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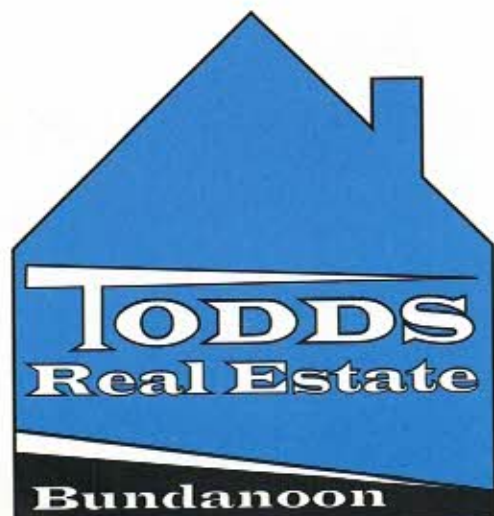


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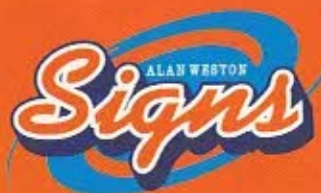
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Our aim with each issue of *jcg* is to dedicate the centre of the magazine to themed articles. For example in the last two years we have featured community organisations, collectors, water, trees and published two issues of Bundanoon history. The history features have been so well received that we will always include a Bundanoon history column in future.

Linda Emery has a particular interest in WWI and her carefully researched article about the Wingello honour board is a poignant reminder of the number of locals who died at that time. Possible themes for 2007 are Pets and Hobbies but if you have a suggestion for next year please contact me. The themed articles, 'Second Life', in this issue were not hard to find and I'm sure that there are many other examples - let us know about others we could follow up. The search for local festive season produce resulted in a three-page food and wine feature. Tom Barker's profile is such a good read and Helen Nolan's success in having her Vietnam novel accepted as the basis for a screen play are reminders that Bundanoon is home to many people whose stories should be told.

Read about Bundanoon Primary School's publication, now in their library, and consider buying a copy as a Christmas gift. Enjoy the festive season and time spent with family and friends.

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BCA update

Ralph Clark, President



In October we saw the tenth annual Garden Ramble, this year for the first time held over a full weekend. As usual we enjoyed a range of spectacular gardens. To Dale Chalmers and her hard-working organising team 'thank-you' for a big job very well done. Thanks also to the garden owners and our many volunteers.

The Garden Ramble is the main source of funds for BCA's town beautification work, with which our Green Team does such a wonderful job. For the first time for some years Bundanoon submitted an entry in the Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns competition. At time of writing we were anxiously awaiting the judges' decision.

Last month BCA hosted a function for residents to meet the candidates for Hume. This contributes to an informed vote, and lets those standing for election know what is important to our town. The Vaude Highland Fling mountain-bike event in November drew over 1,000 participants with their families and supporters. I am sure all went away impressed with the organisation of the event and with Bundanoon as a destination.

More stage and behind-the-scenes work has been done on the Memorial Hall in recent months. Thanks to a kind donor we now have an appropriate lectern, fully wired to the new PA system. A new commercial dishwasher was also installed recently.

2007 has been another busy, but successful year for BCA – my thanks to all who have made this possible. There is still the Christmas concert and, an innovation this year thanks to Kerith Fowles, the New Year's Eve function to enjoy.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and holiday break. This is a season for celebration and reflection, a time for friends and family. May the new year bring all that you wish for.

Council news

Councillor Jim Clark



As the end of the year rolls around one looks back at all the unresolved issues still to be dealt with. As I write this the Department of Planning has yet to give final approval for council's Draft Local Environment Plan (LEP) to go on public display. It seems likely that the exhibition period will stretch into the new year but it will allow sufficient time for public comment on land rezonings to be included. Importantly open meetings for the controversial proposed land sales to fund the Leisure Centre will be part of the process.

The Department of planning has released one of its own documents in the shape of a draft Sydney-Canberra Corridor Strategy. It is relevant to the council LEP and projects a growth in population in the corridor of 44,200 people by the year 2031, requiring an additional 25,200 dwellings. Many versions of this strategy have existed, going right back to the Whitlam era. Not surprisingly, not all predictions have come true. At least there is considerably more detail in this version and some sort of vision for the future. As we face many challenges in the future, including climate change and declining production of oil, it is important that we have proper planning measures in place to deal with the problems they present. To view the plan and provide comment visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au.

Have a great Christmas and thanks to all those who contacted me and provided support through the year.

contact

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Have you visited Bundanoon's very own community website? It has information from BCA and interest groups, current issues and events. And now you can download copies of jcg, too, so if you missed the last issue featuring Our History, visit now!



Bundanoon beat

Snr. Constable Michael Dietz

Like a lot of sport lovers I have been shocked by news items about the use of so called recreational drugs in sport. I was shocked because as a kid I looked up to sport stars as an example of health and fitness and recognised that success could be achieved with training and hard work.

Now as an adult and a Police Officer I am disappointed by the message that our sporting stars are sending to today's kids – "look what you can achieve if you take drugs". I am afraid that the behaviour of stars like Andrew Johns and Ben Cousins has some how glorified drug use.

From my experience of dealing with people addicted to

prohibited drugs such as heroin and amphetamines there is nothing glamorous about drugs. In the short term a person may experience a high or rush from the drug. However in the long term it will lead to drug cravings, depression, and unemployment as Ben Cousins has now found. Drug use can also lead to mood swings, being unreliable, stealing from family members and theft from people in the community.

As far as the law is concerned it will lead to a criminal record if you are caught in possession of a prohibited substance, or if you are supplying illegal drugs. A criminal record will affect your chances of attaining your life goals as most companies or organisations these days conduct criminal history checks prior to taking on new recruits.

Norlex update

Norlex Holdings has lodged a new development application with Wingecarribee Shire Council for water extraction in Governors Road. The basis of its appeal to the Land and Environment Court seeking to uphold its previous approval had collapsed.

While the new application is for fewer truck movements the trucks will now be bigger than semi-trailers – they will be “monster” B-doubles 19 metres long!

At a public meeting at the Bundanoon Hall on 8 November it was resolved to fight the new application and the Don't Bore Bundanoon Committee has engaged an expert planner to prepare our case. Donations to help with the cost of this report can be made at Bundanoon Real Estate.

The application is expected to be considered by the council before Christmas. For further information contact Patricia Guy on 4883 6971.



Letters

In the last issue of jcg you published a valid and appropriate article, in ‘Bundanoon Beat’, by Snr. Constable Michael Dietz on the subject of bullying in schools. In hindsight, it turned out to be quite ironic.

Less than two weeks later, at the APEC conference in Sydney, some police themselves were accused of just that – bullying. Who will ever forget the images of a female photographer being brutally hurled to the ground or the sight of a jay-walking father being so roughly manhandled in front of his children? Both these people were part of a legal, well organised, and light hearted demonstration. Yes, there was an atypical interloper, (a violent, vicious member of the ‘lunatic fringe’ wielding an iron bar and actually assaulting police) but he was a loner in a crowd of thousands and was bundled away appropriately, deserving everything that was dished out to him. The same cannot be said of the other two ‘offenders’.

My point in writing this is not to ‘have a go’ at the police. The vast majority perform

their often very difficult duties with great credit to their organisation and themselves. I write to bring attention to the nature of bullying. It is an abuse of power and can occur anywhere; in the home, in the office and workplace, in the armed services, and even in government.

It must be addressed and condemned wherever it occurs, as clearly, it is not the sole domain of the playground, as is often thought by many.

Ross Armfield, Exeter.

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My sincere congratulations to the Green Team for the beautiful daffodil display recently on show in the Information Bay and arboretum areas at Bundanoon’s northern entrance. The whole area, including the Bundanoon sandstone sign, is really wonderful and it only adds to the pride I have for lovely Bundanoon. Thank you to all the folk involved in the entire show – and again sincere congratulations.

Loretta Lynch, Bundanoon.

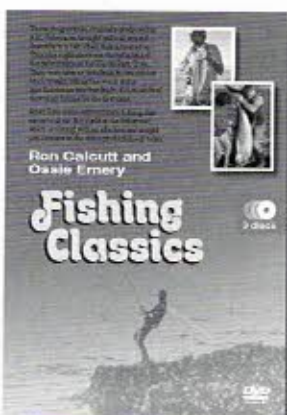
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Last issue we asked:

Where in Bundanoon is this plaque? Who was Dr. Guy Gurney? And why is he remembered in this way?

For the answers, turn to page 45...



Kirsty Smyth married Dwight Avery of Robertson in Roger and Sharon Smyth’s garden at Young. Until recently the Smyths lived in Bundanoon, where they were staunch members of the community.

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Arts Bundanoon

The Seven Harp Ensemble (formerly the Kioloa Harp Ensemble) performed to a capacity audience on Saturday, 20 October. The visual spectacle of seven orchestral harps together with the magical musical impact from these graceful and versatile instruments made this a memorable experience. Alice Giles, as leader, brought us a wonderfully disciplined ensemble in a program of earlier classical favourites together with some very special recent Australian compositions. At the conclusion, the audience was invited to inspect these instruments at close quarters and to meet the artists.

The dates and most of the artists have been selected for Arts Bundanoon 2008 season. These will be published later but intending concert goers are encouraged to register on the contact list to receive full details and benefits. Phone 4883 6588.

The highly popular Piano at Ten recitals on the first Saturday of every month will continue over the holiday period and into 2008.

Michael Flint



Bundanoon Voices

'Sunday Swoon', a concert held on Saturday 23 September showcased the talents of Southern Highlands Concert Band under the direction of Mike Butcher and Bundanoon Voices directed by Kerith Fowles. A wide variety of musical styles received enthusiastic response from the audience and both ensembles combined in a triumphant conclusion to the concert with their performance of 'Do you hear the people sing?' from Les Miserables.



Community carols

The Bundanoon Voices invite you to these carol singing events this Christmas – there will be songsheets so the audience can join in.

- * On the second Sunday market day, 16 December, opposite the Bundanoon Memorial Hall at 2pm.

- * And on the same day in the grounds of St Aidan's Church in Exeter at 4pm, when the audience is most welcome to bring a picnic.

Munch with monks

On Saturday 22 December 1pm, we'll be singing at the Sunnataram Forest Monastery,

off Teudts Road between Bundanoon and Penrose. The Abbot has kindly invited everyone to lunch at 11am, with donations very welcome, and visitors may also like to take this opportunity to explore this spectacular and amazing site.

The Voices will also perform at Rosnel and Linkside.

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Tidy Towns

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Regardless of the outcome, Bundanoon can take pride in the efforts of many people who contribute to make Bundanoon a special place in which to live.

Working Bee

The final working bee for 2007 was held on 17 November. We spread mulch in Picnic Park, the Information Bay and the Arboretum. We would like to thank helpers who brought wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes to help spread the mulch.

Further working bees are planned for 2008 so we look forward to seeing you next year.

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Garden Ramble

What a triumph! The tenth anniversary of a wonderful community event with ten open gardens was held over two days involving eighty volunteers, school children's art and 'live' scarecrows, a craft exhibition, a country market, and a record number of visitors to Bundanoon.

Six of the ten gardens, ranging from regular town blocks to small acreage were open for the first time. Some relatively new gardens are works in progress and although others were well established owners claim they are never finished. All gardens reflected a deep interest in cool climate plants and owners were happy to talk with visitors. Scarecrows provided a touch of whimsy and a colourful Country Garden Market was held in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall while at the Bundanoon Hotel a wonderful exhibition of craft and textiles attracted many visitors. Thanks to the Garden Ramble committee, garden owners and volunteers this anniversary event was a remarkable success. Profits from the Ramble will support further town beautification projects.

See page 13 for photos.

