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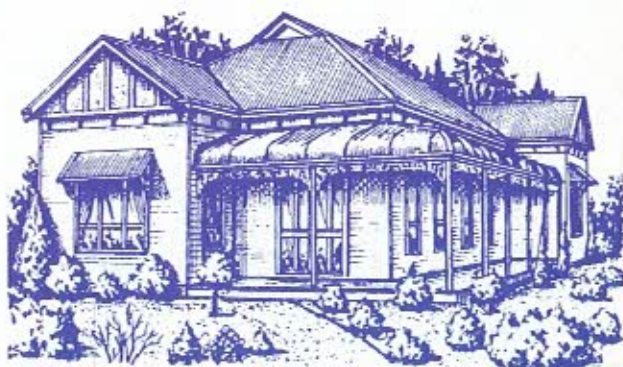
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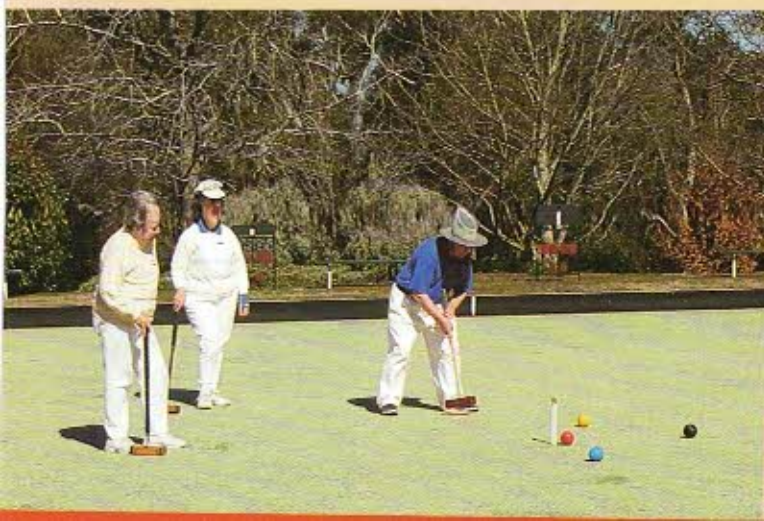
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In this issue of *jcg* we look at the history of water supply in Bundanoon and the benefits of native planting to minimise water use. In our centre spread we

have articles about water policy in NSW and the geology of groundwater in Bundanoon.

In June we introduced a number of columnists who will write regularly for our magazine.

A new feature in this edition is a page of obituaries. Following the death of Mr John Stephenson, who was a well respected member of our community, we recognised our omission and hope that you will contact us when we need to acknowledge the life of one of our long time residents.

Volunteer community organisations will be featured in our December issue. Please contact me with the names of groups we should include.

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BCDA meetings

Third Thursday each month:
21 Sept, 19 Oct, 16 Nov '06
Start 7:30pm in Supper Room at rear of Hall. All welcome.

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Council news

Councillor Jim Clark



I have been contacted by a number of residents about illegal tree clearing on subdivisions and on roadsides in our area. It is distressing to see the agreements made to preserve remnant vegetation on subdivisions not honoured. When individual property owners clear roadside trees without permission Council is forced to issue penalty infringement notices or seek legal action.

Council, like the rest of the community, is facing continued escalation of costs. A case in point is the increasing cost of upgrading the Sewage Treatment works at Bundanoon now set at \$12.5 million, with the new plant at Robertson to cost \$17.5 million. Part of the reason for such high costs is the increasing standards required for water treatment before discharge into our creeks and rivers. These eventually feed into Sydney's water supply. So much for the argument about recycled sewage not being fit for human consumption!

The Sydney Catchment Authority is pressing ahead with plans to use a network of 50 to 60 bores near Kangaloon to access deep groundwater to provide emergency water supplies in times of drought for Sydney. The controversial project has upset locals who are fearful of potential effects on the local environment and groundwater supplies. At the same time it is planned to increase the amount of water pumped to Sydney via the Highlands from the Shoalhaven River. This will affect environmental flows in the Shoalhaven and the ecology of Highlands creeks and rivers used for these transfers. We all pay the price for the insatiable demands of Sydney.

Jim Clark ph 0428 213 939

BCDA update

Ralph Clark, President



Three months has passed and we have another issue of JCG to enjoy.

Few, if any, towns of our size would have a publication of the standard of JCG. The quality of both content and presentation is something of which I am sure we are all very proud. The Editor, Pam Davies, our layout artist, Ben Mawston and the now over twenty regular contributors all do a great job for Bundanoon – a sincere 'thank you' to all concerned.

Our first WinterFest in July was a great success, thanks largely to the efforts of Jenny Byrne and other members of the Bundanoon Visitors Group (BVG). This association of local accommodation and hospitality venues goes largely unheralded, but adds a lot to our town. In particular, their assistance with catering at events such as our quarterly BCDA suppers and the Bastille Day dinner are much appreciated.

Another BCDA social event was the welcome to our new police officer Mick Dietz and his wife Gabrielle. Almost 100 residents attended, and were most impressed by what he had to say. It is great to have our local station manned again – we hope you and your boys enjoy your posting in Bundanoon.

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, our annual town dinner will be held on 18 November. This promises to be a tremendous night and is a great chance to meet new friends. Book early as this function is sure to fill quickly.

Thank you to Ken Challenor for taking on the position of BCDA Secretary. Ken and Josephine have looked after our traditional welcome packs for several years, welcoming dozens of new residents to our town. Carol Schillert has kindly offered to take over this role.

A reminder that nominations for WSC heritage listings close on 30 September 2006. These are not restricted to historic buildings, but could include features such as significant trees and landscapes; indeed anything which adds to the ambience of our environment.

BCDA Sub-committees

The annual **Garden Ramble** will be held on 8 October (see advertisement page 6)

The **Hall Committee** has completed the installation of a stage sound system. Details are available from Kay Pearsall 4883 6954 when arranging for hire of the hall.

Arts Bundanoon continues to provide a variety of programs for their 'Piano at 10' recitals. Their Gala Concert, by invitation, to be held on 14 October will be an event for supporters on their mailing list.

Cinema Bundanoon screened the *Picture Show Man* during Winterfest and *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* will be shown on 29 September.

Green Team has given Bundanoon a welcome display of daffodils at the entrance to town. The restoration of the sandstone sign is expected to be completed soon.

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History Week 2006

Bundanoon History Group presents

'Bundanoon – a place with history'

An exhibition of historic items belonging to residents of the village.

There will be a display of kitchenware, clothes, toys, sewing items, vases, jewellery, farm implements and much more, in the Memorial Hall, plus showings of vintage cars and farm machinery around the Old Goods Shed at times over the two days.

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September

9.30am to 5.00pm each day

Entry by gold coin donation

Bundanoon Rural Fire Brigade 60th Anniversary

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Brigade, a special ceremony is to be held at the Fire Station in Burgess Street from 2:30pm on Saturday 16 September. The Brigade will also be presented with a Captains' Honour Roll, covering the period since 1946.

The Rural Fire Service state-wide Open Day is also being held on the same day and there will be a small display of Brigade history. While researching material for the display, Rosemary Page and John Brock found these recorded gems in Council minutes 1945-46:

The Bundanoon street light operator was granted a pay increase to one pound per week.

A well-known and respected Bundanoon Councillor was driving a mob of sheep over the first railway bridge (from B Riding to A Riding), where the road was being repaired by council workers. The bridge was closed. The traffic controller told the Councillor to stop – the reply was "how do I stop these sheep, you bl..... idiot!"

The worker went straight to the Bundanoon Police Station to report the foul language. Unfortunately it was closed so the incident was reported to the Shire President. The Councillor was severely reprimanded at the next Council Meeting.

After the Air Raid Observation Shack was removed from the roof over the foyer of the Memorial Hall, major leaking was reported after heavy rain. On investigation, large holes were found in the iron roof where the nails securing the shack had been ripped out and not repaired.

Members of the community are invited to join us for this special occasion. Afternoon tea will be served afterwards.



Vietnam War remembered

The nation paused on 18 August to remember the 520 diggers who died during the ten-year conflict (1962-1973).

Bundanoon's Vietnam veterans commemorated the fortieth anniversary of the battle of Long Tan at the Memorial Hall.

Lest we forget.

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Bundanoon Visitors' Group held the first of a planned annual Winterfest over four weekends in July (see pictures page 11)

Jordan's Crossing Gazette continues to 'reflect the ideas and interests' of residents in the southern part of the shire.

BCDA membership is increasing and if you wish to participate in any of these activities in future please join us on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Supper Room of the Memorial Hall. This year we held two informal suppers with 80 people in attendance. These provided a congenial atmosphere for meeting members and their friends. Membership of BCDA was not a prerequisite.

BCDA will host a dinner on 18 November 2006 (see advertisement Page 6)



Bundanoon Highland Gathering

Next year, on 28 April, is the 30th anniversary of Brigadoon and I would like to hear from any local residents who have seen the development of Brigadoon from 1978 to the present day.

I am particularly interested in old programs, posters, photographs, or personal memories of Brigadoon as it was in the early years. Should you have anything of interest to the Bundanoon community regarding Brigadoon I would like to hear from you.

I would like to copy available memorabilia for inclusion in a commemorative edition of the Brigadoon program for the residents of Bundanoon.

Please contact Alastair on 4883 7471 or by email on brigadoon@highlandsnsw.com.au

Ceud Mile Failte – One Hundred Thousand Welcomes

The Bundanoon Beat

by Snr. Constable Michael Dietz

Thank you to all Bundanoon and surrounding village residents who have made me so welcome, and for attending the BCDA meeting where many people introduced themselves to me. At Bankstown, where I previously worked, the Police do not receive the same treatment!

I have been in Bundanoon for about three months, getting used to the change of pace and developing a feel for the area. It's nice to have time to chat to local residents. I rely on feedback from the community and encourage you to report all crimes to me no matter how small they might seem. This assists Police to build a pattern for crime and to work out 'hotspots' and the days of the week they are occurring. This also helps with rostering and other staff issues.

I have been pleased to see that parking in Bundanoon has improved since I have spoken to people, issued warnings about failure to park 'rear to kerb' at the station and warned against parking in the School Bus zone between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm. Although small, there are safety issues and compliance helps with the flow of traffic.

In recent months there has been a fall in crime in Bundanoon. I put this down to the good work of residents and high visibility police patrols. There has been a slight increase in Break and Enter offences in the Southern villages so I encourage everyone to be proactive in securing their homes and garages before going out.

I take this opportunity to thank Megan for showing me the ropes at Bundanoon Police Station and for her assistance with Police matters. I don't know what I would have done without her help. She has set high professional standards and I will do my best to follow in her footsteps.



Daniel Rumsey Benefit Concert

by Ross Armfield

On Sunday afternoon 23 July, singers and musicians from across the Highlands gathered to perform in a benefit concert for Daniel Rumsey.

Daniel is going to Ireland in September representing Australia in the International Down Syndrome Swimming Championships. Young people from Mulwaree High School, Oxley College, Bowral High School and Frensham brought together their talent and energy to raise money for Daniel's trip. Chief organiser, coordinator and performer was Daniel's brother, Andrew.

Some adults joined in the concert too, not least of whom was local parent, Wayne Davis, in his public debut on maracas! The afternoon was a great success, with musical items ranging from contemporary to classical. Daniel's parents, John and Sue, were very appreciative of the support they received.

Congratulations to everyone involved.



cartoon by Wayne Davis

Farewell, Dr Bill Lane.

On 19 May, Dr Lane saw his last patient at the Lynwood Medical and Natural Health Centre, and with a glass of bubbly shared with the staff on the veranda, he slipped quietly into a well earned retirement. Many of the residents of Bundanoon would have seen Bill as their GP and after eight years in practice at Lynwood with Dr Con Mouroukas, he will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best in his retirement and hope that he and his wife Liz continue to enjoy the good life of Bundanoon for years to come.

Welcome, Dr Nahla Kirolos.



The Lynwood Medical and Natural Health Centre take this opportunity to welcome Dr Nahla Kirolos who will be working every Friday and Saturday morning.

Dr Kirolos, who resides locally, has been in practice for 17 years, the last five years in Australia and the last 2½ years in the Southern Highlands.

Nahla has a strong interest in female health issues and mental health. She is registered with the 'Black Dog Institute', an organisation dedicated to the management of depression.

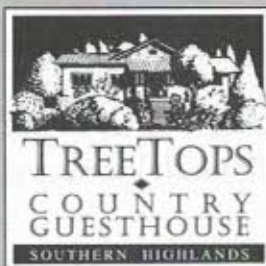
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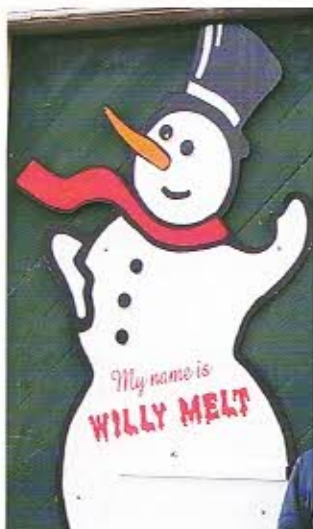
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Winterfest 2006

The "Willy Melt" snowmen have just come down, marking the end of Bundanoon's first ever "Winterfest".

A calendar of activities including concerts, films, street stalls, street entertainment, gourmet dinners, bike rides and bread making courses (just to name a few!) ran all through July, celebrating the cool, frosty Bundanoon Winter days.

