded association younger set, and a further \$100 was donated by the Kingsbury family. A Mr Cosgrove, the council gardener, had planted some trees.

For many years Margaret Murty tended the park but following an initiative in June, 2001 of the then Bundanoon Garden Club president, Norma Waldon, the club adopted Nancy Kingsbury Park as an ongoing project. Seeding grants came from Wingecarribee Shire Council and the BCDA. The club raised more funds with stalls and a progressive dinner. By July there had been an on-site meeting and by October the council had plans to remove trees and a fence.

February the following year saw the erection of the clematis and wisteria pergola and working bees by Garden Club members led by Cosette Morris, Norma Davies and Norma Waldon. During 2003, when Marina Beaumont became president, the club installed two seats and the council repaired and repainted the shelters while Ted Angel created the path and paving under the pergola. Graham and Sue Wilson kept the park mown while Karen and John Henry kept an eye on daily happenings at the park.

In 2004 the azaleas were moved and during 2005 climbing roses and shrubs were added and an irrigation system installed. This year the watering system has been improved and the light pole removed.

Stage One of the Nancy Kingsbury Park Project is now complete, with the park emerging from its regeneration as a place for everyone in the town to enjoy.

**This article is based on an interview with Nancy's sister, Jean Foskett, by Terry Bruce with additional material from Alistair Cameron of the Bundanoon Historical Society.*



Above: (left to right), Cosette Morris, Norma Davies, Margaret Murty, Marina Beaumont, Norma Waldon, Graham Wilson

Right: (left to right) Laurel Hones, Elizabeth Ashdown, Kane York, Cosette Morris, Les Valentine, Noelene Hutcheson, Geraldine Woods



Bundanoon Quilt

September 2007

The Bundanoon Community Quilt won first prize in the 'Collaborative Quilt' category, at the 25th anniversary exhibition of the NSW Quilters Guild held at Darling Harbour in June. Local artist Jennifer Corkish conceived the idea of the quilt, guided the sewers involved and saw it through to completion.

Prize money of \$500 will be spent on professional design and printing of the legend and story of the wall-hanging. Depicting our town's buildings, landscape and lifestyle, both past and present, the beautiful work is on permanent display in the Memorial Hall, and the community project, stitched over many months by myriad hands, highlights the culture and friendship brought about by this endeavour.





The new pathway that leads into Bundanoon Public School

is more than just a beautiful piece of artwork created by the students and the community; it is a tangible result of the school's 'You Can Do It' program which fosters positive attitudes and confidence within the students.

"It is a wonderful way to welcome everyone into the school," said Principal Robyn Versluis. "The pavers reflect the flora and fauna of Bundanoon and created an opportunity for everyone involved to learn a new skill, discover hidden creative talents, and enhance the school environment."

Each class focused on a specific theme for the path, based around nature. The school's aboriginal students also designed aboriginal themed tiles as a welcome to Gundawari country, and the border tiles were made by parents and teachers, reflecting the idea that these people surround and nurture the children with love and support.

"It is a collective example of the You Can Do It program. We had to learn so much together to successfully achieve our goal of completing the pathway", said Robyn.

Community members donated their time to assist with the technical aspects of drawing in clay, firing the designs and laying the pavers. Those involved include:

- The novices (read: parents) who cut and prepared the tiles.
- Local potter Bruce Prior gas-fired all the tiles, which took 80 hours (Bruce donated all his time).
- Retired art teacher and local artist Gabrielle Stewart, who guided teachers and parents in clay handling and design skills.
- Marilyn Gottlieb, teacher and artist known for community art projects in the Southern Highlands consulted on the project.
- Sandra Vandenberg, local potter, showed the children how to make impressions in the clay and how to wedge left-over clay so it could be re-used.
- Kella Mesiti, Bundanoon School teacher shared her incredible artistic abilities and guided the children.

More than 750 tiles were made from one tonne of clay; those tiles not suitable for the path will be used on walls around the school.

The artwork is just one example of how activities in the school reflect the motto: Creativeness and Imagination. "Our students are encouraged to expand their minds and learn ways to express themselves in a comfortable and secure environment," says Robyn.

In fact, at a recent exhibition by the Berrima District Art Society 'Kids on Show', Bundanoon took more than its fair share of awards, considering it does not have a dedicated art teacher.

"We integrate art into all our subjects," says Robyn. "The children have plenty of opportunity to practice transferring what they see and think onto paper, and other materials. And, as far as I know we are one of the only schools where students discuss a subject, design their own interpretation and then physically build it. We don't mind getting messy!" laughs Robyn.

This year the school introduced the 'You can do it' program that is designed to assist children develop self-confidence. There are five



main principles: Confidence, Organisation, Persistence, Getting along with others and Resilience. "We use various techniques to instil these values into the children, which will help them change any negative thoughts into positive beliefs that help them achieve to the best of their ability," says Robyn.

"Our school focuses on successful learning for all students, and a genuine partnership with parents to support that learning. Being in one of the smaller villages in the Highlands, parent and community involvement is integral to the school, and highly valued. It helps the children develop their own sense of community and the importance of caring for each other," she said.

— Jenny Walker



What's special about our park

March 2011

Bundanoon resident Pat Hall worked for the National Parks and Wildlife Service in many capacities for 31 years. Before her retirement she was Manager Education, Information and Tourism for NPWS' South Coast Region. In June 2009 she received the Public Service Medal for her outstanding public service in the provision of educational and tourist information regarding the national parks and reserves of NSW's south coast.

MY FASCINATION WITH Morton National Park began as far back as 1978 when I made the decision to move to Bundanoon. I had worked in several parks in the region but my true love was Morton National Park and Bundanoon.

Many have asked what is so special about this park. A frequent reply would be the magnificent sandstone plateaus and deep forested gullies, the scenery, the facilities or simply the fact that it's right here on our doorstep. For some it's the abundance of flowers: Boronia, honey flower and flowering heath in spring, an array of banksias in winter and the ghost-like scribbly gums and stately flowering bloodwoods. For others it's the wildlife such as gang gang cockatoos, satin bower birds, swamp wallabies, yellow-tailed cockatoos and the lyrebirds you can hear calling to each other across the gullies. All this is true but the reason I love the park is simple... the community.

