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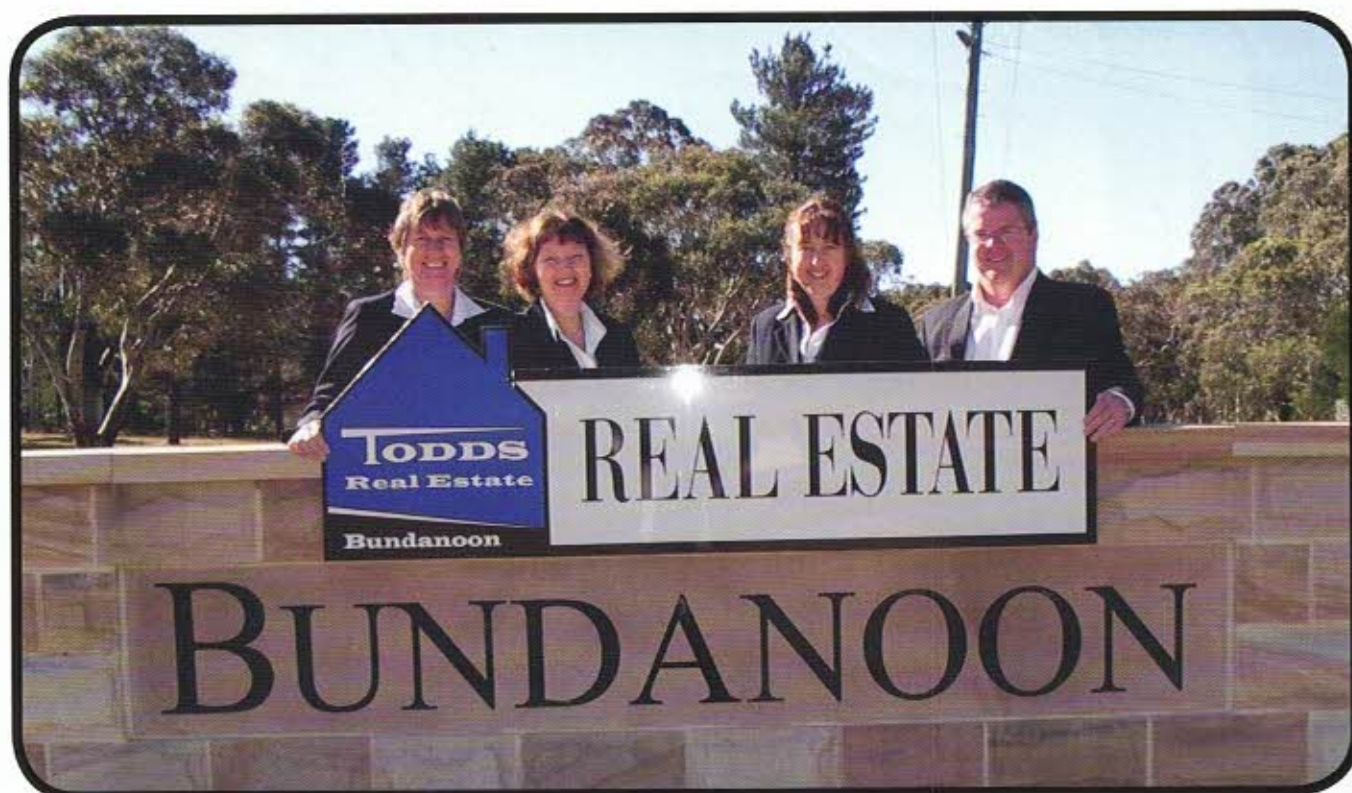
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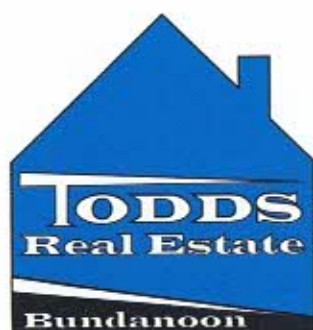


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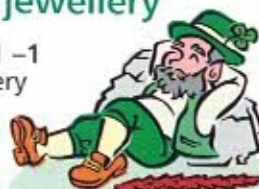
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Pam Davies,
Editor

WHEN I READ that a study undertaken in the 90s showed that four out of five Australian households have at least one pet, I realized that putting together an issue of *jcg* with themed articles on pets could be a daunting task. It became a challenge to select stories for publication because so many people had beguiling love stories about their family pets. A decision was made to focus largely on rescued animals and the work of staff and volunteers at the Wingecarribee Animal Shelter as well as proud pet owners who have given neglected or abandoned animals a second chance. Their stories show that the benefits are mutual and the staff feel rewarded for their part in the process.

The global warming debate should prompt some responses and letters to the editor will be welcome. The success of Winterfest is covered in words and pictures so please contact *jcg* if you have ideas for 2009 events. Community events make Bundanoon the special place it is and please remember that your ideas and contributions to our magazine are always welcome.

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Third Thursday each month:

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Friday 31 October 2008



Ralph Clark,
BCA president

BCA report Springing ahead

IF ALL GOES to schedule this message should be being read a week before the most hotly-contested Wingecarribee Council election in living memory. BCA has arranged a candidates' evening in the Hall on Tuesday, 9 September, commencing at 7.15pm. This will give us an opportunity to hear what the various candidates have to offer as they try

to obtain our support.

BCA has established an excellent relationship with council over recent years, as we seek to make Bundanoon an even better place to live, believing that a cooperative approach will get the best results. A good example is the work done by our hard-working Green Team, which has meant that we get more mowing done by council's contractor.

The recent Winterfest was the best yet, with more and more residents becoming involved. A coordinating group has already been established to ensure that the 2009 festival is even better.

Next month sees the next major event on the town calendar – the annual Garden Ramble, to be held over the weekend of 25–26 October. As well as the usual great array of spectacular gardens, this year the committee will be emphasising the Scarecrow element, so now is the time to think about participating in this popular aspect.

A great deal of work has been done to the Memorial Hall during the past few weeks – another example of the cooperation mentioned above. Council has funded the complete repainting of the building, as well as work in the supper room and new doors. BCA itself has spent a substantial amount on the Hall over the past several years, not to mention many, many hours of voluntary work. There will be more mention of the renovation programme in the next issue.

Bundanoon is a very special place to live, largely due to the willingness of members of the community to become involved.

A big win against all odds

THE DON'T BORE Bundanoon Committee pictured celebrating the judgement against Norlex Holdings handed down by the Land and Environment Court on August 1. Commissioner Tim Moore rejected Norlex's appeal against the refusal by Wingecarribee Council of its application to ship spring water from Governors Street to Sydney in semi-trailers. He found that such a development would "significantly and fundamentally" change the

nature of the meandering country lane. Other grounds for the refusal were the risks to the safety of children at the school and the impact on vegetation and on the adjacent property.

Residents are asked to take down any remaining protest signs. If there is an appeal they can go up again, but the committee wants to give a "fair go" to those people trying to sell their homes who have been so patient in the interests of the town.

STOP PRESS: As we went to press, we received word that Norlex Holdings has lodged an appeal against the Land and Environment Court decision, claiming three errors in law and three denials of natural justice.



11 Years of Rambling

COME AND JOIN us at the Bundanoon Village Garden Ramble 2008. Over two days of the weekend, 25/26 October, ten gardens will be opened by their enthusiastic owners from 9.30am – 4.30pm. Take a leisurely stroll through the gardens and enjoy some Bundanoon hospitality.

Several of the gardens, ranging from regular town blocks to small acreage, will be open for the first time. Some are relatively new and others are long established but, as always, a garden is never "finished". All are works in progress and will provide great interest for those who enjoy the beauty of gardens as well as those serious horticulturalists with a deep interest in plants. There are Australian and exotic species suited to cold winters and relatively cool summers that we experience in Bundanoon. Garden owners will be very happy to talk with you and to share their personal enthusiasms and expertise.

An all inclusive ticket (\$15.00 per head or \$5.00 for single gardens) can be purchased at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall from 9.00am. Concessions are available. Free shuttle buses will transport visitors around the township.

The Country Garden Market, with stalls in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, will be open during the Ramble as will a wonderful exhibition of craft and textiles in the Bundanoon Hotel.

Locals are again encouraged to set their imaginations to work and create a scarecrow for their garden whether or not it is entered in the Ramble competition. It's all part of the fun!

Contact: Graeme Whisker, ph 4883 6570, 0427 488 122

SEE ADVERTISEMENT PAGE 15.

Meet the election candidates

Hear what the various candidates for council have to offer: Tuesday 9 September, commencing 7:15pm, in the Hall.

History Week – 6–14 September

COORDINATED BY THE History Council of NSW, History Week this year includes 270 events across the State. For a program, visit www.historycouncilnsw.org.au or contact Gil Wheaton on 4883 7463, email folly42@bigpond.com.

Bundanoon history tours will be held on 6 and 7 September and oral histories of local residents will be presented on Monday 8 September at the Bundanoon Club.

Next movie: Gallipoli

THERE WILL BE a screening of *Gallipoli* on Saturday 11 October at 7.30 pm. (This film was chosen to tie in with the dedication of the RSL Memorial.)

Adults \$10, Children \$5 and Families \$25 (supper included).

Arts Bundanoon

WHAT SPLENDID VARIETY we've had lately in our recent musical events!

In June, Louise Page wove the fascinating and amusing story of the life of Dame Nellie Melba into a dramatic presentation interspersed with a superb offering of many of her favourite arias and songs.

As part of the Winterfest program in July, David Pereira, playing his nearly 300 year old cello and accompanied by accomplished pianist Natasha Tkachenko brought us a brilliant performance of Russian masterpieces. This was followed later in the month, in great contrast, by a Bavarian Band provided by the Camden/Campbelltown District Band. This was such fun and appreciated by the winter afternoon audience in Bundanoon.

This year's **Gala Concert**, to be held on the evening of **Saturday 27 September at 7.30pm**, features the very popular The Song Company. Roland Peelman directs the six professional singers of this versatile and exciting ensemble which could be said to be Australia's version of the famous Kings Singers. Ticket enquiries - 02 4883 6588.

Three of Australia's finest musicians have recently formed the trio **Empyrean** - Wendy Lorenz (piano), Andrew Lorenz (violin) and David Pereira (cello). These very experienced and respected ensemble musicians will be coming to Bundanoon on **Saturday 18 October at 7.30pm** for what promises to be an evening of exquisite music making. As usual, tickets for this concert will be available at Todd's Real Estate, The Highlands Bookshop, Moss Vale and The Brown Bookshop, Bowral. Enquiries to 02 4883 6588.

— Michael Flint



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Enquiries: Pat Wheaton on 4883 7463.

in-tray

Your vote counts

Dear Editor

Readers may have noticed that Council's August newsletter about the Leisure Centre does not promise to keep our Bundanoon swimming pool open.

Indeed, the newsletter grumbles twice about the cost of all the existing pools, citing this cost as one reason to build the Centre.

While the Council's web site states "Bundanoon pool is in no danger of closing", that same sentence continues "and with Mittagong, because of its age and deteriorating condition, its long term viability in the current form will depend upon how it stands up to the rigors of time."

In effect, the "no danger" statement is merely a short-term

promise, depending upon the "rigors of time" and, presumably, maintenance cost and inclination.

"Yes" votes to the poll questions may, if successful, condemn our Bundanoon pool to an earlier death, perhaps even before the Centre is finished.

Previous local determination built this pool, without any Council help. We should honour and follow that stunning local success story.

So, please add your NO vote to our Swimming Club's NO vote, unless our pool's long-term future is guaranteed!

Graham Leech
Jenny Walker (President,
Bundanoon Swimming Club)



Councillor Jim Clark

council report

Elections and Leisure Centre poll

COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL be held on Saturday 13 September with voting compulsory for residents of the shire. In

this election there will be a reduction in the number of councillors from the present twelve to nine, allowing less diversity and community representation. Also included in this election will be a poll on whether or not council should proceed with construction of a Leisure Centre and whether certain reserves should be sold to assist with funding of the project. Much of the land proposed for sale, including two parks in Bundanoon, has been removed from the list. However, a number of council-owned reserves in the shire are still earmarked for sale. It will be interesting to see what the community thinks of such a centralised swimming facility and whether it believes council can afford to pay for it. Although council has said it will not close Bundanoon pool, the long term viability of the remaining facilities at Mittagong and Moss Vale remains in question should the Leisure Centre be constructed.