Hearty thanks go out to those who braved the cold. A big thank you also to the shop keepers for their window displays and lights; the preschool and public school for providing the fantastic decorations around town. We would like to thank community organisations that arranged events and activities and special thanks to Bob Smith and Ralph Clark for assisting in painting and placement of "Willy Melt" snowmen. Lastly thanks to Jenny Byrne, the powerhouse organiser, for coordinating the show.

Organisation for next year's "Winterfest" has started, and we will endeavour to build upon this year's experiences. Thank you Bundanoon!

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by Ross Armfield

Holly Huxley: Daring to be different

"Oh, I suppose you want to be a pop singer?" That was the initial reaction when Holly approached her singing tutor and coach, local resident Martin Prescott, three years ago. Martin was in fact delighted to discover that Holly wanted to learn opera singing.

Holly, now 14 and in Yr.9 at Bowral High School, probably



had no choice - it was in her genes! Her aunt used to sing with the Australian Opera, and an uncle did too. Her voice, a soprano, which has already reached 'top C', was noticed by her parents as she sang around the house... and in the shower... but then everybody sounds good in there! Taken to a very impressed Martin for lessons, Holly's voice has developed further - but not without a lot of very hard work. "I work with Martin for 45 minutes to an hour each week," says Holly. "There are weekly warm-ups and scales, breathing exercises and songs to be practised. I sing a little at home too. It's quite a physical process, I'm absolutely exhausted after training." She also attends Talent Advancement Classes at Bankstown for two days every six weeks.

Holly's love of music and singing extends to a variety of contemporary styles and general musical items. Indeed, she won last year's Goulburn Eisteddfod singing 'Where Is Love?' with an arrangement by local music maestro and neighbour, Ray Alldridge. Actually, Holly did once have dreams and fantasies of being a pop singer, but now just enjoys the journey her voice is taking her on.

With tremendous support from both family and friends, (none of whom said, 'it's not cool to sing opera'), Holly is looking to the future, but not too far. She is adding to her musical skills by learning the guitar and battling away at learning pieces in languages other than English, "It is difficult when you don't fully understand what you're singing," Holly confessed. Holly has performed at school on Soloist Night singing 'Caro mio ben', at the Wingecarribee Philanthropy Awards. She has also performed as a soloist and sung with the school choir at Sydney Town Hall. She admits to feeling very nervous beforehand, but is able to focus well once the performance starts.

It's all still early days for this very pleasant, talented and intelligent young opera singer. Holly has yet to see a 'live' opera but she will surely get a chance one day soon - perhaps even to be in it! "For the moment I just love singing, hearing the sounds I can make and the physicality of the whole thing. The attention and praise is great too," added Holly with a smile.

Dame Joan! Dame Kiri! Dame Holly?

Shane Scott has a dream...

Shane Scott plays soccer...and plays it very well. He should, he's been playing 'the beautiful game' since he was five years old. Shane, currently in Year 12 at Moss Vale High School and turning 18 in December, has a dream. "I want to trial my skills in England. Through a personal contact I've had an invitation to be checked out by Manchester United. It's a great chance for any young player but I am pleased to have the opportunity to improve my game and gain some experience. Even if

things don't work out over there, I'll bring back whatever I learn to Australia", says Shane.

Shane and his girlfriend, Bree, plan to tour Europe early next year before establishing a base in England, looking for a job and setting up a flat. "Just to observe the whole football scene over there will be incredible..." says Shane. It's a long way from Ferndale Reserve, but Shane feels he is ready to "...have a go at least. I'd hate to look back in years to come and regret not having tried. I'm not going because I think I'm a 'star'. I just want to see how I can improve and learn - to make the most of this opportunity."

Shane's achievements as a mid-fielder, who plays 'up', are quite impressive. He's won premierships with the Bundanoon Rebels

Under 12, 13, 14 teams and the All Age Men's team in 2005 - being voted their most improved player. He was Moss Vale High's Most Valuable Player in 2004. He has also been a regular representative player for the Highlands since his Under-12 days. Spotted for his ability, Shane now plays for the Highland Eagles in the Illawarra competition, but never forgets the highs and lows of his Rebel

days. "Scoring the equalizer to make the score 2-2 against Moss Vale in the All Age Grand Final in 2005 was very special. We went on to win 3-2. Seeing 'Goof', (Michael Sant), save four direct penalties in a shoot out that gave us a win in the Under-12s Grand Final is a great memory too," recalled Shane.

Despite the disappointment of losing some key games over the years, "Nothing matches the sadness of losing Michael in that tragic accident last year."

So despite only ever having flown once, when he went to Queensland last year, Shane is preparing for the journey of his life. With the blessing of his family and the great influence of his friends John Sant and Dean Rowley a whole new world may open up. If it doesn't, Shane will return and possibly work towards becoming a sports trainer. "It's just a chance, I've got to take it. I just love playing well in front of people. Hopefully this trip will aid that."

Go for it Shane. Your community wishes you well. Follow your dream, as sometimes dreams come true.



Club rises from the ashes

community

by Alan Cowley

"I conclude that this club is clearly beyond any possibility of resuscitation and hereby move that it be wound up".

Though perhaps not the exact words, this was the import of the verdict handed down by the Bundanoon Club's administrator a day or so from Brigadoon 2003. The club had been in a dire financial position for a number of years. Now the game was up.

But there was a glimmer of hope. A number of members had called an emergency general meeting a day or two earlier. At that meeting they had accepted an offer from a newly arrived Bundanoon resident to act on their behalf. Having sought the help of a number of local businesses the newcomer brandished a handful of creditors' proxy votes, enabling the meeting to pass a motion giving a new committee six weeks in which to prepare a plan for survival. The administrator agreed, but only after receiving indemnity from individual members against any further trading losses.

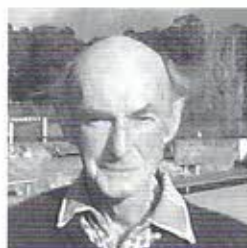
The newcomer in town was Ralph Clark and the six weeks became three months, six months and then a year. As a result of unstinting contributions from many people and great support from the community a financial turnaround was achieved. The club was safe – for the moment!

The new committee established a series of sub-groups, one of which was a loosely organised "hit team" that set about some drastic surgery on the building, which had been erected in 1952. Mick Stirton originated and helped coordinate a flood of ideas and suggestions. Fellow committee member Bob Schillert remembers being perhaps a little too enthusiastic with a demolition hammer before being 'disarmed' in the interests of safety! Paint and materials were donated by members and friends. Specialist expertise came out of the woodwork or, in the case of Sherwood Machinery employees Dean and Craig Rowley, out of the 'metal works' as they fixed crucial steel joists to support the roof.

One evening Ralph found himself involved in a delicate conference call with the Administrator while the walls of the office were being taken down around him. The chaos was complete when the intruder alarm was triggered. Everyone pitched in with energy and good humour. Even Phantom, the loyal canine companion of Carol and Tom Gill, decided to help the club by taking out life membership.



(The late Phantom has now achieved immortality of sorts by being featured on the Bundanoon Quilt).



Tom Gill



Mick Stirton



Ralph Clark

"Ralph [was on] a delicate call with the Administrator while the walls of the office were being taken down around him"

Dennis Hoyer, treasurer of the Men's Bowling Club, tells us that the original 1949 Committee consisted of local business leaders of the time. Many of the family names – Clyne, English, Hinde, Lopes, Petersen, Hoyer, Bromfield and Carlisle – are still prominent in the Bundanoon of today. He recalls that in the 50s and 60s the club was the social centre of the town and local area.

Manager Peter Kellond believes that the club is on track towards rebuilding this social role in the district. "Our first priority after fixing the finances has been to expand the appeal and relevance of the club to the wider community".

An early opportunity came when the club offered free use of its auditorium to a local play group. Now the sewing and craft group, a card group and a number of sporting groups regularly use the facilities, as well as the resident men's and ladies' bowling clubs and croquet club.

The club has organised fundraising events in aid of important causes such as Camp Quality, the Leukemia Foundation and victims of the Indonesian tsunami. It works closely with

Kids off the Street and the Wingecarribee Adult Day Care Centre, which helps frail and dementia affected residents to gain more independence. The club is one of two locations in Bundanoon that has a defibrillator.

At the other end of the age scale, Bundanoon Primary School children gain experience in lawn bowls and croquet, supervised by John Witney and Dick Topham. A team of local boys – Gavin Brown, Mitchell Kelly, Patrick Singer and Zac Todd – represented Bundanoon at the annual bowls championship in Bowral, winning six of 21 ends. They also did wonders in lowering the average age of members of the bowling club!

As Peter says – "We're back!"



left to right: back row – Bob Schillert, Peter Kellond, Noel Phillips, front row – John Witney, Dennis Hoyer and Dick Topham



A painter in the Highlands bush

Kay McMenemy settled on a small farm at Penrose six years ago. In between building a new home and garden she still finds quiet times to pursue her artwork. Growing up in Melbourne she was educated at Swinburne and Monash Universities. She taught in secondary schools and after living in the UK resettled in Sydney. She then spent 13 years as a senior art teacher at a private girls' school. Kay has had several solo exhibitions and her works are in private local collections and in the UK, Singapore and Japan.

'Most of my work is influenced by my surroundings which are filtered through my paintings. I have an abiding fascination with changing seasons in the bush. My last exhibition was on the theme of waterways - the play of light and shade on reedy corners of streams and dams. The most delightful compositions can be discovered in small intersections of water and embankments - areas of moss and grass, with sunlight mirrored in clear, dark water. More recently I have been exploring pattern and texture on local tree trunks; different species in differing light. This series is a bit harder for people to grasp. In fact, one of the principal challenges for an artist working in the country is not so much the technical one but the hurdle of appealing to a conservative audience. Many people seem to be baffled by anything but photographic likeness. What I

sometimes think my most unadventurous works are the most popular. I try to push things a little beyond obvious realism to express the beauty in abstract pattern and texture derived from reality. I suppose as artists we try to capture something others might just share with delight. That's what keeps me going, anyway.'



Top: Tree trunk tryptich 06
Right: Wild water 01

Rainforest Cathedral

Extending roots;
Roots stretching out for food and strength
Like flying buttresses of old cathedrals.

Faintest zephyr,
Makes fern fronds dance like marionettes.
They quiver, twist and twirl, controlled by the wind

Rainforest art;
Dappled sunlight on forest floor,
Patterns of the canopy, a roof to surpass all.

A drop of rain;
A spider's web gleams. As fine silk
It sways in the breeze, a tiny parachute.

A lyrebird calls
With first his own metallic song.
Copies parrot, whipbird, thrush to lure his mate.

Acoustics so perfect,
That every sound is magnified
To fill the forest with music;
Music so clear,
That the world seems to stop
And to listen and dream;
Dreams of Forests long gone
And Futures uncertain.

"Let us learn from you, Great Forest Cathedral".

jcg, November 1999

Pat Jordan, very much at home in Bundanoon and passionate about our National Park, died in July. She was a regular contributor to jcg, and her poems or stories, some delightfully illustrated by Mim Smith, appeared in almost every issue over six or seven years. We gratefully acknowledge this contribution, and extend our sympathy to her family.





Travel tales

by Ann Beaumont

Whale watching – wow!

For my birthday in June my daughter gave me a wonderful surprise – a weekend whale watching at Port Stephens.

It takes about four and a half hours from the Highlands to One Mile Beach where we stayed in a fabulous tree house at Wanderers' Retreat, an eco-village set amongst eucalypts and paperbarks. It's hard to believe the village is only five years old because the cottages and tree houses were built in and around the existing trees, blending into the environment. The local koalas co-exist happily with visitors, and can often be spotted drowsily nibbling on their plentiful supply of gum leaves.

There are eight two bed room cottages at Wanderers'. The two tree houses were built 18 months ago and another four are planned, as they are very popular with couples wanting to escape the rat race. The tree houses offer every luxury, including a huge spa. My daughter and I had a very special time together, soaking in the spa, talking non-stop and consuming the complimentary chocolates and champagne.

In winter you can see the whales migrating north from cliffs along the coast but as we only had two days and wanted to make sure we saw them we headed into Nelson Bay about eight kilometres away.

There are several boating options for whale watching but we decided to go out in Thundaraft, a high tech 12-seater Gemini Waterider. We were given a complete set of wet weather gear, life jacket and goggles and boy, did we need them! As we went through the heads and into the open sea a school of dolphins joined us, and stayed with us for most of the trip, jumping in and out of the water alongside our craft.

It took a while to find a whale pod but out near Broughton Island we came across a mother and baby, showing their position with a large spurt and a little spurt alongside. We soon realised there were about five whales in the group, all of which surfaced from time to time. They are so beautiful! The sight of them makes you realise what an honour it is to be so close. Boats are not permitted to go closer than 100 metres but it is not unusual for the whales to turn around and come as close as 10 metres.

We watched and followed these magnificent creatures for about an hour before turning back to the Port, the captain really gunning the Gemini and giving us an additional thrill on the way home.

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Country living

by Keith McMenemy

Daydreaming in the paddock

*It seems to me then, and the thought persists,
That to have a great feeling for a piece of land,
Is like having a gift from the earth,
The air and the sky.*

Elizabeth Jolley, in 'Something that happens to other people'.

A great sense of contentment can come as you walk across a paddock or a garden of your own, whether in warming sunshine or cutting sleet - a feeling that must be primal, of being connected to place. There is a sense that within this little space you are your own master. It's a simple feeling of well-being. Admittedly, this is less apparent when a northwest wind scorches across your drought-barren earth.