Bundanoon is a park by the community and for the community. In 1824, 1200 acres of land was established as a Government Reserve. It is thought that this was the beginning of Bundanoon Gullies Recreation Reserve. At first 'The Gullies' was administered by an Honorary Trust until the formation of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service in 1967. Very little government money was available to the Trust so the task of establishing the park was undertaken by Trust members, volunteers and local families. Without modern machinery they built walking tracks, lookouts, safety fences, toilet and barbecue facilities, shelter sheds, camping areas and cycle tracks. In 1901 the path to Fairy Bower Falls was extended and in 1905 the steps into the cliff face adjacent to the waterfall were constructed.



Additional tracks and steps were cut into the sandstone on cliff faces; metal steps leading down to the waterfall at Erith Coal Mine and the difficult track along Nicholas Pass were all established by this group of dedicated locals.

It was a major undertaking. The quality of their work and their insight into future use are still evidenced today. Tooths Lookout, Gambells Rest, Nicholas Pass, Dimmocks Creek are named for earlier Trustees, while Ellsmore, Grice, Buchanan, Ross and Balk Lookouts are named for local identities. Earl Beauchamp opened that lookout in 1900 and Spooners Lookout at Fairy Bower was opened by Sir Eric Spooner. Bonnie View was named by a local Scottish born resident, Mrs Coombes. On the sandstone entrance gates, Dr Guy Gurney has been honoured for his work as the local doctor. The picnic shelter hut located on the left as you drive into the park is one of the original structures. In recent years the derelict picnic facilities at Mark Morton Lookout were replaced, with financial assistance from a group of local residents.

Parks staff, in consultation with local people, continue to maintain these facilities as well as provide changes to cope with increasing numbers of visitors. Changes such as relocation of the camping area to include a camp kitchen, interpretive panels and signs, upgrade of walking tracks, new lookouts with facilities for the disabled, barbecues and new toilets. While these changes respond to demands, NPWS staff are mindful of protecting the integrity and character that was established by the early caretakers. Reminders of the original caretakers, the indigenous groups who travelled through this region

on their way to the Snowy Mountains, can be found. Camp and art sites, axe grinding grooves, charcoal drawings and artefacts still exist as evidence of their presence.

In recent times, surveys have been conducted on the future of the park. The feedback is overwhelming – "We like it the way it is – do not make any changes".

Bundanoon has grown as new families move into the area but support of the Park is as strong as ever. Community groups have formed to continue the work that was begun over 150 years ago. Friends of Morton National Park and the Glow Worm Glen Track group continue to conduct working bees on a regular basis and their contribution is invaluable.

COMMUNITY...this is what is special about Bundanoon and our National Park.

—Pat Hall



Photos: Lorne Johnson

Linda Christison – athlete, teacher, photographer



LINDA MAKES A significant contribution to *jcg* with her photographic skills. In 2010 she self-published a book illustrating her long early morning walks in the hours when the symptoms of her illness are quiescent. It is a tribute to her determination and strength.

Walk with me and PD in limited edition was designed as a gift for her family and friends but it could have a wider distribution if Parkinson's NSW accepts it for publication.



A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, dedicated teacher since 1986, Linda Christison transferred to Bundanoon School in 2007 after being one of the most respected and loved teachers at Bowral Public School for seventeen years. Bundanoon has had the benefit of her calm, insightful, encouraging manner, her extraordinary gifts and high professional standards, for the past four years. In December 2010 Linda used her splendid talents for writing and photography to create a parting gift to the staff of Bundanoon on her retirement. We share it with you, although Linda never intended it to be read outside our staffroom.

To watch Linda use every ounce of her superior intellect, physical strength and steely determination to compensate for her deteriorating health and capacity as a result of early onset Parkinson's disease has been humbling. Fundraising to support Linda to achieve a dream and also to assist Parkinson's research through PDNSW, has been organised. It includes a combined Bowral/Bundanoon stall on Saturday 10 September Bowral Markets, a raffle and a "P" party-dance at Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall on Friday 14 October to celebrate her wonderful contribution to the education of children. We hope for wide and generous community support.

Robyn Versluis

Linda's gift to her colleagues

Those who can – do; those who can't – teach.

H.L. MENCKEN WAS wrong. The great philosopher Aristotle was closer to the truth when he said, "Those that know, do. Those that understand teach." People like you teach because you love learning and want to share the joy of learning with others. Teachers believe in the potential of every child and our society's future lies in its children. Knowledge and skills may change but communities will always need mentors for their young. Teachers are the guardians of our future.

You teach children to read, write, articulate and listen but more importantly you teach them to think, to believe in their ideas and to respect the opinions of others. You give them the skills of calculation and measurement and share the intricate patterns of our universe. You see the wonder of the world through their eyes and together you investigate nature and man's creations. You give them the power to use technology as a friend not a master. You inspire, confront, explain and debate, demonstrate, question, evaluate and analyse.

You open a world of great literature, artists and musicians. You uncover possibilities, allow dreamers to aspire and encourage them to fly. You give them the chance to be champions on the sports field, maestros on the stage and exhibitors of art. You find time for poetry, philosophy innovative ideas and differing viewpoints.

You give your students rights but also responsibilities. You guide them through the ups and downs of friendships, value empathy, and applaud strength of character. You laugh and cry, understand, motivate, discipline, smile and frown. You accept mistakes but not excuses. You are patient – very, very patient!

You supervise, protect, listen and referee. You tie laces, untie knots, find hats and notes, and mend toys and hearts. You clean up when little people are sick or can't wait. You divide cakes into 28, divide your attention into innumerable fragments but by some magical process every child receives their share of cake and attention.

You mediate marble disputes, referee soccer and make aliens invade more quietly. You turn coat hangers into wings, sacrifice your sheets to clothe ghosts and go to the bank dressed as Captain Hook on Pirates Day. You spend sleepless weeks at camp and write reports in isolation on long weekends. You take the angry, the lonely and the enigmas home with you in spirit and they follow you wherever you go.

You attend meetings, belong to committees and arrive home late. You apologise because school takes you from your family but you are a proud parent, loving child and loyal friend. You coach your child's soccer team, organise your parent's wedding anniversary and star in working bees.

You plan, program and walk kilometres on playground duty but you still find time to laugh with your colleagues and share their lives. You celebrate milestones together, agonise over family troubles and quietly ease burdens. When you are needed you are always there.

Those that can and do delight us with their skills for a fleeting moment but when you teach your influence lasts a lifetime.

