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Brigadoon  
stories & photos

the two of us  
David & Judith Fairall

the shared table  
David & Gerda Foster

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## editor's notes



This issue we are introducing a new format: a new look front cover and page headings. We hope that some of the new articles will be popular and become regular features of future editions. It may take us a few issues to fully implement our ideas so please bear with us.

The JCG welcomes contributions of local interest; articles, letters, cartoons, photos etc. As a rough guide around 400 words make a half page and we recommend that articles should be no longer than 800 words. Typed or legible handwritten copy is acceptable but MS Word documents on disc are ideal.

Remember, copy for the September issue should be left with Bundanoon Real Estate before Thursday, 1 August.

We are bringing back a "Letters to the Editor" page in this issue. Just two letters this time but we expect to publish many more in future magazines.

Apart from JCG committee members there are many in our community who help make this publication possible. I would like to make special mention of the much-valued assistance of Langdon Emery from the Bundanoon Newsagency and those at Bundanoon Real Estate who act as an agent for contributions to the magazine.

David Morgan

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## quest for life centre

Dear Sir,

The Quest for Life Centre was established in Bundanoon to provide a venue to present residential programs for people living with life-threatening illness, loss or grief issues. It is therefore with some sadness that I write to tell you that the Centre will no longer be offering programs after April 2002. As a consequence the Centre will close in May 2002.

The programs that we have developed are in great demand and it is time to take them to people rather than have the people come to us. We have decided to focus on programs and services that can be more easily accessed by people in need, since we have found that many people are unable to travel to Bundanoon, or unable to afford the time and cost involved in attending a five-day program.

We want to sincerely thank the community for its support of our work in the past; it has been greatly appreciated by all of us at the Centre and by those who have sought our services.

The Quest for Life Foundation, which owns and operates the Centre, will continue supporting and educating people living with life-threatening illness, loss and grief issues. I too will continue my work with these people, both within the local community and further afield, from my base in Bundanoon.

Yours sincerely,

Petrea King

Founder and Program Director

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As the organiser of the Polaris Mountain Bike Challenge held in the area on 9 and 10 March, I'd like to say a big thank you to all those local people and organisations who helped to make the event a real success. The Polaris Challenge moves to a different location in Australia each year: this year we brought it 'home' to the Highlands, where we attracted a record number of 560 competitors.

Thanks to many land owners who allowed us access to tracks across their properties, to Manor Park for allowing us to hold the 'secret' Saturday night camp there, to all of you driving with 'cyclist awareness' over the weekend, to Kirrikee Outdoor Centre for opening their superb facilities as our Event Centre and to Penrose School P&C and Penrose Bushfire Brigade for an excellent job of catering on Friday night. Thanks to Bundanoon Hotel, Bundanoon YHA, The Old Post Office Café and A Little Piece of Scotland for providing prizes for the event prize pool.

The Southern Highlands is a great mountain bike destination, and I know many riders are already planning their next Highlands mountain biking weekend.

Huw Kingston

Polaris, Bundanoon

## POLICE NOTICE

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Megan Bailie-Mace

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The BCDA held its Annual General Meeting recently and a new executive has been elected:

President:	Danien Beets
Vice Presidents:	Ray Wheatley & Mark Corbett
Secretary:	David Morgan
Treasurer:	Dale Chalmers

Mark Corbett has stood aside after four years as president and the Association would like to thank him for his commitment, drive, and direction he has applied to the position. He is still actively involved filling the role of co-vice president and also heading up the Hall Maintenance Committee.

While on the subject of Hall Maintenance, we have commenced work on the Kitchen Upgrade. It is a project that has been in the pipeline for quite some time. The design has been approved by council, the Federation Grants Committee has deposited monies into our account and we have finalized our interest free loan from Wingecarribee Shire Council.

The catalyst for this work has been the approval of a \$20,000 grant from the Federation Community Grants Scheme, a Federal Government initiative which has greatly increased our awareness of grants that are available from all three tiers of government. We will be striving in the future to secure some of these grants to aid in our association's endeavours across the community.

As all residents and visitors to our village would be aware, the pavement, kerbing and guttering adjacent to our shops is in dire need of repair and replacement. The 'Wingecarribee Shire Council Bundanoon Masterplan Committee' - on which a number of BCDA members sit - has recently come up with a proposal to fix the drainage, re-kerb the road, provide a pavement at car parking level, new retaining walls, increased width pavement at shop level and new stairs between the two (draft cross section). Council has an allocation from last year's budget of \$62k for these works, and the council budget that was approved on 24th April allocates a portion of a further \$500,000 toward this project. Council anticipates that works will commence before Christmas, which is good news after waiting for so long.

BCDA is, as always, involved in many areas, and our sub committees continue to progress the cause of the Association. While I would like to list here all our endeavours and achievements, in an effort to encourage more residents to attend our monthly meetings, I invite you all along to hear at first hand the progress of our many initiatives and maybe become involved.

Our next general meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday, 20 June.

Danien Beets  
President



## Design Competition - Town Signs

Wingecarribee Shire Council has notified the Bundanoon Community Development Association that funds are available for the erection of town signs on the northern and southern approaches to our town. The BCDA wants to give the Bundanoon community the opportunity to design these signs.

To this end the BCDA decided at its May meeting to have a **Town Sign Design Competition**, the prize being dinner for two at our Annual Dinner to be held on Saturday 9 November 2002.

Submissions must:

- Reflect the feel and character of our town
- Consider the construction and materials as much as the text or graphics
- Be complementary to the environment and surroundings
- Take into account viewing both day and night
- Be primarily designed for viewing from a vehicle
- Be in the form of a sketch or model portraying the design and include a written explanation of the concepts behind the proposal.

Designs need not be constrained by the precedents set by other towns in the shire.

However, designs do need to be able to fit on the shoulder of the road near the start of the 60km zones at the northern and southern approaches to our town.

The closing date for receipt of designs will be 5.00pm Monday 2nd September 2002

All submissions should be marked "Design Competition - Town Signs" and addressed to BCDA PO box 12 Bundanoon NSW 2578

Designs will be displayed for community perusal and comment at the Memorial Hall from 6.30 - 7.30pm on Thursday 19th September.

A Review Panel will assess the merits of the designs submitted and select a winning entry. It will consist of the following people from Council and the community:-

- Councillor David Fairall, WSC
- Mr Jeff Lawrence, Strategic Planning Manager, WSC
- Mr Danien Beets, President, BCDA
- Other selected members of our community.

The winning submission will be forwarded to a working committee for advancement into a working solution that fits budget, statutory, and construction constraints. This working solution will then be returned to the Design Review Panel for acceptance as meeting the intent of the original winning design.

## SEVENTH ANNUAL BCDA DINNER PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Saturday, 9 November 2002 at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall 7.00 pm**

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## a 'Royal' tribute

A special tribute to John & Elizabeth Royal who are leaving Bundanoon to live in Mittagong.

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- The Information Bay Arboretum
- The Railway Embankment
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- Railway Station Garden Improvements

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## work in progress



Have you seen the mural being painted on the southern wall of 'Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe'? By the time you receive this issue of Jordan's Crossing Gazette it will probably be completed.

The project is a collaborative idea of proprietor Chris Cole and pictorial artwork artist Don Talintyre.

We thought you would be interested to know about the artist.

Don came to Bundanoon five years ago where his brother Bob and wife Marion had already become residents.

A brief interview revealed that he had been an apprentice signwriter at fifteen years of age and, while employed, also learnt the art of mural painting. He worked with Rolf Harris's uncle, Olaf, who established O'Harris Advertising Agency. We are all familiar with the work of his sister, Pixie O'Harris, who

was not only a well known illustrator but will be remembered for murals which she painted at the former Children's Hospital at Camperdown.

Don went on to own a business in Sydney. Since coming to Bundanoon, he has painted a mural at the gym in Moss Vale. He is now semi-retired and has time to pursue his interest in oil painting.

Congratulations Chris and Don - you have captured the essence of Bundanoon with an image which will be enjoyed by both residents and visitors.

Chris said the "Bundanoon Mural" was her way of saying thankyou to the town for the support she had received in the last eight years. Ed.

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# peggy kernaghan 12.9.1919-29.1.02

Peggy Kernaghan, 'The Daffodil Lady', was well known in Bundanoon for her generosity of spirit, her love of life, her potpourri and her daffodil patch. She was born Margaret Lillian Francis Blades in Bournemouth in the south of England, where she spent her early years. She has a sister, Joan, still living in England, a brother, Peter in New Zealand and two brothers, David and Fred (deceased) who migrated to Canada. Peggy's sisters in law, Edith, Kathleen and Anne maintain close links from abroad.

After training as a nurse, Peggy took up her first job as a children's nanny, before joining the ATS during the war. She still remains close to one of the many friends she made while serving in the British Army. It was during this time that Peggy and Sid met and married. Their shared love of music took them on several visits to Wales, where Sid competed successfully in many Eisteddfods.