Our ancestors abandoned green and pleasant, rain-soaked European isles because they were unlikely to experience security 'at home'. Their elders were always answerable and in debt to accidentally privileged gentry. To Irish forebears too, nothing was more important than land; indeed it was life itself. Of course the bond was not unique to Europeans; it underpins the profound sense of loss and hopelessness felt by all displaced indigenous peoples.

My first impression of a sense of 'private rights' was when a loud, belligerent knock came unexpectedly on the back door of my grandparent's country home. I was a visiting nipper at the time. My orchardist granddad was lying down after coming home from the all-night fruit market. Grandma told him there were two men from the taxation department who wanted to come in and examine our accounts. He said "They can go to blazes," and added "an Englishman's home is his castle!" The 'tax men' scuttled away. It was a more forgiving era and we were obviously not affluent. The accounts were never audited.

Even if it's an illusion, while we pay our rates and taxes and hold title we are to an extent safe and secure. We are in effect only buying the right to occupy our land for a period of time. Some families carry this illusion over several generations, still only extending temporary tenure. The relation to land should be of stewardship rather than ownership. In fact the old English term for one who tilled the soil was 'husbandman'. It was instilled into me as a juvenile farm help that I should always leave things better than I found them. This is in opposition to the discouraged feral bush tradition of using, abusing and wasting the land. As you drag a plough, a set of harrows or a slasher around the last side of a paddock and cut back from corners to centre to cover your gaps there is a sense of satisfaction, not unlike that felt when raking leaves from a garden. "The worm forgives the plough", my forebears maintained and new fresh shoots will soon appear. Weather permitting, that is!



Do possums think about owning their patch?



Vet's casebook

by Ken Davidson BVSc (Hons)

Who's hard of hearing?

Busy vets have to cope with a vast array of personalities in their practices, in fact about twice as many as other professionals. They have to be attuned to both the client as well as the pet and at times it takes quite a lot of doing.

At one end of the scale, you get the bushie who walks in, plonks the seventeen year old dog in a totally decrepit state onto the consult table and proudly states: "I've never had to have 'im to a vet before, but I reckon 'e's about 'ad it". Invariably once the message gets across and it is decided that the pet may have to be put down, the question of 'cost' comes up. When the total cost is calculated, the bushie's response, nine-times-out of-ten is- "A bullet 'd be cheaper!"

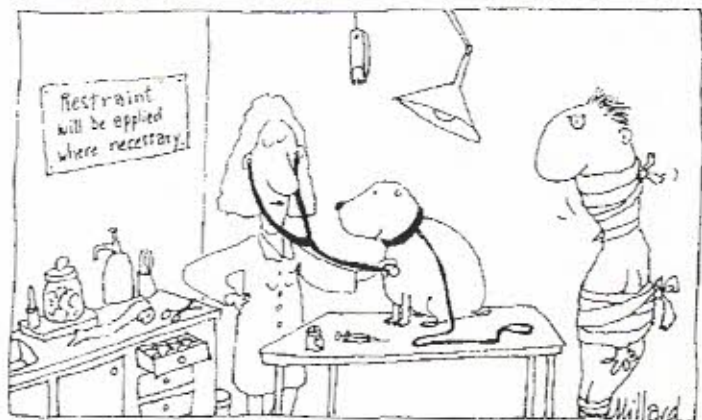
In the past, it was a comment that was difficult to refute but thanks to the new Companion Animal Act of NSW, I now am able to retort: "It depends on what value you place on spending two years in gaol for animal cruelty!"

At the other end of the scale, you find the pet owner who rushes to the vet for very minor ailments, frequently so minor that no abnormalities can be found, even on the most critical of examinations. I had a really funny example of this one Saturday night, a few weeks ago. A really nice lady brought in her cat which was apparently screaming with pain when she lifted it up.

To get a history, I asked her if her cat had been fighting, hoping to establish the most likely cause of sudden body pain in a cat. She looked at me rather strangely and said, "You are very astute, he was doing it in the car on the way over," which I thought was a rather strange answer to my question.

What was even more intriguing was her follow-up line: "Why would that make him sore, I don't really understand?" I went on to explain how cat's claws penetrate the skin and can do invisible damage to underlying tissues but she still had that 'quizzical expression of the unconvinced' on her face. We seemed to be on a totally different wavelength.

As all was done and the cat was going home with some pain relief, the owner turned at the front door and said: "I still don't understand how farting can make a cat scream in pain." We both burst out laughing as it hit both of us, at the same time, as to how the confusion had occurred. The jury is still out on whether it was my mumbling or her partial deafness, or both, that was responsible for the misunderstanding!





Garden notes

by Trish Arbib

Water-conscious gardening

Rethinking gardening in drier times doesn't mean we should stop enjoying our gardens.

We're fortunate in the Southern Highlands to be on Level 1 water restrictions from 24 July and to have had some good rain recently. Aspects of Level 1 water restrictions like not hosing down hard surfaces make sense at any time. If you're not sure, do contact the local council and find out what the restrictions allow. You may not be aware that during Level 1 restrictions people can use hand held hoses on the garden at any time of the day or night.

My philosophy is that if you're going to use water on the garden make sure you enjoy the garden – where practicable, remove plants you don't like and replace with favourites.

Consider making plantings that are both beautiful and useful or edible to maximize water use. For example, plant windbreaks like feijoas that also produce fruit and beautiful flowers, make sure plants which provide shade also have attractive flowers and/or leaf colour and/or edible fruit and/or interesting bark. Choose plants which offer the bonus of perfume or cut flowers or provide memories of family and friends.

There are various tips on conserving water in the garden that are worth repeating. Bores, dams, and rain water tanks are alternatives to tap water. A drip irrigation system uses less water than a sprinkler, and it directs water where needed. Most importantly, only water when the garden needs it – check the soil first. Watering less often but deeper is more effective. Water in the early morning or late evening in the hotter months. Put plants together that like similar amounts of water. You may have natural wet spots so plant moisture lovers there.. Make sure taps don't leak. Use a timer to limit sprinklers to permitted times. Consider alternatives to large areas of lawn such as green, living ground covers like dichondra. Other suggestions are bark, gravel or paving with off-cuts from the Bundanoon sandstone quarry.

I know most about non-native plants. There are many exotics that thrive in dry situations. These include lavender, santolina, arctotis, most grey plants, some geraniums, agapanthus and pokers, succulents, euphorbias, epimedium, aluminium plant, vinca, bergenia and buxus. Native plants for dry areas need to be chosen carefully too.

Mulch reduces the need to water. Ideally, use biodegradable detergents and put grey water on the garden. Catch water in a bucket when waiting for water to run hot. Have you noticed that wind often follows on from a period of good rain? Plant windbreaks to minimize effect of drying wind.

Being conscious of water use doesn't need to mean following the trend for hard landscaping. A garden doesn't have to be merely an external room with paving, walls, tables and a mere token sniff at a few standard plants around the edges. Gardens can still mean plants and perfume and colour and the joy of seeing what is in flower each day.

Bundanoon Village Nursery



Eye on Bundanoon

by Glennis Kennedy

Ahhh...Spring!

Isn't the whole "Spring thing" just too delicious for words? Here we are crawling out of the depths of our winter woes, gifted with the joy of savouring the fragrances and visual delights of gardens coming alive in a rejuvenated splash of nature's pleasures. Of colour and beauty, generously lifting our spirits and hearts to welcome new heights.

Ahhh..... Spring.

OK. That's enough poetry-speak for one column.

The fact is it was jolly cold there for a while, and now it's over, thank heavens.

But how did we locals suffer through our recent doomy gloomy Southern Highlands winter?

Did we lock ourselves indoors for endless cosy fire-watching nights of DVD fests, devouring dinners of roast pork with 'evil crackling', playing Pictionary, while knocking off a glass or three of red in a patient state of hibernation as we waited out the horror chilly months?

Nup. Not Bundanoon.

No, in our wisdom, we decided to hold a Winter Festival! You know, "let's all gather in the main street on a freezing Friday night to watch the 'fairy lights' turned on, while waiting in a long queue for Neville's fabulous life-saving-body-warming Glühwein to materialise from the bowels of the local hall". (That's 'Gluevine' to those of us who can't spell in German).

And to send our shivering children into the main street on Saturday mornings to busk for the entertainment of passers-by. (Mind you, I gather those talented young people did pretty darned well from their efforts – in fact I'm expecting an offer on a prime piece of real estate from one of them any day now..).

Street stalls sold goodies and custom-made tee-shirts. There was a fabulous display of local arts and crafts. Great music in the pub as well as in the Memorial Hall. Bike rides & picnics. An unsurpassable seven course Bastille Day dinner. And lots more.

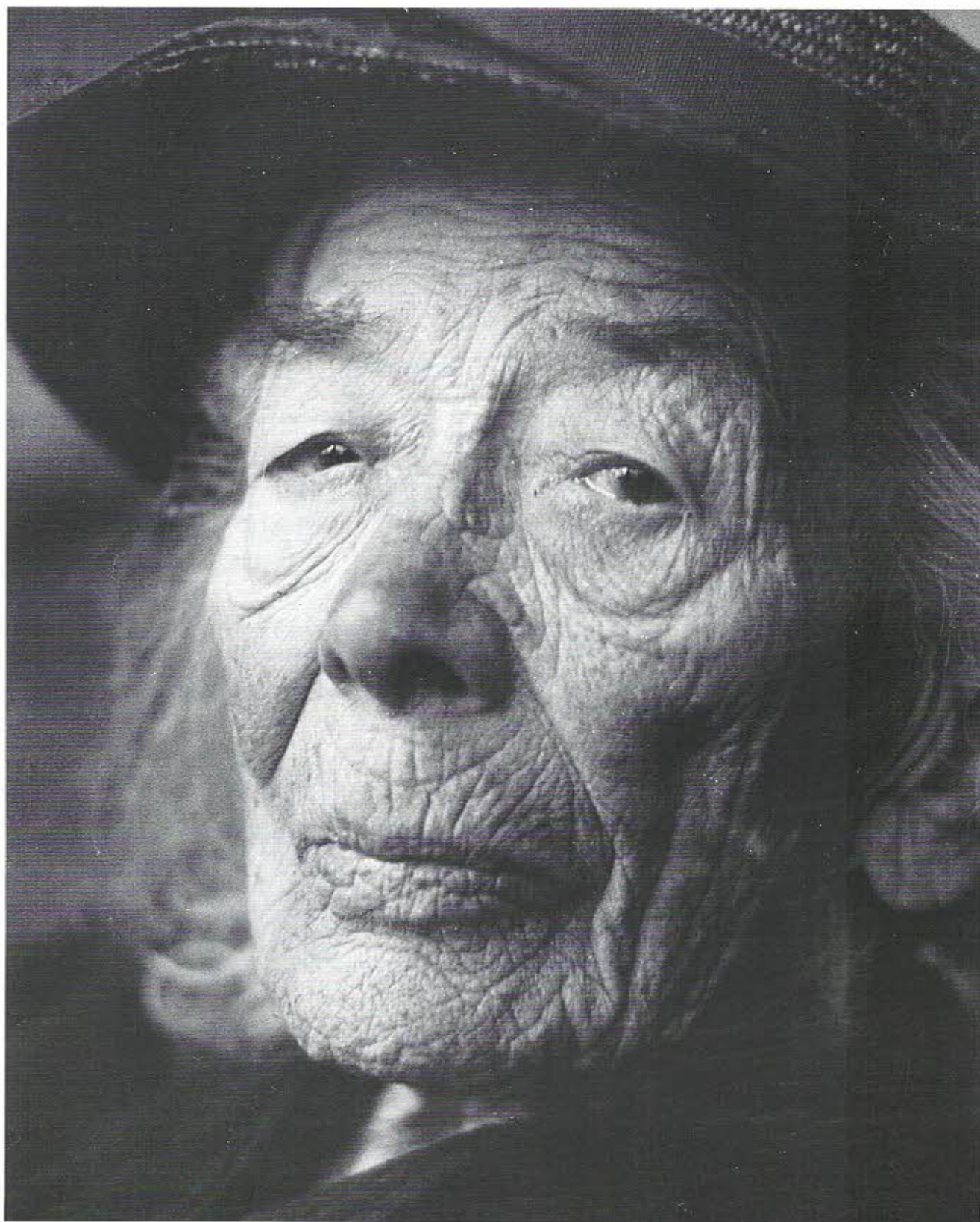
But it was winter! What were we thinking?? Well not much really, we were all too busy having a good time and thriving on all the activity. Thanks to the good humour, hard work and energy of a handful of individuals, and the fun-loving spirit of our unique Highlands village.

Now the new season is upon us! Goodie Gumdrops! (Mental note: must stock up on anti-histamines, eye drops, buy new sunglasses...)

Ahhh... Spring.

Enjoy!

(P.S. Anyone know how many sleeps it is until next Winter?)



Ossie Emery has given jcg this portrait of Mrs Thorpe who lived at Nelligen on the Clyde River. She told him some wonderful stories of her early life and her face reflects those experiences.

We would like to document some aspects of life in Bundanoon and need contributions. Maybe you can find a subject in your family. A grandparent reading to a small child... Two people sharing a joke... A child communicating with a pet... Perhaps you'll find a subject in the street – a scene at the school bus stop or the Sunday market. Remember the photograph we published in March 2006 of the Bundanoon ladies photographed on the day they resigned as stall holders at the Methodist Church fete? A picture like that tells us so much about life in Bundanoon 50 years ago. Let's hear from you!

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Sky watch

by Stephen Owens

The brightest stars in the sky, about 200 or so, have names that are derivations from Latin, Greek and Arabic words originating many centuries ago. Examples are *Sirius*, *Canopus*, *Betelgeus* and *Rigel* and there are many more whose original meanings have been lost in translation over time. Astronomers commonly use these names today and they are called the Proper Names of the stars. However these names do not indicate where these stars can be found in the night sky.