Gift to the community



A highly regarded local artist, **Ken McDonald**, offered to carve a block of sandstone into an eye-catching sculpture to grace the headland at the railway bridge at Railway Avenue and Erith Street intersection. As you drive into Bundanoon, you cannot miss the result.

Bundanoon Sandstone generously donated the stone and Ken gave his time and expertise. The result is stunning and a real asset to Bundanoon and the Southern Highlands.

Ken was acclaimed as the joint winner of the People's Choice Award in the Sculpture in the Southern Highlands competition in late 2005. He has created many sculptures by commission and our community is most appreciative of his generosity. A lyrebird was his choice because he believed it was different, relatively rare but found in this area.

The BCDA was enthusiastic about the choice of a lyrebird. Old timers tell us that the lyrebird used to feature on tourist signs around Bundanoon in the early days. It is now used as the logo of the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

The lyrebird with an open mouth is the totem for the Dharawal Nation, an Aboriginal people who lived in the area from Sutherland Shire to the Shoalhaven River and west to Camden before white settlement. Anzac Parade marks the border of their trade route. The lyrebird is a splendid mimic and the significance of the open mouth is that it identified the only animal that could speak all languages. So the choice of a lyrebird is quite fitting and very beautiful as you enter Bundanoon.

—David Beasley



Currabunda Wetlands

Three years ago local resident Sheila Micholson had the foresight to recognise the value of a neglected fragment of a former farm in Ellsmore Road, Bundanoon as a potential wetland nature reserve.

The site between Elmswood Court and Ashgrove Place contained three old dams with weed-infested surrounds and an exit watercourse corridor. Fortunately there was a peripheral canopy of mature Eucalypts and Acacias – and a resident bird population including ducks, waterhen, herons, ibis and plovers.

An interested group of volunteers was formed to plan a rehabilitation strategy with short, medium and long-term goals. First was the systematic removal of noxious weeds such as blackberry, honeysuckle and Scotch thistles, removal of rubbish and new plantings of native shrubs and trees to supplement existing endemic species.

Hundreds of hours have been spent to date and the visual transformation has been remarkable. Instead of weeds there are flourishing Lomandras, Melaleucas, Callistemons, Leptospermum, Banksias, Casuarinas and Eucalypts.

The naming of the site was seen as an important consideration. 'Currabunda' was selected ('Curra' is Aboriginal for spring of water and 'Bunda' from Bundanoon). This name has been accepted and gazetted by the Geographical Names Board of NSW, endowing Bundanoon with a new official landmark.

None of this would have been possible without the assistance of Wingecarribee Council Bushcare officers and a federal grant for the purchase of tools.

Medium term plans involve continued on-site maintenance, monitoring the water supply and quality and establishing contiguous revegetated creek corridors. Ultimately, the vision is to create a fully functional wetland nature reserve, both as a source of pride for Bundanoon and a secure refuge for the many species of birds, animals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates which live there.

—Alan Hyman



Walk this way

IN 2009 THE Green Team gained permission from Council to clear a walking track linking Governors Street with Panorama Avenue.

It was a popular walk with locals until the drought broke, when it became very wet and could only be used when wearing 'wellies'.

The Green Team approached Council's Greg Bray, who was very enthusiastic

about making the track more user-friendly.

In June we were contacted to say that Council had completed the work. A very impressive 90 metre boardwalk stretched from the Panorama Avenue end of the track over the entire wet area.

Green Team members have agreed to take care of future maintenance required on the remainder of the track.



Valerie Crampton spent eight years co-ordinating the Green Team, along with a handful of close friends and other volunteers. She made a significant contribution to the beautification of our town. In mid-2012 Valerie handed over the co-ordinator's role to John Wood, who moved to the Highlands from Wagga Wagga.

Boost in emergency response for Bundanoon and southern villages

THE AMBULANCE SERVICE of NSW and NSW Fire Brigade have joined forces to provide the Southern highlands town of Bundanoon and villages of Exeter, Penrose and Wingello with an increased emergency response to ambulance emergencies through the Community First Responders Program. In a medical emergency a 000 ambulance call will alert both the NSW Ambulance Service and Bundanoon Fire Brigade. Brigade members have been trained to provide pre-hospital care by delivering life-saving intervention until the ambulance arrives. This is particularly important in the event of a cardiac arrest or respiratory distress. Details of the service were outlined at a public meeting sponsored by the Ambulance Service, NSW Fire Brigade and Bundanoon Community Association held in the Memorial Hall, Bundanoon on 25 August.

Residents are reminded that Community First Responders are called to enhance, not replace ambulance services in the event of a medical emergency. It is essential to ask for an ambulance when calling Triple Zero (000).

Credit goes to local residents Glenn Westrup and Mark Tickner and their team who identified a need for a defibrillator facility in Bundanoon over three years ago. They ran the two "Bundaloony" balls to raise funds to train and equip a defibrillator team for local emergencies. Equipment was



Back row, from left: Paul Borland, Andrea Lennane, Glen Robinson, Neil Lindley, Andrew Brough, Joe Papalia
Front left, kneeling: Ambulance Service clinical educators Neil Walker and Craig Short

Front row, from left: Samuel Burnham, Leon Stuart Shanks, Paul Sedgbeer and Warren Martin.

supplied by St. John Ambulance Service, and a dozen volunteers were trained and given pagers. BCA then became involved, and continued the formal training but it was realised that initial procedures and communications needed revision. A new scheme, based on a Tasmanian model, was proposed by Graham Leech, BCA Defibrillator Team co-ordinator and this triggered the Community First Response initiative. Pru Goward MP added her influence to the campaign and the result is that the present program delivers broad range first aid to a wider geographic area. Bundanoon is the first NSW community to use the Fire Brigade in this CFR role. Importantly, the scheme does not require local fund-raising, but it does require local volunteers.



Bicycles for Humanity

March 2012

IN MARCH 2011 jcg covered the story of the great contribution a group of Bundanoon residents were planning to make to the Bicycles for Humanity project. Support comes from countries such as Australia and Canada and the group has now collected and repaired nearly 200 bikes for the Bicycle Empowerment Network (BEN) in Namibia. The heart-warming story is available on www.bikesforhumanity.com.au

Donated and repaired bikes are stored in a container at the



Resource Recovery Centre, Moss Vale before being transported to Sydney. Southern Cross Truck Hire at Narellan has now twice provided the vehicle for transport from Canberra and more recently, from Goulburn Men's Shed. There was a planned date in February for a shipment from Sydney of 338 bikes (196 from Moss Vale) bound for Wallis Bay, Namibia. And this is not the end of the project!