Bundanoon brochure

Bundanoon Visitors Group keeps our town on the Southern Highlands map with their recently redesigned brochure. National Park walking tracks are an added attraction in this edition. Steve Rosa, manager of Tourism Southern Highlands, praised the group for their enterprise at the recent brochure launch, attended by BVG members and friends held in Laurel Hones lovely garden. Finance for the project is realised with fundraising events including the popular Bastille Day dinner. BVG wishes to thank everyone involved in the process – Karen Henry who did the preliminary administrative work for the production, Pat Hall from NPWS and Scott Jordan of Jordan Graphics and Design for the artwork, maps and layout. Photographs of the Vaude Highland Fling were supplied by Huw Kingston. The Brigadoon committee, Solar Springs, National Parks, Sunnataram Monastery and Tourism Southern Highlands also contributed images. Scarecrows were courtesy of the Wilson family. Thanks also to the Bundanoon businesses who have continued their support over a number of years since the concept was initiated. The brochures are available from Bundanoon Real Estate and Bundanoon Country Inn.

Bronwyn Shead



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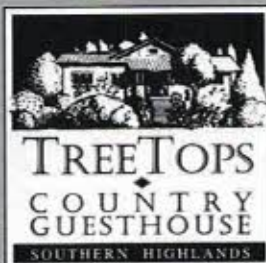
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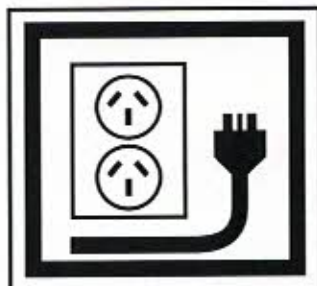
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Garden Ramble 2007 10th anniversary



by Ray Alexander

The tale of Tom Barker

Legendary racehorse trainer T.J. Smith, AM, LMBE won 34 Sydney trainers' premierships between 1953 and 1989, the first 33 in succession.

Smith's feat is unparalleled anywhere in the world, but he could not have achieved it without a nucleus of skilled horse people on his training staff.

Tom Barker, a resident of Bundanoon, was one of T.J.'s most trusted mainstays during 24 of the premiership years and 35 years in all with "TJ" and his daughter, Gai. He saddled-up many of Smith's 297 Group 1 winners, including two of the greatest gallopers ever to grace the Australian turf – Tulloch and Kingston Town.

Tom was not yet a Smith employee when he

helped saddle Tulloch for the galloper's last two races. He was working in the catering section of Trans Australia Airlines (TAA) in Brisbane, doing casual work in his spare time for Brisbane trainer Tim Smart. Tommy Smith stabled with Smart when he travelled his horses to Brisbane for the winter carnival, and so Tom Barker put the saddle on Tulloch – Australia's best horse since Phar Lap – when he won the P.J. O'Shea Stakes and Brisbane Cup at Eagle Farm in the last two outings.

Tulloch's illustrious career had been interrupted by a mysterious illness from which he was not expected to recover. His brave comeback culminated in a farewell appearance before a packed house in the 1961 Brisbane Cup. When the incomparable George Moore urged the old champion to victory with topweight of 9st 12lb (62.5kg) over Sydney Cup winner Sharply, there were deafening cheers from the fans and a tear or two from hard-boiled racing men.

Tulloch ended his career with a record of 36 wins, 12 seconds and four thirds from 53 starts.

Impressed by the way in which Tom Barker handled horses, Tommy Smith urged the Queenslander to move to Sydney to join his Randwick stable. After a short trial at Randwick in 1963, Tom and his wife Noelene and their three children moved to Sydney. Tom remained there until 1999 when he left Gai's employ following a disagreement over a stablehand.

Born in Gladstone, Queensland, in 1936, Tom Barker grew up on his parents' dairy farm. He had an hour's walk to school but sometimes received a lift on the back of his father's horse. The Barkers moved to Brisbane where Tom, who has always had a strong work ethic, earned a few bob selling newspapers.

While living at Margate Tom had a Palomino pony. A racing man who saw him on the pony suggested he become a jockey, an idea which his mother rejected.

Tom Barker showing his affection for his favourite horse, Kingston Town.



and Kingston Town

profile

She relented and Tom left school at 13 to become apprenticed to Brisbane trainer Charley Sellwood, father of brilliant jockey Neville Sellwood who would win six Sydney jockeys' premierships, two Melbourne Cups and an English Derby before being killed in a race fall in France.

Tom's wage was 30 shillings a week and he earned the nickname "Spider" because of his long arms and legs. But Charlie Sellwood, a good boss, died shortly after Tom obtained his jockey's licence and he did not ride in a race. Instead, he rode trackwork at Eagle Farm racecourse and served as stable foreman for leading Brisbane trainer Fred Best for 15 years before moving to TAA.

In Sydney Tom found T.J. Smith treated him "like a father". When T.J. called in at the "top stable" in Kensington Road, Travel Boy Lodge, where Tom was foreman, Tom would say to the boss: "Don't just stand there. Get a broom!" The man who supped with captains of industry would respond by helping to sweep the yard.

"Spider" Barker enjoyed the halcyon years when T.J. Smith led in winner after winner of all the major races – the Melbourne Cup, AJC Derby, Golden Slipper, Sydney Cup, Brisbane Cup and Doncaster and Epsom Handicaps with star steeds like Gunsynd, Imagele, Black Onyx, Red Anchor, Analie, Denise's Joy, Mighty Kingdom, Count Radiant, Prince Grant, Just A Dash and Bounding Away.

However, the horse which put a real spring in Tom Barker's step at 3am each morning was a sleek, black gelding named Kingston Town. "I loved that horse from the first time I handled him," Tom says. "He was so good-natured and so intelligent."

Kingston Town, owned by Melbourne industrialist David Hains, ran 13th in his first start at Canterbury on March 12, 1979 when he was shin-sore. He then won 30 of his next 40 starts, was five times second and twice third. Kingston Town won the AJC Champion Stakes, AJC Derby, Sydney Cup, Queensland Derby and three Cox Plates at Melbourne's Moonee Valley before narrowly losing the 1982 Melbourne Cup to Gurner's Lane under his big weight of 59kg.

He was the first horse in Australia to earn \$1 million in prize money and he is the benchmark for gallopers of the modern era.

Kingston Town suffered from a recurring pastern ailment and, without needing to be tied up, would place his leg in a bucket of ice each day for his regular treatment. Every time the horse left or returned to the stables he would not budge until he had gazed at the imposing edifice of Our Lady of the Rosary Church at the bottom of Kensington Road. Another idiosyncrasy was to check out every visitor to the stable, particularly newcomers.

A freakish accident in a barrier-trial at Randwick



on August 21, 1992, was the low point of Tom's life. His son, Noel, who had served his apprenticeship with T.J. Smith, had returned from a very successful three-and-a-half-year stint in Hong Kong where he won the jockeys' premiership in his final season. Tom had not made it on to the racetrack as a jockey, but his son had made it big-time.

On August 20 Noel had ridden two winners at Gosford and the following day had one mount in a barrier-trial at Randwick and reluctantly took a second on a horse named Father Time after trainer Bill Mitchell had pleaded that he could not find another rider. In the trial a seagull flew up from under the running-rail, causing Noel's mount to take fright, stumble and crash to the turf, breaking its neck and thrusting Noel to the ground, causing serious head injuries. Tom rushed to the track in time to see the ambulance surge through the gates on its dash to the hospital.

Noel died on September 2, the same date on which T.J. Smith died six years later in 1998 and, by further coincidence, the date on which Gai Waterhouse was born in 1954. Noel's ashes are scattered on the Randwick course.

Tom and Noelene Barker, wed 49 years ago in the Brisbane suburb of Hamilton, now enjoy the tranquility of Bundanoon, where they have come to be near their daughter Julie and her husband Charlie who manages "Tova," a horse property on Old Argyle Road.

Tom, unable to relinquish his old love, puts in a few hours helping with horses belonging to a Cathay Pacific pilot on a nearby property. While he still longs for Royal Randwick he satisfies himself by staying in touch with his many friends from what is truly a racing fraternity.

Tom and Noelene Barker with daughter Julie and son Noel after Noel's win on Luck's a Lottery in the AJC Champion Stakes at Royal Randwick.

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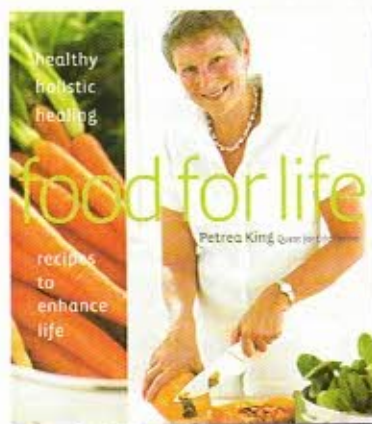
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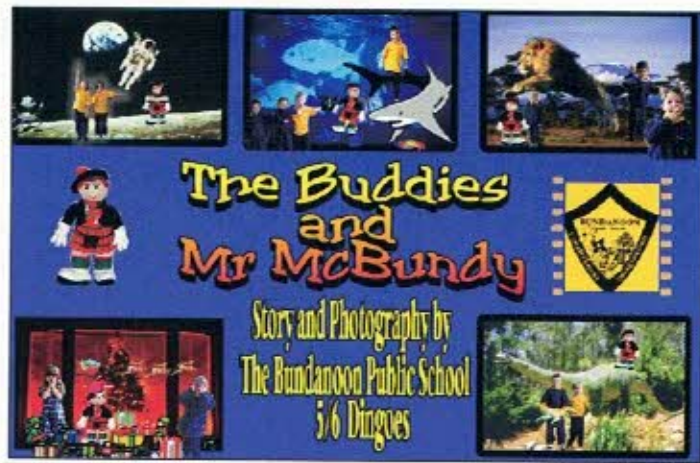


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Reading and writing the McBundy way

The search for Mr McBundy is on. He's disappeared into Magic Lands, but it seems he's not keen to be found. Every time someone finds him – in various countries, on the moon, or under the sea – he replies: "I'm too busy. I'll talk to you later"...and the search continues.

This new book, *The Buddies and Mr McBundy*, has become a firm favourite among kindergarten children at Bundanoon Public School and not just for the great story line and colourful photos. Along with their Year 5/6 buddies, they all star in the story.

Teacher Linda Christenson explains "Writing *The Buddies and Mr McBundy* was part of Year 5/6's English studies focusing on narratives. I decided to concentrate on children's narratives and writing a collaborative class text which is a recommended curriculum activity. The outcome we were working on was writing for a specific audience and purpose.

I decided to use the composite photo style of book. I had already created several of these books for my 4 year old niece and 3 year old second cousin. They really enjoyed them and were very motivated to read when they were part of a story.

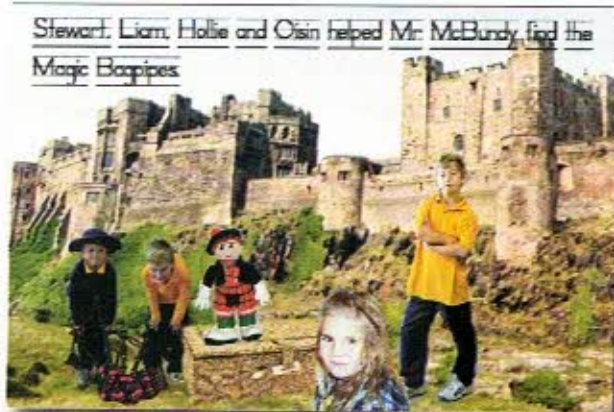
The class analysed children's books, especially *Possum Magic*, and noted features such as repetition of text and pictures that children like. "I showed the class my niece's book and introduced the McBundy character (knitted by my Mum for the Brigadoon parade). I gave them the scenario that he was magic and had disappeared into Magic Lands. The class developed the idea in pairs or small groups as story boards. We refined the final text together."

The older children took the photos of themselves and their buddies, and while they enjoyed the experience they found it challenging to entice the Kinders to pretend they were scared of a lion, or that they were excited to see earth from the moon. Linda created the backgrounds for the story and photos, as suggested by the class groups (although most of the class are now experts in digital graphics).

Over the month it took to complete the project, the class had lots of fun learning a variety of skills "They were involved in reading, writing and lots of discussion," said Linda. "They had to co-operate with each other and learned a lot about the planning involved in creating a picture book. They improved their photography skills and were very patient with their little models."

Every Kindy child said they liked the book because it helped them to learn to read, and of course, the fact they were all featured. *The Buddies and Mr McBundy* has also proved a hit with parents.