As an approximate estimate to where these and many other stars can be found we can use a map in which the sky is divided into 88 sections called constellations. Again, over many centuries the names of the constellations have evolved from origins in ancient civilisations. The constellations are named after people, animals and objects with no obvious reason and unlike the star names that are mostly derivations of Arabic words, the names of the constellations are in Latin. The size of each constellation is not uniform and even with a great stretch of the imagination it is difficult to see the connection between the name and the physical distribution of the stars in each constellation.

We are familiar with the twelve zodiacal constellations starting with *Aries* (the Ram) and finishing with *Pisces* (the Fishes); however, modern astronomy does not regard them as being any more significant than any of the other 76 constellations.

Probably the most significant constellation to us in Australia is the constellation of *Crux* as it figures prominently on our flag. This is the Southern Cross. We can see five stars in the Cross and each has a constellation name indicating the respective brightness, starting with the brightest, which is *Alpha Crucis*, to the faintest *Epsilon Crucis*. By using the Greek alphabet to indicate the relative brightness of each star within the constellation, coupled with the Latin name of the constellation, astronomers can identify most of the bright stars. This method of identification can account for a maximum of about 2000 stars. This is not very satisfactory when we can see many more than this.

Many astronomical institutions have produced catalogues of stars. Each star is assigned a number and position coordinates, usually Right Ascension and Declination. The catalogues vary in size from a couple of thousand to many million stars. Examples of catalogues are the Harvard Revised Bright Star Catalogue (HR) with 9096 stars and the Henry Draper Catalogue (HD) with over 225,000 stars. These catalogues were developed over 70 years ago and are still being used, even though catalogues being developed today contain data for millions of stars.

The brightest star in the sky, *Sirius*, is also known as *Alpha Canis Majoris* (the Great Dog), the HR number is HR2491, the HD number is HD48915, the Right Ascension is 6 hours and 42.9 minutes and the Declination is -16 degrees and 39 minutes. This is more than enough information for an astronomer to pinpoint the exact position of *Sirius* in the night sky. Happy observing.

Stephen Owens is a PhD student at the University of Sydney School of Physics.



Behind the counter

by Lucy Bainger



This is the first in a series of interviews with business people in Bundanoon by Lucy Bainger.

The photo above the service desk in the Two Brown Cats Bookshop features an eighteen month old girl sitting in a cubby on a sheepskin surrounded by books. She is curled over a

book in deep concentration. Now Kate Pryor is 23.

Kate had completed a theatre and TV design degree at Charles Sturt University at Wagga campus and was looking for a challenge while deciding what her next career move would be. Using work experience gained at the university's second-hand book shop, her dream was to create a warm, inviting space for browsing a wide variety of titles. She opened her shop in October 2004 for a six month trial and it has succeeded beyond her expectations. Kate realised she wanted her bookshop to be named for her two sleek and beautiful brown Burmese cats, a brother and sister. Mr. Gorgeous and Coco provide the inspiration for the shop's décor which features every possible feline object d'art; there are cats on the shelves, walls, on the desk and even on the business cards. On the walls is a distinctly personal collection of photographs from an exhibition she presented at university, featuring her interpretation of great moments in her reading life. "I knew just how I wanted my shop to look and feel," says Kate, "a place to browse, or sit and read; somewhere welcoming but private."

Kate comes from a book loving family – both Fiona and Bruce have always read and collected books. Kate has fond memories of being read to "all the time" as a little girl, with her sister Zoe. Fiona read many old English children's books to her daughters, sharing the ones that she had loved as a child. Kate has indulged her love of children's literature by collecting books she remembers from her childhood, such as *Black Beauty* and *Wind in the Willows*. She pointed out *Happy Winter* by Karen Gundersheimer, especially loved for its illustrations featuring two little girls that looked rather like Kate and her sister.

Sourcing stock was the best part of setting up her business. Kate picks books she likes herself as well as covering forty categories, trying to provide something for everyone. She prefers to collect good quality literature in good condition. As Kate says: "My hope is that each visitor to the shop can find a little gem".

The shop has attracted a loyal and growing clientele. "There has been marvellous community support..." said Kate, "...through friendly enquiries, recommendations between friends, donations and lots of happy customers. Many people make a habit of popping in regularly." While waiting for this interview, I found a book I've wanted for years. It's that sort of bookshop. If you like a warm welcome, books, cats, interesting photos, or just browsing, there is much to enjoy at the Two Brown Cats Bookshop, next to the Bakery, in Bundanoon.

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Below: Evening reflections, Narooma NSW, Alan Hyman

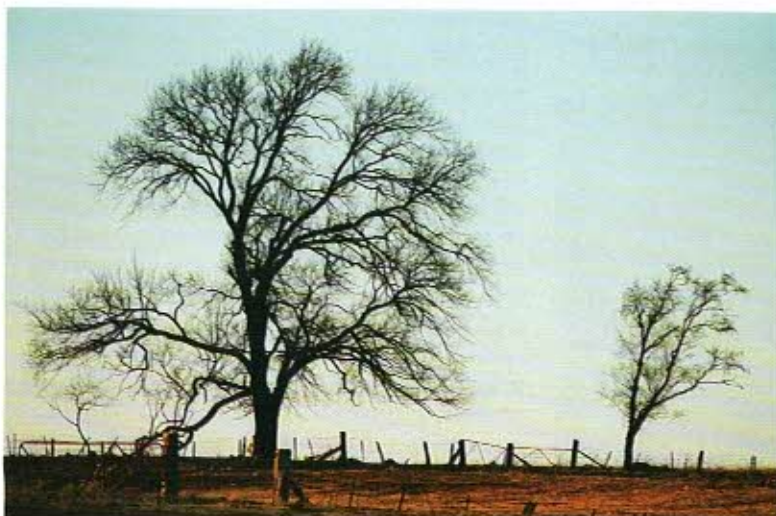
Bottom: Winter light, Exeter, Alan Hyman



Above right: Green Team daffodils, Bundanoon, Dianna Watson

Right: Christmas Bells, *Blandfordia nobilis*, Alan Hyman

Below right: Waterfall, Morton National Park, Bundanoon, Ken Rooke



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by Lyn Montgomery

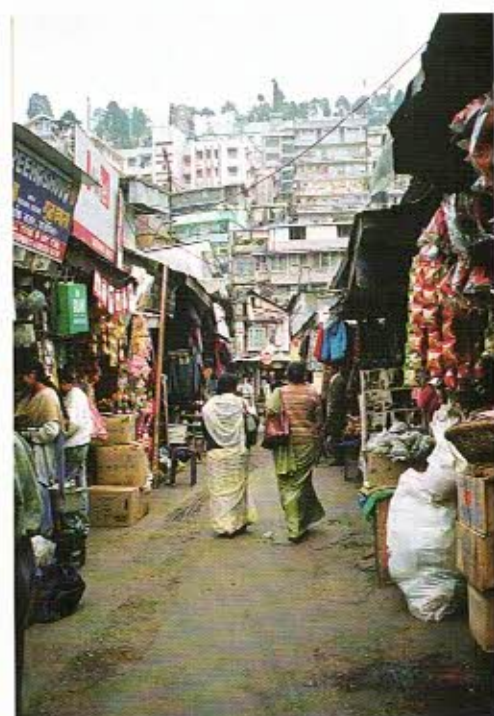
Lyn Montgomery recently travelled to India with Sue Woolfe, convenor of writing workshops for University of Sydney Continuing Education.

I have always been drawn to India, with its diversity of races, religions and languages, and on Good Friday 2006 I left Australia to see a small part of the sub-continent, and to discover whether my long neglected writing skills were lying dormant, just awaiting a fresh stimulus to revive them. India has such a rich culture of writers, poets and philosophers, so I went to Darjeeling on a writing workshop.

Our first stop was Kolkata, founded by the British in 1686. So many wonderful things to see; grand architecture, now sadly in need of painting and refurbishment; the Queen Victoria Museum; Mother Theresa's Orphanage; the house of Rabindranath Tagore; the Temple of Kali; the making of statues for religious festivals.

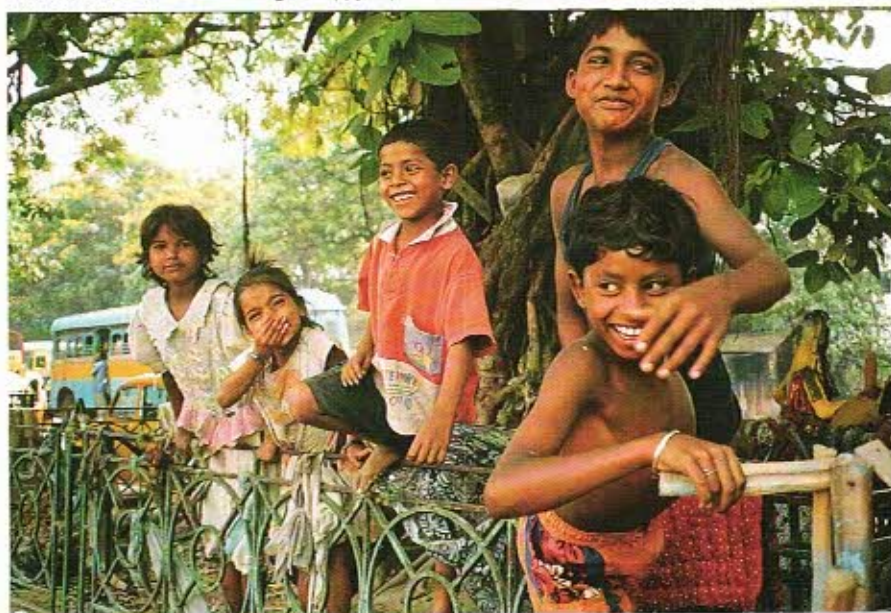
Cruising the Ganges it was absorbing to watch life along the banks and see the famous cremation ghats. Cheek by jowl with Hindu temples were the buildings of the Raj, a distinctive soft red. The river was a fascinating dark, deep, opaque green.

An overnight train from Kolkata to Newjalpurgri; I shared my four-berth compartment with a friendly Indian couple and their young son. The wallahs wending their way along the narrow corridor offered food, but we had brought takeaways from the hotel. We sat on bunks and talked and ate, and when we finished I gave the rubbish to



Marketplace, Darjeeling

Children on the banks of the Ganges, happy to pose for the camera.



A statue of Goddess Lakshmi, the bestower of wealth and prosperity, during Bengali New Year celebrations.

the conductor. He pulled open the door and flung the bag onto the tracks!

After poetry reading we settled for the night, and I was pleased to find I slept. It was a gentle, peaceful trip.

Our guide met us at Newjalpurgri Station for the four-hour road journey to Gangtok. Our home for the next three days was the Nor-Khill Hotel, built by the King of Sikkim in 1932 as a guesthouse for visiting heads of state. As in Kolkata, writing workshops were interspersed with sightseeing: the Institute of Tibetology, Rumtek Buddhist Monastery, and local markets.

Then off to Darjeeling, the queen of the Hills, where we were welcomed to the New Elgin Hotel, an old residence reminiscent of the Raj. Darjeeling is a bustling town built around a square with shops that are treasure troves of pashminas, jewellery, artefacts, and books. Perched on the edge of a very steep cliff (at an altitude of 2500 metres), the views were spectacular, and the hotel interior was warm and cosy. It was late spring, and the air was crisp and cold and still. At night the moon beamed softly on the peaks of Kanchenjunga, so near, and yet so far. What a wonderful place to spend two weeks learning about writing; so much inspiration, so much to write about.

It truly was an adventure in every way; new sights, new sounds, wonderful people, and yes I found my writing skills alive and well, waiting to burst forth with renewed vigour.



WATER

Water has become the liquid gold of the 21st century. Drought grips the five continents and the polar ice caps are melting. The federal government has allocated \$2 billion to an Australian Water Fund to address the Murray-Darling and other catastrophes. In Goulburn, residents may soon be drinking their own treated effluent. Here in Bundanoon we are more fortunate, but there are still some concerning issues...

A good drop from the pub

by David Powell

Drinking water will become a critical issue for all Australian communities in the decades ahead.

There are only minimal recorded details of early water usage in Bundanoon. It is inevitable that unless personal recollections are obtained now from local residents much of the historical past will be lost.

Early settlement of the Bundanoon area occurred in the 1830s when Paddy's River, and a tributary, Reedy Creek, were undoubtedly the prime water sources. Dams, springs, wells and rain water catchment subsequently supplied an increasing population, brought about as people worked the land, developed timber mills, a quarry, a slaughter yard, a coal mine then shops and many guesthouses. An additional impetus was the opening of the railway in 1868. Wells were certainly a prime source of readily available water for domestic and commercial use, presumably due to excellent quality and a high water table. The slaughter house in west Bundanoon, which closed when the Moss Vale abattoir opened in 1963, had two wells; The Knoll (now Solar Springs) had three, one of which, still in pristine condition, remains at the entrance to the health resort. A golf links, existing from 1934 to 1968 at the southern end of Erith St, opened by Roger Terry of the Royal Hotel (now Bundanoon Hotel), was watered by an on site well. The houses of many local residents also drew their water from private wells. Dry conditions over eastern Australia were a feature of the weather pattern during the period 1936 to 1945 which were recorded as major drought years.