The success of the local endeavour has been financially assisted with generous donations from local businesses and residents to a Music Trivia night organised by Bob and Carina Smith in June 2011 at the Bundanoon Club.

The Good Yarn also kindly gave a generous cheque and together with raffle proceeds over \$2000 was raised.

In bike transport terms (estimating the cost per bike to ship and set down at \$25) this equates to 80 bikes funded. Hans Radowitz of Bundanoon was recently featured in an issue of the *Highlands Post*. As well as reconditioning bikes for Namibia he and members of the group have reconditioned 60 bikes (not suitable for Namibian terrain) for the Reviva centre. These include children's bikes and lighter models which have since been sold.

Your mountain bike donations will always be welcomed as the wheels turn to make the next shipment, ...and the next one, happen.

Local Bicycles for Humanity team at the Reviva Centre

Glow Worm Glen Track Bushcare Group

December 2006

One of the special places in Bundanoon, for both locals and visitors, is Glow Worm Glen. While best known for the glow worms visible only at night, it is also an enjoyable day walk. Just a short walk from town takes you through tall eucalypt forest and then down into the beautiful rainforest gully of Dimmocks Creek.

The track from the top of William Street to the National Park boundary and the adjoining wetland reserve has been maintained for the past nine years by the Glow Worm Glen Bushcare Group.

The main task has been weed removal. When the group first started, there were many large weed trees such as berberis and privet. Blackberry and ivy were everywhere, with the ivy even strangling some large trees.

Persistent weeding revealed an old dry stone wall originating from the early years of Bundanoon. Along the track where it had

been almost all weeds, trees were planted to create a natural environment. In the wetland, huge clumps of blackberry and honeysuckle were removed, allowing for natural regeneration.



The group continues to work on the removal of blackberry, ivy and honeysuckle. It is rewarding to finish a morning's weeding and see the difference that this has made to the area. To continue making a difference, more volunteer weeders are needed.

If you can help out, the tasks are as hard and as long as you wish to make them and it is a great way to learn about our environment. We also stop for a cuppa and a chat so it's not all hard work!

Members of the Glow Worm Glen Track group gathered at the track for the ten year reunion. Left to right: Ken Ferrier, Alan & Wendy Hyman, Clr Jim Clark, Rona Dorman, Liz Norrie, Denise Turner, Anna Perston, Jenny Gould, Martyn Mordy.

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SCURVY, DYSENTERY, FLOGGINGS, maggots salt-pork, weevil-infested flour, keel hauling and lice! Boy! Did those sailors and navigators of the 17th and 18th century have it easy compared to the hardy seafarers on ocean cruises today.

Last November my 84 year old dad, Len, and I sailed for 28 days around Australia. This 'Matthew Flinders' voyage was full of deprivation and hardship. Sharing a trip with 2000 other passengers and 900 crew was obviously going to be tough, but little did we realise just how tough.

At check-in we experienced our first wave of fear when we noticed a person of enormously huge proportions in the queue and heard somebody say "That person better have a central cabin, or we're all going down!" Our fear only worsened on board when we were surrounded by relentless 'Muzak' EVERYWHERE apart from our cabin, and this is true – the theme tune from *Titanic* (My Heart Will Go On) was played every night in the dining room. Talk about stress! Dad and I weren't prepared for that or the fact that we were just about the youngest ones on board. The average age must have been close to 99. Young people apparently sign on for tropical island cruises. Not that I mind elderly folk, indeed quite the opposite, but the noise of clattering walking sticks and Zimmer frames was deafening at times, particularly when these formerly slow-moving passengers descended in hordes, at a rate of knots, to claim precious seats at least an hour before a concert, film screening, trivia or bingo session. To make matters worse, these seemingly nice people kept mistaking Dad and me for brothers – much to Dad's joy and my horror!

From there things only got worse! As well as having to resist the temptation of 24-hour eating areas (including a free pizzeria), duty-free bargains in the 24-hour jewellery and perfume shop, there was the typically garish casino. And not only did I have to resist free cakes and pastries with 'stewed' coffee, I also had to deal with getting lost on the myriads of decks while avoiding the guilt-inducing gymnasium. Then there was the problem of confronting people who insisted on walking against the flow of pedestrian traffic, (anti-clockwise), on the promenade deck. I learnt on board that "cabin" is actually a nautical term for shoe box. Being of good Scottish stock, we made the thrifty choice of an interior cabin. "Interior" means a complete lack of natural lighting and fresh air. The only way we could tell that a bright new day had dawned at sea was by setting our television to the closed circuit channel which displayed the view as seen by the camera looking out from the pointy end of the ship. And then there was the snoring! The worst thing about my Dad's snoring is not the fact that it will shatter a dozen Darwin Stubbies at a distance of 200 metres, but that the ear-splitting cacophony commences from the moment his head hits the pillow. You don't get a chance to fall asleep before the racket starts. I merely snuffle occasionally!

But let me tell you – the worst danger we faced was from the majority of passengers who held extremely conservative, ultra right-wing opinions. Indeed, they were so far to the right that the ship listed to starboard for the entire cruise. If it wasn't for the fact that the huge person we encountered at check-in was given a cabin port side, we would have capsized when we threw a hard left around Cape York. One of these extremists, a millionaire from Orlando, Florida (as we were told countless times), actually had a theory that the African Americans in New Orleans brought on hurricane Katrina through their own inaction and deserved everything they got. I'm still thinking that one through! These people were also the biggest whingers I've ever met. They complained about everything, from the lack of availability of all their favourite foods from back home, to the iced water being just too cold. Their number one gripe though, was reserved for the friendly, very hard working and extremely capable staff, or servants as some saw them, who largely came from Filipino, Thai, Portuguese or Ukrainian backgrounds. They all spoke English proficiently but on rare occasions their conversation required clarification. This was just too much for these rude people who moaned about them endlessly. They conveniently overlooked the fact that the staff are paid pitifully low wages which contributes

to the cruise company's competitively priced fares.