They lived in various parts of England including Shropshire, Herefordshire (where their children Jacky and Peter were born) and Buckinghamshire. Peggy and Sid's three other baby girls died shortly after they were born.

In the early 1950's Peggy and Sid lived in Sri Lanka where Sid worked as a marine engineer and Peggy enjoyed travelling and meeting new friends.

After migrating to Australia in 1959, Peggy worked as a diversional therapist at Concord Repatriation Hospital and for the Royal Blind Society. She continued this work at William Lyne Hospital in Newcastle before moving to Canberra to run a holiday activity program for children of staff members at the Australian National University. Peggy maintained close friendships with many of the staff she worked with in both Newcastle and Canberra.

Peggy and Sid retired to Bundanoon in 1977 where they became involved with music (Sid had a wonderful, rich bass voice and sang at many concerts) and craft, as well as other community activities. As well as running craft workshops, they ran a stall together at Brigadoon for many years prior to Sid's death in 1984. When the monthly Bundanoon markets commenced Peggy continued to sell her potpourri and craft with her friends Elizabeth, Heath and Isabel Bieler. Peggy loved socialising with other stall holders and customers alike and was able to attend two markets last December.



From the mid 1980's Peggy worked for several years as a volunteer diversional therapist at Bowral Hospital in the Watson Rehabilitation Centre, where she made many friends among patients and staff. Her Melbourne Cup lunches and crazy hat competitions will be long remembered!

Another important part of Peggy's life in later years was her Spinner's Group. Each month this group of friends would meet, taking it in turns to host the group. Peggy liked to open her home and garden at daffodil time so these friends could go home laden with flowers.

She partied to welcome in the new millenium and continued to celebrate by attending a champagne breakfast when the Olympic Torch passed through Bundanoon, and by twice visiting the Paralympics. Peggy also devised a Friendship Quilt to commemorate the Year 2000, sending fabric patches to her friends and family around the world for them to decorate.

Peggy always 'went the extra mile' for everybody else. Her home was always open to friends and extended family. She was delighted to recently become a great-great aunt for the third time. Her garden was a playground for children and an assortment of dogs, and Honey, her golden Labrador, was always by her side.

Peggy continued to lead a full, interesting and happy life, enjoying new friendships and the company of many good neighbours despite recent health problems. She was planning to write a book on her life and her craft. Thanks to the love and support of family, friends and neighbours and the professional assistance of her 'medical team' and staff of the Wingecarribee Health Service, Peggy remained living independently in the home she loved until her death in Bowral Hospital on 29th January.

Peggy will be remembered as one of 'the' characters of Bundanoon.

Jacky Siren

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When I was seven years old I knew I wanted to be a nurse. I had no idea I would marry an Australian and come to live on the other side of the world. We used to make jokes as children about digging a hole in the garden to Australia!

My Father was a captain in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Montgomery's old regiment, and served in Korea and Japan with the Australians as part of the 1st Commonwealth Division. He was in charge of the machine-gun wing of the training school. He got on pretty well with the Australians and said they were first class soldiers. Happily they liked him too as they presented him with an Australian Digger's hat which I remember well in our home in England; little did I know the significance that hat would have in years to come.

I left school with sufficient qualifications to train at Guy's Hospital in London and three years later qualified as a Registered Nurse. I met my husband, Geoff, whilst working part-time in a pub in London and came out to Australia with him. We got married and two lovely girls later came to live in Bundanoon. We will always be able to remember how long we have lived here as our youngest daughter, Jessica was born the night we moved into Bundanoon!



Nursing went onto the back burner as I brought up the girls. Other work in that time included being a receptionist/waitress at Links House Hotel in Bowral and assistant cook and Bottle-washer with Pam Davies at Mildenhall in Bundanoon. During that time I also did sculpting with Ken Raffe, acted with The Moss Vale Players and did a stint as a DJ with the local FM radio station!

Eventually I was drawn inexorably back to the nursing, this time with The South West Area Nursing Service or SWANS. This is a service that cares for war veterans in an area covering



Bankstown in the north, to Penrith in the west down to Goulburn in the south, with over 200 veterans on its books at any one time. It's like three nursing homes put together but with longer corridors!

Care of the patients can be on a daily basis or two or three visits a week. Sometimes only one visit a week is necessary, depending on what their needs as a patient are. Their care may involve assisting them with daily living tasks such as having a shower and getting dressed or having a shave. They may need dressings to wounds or we may need to monitor their blood pressure, pulse or blood sugar if they are a diabetic. We are able to liaise with other health professionals for them, or organise the provision of safety aids or equipment that will enable them to remain independent at home in their own environment. This is our main objective.

I have elected to work for three days a week and do occasional weekends. My day starts with a quick cup of tea, bowl of cereal and out the door with a bottle of water and a banana in my bag! (essential to stave off thirst and hunger pangs as I travel around the district!). I work in the Bowral or Goulburn areas and will visit between five and eight patients in a morning, finishing around lunch-time.

Needless to say most of our patients are elderly (we have a WWI widow on our books!) and most are from the Second World War and Korea, but we now attend the much-neglected Vietnam veterans.

A great deal of sensitivity is necessary when nursing someone in their own home. It is a very intimate, personal situation and demands an attitude of respect for the individual and the way in which they live.

The Veterans are very special people; they are a part of our Australian Heritage and once they have gone, a great deal of our history will be lost with them. Some of the stories they tell paint a picture of what life was like then, and of how the war affected the community as a whole; stories of women who got married and then had to say 'good-bye' the very next day for goodness knows how long. Boys lied about their age in order to sign up and then left their families to travel by ship and cope with seasickness, bad food and other hardships.

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My patients often tell me anecdotes and stories from their past experiences.

I have included a recipe for 'Army Toad in the Hole' here, from one of my patients:

- 1 tin army sausages
- ½ cup egg powder
- 3 cups plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- pinch salt

Mix dry ingredients into a slurry. Pour half into a baking dish. Add sausages and remaining slurry. Bake until cooked.

Try on prisoners first - if they are not dead in five minutes, give it to the sergeant. If he lives, it's safe for the troops.

Some of the stories are funny and some are sad. Some leave us wondering how the person survived intact, and with their sense of humour still with them at the end of the day. Stories of growing up in Goulburn in the depression when the butcher would go around in a horse and cart selling his wares. Of travelling to school in a horse and sulky with an umbrella to keep off the rain. Of everybody in the street knowing one another and 'looking out' for each other. Going to the local dances with girlfriends and coming home late at night over someone's paddocks and nearly stepping on a sleeping bull!

One of the lovely things is how we, as their nurse, become like a member of their family; I find this both humbling and heartwarming.

Sometimes I have bad days; days when nothing seems to go right. I go to the wrong patient, I go at the wrong time or I get a flat tyre on the way. One memorable day I got stranded for three hours as the creek rose after a particularly heavy night of rainfall. Whilst I was with the patient, the roadway which I had crossed only minutes before quite safely became a raging torrent reaching well above the wheels of my car! Eventually after several rather distressed phone calls I was rescued by my wonderful husband who, as luck had it was working some distance away and helped me as I hoisted my skirts and waded over the creek, abandoning my car to be collected the next day when the waters had gone down.

Fortunately, bad days are few and far between, thanks to good communication between staff and patients, and everything runs smoothly.



I feel privileged to have the job of caring for these war veterans and am glad I chose nursing as a profession all those years ago. It gives me enormous satisfaction to know I have made someone feel more comfortable or refreshed, more able to face their day, have encouraged them, made them laugh and made them feel they are special and important members of our community.

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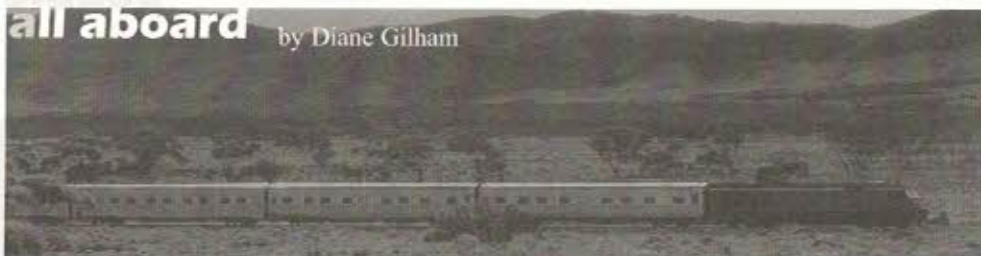


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## all aboard

by Diane Gilham



"All aboard, All aboard!" The Indian Pacific for one of the great train journeys of the world. From Sydney Central to the East Perth railway terminal, a journey of 4,352 kilometres. For 65 hours the Gold Kangaroo carriage would be a mobile home for my husband and me as we travelled coast to coast, ocean to ocean across the massive Australian continent.