It has been an interesting time to be on council and I will be a candidate for re-election. It seems likely that the new council will be substantially different in make up from the last. It appears unlikely that we will see a repeat of the last election where four candidates were elected from the same team. It is not only the larger towns and Chambers of Commerce that need representation on our council. Increasingly the smaller communities will need a voice and a direct connection to make their needs known. In a time of climate change and increasing oil prices it is important that local communities are encouraged to move towards increased sustainability and self sufficiency. A strong local economy and network of support will provide the best way to meet these challenges. A move toward re-localisation and self sufficiency requires a major mind shift in an era of globalisation and local councils can play a major role in encouraging this to happen.

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Remembrance Wall Dedication

Dedication of the Bundanoon Wall of Remembrance, situated in the park behind the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, on the corner of Osborne Ave. and Church St. will be held on:

11 October 2008, beginning at 9.30 for 10.00 am

The Hon Alby Schultz MP will unveil the plaques, with Pru Goward, State Member for Goulburn, also in attendance.



CWA report

THE 86TH ANNUAL Conference of the Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW was held in Tweed Heads in May and was attended by Bundanoon Branch delegates, Margaret McNulty and Gaye Everett. Hundreds of women of all ages from cities, towns and small communities gathered to discuss matters affecting their communities and families and to vote on issues of general concern.

Several high profile guest speakers inspired and entertained the delegates throughout the four days of business sessions. These included Mrs. Tracey Knowland, winner of the Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation "Rural Women's Award" 2008; Her Excellency Martha Ortiz de Rosas, Ambassador of Mexico (our country of study for this year) and Mr. David Ward, Master of Earl Page College, University of New England, where the annual Country of Study weekend workshop is held. A very entertaining Mrs. Carolyn Hauff held everyone enthralled as she drew on her considerable teaching experience to talk about "Schooling Today's Generation – What a Challenge!". A cheque for \$29,360 was presented to Dr Melissa Gabriel, a paediatric oncologist from Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, to support our Medical Project 2008, Umbilical Cord Blood Stem Cell Research. Dr Gabriel spoke about the current research and successes in this field to date.

Broken Hill will be the venue for next year's conference.

Locally, Bundanoon Branch spent a morning at "Wildfoods" in Bowral, learning about their organic products and services, as well as partaking of a delicious lunch! "Wildfoods" nutritionist, Laura, also attended our Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea in May where she spoke of foods which may protect against cancer. Our two street stalls during Winterfest celebrations in July were well patronized and gave us an opportunity to show off our culinary skills as well as many craft items – warm woollen beanies and scarves, bed-socks and tea-cosies and Jan's Special Nipple Warmers!

We recently hosted a Mexican lunch to celebrate our country of study. Our International Officer, Judith Berry, organized a wonderful menu, fascinating insights into Mexican history and culture and had our guests busily making "God's Eyes" to take home.

We meet on the first Thursday each month at 1.00 pm in the CWA rooms and new members are always welcome. Remember that CWA is far more than just "Tea and Scones"!

— Marie Reid, Publicity Officer. Ph 4883 6526



WARRIGAL CARE, PROVIDING aged care services from Sydney to Queanbeyan including Bundanoon, Goulburn and the Illawarra on the south coast, has won for the second year in a row a Gold award for their annual report at the 2008 Australasian Reporting Awards. The award celebrates excellence in annual reporting and public accountability and was presented at the

awards ceremony at the Hilton Hotel, Sydney in June.

"The award demonstrates Warrigal Care's commitment to open and honest communication with our communities. Demonstrating best disclosure practices and transparency is the key to gaining and keeping trust in our reputation..."

Being a charitable organisation, the opportunity to be benchmarked against the standards and performance of the commercial business sector and to exceed these is a great achievement. It proves the commitment we have to building a strong foundation in the community and being a part of the best practice of the aged care sector's future." CEO Mark Sewell explained.

The Australasian Reporting Awards have been running for 58 years, and were established to encourage effective communication of financial and business information.



RFS report

AT OUR ANNUAL General Meeting in May, Alan Fairbrother resigned from the position of Captain. With other Brigade members he attended many fires – local and State-wide as well as two inter-state fires in Victoria. Alan has promoted the Brigade to a high position in the community, and has encouraged new and ongoing training courses for the members, for example CABA (Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus).

However, Alan has accepted the position of Deputy Captain together with John Brock. Our new Captain is Craig Rowley with brother Dean as Senior Deputy Captain. They are both very experienced fire fighters, each with 25 years in the Brigade and most importantly both have a wealth of knowledge of Bundanoon and surrounding districts.

Complacency has set in following the last two cooler, wetter fire seasons, but summer is not far off! We cannot predict this year's weather, but now is the time to start "housekeeping". Clean those gutters, clear debris away from the house and outbuildings and mow grass regularly. Inflammable materials should be stored well away from dwellings and most importantly discuss and implement an "escape plan" with your family.

Information on the above topics will be available at the Brigade's Open Day at our Fire Station in Burgess Street (beside the Pre-School) on Saturday 20 September between 10 am and 2 pm. Bring the family along for a sausage sizzle, a chance to inspect our equipment and talk to your local volunteers.

All residents will receive a pamphlet in the mail towards the end of September. We always welcome new members and our flyer explains how you can help – you don't necessarily have to fight fires!

You might prefer to join our Auxiliary (and yes, we do have men). Its aim is not only to fund-raise for the Brigade, but to support all Emergency Services during incidents.

The Brigade meets every Wednesday at the Burgess Street Fire Station for training, updating or repairing equipment and visits to neighbouring brigades for joint training are also arranged

— Rosemary Page

Global warming debate:

Why did we do so little when we knew so much?



HOW DO I know that global warming is taking place? I don't – climate is an extraordinarily complicated branch of science.

I rely on the thousands of scientists from many disciplines from all over the world following the scientific method; the astuteness of the editors and referees of scientific journals; the probity of scientific commentators and journalists; and the wisdom of science philosophers.

In 2004 N. Oreskes reviewed 928 articles on climate change from the scientific literature and none of them opposed the view that human activities were causing climate change.

With the scientific method a hypothesis is tested by gathering data by observation or experimentation, that data is analysed using appropriate statistical methods, and the hypothesis is either rejected or not rejected. It is never accepted – there are no scientifically proven facts. It then becomes a basis for further research and as a reference for other scientists, and will stand as long as it is not rejected or modified. This makes scientists the ultimate sceptics. They believe in nothing, question everything and are relentless in scrutinising the work of their colleagues.

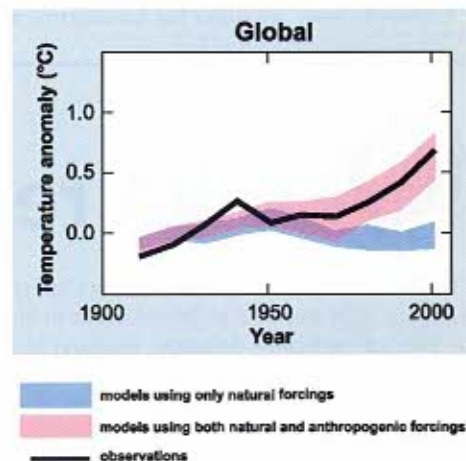
In the 1950s and 60s satellite pictures showed that the Earth was round. The flat-earthers were outraged and accused the round-earthers of an elaborate hoax perpetrated in photographic studios. Before and since then there has been enough evidence to assume that Earth is approximately spherical.

Similarly, it is assumed that the greenhouse effect warms the surface of the Earth and makes it habitable, that greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are largely responsible for that effect, and that an increase in the concentration of greenhouse gases will lead to global warming. Scientific observations and experiments are reinforcing the validity of this assumption, and until somebody comes up with an alternative theory that is based on the scientific method, this assumption will continue to be used by scientists. To do otherwise would be like reinventing the wheel every time a new car is designed.

The climate change deniers need to publish their researched hypotheses for scrutiny and comment by the scientific community.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which consists of about 2400 prominent scientists from around the

world, stated that "the globally averaged net effect of human activities since 1750 has been one of warming" and "warming of the climate system is unequivocal, as is now evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice, and rising global average sea level".



Temperatures changes for the 20th century, comparing those due to natural processes with those due to human activity plus natural processes: IPCC Climate Change Report, 2007.

James Hansen of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration wrote in 2006: "Global surface temperature has increased by 0.2°C per decade in the past 30 years, similar to the warming rate predicted in the 1980s in initial global climate model simulations with transient greenhouse gas changes".

In a few million years' time researchers from an intelligent, self aware, curious species will be examining the causes of the sixth mass extinction event. They will tease out the evidence from the thin, carbon-rich, radioactive layer in the Earth's crust representing the human period on Earth. They will wonder why we did so little when we knew so much.

Let us hope that those researchers will be our descendants and not an entirely new species that has occupied the ecological niche vacated by us.

— Tony Hill*

*Tony Hill is a retired health professional with training in statistics and the scientific method. He contributes a regular "Climate" column to jcg.

The battle of the graphs

Just another scare campaign

THE EARTH'S TEMPERATURE is always changing.

In the 1890s there was a scare campaign warning of an impending ice age. In the 1940s the scare was that the planet was getting too hot. In the '70s the scare was another deep freeze. Now the scare is about warming again, this time with the twist that it's caused by man-made CO₂.

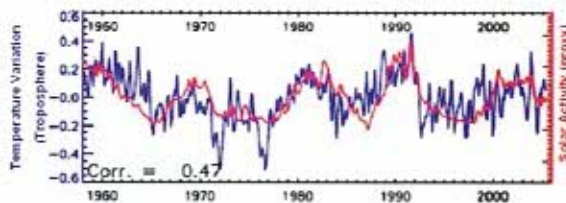
The first three scare campaigns ended when the global temperature changed direction. How is the present scare campaign shaping up?

Here's how global temperature and CO₂ levels have been changing over the last decade:

Clearly, a more powerful force than CO₂ is at work. So what did cause the Earth to warm up in the late 20th century and then start to cool again this century?

First, a word on the current state of climate science. Basically there is a lot we don't know. We know that the Sun affects climate but we don't know how. Clouds are an extremely important part of climate, yet we don't understand how they work. In fact, there is so much we don't understand about our climate that anyone who thinks "the science is in" is seriously mistaken.

There is a lot of scientific research which shows that the Sun is the main driver of climate. The next graph shows how solar activity and the Earth's temperature are clearly linked over periods of a decade or so:



The link between climate and solar activity over much longer periods (thousands of years) is also well-documented. The IPCC report claims that the link ended in 1994 – which happens to be just before the strongest El Niño event of the 20th century.

In the later part of the 20th century the Sun became particularly active. Consequently, as we all know, the Earth warmed up, glaciers melted, etc. Over the last 10 years, the Sun has become less active and the Earth has started cooling again. Last Northern Hemisphere winter, the ice between Canada and south-western Greenland reached its highest level in 15 years, and the total area of global sea ice approached its highest level since records began about 30 years ago.

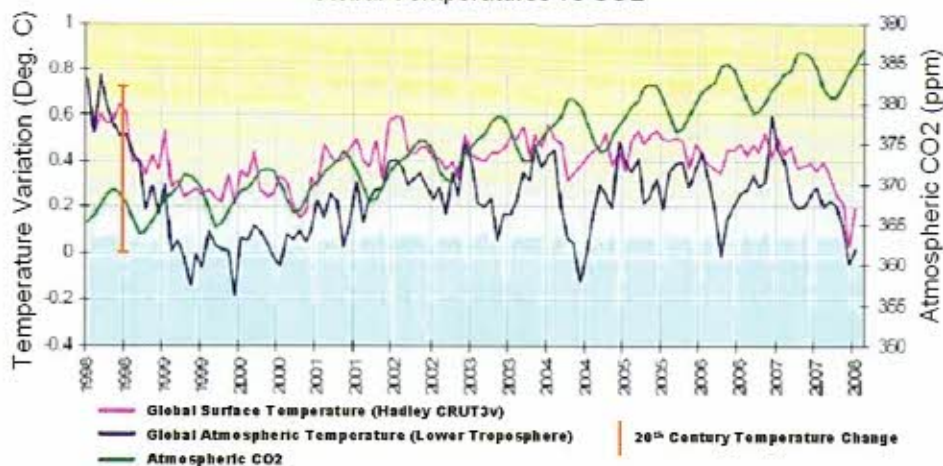
Will the Earth's climate go on getting colder? We don't know, because we are not yet able to predict solar activity. But we can safely say that, if the Sun remains at its present level of inactivity, then the world will get colder.

Does this mean we can stop worrying about burning fossil fuels? Not at all, but that is a whole different issue to do with air quality and limited resources, and has nothing to do with atmospheric CO₂ or climate change.

— Mike Jonas*

* Mike Jonas has a degree in mathematics from Oxford University and is an expert in computer modelling on which the IPCC report is based.