Despite the immense hardships, Dad and I are still talking. Blood is thicker than (sea) water! Actually, the cruise was great fun, if a trifle too long for me, but not Dad. He wanted to sign on for the 104 day cruise around the world! Maybe we modern seafarers are just a tad better off than the earlier voyagers. I've bonded more closely to my Dad than ever, (despite confinement with an assortment of bodily noises), the beds were rat and insect free and, with stabilizers, we crossed the Great Australian Bight and Bass Strait (twice) without vomiting. We also got to visit Bunbury and Albany and other remote coastal towns and cities. The Dirty Banana cocktails and Eggs Benedict were to die for! All this – and not a cat o' nine tails in sight!

—Ross Armfield's column, "Through Ross-coloured glasses",
has been a popular feature of jcg for the past ten years.

March 2010



A town with no bottle?

THE NORLEX WATER extraction approval has galvanized our local community. Norlex's plans have no economic or social benefit to Bundanoon. This got some of us thinking. Could we make Bundanoon Australia's first bottled water-free town?

Norlex claims they want to put Bundanoon on the map – but for all the wrong reasons! Bottling water is an industry that Clean up Australia has described as a global environmental disaster and that was described by the Sydney Morning Herald as "the new social poison". Some facts:

- Some 400,000 barrels of oil annually are used to manufacture the plastic bottles for Australia's bottled water
- Only 30 per cent of these bottles are recycled
- The average price of bottled water is \$2.53 per litre – against 1 cent per litre for tap water

Becoming the first bottled water-free town would show we care about the environment, reduce landfill and add to the positive image of Bundanoon.

Wouldn't the businesses selling bottled water suffer? Initial response has been generally positive. However, any scheme should consider these businesses and if necessary look at ways of compensating them and to help them resist pressure from the major beverage companies.

What about visitors to the town or residents who want a drink of water? We could produce a large number of sports bottles, to be available free of charge (or at cost to stop people wasting them) from the shops and cafes in the village.

We could also erect Bundanoon Bubblers around town signposted "Bundanoon Natural Tap Water available here". But surely if we produce plastic bottles we are just replacing one with another? The idea is to produce something that will be used hundreds of times, not thrown away after one use. It would be one, lightweight shipment, not trucking heavy water around the country.

To achieve these goals we first and foremost need the support of the local community – business and residents. We need the support of those running events. The support of Wingecarribee Shire Council is vital to ensure the investment, infrastructure and signage is in place to make the initiative work. Grants can be sought from both public and private sources.

—Huw Kingston

NB: Following the publication of this proposal in jcg a public meeting was held, where enthusiastic support led to formation of the Bundy on Tap subcommittee as part of BCA. Implementation of the proposal resulted in considerable local and international interest.



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The 38th Brigadoon to be held on 11 April introduces some exciting new features.

Annual events

BUNDANOON EVENTS HAVE become popular attractions in the Southern Highlands calendar and *jcg* congratulates the organisers on these successful enterprises enjoyed by the community and attracting many visitors to our town.

Winterfest, the brainchild of former Bundanoon resident Jenny Byrne, is the most anticipated 'party' of the year – delighting our community during the coldest time of the year.



Garden Ramble, now in its 19th year, will celebrate our sesquicentenary by showcasing gardens developed around historic Bundanoon properties.

The Highland Fling, which last year registered around 2000 riders, is now regarded as one of the most successful MTB events in the country.



Silent witnesses pointing to the truth

BY ALL ACCOUNTS this was a pretty grisly episode!

Murringo, NSW, about half way between Boorowa and Young, was where Walter Thomas Angel – Bundanoon resident Fred Angel's great-great grandfather – and Emma, his attractive wife of whom



Fred Angel

he is reputed to have been 'very proud', lived their isolated existence. Murringo Station was becoming a small town in the early 1800s as people moved in to the area. Big plans for its development were in place. Life was hard and work was scarce. Angel – a carpenter – would take any work that came his way. Often he was away from home for extended periods with his team of bullocks, usually with his friend James MacNaminy. The comely Emma took advantage of his absences and established an illicit relationship with one Frederick Clark

who had strong negative feelings about Angel. They are reputed to have planned her husband's murder together.

At the time of the murder in 1859 Walter Angel and James MacNaminy, who were cutting roof shingles for houses which were soon to be built at Murringo, were away at a wild place full of stringy barks in the Moppity Range. Emma and Fred's plan was that he should find Walter Angel and poison him using a bottle of gin laced with laudanum. This was to occur under the guise of a feigned attempt by Clark to express his regrets about his feelings of ill-will towards Angel. The bush camp was located and Clark set about making the plan a reality. Given the man he was Angel was quick to 'forgive' Clark. He and MacNaminy drank from the bottle of gin to 'cement' their new friendship but noticed Clark didn't join them. Suspicions aroused, they and Clark argued the matter. Inevitably the poison began to have its effect. Clark is reputed to have explained to them what he had done, then took up a broad-bladed splitting axe and killed them both – although all accounts don't agree about the detail. Clark set up a bonfire with shingles from the dray and threw the bodies on top. When all was set alight he returned to Emma at

Murringo and told her the detail of what he had done.

Unfortunately for them Emma and Walter's young son is reported to have overheard the conversation and began to question Clark who tried to put him off by giving him a coin. The boy told the story to the local storekeeper and as the two shingle splitters had not returned as expected a search party was sent to find them. As the party approached the bush camp a 'very peculiar odour in the atmosphere' led them to the murder scene where they discovered the partly incinerated, charred bodies. Angel's trousers on his two unburnt legs were recognised by a 'chamois patch' over one knee. The almost fully loaded dray was alongside with four of its bullocks wandering unyoked and four others somewhat entangled with their traces. It was very clear what had happened and circumstances pointed in one direction.

Both Clark and Emma Angel were arrested and a trial took place at the Goulburn Circuit Court on 28 March 1860. Frederick Clark was indicted for 'having at Moppity Range ... on 1st October feloniously and wilfully, and with malice aforethought' murdered Walter Angel. For 'technical' reasons MacNaminy's death wasn't included in the indictment. Clark pleaded 'not guilty'. While the evidence given was clearly circumstantial, Mr Justice Byles was moved to say that 'circumstances are like silent witnesses pointing to the truth...' Given the described detail of the relationship between the two accused it was believed the presumption of guilt was confirmed.