We checked out the tiny shower room in the cabin with pull down washbasin and toilet before being greeted by Scarlett, our pleasant train attendant who enquired whether we would like tea or coffee the next morning, and told us that dinner that night was at 6 o'clock.

Our long train comprising 27 carriages, pulled by two diesel locomotives moved quickly through Strathfield, St. Mary's, Penrith and the Blue Mountains with views of thick bush and blueness and cliffs. Katoomba came and went, and we were called to the Manager's Party.

Sitting in the lounge with its red plush seats and large viewing windows, drinking champagne and chatting to fellow travellers, the pastures and hills outside seemed to melt away as darkness fell upon the land. The stations of Bathurst and Orange disappeared and the train moved and rolled to the music of the turning wheels.

A scrumptious dinner followed. It is just amazing that the restaurant car staff can prepare and serve such beautiful meals. We were in awe of the waiter who somehow managed to carry and deliver eight full cups (and saucers) of coffee at the one time while the train hurtled along at 100 kph.

Back in our cabin, I climbed the ladder and fell asleep under the cool, fresh sheets, only to be awoken in the early hours of the morning with the train stopping and starting, pitching and shunting. Couldn't work out what had happened! Learned later that we had hit a mob of kangaroos that often prove a bit of a hazard, poor things.

At daybreak a beautiful sunrise stretched out across the sky, and soon we saw among the saltbush and mulga, and



casuarinas, lots of kangaroos. Lake Menindee was a lovely surprise - the sky was filled with broken cloud and the huge expanse of water glistened in the sunlight, large dead trees jutting up in the air like

sentinels. This lake on the Darling River supplies water to Broken Hill.

We were in Broken Hill by 9am and had time to walk down to the main street while the train took on an extra 66 passengers and water. We looked at the shops displaying Christmas decorations, the historical buildings and the pubs, before returning to the train, past an interesting memorial to the women of Broken Hill who have stood by their men during troubled industrial times. Then up on the wall of a club we noticed a sign - Broken Hill Two-Up "Get into the Spin" but there was no time to go inside for the train was leaving. Alongside the station I couldn't help noticing the huge heap of mining ore, with ore cars waiting below, a reminder of where we were and what has made Broken Hill.

Rolling along again through saltbush country with groups of emus to be seen in dry watercourses. Past the Olary Pub and Yunta and then Peterborough which used to have three different train gauges in the 1960s. There was farming country and hay bales and then time for lunch. I fancied an Asian Style

Chicken Salad. Then it was Jamestown with its huge silos and wheat fields and Snowtown where piles of wheat were under cover. It had been a good year! Soon we were approaching Adelaide with lots to see - glasshouses, vineyards, fruit trees and an airport. Then on to Keswick station where the Indian Pacific has its own terminal. Did you know the train is almost a kilometre in length?

We had been to Adelaide before but this time I really appreciated what a beautifully laid out city it is. The parks, the Torrens, the wide streets, the splendid buildings looked wonderful. Up at a lookout was a statue of Colonel William Light looking very proud of the city he designed.

Another delicious dinner before an evening stop at Port Augusta. Here we walked to the front of the platform to view the huge painted murals in the station building, one depicting aboriginal designs and another, The Ghan being constructed using versatile camels to carry materials and equipment on their backs.

Moving on again past Tarcoola named after the winner of the 1893 Melbourne Cup. It was here large deposits of gold were found in the 1890s. From here The Ghan heads north to Alice Springs and the Indian Pacific continues on the Trans Australian Line.

We awoke on the second morning to another beautiful sky with white blotchy and grey clouds. On to Barton, named after our first prime minister; it was here also that Daisy Bates devoted her life to the welfare of the aborigines.

Surprisingly, the scenery of eucalyptus and hillocks showed up a green blush among the saltbush and limestone because of

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recent rain. Then, Ooldea (aboriginal for 'meeting place where water is available') where there is the only natural water flow on the Nullarbor Plain.

And so we continued across the Nullarbor on the longest stretch of straight track in the world - 478 kilometres. It is one of the driest places on earth with an annual rainfall of just 250mm. Its name is derived from the Latin, meaning 'no trees'. In the distance, beyond a place called Watson, is Maralinga where the British tested nuclear devices and created an environmental problem.

We came to a halt at Cook, named after another former prime minister, Sir Joseph Cook. It was once a thriving railway town with a population of around 300, a two-storey school, swimming pool, general store, hospital, post office, locomotive workshop, airstrip, cemetery and a golf course completely devoid of grass. At its peak Cook even boasted a brass band but its importance diminished with privatisation of the Commonwealth Government railway. It is still a critical refuelling stop for the Indian Pacific, although a ghost town with just four permanent residents. Because of the oppressive heat here it is hard to imagine how the children coped in their schoolhouse and how the people played golf on the bare earth! Near the track stand two galvanised iron jails that would have been a bit of a deterrent to crime, I imagine! It was a fascinating look at a place where the clock has stopped and the players have left the stage.

We were able to get off the train at Kalgoorlie with its beautiful limestone railway station and took a tour of Kalgoorlie by night with its pubs, shops, historical buildings and Hay Street's ladies-of-the-night. Standing on a lookout platform we witnessed the awesome sight of one of the largest holes dug in

the earth. The "Super Pit" is visible from the moon and operates 24 hours a day. Blasting occurs twice a day and every tonne of gold produced generates three million tonnes of waste rock and tailings, which is a real environmental worry. Only 2 1/2 grams of gold is produced per tonne. However the mine will only be viable for another 17 years. It was near here in Boulder that the Golden Eagle Nugget, was discovered weighing over 35kg.

And so to bed, feeling very tired after our late tour. Morning took us into the Western Australian wheat country, passing Meriden with its huge long wheat silos, Tammin, Northam, and Toodyan where we admired the wooded sloping landscape, the rivers, blackboys and the Western Australian Christmas bush set among the rocks and steep slopes. Through Brigadoon, past vineyards, farmhouses with bullnosed verandahs to Midland, arriving at the East Perth terminal at 9.30 am. Here we were welcomed by members of our family.

Looking back, the whole journey certainly makes one appreciate what it must have been like for those early explorers who went without water for days and endured extreme heat and hardship to discover what lay ahead, always hoping for a river or fertile country. We travelled in comfort and 21st century style, they went on camels and horses, many dying of thirst and hunger. A lot has certainly happened in the last 200 years! Some things for the better, others not.

A great trip, happy memories, a reminder of the vastness of this country of ours, and an interesting way to meet travellers from different countries as well as people from all States of Australia. A friendly crew delivering excellent service and good meals. Yes, I'd do it all over again.

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## bundanoon history group

President's report for the year ending 31 Jan. 02

The Group had a satisfactory to very successful year. Satisfactory, in that the run down of cash resources was halted (now standing at \$5160) and successful, in the growth of our membership, improved meeting arrangements (Old Goods Shed from 6 August) and an overhaul of our constitution. The only serious downside was our inability to reduce the cost of running the Old Goods Shed, especially in the area of insurance. We have now a heightened appreciation of the group public liability insurance organised by the Royal Australian Historical Society.

The influx of new members was an injection of good new blood needed to sustain and grow our Group. Andrew Pardoe, a recruit of recent years has already made a significant contribution with his written work on Erith Coal Mine. Lucy Rocca received well-deserved recognition with her award from the Commonwealth for her widespread and enduring work in volunteer organisations. Alec Cameron has continued the good work inherited from Lucy as our Archivist, and has added some initiatives. These latter include increased emphasis on the location, display and sale of images. The 'Plinth Project' which he leads will result in the strategic placement of sun resistant historic photographs in selected locations around Bundanoon.

The Group enjoyed historical presentations by Ross Counsell and Lucy Rocca on early Bundanoon, and by Linda Emery on street names of Moss Vale and Bowral. We congratulate Linda on her writing and publication of 'A Window to the Southern Highlands', a copy of which is in our library. Of our publications, the Guest Houses sold steadily if slowly, while Jordans Crossing is running out. Ken Phillips, Lucy Rocca and Alec Cameron are working on the editing and cost of a possible re-print. An 'in principle' decision to re-print Beautiful Bundanoon is awaiting approval from author Dulcie Shannon's son.

Our financial improvement was due in large part to Cora Frost's work, assisted by some members, in running a raffle for a hamper, together with one of her highly coveted quilts.

Regular items in the Highlands News and Highlands Post and on radio 2WKT have boosted publicity.



Office Bearers remained unchanged: Neville Sully, Secretary; Don McGill, Treasurer; Cora Frost, Vice President; and Alec Cameron, Archivist and for their willingness to serve, the members and I are grateful. We are grateful to Enid O'Hara for her services as Honorary Auditor, this year more than ever because of GST and the assistance she gave in the balancing and presentation of the accounts. Once again a general thanks to all our faithful members and a hearty welcome to the new members for their 'relief of Mafeking'.