Miss Ella L Tyler was the owner of the Royal Hotel, and licensee from 1922 to 1929, followed by Mr Roger Terry, through to 1940. As a result of these drought conditions and to ensure continuity of water supply to the hotel, in 1940 Miss Tyler purchased 597 acres of land about 3.5 kilometres south of Bundanoon and east of Penrose Road. On a creek in a steep gully on this site Miss Tyler had erected a corrugated iron shed (3.6m, x 10m. x 3m. high) to house a large motor and a belt-driven piston pump. This pump drew water from a small dam below the shed, and discharged it via a 15 cm. 'fibro' pipe to a reservoir erected in Bundanoon on an elevated site at the corner of William and Broughton Sts. Water was supplied by gravity to the hotel, where seven 6 ft. tanks were built in the roof. Demand for water was such that the reticulation system was enlarged by pipes laid in Erith St as far as Rosnel Guesthouse, now a hostel. Further pipework is believed to have been laid along Church Street and other



Above: Les Rundle pictured with remnants of the piston pump supplying water to a small reservoir in Bundanoon

Top: Hotel water supply invoice

Images courtesy Bundanoon History Group

locations. As a result of this and later expansions of the water supply Miss Tyler provided meters to about sixty homes and charged for the water on hotel invoices, which continued to be issued until at least 1952.

In 1936 Wingecaribbee Shire Council initiated a study to locate a suitable water source to supply the future requirements of the area. A number of potential sites were examined including Fairy Bower in Bundanoon and Chimney Crossing on Paddy's River at Penrose. Ultimately town water was supplied from Bundanoon Creek Dam which was constructed in 1959.

The excellent quality of Bundanoon water is evidenced by the fact that, in 1995, there was a development application for commercial extraction of water from a site on the eastern slopes of Constitution Hill. This project failed, mainly because of public objection to the problem of transport vehicles on Church St.

My thanks to Alistair Cameron, Archivist, Bundanoon History Group and many local and past residents of Bundanoon for assistance and information provided.

by Warren Musgrave

Water and land degradation spring from a variety of causes. Some such as global warming are relatively new phenomena. Others represent legacies of our past.

To understand our current predicament we need to look at the history of water supply and use and only then should we consider what we need to do to fix those problems.

The British settlers' attitude towards water use reflected their Northern Hemisphere background. They expected a plentiful supply of water and relatively limited competition for it. Instead, they confronted an unstable environment with frequent and severe droughts.

The settlers also brought a doctrine of water use - the riparian doctrine - which had served their home country well. This doctrine, in effect, allows landholders to do what they wish with water adjoining their land as long as it doesn't interfere with other landholders.

The riparian doctrine proved a fragile basis for the more intense competition for water in Australia. For most of the 19th century the development of mining, agriculture and towns was seriously impeded. There were difficulties in appropriating land for water storages and infrastructure for urban development.

Rights to serve as a basis for raising capital for investment in structures were insecure; closer settlement was impeded by the ability of squatters to "lock-up" water; and difficulties were experienced in controlling water during gold rushes. Litigation was common and there was occasional violence over water use.

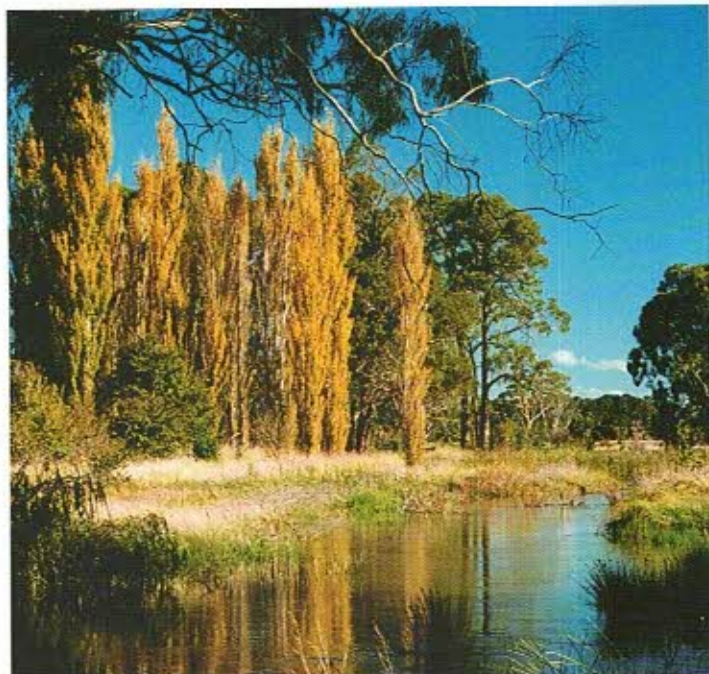
The greater variability of stream flow meant that any level of development required larger storages than in the Northern Hemisphere. According to one version, Australian dam storages need to be twice that of the world average and six times that of Europe to secure supply. This meant that water resource development was more expensive and the disruption of natural river functions greater, with more severe environmental consequences.

The settlers expected to be able to use water liberally, sometimes in quite low value uses, and at low, often subsidised, prices. Urban prices had large concessional elements, while in the large government irrigation schemes established in the early 1900s water prices were below the cost of supply. Such practices proved unsustainable as population and wealth grew, the adverse environmental consequences of prodigal water use became apparent and overall competition for the resource increased.

Almost a century elapsed before settlers came to grips with these problems and ownership of water was vested in the state. Works for extraction and use required a licence and the allocation of water was determined on a security basis. On regulated streams higher security users, such as towns and orchardists, received their full entitlement in most years. General security users, such as broadacre irrigators, were allocated a share of the available supply in any season.

These reforms, along with the prevailing development ethic and low water prices, saw the widespread growth of irrigation, particularly in the Murray-Darling Basin.

The new rules did not, however, recognise the environmental services provided by rivers. Significant degradation of rivers and their catchments occurred. Further reforms to address



Water story photographs by Alan Hyman

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these environmental concerns and improve the efficiency of irrigation were initiated only in the 1990s. These included price increases to recover the costs of supply, the introduction of trading in water, allocation of water to environmental needs and a greater emphasis on the integrated management of water, land and vegetation.

The need for reform will not subside given the realities of global warming. Our climate is expected to become even more unstable and arid. Hopefully the present and coming generations of Australians will be better equipped to handle the resulting problems than those of the past.

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If no action is taken the price of water in the worst-affected Australian city will increase 10 times by the year 2032 if climate change reduces supply by 15 per cent in the east and there are 25 per cent more people.

If water is transferred from the irrigation industry, the price will rise six times. Desalination plants, recycling sewage or storing stormwater would reduce this to three times the current price.

Source: CSIRO/Monash University

Buried treasure

by Ray Nolan

water

Bundanoon is rich in groundwater, with some property owners lucky enough to have springs bubbling up through the ground and providing a free supply of an increasingly precious resource.

As the name implies, groundwater accumulates in the ground and is usually recovered through a bore drilled tens and sometimes hundreds of metres into the ground. In times of drought, such as now, there is great demand for the use of existing bores and for drilling new ones. However, over-exploitation can be a problem, as is currently perceived by some landowners at Kangaloon, as the aquifer level is lowered.

To understand why this is possible we must understand why, how and where water accumulates and how it is recovered.

The geological sequence in the Bundanoon area is basalt overlying shales and sandstones within the Wianamatta Shale, which in turn overlies the Hawkesbury Sandstone. Rainwater on the surface, in a so-called re-charge area, soaks into the porous soils and the near-surface rocks from which the soils are formed. Water filters downward through porous rocks, or through fractures in less-porous or impermeable rocks, until it reaches a sedimentary bed which is totally impervious. If the impermeable bed extends to the surface so will the water, forming a spring.

Otherwise the water accumulates within the more porous beds within the geological sequence and is available in those aquifers for 'harvesting' by wells, if the aquifer is near the surface, or by bores from the deeper aquifers.

In the Bundanoon area springs are most likely to occur where fractured basalt overlies an impermeable shale bed. These conditions apply on the southern side of Constitution Hill where springs are prevalent and, in some cases, surface dams collect their water. Figure 1 illustrates spring formation.

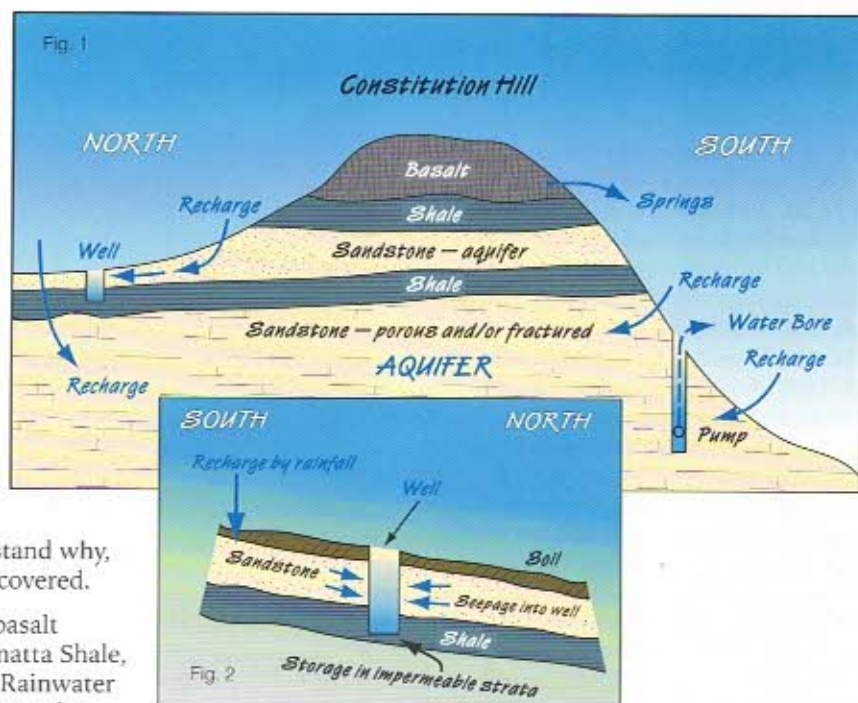
There is a porous sandstone bed along the western portion of the same hill. It approaches the surface in places and at least one well accumulates water from that source. As Figure 2 shows, the well extends through the sandstone, from which water seeps, to impervious shale beneath, where the water is stored and recovered by baling or pumping.

In both of these examples the dam and the well have the same functions. They penetrate the seepage, catch its water and store it within the impervious stratum beneath.

The third and most costly method of groundwater 'harvesting' is by drilling a bore, installing a pump and raising the water to a storage facility on the surface. Where a bore penetrates several porous beds it acts similarly to a deep well except that it may 'harvest' water from a number of aquifers.

Most aquifers, and those with the best quality water, are in porous sandstone beds within the Hawkesbury Sandstone. If your property is in the right place you can drink from a surface spring, raise water from a well (a windlass looks good in the garden) or pump water from a bore. The first two are unlikely to affect your neighbour's supply but, if you want to remain friends, take only your fair share from a bore.

Ray Nolan is a local geologist with an interest in groundwater.



Waste not, want not!

by Mark Williams, Sewerage Projects Co-ordinator, Wingecarribee Shire Council

With the re-use of waste water in the news, Bundanoon is doing its bit.

As part of the upgrading of the Bundanoon sewerage treatment plant in Quarry Road, some of the treated water will be used to irrigate a nearby farm and the Ferndale Reserve soccer fields.

The works will be completed about mid-2008 and provide for projected population growth in Bundanoon until 2031.

Wingecarribee Shire Council is pursuing the upgrading of the Bundanoon sewerage system, as the load on the existing plant has reached its design capacity.

The project has a high priority because further substantial population growth is anticipated within the village area. Despite the current moratorium on new subdivisions at Bundanoon, the take-up of vacant lots and new lots already in the pipeline will continue to strain the ability of the plant to function adequately.

Council has already installed additional temporary aeration equipment to allow the plant to continue meeting effluent quality requirements.

The proposed sewerage system augmentation includes:

- Enhancement of five of the 10 existing sewage pumping stations,
- Upsizing two sections of the trunk main to the plant,
- Improvement of effluent quality, and
- A telemetry system to continuously monitor the operation of the plant and sewage pumping stations.

The environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project has been under preparation since early 2005 and should be on public exhibition by the end of September.

Judy Davis has an 'almost water free' garden, writes Kate Perkins

My last water rates bill was \$71.62 and the one before that was \$74.30.' Judy lives on the edge of the Morton National Park on a property she and her husband Barry, an architect, purchased in the 1980s. Two pavilions sit side by side and are complemented by the native garden which was commenced in 1989. A large section of the 14 hectares had been cleared for grazing but not cultivated and weed infestation was minimal with quite dense plant regrowth. The first impression of the garden is the myriad shades of green and the evident healthiness of the shrubs and plants. There is little colour in mid-winter with only an occasional wattle and Crowea in flower. Initially, the choice of native plants from an RTA nursery supplier in Liverpool was limited. Colour choice was confined to red and foliage variation was not a consideration. Today there is a breathtaking array of hardy, drought-resistant plants available, in a palette of colours, with blue/green/grey foliage to choose from. New plant developments at Mt. Annan and by growers around the country have made this possible.

Judy asserts that there is no irrigation or drip system for the garden, 'nor do we own a sprinkler'. The property is connected to town water and has a septic sewerage system. There is a dam that collects run-off from the roof, but it has never been used on the garden. It is also there for fire protection, and the area between the eucalypts and the house is well defined. 'I hand water during dry times. This is not as arduous as it sounds, as the only plants I water are the ones in pots or raised beds, and very young plants. The grass around the house has to fend for itself. If the bush is struggling, the plants are struggling, and no amount of hand-watering can compensate for abundant rain. The most important rule for a 'non-scruffy' native garden is to find the right plant for the right position. A few disappointments are unavoidable. It is imperative to find the wet spots and the dry spots in the garden, the windy and the sheltered, the sunny and the shady, and plant accordingly. Good hardwood mulch helps retain water.'