Global Temperatures vs CO₂



The graph shows that in the last decade CO₂ levels (the green line) have kept increasing, just as they did in the 20th century. But it also shows that the temperature, although fluctuating, is not rising any more. In fact, the Earth is cooler now than it was 10 and more years ago, before the last El Niño. The cooling has taken place in all levels of the atmosphere, at the surface, and in the oceans. The total global surface temperature increase of the 20th century is shown (vertical orange line) for comparison.

In 1988 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was created, not to conduct scientific research but to use selected research to create computer models of the climate, and then report their findings. Unfortunately, the IPCC has very largely ignored any natural factors which might affect climate, and has worked from the still completely unproven assumption that the climate is driven by atmospheric CO₂. This distortion makes it inevitable that its computer models will make it look as if the warming was man-made.

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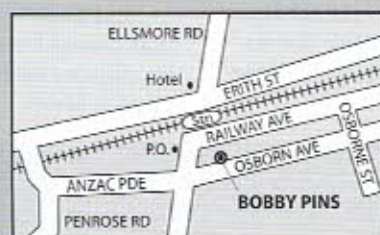
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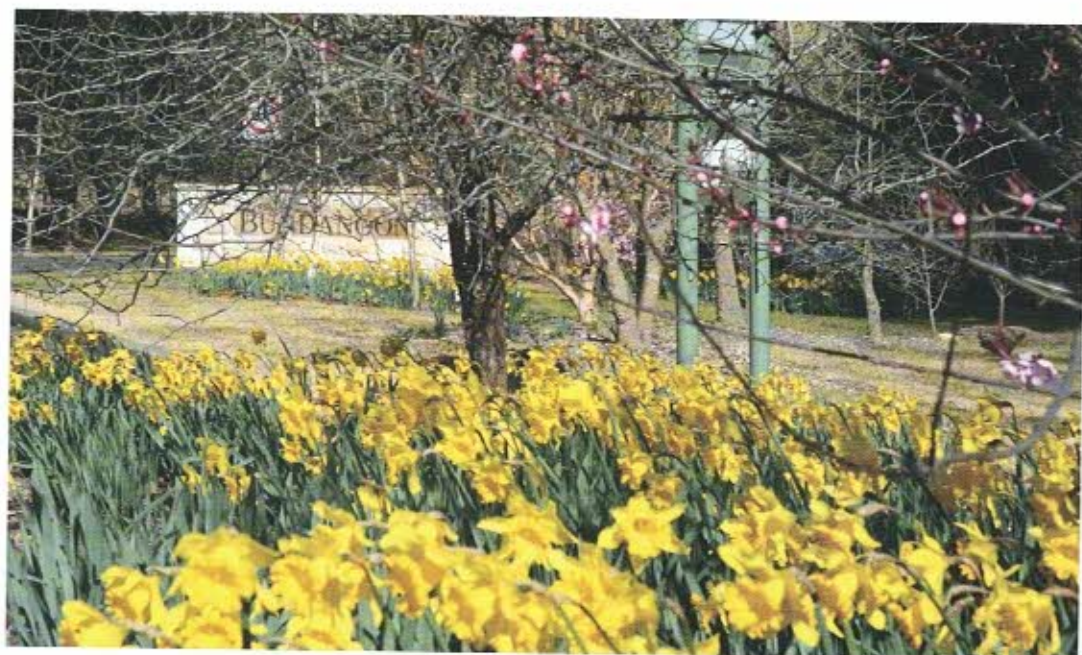


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ADELE SMITH OF Bundanoon has written a letter of congratulations to *jcg* saying "It is the best local (magazine) in the country".

She also expresses special thanks to sculptor Ken McDonald for the sandstone sculptures and to the Green Team for "the sea of daffodils that lifted my senses as I drove by".

"Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has contributed to the beautification of both entrances to Bundanoon."

Yellow in the garden

YELLOW SHINES WITH optimism, enlightenment and happiness. It carries promise of a positive future. It will instil optimism and energy and sparks creativity. It is said to stimulate both mental activity and the nervous system,

activate memory and encourage communication. Why not spend a few moments thinking about its use in the garden?

The late Christopher Lloyd, author and expert on perennials, suggested yellow in gardens is

seen by many as common – "the people's colour". But surely it's an emotional colour lifting the spirits. Think of daffodils in spring; Rudbeckias in summer. If you know the Winter aconite – *Eranthus hyemalis* – you will also know how its small yellow flower lights up woodland places. Think of primroses. Think of "Brazen Hussy" – the lesser celandine whose bright yellow flowers are set off wonderfully by dark purple leaves. Think of dandelions!

As always people's reactions to colours are different. Pablo Picasso is quoted as having said "There are painters who transform the sun to a yellow spot, but there are others who with the help of their art and their intelligence transfer a yellow spot into the sun." Monsieur Edgar Degas quite definitely disagreed! "Quelle chose horrible jaune est."

Chinese culture associated yellow with earth and gave it predominance. It was the colour of emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties. In India, yellow is the colour of the Vaisya caste, or farmers, and is the colour Hindus wear to celebrate the Spring Festival. In the USA, taxis and school buses are often yellow. During the 1357 Japanese "War of Dynasty", warriors wore a yellow chrysanthemum as a pledge of courage. In Aztec culture, yellow symbolized food because it was the colour of corn, the Aztec staple.



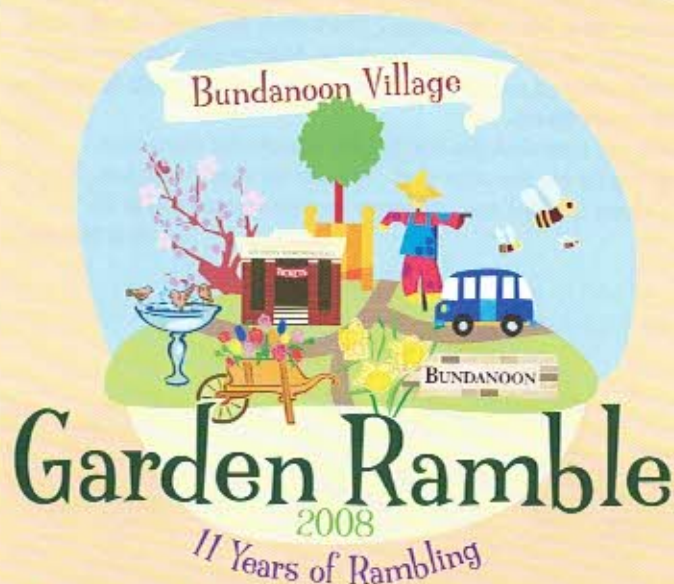
Winter aconite

Australia has more than its fair share of yellow in the landscape, wattles being one such example. Mt Annan Botanic Garden lists 372 yellow flowering species growing there!

Christopher Lloyd urges us to "try not to dismiss yellow as beneath our notice. It's "hugely invigorating." ... Alfred Hitchcock tells us "I'm frightened of eggs, worse than frightened, they revolt me. That white round thing without any holes. Have you ever seen anything more revolting than an egg yolk breaking and spilling its yellow liquid?" ... and finally – Johann von Goethe, in his *Theory of Colours*, 1840 "It is the colour closest to light. In its utmost purity it always implies the nature of brightness and has a cheerful, serene, gently stimulating character."

Perhaps you agree.

— Graeme Whisker



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Boys will be boys: the Rundles

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 Streetfeild

Community supports young sportsman

ON SUNDAY 3RD August the Bundanoon community rallied behind Josh Day, who is the only person from the Southern Highlands (and one of only two from the whole southern region) to be chosen in the NSW Under-11 Soccer team. As part of the team's development, it is visiting Japan in September.

The fund-raising day included two raffles, with major prizes generously donated by Planet Health, Bunnings, Best & Less, Magnet Mart, and Moss Vale Sports & Toys. There was also barefoot bowling, a silent auction and the Bundanoon P&C disco. All together, more than \$1,500 was raised.

In addition to those funds local companies such as Oxley Timber donated to the fund raising drive, making a significant dent in the total cost of the tour. Josh leaves for Japan in mid-September, and there will be a full report of his experiences in the next issue of JCG.

— Jenny Walker



Bundanoon's day at the races

EIGHTY YEARS AGO the stone pillars between the cemetery and Ferndale Reserve marked the entrance to Bundanoon Racecourse. Now the Ferndale Reserve committee plans to restore and reconstruct them at the present entrance to Ferndale Reserve.

Horseracing in Bundanoon has a long but fitful history, beginning with early accounts of amateur events held on private properties thirty years before the Bundanoon Jockey Club was formed in 1894. From that date everything was conducted according to Australian Jockey Club rules which required clubs to advertise in the local press, providing us with a vital source of information.

In 1896 Nat Gould, an English journalist visiting Australia, published *Town and Bush*. His account of country horseracing closely resembles the Bundanoon experience: "Every small hamlet must have its Jockey Club. Villagers often boasted about the merits of their horses and these could only be tested on the racecourse. Jockey Club meetings were held regularly at the local pub and the business transacted took a considerable amount of washing down."

In his book *From Sutton Forest to Bundanoon*, E. Hayman states the 1894 Queen's Birthday races were held on Carter's, a subdivision of The Big Meadow, north of Ferndale Road, bought by the Morris family with money borrowed from Edward Carter of "Golden Vale". *The Scrutiner* newspaper reported: "It was decided to put a man on to clear the course, which ... will be one of the finest outside Randwick. It is perfectly level, and the races can be seen all the way around." The event concluded with a ball and supper in the Centennial Hall. It was deemed a success because the Club made a profit, and planning began for the second meeting on Eight Hour Day.

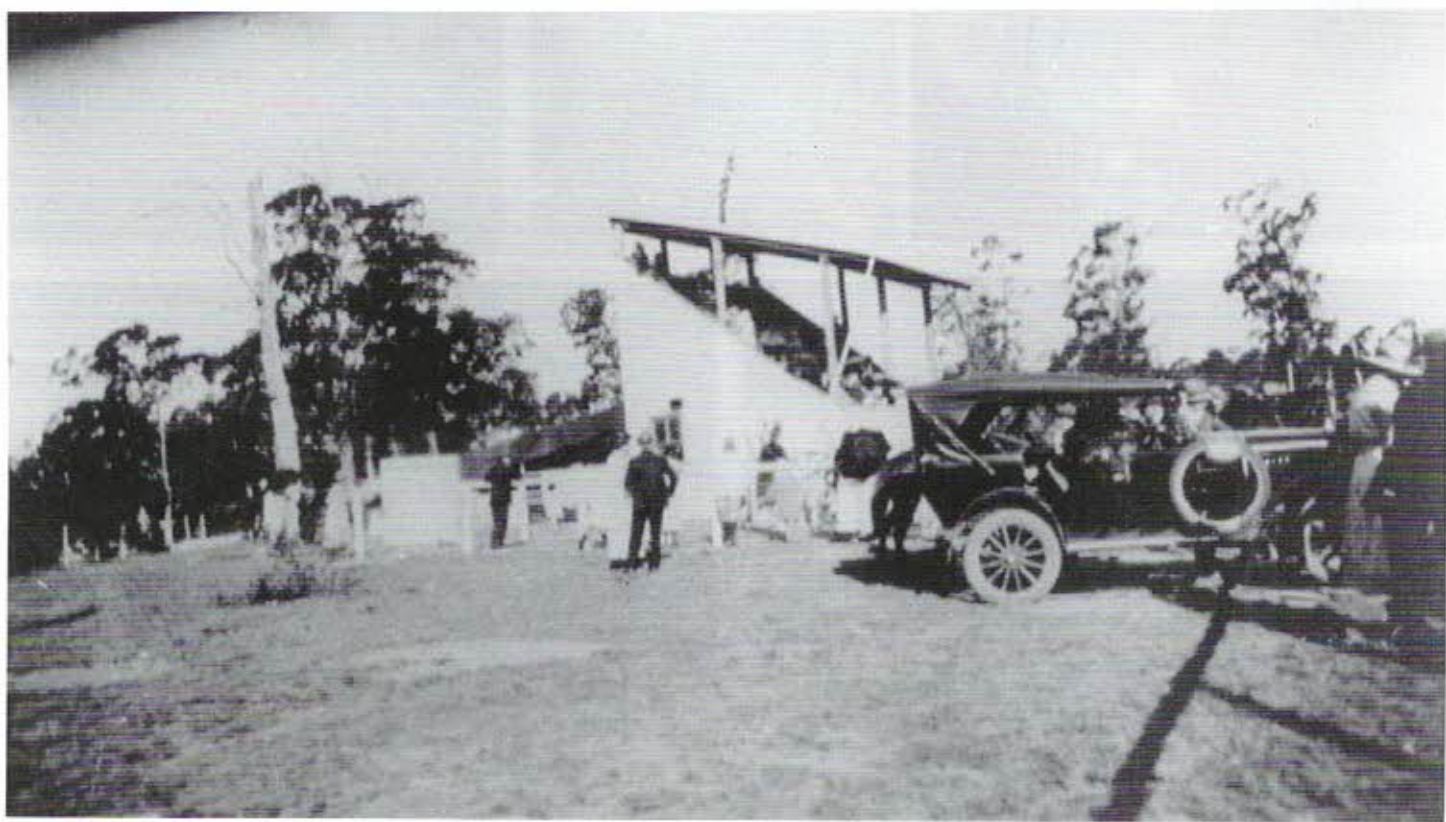
Two further race meetings followed, then nothing until August 1921, when, according to the Southern Highlands website, "a race club was formed and named the Bundanoon Jockey Club with ... a works committee which inspected the track and decided on improvements. The racetrack on the reserve was ploughed and rolled and a new fence

erected in 1922". This definitely places the racecourse on Ferndale Reserve and possibly refers to the stone pillars.