Emma Angel

The trial proceeded and at its conclusion, after an hour, the jury returned with its verdict. Clark was found guilty and hanged later in Goulburn Gaol. Emma Angel was found not guilty and returned to Murringo but, after pressure from town residents where some took it upon themselves to stone her house at night, she moved from the district to Sutton Forest.

—Graeme Whisker

Murringo House, detail of painting by Ken Raffae



FRED AND IRENE Angel were seen in shots of family members in an episode of the SBS TV program "Who do you think you are?" featuring Dennis Cometti – Fred's distant cousin and sports commentator in Western Australia and Victoria. Dennis had traced his Italian heritage, then following the discovery of a family bible belonging to his maternal grandmother Mary Louisa De la Rue he learned that it was given to her by her "affectionate mother" Emma. He later found her surname was Hines and this led him to All Saints Sutton Forest where an introduction to local historian Linda Emery gave him a "key female ancestor". He found that on this side of his family there were not only convicts from Great Britain in the past but it seemed that when they got to Australia there were to be "occasions of lust and unexpected mayhem among them here as well". Fred's great, great grandmother Emma, wife of murdered Walter Thomas Angel, provided Dennis's link with the Angel family.

—PD

Graduate women

AFGW Comes to Bundanoon – come and find out what we do!

The Australian Federation of Graduate Women is an association of women graduates from universities and institutes of higher education throughout the world. AFGW NSW Inc. is affiliated with the national and international federations of graduate women and is a non-profit, non-government organisation. There is now a group of interested and interesting women meeting in Bundanoon and we welcome new members, including non-graduates.

What does AFGW-NSW do?

- Awards scholarships to women students
- Supports education for women locally and overseas
- Holds membership in state women's organisations
- Organises forums for discussion and lectures
- Administers state business
- Provides networking and social interaction
- Approaches governments on matters of women's education and well-being

Calling all Women Graduates – we invite you to join us!

AFGW Bundanoon meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month for dinner at 7pm, where you can be assured of interesting speakers and stimulating conversation, while enjoying a wonderful meal in pleasant surroundings. We are currently discussing worthy projects to support and we'd welcome your input.

AFGW welcomes all women graduates who support its

purposes and objectives.

AFGW also welcomes non-graduates as Associate Members.

For more details please contact: Christine Janssen – wotafrog@hotmail.com or Helga Burns – helgaburnsedu@gmail.com

World's Greatest Shave

The Bundanoon Bowling Club will be the only official site in the Southern Highlands for the Leukemia Foundation's fundraiser, "The World's Greatest Shave" on Saturday, 14 March 2015 at 4.30pm (immediately after the club plays Goulburn Bowling club (at home) in the Pennants competition).

Men's Bowling Club patron

Graham Anderson informs us that the Hon Pru Goward MLA has agreed to be the club's new patron. In his letter of acknowledgment, he wrote:

"It was with great pleasure that the Committee and members of the Bundanoon Bowling Club received your acceptance of our invitation to replace the dearly loved late Noel Phillips as Patron of our small but very proud club. As you would be aware Lawn Bowling is not quite the Olympic scale sport that it perhaps once was, we however might be looked on as "the mouse that roared" and continue to promote the social, health and community benefit that we believe our sport offers our village and the wider community."



Congratulations

Local resident Professor Ken Hillman was honoured with an Officer of the Order of Australia on Australia Day 2015. Ken Hillman is a UNSW Professor of Intensive Care, Foundation Director of the Simpson Centre for Health Services Research and a practising intensive care clinician at Liverpool Hospital. He was recognised for "distinguished service to intensive care medicine as a clinician, educator and researcher, as a pioneer in the introduction of the medical emergency team system, and as an advocate for the critically ill".

jcg published a profile of Ken and partner Bobbi Ballas in September 2012.

Empire Cinema turns 100

The Empire's 100th birthday is 15 September. For a century, the Empire's cinemas have shown first release mainstream films, plus screenings from London's National Theatre and New York's Metropolitan Opera.

Planning is under way for a week of celebrations in September, with red carpet, floodlights and the screening of classics from across the decades.

It was 21 years ago that the Empire Cinema spawned FISH (Films In the Southern Highlands) the brainchild of proprietor, Richard Ruhfus, as an initiative in 1994 to broaden his audience to include art house cinemagoers.

FISH in 2015 has 300 members with our own Ross Armfield as President. FISH [www.fish.org.au] provides alternative fare to the mainstream releases, featuring mainly foreign and independent films, showing a film each month at the Empire Cinema, on a Sunday morning and then the following Tuesday evening.

—Alan Olsen

Play-ing with the big boys (and girls)

WEEK 7 OF the current Short and Sweet Festival in Sydney featured 'Not Again', the winning play from the 2014 Crash Test Drama Gala. Miranda Lean, David O'Halloran and I spent almost a week in Sydney with the writer of the play, Brian Haydon, and the director, Lorelei Tait.

To us first timers at the festival (except Lorelei who played in the wildcard section last year), it was quite an eye opener. Little did we know when we participated in the heats throughout the year that those involved in the winning play would be required to give up six days to participate in the final 80 plays selected for the festival.

At the dress rehearsals it became quite evident that we had stepped up to another level of performance requirement. As Pat Brennan commented "this is serious competition", and so it proved to be. The Festival Director commented on the final night that this was the most exacting and competitive week he had witnessed in the past three years.

We did not win – and in truth we did not expect to – but we received a lot of compliments from many members of the different audiences. We all learned a lot (me in particular) and certainly put Bundanoon on the map as a place where performance and creativity is nurtured.

For Brian Haydon it was a particular honour to have his play selected from over 1000 scripts, for Lorelei it was an opportunity to stretch her performance experience to directing and for the three players it was a great chance to watch and learn from others as well as encouraging each other. The collegiality is something that I will fondly remember.

The star of our show was undoubtedly the bloody makeup on my character, expertly applied by Lorelei. The comments from startled audiences in the toilets (when trying to take it off) or in the general areas testify to its authenticity!

—Thomas-Andrew

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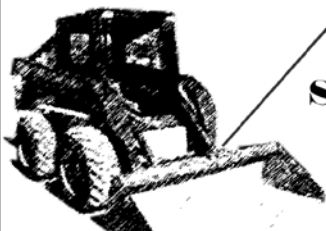
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Noel Phillips died in November 2014. Members of his family had lived in Bundanoon since 1855. Noel was born in 1923 in his grandfather's house on the corner of Amy and Erith Sts. His great grandfather Dimmock arrived on the *Palmyra* from England around 1860. Noel married Joy Pollard in 1949 and they shared a long marriage with many fond memories of Bundanoon during that time. Kate Perkin's story tells of Noel's long career with NSWGR.