For the older children, a defining moment was when the book was officially scanned into the school library making them 'real authors'. "All the 5/6 students are very happy with the result and read the book as eagerly as their buddies," reports Linda. "And their teacher had fun too!"



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DIY know-how

by Patrick Fitzgerald

Recycling, recycling, recycling. See how easy it is! With some luck and knowledge buying second (or third) hand is a great way to save money and add character to an extension or renovation. There are some things to look out for.

Roofing: Expect to pay about \$5 sq.m. for colourbond. Use the screw holes again or fill them with silicon. For a roof slope of less than 8 degrees you will need one sheet with no overlap; ie: use one six metre length rather than a three metre overlapping a four metre. Ensure it has the BHP logo stamped on the back. Some cheap imports fade and sometimes lose all the paint.

Be careful not to combine lead and galvanised iron, or zincalume and galvanised to avoid electrolytic corrosion. Colourbond and zincalume can be combined.

Windows: Buy your windows before designing and building your extension, allowing for a 10 mm gap all around for easy installation. For all external timber windows use only cedar or hardwood windows. The alternative is aluminium. Check that the windows slide and that the weights for double hung windows are included. If the windows are softwood, make sure they have been well maintained by checking the joints and corners for rot.

Glass is a major issue these days. Australian Standards (AS), and therefore Council require certain types of glass for different applications depending on the windows height off the ground and area of the glass. It is best to factor in new glass so check with a glass supplier for correct sizes.

Doors: External doors should be solid core; cedar or hardwood if possible. Any materials are OK for internal doors. Before buying the door, look down the length to ensure it is straight. Be aware that paint stripping is slow, expensive and not always successful. Buy a door the size you need or larger as adding to doors is not a good idea. Ensure that the lock and hinges are on the correct side for your needs. If buying glass doors check that the glass meets AS requirements.

Bricks: Ensure all the mortar is taken off and that the colour is consistent.

Hot Water Systems: Check the date of manufacture. A good unit should last 10-15 years. Change the sacrificial anode before installation (easily done) to extend its life.

Timber: Only use timber of good quality. Check for warp and twist which can happen in both soft and hardwoods. De-nailing is slow and dangerous. You may have to buy more than needed to get enough full lengths. However, if you can find straight hardwood it is great to use. Check the depth (thickness) of the timber, as often, even in a single batch, the depth can vary from say between 90 to 100 mm. This will make flooring a nightmare if you are using this timber as joists. Never use untreated softwood outside. Indicate that you are using second hand timber when applying for a construction certificate.

Other great second hand buys to consider:

- * kitchens (they can be altered to fit)
- * bathroom vanities and wash hand basins
- * louvre doors
- * mirrors

Where to buy recycled building materials:

Reviva Centre, Moss Vale Tip; Moss Vale Recycling, Lackey Road Goulburn Recycling.



Country living

by Keith McMenomy

Sitting here looking out past parrots and rosellas squabbling over seed on the terrace, past garden walls and rail fences to cows and horses dropping dung on the paddock, I realise this place is a little monument to recycling. Despite the impression you might get from the news media, recycling is not a new discovery resulting from a global crisis.

My parents and grandparents were dedicated conservationists and recyclers, inspired by the Great Depression of the 1930s. They taught us to save string and straighten nails, just in case. Their hardships made an impression on us as does possible global warming. So for practical economic and aesthetic reasons we try to do our bit.

Homestead water supply is from roof run-off. It comes free – initially evaporated from the sea it blew our way and fell from the clouds. Water for livestock and the garden comes from the same source via the subterranean aquifer and a spring on the edge of the gorge. Initially this too came from clouds. Moisture soaked down through pasture, sand and rock to spill out on our edge of these highlands. In recycling garden weeds, cuttings and animal manure as compost we regenerate growth for vegetables, animal feed, flowers and fruit. A worm tank aerobic sewerage system turns solid waste into compost and waters a grove of trees and shrubs via transpiration area.

I must declare my hand though. I am eclectic but not a scrooge, Luddite or slave to fashion. I admire the best of old and new. There are incentives to re-use but they are not solely to economise or to do the right thing. Conserving materials for re-use can also achieve a more interesting result. Old things can have a delightful patina of age, incorporate materials that are now rare and they are often better built than new products.

We sourced from salvage yards a variety of cedar and Baltic pine doors with marks of a century's use and these have been given new use in the house and sheds. At local markets we snapped up old forged strap hinges, door bolts and hardware. Our neighbours' unwanted trees or those killed by termites provided fencing material and old chicken shed floor slabs were broken up to provide a 'stone' wall for the garden. Reprocessed, crushed concrete gravel forms the tracks for our driveway.

Recycling mimics the cycle of nature: birth, growth, procreation, nurturing of young, decline and death. 'Earth to earth, ashes to ashes'.

A final thought. Our market culture necessarily privileges the new to keep the wheels turning and consumers consuming. Not only manufacturers, retailers and real estate developers have a vested interest in the new, but architects, engineers, and builders do too. Unfortunately, the oppressive commercial imperative to make products cheaper means that things aren't necessarily better or more durable. So it is sensible and ethical that we preserve and re-use exemplary past products to keep alongside what is new and currently fashionable.



by Kate Perkins

A Purple Heart in the bottom drawer



Wars evoke different memories for different people. Helen Nolan, who has retired to Bundanoon, has reprised those of her twenties after she responded to an advertisement by the U.S. military for secretarial support in Vietnam.

Living in bohemian Kings Cross at the time and inspired by tales of travel, Helen subsequently completed two tours of duty in South East Asia, working initially as an information specialist and then training as a journalist. In recognition of her service during this time she was awarded the Medal for Civilian Service from the U.S. Government. More significantly, she received the Purple Heart for being wounded as a result of a hostile action.

After travel and work in the USA and England, Helen returned to Sydney and in three weeks in 1978 wrote her novel 'Between the Battles'. She did not submit it for publishing until almost 30 years later when, without being edited, it was released in 2005. The book is not autobiographical but is certainly based on Helen's war-time experience, the central character being a composite of many women she met during her time there. Her hatred of discrimination, particularly racism, is evident and the novel is considered by some to be an important and accurate depiction of the lives of Vietnamese, American and Australian women at that time. Tony Smith in his 2006 review published in, 'api review of books' considered *Between the Battles* to be 'a worthy addition to the body of writings about the Vietnam War,

documenting this important era with great honesty'. Helen, who later studied law and is a qualified solicitor and barrister, is currently working on the screenplay of the book for a film which she says may have to be made in America for accuracy of props, costumes, etc. That said, renowned director Bruce Beresford is reading her book and screen play and the Australian Film and Television School is advising on the project.

Helen is now preparing her first draft for professional editing, something which will cost \$5000 to \$6000. She has a trunk full of newspaper articles and photos from her time in Vietnam, invaluable as aides-memoire some 40 years after the event – though her memory doesn't seem to need much prompting.

When she started to adapt the book for a movie Helen found she was going off at a tangent, and the screenplay takes in a wartime romance which does not feature in the book. She has found that her legal background has made this transition simpler: she likens it to building up a picture as if cross-examining a witness giving evidence.

Watch this space: 'Between the Battles', perhaps coming soon to a cinema near you.



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Bundanoon Tick-Talk

One of the great scourges in this area for furred animals between the months of August and April is the **Paralysis Tick**.

Ixodes Holocyclus, the scientific name for this very successful ectoparasite, is a relatively small tick, greyish in colour and often very difficult to find on a thick-coated animal. It is important recognise the first signs that your pet may have a tick so that you can call your vet for early treatment. Failure to do so could cost your animal its life.

The signs are not always related to tick paralysis and there is some overlap with other poisonings and bites. If any of the following symptoms are evident and if your pet has been in a bad tick area or anywhere on the coast, always contact your vet:

1. Vomiting
2. Wobbly in back legs
3. Difficulty in breathing
4. Dilated pupils
5. Salivation
6. Lethargy
7. Changed sound of bark
8. Complete collapse/paralysis

The signs take up to three days to develop after a paralysis tick attaches. If signs are evident and you find a tick attached, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TAKE IT OUT YOURSELF**. Your vet will administer Tick Antiserum intravenously as well as putting some under the tick's head before doing this. Removing the tick makes it pump more poison into the animal, often worsening the signs. Another No-No is putting metho/kero/flyspray or anything else toxic onto the tick as this also causes it to secrete more toxin.

The bad tick areas in Bundanoon are all East of the railway line. As the tick life cycle cannot proceed without an intermediate host (in this case the Bandicoot), these areas are usually associated with the National Park or rainforest. Most of our local cases come from around Gullies Road, Panorama Avenue as well as Yuille Avenue but rarer cases are seen from other bushy areas. As the country becomes dryer south towards Tallong, Paralysis Ticks are much less common.

Prevention during the hotter months can be done in 3 ways. Spot-on preparations every 2 weeks are about 95% effective but expensive. Tablets every second day can also be given. An Anti-Tick collar always helps. Keeping your dog clipped in summer allows for regular daily searching. If ticks are found before any symptoms are showing, they can be removed with a 'tick hook' available from your vet. Remember to screw them out in an anti-clockwise direction.

Tick identification is relatively simple. Paralysis ticks have all 4 pairs of legs attached near the head. The other two common types of ticks, Bush Tick and Brown Dog Tick, both have 4 pairs of legs attached well down to half of the body length. Be careful not to confuse black 'moles' in the skin with a tick. They are often the same colour and if you try to take these off with force, they bleed and the dog screams in pain!

In Summary If it's summer and you live in a tick area, have visited a National Park or have taken your pet to Robertson, Fitzroy Falls, Kangaroo Valley or the coast and your pet is paralysed or vomiting or both - 'Think Tick! Seek Veterinary attention urgently. Remember the old saying... "A tick in time, saves nine (lives that is.)"

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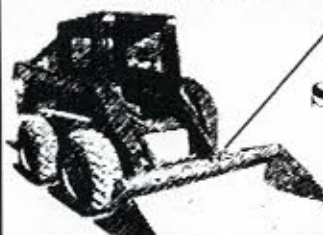
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Climate change

by Tony Hill

Facing the challenge

La Niña has forsaken us. She is gracing the central Pacific Ocean but is succumbing to the influence of an unusual body of cold water to the north west of Australia that is preventing the moist weather fronts that should sweep across inland Australia and bring the rain that normally marks at the end of the dry El Nino periods. So the crops are withering and the irrigated food basket in the Murray Darling Basin is dry and not producing its bounty.

Most of the Southern Highlands is influenced by the coast, and a weather pattern is emerging of a continuation of reasonably regular rainfall but fewer of the downpours that used to replenish the dams in the Sydney water catchment. Before 1992 downpours would occur at an average of every 15 months, but since then they have failed, apart from the deluge of 1998, and in February and June of this year that increased the dam levels by about 25%.

So what does this mean for Bundanoon and its surrounding areas? Good soils, reasonable rainfall, a huge market close by, and increasing commodity prices could make agriculture in the area viable again. Dairy farms, orchards and market gardens could prosper and help to replace the huge agricultural deficit left by the failure of irrigated agriculture in the Murray River basin. But this good agricultural land must be preserved and not smothered with dormitory suburbs for Sydney nor cut up into lifestyle blocks.

Tough decisions will also be required west of the Great Dividing Range. Farms may need to be amalgamated and their purposes changed, and some will be taken out of production altogether. But the land cannot be simply abandoned, it will require skilful management to control weeds, feral animals, wind and water erosion, and soil carbon. Perhaps the farmers could be persuaded to continue as land managers but in a different role as conservation managers, with an income initially from government support but then from the national and international carbon trading market after Australia has recognised the Kyoto Protocol and participates in an effective worldwide system of controlling greenhouse gases. Australia has a lot of potential to remove carbon from the atmosphere by rehabilitating the natural vegetation and the soils over a large area of land. This could help to keep local communities viable and prevent the migration of disgruntled rural refugees to the coastal towns and cities.

In recent years a natural cycle has had a cooling effect and dampened the impact of climate change on the earth. This natural cycle is due to change in 2009, when it is likely that temperatures will begin to rise more rapidly. So we ain't seen nothing yet!