For two hours once a fortnight Angel Fred works with Judy, pruning – the biggest task – and cutting back. Off-cuts are mulched and of course ploughed straight back into the



garden, enriching the soil and protecting the shrubs from extreme cold and heat. The youngest plants need 'wallaby-size' tip-pruning to prevent them becoming straggly. Callistemons and Grevilleas must be cut after flowering and Eriostemons need a hedge clip. No insecticides or pesticides are ever used.

With a background in design, Judy says she started with a



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grand vision- 'a sweep of 30 Grevillea 'Robyn Gordon'- and one frosty night I lost the lot!' 'Ned Kelly' was the answer but she never tried to bulk plant again, instead following the bush format of mixed plant types to create a diverse habitat. Clumps of native grasses are an exception to this rule.

A huge bonus of a native planting is the variety of birds enticed into the garden. A reticulating stone fountain supplies water to flocks of finches, to noisy New Holland honey eaters and to Gang-gang Cockatoo. 'Even the shy Whip-bird has ventured into the vegetation around the house. A Shrike thrush wakes me up each day, and the lyrebirds re-arrange the mulch'

'I'm not a purist. I have some maple trees near the house'. Lemon trees and herbs in a raised bed are surrounded by guards and Judy cites rabbits and foxes as the only cause for gloom in her paradise. They obviously consider her lovingly-tended plants fair game, and provide a continual challenge for this constant gardener.

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Photographs Des Perkins



Treading an artistic path

community

by Jenny Walker



The new pathway that leads into Bundanoon Public School is more than just a beautiful piece of artwork created by the students and the

community; it is a tangible result of the school's 'You Can Do It' program which fosters positive attitudes and confidence within the students.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We integrate art into all our subjects," says Robyn. "The



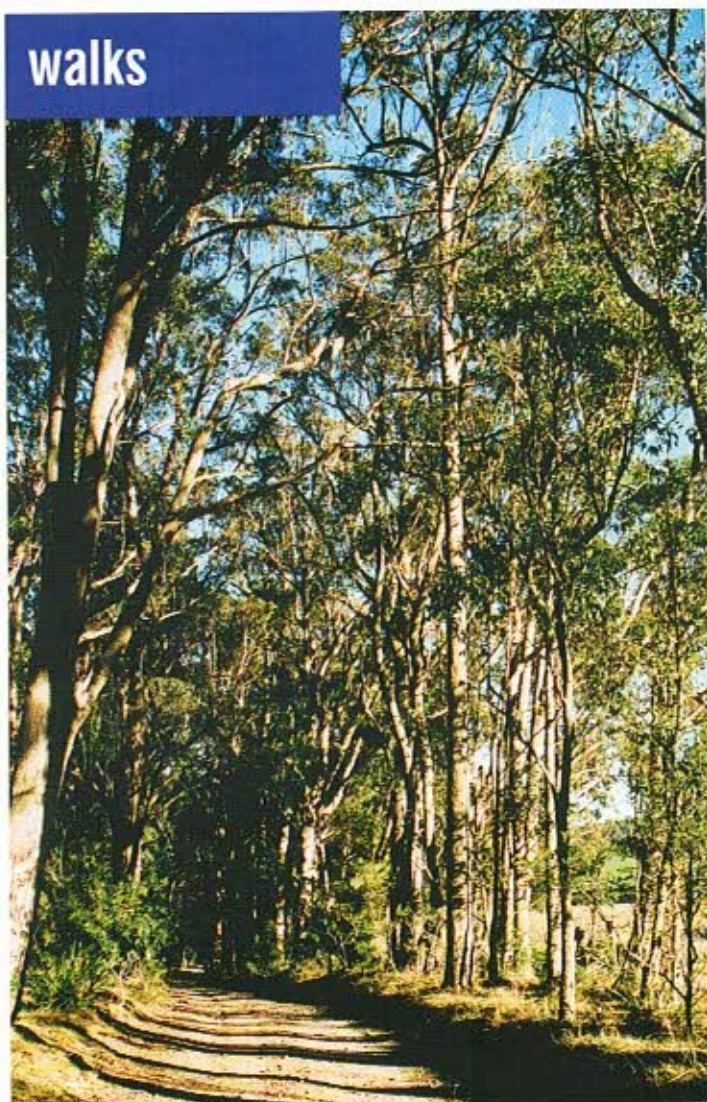
what they see and think onto paper, and other materials. And, as far as I know we are one of the only schools where students discuss a subject, design their own interpretation and then physically build it. We don't mind getting messy!" laughs Robyn.

This year the school introduced the 'You can do it' program that is designed to assist children develop self-confidence. There are five main principles: Confidence, Organisation, Persistence, Getting along with others and Resilience. "We use various techniques to instil these values into the children, which will help them change any negative thoughts into positive beliefs that help them achieve to the best of their ability," says Robyn.

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



walks



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Road loop

walks

by Alan Hyman

This is a great, although sometimes strenuous, walk which has a bit of everything - village streets, bush tracks and rural byways. A convenient starting point is the Bundanoon village centre, allowing 2-3 hours to complete the circuit at your chosen pace.

Head north up Railway Avenue turning right at the Glow Worm Glen sign, ascending William Street, a moderate hill of several hundred meters. Just over the crest, a brief section of road beyond the Viewland St/Rosenthal Ave intersection leads to the Glow Worm Glen track head with panoramic views of the distant escarpment. The track immediately descends via a series of terraced steps between private property boundaries - through an area being regenerated by the GWG Track Committee. This finally levels out near a dry stone wall and the first of a series of strategically placed seats. Eventually the bordering vegetation becomes denser with small wooden bridges spanning two creeks flowing in from cleared pasture land on the left. At a Morton National Park sign you can take an optional 320m return excursion to Glow Worm Glen itself with wooden access steps and viewing platform. (Viewing the glowworms is, however, a night activity).

To continue the main loop, take the right fork which leads into a fern-filled rainforest gully, ducking under the massive

tree trunk which straddles the path. Cross the narrow creek and climb wooden, then stone steps, to reach a drier Eucalypt forest zone just within the Park boundary. Follow this track for about 800 metres passing wombat holes, anthills and another watercourse before reaching the Dimmocks Creek parking area. Turn right onto the graded road and continue for about 700 metres where another road eventually enters from the left. Keep right and you're now on Riverview Road, essentially a tree-lined country lane passing through verdant rural acreage with views to the National Park beyond. Look for kangaroos grazing in the fields, especially towards evening. After about 1.2km turn right where you meet the sealed road which leads back to Bundanoon proper.

Energy levels permitting, you must now climb the rather daunting slope of Constitution Hill - watching out for traffic! There is a much gentler, although longer, ascent via Gullies Rd which is not to be confused with nearby Lower Gullies Rd. Follow the semi-circular route to the top through this pleasantly wooded diversion, emerging again near the elegant Anglican and Uniting Churches, and the village. Now it's time to reward yourself with a latte and friand at one of Bundanoon's cafés, while reflecting on your achievement and degree of fitness as the caffeine revives your spirit.

Save more rain

For 70 years the State Government did everything it could to virtually eradicate rainwater tanks in urban areas.

Now, governments see domestic rainwater tanks as a way of reducing household mains drinking water consumption by 40 per cent. However, current NSW legislation requires only new houses to reduce mains drinking water consumption - not existing houses.

If all houses in NSW were required to reduce their mains drinking water consumption, the cost of installing rainwater tanks would plummet and collection of rainwater as private water supply would skyrocket.

But does the Government want maximum use of rainwater at lowest cost to the consumer?

If all existing and new houses were required to reduce their mains water consumption the cost of installing a 5 kilolitre (kl) rainwater system for collecting water from all roof downpipes would be under \$3,000 - less than one per cent of the cost of an average existing house in the Southern Highlands.

It costs only \$30 a year to operate a private rainwater supply system over 30 years in electricity, pumps and other consumables.

The average household water bill would be lower if rainwater supply is treated as a building cost.

Houses are sold on average every seven years and existing houses could be caught in the net at point of sale. Within a decade most houses in New South Wales would have a rainwater system installed. Lowest cost finance is achieved as well as social equity for those people who live in rented accommodation.

The great advantage of rainwater tanks is that mains-delivered drinking water consumption is permanently reduced without necessarily lowering total household water consumption.

Even in the City of Goulburn where rainfall for the last 12 months was just 573mm, the rainfall was sufficient to provide 60kl of water for an average house using a 5kl system (with optimised draw down) for hot water, laundry, toilet flushing and external uses.

Rainwater tanks are a cost-effective source of water supply when compared with sewerage recycling, piped water from coastal desalination plants or the raiding of precious regional aquifers.

Why then does government sideline private rainwater supply systems in favour of big, engineered solutions?

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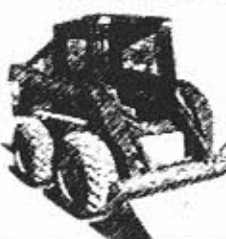
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Olympian appetites

shared table

Glenn Westrup, who lives in Bundanoon and has recently opened "Choo Choo's" restaurant in the Moss Vale Hotel, will cater for the BCDA dinner on 18 November this year. During a conversation with him Pam Davies discovered an extraordinary catering history.

When Glenn was asked to quantify the amount of food and beverage required for catering during 60 days of the Sydney Olympic Games and the Paralympics in 2000 these are some of the estimated totals he documented:

Meat	606 tonnes
Poultry	452 tonnes
Oils	62,265 litres
Milk	250,000 litres
Pasta	100,000 kg
Bread rolls	4.5 million

In 1993 Juan Samaranch voiced the well remembered words "...and the winner is - Sidney!!". Glenn was at Sydney Cove that morning and resolved to be involved in this great event. "The 2000 Games were the real highlight of my career," he claims.

He had been a chef, caterer for over 30 years and worked extensively throughout France, Canada, US and New Zealand as well as here, in Australia.

Some of his other career highlights ranged from small, intimate dinners in ancient chalets on a glacier in the French Alps through to catering for several Easter Shows as executive chef for the Royal Agricultural Society.

From the day of the Samaranch announcement he completed numerous computer, hospitality, typing and business courses knowing that when the moment arrived he would be ready to take a job with the Olympic Organising Committee. "My chance came in 1999 and with 600 days to go I attended my first meeting of the SOCOG Catering Service Program. Sitting around the oval conference table on Level 8 of Jones Street HQ with ten of the most talented catering people in Australia was amazing and I had to pinch myself. These were the people who ran the catering at the Melbourne Sports Ground, P&O ships and the Sydney Cricket Ground. What a buzz!"

The project to quantify the amounts of food required for the Games was given to Glenn by the General Manager, Hugh Taylor. "My mouth dropped open as this was no small task and involved working out

what 12 million meals would consist of, broken down into categories. Three months later, after many sleepless nights I presented my findings which were backed up by 68 pages of Excel spread sheets. The figures were overwhelming."

Glenn explained that the atmosphere in the office most resembled scenes depicted in West Wing. "Precise exchanges, using lots of acronyms, while hurrying through hallways and offices!"

This serious work was interspersed with many amazing experiences and Glenn met some really interesting people. "One morning I can remember climbing out onto the roof of Centre point Tower with some other members of the team and standing with the three statues perched atop the tower at the time. When I was selected to run with the Olympic torch in Bodalla, nine days before the opening ceremony, I felt that I was walking on air for 600 metres."

"It was with much sadness, after two years, that I walked out of SOCOG HQ for the last time. I was privileged to be part of such a grand project and I still have a great feeling of satisfaction and pride when I walk through Sydney Olympic Park. Old Juan was right when he said 'Sydney was the best Olympics ever.'!"



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by Ann Beaumont

Since its first service last November, the Iona Christian Community is slowly but surely growing. The group, which worships in the Anglican tradition, holds its services in the historic stone church of St. Patrick at Sutton Forest.

Initially the group mainly comprised people from Exeter and Bundanoon but it now includes people from Bowral, Sutton Forest, Moss Vale, Marulan and Mittagong. Visitors from Sydney and Wollongong have also been welcomed.

To begin with, services were held monthly but with the growing demand they are now on every second and fourth Sunday, with special services at Easter, Christmas and other important dates on the Christian calendar. The Iona Community is a completely independent group, with the Rev. Ian Lipscomb, accompanied by his wife Elizabeth, travelling from Goulburn to conduct the services.

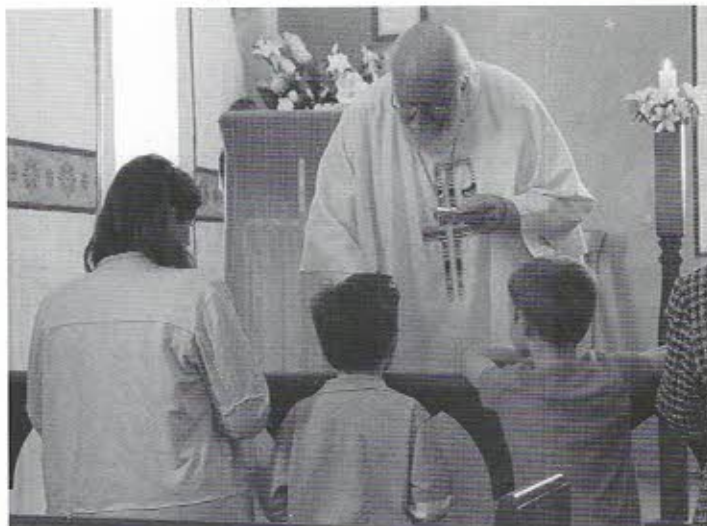
The name Iona was chosen because some members were fascinated by the history of the island of Iona, off the wind swept West Coast of Scotland. It was to the island of Iona that Columba ventured from Ireland to set up a centre of Christianity in 563AD. It was from Iona that St Aidan set out for his missionary journeys to Lindisfarne on the East Coast in 635AD.