Finally, thank you all for your support and friendship during my term.

Bruce Marsh  
President

Membership of the Bundanoon History Group costs just **\$5.50** per year.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month (except January) in the Old Goods Shed at 10.30am.

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## bundanoon village shops

**B**undanoon Hotel is the last of three buildings on this site. They'd previously been the Commercial, the Tourist Hotel, then The Royal Hotel for many years, and now the Bundanoon Hotel.

W.A. Nicholas obtained the first liquor licence in 1884, against some very stiff opposition as there was a very strong Temperance Society in the village. The first building was erected in 1869, and the second one about thirty years later. This was slap bang in the middle of what is now Erith Street. The present hotel was built in 1922, with the old one being recycled as cottages in Birriga and Hill Streets, I think. The first hotel had also been recycled as a Village Hall in the hotel grounds, and was the main hall for the village until the Memorial Hall was built.

The old hotels were venues for meetings, parties and balls, and for testimonial evenings for worthy people leaving the town. With the railway station so close, the late train was often held until hotel guests could walk across and catch it.

The Tylers, relatives of the founding Nicholas family, ran the hotel for many years. In 1904 Mr Tyler was in poor health, but got out of bed to see the bushfires raging through the town and, as the local paper then reported "in his precarious state of health, he collapsed and died".

The shop on the corner of Erith Street and Ellsmore Road was the first home of the Post Office in 1872, and was run by Mr Slater, then by George Osborne. Other well-remembered names include Posker, Buchanan, Carlisle, Peacock, Taylor and Wells.

The railway arrived in 1868 at Jordan's Crossing station, which became Jordan's Siding and then, in 1881, Bundanoon. It was a single line at first, but was duplicated in 1915. The Goods Shed had a platform towards the station, and became a great place for locals and visitors, after the New Year had been seen in at the many guest houses.

The Memorial Hall is on the site of the original Primitive Methodist Church, built in the early 1870s. The first school was held in this building until the present school was built.

When the present Uniting Church (formerly Methodist church) was built in 1885, the previous site was leased to Sam Tooth who built a store, and to the Bearmans who built the Mountain Home Guest house, the first two-storey building in the village.

When the Church decided to sell the site, some of it was sold to the RSA. The foundation stone for the Memorial Hall was laid in 1934, but, as the RSL had some difficulties in finishing the building, the Shire Council took over.

Over the years, the Memorial Hall has been the setting for many balls and community gatherings, and was the local cinema until TV sounded the death knell of so many village cinemas. During World War II, aircraft spotters operated from the roof. Movies are now shown again on an occasional basis using the original projection equipment, now restored.

The Good Yarn shop is part of the Hall building and has been leased to a group of ladies since 1974. They sell a range of home made craft, bric-a-brac, flowers, vegetables, jams and pickles, with all profit given to various charities. Before 1974, the shop had been the Bon Ton café, run by Eva and Rose Fahey.



The Deli and Newsagency shops were retained by the Methodist church until recently. The Deli had been the original Primula Café, run by the Badgery girls. It was an institution for many years, and visitors still

remember it fondly. The newsagency was originally a grocery store, then a drapers run by the well-known Bess Counsell. The chemist shop was built by James Hicks around 1930.

The Bundanoon Real Estate shop is one of the earliest in the street. It was run as a barber shop and gift shop by Mr and Mrs Prowse in the 1920s, and was then a gift shop for many years: Dr Lucas and Dr McKenzie had rooms there for a time. In the early 70s, it became a real estate office, run first by George Gosbell, then Lucy Rocca, then others until the present owner.

The Bottle Shop was the former newsagency, built by Jack and Audrey Carlisle after Jack had returned from World War II. Later owners were the Dicksons and Braithwaites, then Linda and Langdon Emery, who moved to their present premises.

The Primula Café was one of the earliest shops built by a Mr Slatter, and taken over by James Calverley in about 1900, as a general store and draper until he retired in about 1930. It remained a draper until about 1970, then became a supermarket until the late 1980s, when it was renovated and became the Primula Café.

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first an electrical shop, then a branch of the Shire library. The real estate section was originally a general store and greengrocer. The Bundanoon Butcher was built by a Bowral butcher. It was later taken over by the Greasons who also operated the Erith Street shop, but closed it later.

The Chinese restaurant was originally the Paragon Café run by Greg Koutchavlis for many years through the 1930s and 1940s. It was then briefly the Anglican Op-Shop, then a small supermarket, then Ducky's Diner and later a Pizza & Pasta café.

The present Youth Centre was built around 1930, and was previously a bakery with a residence at the rear.

The Old Post Office Café was the third local Post Office home. It also included a manual exchange until 1979, when it became automatic. At the time, there was great sense of loss of the personal service given by the 'hello girls'. It remained the home of the postmaster until the office moved to Church Street. The private residence was built by James Calverley in 1905 for the Police Department until 1930, when he required it himself after retiring from his store. His previous home had been 'Altona' in Osborne Avenue, no longer standing. Members of the family lived there until the death of Miss Lil Calverley in 1988.

We think 'Open House' was a branch of the Bank of NSW, but Peter McNally then operated it as a Billiard Saloon and men's hairdresser, together with a bike shop through the 20s, 30s and 40s with Mrs McNally using the left hand section as a ladies' hairdresser. The bike shop operated there until moving to the present site.

The Bundanoon Bakehouse is a recent addition to local businesses, and was built by the Tooth family. It was the original Bon Ton Café before their move to the hall site. During WWII it was a steam laundry, and various other businesses.

The real estate office next door is part of the bakery building, and was recently a Westpac Agency.

The pottery was originally 'Strathmerton' guest house, then 'Willamurre'. It was built by Joe Tooth, and operated by the Fahey family, then the Schell family. In the 1950s it became a night club and restaurant known as 'The French Inn' then as 'The Green Door', and was a popular place for supper after the pictures.

Osborne Avenue came into being when the church moved, as the Council required access to the back of the shops on Railway Avenue. The land was given by the church and other landholders.

The Old Bicycle Shop was the second home of the Post Office from the early 1900s. Later it was a small corner store run by the Tooth family, popular as a tuck shop for the local school. Their home-made ice-blocks, with pieces of fruit in them, were popular with at least two generations of school children. The bike shop moved there in the 1970s.

The Post Office was built in 1958 and also housed the manual telephone exchange until automation took over in 1979.

The Bundanoon Community Centre was originally the Station Master's residence until 1930, when he built his own home next to the CWA rooms. It then became the home of the Misses Fahey of Bon Ton fame, then the Hoye family when Mr Hoye was the local barber. Of the three shops in the Railway Terrace, the left-hand one was the barber's shop, the middle one an agency of the ES&A Bank, then a branch of the ANZ, with the right-hand one being Mrs Sanders Estate Agency and Gift Shop.

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## the shared table



For this issue we asked David & Gerda Foster for a contribution to our regular feature on cooking. Their recently published book "A Year of Slow Food" reflects their lifestyle which began when they came to live in Bundanoon more than twenty years ago. They are largely self-sufficient, growing and making most of their food.

Here they describe a typical week in their garden and kitchen.

What was the Bundanoon season like this year? Extreme fire weather all January meant that the first crop of figs failed completely, but the second crop, after continual rain in February, was perhaps the best we've seen in twenty-five years. We pulled these small and mostly hard figs in late April, just as the fig leaves began falling. We have a weldmesh cage for our fig tree, as currawongs rip conventional netting to shreds. We cleaned them and mixed them in a boiler with the juice of about fourteen Eureka lemons (which crop all year round on our several lemon trees against the stone north wall of our house), plus a few kilograms of messmate stringybark honey from our hives in the last messmate flow in 1998.

A messmate eucalypt flow is a rarity here, but in 1998 we had a good flow, and we still have messmate honey. This is a dark honey, slow to crystallise unlike the usual Bundanoon honey bush garden honey, which is mainly clover and creams quickly. Both honeys have their uses, but we prefer messmate honey for preparing figs.

We couldn't rob the hives at all this year. The bees did no good. No nectar in January as the humidity was too low, and we couldn't get out to work during that wet February.

When the figs plus lemon and honey are brought to a boil on the stove, the figs will float to the surface. Make sure it's a rainy day or dark, so there are no bees about, as the smell of honey sends them berserk in autumn. Boil for about two hours, then bottle while still warm, to create a seal. We use big artichoke bottles, kindly donated by Moss Vale Tuckerbag deli. We kept an eye out for the bottles getting low, then buy the last portion, with the bottle thrown in. It was the bottles we wanted as they look good in the kitchen, filled with figs and dark syrup.