Climate statistics

Period	Rainfall (mm)			Temperature (°C)	
	Actual	6 year Average	Prc-1984 Average	Actual	6 year Average
July 2007	32	59	80	9	9
Aug 2007	54	35	85	12	10
Sept 2007	34	51	95	13	14



Behind the counter

by Lucy Bainger

Kelly Su at the Bundanoon Chinese Restaurant



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Kelly has taken a long journey to get to Bundanoon. Born in 'Dragon's Sword', a little Chinese village in Guangdong province, she came to Australia with her family when she was 19 years old. As a child, Kelly remembers that she was very curious about the rest of the world. "I was interested in the differences, how people live in the different places. My family wanted to find opportunities for more skills, to open business."

Sponsored by his sister, her father was able to bring his family to Australia. His farming skills allowed him to get work as a gardener in western Sydney, and earn enough to educate his children. Kelly learnt English through the Australian Migrant English Service, studying at night while working during the day, first as a machinist in a factory at Belmore then later as a salad maker in the centre of Sydney.

On a family visit to the Blue Mountains she met Vincent, a young Chinese chef. Vincent had come alone to Australia and learnt to cook with his uncle. Vincent and Kelly became friends, and eventually married. Together they ran a Chinese restaurant in Seven Hills for three years and another one on the Central Coast for eight years where they had two little girls; Jessica Hoyin and Shirley Hoyi. A rising crime rate, problems with public drunkenness and competition from other restaurants encouraged Vincent and Kelly to look further afield for a better place to raise their children.

They chose Bundanoon, which reminded them of Wentworth Falls, a place they had both enjoyed. And so, just before Australia Day in 1999, they arrived with their two little girls, to take over the existing Chinese restaurant, then owned by Vera Liu.

"People here (were) very friendly, more kind and friendly than in Sydney" remembers Kelly. "They loved to help in many simple ways, but very important already."

She remembers how Bruce Prior at the pottery, Kate Perkins at the pharmacy and Irene Angel and their families were very welcoming. Kelly would like to be more involved in the local community but the restaurant hours make this difficult.

Kelly wants the children to study hard to make the most of their opportunities. "I want them to understand how lucky they are – to take the opportunities to do your best – not just playing". Her childhood was very different; walking thirty minutes to school with no shoes, to classrooms that never had enough pens, pencils, paper or books to go round. "We were so careful not to break our pencil, and use it till it was so short, then put bamboo on it so we could still use it."

The family speaks Cantonese at home unless helping the children with their homework – a top priority for their parents, so they can be fully bi-lingual, and able to communicate with their extended family, especially their grandparents. It all adds to the rich tapestry that is Bundanoon!



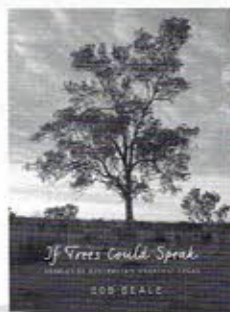
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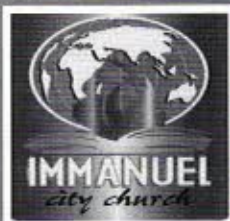
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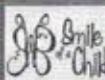
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RECYCLING

TURNING WASTE AROUND

by Alan Hyman

Prior to an enforced diet, I stopped one morning for a slice and coffee at a franchised outlet. The slice was unhealthy, the coffee ordinary, but the residual disposable debris left a stronger impression: cardboard cup, sugar sachets, plastic lid, spoon, plate, knife, paper doily and serviette. Imagine this scenario played out several hundred times a day at every similar outlet and you get some idea of the enormous yearly waste. And who hasn't been to one of those awful wedding receptions with trestle tables in a marquee, where everything from chicken bones to corks to cutlery is wrapped in a five metre paper tablecloth and shoved in the bin. Contrast this commercial attitude with a schoolchild's charmingly naive sculpture utilising scrap mesh and paper towel cores or creative farmers and their fantastic RMBs made from milk churns or crankshafts.

Our planet is pretty much a closed system. Sunlight excepted, the earth makes few material gains (apart from meteors and maybe the odd alien spaceship). Our resources are finite, and these are being exploited exponentially. Left alone, nature is an efficient recycler. For example, rainforest ecosystems return nutrients and biomass to the soil for regrowth in a complex exchange. Rainforest timbers, once made into furniture however, are rather less likely to regenerate as trees.



These photographs are from an educational environmental project, Turning the Pages, which took place over a number of weeks in the Hunter Valley. 170 school children ranging from kindergarten to year 8 worked directly with artists and scientists to create individual art works depicting creatures of the Pages River that fly or swim – the resulting art works called River Quiver. Through this process they learnt to understand the importance to their community of this natural resource. These lightweight sculptures are made from recycled materials, mostly sourced from Reverse Garbage in Sydney, a centre with stocks of clean industrial waste for reuse.

This public art installation was funded by NSW Government City and Country Environment Restoration Program, Hunter Valley councils, voluntary community groups and non-government organisations. It was unveiled at the River Day festival held on 18 November 2007.

jcg wishes to thank the Hunter and Regional Environmental Management Strategy and Jenny Turpin and her team of five Sydney artists for their contribution.

Visit www.hccrems.com.au and go to Turning the Pages project.



Reverse Garbage, Marrickville

Recycling – finding secondary uses for goods, or reprocessing their materials – must become universal if we are not to use all accessible resources within the lifetime of our children. Almost everything can be recycled, from organic waste to old buildings, if we have the will. While biosphere degradation mightn't force this situation, economics ultimately will. Packaging – most of which is glass, plastic, metal or paper – is now largely reclaimed. The Mercedes S500 sedan's components are 95% recyclable*. The MobileMuster national recycling program** collects outdated mobile phones, recovering about 90% of their plastics, electronic circuits and metals – keeping at least some toxic substances out of landfill.

The philosophy of recycling is intimately bound up with environmental protection, pollution control and sustainable development. In any case, molecules of what we consume today have been recycled many times before. That 'pure' water you just drank was around at the time of the Spanish Armada, the dinosaurs and Noah! Just think where else it's been!

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turning the pages





Resisting the ordinary

by Keith McMenomy

Michael Bender and Lisa Stuart's new house, set in a tiered garden on a sunny slope in Bundanoon, is at first sight unobtrusive. From the outside it is pleasant on the eye; pitched roofs blending with its older neighbours. On closer scrutiny it has the warm feel of an ancient farmhouse, with a mix of roof heights and gables as if combined over generations. From the road it looks modest in scale; only the superb bay windows on the front wall hint that the place is more than it seems at first glance. Michael is a builder-craftsman.

Still a work in progress, the inside of the house is a spacious wonder. Nothing is too heavy or difficult to be salvaged and restored for refitting where appropriate. There is a variety of interior living spaces: a great lofty two-storey living room, mezzanines, spiral stairs and an adjoining bedroom wing. Structural use of brick, concrete, steel and laminate beams will hide behind rendering and lining so that restored elements of the building will catch the eye. There are old floor boards with character, panelled doors, sash windows, architraves, joinery that lift the building above the ordinary and predictable. Michael has salvaged pressed metal ceilings from the city and 7,000 bricks from demolition of the original house on the site. He carefully raised hundreds of sandstone pavers for reuse. Cedar French doors were saved from a nursing home and the bay windows came from Neutral Bay. Avoiding cheap reproduction he has combined the best of old and timeless building materials with contemporary construction requirements for a house that will be a local gem.

Recycled with love

When Lisa Stuart saw pieces of a shattered Ming vase for sale at a Kingston market four years ago she was inspired to give them new life as jewellery. She has since collected fragments of broken china from a 'dig' at an old mining settlement near Broken Hill, gathered broken plates from friends and bought bargains at markets and op-shops. She now has dozens of pieces and a number of plates waiting to be broken. Breaking plates is a nerve-racking experience but often results in surprising little pictures and shapes. Selected areas of a plate pattern can be cut if a regular shape is required.

The edges of the china fragments are finished with silver solder after binding with copper foil and applying flux. Pendants have a small loop for a chain and pins with safety clips are attached to the backs of brooches.

Lisa sets aside a day per week to prepare for markets. She is often asked to revive memories of a favourite broken piece as family gifts. If you haven't wanted to throw out old treasures and would like to have them remade as decorative trinkets you can contact Lisa. Her phone number is 4883 6389.





Installation art

by David Morgan

Installation or environmental art takes into account the viewer's entire sensory experience, rather than floating framed points of focus on a "neutral" wall or displaying isolated objects (literally) on a pedestal. This leaves space and time as its only dimensional constants. This implies dissolution of the line between art and life; "if we bypass 'art' and take nature itself as a model or point of departure, we may be able to devise a different kind of art... out of the sensory stuff of ordinary life"



Sleepers awake!

by Alan Hyman

I parked in front of Des and Kate Perkins' house and unsteadily negotiated the curving slope of the gravel driveway down to their front door. "Why didn't you just use the steps?" asked Kate. And, to be sure, this object of my visit ascended beside the drive in a series of terraces back to the street – much easier of access for pedestrians – but not especially obvious from the road. The terraces were fashioned from old railway sleepers, each level being an open box configuration filled with fine white limestone aggregate. Several glazed tubs of *Pieris* added character to the construction, but the main point of the exercise was the secondary use of the sleepers. After perhaps many decades of supporting who knows how many Southern Auroras or Canberra Xplorers, their durable timber now has renewed life in the Bundanoon landscape – a rustically practical application of recycled materials.



The old paling dividing fence between Bundanoon Bloomery and Martha & Henry has been given a second life. It has re-emerged as a European styled lichgate at the entrance to Hawthorn Cottage. Other recycled fence members have been imaginatively used at Lizard Rock.

Both are delightful examples of functional art that please the eye as one strolls around Bundanoon. The lichgate roof shingles fashioned from red, yellow and green lichen-encrusted timbers are reminiscent of a medieval church. Fence rails are now rafters and ancient timbers, rescued from another demolition site have been used as corner posts. Recycled decorative wrought-ironwork has supplied a finishing touch or two.

At Lizard Rock on Railway Avenue Lisa's herring-bone design and Steve's craftsmanship have come together to create a textural appearance that would not have been present in the original fence. The weathered tree branch handrail to the entrance steps looks for all the world as though it has just fallen in place. The shadow it casts reinforces the lizard theme.

You will find that Bundanoon is an open-air gallery of installed and functional art and there are many examples around town to enjoy.



No stone unturned

by Pam Davies



Have you ever wondered what became of the sandstone removed from the main street paving when the tiered pavement and planter boxes were constructed?

Or what happened to the established crabapples removed in full leaf? Or where the sturdy old seat, discarded to make way for updated replacements, ended up?

The sandstone and crabapples were destined for landfill until Robyn Versluis, principal of Bundanoon Primary School, stepped in.

Robyn, a committed recycler, has incorporated all kinds of old building materials into her own house and through her example this philosophy has become well established in the school. With help from parents, the sandstone now makes an attractive border to a chess board made from concrete pavers. A car boot sale of pre-loved donations raised funds for the purchase of hand-carved chess and draught pieces from a small



island off the coast of Bali. They are made from off-cuts from the timber industry.

Despite a poor prognosis the crabapples, now planted near the school's administration building, were nurtured with daily watering and have flourished. Children use the discarded seat while they wait their turn on the play equipment.