An early hurdle for the community was to find a place in which to worship. In true ecumenical spirit the clergy and people of the Moss Vale Catholic Parish offered the use of St

Patrick's which they no longer use on a regular basis. This was gratefully accepted and is much appreciated.

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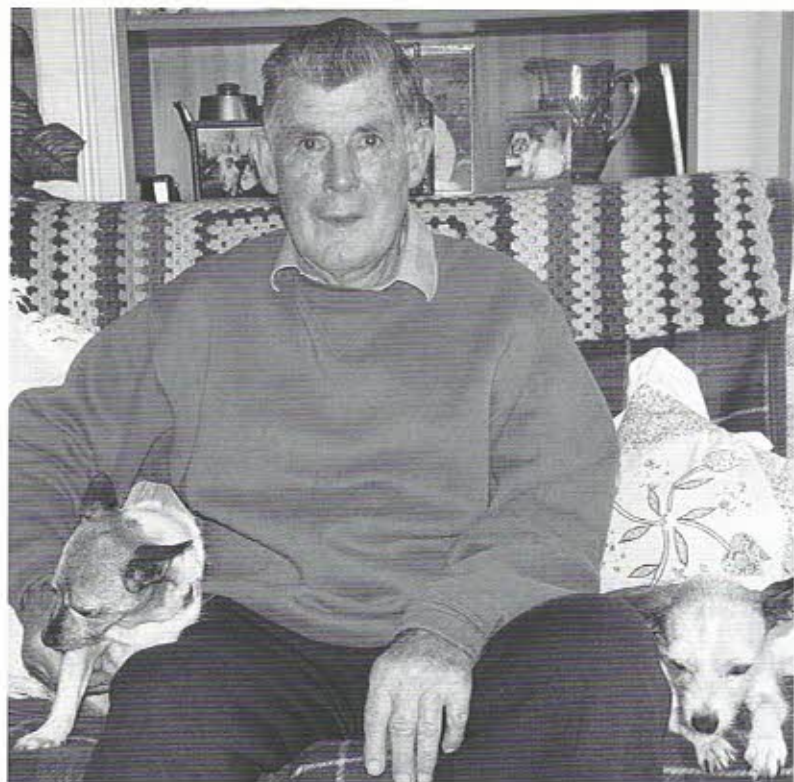
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by Vicki Streatfeild



Mick Greason remembers

"It was a terrifying time... the fire beat us back to Bundanoon"

The kids used to amuse themselves on the way home from school by having inter-school boxing matches. The daring ones rode on top of the carriages, ducking down in time for the overhead bridge."

Train travel to high school in Bowral meant leaving home at 8 o'clock and returning home at 7 pm in carriages attached to a goods train.

"One of the rules of travelling by train was if you mucked up, the conductor marked your ticket, and you would pay your fare for a week." Mick remembers that his punishment for once being involved in a watermelon fight was to sweep out all the carriages.

Do you remember Greason's Butchery? If you do, you would know Alister Arthur Robert Greason born on 27 May 1928 at 24 Erith Street Bundanoon, the only son of 6 children, to Alister and Ruby Greason. Mick, as he is better known by most, has seen many changes, done many things and has a lot of stories to tell.

His grandfather Robert bought 200 acres in Ellsmore Road in about 1910. Mick's father was a slaughterman and he followed his father into the industry. He worked as a butcher for 53 years, starting at R. Greason & Sons in Ebury St, Bundanoon. As well as working in the family business, Mick bred ferrets for sale and worked at Hay during shearing time to pen sheep and role out bales of wool. Before and after school he worked at the livery stables, which were located in Ebury Street and on the corner of William Street and Railway Avenue. "I remember riding a horse back from the shops one day when I saw Ted Angel and Jack Mangold digging the trench for the town's new water supply. As I passed, Ted threw a clod of dirt at the horse hitting it fair up the tail. It took

off at lightning speed and I was half way to Exeter before I could pull the horse up." Mick claimed.

On Saturdays, he used to ride to Wingello to meet his father who drove a Morris commercial meat truck. Some houses were inaccessible by road so Mick had to deliver the meat and a 28lb block of ice, carried in a basket, on his horse. Mrs Day, who then owned an orchard in Dunlop Lane, always left out apples for the horse. On a terrible day in 1939, he and his father witnessed the start of the fierce Penrose bushfire. He remembers the flames licking the sides of the old truck as they drove home. "It was a terrifying time. In fact the fire beat us back to Bundanoon."

Mick laughs about his next story, but at the time, it was serious. Not a lot of people would remember the cattle yards, opposite the CWA rooms. This is where Greason's cattle were offloaded ready for the slaughterhouse. From here, Mick, his horse and trusty dogs mustered cattle through gates near the railway station, over the railway line then out to the farm.

One evening, just on dark, when he let the cattle out of the yards, they headed straight for the footpath and neither Mick nor his dogs could control them. There was a line up of people waiting to enter the picture theatre and he vividly remembers cattle and people scrambling in all directions.

Mick also has very early recollections of sitting on his grandfather's horse behind the grandstand at the race track opposite Greason's Road, where stone gate posts remain. He was only eight years old and thinks this might have been the last race meeting held in Bundanoon. Swimming at Lever Park and in the gullies and walking to

the oval at Ferndale Reserve for sports events are fondly remembered. He was a good sportsman – played hockey and was chosen for the district football trials. As a first grade cricketer he scored 189 runs for Bundanoon in a match against Moss Vale. He was a member of the town fire brigade for 30 years but now lives a quiet life with his wife Judy and their two dogs Ruby and Tess.

Mick spent years working as a butcher with his cousins Ron and Bob Greason, their father Cec and his dad, Alister. Customers will remember their famous sausages. People used to come from near and far to buy Greason's snags and to this day Mick still has that recipe, "Up here!" he says as he taps his forehead.

Their slogan was "North, South, East and West, Greason's sausages are the best." In 1977, you could buy rump steak for \$3.40/kg, a kilo of thick snags for 88c, cutlets were 23c each, and legs of lamb were \$2.00/kg. Can you believe it?

He still breeds and sells cattle, is quite fit and able, and lives on the property which has been in his family for nearly a century.



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Dulcie Cowgill

On Monday 29th May Dulcie Cowgill, a remarkable lady and former resident of Bundanoon died peacefully at Harbison at the age of 92.

In 1975 Dulcie was a foundation member of the Bundanoon Bush Fire Auxiliary, as it was known then. She held the positions of Secretary, Catering Officer

and later she was elected President. She stepped down from her executive position in 1994, but was still a very active and dedicated member, attending meetings until last year, when her health deteriorated.

When a new station was needed the Auxiliary was very keen from the outset and many fund-raising proposals were put forward: Raffles, promotion appeals, cake stalls, Bingo, coffee mornings, and last but not least a game called Hoi! Dulcie had been thinking long and hard of ways to raise money, and early in 1976 suggested a Boronia Festival to be held in October to raise money for the Building Fund. Floats and stalls were suggested, raffles, a chocolate wheel, a poster competition for the schoolchildren and all local sporting and community organizations were asked to participate. The day was to wind up with a dinner at the hotel. Dulcie had drawn up the plans for the festival, but had to withdraw from the committee due to the serious illness of her husband Alan.

The first Boronia Festival, which continued until 1979, was a great success and raised \$719.19! In that year it was held in April, became known as the Highland Games and later, Brigadoon.

When her husband's health improved Dulcie was back holding the reins. Her fund-raising ideas were on a grand scale and always successful. By 1994 the Building Fund stood at \$13,531 and it was decided to go ahead with the new extension which was officially opened by Dulcie on 28 May 1995. To celebrate her 90th birthday the Auxiliary held an afternoon tea and presented her with an engraved vase and flowers in appreciation of her many years of hard work.

Dulcie excelled at everything she tried - cooking, tennis, playing piano, ballroom dancing, singing and lawn bowls. She was also Secretary of Bundanoon Ladies Bowling Club and was involved with the CWA. She loved flowers and she and Alan tended their garden until his death in 2004.

She will be remembered for her cheery disposition, beautiful smile and sense of humour. As she said at her party - "I haven't retired, I'm just tired!"

Rosemary Page



George William Clyne QPM

George Clyne QPM died on 30 May 2006. He had a remarkable career, as a police officer, spanning more than 41 years. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal for distinguished service in 1975 and had a significant record as an investigator and administrator including a term as Officer-in-Charge of the Fraud Squad. At the time he received his award he was Superintendent in Charge Criminal Investigation Branch in Sydney.

Detective Superintendent Clyne completed his education at Bowral High School and became a police cadet in 1934. While working in Sydney he and his wife Eileen lived at Gladesville. They had a son, Graham and a daughter, Narelle.

His parents lived in Bundanoon and his only sister Mrs. Isobel Greason is still resident here. He was greatly loved by her and admired by this community.

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obituaries



Lucy Knapton Rocca (nee Baker)

17.11.1922 - 15.5.2006

Lucy was born to Ida and Garnet Baker at Bundanoon in 1922, the younger of two children. Judy, her sister, lives in Queensland and recently turned 90. Lucy attended school at Bundanoon Public and Bowral High, where she completed her Leaving Certificate in 1939.

During the war Lucy worked at the Moss Vale branch of the CBC bank, and was also involved in many voluntary activities. She made camouflage nets, knitted socks, was an aircraft spotter at the Bundanoon Hall, worked in the refreshment rooms at Moss Vale railway station, and participated in fundraising activities including the Red Cross. After the war, she moved to Sydney with her parents and worked as a doctor's receptionist at North Sydney.

Lucy met Lou at their tennis club, both of them being good players. They married in 1950 and built a house in Eastwood. Ann, Peter and Martin were born in Sydney. In 1957 they decided to return to Bundanoon, and built a house in Erith Street on 25 acres of what was once her great-grandfather's land. Andrew was born in 1961.

Life revolved around the family, church and community activities. Lou fell ill in 1970, and Lucy decided to study to become a real estate agent, which she achieved. At first she worked from home, then later opened a business at Bundanoon shops. Peter did his real estate training under her.

Lucy was a founding member of the Good Yarn, the Bundanoon History Group which runs the Goods Shed museum, the Garden Club and the Community Development Association. She was always available to work on another committee, being involved in such organisations as school P&Cs, Holy Trinity Ladies Guild, Scouts and Guides and junior football. Lucy helped many organisations in many ways, from serving at the Good Yarn, researching local history, to making meringues for Brigadoon, and polishing the brass at Holy Trinity Church.

She enjoyed travelling, and took many trips with Lou to explore gardens, to see Australia and to visit Europe.

Loved and missed by many, Lucy was part of the fabric of the Bundanoon community. Vale Lucy.

Ann Rocca

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The Bundaloony Ball, held in June, was organised by Mark Tickner and Glenn Westrup. The popular event was catered for by Glenn. The ball raised funds for training operators for the new defibrillator and for emergency pagers. The defibrillator will be located centrally in Bundanoon. Another ball is planned for 2007, proceeds from which are intended for ongoing training.

The Bundanoon Community Quilt now has a permanent home in the foyer of the Memorial Hall. Pictured on the day of the hanging of the quilt are many of those who contributed to the creation of this work of art.

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"If you don't use it, you'll lose it"

In April this year Carol Townsend had to travel to Melbourne and intended to stay 3 days.

Getting to Sydney Airport from Bundanoon was going to be the problem. She examined the possibilities: travel by car and pay for long term parking, stay with friends at Caringbah and pay for taxis to and from the airport or have the luxury of being picked up and delivered home again by the shuttle bus. She considered these expensive options then contacted State Rail who provided the solution.

Read on !

"I would like to add my support to Thomas-Andrew's letter in the last edition of the jcg - June 2006, "It's cheaper by train, by a mile!"

I had a wonderful trip from Bundanoon to the Airport by State Rail, departing Friday morning, caught my plane to Melbourne, and returned to Bundanoon the following Monday, at a cost of approximately \$25 return on a Senior's travel pass. This is how I did it:

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At the airport I paid an extra \$8.00 at the railway ticket office. This is because the airport line is private, but considering the cost of my other options this was okay by me. I then proceeded by elevator up to Departures to catch my flight at 11.30am.

On my return, again I paid \$8.00 and caught the train from the Airport to Campbelltown, made my way to Platform 4 and caught the

train which left at 4:36pm and arrived at Bundanoon at 6:15pm. The only downside was that I had to wait about an hour from when I arrived at Campbelltown to when the train departed for Bundanoon. I had a good book so didn't mind. This train left Central at 3:36 pm, so if your flight arrived in Sydney in time to make that connection you could take the Airport train to Central and have the comfort of a through trip to Bundanoon

In writing this letter I would like to think that maybe I could inspire more people to use our trains; if you don't use it, you'll lose it.

Community Picnic Day

Quest for Life is launching an annual Bundanoon Community Picnic Day. This year, the picnic is being held on Sunday 3 December in the grounds of Quest and the aim of the day is to hear from the children of Bundanoon about their vision for their community. The purpose of this annual day is to bring together members of the Bundanoon community for a day of connection and celebration of our young people. The children of the Bundanoon Primary School are already thinking about their contribution to the day and have suggested everything from making rainbow kites to encouraging everyone to decorate their bikes and scooters in rainbows and making that the preferred choice of transport on the day.