In 1929 the *Moss Vale Post* reported a new Bundanoon Race Club organising its annual Eight Hour Day meeting with "a wireless set bridging the air, bringing Royal Randwick right to the doorstep of Bundanoon's humble racecourse." Apparently the Bundanoon bookies also covered the Sydney races. In 1930 attendance was low and there is no record of a race in 1931.

Our 1930 photo of the Grandstand reveals a comparatively substantial structure for a country racecourse, with enclosed basement. During the Depression swagmen sheltered there.

— Liz Walker, assisted by Alec Cameron and Andrew Pardoe, Bundanoon History Group





Glimpses of Winterfest



Winterfest July 2008



NOW IN ITS third year Winterfest is an established Bundanoon event and plans are already under way for July 2009.

The success of the opening night on Friday 4 July was followed by a month of weekend attractions. This year the Southern Highlands Concert band added to the festive atmosphere in the main street and guitarist **Jo Caseley** and violinist **Marie Gunn** attracted an enthusiastic crowd. The aroma of curries, pizza, soup and a sausage sizzle filled the cold night air and children huddled around braziers to toast marshmallows. BCA President **Ralph Clark** welcomed **Nick Rheinberger** of ABC Illawarra to open the festival. An exhibition of photographs from a competition, sponsored by **John Everett** of Jordans Crossing Real Estate, was a new feature and added significantly to the evening.



Tony Sheffield and John Everett with junior prizewinner Emma Fisher



Nick Rheinberger



Ralph Clark



Many of the activities – social bike rides, Yuletide dinners and CWA stalls – held during the first weekend, were repeated during the month and all organizers reported they were successful. Saturday's Piano at 10 and a performance by cellist David Pereira, accompanied by pianist Natasha Tkachenko held on Saturday afternoon were highlights for music lovers.

Each weekend brought a variety of events. Two markets were held on their usual dates and on the last weekend in July an **Art and Design Fair**

provided a showcase for local artists and craft people. This will be featured again next year.

Charade, a movie with a French theme, starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant, was chosen for the weekend before Bastille Day and on Sunday another innovative event organized by **Ron and Anna**

Shed was a Tea Dance held on Sunday afternoon in the hall.

Numbers were increased for the popular **Bundanoon Visitors Group's Bastille Night dinner** this year in response to demand. A different theme may be considered for 2009 so that extra guests can be accommodated.

A Variety Night at the Bundanoon Club is now an established feature of Winterfest

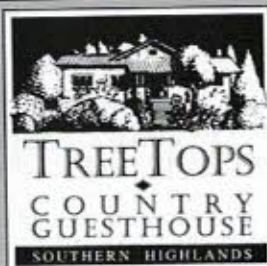
and "Folk Blues and Jazz" at Bundanoon Hotel again showcased local talent. A Bavarian Band and Goulburn Conservatorium Band performances indicated that there is certainly a place for rousing music in the calendar for next year. A successful garage sale held by members of the History Group and their participation in Winterfest will be welcome in 2009.



Thanks to an enthusiastic team of community organizers the future of Winterfest is assured. However it is our major sponsors The Bundanoon Club and Jordans Crossing Real Estate as well as the Bundanoon Hotel, Bundanoon Real Estate, BP Bundanoon – Jimoru Service Station, Chris O'Donnell Electrics, Solar Springs Retreat and Tree Tops Guest House who made Winterfest possible. Bundanoon Community Association and Bundanoon Visitors Group are now looking forward to bringing a creative program of events to Bundanoon in July 2009.

So, make sure you have your beanies and scarves ready for next year or perhaps buy new ones for the occasion.





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Climate change

by Tony Hill

A touch of the Garnauts

PROF. ROSS GARNAUT, economist, is pessimistic that the world can control climate change in the brief time that is available to it in his draft report on emissions trading.

Australian of the Year Tim Flannery and James Hansen, Director of the climate section of NASA are warning that greenhouse gas concentrations are already too high at 385 parts per million (ppm) and should be reduced to 325ppm to maintain a stable and liveable world.

Arctic sea ice was predicted to disappear by early next century by the International Panel on Climate Change (2007), but much of it disappeared during the summer of 2007 (Fig 1) and is now expected to melt completely during the summer of 2013 or even earlier.

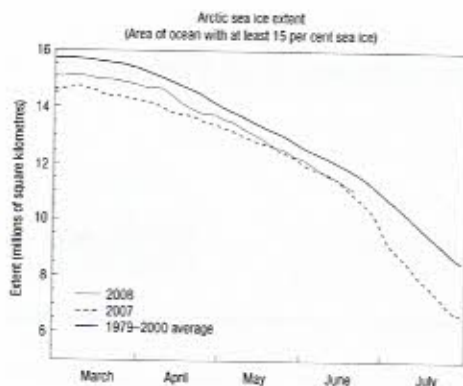


Fig. 1: Reduction of sea ice in the Arctic over the northern summer. *Nature Reports Climate Change*, 83 - 84 (2008)

A joint Bureau of Meteorology and Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation paper reported that in Australia exceptionally hot years will occur every 2 years and not every 22, and that droughts will occur twice as frequently, be more intense and last longer.

So what are we doing about it? The Victorian Government has just announced plans to build a brown coal power station with a large subsidy from the Feds. Our very own NSW treasurer Michael Costa criticized the "Chicken Little arguments" attributed to the climate change worriers. The Rudd Government has reinforced Garnaut's pessimism in the Green Paper on emissions trading. The G8 summit is sticking to "aspirational" goals for greenhouse gas reductions. And the Nationals senator Barnaby Joyce reckons that the world is going into a severe recession or even depression which will fix climate change, resource use problems and various other maladies (ABC Radio 8.7.08).

But global warming is not the only problem we are facing. Ted Trainer, a social scientist from the University of New South Wales says that the population explosion and the depletion of resources, oil in particular, are going to cause chaos before climate change really kicks in and central governments will be incapable of coping because of the speed and magnitude of the changes and also because they are shackled to economic rationalism. Local communities will be left to cope on their own, and will have to supply much of their own food, transport and energy.

Ted is part of a worldwide "Transitional Towns" movement that is experimenting with and setting up towns that are self sufficient in food and services. Climate Action Now Wingecarribee (CANWin) has started a Transitional Shire movement to prepare Wingecarribee for the likely future. It can be contacted at the CANWin website: www.canwin.org.au.



DIY know-how

by Patrick Fitzgerald

Who can you trust?

WHO CAN YOU trust with your home? When it comes to building and repairs this can be a difficult question.

When you need some work done on your house it is worth asking around to find out about local tradespeople from others who have had work done. When you find a person you feel comfortable with, you have two options: The first is to get the tradesperson to draw up a firm quote, based on what you want. The second is to engage the tradesperson on a "do and charge" basis. Both these methods have their advantages and disadvantages.

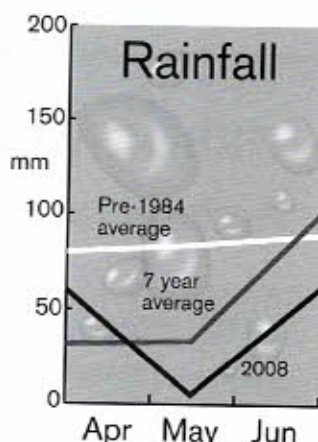
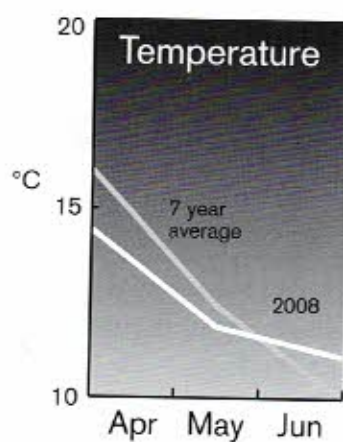
A quote will give you a firm price for labour and materials. The quote should be in writing, specifying clearly what needs to be done and the type of materials being used. You can use this list to get other quotes to make an "apples for apples" comparison, and also to find out the different materials suggested. It is good practice to get three quotes to get an idea of costs. When building to a quote, the tradesperson will need to add a margin to cover him/herself for any unforeseen events in the job. If there are no problems, then the tradesperson makes a little extra, but if unexpected costs come up, they are covered. However, if you make changes or want extra things done, be aware there will be costs over and above the original quote.

The alternative to a quote is the "do and charge" arrangement, where you agree to pay on an hourly basis for an agreed rate, plus all the materials used. A good tradesman will be able to give you a general idea of the cost for most jobs - a sort of informal, non-binding quote. If you feel you can trust them then this is a flexible and potentially less expensive option.

With thoughtful preparation and a bit of homework on your part, you can help to clarify costs:

- Make out a precise list of exactly what you want done, so that quotes/prices can be realistic. Use the list to make direct comparisons between quotes.
- Pick a tradesman with a good reputation. Ask around to find out who has done good work for a fair price. Check that they are licensed and insured.
- Don't be shy in asking a tradesman for referrals from past clients.
- Save costs by buying your own materials. It is worth spending time on the phone ringing around to compare the cost of materials. I have often found up to a 25% difference in prices for standard building products among the local hardware stores - and don't forget to compare delivery charges.

So go ahead - get quotes, choose someone you can trust, then sit back and relax!





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PETS



HUMANS HAVE BEEN DOMESTICATING ANIMALS for thousands of years. Initially, it was for utilitarian purposes, to provide food and clothing and this gradually led to the popularity of household pets. Our pets play an important role in our lives in many ways. As children, we learn the emotional rewards of loving a pet. Animals respond to care by loving us uncritically and without reserve. They are an essential part of our early socialization.

There is now world wide agreement based on medical studies that that some illnesses, perhaps exacerbated by loneliness are mitigated by having a pet. One study undertaken in the US revealed the astonishing fact that heart disease patients with pets had a mortality rate which was one third less than the rate for people without pets. A national People and Pet Survey in 1995 showed that four out of five households in Australia have at least one pet.

An early morning walk in Bundanoon reveals the popularity of dog ownership and Saturday morning in the main street is a meeting place for people and pets, whether visiting the vet or just shopping. A visit to the Wingecarribee Animal Shelter, where domestic animals are lovingly cared for, is recommended when looking for that special addition to your household.



Pets: a reflection of ourselves

PETS ARE A source of companionship for families, couples and single people whether young or old.

Animals give unreserved love and affection to their owners with a devotion rarely found between human beings. They do this consistently, without having "good" and "bad" days, which makes them such an asset to masters relying on them to help get over their own "not-so-good" days.

If you are feeling stressed, try sitting a pet dog or cat on your lap for five minutes and see just how much better it makes you feel.

Choosing a suitable pet is not as easy as it sounds. What species to acquire – dog, cat, bird, rabbit, ferret, rat, fish or land-snail – is the starting point. Personal preference plays a large role here but dogs and cats generally interact with humans better than ferrets, fish and most birds (although some birds can learn to talk incessantly at their owners, often to the point of distraction!).

Once you have decided on a species, it's time to look at breeds. Cat breeds are all roughly the same size and can be readily trained to be totally indoor pets or partially outdoor pets. But keep them indoors at night because after dark they hunt and fight – both undesirable outcomes for wildlife and the owner's wallet. Fight-induced cat abscesses can be expensive to drain!

Choosing a breed of dog poses all sorts of dilemmas. There are about 100 breeds and the first consideration is size. If you like big dogs, remember that they come at the expense of lifespan.

Giant breeds like Great Danes, Béarnaise Mountain dogs, Giant Schnauzers and Newfoundlands are certainly beautiful but most are unlikely to live beyond 10 years.

Large breeds like German Shepherds, Labradors, Golden Retrievers and German Short-haired Pointers can be ideal for the "large-dog" person and often live into their early teens.