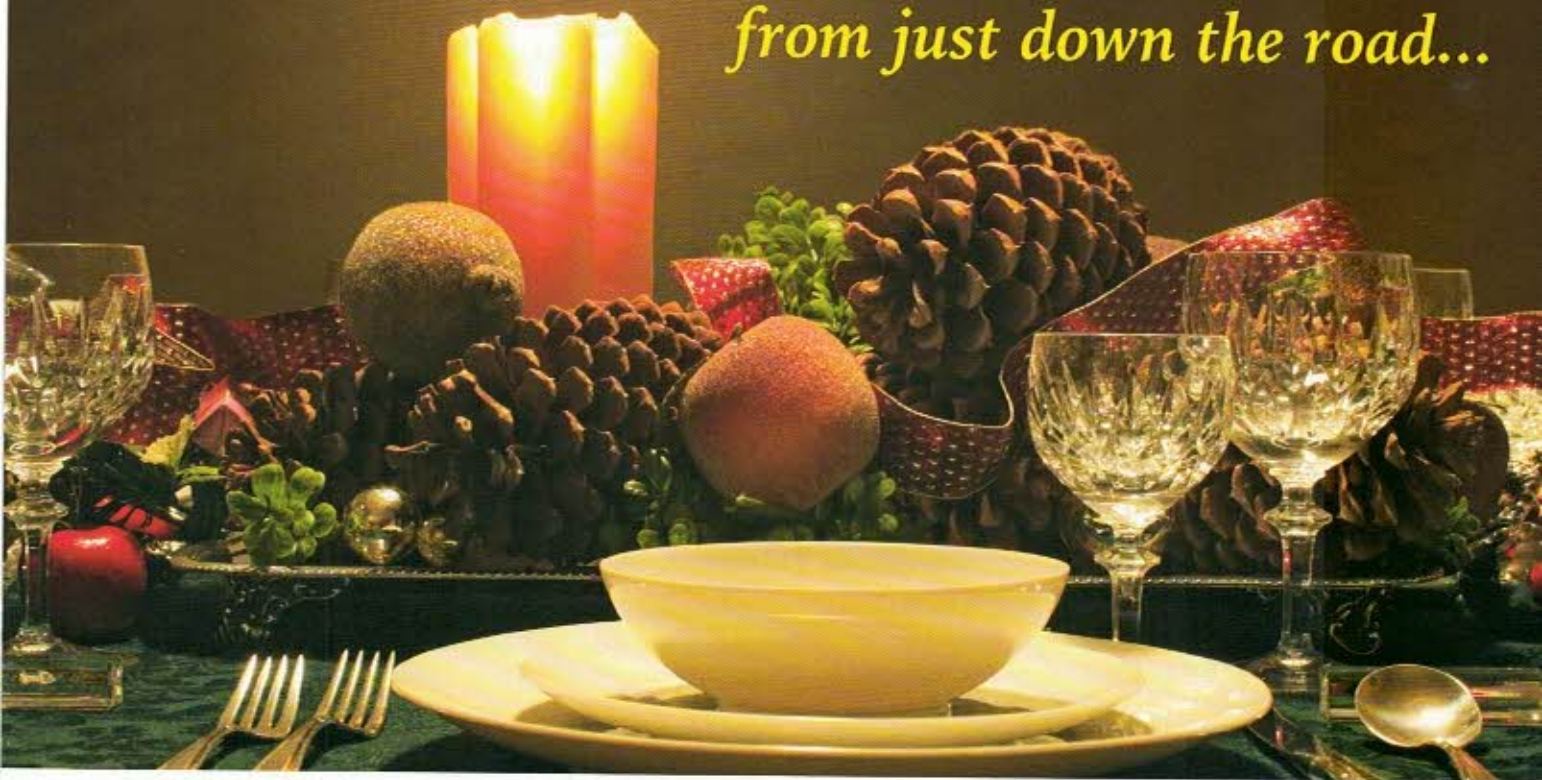
Chairs in the school library, reflecting one of the colours in the original tiles at the entrance, were retrieved from Robyn's former school. Chairs and other furniture destined for the scrap heap were also repaired and recovered to complement the blue leadlight windows of the Administration building, which was formerly the Principal's residence.

Robyn's passion for recycling is a useful lesson for the children in the conservation and re-use of the world's diminishing resources.



CHRISTMAS FOOD & WINE

from just down the road...



Local drop

Harvey Grennan looks at the cool climate vineyards near Bundanoon.

Nereo Panizzutti's passion for wine was passed down from his widowed grandmother Anna who, at 70 years of age, grew her own grapes, made her own wine and "drank like a sponge".

Now 71 himself, Nereo lived with his grandmother as a young teenager for three or four years. "There were three kegs under the staircase," he recalls of those days in the foothills of the Dolomite Mountains in northern Italy. "She would beat up some zabaglione in a bowl, top it up with much wine and 'down the hatch' it would go".

Despite her age Anna worked like a horse, Nereo says, making 500 or 600 litres of wine from her harvest.

Arriving in Australia in 1956 Nereo also inherited his grandmother's work ethic. He and his brother Faivio built a life for their families as clothing manufacturers in Sydney, making

men's and ladies' suits and uniforms for airlines and banks, employing 115 people at one time.

Today Nereo lives out his passion for wine at his St Maur vineyard and winery in Old Argyle Road, Exeter where he has lived for 31 years.

The farm he bought in 1976 was not, however, a vineyard but a dairy farm, the biggest in the district covering some 635 acres of freehold and leased land and employing six families who lived on the

estate. It had once belonged to York Seymour who owned the Fossey's chain of stores and who had left his millions to establish the Seymour Centre in Sydney. Seymour is credited with bringing the first Guernsey dairy cow to Australia and named the property "St Maur" after his home town in the Channel Islands.

Nereo gave up dairy farming in 1984 after causing a stir in the politics swirling around the dairy industry at the time. He started planting grapes in 1998 and still has some of his 2002 vintage, the first. "I just wanted to make my own wine but eventually I found myself with more than I could drink and started selling it." Nereo grows his own red grapes and makes a highly-rated pinot noir, a merlot and a cabernet sauvignon. Chardonnay grapes are bought from other local growers and processed to his specifications.

In 2004 the old milking shed was converted into a cellar door "with two carpenters and no plans" using timber from the original Seymour hayshed and, when that ran out, from the old horse yards. The stone work was the work of local writer Tony Sattler, husband of actor Noeline Brown.

St Maur's cellar door is open weekends from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm.

The other vineyard in the environs of Bundanoon, also first planted in 1998, is Silver Gum Grove at Penrose. This is a wholesale operation with no cellar door.

Located off Alexandra Street the property has 10 of its 117 acres under sauvignon blanc, cabernet sauvignon and an experimental plot of pinot gris grapes which are processed and bottled by the Eling Forest winery at Sutton Forest. Drought and frost have devastated the vines in the last two years but next year's harvest is looking good. The vineyard overlooks state forest and is currently on the market.



Local festive food

By Trisha Arbib,
Bundanoon Village Nursery

My interest in good food, finding it, cooking it, eating it has been fed by a mother who wrote cookbooks, a partner who's been a chef, our nursery with its unusual food plants, the cooking classes we've run, food stories we've written and the cookbooks we sell.

It's always a bonus to buy locally, although the Southern Highlands is not as well known as a food producing region as, for example, Orange. I'd like to tell you about some of the food you might wish to serve in the festive season, food that is grown or produced by local people, with an emphasis on the southern end of the Wingecarribee shire. I'd be interested to hear from you if you know of any more.

The big meal on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day is only the beginning of entertaining during the festive season. Also hampers of home made or local food and wine make particularly good gifts.

The **Bundanoon Delicatessen** is a good place to start. For the festive season there are locally made Christmas cakes and puddings in three sizes as well as mince pies. Trudy and Dianne's apple and fruit pies, little cakes, local chocolates, Anzac and other biscuits, and quiches are also available. You'll find locally grown fruit in season and free range eggs. Trudy also stocks **Highland Organic** cheeses, **Alpine jams** including redcurrant jelly from the Alpine berry farm and **Doodles Creek** mayonnaises and sauces, many of which are a perfect complement for seafood. Phone 4883 6062.

MEAT

Andrew at the **Bundanoon Butchery** supplies locally grown beef and free range eggs including, at times, bantam and duck eggs. Try a special roast beef standing rib roast, eye fillet or scotch fillet at Christmas for a change or choose local beef for holiday barbeques. Andrew is taking orders for his own sausages - cracked pepper and merlot with pork and veal, and chestnut and cranberry chicken sausages. Phone 4883 6319.

Just out of Moss Vale, Cindy and Pasquale are growing black **Highland Heritage** pigs free range. This is an endangered species rated highly for flavour. Their sole outlet in the Southern Highlands is the Moss Vale Butchery. You'll need to order for Christmas. We can vouch for the flavour and texture of the pork.

Moss Vale Butchery, 451 Argyle Street, Moss Vale, Phone 4868 1026 and **Marulan Meats**, George Street, Marulan, Phone 4841 1522 sell local beef and make their own sausages. At Moss Vale they smoke and cure hams on the premises.



I've heard rumours of someone growing free range ducks and chickens to sell in Penrose or Wingello but haven't been able to track them down. Perhaps you'll have more luck.

BREAD AND CAKES

The **Bundanoon Country Bakehouse** has moved next door to the post office. Treat your guests to their croissants and Dutch loaf (fruit bread). For their Christmas cakes, puddings, and fruit mince pies its best to order. Phone 4883 6800.

Nerida at **A Little Piece of Scotland** on the corner at Sutton Forest still makes her shortbread, Dundee cakes and Christmas puddings. It's a good idea to order these. The shortbread makes a great present. Phone 4868 3492 or go to www.shortbread.com.au.



FRUIT

We're fortunate to still have local fruit although the number of local orchards has reduced markedly since we came here in 1980. As all fruit is seasonal you should ring to check availability. The abundance of summer and the festive season is epitomised in big platters of fruit, and fruit desserts. One Christmas I made a summer pudding with raspberries and blackcurrants, and home made ice-cream in the shape of a pudding with blueberries and raspberries through it.

Summer Pudding

Slices of stale white bread with crusts removed
Raspberries or other berries (not strawberries) - enough to fill your pudding bowl. (Fruit will shrink with heating.)
A handful of blackcurrants
White sugar
Canola oil

So easy! Simmer fruit for a few minutes to release the juices. Add sugar to taste. Grease a pudding bowl with oil and line bottom and sides with bread cut to shape. Fill bowl with the fruit, reserving the juice. Top with bread. Put a plate and weight on top and refrigerate overnight. Turn out to serve. The bread will be a brilliant red. Serve with the reserved fruit juices and cream.

Montrose Berry Farm in Ormond Street, Sutton Forest will have blueberries, raspberries, red and blackcurrants, gooseberries and a few strawberries- all organic. You can pick your own or buy them frozen. Their frozen homemade berry crumbles are popular.

Open 11 - 4, not Mondays.
Phone 4868 1544, or go to www.montroseberryfarm.com.au.





Watling Orchard is in Caoura Road Tallong. "Look for the big apple". They should have apricots and peaches around Christmas and well into January. It's a chance to taste and compare the different varieties of peaches as the season progresses. Phone 4841 0251.

Arcadia Orchard has a roadside stall in Penrose. It should have local peaches and early plums, local berries including mulberries, rhubarb, vegetables and duck eggs. Vi says asparagus could still be going into January. Phone 4884 4231.

EGGS

It's interesting how widespread free range eggs now are. Local chook eggs are available at the Bundanoon and Penrose village shops, at the Bundanoon Butcher and all through the shire. Warren and Anne Stuckey at **Berrima Ridge Organic Eggs** supply their Berrima grown eggs to shops in Bowral, Mittagong and Berrima. They are certified organic with NASAA.

We've found that duck eggs make the best scrambled eggs, and I'm told make wonderful sponge cakes. For brunch cook scrambled duck eggs with specialty mushrooms.

MUSHROOMS

Mittagong Mushrooms are available in three sizes – small buttons, cups and huge flats that look like field mushrooms – at Anchors greengrocer in Bowral and at Highlands Fresh.

Li-Sun exotic mushrooms are available direct at 16 Davey Street Mittagong from 7.30 – 4 Monday to Friday, and Sunday until lunch, and through the usual outlets in Mittagong and Bowral. They grow oyster mushrooms, shiitake, shimeji, enoki, wood ear, chestnut, king brown and coloured oyster mushrooms.



CHEESE

Mark and Lesley Williams of **Small Cow Farm** produce brie and camembert style cheeses, a traditional feta and a creamy blue vein at their Robertson Farm using milk from their small Dexter cows and other local milk. Locally, these delicious cheeses are available at the Bowral Farmers Market (2nd Saturday of the month), and the cheese shops in Robertson and Bowral. See www.smallcowfarm.com.