Inspiration from the past. Photograph courtesy Kate and Des Perkins (appears at right of picture), taken in Orange, mid-1940s.



To be actively involved in the preparation or planning of this day, families and friends are invited to contact Quest Marketing Manager Adam Thorogood on 4883 6599.

Summer will be here and the grounds of Quest will be glowing. We look forward to seeing many of you on the day. Please join us in connecting with the expanding Bundanoon community.

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Highland Fling

Huw Kingston, organiser of the VAUDE Highland Fling mountain bike race on 12 November, now has 600 registrants, some from as far afield as the UK and Hong Kong. Over 1000 riders are expected in Bundanoon for that weekend. A number of locals have signed up for the race, but if you are not a participant and are keen to be involved, why not volunteer as a marshal? Contact fiona@wildhorizons.com.au or ph 4883 6509 for details. Visit our website: www.wildhorizons.com.au

Social Golf


Social Golf held at Sylvan Glen on Thursday mornings at 9.30am. Contact: Carol Townsend 4883 7380.

Letter to the editor


Margaret Mogg, Chairman of Wingecarribee Food Services Cooperative Inc, wrote in response to Ross Armfield's "Demise of volunteer cooking" (jcg, June 2006). She wished to reassure readers that the Food Service (Meals on Wheels) has not been contracted out. While there are more stringent regulations to be observed these days, the service has not 'lost its heart' and she wishes to acknowledge the wonderful commitment of the volunteers, staff and committee, who continue to provide this valuable service.




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Country Women's Association (meets 1st Thurs, 1 pm, CWA Rooms):			
	Marie Reid	4883 6526	
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	Alan Hyman	4883 7763	
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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)			
President	Patricia Guy	4883 6971	
Secretary	Graham Morgan	4883 7714	
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CWA news

June craft day was enjoyed by members at a demonstration of scone-making – a craft indeed – but Pat, our sconemaker specialist, assured us it was “easy-peasy”!

During July, we were able to join in the Winterfest which was organised by Bundanoon Visitors Group. We had a successful stall of mixed items: cakes, plants, books and etc.

Our country of study for this year is Denmark and much interest was shown by all, thanks perhaps to our Tasmanian connection and also thanks to our hard working International Officer, Judith Berry. International day was held on 17 July and compered by Kath Smith in Judith's unavoidable absence. The charming young guest speaker was Mrs Mette James, a Danish girl now living in the Southern Highlands and friend of the Smith family. The local school students joined in the Poster and Book competitions which were displayed and admired – they were all, according to the judges, of a very high standard. The students also acquired some knowledge of another country. There was a good attendance of CWA members from other branches. These international days, held each year, are always really enjoyable and informative.

Just a thought:

To err is human – for a complete foul-up you need a computer!

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Bundanoon CWA meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 1.00pm – Craft Days on last Thursday of the month. Visitors are always welcome.



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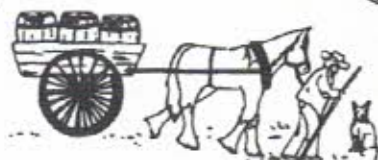
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Arts & Music

Sept 2: **Piano at Ten**, Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall at 10am. Ph: Coralie & Michael Flint on 4883 6588.

Sept 8 to 10: **Duq Quilt Indulgence Festival**. Mittagong RSL Club. Ph: Elizabeth Page, 9555 9322.

Sept 9: **Musica Viva's Twilight Concerts 2006**. Sept 9, Oct 7 and Nov 4. Box Office 1800 688 482 or Sturt Gallery 4860 2083.

Sept 16 to Oct 23: **The 3D waterlily collection by Jennifer Hammond**, fresco paintings. Bousaada Vineyard & Wines. Sept 16 to Oct 10: 10am to 5pm Thursday to Monday. Kells Creek Rd, off Wombeyan Caves Rd, 6 km from Mittagong.

Sept 16 & 17 and 23 & 24: **Fettlers Shed Gallery** exhibition, an exhibition of works by **Josina Metcalfe**. Free. Ph: Leanne Stefanac on 4885 1720.

Sept 30: **"Curtain up on Murder"** Bundanoon Memorial Hall. Bookings - Confetti on 4862 4061, Jackie - 4869 5891 or Dawn (02) 9534 2236.

Sept 30 to Oct 2, 7 & 8: **Fettlers Shed Gallery. Local Aboriginal Artwork**, 10-4pm,

free. Ph: Leanne Stefanac on 4885 1720.

Oct 7: **Piano at Ten**

Oct 7: **Jazz in the Park - St. Aidans, Exeter**. Enjoy a picnic lunch and the sounds of the Rodd Jefferson Jazz Band. Phone: Rhonda on 4883 4002.

Oct 13 to 15: **"The Proms"** at the Mittagong Playhouse. Ph: Tourism Southern Highlands on 4871 2888.

Oct 14: **Arts Bundanoon Gala Concert** in the Memorial Hall (by invitation to supporters on their mailing list)

Oct 21 & 22: **The Silver Tassie** - a solo piping competition for pipers under 25. A formal dinner will be held at 7pm. Sat. Tickets: \$70 available only from A Little Piece of Scotland.

Nov 4: **Piano at Ten**

Nov 5: **Sunday Afternoon concert & afternoon tea** 2-4pm. \$5, \$2 concession. Moss Vale Uniting Church. Ph: 4868 2890.

Events, Festivals, Entertainment

Sept 15: **Robertson Family Dance** Ph: 4885 1216.

Sept 21 to Oct 8: **Tulip Time Festival**. Ph: 1300 657 559.

Sept 22 to 24: **Tiptoe through the tulips - a festival of embroidery**. Kerever Park, Burradoo. Open Sat. and Sun. 10.00 am to 4.30 pm Bookings for workshops essential. Ph: (02) 9743 2501.

Sept 23: **Throsby Park Open Day** 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Admission Adults \$4, Concessions \$2 and Family \$10. Phone NPWS on 4887 7270.

Sept 23 & 24: **Bundanoon History Group** display of items from their collection in the Memorial Hall

Sept 23 & 24: **Tudor House Art, Food and Wine**

Festival. Ph: Diane Clifton on 0408 493 661.

Sept 28: **Bundanoon Primary School Concert** in the Memorial Hall

Sept 29: **BCDA Cinema Group: Priscilla Queen of the Desert** at 7.30 pm

Oct 8: **Bundanoon Village Garden Ramble**. Ph: Tourism Southern Highlands on 1300 657 559 or Bob Smith on 4883 7786.

Oct 13, 20: **Robertson Family Dance**

Oct 14 to 15: **13th annual Festival of Flowers** at the Uniting Church, Moss Vale. Admission \$6. Ph: Jean Tobler on 4885 1490 or 0412 128 582.

Oct 20, 21 & 22 **The Australasian Shelley Collectors Club** 23rd annual fair Mittagong RSL. Ph Margaret Kent on 47514277 or 0419 632 032

Oct 21: **St Thomas Aquinas School Fete**

Oct 29: **Highlands Motor Fest** at Chevalier College. Ph: Ken Cassar on 0438 090 263.

Nov 4: **Moss Vale Show Society Rodeo**, 12 midday to 10pm. Ph: John Maloney on 0427 469 669.

Nov 10: **Avoca Old Time Dance**, Avoca Hall. Ph: Garry Perkins on 4887 7321.

Nov 12: **Mittagong Doll and Bear Show**, Mittagong RSL, 10am-4pm. www.bearhug.com.au

Nov 17: **Robertson Family Dance**

Nov 18: **Bundanoon Community Dinner**, see p6.

Markets

Sept 3: **Bundanoon Markets**

Sept 9: **Bowral Farmers Market**, Bowral Primary School

Sept 9: **Berrima Public School Craft Market**, 8.30am - 3pm, Ph 0407 937 473

Sept 10: **Robertson Markets**, open from 9am to 3pm. Robertson School of Arts

Sept 16: **Mittagong Markets**, Uniting Church Grounds.

Sept 17: **Bowral Markets**, Rudolf Steiner School from 9am to 3pm.

Sept 17: **Sutton Forest Markets**, Sutton Forest Village Hall from 8.30am to 2.30pm.

Sept 23: **Colo Vale markets**, Colo Vale Hall, 9am-3pm.

Sept 24: **Southern Highlands Country Fair**. Moss Vale Showground 9am-3pm.

Oct 1: **Bundanoon Markets**

Oct 8: **Robertson markets**

Oct 14: **Bowral Farmers markets**

Oct 15: **Sutton Forest markets**

Oct 15: **Bowral markets**

Oct 21: **Mittagong markets**

Nov 5: **Bundanoon markets**

Nov 11: **Bowral Farmers market**

Nov 12: **Robertson markets**

Nov 12: **Berrima School Craft markets**

Nov 18: **Mittagong markets**

Nov 19: **Sutton Forest markets**

Nov 19: **Bowral markets**

Nov 25: **Colo Vale markets**

Sport

Nov 11 & 12: **Vaude Highland Fling**. A shorter race is being held on Saturday - The Bundanoon Dash. Ph: Fiona on 4883 6509 or visit www.wildhorizons.com.au

Nov 11 & 12: **Festival of Cricket**, Bowral. Ph: Elizabeth Nichols on 4861 7100 or email: elizabeth@festivalofcricket.com

Nov 15: **Bong Bong Picnic Races**

More information

For events in Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall, contact Kay Pearsall: 4883 6954.

Southern Highlands Tourism: 4871 2888.

Regular meetings/events in the Hall:

BCDA, 3rd Thursday, 7.30 pm
Garden Club, 1st Thursday, 10 am

Markets, 1st Sunday ph Gus 4869 3016

Chess Club, Friday 2-5 pm
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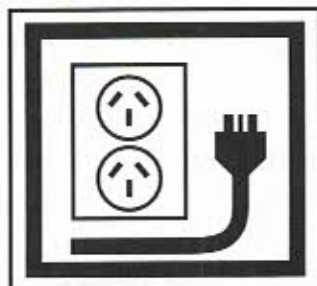
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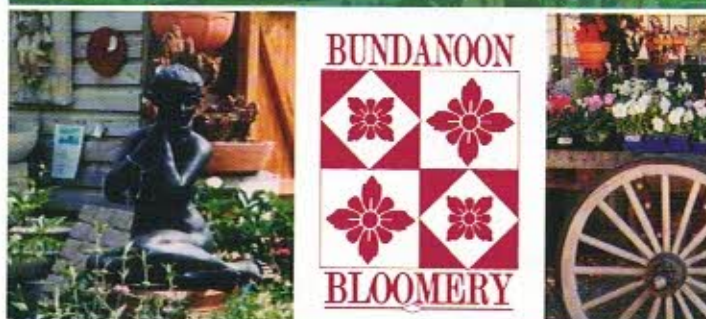
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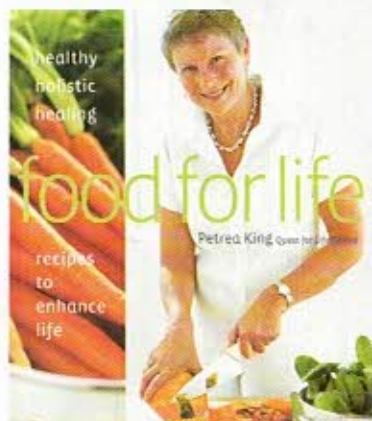
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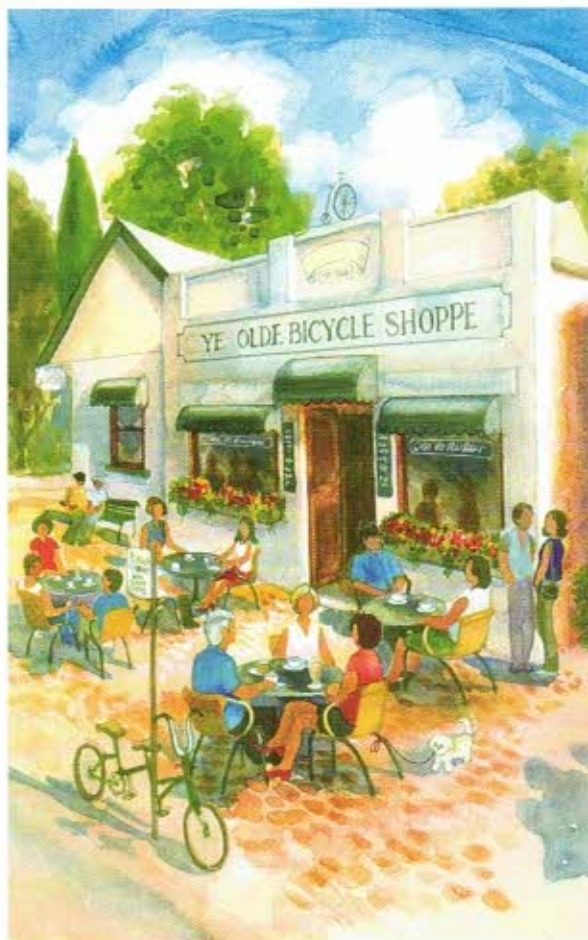
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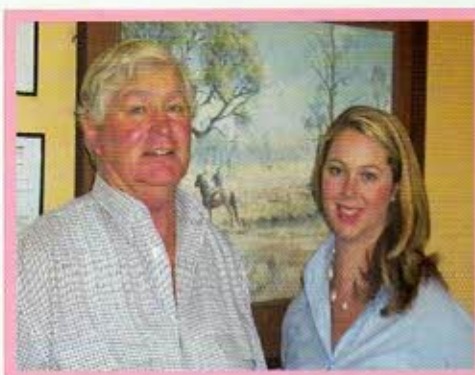


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