The medium-sized breeds like Corgies, Schnauzers, Kelpies, Border Collies, Staffie Terriers and West Highland Whites and Scottish Terriers are robust dogs without being difficult to manhandle when walking or lifting into the car. They can live 16 years.

The smaller breeds and toy breeds are very popular and ideal for families with young children, and seniors looking for a lap-dog. Toy Poodles, Chihuahuas, Maltese, Pomeranians and Miniature Schnauzers are in this category. The smaller the dog, the longer they live.

Veterinary costs are frequently related to the size of the pet. Flea treatments, wormers, heartworm prevention and drug dose rates

for sick animals are directly related to size, as are many veterinary procedures. If finances are limited, don't get a large dog.

Coat length is another financial consideration when choosing a pet. Long coats require a lot of work and professional grooming costs should be considered before selecting a fluffy pet.

Having chosen a pet, some knowledge of routine disease prevention and vet procedures will be helpful. Ask your vet for details, but the following is a guide:

- Puppies and kittens need vaccinations – up to three shots when they are little followed by annual boosters. Boarding establishments require the certificates of vaccination so don't lose them.
- Intestinal worming is necessary every two weeks until three months of age, then every three months for life.
- Heartworm prevention is needed from 6–8 weeks' old. Heartworm is a mosquito-spread parasite which grow into worms that live in the blood vessels. It is easy to prevent, but dangerous to treat.
- All cats and dogs must be micro-chipped as youngsters and must be registered with the local council by six months of age. Big discounts apply if a de-sexing certificate is provided at the time of registration.
- Most animals are best de-sexed at 5–6 months of age. It makes them less anti-social, more obedient and there are health benefits for the pet in later life.



- Dogs and cats need flea – and sometimes tick – protection, particularly in the warmer months.
- Most long haired breeds need regular grooming and often clipping as well.

As the photos show, if choosing a pet is a problem remember the oft-quoted veterinary saying: "Isn't it amazing how often there is a resemblance between a pet and its owner".

Pet selection can be as easy as looking in the mirror.

— Ken Davidson (BVSc., Hons)





BORN IN AUGUST 2002 in Victoria, "litter sisters" Rosie and Lara were separated when Lara went to South Australia as an eight week old pup. Rosie was retained by her breeders but, unlike Lara who is happy to be "in your face", proved too timid for the show ring so came to us in 2003 to join our much loved Wallace, also a "re-homed" dog. The sisters were reunited in December 2006, a few months after Wallace died, when Lara was rescued from a very unhappy situation in South Australia.

Gordon Setters are intelligent, energetic, sweet tempered, they're great talkers and totally devoted to their people. Lara in particular has definitely no "garden sense" and since rabbit hunting is irresistible more than a few plants have suffered during the chase – much to the dismay of the gardener in our family.

Rosie and Lara have a basically vegetarian diet augmented if at all possible by self-serve raids on the vegetable garden. Broccoli, cabbages, tomatoes, potatoes, peas and beans are all seen as highly desirable! A highly effective electric barrier now protects our vegetable garden but the dogs are unaware it's turned off most of the time.

Gordon Setters' emotional maturity develops slowly – so we hope that after 9 August this year the youthful, exuberant indoor games (with each other, a handy pillow or Ugg boot) will abate somewhat.

An occasional bath is to be endured but the subsequent luxury of brushing and grooming outside in the sunshine is sheer joy.

— Karen and Graeme Whisker

Rosie and Lara, rescued and reunited

Keeping pets: the rules

GONE ARE THE days when your dog could roam free with the kids or visit the neighbour for a friendly pat and a treat. Ownership of a pet now carries significant legal obligations which are enforced by the local council.

Dogs must be kept on a leash in any public place except in a designated leash-free area – and Bundanoon does not have one.

Even the backyard chooks are subject to stringent laws. They must not create a nuisance such as squawking in the early hours and their yards must be kept clean and free from offensive odours. Ducks and geese must be kept at least 30 metres from buildings.

Council officers have the authority to impound a dog found straying outside its owner's property or on another person's property. An on-the-spot penalty of \$165 may apply or a nuisance order issued for repeat offenders.

There is no law preventing cats from roaming onto private or public property,

except in wildlife areas and food shops, but the council can issue a nuisance order or other enforcement action if a cat causes persistent damage or noise.

New regulations introduced this year prevent the sale or purchase of "dangerous" dogs and restricted breeds of dog. They enable council rangers to declare a dog which has displayed unreasonable aggression, or a hunting dog, as dangerous.

Dangerous dogs and restricted breeds must be muzzled in a public place and kept in an approved enclosure and it costs \$100 for the council ranger to inspect and issue a certificate for the enclosure. They can be seized and destroyed if they attack anyone or if they have not complied with muzzling and enclosure requirements twice within a 12 month period.

If a dog rushes at, attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person or animal its owner may be prosecuted with the maximum penalty being \$5500. But if a declared

dangerous or restricted dog attacks a person the maximum penalty climbs to \$55,000 and two years' jail.

All dogs and cats must be micro-chipped by 12 weeks of age, usually by a vet. The microchip details are entered on the NSW Companion Animals Register and the owner sent a certificate of registration. You are then required to register the pet for life with the council before it is six months' old. You must quote this certificate when you register the animal at the council which can be done in person, by mail or over the phone. There is an on-the-spot penalty of \$165 for failure to micro-chip and register dogs and cats.

The cost of registration is \$150 if an animal is not desexed and \$40 (\$15 for a pensioner) if desexed. Proof of desexing is required. You should notify the council of any change of address or if the animal is sold, given away, dies or goes missing.

— Harvey Grennan



Carla Angove and Skye Timblin of the Wingecarribee Animal Shelter

"All we need is love..."

DESPITE OUR DIFFERENT backgrounds, we at the Wingecarribee Animal Shelter all have one thing in common- we need somebody to take us home and love and care for us. Some of us arrived here in the back of the ranger's van - we were either lost and couldn't find our way home or we had run away because our owners had failed to treat us well. The rest of us were dropped here by our owners - they'd had enough of us! We were no longer cute and playful puppies or kittens... we'd matured!

Some of our friends were lucky. No sooner did they arrive than they were gone again. They had been microchipped which meant the staff here could contact their owners. Most were relieved and hastily came to retrieve them. The rest of us, without microchips, waited two weeks for our owners to find us. Unfortunately many of us are still waiting! However the good news is that once this two week period was over we could officially be rehomed.

Now, this is where you come in. Although most of us are not purebred and many of us

don't know our family history, we are just as (or even more) loving and affectionate... and we come at a much cheaper price! We have lots of people come to visit, but most tend to walk straight past us mature ones, heading

Adoption information

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All animals come desexed, microchipped, fully vaccinated and with life registration.

If you would like to adopt one of us or make a donation to the Lost Dogs Home, please contact: Wingecarribee Animal Shelter (inside the Resource Recovery Centre, Berrima Road, Moss Vale)

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Walking the wounded

THROUGH VOLWING, THE Wingecarribee Council volunteer referral service Peg Coleman began walking dogs at the Animal Shelter when she retired in 2006

"It was something I had wanted to do almost from the day, 10 years ago, when I took my own black poodle, Bee, home from the shelter in Bowral. Finding Bee was one of the best days of my life.

Peg explained that dogs are walked seven days a week. "I walk dogs on Thursday each week, between 8.30 a.m and 10 a.m together with two to five other volunteers. The dogs are well and truly waiting for us and their

excitement is palpable. Depending upon the temperament of the dog, we sometimes walk with other walkers, or it might be a case of "just the two of us" if the animal needs a bit of special love and attention.

When I began walking dogs at the shelter, I wondered how I would cope with not bundling them all up and bringing them home with me. The thought of the look on Bee's face if I had done that was sufficient deterrent - he's just not prepared to share me with anyone on a permanent basis. Some of the situations you encounter can be pretty confronting and emotional but our "coffee debrief" (at Il Pranzo café in Moss Vale) after we've finished is excellent therapy. I find it best if I don't make eye contact with the dog I'm walking; just a pat and a cuddle and we leave it at that."

"There have been one or two exceptions, however, one being Coco. He was a badly treated and neglected black poodle. I was sorely tempted to take him home but once again Bee's piercing brown eyes was all that it took. This story had a happy ending when a man from Melbourne, who saw

Coco on the shelter web page, drove to the Highlands, stayed overnight and was waiting at the gate next morning to take Coco home with him. "He had recently lost a poodle and was very keen to have another so he went to a very loving home and his owner keeps us posted every now and then. Last time we heard the two of them were heading off gold prospecting! I think Coco had already found gold, or perhaps it works both ways, as it definitely does in my own case".

"Vinny was another black poodle which had been appallingly neglected, including a broken leg which had never received veterinary attention and so it just dragged along the ground. Once he reached the shelter of course he received first class veterinary care, but that did include amputation of the leg. Vinny went to a local family who had previously owned an amputee dog so were well experienced to care for him."

Peg added that the girls employed at the shelter do a wonderful job and the dogs and cats (and sometimes the odd goat or sheep) are very well fed and cared for. They work tirelessly to find homes for domestic animals in their care and it is always a cause for much celebration when a long-term resident finds a new home. For the volunteers that's what makes it all worthwhile.



for the cute and cuddly puppies and kittens... The only difference between us and them is that we like to schedule in a few more "Nanna naps" each day!

Don't get us wrong, our life here is pretty good. Unlike many of you would believe, we have lots of space to move both inside and outside, we are fed twice a day and the staff ensure our beds are kept clean and tidy. We dogs are also very grateful to have a number of volunteer walkers who come in each morning and will not leave until we have all had our turn!

Despite this we would all love to have a whole house and yard to rule and a family to protect. Yesterday one of our good friends Odie was taken home. While we and the staff were all sad to see him leave, we were filled with happiness and wished him the best for his new life. Each night we dream that we'll be next!

— as told to Alice Downton

Rainbow Bailey

BAILEY, WHOSE PICTURE was published in a previous issue of *jcg*, was a very special Burmese cat – special because he had been Robyn Fagan's best friend for 19 years. He battled three chronic medical conditions for a long time, but sadly died just before we went to press.

In this photo he happened to sit in the spot where the sun was shining through a crystal hanging in the window, which created the rainbow effect on his forehead. Rainbows are a feature of the Petrea King Quest for Life Centre in Bundanoon, where Robyn has worked since its opening in 1999, firstly as a



volunteer & then as a staff member. She first came to Bundanoon to attend a workshop at the centre soon after being diagnosed with cancer in 1996 and three years later she and Bailey moved here to live.

Bailey had an adventurous life and provided Robyn with many happy years as a faithful and loving companion.



My dogs!

by Rebecca Walker, aged 9

DID YOU KNOW, that last year the RSPCA (the Royal Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals) put down more than 21,000 dogs – that's over 2,000 more dogs than they were able to find homes for.

That's why we don't buy our dogs from pet shops. Three of my four dogs came from the pound or foster carers, which means I have saved three lives. My fourth dog came from

someone who no longer wanted her. Let me tell you about them.

Lucy is my oldest dog. Five years ago, when she was about two, we bought her from a foster carer. She was pregnant when she went to the pound, and all her puppies were adopted, but no-one wanted her. Lucy is a black and white bitzer, and I love Lucy because we both like lying in the sun.

Gus came from the Moss Vale pound. He's a big black Labrador that reminds me of a wombat. I like Gus because he's a big, playful puppy, even though we think he is about two years old.

Ricko is a kelpie-cross. No-one wanted Ricko because he chases his tail very badly. He had been moved from a pound to a foster carer because of his problem. But Ricko has a really sweet nature and can look really cute when he's paying attention.

Klara is the dog we bought from another family, because she was too much of a handful for them. She is a pure-bred beagle. Beagles are used as hunting dogs to sniff out prey, and boy, does she sniff! That's why my nick-name for her is Sniffy or Snuffy.

I think my dogs are wonderful and I believe more people should consider getting their dogs from the pound because they would save more dog's lives.

And by the way, there's one more breed of dog that I haven't told you about – one that is really good at telling the time. It's a watch dog.

A catastrophe of cats

"WE HAVE FOUR cats!"

Nothing is guaranteed to stop an après dinner conversation faster than this statement. Discussion on red wine, weekends, successes of offspring at overseas universities or the new house extensions grind instantly to a halt. "Cats!?" After a few polite questions, the subject matter quickly reverts to more comfortable zones. Except in the company of other like-minded people, this is seldom a popular topic. Even the most devout aficionado will sometimes be at a loss to answer the question "why have cats?" After all, their tenancy with humans is completely on the cats' terms creating an awesome responsibility for the owners (sorry! – servants). Their looks can variously demand food, to be let outside (or back in), to have their chairs set up in front of the fire or to jump on your lap. A vet costs more than a GP, a boarding cattery expense is on a par with a motel and fussiness with food can bring one to despair. They find their way into cupboards, onto beds, fight, and leave litter trays to be cleaned. They don't cook, collect firewood, do gardening or pay rent. They just – well – reside here.