Jim Rundle also died in 2014. Jim was a great collector of memorabilia and had a deep knowledge of local history. He and his brother Les have Tooth forebears. Vicki Streatfeild's irreverent profile of the two brothers makes amusing reading.

Number one son!

june 2006

NOEL PHILLIPS HOLDS the distinction of being the oldest gentleman born in Bundanoon still living here. He enlisted in the Air Force at the same time as other local residents Ron Greason, Ross Counsell, Boy Voller and Arthur Tooth. After his discharge in 1946 he joined the locomotive branch of the railways at Eveleigh and gradually worked up to the rank of fireman on the 36 and 38 class steam trains. He was appointed as a driver in 1954 and many years later he was one of the first men to be trained to drive the XPT.

The intricacies of air brakes ('the Australian-made Westinghouse air brake system was considered the best in the world'), compressors, and signalling all had to be learned. There were no two-way radios

in locomotives, so if a train broke down between stations it was the lot of the fireman to walk along the line to alert staff at the next station.

Noel loved steam trains, photographs of which he proudly displays, and says he was never sorry to go back to work after holidays. There were short runs to Richmond, Lithgow and Gosford and the fireman filled the fettlers' tanks along the track. He remembers commuter trains, 'The Fish' to Mt Victoria, and 'The Chips' to Springwood as 'social clubs on wheels'.

At one period his wage was 7 pounds and his additional allowance for night work was 3d an hour. For the last twenty years of his working life Noel manned the Newcastle Flyer, the Central West



Noel and Joy Phillips

Express, the Southern Aurora, and the Indian Pacific. He rose from special class driver to become the No.1 driver in the State.

—Kate Perkins

Boys will be boys: the Rundles

September 2008

OLD CARS WERE a big part of the lives of Jim and Les Rundle growing up in Bundanoon after the war – whether they had a licence or not.

Like the times they would go for a spin in the national park in an old bomb with a faulty fuel pump. They'd tie a gallon tin of petrol to the roof and Les would squirt the fuel from a plastic bottle straight into the throat of the carburettor while perched on the mudguard.

Jim used to love drag racing from bridge to bridge – but this could only be done after the cops had gone to bed. Les on the other hand would win the "go slow" events, carting as many as 13 people on the running boards and boot of his '34 Chev.

Jim had one set of plates for five cars just to confuse the two local police, Jack Hardman and Roy White. He loved playing "dodge the cop" while driving without a licence, but he nearly lost it the day he got it.

He was coming up Gullies Road which was as "rough as guts" but better than Constitution Hill which was just a track. Jim hit a ditch and his elbow bumped the horn, right outside the church where a funeral was taking place. Roy White was furious with him for being disrespectful and asked for his licence. Jim nervously handed it over. He did get it back, but not without copping a serve from the Sarge first.



Les rode his billy cart down Constitution Hill after it was sealed and the rear end overtook the front. That was the end of that, and nearly of Les too. However he did win 40 cents in the 70s when a tourist bet him he couldn't ride up the hill on his old "back pedal brake" bike.

The boys had a lot of fun at the Saturday night dances in the Memorial Hall and at the Rosnel and Devonleigh guesthouses. "We never fought over girls because there were always plenty there. We never created havoc around town, nor did we ever hurt anyone, we just had good, clean fun," they say today.

Their grandfather Edward Tooth was born here in 1884 and purchased a paddock which ran from Penrose Road down to the national park. He also built a shop where the post office and bicycle shop are today. Their father, Reeve Richard Rundle, better known as "Dickie" was born on St Patrick's Day, 1901 in England and arrived here when he was 21. He and his wife Emily re opened the shop in 1953 after it was shut down for many years following Edward's death. Jim and Les both worked in the mixed business, selling home-grown spuds and firewood among other things.

The two boys would plough the paddock with a 1927 Fordson tractor (which Les still uses today), sow the seed and dig the spuds for the shop by hand.

They remember when there were only 300 people in Bundanoon and their mum saying "you could shoot a cannon down the main street and not hit anyone". You could also buy land for the value of the overdue rates.

Both men are married with families, have an insatiable appetite for humour and are always ready to lend a neighbour in trouble a helping hand. Les is the local plumber and Jim a machine operator. Les collects and shows old machinery and has been entertaining at local functions with friend Phil Gove ("The Elderly Brothers") for 30 years.

Last year Jim and Les discovered they have an older brother, Peter, who was adopted out in 1939. Peter has the same appetite for humour as his two brothers.

After our interview Jim said to Les: "Thanks for doing that plumbing for me the other day". "No worries mate," said Les. "You didn't have to," said Jim. "It wasn't the bit I wanted you to do."

— Vicki Streatfeild

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IT WAS REMARKED upon recently that the Bundanoon Lions club is a little unusual. Not only are a higher proportion of the members not yet fully retired, more than 50% of active members are women (hardly surprising really, when you consider that the Bundanoon chapter was founded by a woman back in October 1990).

Back then many clubs wouldn't accept women as members (the dark ages weren't all that long ago it seems). Luckily Lucy Nimmo found some evolved and enlightened Bundanoon gentlemen and together they created local history, forming the Bundanoon Lions Club, the first mixed club in the district.

Looking back on those 25 years, it is remarkable how much such a small club has managed to achieve – a great many of the projects undertaken by the Lions now form part of the everyday fabric of our community. Sit under the shade of a tree at the oval and you might be sitting under one of the over 100 trees the club planted there in 1991. And when you next sip on a warming cup of mulled wine at Winterfest, consider that Bundanoon Lions were the lone food stall at the very first Winterfest and have participated every year since (Bundanoonians clearly love their mulled wine).

There are also long, strong ties between the Lions and Linkside (now Warrigal). Seventeen years ago work began on revamping the outdoor area, a space which had been dedicated to former Linkside resident, Bert Bastion. This year, as part of the sesquicentennial celebrations, the Bundanoon Lions will be developing a new outdoor area for Warrigal residents, incorporating a sensory garden and raised vegetable beds. A concert to raise funds for this project is planned for June 14th – save the date in your diary.