Now for breakfast: take a few of these syrupy figs (a great delicacy in Turkey, where they grow the best figs in the world) and add yoghurt. It's been a fine season for grass in the paddocks, so the dairy house cow is still giving plenty of creamy milk, and the temperature in our greenhouse (or behind

a north window, if you haven't a greenhouse) is about the right temperature for setting yoghurt, which takes the best part of a day. We use a good plain commercial yoghurt culture nowadays, though we used to inoculate our own. To pasteurise raw milk, take it to 85°C on the stove, then cool rapidly to 35°C.

For dinner, cabbages have held well and, thanks again to that hot January, peppers in the greenhouse are the best I've ever seen: no mould or whitefly, and they've all gone red. They'll kick on into late May.

So, take a sugarloaf cabbage from the garden, wash out slugs, chop it up and mix with some red peppers, bell capsicum, Thai chilli, maybe just a touch of red Jalapeno or orange Habanero. All these seedlings are available from Chris at Moss Vale Garden Centre - you will need a coldhouse in the average season here. We grew Calibans this year, as that was the seed supplied by Johnny Hines at Penrose Country Supplies when we sowed our spuds last October. Maybe we could add a few sausages from Martin Rocca.

Lunch? We prefer fresh green salads, as they're always at hand. In late April, we still have rocket, nasturtium, lettuce, mustard greens, dandelion, baby spinach and beetroot leaves. Add raw onion if you can deal with it. That hot January weather was great for the onion crop, but they're starting to sprout now and won't keep through winter.

Good crop of passionfruit just finished, Kiwi fruit looking good. Haven't had a frost for our Brussels sprouts, but the plants are tall and vigorous. Caulis heading up early. And there's cheese from our cow for the Welsh rarebit, which becomes our lunch of choice in cold weather.

All in all, not a bad place to grow your own tucker, with the basalt soil of Bundanoon. If you want to hear more about our efforts, we have coauthored a book *A Year of Slow Food* (Duffy and Snellgrove), which is available in Bowral bookshops, with photographs by Peter Solness.

Thankyou David & Gerda.

For future issues we would welcome contributions; cooking hints and your favourite recipes.

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Kirsty was brought up in Bundanoon where she attended the public school before going on to high school in Moss Vale. She is now in her third and final year at Charles Sturt

University studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Design for Theatre and Television.

Recently she spent her theatre internship building and painting sets, sourcing costumes and props for Neil Armfield's Company 'B' at Belvoir St in Surry Hills. (see programme and extract).

"The next play, 'The Dreamers', I drew up plans for and sourced set pieces through internet sites," she said "then drove around Sydney buying, dropping off and picking up set pieces before attending all the production meetings, dress and technical rehearsals. And of course, the opening night."

"It was an amazing experience and I made many contacts in the industry."

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"I have another internship in

television planned for the holidays. In the meantime the course requires me to work on two personal projects in television and theatre. For my television component I am taking a series of black and white photographs which I will develop myself and exhibit at the University's art gallery. Also, a group of final year students are collaborating on a children's play, called "The Story Tree", at the Playhouse. I am the lighting and sound designer for this production which will enable me to complete my theatre component. It has all the nursery rhyme characters, lots of puppets and lots of fun and adventure. Our course coordinator, Kevin Poynter, wrote the script."

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'Braveheart' with 'brave son'!

Brigadoon was blessed once again with a beautiful highlands autumn day after some pretty indifferent weather leading up to the festival..... "God must indeed be a Scotsman" some kilted wag was heard to quip.



They came in all modes of transport



Piping in the haggis at the Ceilidh.



Plenty to say



Parade of pipe bands

Who said romance was dead...?!

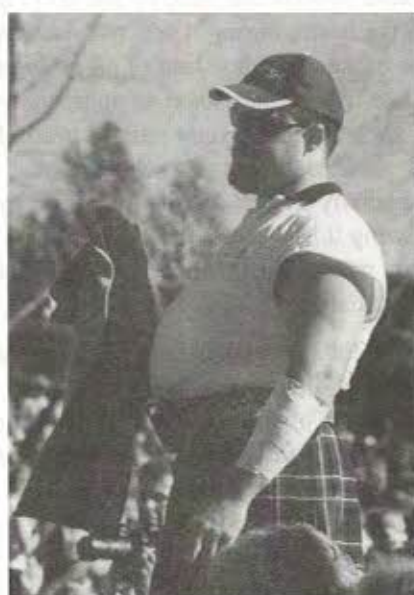
It may be this very young pair in a few years time... but on the day... Colin Barney (piper) gave his pipes to a mate, went to the rear of the band to Michelle Fray (drummer), removed her drum, went down on one knee and asked her to marry him. The answer was of course... YES....(Aaaaah)

Colin and Michelle are from the Ingleburn RSL & Campbelltown Community Pipes & Drums. (sorry, no photo of the happy couple)





Wishful thinking



The ol' 'stone up the jumper' trick?



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'...the massive organisational effort which culminates in that 'one special day in April' is a credit to you all and is much appreciated by many thousands of Brigadoon regulars.'

'Congratulations for a magnificent day.'

Greg MacLennan, Hereditary Chieftain in Clan MacLennan



Plenty to see



The committee hard at work



A most enjoyable concert was held by the BVG and the BHP Youth Orchestra during April, to raise funds for both groups. The orchestra, consisting of 46 children from aged 8 years to late teens, entertained an appreciative audience with a wide ranging programme of music from jazz and popular music numbers to a selection of arrangements especially written for the orchestra, by their conductor. Following this success, the orchestra has indicated that they would like a concert to become an annual event in Bundanoon.

On Tuesday, 9 July 2002, the BVG is holding another of its popular fundraising dinners at Camp Orana. The theme this time is a Gourmet Christmas Dinner. Why not get a table of friends together and join us for a night of fun, fine food and good company? All proceeds will be used for the reproduction of our Bundanoon town brochure.

Tickets are \$35 per person. BYO beverages. Dinner is 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. Tickets are limited and must be pre-purchased from either Bundanoon Country Bakehouse or by contacting Karen Henry on 4883 6643.

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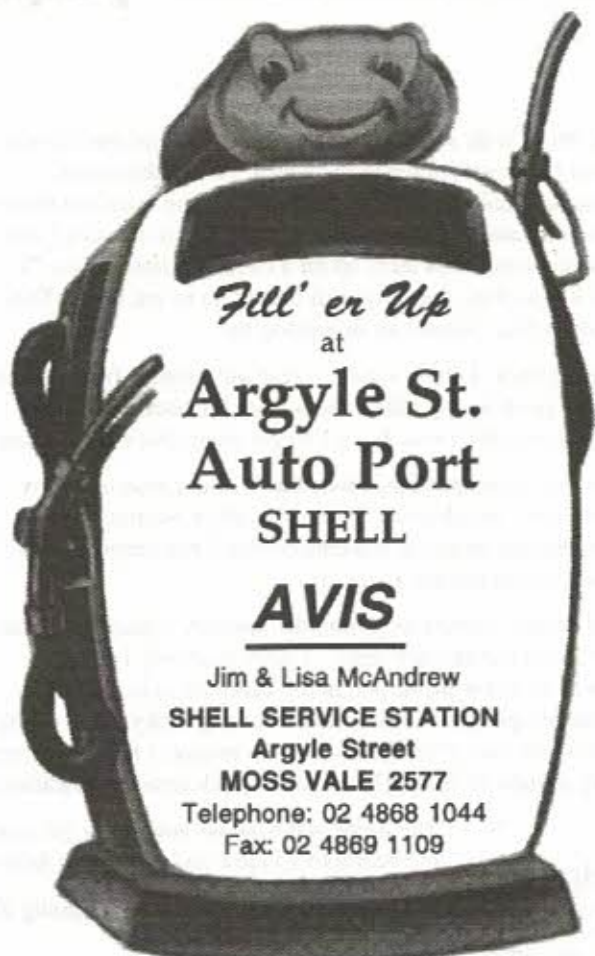
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# the two of us

interviewed by David Morgan



David Fairall, 61, is a Wingecarribee Shire Councillor and retired butcher.

Judith Fairall, 59, is his wife and mother of their three sons and one daughter.

**David:** My father was a tennis

coach. Many of the local young tennis players came to our house in Lackey Road to practice on our tennis court. Judith was one of them. I thought she had great legs. Little mini-skirts in those days. I was a real "leg man".

I was going out with another girl but dropped her for Judy even though my mother had warned me about women from the city. By the time I was twenty we were married.

After Moss Vale we had a stint in Queensland then back to Moss Vale for a short while before I got a job at a Butchery in Dapto.

I bought the shop in Moss Vale from my mother in 1974. We sank everything we had into the shop...it was sink or swim. If you work you can achieve anything. It was hard for the boys when they joined us. They couldn't call in sick. I used to pull them out of bed and make them go to work. The work had to be done.