MARKETS

There are regular markets throughout Wingecarribee Shire.

Stall holders selling food at Bundanoon's fortnightly market vary but its worth checking out. Some are local while others like the **Fruit Ute**, the herb stall and the bakery selling bagels and sourdough bread are from further afield. Delicious 'mi juice' is made from crushed apples grown at their orchard. **Whitmarsh olives** and olive oil are from Exeter and **Denmar Olive Estate** extra virgin olive oil is grown at Bungonia. Also there are handmade chocolates and **Steve's Honey** which is very popular.

There are usually tempting home made pies and tarts, quiches and cakes. Bundanoon markets will be held 2 and 16 December. There are no markets here in January.

And if you feel like getting out, we're lucky to have a club, the hotel and three cafes in Bundanoon. But you'll need to check when they're open during the Christmas season.

And of course there are the local vineyards!



Wingello and the First World War



Top left: Monument, British Cemetery, Vignacourt
Bottom left: Grave of Arthur Rush, Villers Bretonneux



Top right: Wingello Mechanics Institute
Right and bottom: Roll of Honor, Wingello



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Earlier this year Linda Emery spoke at a morning tea arranged by the History Group about her World War I research which has taken her to cemeteries and memorials at Villers Bretonneux and Vignacourt where the names of local young men who died in battle have been remembered. Her local research brings her to the southern end of the shire.

On Anzac Day each year our country pauses to honour the service men and women who have been involved in war. More and more Australians, young and old, are making the pilgrimage to Gallipoli and to the battlefields of France and Belgium to pay tribute to the fallen of the First World War and dawn services and large Anzac Day marches draw ever-increasing crowds throughout the country. But how many of us know anything about the people whose names are listed on our local World War I memorials, scattered all over the Shire in public parks, halls, churches and schools?

The Roll of Honor in Wingello Mechanics Institute is one of the most distinctive and unusual in the district where the names of 45 local boys are recorded on a beautifully crafted copper memorial, mounted on a wooden board. Memorials such as this were usually made as 'blanks' in Sydney or other large centres, with the local area and names added later. Manufactured before the armistice, the end year of the war was never inserted on the Wingello honour roll. The more usual marble or wooden memorials are familiar to most of us, which makes the wonderful art nouveau design in Wingello all the more interesting. The intricately-beaten copper sheet features gum leaves and gum nuts, crossed swords and cannon, the Australian flag and the Union Jack, and is dedicated to 'Wingello and District Heroes who Answered the Call'.

Many names still familiar in the district appear on the honour roll – Jeffery, Sheedy, Dignum, Blizzard – but others have no one to remember them. Luis Ernst Grigo Bramsen was a Danish immigrant from Copenhagen who came to Australia with his friend, Knud Frederik Andersen, in about 1908. He was a fruit cultivator in Wingello when he enlisted in July 1915. Fair haired,

6'2" tall and 28 years old, he was killed near Mouquet Farm in northern France on 19th August 1916. Seven of those named on Wingello's Roll of Honor died in France including Frederick and Arthur Rush, two of the four sons of Jemima and Phillip Rush of Sylvan Glen who went to war. Fred Rush died at Pozieres in August, 1916. Arthur, a member of the Machine Gun Corps, was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in January 1918 for conspicuous gallantry, devotion to duty and inspiring his men. Promoted to lieutenant, he was killed on 25th April 1918 and is buried in the Adelaide Cemetery at Villers Bretonneux. The other two Rush boys returned to Australia, but had been gassed in France and neither lived long lives.



William and Jane Jones had three sons in France, David, James and Thomas. All three boys enlisted within a month of each other in February 1916, with David (the eldest brother, aged 44) and James serving together in the 17th Battalion. Both Thomas and James were severely wounded and invalided home to Australia. David was not so lucky. He, too, was wounded but died in August 1918 at the Casualty Clearing Station at Vignacourt, where he is buried in the British Cemetery. The people of the village of Vignacourt erected a monument in the cemetery in 1921 to honour the Commonwealth war dead, on which is engraved "*Frères D'armes de L'Armée Britannique, tombés au Champ D'Honneur, dormez en paix. Nous veillons sur vous.*" (Brothers in arms of the British Army, fallen on the field of honour, sleep in peace. We are watching over you.) In this beautiful place, surrounded by fields of green and gold crops, David Jones, the Wingello farmer, is at rest.

Hell hole or paradise?

Marianne Ward
Bundanoon History Group

Yes, there really is a place called the Hell Hole in Bundanoon, but today it is part of Morton National Park and the bush has slowly reclaimed it after it was abandoned decades ago.

There are several photographs in the Bundanoon History Group Archive of the Hell Hole taken from Echo Point Lookout. It stood out as a surprising clearing (approximately 40 acres) in the middle of the bush, and you can still see a few of the old orchard trees and two large camphor laurels which show up in spring. The foundations of the old house and loading dock are still discernable on the site.

The property was originally part of a large mining claim taken out in November 1885 by the Sydney and Melbourne Coal and Land Company Ltd. (At this time the railway was making its way south and the search was on everywhere for coal.)

The Taylor family ran the property as a farm and guesthouse which they called "Rockdale". After World War I the Hell Hole was taken up as a soldier-settler block by the Jenkins family whose son had served in the war. Miss Rose Jenkins taught music to many Bundanoon youngsters and her students held an annual Musicales which was always popular.

The Hell Hole is mainly remembered as a stone fruit and vegetable growing farm. Fred Angel, whose grandfather owned the property between 1937-47, says that it was established

because, down in the valley away from the frosts, the fruit ripened so much earlier and gave the farm an advantage.

Arthur Tooth remembers his sister, Alma, pushing him in their old-fashioned big-wheeled pram down the hairpin bends on the Hell Hole track, and that the strawberries down there were wonderfully juicy. Another story has it that one early owner had a still going and, with his veggies, he brought up a regular supply of liquor for the locals!

When the last owners abandoned the Hell Hole, Arthur Felstead demolished the old house and brought it out by horse lorry, to rebuild it on land near "Durham Downs" property off Ferndale Road.

To get down to the Hell Hole you will need to be fit as the descent is steep, accessed (on foot only) via the Fire Trail off View Point Lookout track. Allow at least two hours to walk back up...

To me the Hell Hole sounded like a little piece of Bundanoon Paradise!



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Through Ross-coloured glasses by Ross Armfield

Several months ago the RTA perpetrated what I believe to be an act of environmental vandalism on a massive scale along an 800 metre stretch of the Nowra Road, just to the east of Kangaroo Valley. Ninety established trees forming an avenue were chain-sawed out of existence.

At a time when climatic and environmental concerns have reached critical levels and when global warming is the most important issue in the world how could this decision be made? Also the visual impact of this remnant forest was valuable. Was there no other solution to this RTA perceived problem?

The road is narrow, some of the trees were right at the edge and there are large volumes of traffic through there, particularly in holiday season. However I consider the road and trees weren't dangerous – the way some people drove along it was. There had been accidents along this stretch of road including the tragic loss of young lives, but many of those accidents were the result of either speed, fatigue, alcohol, impatience, carelessness and inexperience, or a combination of those factors. For the sake of these magnificent trees and for safety, why couldn't we have just been made to drive carefully?

We all recognise the need to drive slowly in school zones, particularly ones with dangerous road crossings, but many school zones almost seem superfluous. If we can be made to drive at 40 km/h, between flashing lights, on a four-lane major road outside Chevalier College with rarely a student in sight, why can't we do it for an 800 metre stretch of tree lined road? Warning signs or 40 km/h limit are measures most reasonable people would have accepted to preserve that unique stand of trees and maintain safety for drivers.

It seems, once again, the irresponsibility of the few must be paid for by the many, doing the right thing. The RTA probably feel they are between a 'rock and a hard place' – criticised if they do nothing, for not making roads safe and criticised when they do take action. But why must that action be so drastic, so destructive? Why can't we be given the chance to change and adapt, to drive appropriately with the correct signage and restrictions in place? What would it have cost us to just slow down for 800 metres?

I mention these recent events because this same issue could confront us, in this community, in the very near future. Once again there is talk that Ellsmore Road, linking Bundanoon to Exeter, is to be sealed and widened, possibly at the expense of many beautiful and mature trees. Surely, we can have the improved road with appropriate restrictions and warnings and still maintain our environmental heritage and the natural character of this district.

We should be able to slow the frantic pace of modern life to preserve something of real beauty and value. It didn't happen at Kangaroo Valley but if the need arises we should make sure we can make it happen here.

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Black and white, rich and poor



Looking down from my bedroom window on the first morning of my stay with family who are working in Washington DC, I was surprised to see the tops of heads of two crouched figures busily weeding our garden. Leasing the house in suburban Chevy Chase included garden maintenance.

Illegal Latin American immigrants can be seen all through the parks and gardens of Washington. There are an estimated 20 million 'illegals' in the United States, mostly working for around \$5 an hour. Their children attend school and they have access to public hospital health care.

There are almost 42,000 Hispanics in Washington. I don't know where they live but neither did I see the poor, African-American areas of the city which, ironically, start just a few blocks behind the elegant, white Capitol building. The crime rate is high and schools are poorly equipped. The *Washington Post* details incentives for good teachers to work in deprived DC schools where attempts are being made to ensure that the government policy of 'No child left behind' succeeds.

Sixty per cent of the District of Columbia's population of 582,000 is black and there is now a significant middle class, mostly choosing to



live in affluent but segregated suburbs. Ninety per cent of the school population is black while just over the border in Maryland the figure is just ten per cent and fleets of yellow buses ferry children to and from school. Soccer is a popular school sport and children of all races make up teams for Saturday competition.

It is common to see educated, multi-racial office colleagues 'doing lunch' but it is obvious in galleries, museums, restaurants and shops

that many are working for the minimum wage. This accounts for an unemployment rate of only five per cent and it was a shock to learn that one percent of the national population (mostly African-Americans) is in jail. Although Washington has come a long way since the days of Martin Luther King his dream has yet to be realised.



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Great season for the Bundanoon Rebels

2007 was a big year for the Bundanoon Rebels Football Club. The Club enjoyed a record number of registrations: 165 players formed 13 teams, including two under 6 teams. This was a twenty percent increase on the previous year.

The growth in numbers of younger players was especially pleasing for President Dennis Day. "It is important for the club to continue to attract young players to feed through the teams," he said. "Next year is also looking healthy."

And if there's strength in numbers, the Rebels flexed their sporting muscle during the season. Seven teams reached the finals, with four teams reaching the Grand Finals. The Rebels All Age 3rd grade men's team and the All Age women's team both took top honours in the competition.

While it's easy to think that the club is all about playing football, Dennis said he did some rough calculations and worked out that with training and games, there had been a total of 9000 man hours spent at the club's home ground, Ferndale Reserve. This includes volunteers in one of the best canteens in the district (thanks David and Noelle Burroughs!) and the upgrade of the clubhouse, PA system and lighting.

This year the Club raised almost \$7,000 through various activities and sponsorships, including \$1,000 from NAB Bowral. The season kicked off with a visit from the Wollongong Wolves who carried out a free soccer clinic and donated passes. They also brought their A team up to play our men which was a great day and raised more much needed funds.

The community was also involved in the design of a new logo for the club, necessitated by a name change from 'soccer' to 'football', as is now the national standard. This new branding has been extended across new player and supporter apparel and accessories.

It is this community involvement in the club that made the recent vandalism at the ground so heart-breaking. The damage included smashing toilet pans, burning parts of the toilet and the garbage bins, and breaking the lights around the building,

including expensive halogen floodlights on the roof. The Club's Australian flag was also stolen from the roof.

"The community has worked tirelessly and donated generously for years to help us create one of the best clubhouse facilities in the Southern Highlands," said Dennis. "Someone must know who did it - perhaps a friend or relative came home with a souvenir of the night. Please contact police if you know anything."

On a brighter note, there are exciting plans for next year that include:

- * Irrigation and improvements to the fields
- * More coaching courses and better training.
- * Sponsorship of children from financially struggling local families to assist them to participate in sport.
- * Children's disco nearer to Christmas (the disco earlier this year was a huge hit).
- * A new approach to coaching where each coach will be selected by the committee, with a head coach overseeing them.