So why do we have this menagerie? Quite simply, we love them. All except Inka were rescued from the Moss Vale Animal Shelter. For all their so called independence, they are dependent on us. For all the attention they demand, they give back so much affection. They were doomed to a life of cold winters and misery. Now they are our family.

Why have cats? If you have them you will know.

— Wendy and Alan Hyman



Inka was named because at the time of his moving in he was considered an "Inkavenience" by one of us. Totally benign. Just wants a quiet life, soft bed, and chopped round steak.



Abigail was found up a tree in Wombeyan Caves Road. The smartest of the pack and knows how to work the system. Devours food (including everyone else's), is rather overweight and purrs like an electric motor.



Ambar was found wandering in New Berrima. An 8.6kg ginger "bear", highly spirited and hugely disappointed to discover on arrival that he was not to be numero uno... Enjoys food, pestering the others and shredding the lounge.



Phoebe (aka Hypercat) was abandoned in a Mittagong backyard. Gorgeous, pure white and definitely prefers indoors. Has the ability to turn beige or grey once let anywhere near a fresh garden bed.



Home care for pets

A LIFELONG LOVE of animals has led Jane Hughes to offer a "home care" service for pet owners around Bundanoon when they go away.

"No animal is too big or too small and so many people here have pets needing affection, feeding, walking or grooming when they can't be at home," she says.

Jane has worked with polo horses, race horses and on stud breeding properties in NSW, Queensland and New Zealand. Jane and her husband Wayne came to live in Bundanoon four years ago.

An accident in January has meant she is unable to work with horses and her Australian Diploma in Horse Management doesn't really equip her for an office job. Hence her new career as a pet carer.

Jane is passionate about her own horse and four cats and will care for any variety of pet. To contact her phone 4883 7757 or 0407 768 176.

Move over for the menagerie

THE GALES' HOME in Garland Rd. boasts three trampolines, one admittedly the worse for wear. The reason, I discovered, is that the animals like to jump on them! Audrey May the goat, and Dixie the horse are no longer part of the menagerie; one can only wonder about the horse's athleticism but the goat certainly vied for space with the children on the bouncing surface. Now the dogs enjoy a bounce and a sun-bake there as well.



Bronte, aged 10, in Yr. 5 at the Christian school in Bowral, showed me around the sunny backyard and introduced me to the pets. There are six Chinese Silkies, four hens and two roosters – they are quite gentle and non-vocal. In the aviary are parrots – a Peach-face, Ring-necks and Princess. A dove, one only, flies free. Two ducks and two geese waddle happily around or swim in the little pond. There's not too much destruction of the garden, though the geese were responsible at one stage for digging up an entire tulip bed, a feat Heather and John certainly hope won't be repeated.

Bronte's dog, three year old Pippa, is a miniature toy Fox terrier/ Jack Russell/ Chihuahua cross spending a lot of time indoors and choosing which bed to lie on each evening. Charlie, coal-black and two years old – has she finished growing? – is a Golden Retriever/Labrador mix, and as energetic and affectionate as any two year old child. Bronte now knows the meaning of "a two dog night" when she is expected to accommodate them on the end of her bed.

The menagerie member ruling the roost is Luv, a "40-something" Sulphur-crested Cockatoo. It was a present to John, Bronte's father, when he was eight. His uncle found the bird in the street in Kingsford and she has been with her master for 39 years, moving from house to house, city to country and happily resettling each time. She is as snow-white as Charlie is black and the two maintain a peaceful co-existence. Luv likes to listen to the radio, "dancing" to the music and ruffling her comb. John says the bird may live another 50 years and therefore could possibly outlive him. "And to my great-grandchildren I bequeath ..."

— Kate Perkins

Feathered friends

DEREK DAVIES' PETS are his hobby. Showing his poultry has given him an interest which has occupied him for over twenty years. He has shown them as far away as Tumut and Bega but now focuses on local shows held at Moss Vale and Goulburn where there are often as many as 40 or 50 competitors. He keeps Australors, a variety of strong black hens and roosters and Chinese Silkie bantams in comfortable pens where they are surrounded by established deciduous trees at the end of Norma's cottage garden. Protected from the wind, winter sunlight filters on to the ground where chicks scurry for cover amongst leaves and low growing plants. The imperial Australors look on as the bantams become the centre of attention.

Derek's affection for his tiny birds is understandable. They vary in colour – grey, buff white and black. Their feathers are silky and their distinctive "top-knots" are a very appealing feature. He explains that his bantams are very good mothers. "They are constantly broody and I can breed other varieties under them." The little buff chicks hiding under a low branch are being shepherded by their surrogate white parents who are being very protective.

"Before a show poultry have their feathers washed and bantams are easy to handle. They are very tame and at a Goulburn auction hens can sell for \$30 or \$35 each." Derek claims he enjoys his bantams

because "they don't fly, they are easy to keep and they don't scratch in the garden – so I don't get into trouble."

Derek continues to improve his poultry varieties with "trophy chooks and cockerels" but his collection is slowly diminishing as the price of grain has almost doubled in the last two years.





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A kingdom for horses

RESIDENTS OF BUNDANOON and surrounding areas will soon have a new place to learn to ride a horse.

A picturesque property in Ferndale Road, aptly named Shibumi – a Tahitian word for tranquillity – is being set up as an accredited equestrian centre.

Trevor, Sheryl and Kim Leibowitz acquired the property last year and since then Trevor has constructed kilometres of post and rail paddocks. Dressage, show jumping and carriage driving arenas have been built and indoor arenas and stables are currently being added.

Trevor also builds carriages and the family are active members of the Southern Highlands branch of the Australian Carriage Driving Society (ACDS) which was featured in the June issue of *jcg*. Both Trevor and Sheryl are officials of the ACDS.

The Leibowitz family came to Australia in 1999 and established a dog grooming business in Wahroonga which they are continuing here. Since moving to Bundanoon they have pursued their dream of setting up an equestrian facility similar to the 40-horse facility they had for 25 years in South Africa.

Sheryl taught riding and driving for 20 years in South Africa as well as competing at international events. Her real love is carriage driving and horse and driver training but the aim for Shibumi is to conduct enjoyable and educational lessons for all ages and abilities.

Kim, who was raised in the company of horses all her life has a natural affinity with animals and has ridden competitively since she was a small child. She is currently competing in show jumping, dressage and cross country and driving. A popular riding camp for young riders, held in July at Shibumi, will be followed by further camps and clinics.

Both Sheryl and Kim are accredited national coaches and with their motto "Learn to ride and drive at any age", aim to engage

others in their love of equestrian sports.

For further information about Shibumi phone 4883 7134 or 0410 536 755 or visit www.shibumiequestriancentre.com.au



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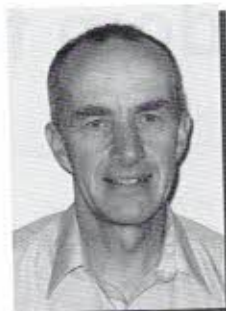
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by Keith McMenomy

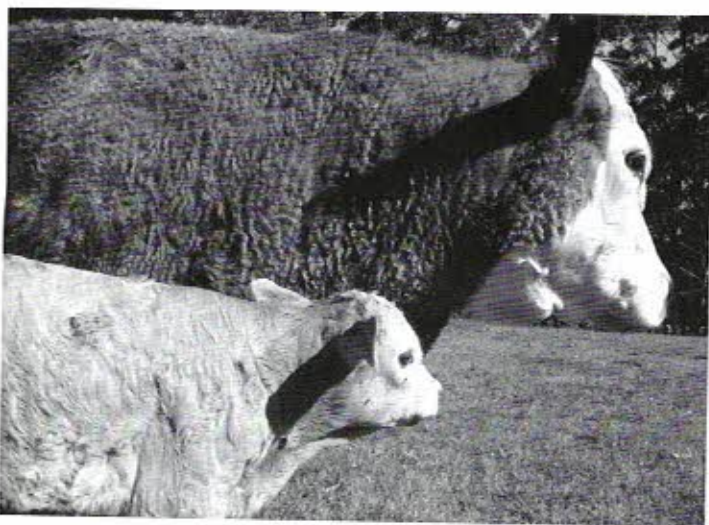
"Love 'em but watch their backsides"

THIS MONTH'S THEME of pets raises a question about treating bigger animals as such. Professional stockmen advise that one should not get sentimental about livestock owned and raised for working (horses) or killing (cows & sheep). These are neither domesticated nor tame and one has to make pragmatic decisions to cull inferior stock, when best to market others, or when to put down the terminally ill. But in contrast to a commercial property running hundreds or more cattle, our nine cows, borrowed bull and two horses are very familiar. They eyeball us at the kitchen window every day, making affection irresistible. Whether four-legged animals reciprocate we will never know but they do associate us with good or bad treatment.

A country neighbour once pointed out that you can chase animals until you are exhausted or train them to come on command or call. It was great advice. Not surprisingly they look forward to being called to feed or a change of paddock. Such small things cause considerable excitement, bringing them running long distances. The more trusting ones seem ecstatic when scratched on the back but unlike horses they can't be drenched or have hooves trimmed unless held in a crush. We avoid getting directly behind the rear end of a cow or horse, or between them and a wall or fence rails. Herd animals are not totally predictable and even favourites can be dangerous. I have only had shins bruised and a toe crushed but my wife had her back broken by an otherwise friendly thoroughbred.

Cats and dogs are much safer companions! Laying hens, too, don't kick or bolt, but eventually it can be a drama when heads have to roll. My partner considers some native birds very special pets, although I am sure they do the rounds of the district. Rosellas and parrots wake us by clinging to the sill and tapping on the window for a daily handout of wild mix. But we have to be selective. Wrens, robins, ring eyes and wagtails are too shy for hand feeding but are encouraged in the garden. Kookaburras, magpies and wild ducks are tolerated, but predators or nuisances like cockatoos, bower birds, butcher birds, currawongs, mud-larks, indian minas are better kept at a distance.

My conclusion about bigger farm animals is that they respond to being handled quietly and with care, even if sometimes one has to drive them firmly in the yards. Call me a softy but I enjoy the company of animals that are not frightened. Animals depend on owners for their every need; there is an imperative obligation I think to treat them compassionately and give them a good life while they are in your charge.



Bundanoon beat

I AM NOW back on deck after a six week secondment to the World Youth Day Security Command as a Security Search Adviser. My role for World Youth day as a Search Adviser involved the identification of search areas and boundaries, liaising with different stake holders, identification of hazards and risks and the development of search plans and orders. I was placed in charge of the security searches for two venues: St Mary's Cathedral and Cathedral House where the Pope stayed during his visit and the Papal Boatcade including the Sydney 2000 vessel on which the Pope arrived at Barangaroo.

The World Youth Day operation ranks as one of the highlights of my policing career – up there with the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. To experience the goodwill of the pilgrims first hand, to contribute to the success of the operation, and to see the Pope arrive at Barangaroo on the Sydney 2000 made me feel very proud to be an Australian and a Police Officer. I saw nuns overcome with emotion at seeing the Pope "Papa we love you," they exclaimed. I'm glad the NSW Police Force issues dark coloured sun glasses because I too got caught up in the emotion of the occasion. The highlight of World Youth Day '08 for me came on the final day when the Pope attended The Domain to thank all the volunteers for making WYD08 such a huge success. Again there was such a feeling of goodwill as we listened to hear Guy Sebastian and Paulini sing the WYD08 official song "Feel the Power".

I would like to thank the Bundanoon community for keeping an eye on the village for me during my secondment, and for sending me information via email. A big thank you also must also go to the Police at Bowral, Moss Vale and Robertson for covering for me during my absence and holding the fort at Bundanoon.



Local talent

JO CASELY WILL be known to readers of *jcg* following her performances with fiddler Marie Gunn at Winterfest events in Bundanoon. She first performed as a singer/song writer/guitarist when she was just sixteen. Jo, who has lived in the area for ten years, has followed her dream as a musician, composing, performing, and busking in Australia and has worked teaching music and song writing to children at summer camp in California. She has just finished recording her debut album "Magical Garden", a collection of 13 of her finest songs, with Shane Pacey at the Show-off Studio, Bowral. Her songs such as "Bundanoon", "Kings Cross", "Refugee" and "Magical Garden" reflect her storytelling ability and passions close to her heart. The album features Jo on vocals, acoustic guitar and glockenspiel, Shane Pacey on lead guitar, bass and harmonica, Sherri Olding on flute, Gus Olding on fiddle and Dave Sell on drums.