We made the shop a fun place to come into and the boys have continued with that tradition. I suppose butchers are unique in this way. When kids came into the shop with their mothers I used sit them on the counter and give them a frankfurter. The boys are now doing the same for the kids of those kids. I don't think we sold many frankfurters!

Then a good friend, Laurie Curley, said to me how about we run for council. I was coming to the end of my time in the shop and knew that I could do it whereas previously I had nominated and withdrawn. The boys were too young to look after the shop on their own then.

When you're elected as a councillor you become the property of the community. You have to make yourself available all the time. People demand it. "I didn't get you out of bed, did I?" or "You're not having dinner, are you?" often precedes a long phone conversation that comes at the wrong time. But this is the way it is. You might as well get out if you can't be fully committed to the job.

I think we can say we were popular when we ran a butcher's

shop. Now, with some who we counted amongst our friends, we are the worst people in the world. The controversial decisions I make in council, occasionally, are mine not those of the whole family. I say to Judy or the boys [in the shop] that, when someone bails them up on a council matter, to say "I don't know. Why don't you call him or go to see him?" They shouldn't find themselves defending me.

Looking back, I didn't handle it real well when I first got onto council [with Judy]. I didn't help her a lot because I was so focused on what I was doing I forgot about that side of things.

Judy has, in recent years, made the final decision on where we've lived. So when we decided to sell in Nerrim Street I knew that the places in Bundanoon that I had earmarked to inspect would not get a look in.

I had always wanted to go into the ministry (chuckle)...[The Very Reverend David Fairall...I don't think so]. I'm not allowed to swear inside and in the bedroom only the missionary position is permitted...nothing kinky. Now, when I kneel at the foot of the bed to say my prayers I know they are going straight to Him. [David needs quick answers nowadays]

The trains wake me up now. They get near the bedroom window and blow their horns.

Why do they have to do that? I'm going to ring State Rail.

There are a lot of times in the last couple of years when she's said that she could do without me but she doesn't mean it.

"I may not be up helping you but I'm sure as hell thinking about you doing that"

**Judith:** I first met David at his father's tennis court. He used to peep through the window of the house at me. Of course I knew and played up to him a bit. I was 15 years old and had only recently come to Moss Vale from Sydney with my parents and three younger sisters.

My parents had bought a grocery shop where the arcade is opposite the old post office in Moss Vale. I left school at 15 and started work at the Commercial Bank in Lakemba from where I transferred to the Moss Vale branch.

David was going out with a girlfriend of mine before we got together after my 16th birthday. I was 18 when we got married.

We had Michael, then Peter before going to Queensland in 1963 where Leanne was born. Andrew was born in Wollongong.

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## david and judy fairall

When David was at the butchers in Dapto I used to be appalled at the things he said...It took me years to get used to it. Butchers are notorious for flirting with the customers. He would say (with me standing in the shop!) "She's walked out and left me with the kids again. I have to race home and do the housework when I'm finished here."

One day we were walking down the street arm in arm when we passed a lady who said a very friendly, hello, to David but gave me a filthy look.....David thought she must have been disappointed to see that I had come back!

On another occasion we were out at a BBQ with people David had met through the shop when a fellow said to me "You can't be David's wife. She's a big girl" (meaning very overweight)...well, didn't that cause some heated discussion in the car on the way home.

It wasn't until we bought the shop in Moss Vale that I joined David at work.

The kids used to play in the back of the shop after school. I think being there and seeing how hard we needed to work instilled in them a good work ethic. Michael couldn't wait to join us in the shop. Right from a little chap he wanted to be a butcher.

We had differences of opinion of course. We could be having a row out the back but it was all sweetness and light when we came into the shop.

David was always sending me up. He would say that he went home at the weekend to do the washing and ironing while I put my feet up and had a stubby. He said the worse thing was ironing my pantyhose...he was always putting holes in them. However I soon learnt to give as good as I got.

There were lots of dramas over the years. Our youngest son, Andrew, was 17 when he collapsed at baseball training. Three days later he was in Westmead Hospital having had a pacemaker fitted. A couple of marriage breakdowns amongst the kids left us more affected than them. They just took stock and carried on with their lives.

When the kids talk about home it is the one in Woodville Road on 3 acres with tennis court and swimming pool. Both of which helped to keep our kids and their friends around us. We had many very good times there.

After we sold in Moss Vale we went to a home unit in Bowral because we thought that was all we needed. I have to say we were only there a week and David hated it. He was so aware of the others around us that he had us turning the TV down, not flushing. The only time [I had] to do the washing was at the weekend and he didn't want me turning the washing machine on!

Then we moved to Bundanoon in 1987 where we spent 14 terrific years. The kids always referred to the house in Nerrim Street as Mum and Dad's house.

David isn't very domesticated but he's getting better. When the removalist was here [Nerrim Street], however, I was inside cleaning and I thought where's David, he could be helping me. When I found him he was sitting on the new couch, arms folded with the dog beside him, watching the carriers work! In such situations his favourite saying is "I may not be up helping you but I'm sure as hell thinking

about you doing that".

I wanted something old or cutely cosy. There wasn't any point leaving where we were unless we went to something different. A converted church in Penrose is certainly different. When we came to look at it, I didn't even get out of the car before deciding this was the one. The wife always knows.

I've always had trouble sleeping but from the very first night out there I've not woken before morning.

I have him home for breakfast now but then night after night I'll be sitting at home by myself. Those at home have to make sacrifices. You know council doesn't even have a Christmas party, where the wives (or partners as they choose to call them nowadays) are invited. Our efforts generally go unthanked.

I must say I thought that being a butcher's wife was a fairly difficult life, rising at 3 am and not getting to bed 'til after 8.30. However my new life as a councillor's wife is definitely not easy.

We're living in a church now so David has to go down to the shed if he wants to swear. (You mustn't print what he says about the bedroom, he tells everyone that). The lectern was where the kitchen is now and he'll stand doing the dishes and deliver a sermon. People say to me how have you lived with him so long? [41 years]. But I really can't imagine not being with him.

"...well, didn't that cause some heated discussion in the car on the way home!"



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## on location

"A teenage guy heads to Sydney for a hot date. He is held up on the way and realises the real meaning of this journey"....this is the synopsis for a ten minute drama entitled "Turn Around".

Bundanoon, Exeter and Kangaroo Valley were recently selected by producer Jenny Day as great locations to film Samantha Saunders short story. Samantha is also the director.

It is one of five short films that make up an initiative of the Indigenous Unit of the Australian Film Commission, SBS Independent and the New South Wales Film and Television Office, aimed at supporting new and emerging Indigenous filmmakers working in the drama area.

A scene was filmed at Exeter's General Store. Kevin Smith, the proprietor and his daughter, Kirrilly, will be seen in the movie. Don't forget to check his notice board for time of screening on SBS.



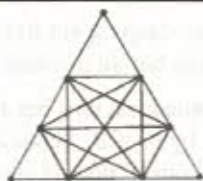
Exeter General Store



The film crew could also have been spotted at this Bundanoon garage and fuel stop on the same day in early May.

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The picnic is a perennially popular past time - even without the unintentional alliteration - and these photographs are a wonderful illustration of Bundanoon's social history.

In a bygone era such events were planned days ahead and the cooking and general preparation were given due ceremony. Cold collations, pork and rabbit pies, elaborate sandwiches, fruit tarts and jellies, bottled cordials and, later, thermoses of tea all packed meticulously, were transported to the site with father in suit, mother in hat and gloves and excited children chattering in the family vehicle, or horse and cart (or, in Maud Mangold's earlier recollections - the pram - in which she often took her children and picnic down Constitution Hill and up again!) Note: The white linen cloth in the early photo.

Well, today of course, we can make up our minds, phone a friend or two, pack the basket and esky with easily prepared or purchased delicacies and be seated at our table - with cloth I might add - within the hour. But, whatever the setting and wherever the venue, as we all know, sitting around a table with family and friends is the very best way to enjoy an hour or three. As the French say, 'plus ça change.....' or 'the more things change the more they remain the same'.

Vive le multicultural picnic!

KP



The construction of the shelter shed at Mark Morton National Park Lookout picnic area was constructed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and financial contributions were received from a group of local residents and business people. Friends of Morton National Park are sincerely grateful for their generosity.



Photograph courtesy of Bundanoon History Group. Circa 1930's? If a reader recognises the year and model of this vehicle, please send a letter to the editor. Ed.



## anzac day assembly

"Heal the World" sang the students of Bundanoon's school at their assembly to honour the Anzac Tradition in April. "Reflections" created for the occasion revealed chilling insights into the lives of our soldiers at the front.....