Present and past Lions are all proud of the contributions they have made to the Bundanoon community over the past 25 years with fund raising activities (not to mention their volunteer hours) contributing in excess of \$400,000 to the local community and more broadly via Lions International. But it goes without saying that none of the activities and projects would happen without the enormous and always generous support of the Bundanoon community.

—Karen Williams

Huw's 14,000 kilometre challenge

ON 26 APRIL 2014, Australian adventurer Huw Kingston sea-kayaked away from Anzac Cove in Gallipoli, Turkey, to begin *mediterr année*; a personal commemoration of the Centenary of ANZAC and a fundraising journey for Save the Children; which would see him circumnavigate the Mediterranean, traversing 14,000km by human power.

In a recent message from Huw he explained that it was Day 291 since he left Gallipoli and in 'only' 75 days he must arrive back there ahead of the Anzac Centenary. The journey has exceeded expectations on every level as he has walked, kayaked and biked his way some 10,000km through Europe and North Africa.

The next stage involves rowing, with companion Marin Medak, 2000km from Tunisia to on to Cyprus then on to Turkey. Marin rowed across the Atlantic three years ago but believe it or not this is Huw's first experience. Rowing was never in the original plan but travel through Libya and Syria was not possible.

mediterr année is a fundraiser for Save the Children fund, specifically for children affected by war and conflict. Money Huw is raising now is being sent directly to Syria.

With only a short time until ANZAC Day Huw hopes you will support his cause by making a donation: donate.savethechildren.org.au/mediterrannee Huw says Save the Children has been a wonderful organisation to work with on this project.

And now, with the end in sight, Huw asks readers to consider making a donation: "\$10, \$100 or perhaps 'buy' a country (there are only 4 left!) Thank you, I value your support."

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Remembrance Memorial dedication

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Trevor Fenton, Secretary of Bundanoon RSL and Alby Schultz MP



ON 11 OCTOBER 2008, a beautiful spring day in Bundanoon, war veterans, members of community organisations, families and school students attended the blessing and unveiling of the

Remembrance Wall Memorial which has been built on the corner of Church St and Osborne Ave. President of Blessings were given by Rev Jeremy Tonks, Father Anthony David and Pastor Wayne Davis. President of Bundanoon RSL sub-branch welcomed participants and guests and Mr. Alby Schultz MP conducted the unveiling ceremony, prior to the laying of wreaths. Members of "Serendipity, the choir" led the singing of the Recessional, Abide with Me and the National Anthem. A Catafalque Party of cadets from Chevalier College and children from Bundanoon Public school reminded everyone present of the sacrifice servicemen and women have made for the security, democracy and freedom of Australia.

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Lee Cheong

Piano at Ten

Piano at Ten continues to be the Arts Bundanoon flagship. It gives audience members an easy, inexpensive yet deeply rewarding way to begin a weekend, on the first Saturday of the month.

We began the year with passionate intent as **Lee Cheong's** February 7 performance featured the technically challenging and tempestuous Beethoven piano sonata no. 23 in F minor Op. 57, the "Appassionata".

Skilful flautist **Angus McPherson** took up the baton on March 7 in a varied programme whose centrepiece was the ever popular Poulenc Flute sonata.

Please see the Arts Bundanoon website,



Angus McPherson

www.artsbundanoon.org.au for the year's balanced mix of music for piano, voice and violin.

Piano at 10 has established a reputation amongst the Sydney musical community for warm, friendly audiences and professional concert organization. Many see it as an important venue and we are already booking artists for 2016.

NB: There will be no Piano at Ten in June; in November it will be the second Saturday.

Concerts

Arts Bundanoon's contribution to the 2015 Garden Ramble will be **The Adler Quartet** on the Saturday and Bundanoon's very own **Jordan's Crossing Ensemble** on the Sunday. Both concerts will be held at the end of the day in a local garden, a fine way to rest and enjoy music after visiting the gardens.

This year will be Arts Bundanoon's final **Gala Concert**. Negotiations are still being held with the artists but this last Gala Concert will be memorable, so come along and celebrate the Gala series, past and present.

2015 sesquicentenary

The final Piano at Ten for the year, December 5, with John Martin at the piano, will include Arts Bundanoon's salute to the 2015 sesquicentenary.

— Jennie Fea

Special note: The exclusive yet inexpensive Arts Bundanoon cards will again be available at each Piano at Ten. **Special, special note:** there are new images for 2015.

This year we continue the Arts Bundanoon theme: to provide high quality performances at exceptionally low prices.



JCG Food & Wine

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS of last year's farmgate tour, JCG Food & Wine has two exciting events planned for 2015.

- First will be a luncheon at **Eschalot Restaurant**, Berrima. This is a popular venue, so early bookings are advised.
- In the second half of the year JCG Travel and the Food & Wine group, with input from Bundanoon History Group, will offer a coach trip to the greater **Canberra** area.

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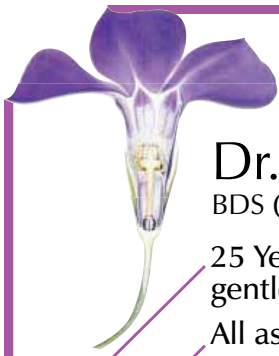
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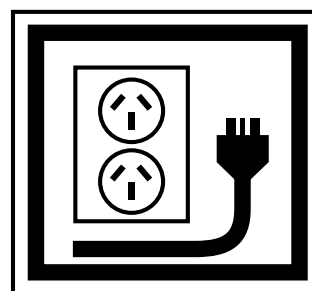
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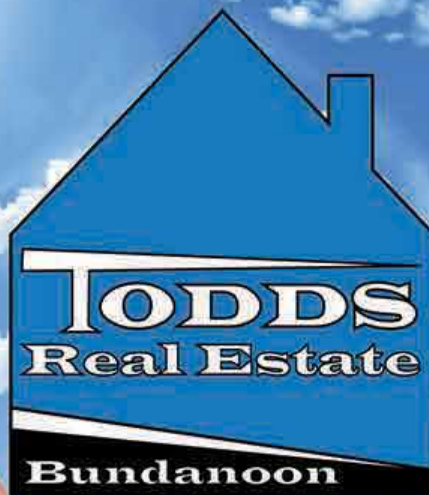


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