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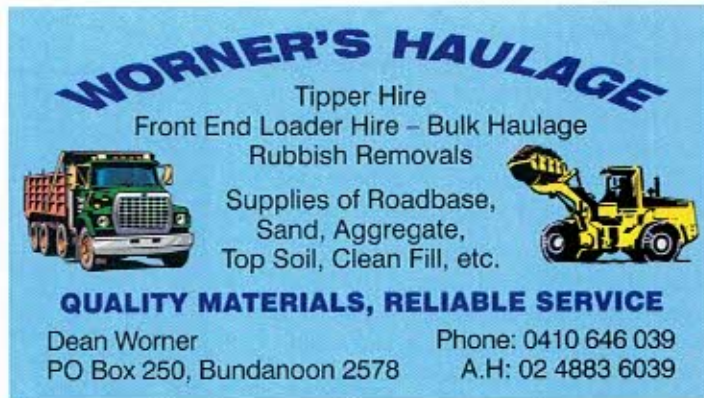
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Skies finally cleared for the 3rd VAUDE Highland Fling, now held over two days. The event, which has really put Bundanoon on the cycling map, attracted 1300 registrants, including 80 from the Highlands and 20 from the southern villages. Huw Kingston, the event organiser, wishes to thank local businesses and community groups for their support.

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A positive sign



Currabunda Wetland on the corner of Ellsmore Road and Elmswood Court now has an official sign. On 26 October Councillor Jim Clark and Council officers, Geoff Goodfellow, Elizabeth Bennetts and Kimberley Elliott joined members of the volunteer 'wetlands group' for unveiling of the sign. In fact they joined them for erection of the sign!

For almost four years the group, founded by Ms. Sheila Micholson, has been regenerating an area consisting of three old farm dams and

their surrounds covering a number of acres in a semi-urban environment. This has entailed removal of noxious weeds such as blackberry, Scotch thistle and honeysuckle and planting native species including eucalypts, leptospermum, callistemon, casuarinas, and lomandras. Adjacent watercourse corridors (from which the wetland is partially replenished or which act as drainage exits) are also being rehabilitated. The group has purchased tools through a government grant and Bushcare officers from Wigecarribee Council have assisted with labour, guidance and equipment when possible.

The name Currabunda - Curra', aboriginal for 'spring water' and 'bunda' from Bundanoon - has been officially accepted by the Geographical Names board and the installation of a sign recognizes the importance of the site.

This is a vital waterbird and wildlife habitat and it is hoped that this Bundanoon land mark will encourage greater environmental awareness and interest in nature.

We wish to thank Sheila Micholson, Alan Hyman and members of the Currabunda Wetlands Group for their vision and dedication to the restoration of this previously neglected site.
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True locals

by Vicki Streatfeild

Margaret Hoyer is a local descendent of the Edward Hines family, pioneer settlers in the Bundanoon District. Her great-grandfather received a government grant of land in the early 1800s about four kilometres along Ferndale Road near the property known as 'Jumping Rock'.

Margaret, who was born in 1930, went to the Bundanoon Public School and one of her many fond memories was the old green bus that had a daily run around the Bundanoon township. On Friday and Saturday nights the old green bus took local young people to Wingello, Exeter and Sutton Forest to dances. People from Wingello came by bus to the Bundanoon Rex Picture Theatre where films were shown on Saturday nights.

She remembers during the mid 1900s Bundanoon had a fully equipped gymnasium, situated behind the Primula Café where many local boxers trained. District championships were held there and they also fought at Bowral, Canberra and Sydney.

"In the early 1900s the guesthouses of Bundanoon were flourishing and so was the town. It was great to see the shops and streets so active with people."

Golfing thrived here in Bundanoon, and to play on the eighteen-hole golf course during the week you had to book both a day, and a time. People also came from near and far to go horse riding. It was so popular that four or five horse riding schools operated in the area.

One can't forget the night time hay rides with the horse drawn flat carts which were loaded with hay. Off we would go to the Morton Primitive Reserve, known by the locals as 'the gullies'. We would have monstrous barbeques and lots of fun there.

How times change, but the older residents of Bundanoon still recall vividly the days of their youth and the activities such as tennis and hockey in which they participated."

Margaret joined the Bundanoon Tennis Club in 1950 at the tender age of 20. On many occasions she represented the District and Bundanoon in the Country Tennis Championship at White City.

In 1967 she was in the team which won the Berrima District A grade Mixed Championships. A huge achievement for a small village such as Bundanoon!

Margaret made a great contribution as secretary and treasurer of the club throughout the 1970s and helped to make it the strong organization it is today. And after all her work and dedication she was rewarded with a lifetime membership. She is still a very active member and continues playing to this present day.



Margaret Hoyer and husband Dennis

creative writing

by Jenny Crozier



It's the thought that counts

Over the years there have been many articles written about gift-giving; do we reflect our own wishes in the gift? Do we give with conditions attached? Or, do we sometimes give the gift that seems to be absolutely right? Whatever the true reason, none of our family was ever sure of the intentions of our dear Aunt Rose's deep and inventive psyche. Eventually, we put her choice of gifts down to her expansive and wildly eccentric nature, but then ...maybe she just wanted to fling nonsense at the conventional family.

Rose was blessed with a fertile mind and enormous energy to match the rush of ideas. This was an unfortunate combination as the chosen gifts were frequently homemade, often large, invariably unusual and always challenging to use!

Today, I am remembering previous Christmases and the wonderful range of gifts that have passed through our lives. Certain years were dated by the 'Rosie gift'. In 1960, it was the 'Santa Gargoyle'. This amazing piece of plaster was bought half price because of its tricky plumbing. No water came from the bearded mouth: instead, because of a hidden crack, water spurted from the right nostril!

Christmases 1962 and 1963, produced the metre-high, heavily stuffed hand-embroidered tiger with bulging eyes (has a goitre said Dad) and the beautifully illustrated children's dictionary, discounted because pages 202-260 were missing. Was it really important for us to know any words beginning with K-M?

Pottery lessons in the spring of 1964 gave scope to Rosie's true nature. There were no limits... until it came to fitting the shapely masterpiece into the kiln. Sadly, the creation emerged missing an arm and two feet. Was it simply a problem with spatial ability? Who knows? Biologically it was perfect!

1975 said goodbye to pottery and welcomed in the most dangerous of all Aunt's activities: lead-lighting. The result of all the cuts and anguish was a framed window of the Infant Jesus, well-proportioned but headless. This gift was the most difficult of all to place.

As Rose became less active, she found leather work a peaceful substitute for her earlier feverish activities. One of her last special gifts, was the 'ladies' garden fork with the plaited snake handle, far too realistic to comfortably use.

Today, as I remember the wonderful collection of Rose's gifts, I reflect on the joy she gave to the children and the resigned expressions on their parents' faces. One has to admire the adult's resolve each year in trying to employ Rose's Christmas surprises.

Now we give and receive sensible presents, but one day just for the heck of it, I think I'll toss in a Rosie gift.



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The sandstone gates at the entrance to Morton National Park (then the Bundanoon Recreation Reserve) were erected in memory of Dr Guy Gurney, a well-loved Bundanoon GP, who died in 1953, aged only 34. The picture above shows the unveiling ceremony, held in March 1958.

The son of Mr and Mrs Victor Gurney of Bowral, Dr Gurney attended Bowral Primary and later Bowral High School, where his outstanding performance ensured his future career. He graduated from Sydney University in 1943 and enlisted in the Australian Army Medical Corps, with the rank of Captain, in 1944. His service in the islands north of Australia was cut short when he was taken seriously ill at Tarakan and evacuated to Concord Military Hospital. He was discharged from the Army a year later, and married Elsie Elizabeth Hellier at Wesley Chapel the same year.

Dr Gurney commenced private practice in Bundanoon and although his stay was relatively short, he was a very popular and respected member of the community. "He never failed to attend or to lend a helping hand... where he felt he could be helpful."

His wife, a nurse, was also a popular figure in Bundanoon. At the time of Dr Gurney's death they had three sons, Peter, aged 5, Stephen, 3, and David, 12 months.

The unveiling was attended by the Minister for Lands, the Hon W. McC. Gollan, the President of the Reserve Trust, Mr Russell Barton, the President of Wingecarribee Shire Council, Mr H.T. Ellsmore and Councillor G Wood-Davies, Mr Tom Lewis MLA, Mr Jeff Bate MHR, as well as members of Dr Gurney's family.

Thanks to Berrima District Historical Society for providing the clippings from the Moss Vale Post and The Four Mails, on which this article is based.

Link with Linkside

Construction of Stage 1 of new facilities at Linkside Nursing Home has now been completed. As a 'not for profit' organisation, Warrigal Care needs community support. Government funding covers running costs and special equipment for older people but fundraising projects are required to make life in Linkside more comfortable.

Recreational Activities Officer Heather Peacock explained in a press release in October that 'We are working to provide those little extras for our residents'. The people of Bundanoon are invited to join an auxiliary to assist with fundraising. Volunteers are not required to work directly with residents but there is a need for fundraising such as cake stalls and charity functions. A meeting of interested volunteers was held on 8 October 2007 and if you would like to have further information please call Kerryn on 0408 202 443 or Heather on 4883 6066

Warrigal Care provides services to communities on the East Coast of NSW. There are three facilities in the Illawarra, one in Bundanoon and one in Goulburn. Earlier this year the organisation commissioned five Disaster Response Trailers and a purpose built storage facility in a joint initiative with the National Emergency Volunteer Support Fund. It is funded by the Attorney-General's 'Working Together to Manage Emergencies' initiative. These fully equipped trailers are stored at each of these sites. Service staff maintain the equipment, ensuring that they are fully functional if required by the fire brigade, police, ambulance and the SES.

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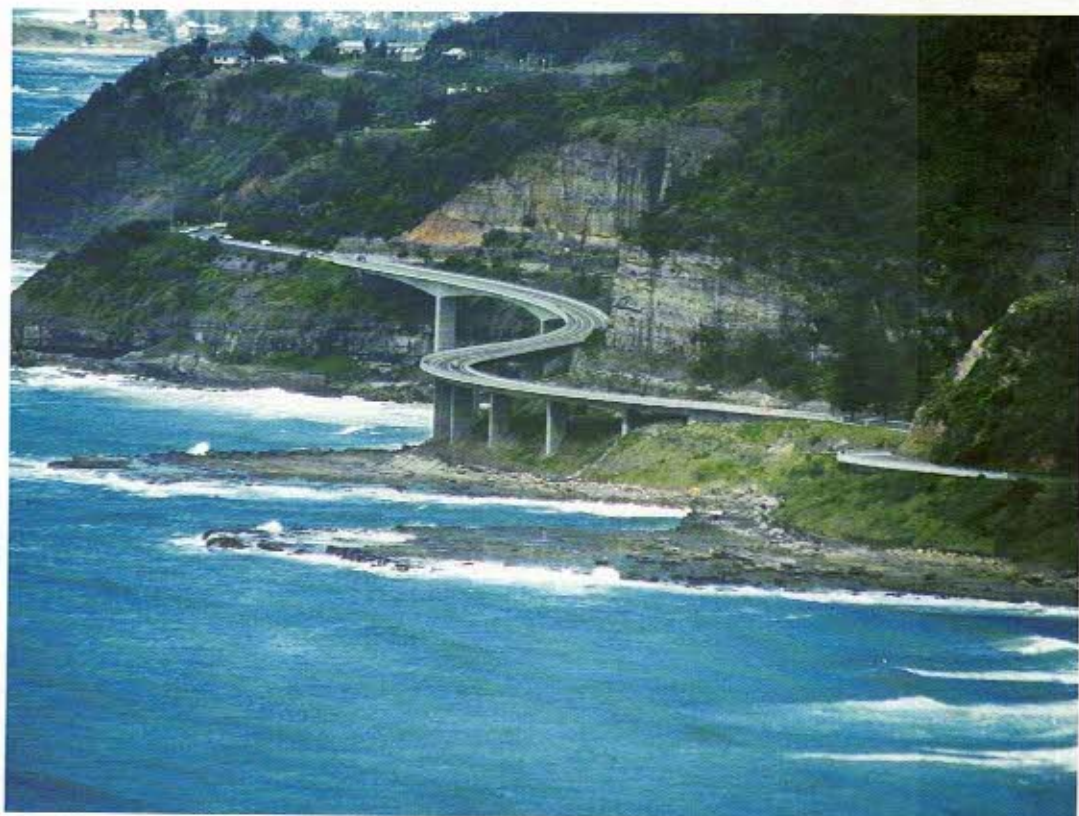
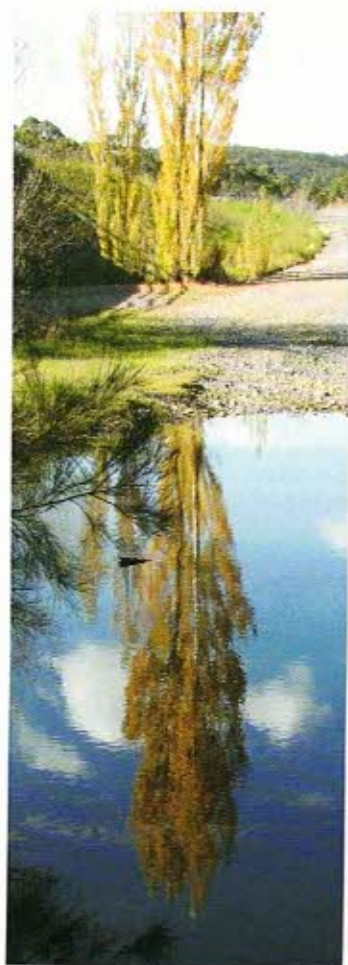
Top left: Frank Lloyd Wright's 'Falling Water' by Pam Davies