Her album launch will take place at The Mittagong RSL at 8pm (doors open from 7:30pm), Thursday 11th September. Tickets are \$7.00 -children under 12 free- and can be purchased by calling 4872 6700. The album will then be on sale at Disk Mania, Bong Bong Street, Bowral, and on-line at cdbaby.com

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Tour of the macabre

PALERMO, THE CAPITAL of Sicily, bears the scars of a succession of invaders over the centuries – the Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Normans, French, Spanish and more recently, the Mafia.

The "men of honour" ruled the streets with guns, bombs, torture and political connections extending right up to the Prime Minister's office until just a decade ago. Indeed, it was only last year that the law finally caught up with Bernardo Provenzano, the last Sicilian Mafia "boss of bosses". Fifty police stormed a mountain farmhouse at Corleone, the town made famous in the Godfather films.

The jerry-built and illegal apartment blocks which sprang up in every bomb crater after World War II – often cheek-by-jowl with priceless ancient monuments – still bear witness to the Cosa Nostra's "invasion" and their control of the economy.

All around Sicily airports and buildings bear the names of the two murdered crusaders – policeman Falcone and magistrate Borsellino – who began the campaign to eradicate the Mafia while government authorities and the Church were still denying its very existence.

The Mafia prospered in an environment where violence had a long history, where after the War peasants and their families starved to death in the mountains and rich landlords hired murderous bandits and *Mafiosi* to protect their fiefdoms.

Palermo is not a pretty place but it is fascinating. Layer upon layer of history greet you around every corner reflecting the overlay of one conqueror after the other. The notorious Vucchira markets in the back streets off the Via Roma still operate today, cleaned up of their grime and crime.

While not postcard-perfect, where else in the world could you see for a couple of dollars the macabre sight of bodies hung on hooks in their finest threads in the catacombs under the Capuchin Monastery. Or the art deco haunt of the rich and the downright evil, the Villa Ignea, where in 1987



Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti slipped out of an official meeting for a secret rendezvous where he famously kissed the then Mafia "capo dei capi" Salvatore Riina.

There is plenty to do in a short stay in Palermo. The major sights are the 12th century Capella Palatino known for its mosaics, the Catacombs and the Duomo at Monreale – all along the same bus route. There are enough ancient churches to service a continent and a host of very good museums.

But it is the people and the food which are the most interesting. Sicilians are not loud and pushy as their reputation might suggest – except within the family – and whoever put out the story that the women are fat and unattractive and all dressed in black needs his/her eyes tested. People in the streets and cafes are friendly to a fault and the girls are Sicilian "eye candy". Old men gather for a yarn and the street dogs lie in the sun when they are not dodging the chaotic traffic.

Sicily is cheaper than mainland Italy and good food and accommodation are not hard to find. We stayed at the much-recommended Hotel Ambasciatori on the Villa Roma near

the main railway station and bus terminal and were not disappointed. It has large, well appointed rooms and a stunning view of Palermo from the rooftop breakfast terrace. We dined well each night for around \$110 – and there were three of us.


— Harvey Grennan

Top: View of Palermo from breakfast at the Ambasciatori Hotel.

The Capuchin catacombs where monks and the elite of Palermo were buried "al fresco".



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Through Ross-coloured glasses

by Ross Armfield

A dog's life

YEARS AGO, THE phrase "a dog's life" was a description for a sad and sorry existence, especially for dogs kept on a chain, in a kennel or in a cold laundry. Our family's Corgi/Pug cross not only had spartan living conditions and diet but she was expected to lick my Dad's feet each day after he had de-shoed and de-socked after an eight hour day, working in sweltering temperatures, supervising chip production at Arnotts Snack Products at Yagoona. Yuck!!! Dad seemed to enjoy it and actually so did Lindy – although she did drink for excessively long periods afterwards! If anyone in our family "passed wind", it was traditional to accuse Lindy whilst yelling, "Pooooaaawww – get outside you dirty, smelly dog." Poor old Lindy, so gentle and forgiving, would absorb this ritual abuse as well as enduring a life devoid of vets, treats, grooming, micro-chipping and, yes, even registration! She was just a dog. Boy, have times changed!

Our current dog, a beautiful, loving, loyal, (if somewhat intellectually challenged), King Charles Cavalier Spaniel called Bonnie has regular nail clippings, appointments with her groomer, feasts on juicy tit-bits and doggie gourmet fare, has special bedding, travels with us on holidays, gets the best spot in front of the fire in winter, receives expert and regular veterinary treatment and even gets Christmas presents. She is the recipient of all this because she does her job very well? Watch dog? Guard dog? Exerciser? No! She's a sleeper and she is SO good at it. Actually, she has a much greater value. Being so sociable and cute, she is a "people magnet". Take Bonnie for a walk and people who wouldn't normally give you the time of day, suddenly become a new and bubbly acquaintance as they enthuse about her. This can be a mixed blessing, but generally it's a good one.

Earlier, I referred to Bonnie as being a little less than smart. For example, she once rejected some tasty morsels she had been given to concentrate on the lumps of wombat poo she'd just brought home! Also, she regularly barks at those annoying leaves that flutter in the wind! But thinking it over and adding up all the money and inconvenience and time and consideration we give her, perhaps we're the intellectually challenged ones! We do indulge her at times, but she is such wonderful company and such an important part of our family that I have to say, she gives much more than she gets. I'd be prepared to take a bet that most pet owning families would agree.



Pedalling words

by Huw Kingston

Springtime cycling

YOU'VE JUST ABOUT survived the winter riding! Soon you can put away those full finger gloves and leg warmers, celebrate some warmth on the skin and the pleasure of being able to feel your feet! Time for a Springtime ride...

Meryla State Forest/Bundanoon Creek Gorge

This 24km ride takes you to a little visited section of Meryla State Forest and the upper reaches of Bundanoon Creek. There's great variety as well as the up and downs of cycling! A mountain bike is required.

Start from Exeter General Store (say hello to new owners Lauren and Craig – Craig is a keen cyclist!). Head out under the railway and turn left. After 0.4km turn right into Rockleigh Road. Follow this past the old quarry and on a fast descent it turns to dirt. 3kms along Rockleigh Road you'll come to a T junction. Turn left and after 0.6km turn right at a sign "Filbert Farm 2.5km". The track gets a bit rougher now as you undulate your way past a handful of properties. Some 2km along the track, with a modern house on your left, the trail splits. Take the track to the left for 0.3km and you'll see a locked gate on your right, just before Filbert Farm. This gate leads into the pine trees of Meryla State Forest.

Climb over the gate and once on the track in the State Forest, turn right and follow the trail, keeping native forest on your right and pine forest on your left. Occasionally you'll spot a track off to the right heading into the native forest. Some of these dead-end trails lead to superb views over Bundanoon Creek. The 3rd trail, 1.3km after the gate, is a good one. The last one, after approx 4.5km, shows off the narrowest part of the gorge and is a perfect spot for a break or a picnic.

5.5km after the gate, you hit a narrow sealed road near the Bundanoon Water Treatment Plant. Turn left onto this road and after 0.5km you'll arrive at the main entry gate (locked) to the State Forest. Throw your bike over and prepare to start climbing soon. The next 3km will test the legs and lungs.

Catching your breath back at the top, it's soon time for the "Roll Off Competition". See who can roll the furthest, no pedalling allowed! You should be able to make it nearly all the way to Stone-quarry Creek Road. Here you have two choices. Either to follow the sealed road some 5km back to Exeter or turn left onto the dirt Stone-quarry Creek Road. After 2.5km you'll come to the Filbert Farm turnoff that you took from the other direction earlier in the ride. From here just follow the ride in reverse back to Exeter. The latter route has less cars and is more enjoyable.

Back at Exeter it will be time for cake and a caffeine or milkshake fix. Enjoy!

The Fling is Full... but not for Volunteers!

Entries opened for the 2008 Highland Fling event (8-9 November) on 1 July and within less than 3 weeks all 1400 available places were snapped up for the main race (Half, Full and 100Mile Fling). There are still places available for the Casual Fling, a 15km untimed participation ride.

But there is a great way to get involved with the event without riding. Join the Dark Side, our volunteer team of 100+ people who make the event happen. If you can help on the weekend it would be great to have you on board. The Volunteer form is available on www.wildhorizons.com.au/events/volunteerform.html

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Mary Stuart Edmanson

1911-2008

MARY, BORN IN Eltham Victoria, grew up in the Mallee and graduated from Teachers College in Melbourne. She married her husband Norman in 1937 and they had one son Stuart in 1938. Both pre-deceased her.

Mary and Norm came to Bundanoon in the early 40s and Mary taught at Bundanoon Primary School until 1976.

I first met Mary when she was a much loved kindergarten teacher at Bundanoon Primary School in 1968. She taught our boys and through my involvement with P&C we became very good friends.

Mary was a great teacher and a great team player, always there for her fellow teachers and always available to talk to parents. She participated in all our "out of school hours" functions, and fund-raising. When men had working bees to cut wood for the classroom heaters, Mary was right in there with the mums baking cakes for morning tea. Our P&C progressive dinners were famous at that time and we always arranged to finish up with coffee and liqueurs at Mary's house where we would coerce her into playing the piano. She never seemed fazed to see the sun come up!

I became President of the P&C in the centenary year of the school and with the help of Mary and the dedicated committee we worked on a number of projects. Mary was very proud of the gates which stand at the school entrance. After her retirement in 1976 she went to live in Porepunkah, near Bright in Victoria, to manage a friend's art gallery. She later worked for the same friend in Lorne. Mary managed



this job with great aplomb and efficiency and expanded her circle of friends in the art world.

Mary was fascinated by overseas travel and after her husband died she spent many happy hours planning her trips. She travelled to Europe and her beloved Scotland, home of her ancestors.

Her only grand daughter lives in Brisbane, so that was another enjoyable destination.

Our family holidays on the south coast were shared with Mary. Content to sit and sew, she rarely joined us in the boat! Eventually she came to live with us in her final retirement and spent another 15 years in her little granny flat with total independence. We had many outings together.

Not one to be idle, Mary had great talent as an embroiderer and learnt to do stump work in her 80s. Her other talents included knitting, tailoring and she dabbled with painting, beadwork and patchwork. As a public speaker she was a foundation member of International Toastmistress Club in Moss Vale.

Many of Mary's ex-students are now grandparents themselves and they will remember her with great affection, as do my family and I.

Vale Mary Stuart Edmanson.

—Pam Bishop



Australian of the Year Local Hero nomination

WENDY HUGHES, retail and production manager at the Quest for Life Centre, Bundanoon, has been nominated for the 2009 Australian of the Year Local Hero award.

Wendy has been closely associated with Quest for a number of years. Her nomination is in recognition of her work with people with illness, trauma or loss who have visited the centre. The nomination also acknowledges her previous work with intellectually disabled children at Sunnyfield in Sydney.

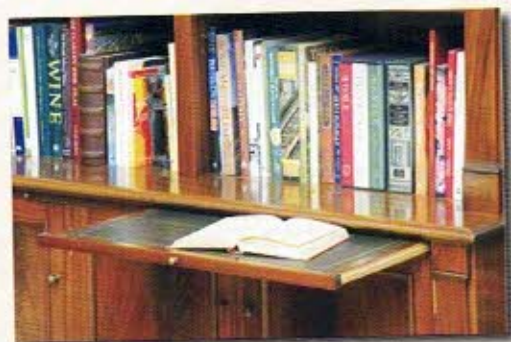
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—Ray Alexander



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Silence

ON AND ON it went – the endless deafening noise. She had six kids but it sounded like thirty six. How could she stop herself from going mad and harming one of the brood or even herself? There were times she felt she could fling herself and all of them, from the top window, without regret.

Calm now, she thought. What was it that woman had said to her.

"Use your situation dear, and be enterprising. Don't give way to despair, frustration and an action you may later regret. Let the children be part of the solution".

She thought for a moment and as an epiphany it came to her.

She called the fighting mob into the kitchen and said: "I need help and there will be a reward. Phoebe you will melt the butter. Jack, watch the sugar and don't let it burn."

One by one all the jobs were distributed and to stop a fresh bout of roaring from little George, said he could stand on a chair and help stir the mixture.