Shells flying, Soldiers running, Tears Falling, Courage Rising.  
(Trent Webster)

Soon everyone will disappear. The colours I see are the red in the sand and the red in the sea.  
(Melissa Williams)

Dear Mother, ....For the last couple of nights some of the very young men have cried themselves to sleep. I feel the same but I don't show it.....I don't know why I thought it was going to be a big adventure, though....It's amazing how everybody is supporting each other...(but) sometimes I feel so lost and alone.....I should go now. The ink in my pen is freezing....  
Your son, Jim  
(written for him by his imaginary mother, Emily Goff)

Special guest, Brian Fuller (President of Bundanoon RSL sub-branch), was particularly impressed by the considerable work put in by Year Six students to create the enormous Anzac Banner. He is seen here with Lauren Boyd and Ali Mouroukas.



Lyn Fraser clutching flowers presented at her farewell.

Robyn Versluis, previously Principal at Hill Top P. S., has taken over as Principal from Lyn Fraser who moved on at the end of 2001 after four successful years in charge.

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## the bank

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On Saturday 23 March at the Rex Cinema, our dedicated projectionist Charles Slater, using our venerable 1928 carbon arc projectors, screened this clever film - a thriller about banking, corruption and alchemy with a delicious twist at the end. The large audience was enthralled.

Although dates are not certain at this time, we intend screening several matinees for younger viewers throughout the year as well as evening performances, culminating in our Melbourne Cup Race Meeting on Saturday 2 November, showing 'Phar Lap'.

Thank you to all those who attended and made the evening a success.

More exciting movies are to come.



## arts

### voices in performance

As this is being written, the voices are looking forward to sharing their joy with audiences in Bowral at St Jude's Autumn Recital, and also a concert at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn in May. Incidentally, you may be proud to know that even our three excellent soloists are Bundanoonians: Kerith Fowles (contralto), David Humphreys (tenor) and Michael Flint (bass).

On 26 May, the Voices will lead the music in celebrating the 153rd Anniversary of Holy Trinity Church in Berrima and in September we shall hold a Recital in that same historic Blackett-designed Church. On Sunday 13 October we'll be leading the music at an Interdenominational Service of Thanksgiving after the Garden Ramble at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Bundanoon.

People travel from Sydney, Wollongong, the North and South Coasts, Canberra and all places in between to attend our concerts, and it is both encouraging and humbling to realise that our music-making can provide pleasurable respite in the midst of these busy and stressful times.

Our December calendar is well filled, commencing with Saturday 30 November at Kennerton Green when we are privileged to sing Carols to raise funds for Triple Care Farm and the Rural Fire Brigade.

Coralie Flint

### JUNIOR VOICES!

If there are enough children who can read (English, not necessarily Music) and can sing in tune, who would like to join in singing with the Bundanoon Voices at the Interdenominational Service of Thanksgiving after the Garden Ramble on 13 October, then I should be delighted to train them for that event.

Please contact me now for details and registration.

Coralie Flint  
4883 6588

### Future performance:

Saturday 14 September 2002 Recital at  
the Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
Berrima commencing 2.30 pm



## chatter from a 'voice'

A choir, when entering a church, can suddenly succumb to severe stage fright: some of us even plan quick exits, with our camouflaged cars ready for a quick getaway from the town.

In St Jude's, Bowral, we were heavily outnumbered by a church full of paying customers, so we had better be very good indeed. Being a Sunday, 'forgive us our trespasses' came to mind in case we forgot the tune. However, the audience clapped nicely, so we were encouraged to continue.

At Goulburn Cathedral, the audience was again encouraging, and later joined us in full voice, assisted by a clarinet plus a trumpet or two, in the last verse of When the Saints go marching in - hoping to catch the ear of a talent scout perhaps.

Our conductor, Coralie Flint, always settles us down quickly: she exudes musicality, charm, sparkle, humour and an extraordinary confidence which, in the light of some rehearsals, has no justification whatever.

What some in the audience may not know is that the conductor's baton originated as an extension to the Roman Emperor's thumb, so that large Colosseum crowds could see him signal life or death for the Gladiators.

So, many of the gentler conductors have abandoned the baton, substituting explicit but unspoken threats in spine-chilling language addressed to their musicians (generously described), or to charm, or even to bribery with Mints. After all, a performance is not the time to yell 'for Pete's sake, do try to keep in the right octave at least', but to pander to positive reinforcement theory instead with 'you've nearly mastered it, Luv, so if you'll just sing very, very quietly, we'll all be tickled pink'.

Coralie not only directs and rehearses the Bundanoon Voices every Wednesday but also, and with Michael, is with the St Jude's Singers. Moreover, they were both soloists in a selection from Haydn's Creation with the Singers during these Bowral and Goulburn performances.

So, Bundanoon is on the music map.

S. Otto Vocce

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## bundanoon uniting church



As well as our Thursday services at 12.30 pm it is announced that the church will now open for prayer at 11.00 am Thursdays and we warmly invite you to feel welcome to enter the church during that time.

It was of interest to learn that Wingecarribee Shire Council has included on the Significant Tree Register, the three Golden Lambert Cypress trees fronting Church Street, Bundanoon next to the historic church circa 1885. These were planted by Miss Lillian Calverley (1900-1988) when she was a young girl. The Garden of Memories behind these trees (with headstones dating from 1872), will this year be included in the Village Garden Ramble.

Our congregation joined with others for the annual Kirking of the Tartan held this year at the Anglican Church for an enjoyable and meaningful service. The piper and organist provided wonderful music.

There has been a change of date for the next Pleasant Sunday Afternoon which will be held at the Moss Vale Uniting Church on Sunday, 30 June commencing at 2.00 pm. This is a truly delightful afternoon where afternoon tea is also served. All welcome.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.

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## garden club

After a well-earned rest, the Club held its first meeting for 2002 on 7 February. At this meeting the 71 members and 2 visitors were entertained by another fascinating talk by our life-member and Vice President, Lucy Rocca, who gave us more in-depth knowledge of our town.

7 March was a busy day with the Annual General Meeting and our Regular Meeting as well as a talk on Insurance given by Lyall Thomas, Treasurer of Garden Clubs of Australia.

At the Annual General Meeting the committee for 2002/2003 was elected. Positions filled were:

· President	Norma Waldon
· Senior Vice President	Lucy Rocca
· Vice President	Suzanne Knight
· Secretary	Neville Sully
· Treasurer	Karen Henry
· Assistant Treasurer	Ned Ward
· Committee	Elizabeth Ashdown, Norma Davies, Margaret Murty, Marion Talintyre, Marianne Ward.

In addition, Norma Waldon has been appointed as Zone Co-ordinator, for our area, of Garden Clubs of Australia. This is a great honour for Norma and our club.

Seventy-five members and one visitor attended the 4 April meeting where the Guest Speaker, Deidre Hill told the members about Responsible Gardening. She gave an in-depth analysis of the problems experienced by gardeners in the Southern Highlands from weeds and noxious plants.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. The day starts at 9.30am with tea and coffee available. This is an ideal time to shop for plants at the Trade Table, borrow books from the extensive library and discuss gardening with fellow members.

At 10am the meeting starts with the guest speaker of the day. Our speakers are chosen for their relevance to our specific interest - Gardening in the Southern Highlands.

The General Meeting follows where we learn of special offers from local garden suppliers and discuss problems that members are experiencing. With such a large attendance there is always someone who can provide a solution to a problem.

On the last Saturday of each month, members are invited to visit three chosen gardens for a 'Friendship Visit'. These visits are an ideal time to see what fellow gardeners are doing and discuss with them aspects of their garden.

Anyone interested in joining this very active garden club is invited to attend the meeting on the first Thursday of each month. These meetings are most beneficial to recent arrivals in Bundanoon to help them understand the peculiarities of gardening in Bundanoon.

Enquiries can be made on 48837191

Neville Sully, Secretary

## FIRE ANTS ARE ON THE MOVE...

At our April meeting our guest speaker, Deidre Hall, drew attention to a brochure produced by the Agriculture Department warning of the possible migration of Fire Ants from the north.

These ants could arrive in potted plants, or in any gardening or landscaping materials, so it would be a good idea to check with suppliers of any high-risk materials.

Fire ants are very small, about 2mm long and reddish brown and black in colour. They are extremely aggressive and become very agitated when disturbed. Worst of all, they inflict a fiery sting.

If stung by a fire ant, it is preferable to apply a cold compress to relieve the swelling and pain.

Brochures are available from Council.

Norma Waldon  
President

## WHERE IS NANCY KINGSBURY PARK?

This was a question on everybody's lips when it was known that the Garden Club has undertaken a restoration project there.

Nancy Kingsbury Memorial Park is situated in Anzac Parade, next to the Police Station.

We will be able to report more fully on the progress of planting and the history of the park in the next issue of JCG, as a couple of very respected historians are researching it.

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But take heart ... there is NO food that has to be avoided, unless there is a health problem such as diabetes. Every food is a 'good food', but moderation is the key.