Top right: Ben Nevis goat by Kate Chown

Below left: Reflection, Paddy's River by Ken Rooke

Above: Stone bridge, Spring Hill, Bundanoon by Ken Rooke

Below: Sea Cliff Bridge from Stanwell Tops by Ken Rooke



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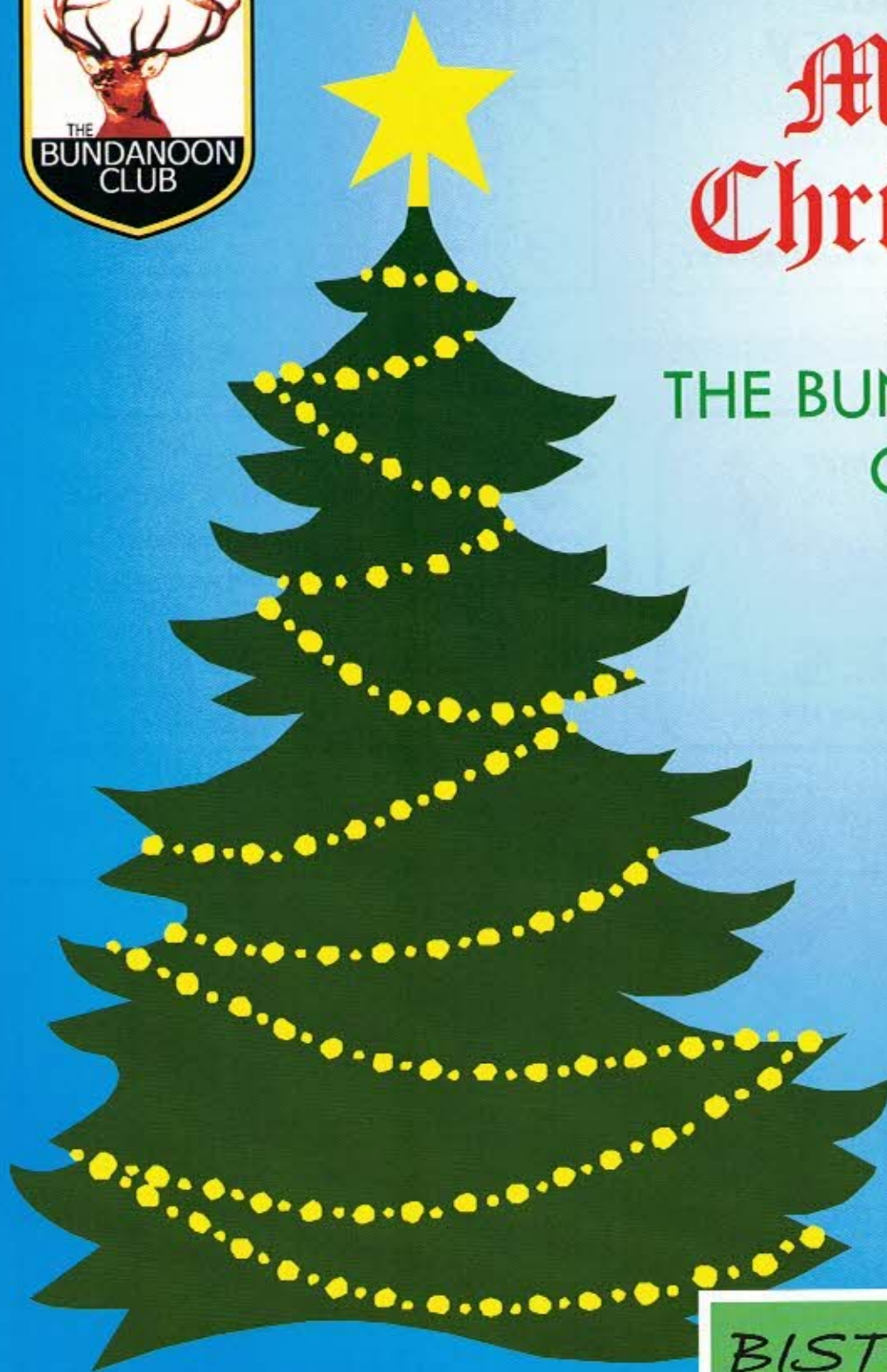
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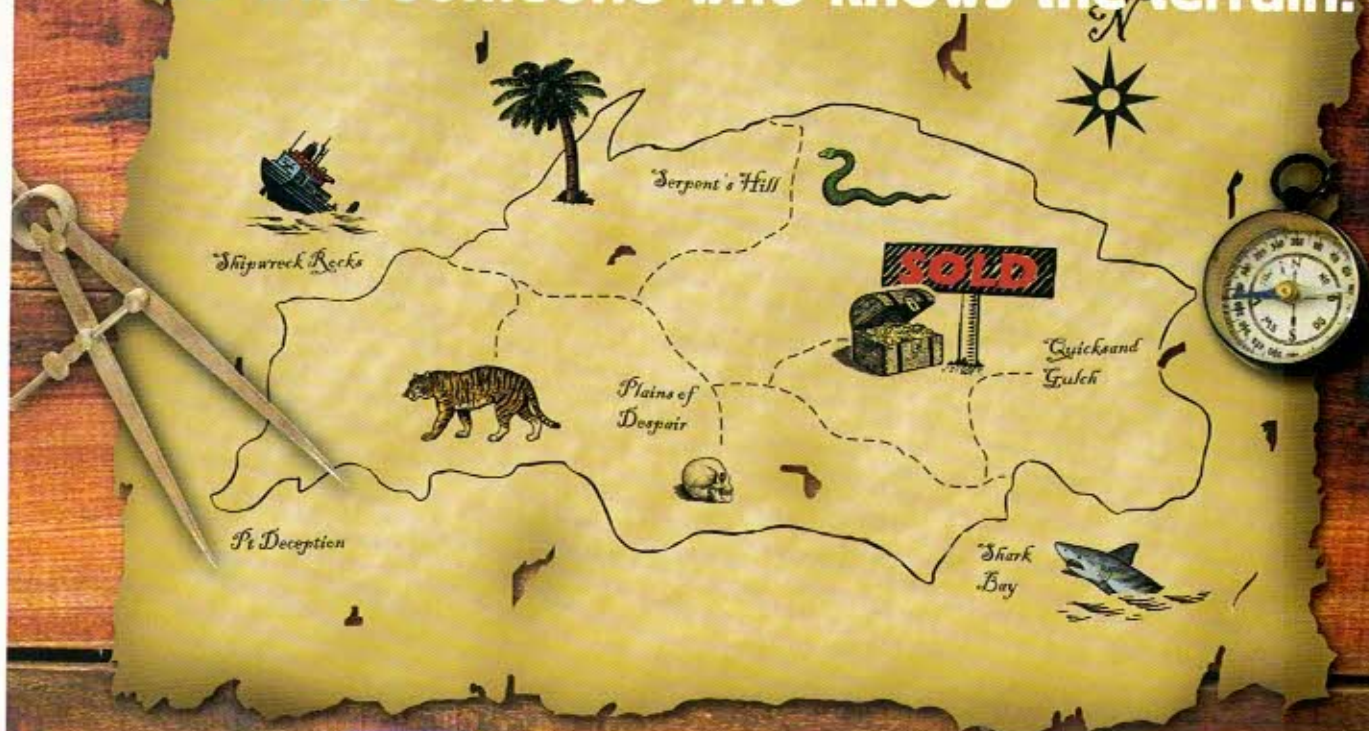
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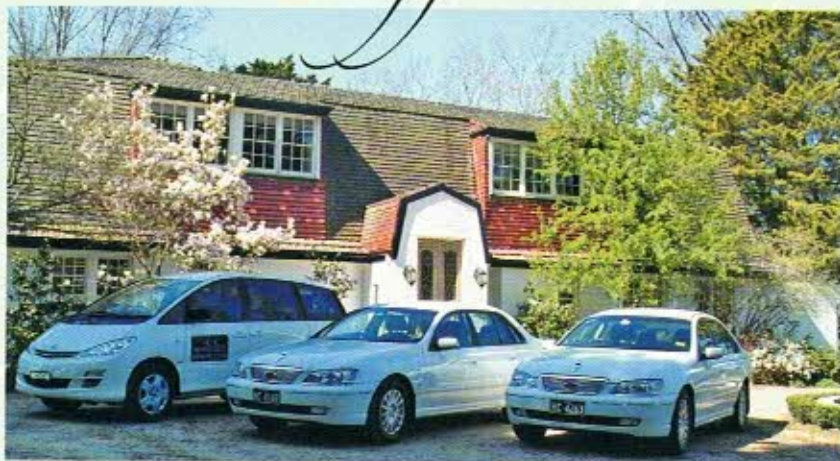
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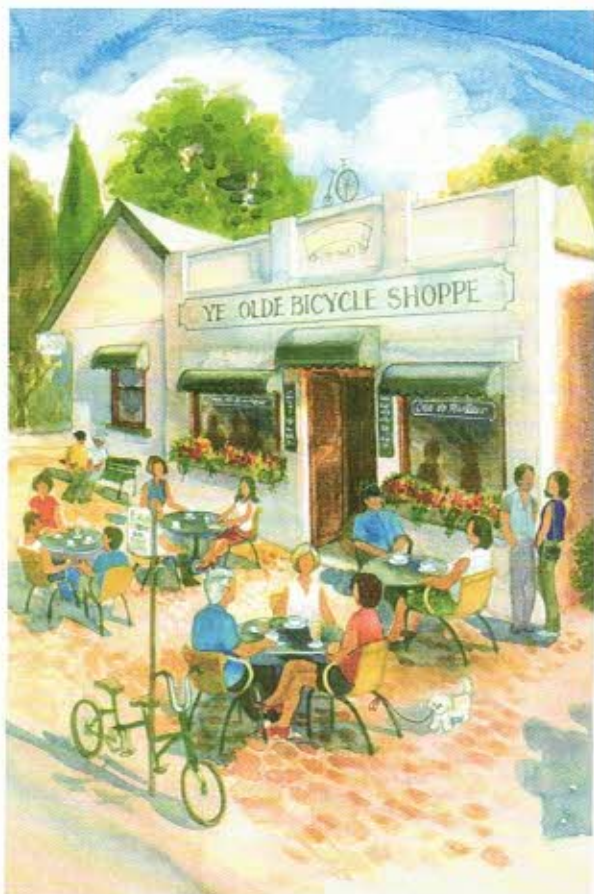


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