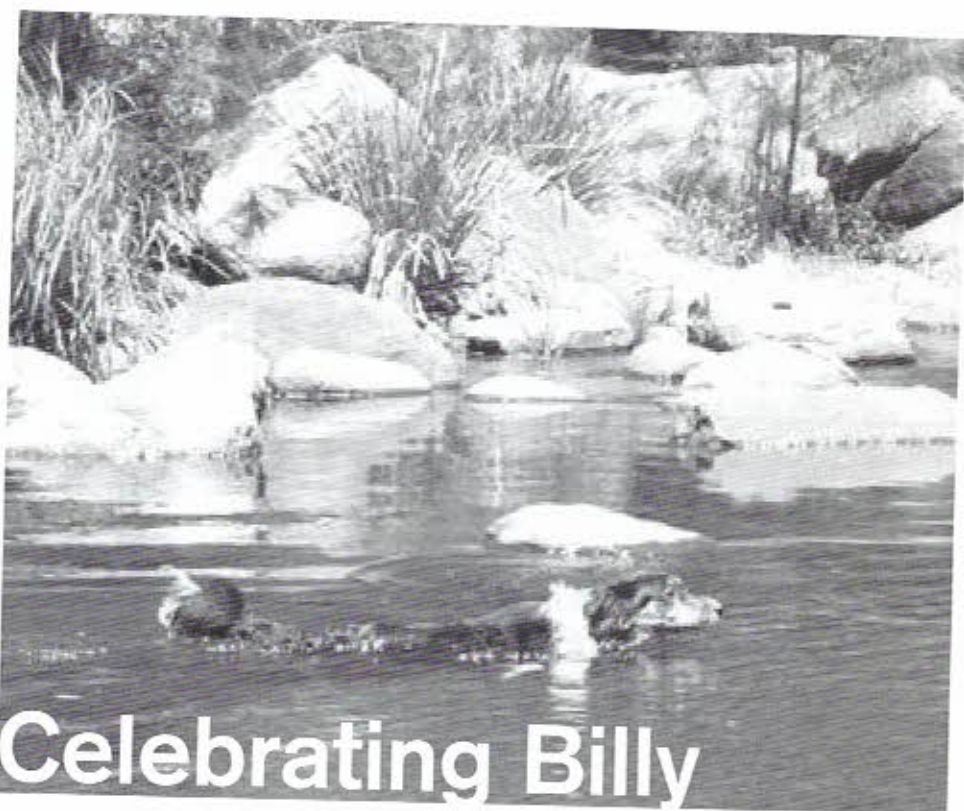
When the brew was at an interesting stage of liquidity, she had no trouble lining up the assistant cooks.

"Open wide" she said.

As each small pink mouth closed around the large lump of setting toffee, not a whisper could be heard.

"Ah blissful silence" she murmured, as she took her coffee into the strangely peaceful sitting room and smiled as she put her feet up on the lounge.

—Jenny Crozier



Celebrating Billy

(After Christopher Smart's Poem To His Cat Jeoffry)

Let's praise life that can build a dog like Billy

for I'll describe our three-coloured border collie of five years:

for he prances and pirouettes tippy toes before your nose at the mere whiff of a walk

for he lets visiting dog Ruby stick her tongue down his throat with sublime indifference

for he even lets her lie on the dun and deadly territories of his door mat

for he is the wolf in disguise that wears the friendly mask of an un-shepherding dog

for his soul is large

for he may suddenly fletch foaming wolf teeth at the drop of a dog's pheromone

for he would follow his alpha male Barbara to the ends of hell and back

for he needs to pogo and freeze mid-air to glimpse the disappearing rabbit in thick grass

for he gyrates merry-go-rounds of joy on our returns

for he does mightily teach honesty and the embodied song of innocence

for his white-tipped tail proudly flies his samurai flag above the deepest summer grass

for the quick qualities of his tail are the subtle semaphores of his soul

for he can neither herd sheep nor see the quivering rabbit standing still

for he can quickly dispatch the green and greedy bird caught in the fruit net

for he enjoys a sweet plum plus kernel straight from the tree

for he hates soap and loves to roll his neck in most kinds of shit

for he prefers his fruit fermented, wombat poo fresh, his meat slightly tenderised by rot

for he proudly carries his old white football like a trophy when others watch

for he freeze-frames his pounce as he contemplates tussock trembling with invisible mice

for he loves above all riding in the back of the car and snapping at four-wheel sheep

for he only swims in dams when the weather is right or strangers are watching

for he terrifies the walking stranger by seeking low headed permission to be humble

for he senses strife or sadness in people and feels for them

for he rams his butt towards you when excited by the attention of others

for he deduces intentions from the donning of clothes and shoes as well as any parent

for at mealtimes he looks up, down, up, away, back while sitting in tonguey expectation

for his eyes sometimes seem puzzled that he is not yet a human

So let's praise life that can dance up a dog like Billy!

Note: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), was a brilliant classical scholar who spent many years in a lunatic asylum where he divided his time between writing, gardening and his cat Jeoffry.

— Peter Lach Newinsky

Another Tour de France

The sky turned dark and stormy, onwards the riders had to go. They were cradled by the awesome Alps as winds began to blow. Clinging to the handlebars and bringing the yellow shirt home. It was raining and the Tour De France, was like a battle zone.

As the riders spilt like ten pins across the treacherous road. Suddenly heading for town the leaders began to explode. Neck and neck went a threesome who put on a blistering pace. Home came the leaders Jersey but not many finished the race. Tonight will be a stormy night so put your bikes away. The Tour de France is over but tomorrow's another day.

— Paul McCann

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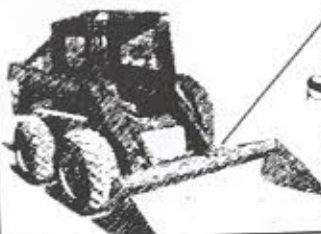
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..... President	Ralph Clark	4883 6389
..... Secretary	Ken Challenor	4883 6765
Bundanoon Preschool	Lisa Reid	4883 7074
Bundanoon Public School P&C	Jenny Walker	4883 7998
Bundanoon Visitors' Group	John Hescott	4884 4306
Chess Club	Pat Foley	4883 6064
Country Women's Association (meets 1st Thurs, 1 pm, CWA Rooms):		
..... Marie Reid		4883 6526
Friends of Morton Nat. Park	Sheila Micholson	4883 6107
..... Alan Hyman		4883 7763
Garden Club	Terry Bruce	4883 4499
Glow Worm Glen Track C'ttee.	John Dorman	4883 6296
Green Team	David Beasley	4883 7122
History Group (meets 1st Monday, 10 am, Old Goods Shed)		
..... Patricia Guy		4883 6971
Lions Club (meets 1st/3rd Monday, 7.30 pm, Bundanoon Club):		
..... Ralph Clark		4883 6389
Playgroup	Candice Piper	0428 615 980
RSL (meets 1st Tues (exc. January), 2 pm, RSL Rooms at Oval):		
..... Trevor Fenton		4883 6433
Serendipity: the choir	Kerith Fowles	4883 6515

Sports Clubs

Bowls (Men)	John Witney	4883 7356
Bowls (Women)	Shirley Scott	4883 6851
Cricket	Steve Granger	4868 2680
Croquet	Ian McClelland	4883 7916
Pony Club	Leonore Waugh	4883 6669
Rugby	Cameron Reid	4883 7074
Soccer	Sue Brown	4883 6437
Social Golf	Carol Townsend	4883 7380
Swimming	Sue Reid	4883 6951
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Early Childhood Clinic		4861 8000
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Fire Station		4883 6333
Meals on Wheels	Fay Carter	4883 7441
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Anglican Church of Sutton Forest

Holy Trinity, Bundanoon..... Sunday, 9.00 am, 5.30 pm

St Aidan's, Exeter Sunday, 9.30 am |

St Stephen's, Tallong Sunday, 10 am |

All Saints, Sutton Forest

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Uniting Church

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Mid-week service & lunch, Thursday, 12.30pm (bring a sandwich)

Moss Vale Sunday, 9.30 am |

Catholic Church

St Brigid's Bundanoon 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, 5 pm |

..... 2nd & 4th Sundays, 8 am

St Paul's, Moss Vale Vigil Mass, Saturday, 6pm |

..... Sunday, 9.30 am

Moss Vale Christian Church Sunday, 10 am |

Encounter Group, Robertson School of Arts, 1st Sunday, 2 pm

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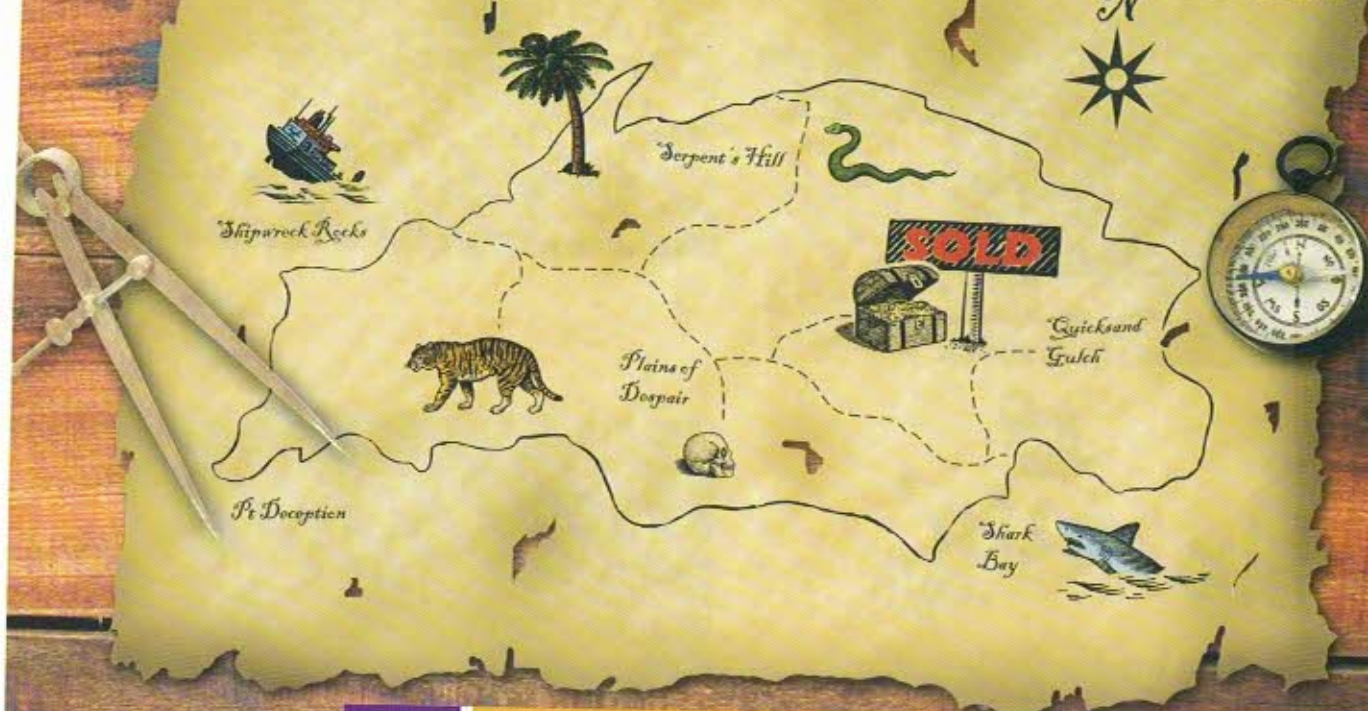
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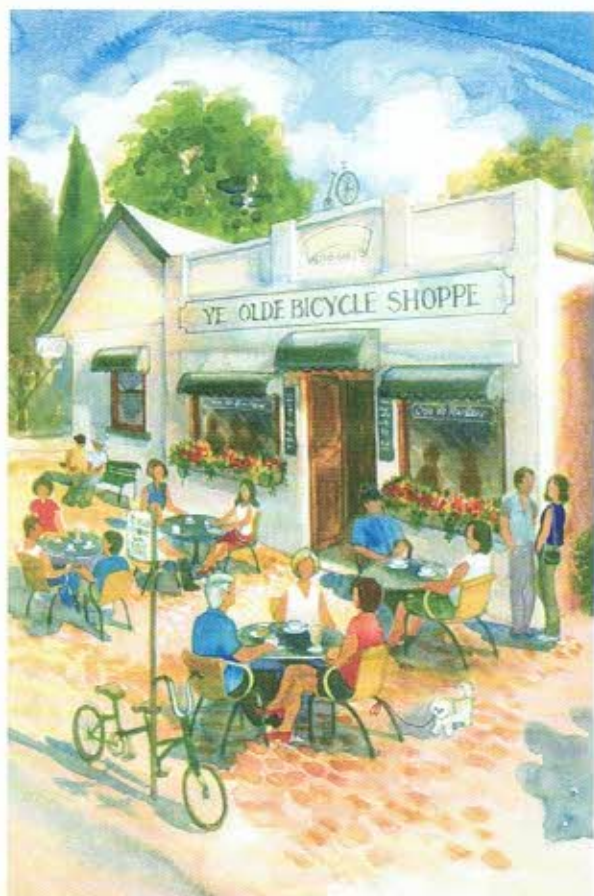
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