Remember the magic letters:

M - Moderation

B - Balance

V - Variety

and add another M for motivation. Without this second M, there is no way that anyone can alter his/her eating habits to lose weight.

Lastly, let's not forget the E-word - Exercise. Regular exercise is very much part of a weight loss program: the cheapest and one of the most beneficial is walking.

Keep a food and exercise diary - you could be agreeably surprised, but be persistent and honest. After all, those extra

kilograms took time to put on.

But good eating habits, with exercise and time, will be rewarding.

Set short-term goals: you'll achieve them for sure.

Kath Hogg



Here's somebody who's just about to drop 150kg and you can do it too!

## lions club

Since our last write-up we have been back in the full swing of things. We sold raffle tickets at Sutton Forest Markets and also did our turn at Moss Vale Markets with a food stall. We will again do a food stall in July.

At Brigadoon, boy, were we busy! I don't think I've seen so much food sold, and the day was wonderful. We sold out at about 1.30pm.

We thank Moss Vale, Kangaroo Valley and Marulan Lions for their help, and the Bundanoon Scout Group for helping to set everything up the day before, which let us start to sell quite early. Our thanks to the PR man Lion George Thatcher and our cashier Greg Cardalini for keeping everything running smoothly. We also thank the Bundanoon RSL for letting us use their site, and for their help on the day.

Recently the Bundanoon Lions, on behalf of the Australian Lions Foundation, presented Linkside Nursing Home with a pivotal lifter, two stainless steel shower chairs, a lambswool underlay and an electric ripple mattress. The additional equipment will assist both the staff and the residents.

14 April saw us running the World's Biggest BBQ, although the day was cool and wet. Thank you to all the people who came along and joined us. At this stage we have not heard the result, or if we have made the record.

Until next time.

Shirley Scott, Secretary

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## bowling club

Our Bundanoon bowlers did not do so well this season in the number 6 grade, finishing only third in the district competition.

Ron Angel, John Luck and Bob Burnham represented Bundanoon in the district open triples in May.

Craig Murdoch, our greenkeeper, and Bob Burnham will again represent us in the district pairs later in the year.

On 19 May we held our annual Railway Bowls day with representative teams from around the state.

Peter Kellond has sent out a warning to our established bowlers. He is a new player who played in the last match of the 2001/2002 pennant season, and since then has gone from strength to strength. In his first championship season he has already made it through to the finals of the minor singles, to the quarter finals in the club pairs, club triples semi-final in handicap singles and final of handicap pairs: a new bowler showing the way.

On April 21st the club held a Family Benefit Bowls Day in aid of the Peacock family: with the aid of sponsors and the fifty or so who attended, we raised over \$1,100 for the young family. Well done, folks.

On Sunday, we started our inter-town Bowls competition between Moss Vale, Mittagong, Bargo and Bundanoon.

We now try to entertain our patrons with Bingo on Fridays from 11.30am, Carpet Bowls on Friday evenings from 7pm with free sausage sizzle, plus a member's draw and meat raffles every Wednesday and Friday evenings, and meat raffles on Saturday afternoons.

Besides our Tuesday Ladies Bowls, Wednesday Men's Social Bowls and Saturday Social Bowls, the Club is open to welcome visitors and members every day to try their hand at bowls, or just enjoy the atmosphere.

R Angel  
Bowls Secretary

## pony club

The new management team at the Bundanoon Pony Club had a terrific start to the year, receiving a grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation to provide a safe all-weather riding surface for the members to ride on.

We have also had a rush of new members with twenty-two young riders taking part in our monthly Rally Day recently. Club Captain Angela Moodie and the team of Probationary Instructors have designed an exciting calendar of events for our membership, with jumping, dressage and sporting trophies to be contested.

There are also the Pony Club Zone competitions: our team of four young riders recently camped over at Cobbitty Pony Club's two-day gymkhana, and came home with fists full of ribbons.

The next Zone Event will be a One-Day Event at Berrima Pony Club. So, if you have a pony in your paddock which enjoys a competitive day out, the Bundanoon Club will be pleased to hear from you.

Please call Kate Coyle, Secretary, on 4883 7334.

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## Luke Hines

to help cover part of his expenses for his trip to the Academy Young Achievers Rugby League Tour of France in October, 2002 which has to be fully funded by his family.

All contributions gratefully accepted.



## croquet club

Beautiful autumn days have seen most of our members having a great time playing croquet.

Members were very involved at Brigadoon helping to serve food and drink in the Bowling Club, which proved very financially successful.

Our member Jackie Crossle again donated two beautiful hand woven rugs to be raffled at Brigadoon for the Croquet Club. We thank Jackie very much for her generosity.

In April the Croquet Club participated in a very worthwhile day to raise money for the Peacock family. Members had a lot of fun trying to play bowls and bought raffle tickets in the hope of winning one of the marvellous raffle prizes which had been kindly donated that day.

Bill and Margaret Coffey are away playing in a competition in Newcastle and Daphne Hannon did very well at Carnivals in Canberra and Port Macquarie. Two members are going away shortly to the Foster Carnival and a contingent are off to Urunga soon.

Club members join with me to thank our greenkeeper Craig and our Captain, Dick Topham, for all their hard work restoring our green over the last few months.

Anybody who would like to join us in giving this challenging game a go, please contact our Secretary Margaret Coffey on 4883 4371 or our Captain, Dick Topham on 4883 6721.

## swimming club

The Bundanoon Swimming Club held a combined Annual General Meeting and Presentation Night on 6 March at the Bundanoon Swimming Centre, when each member was presented with a Certificate of Attainment.

The Major Award Winners for the 2001/2002 season were:

- Junior Girl Champion - Jenny Halstead
- Junior Boy Champion - Ben Cant
- Senior Girl Champion - Alice Dowton
- Senior Boy Champion - Ashley Horne

The Point Score Champions for each age group included:

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 years - Natalie Wanczura | 4 years - Courteney Parker |
| 5 years - Alice Cant       | 6 years - Justin Wanczura  |
| 7 years - Harry Brignall   | 8 years - Ben Cant         |
| 9 years - Samuel Brignall  | 10 years - Jenny Halstead  |
| 11 years - Laura Coyle     | 12 years - Daniel Rumsey   |
| 13 years - Pia Lenane      | 14 years - Cory Webber     |
| 15 years - John Rolles     |                            |

Darlene and Darren Parker from 'Complete Photographics, Moss Vale and Goulburn' once again sponsored the Encouragement Awards this season, which were presented to:

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Members of our branch were very busy with preparations for the Birthday Luncheon at the Bundanoon Bowling Club on Monday 25 May. We were grateful to the club for their offer of premises, as our own rooms were not quite big enough for the expected crowd. We

had a very happy day with wonderful attendance of 75.

Brigadoon was very busy, the day was perfect, and it was good to sit outside on the deck and have a cuppa between customers. Thanks to the skill, energy and time of John Reid and Derek Whitworth, a covered ramp to the new toilet was completed in time.

We have also installed more lighting and a new stove, so we have to work harder to replenish our funds. We are very fortunate that the Bundanoon community supports our fund-raising activities.

Results from the recent cooking and handicraft Wollondilly Group at Kangaroo Valley were great for such a small group as ours, with opposition from larger branches. Beth Sharp's framed stump work was given the highest mark and will compete at State level.

Pat Wells won the best fruit cake entered, and will enter a

decorated cake at the State Conference. Pat has won this event fifteen times with her sculptured sugar art creations. She donates a cake each Christmas, and this kind gesture has raised good money for this Branch. Thanks Pat, and good luck for this year's competition. Her many other interests include writing, embroidery, handicrafts and cooking. She has also held many positions and offices in this Branch, at Group and State levels, and attended the State Conference in Gunnedah in May.

Visits to other branches included the Group International Day at Nowra, to Kiama, and to Marulan for their 75th Anniversary Luncheon.

The basketry workshops have been a great success with several local people plus members from other branches attending. It's wonderful to have this exchange of interest between branches, good ideas seem to flow, and it's a fun day too. Kath Smith and I would like to thank the lunch makers, Betty, Kath and Verle.

At the May monthly meeting, it was decided to alter our meeting day to the Second Thursday of each month, to allow our members to attend the Garden Club meetings.

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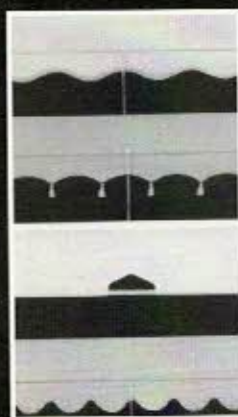
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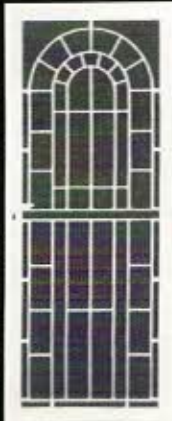
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