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editor's notes



The drought is in the minds of us all as summer approaches. Sensible watering and mulching of plants in our gardens is so important. We have a number of contributions in this issue dealing with this and related subjects.

The Bundanoon Pool is also featured reminding us how lucky we are to have such a fantastic summer facility so close at hand. What would mothers with young children do without it? For them it is a great

place to amuse their young ones while chatting with friends on a hot weekday.

I've compiled a cryptic crossword puzzle for you to solve. Hopefully this will exercise a few minds lazing under beach umbrellas. The answers will appear in our next issue. The solution to our Tree Puzzle which appeared in the September issue is available by phoning 4883 6857.

Somewhere in the magazine is our new cartoon character, Wallace Wombat. Where Wally will be each issue has not been decided.

Thankyou to all those who have contributed articles. Hopefully any necessary editing has been kept to a minimum.

On behalf of all of us who have worked on this edition, I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas, relaxing holidays and a very happy New Year.

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Brendan Robinson enjoying our blue pool.

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Update



It must be my imagination but it seems the issues of the JCG are getting closer together. It may well be that I'm just taking longer to read each issue.

Submissions closed in September for the Town Signs Competition. Due to a staggeringly under-whelming response we

have had to abandon the competition process. The BCDA has formed a working committee to develop a design that will then be presented to the committee for approval. The JCG will carry a spread of the design when it is finalized. Should any person have any bright ideas that they wish this committee to consider please drop a note in the BCDA post office box.

By the time this issue goes to print, a community meeting will have taken place regarding the expenditure of Council funds to improve Jordan's Crossing Park and Bundanoon Oval. A report and development application was presented to council at its meeting on 9 October. At that meeting Councillors moved that the item be deferred in order that the Mayor and Councillors meet with residents to discuss the proposal. Unfortunately the notification to residents was not sent to any Community Organisation such as the BCDA, Tennis Club and Bundanoon Visitors' Group etc. which is disappointing given the repeated requests that the BCDA has made to Council to be informed of proposed development in our town.

Some might cringe at my use of the word 'town' in the previous

paragraph, but based on the population and its position in the area, Council stipulates that according to the 'rules' we are therefore classed as a 'town'. However, it would seem that while we have graduated to the big league to join Mittagong, Bowral and Moss Vale as the Shire towns, we seem to be the poor cousin by virtue of population and infrastructure. A good example of this is the mowing that took place before the Garden Ramble on the 13 October. Without Councillor David Fairall's persistent requests I dare say we would have had no mowing done at all, and even with his cajoling the job that was done was of a poor standard. If we are to be a town in Council's eyes, then we need the same standard of maintenance afforded the other towns in our shire, including a major mowing, whipper snapping and rubbish removal campaign prior to our community's major events.

Our Garden Ramble was another success this year. The BCDA members involved worked extremely hard to make the day a success and a big thank you for their efforts. A thank you also goes to those garden owners who opened their gardens for the day. This wonderful community event could not happen without your generosity.

As this is the 'Christmas' issue of the JCG, I wish everyone my very first Merry Christmas of the season. Drive safely, and enjoy the special time that you spend with your friends and family during the festive season.

Danien Beets - President

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DECEMBER BCDA MEETING:

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Bundanoon's first motor car

The first automobile in the village was owned by Mr W.A. Nicholas, who was the proprietor of the Pill Factory at the corner of Anzac Parade and Penrose Road. He also owned Fermount Guest House.

The car was a 1902/1904 "BRAZIER", made in Philadelphia USA, at the factory of H. Bartol Brazier.

The petrol engine was underfloor, the car had a heavy wagonette body with folding canvas hood, and a double chain drive to the rear wheels, the latter being wooden spoked and fitted with iron tyres. Braking was to the rear wheels only, via a steel pullrod with turnbuckle wear adjustment.

It was essential in those days before motor mechanics and electricians, that machinery be capable of repair by plumbers, carpenters, blacksmiths. Note the brackets below the windscreen for oil lamps, and the rather unnecessary rear vision mirror folded aside. The radiator seems to have a canvas blind; engine coolant thermostats were then not yet fashionable.

And in regard to fashion, I wonder whether the ladies were provided with stepladder access to the very high seating!!



Alec Cameron, Bundanoon History Group

PS We have two conflicting sources as to who owned the car. I believe that Nicholas was truly the man. A Bundanoon hero, he gifted the lands for BOTH the Anglican and Catholic churches here!!

An Aussie gambler "two bob each way"?



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It can be very difficult to find people who can meet you in the heart of anguish. The programs that we conduct at the Centre change people's lives. They're designed for people facing some challenging situation in their life ~ be that serious illness, trauma, anxiety, grief, depression or loss of direction. A team of professionals led by Petrea King conducts the programs, and participants generally leave the Centre feeling able to manage the journey of their lives in a way that is meaningful for them.

When Wendie Batho and I moved to Bundanoon over seven

years ago we conducted eight weekend programs each year in the local motel. The purchase and refurbishment of the Quest for Life Centre in 1998 enabled us to greatly increase our services.

Within three years we were providing thirty Monday to Friday residential programs for people from around Australia (and sometimes beyond). Many of the people who seek our services are financially challenged because of their circumstances and the Quest for Life Foundation sponsors people in this situation. The reason for our closure was that the Foundation was inundated with people requiring these sponsored places on our programs. The Quest for Life Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation and donations are tax-deductible.

The past few months have enabled me to build a new Board of the Quest for Life Foundation, establish an active fund-raising committee and seek funding from various sources. These efforts have been greatly assisted by many people who believe strongly in the work of the Centre.

We're delighted that our re-opening for programs now rewards the efforts of so many people. We will continue to offer programs for people dealing with trauma, loss, grief and illness, as well as developing some new programs for people wanting greater meaning and purpose in their lives.

I'd like to thank all the 'locals' who have continued to support and encourage us to keep going! If we can be of service to you, your friends or loved-ones please don't hesitate to be in touch on 4883-6599. Petrea King

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Kate Almond

interviewed by Ross Armfield

It is hard to imagine a greater climatic contrast than the icy cool of a Bundanoon winter and the steaming heat of East Timor. It is just such a contrast that Kate Almond has experienced for the last six months

Kate was born in December 1977 at St. George Hospital in Sydney and moved to Bundanoon with her mother Jeanette, and father Mick, when she was 3 yrs old. After pre-school she attended Bundanoon Public from '83 to '89, before going to Moss Vale High, graduating in '95. A good "all-rounder", in both sporting and academic areas, Kate was always keen to be involved in anything medical as a career. I remember many years ago, Kate discussing the possibility and desire to practise forensic medicine in a morgue!

Immediately after high school, Kate worked casually at a Bowral X-ray facility, and then at Polly's Pies, to save enough money to help pay her way through a three year nursing course at Sydney University. She graduated in 2000 and began nursing at St. George Hospital, returning to her birthplace, for 18 months.

Always keen for a change and a challenge, Kate joined the Army in August 2001. "It was just something different to do," said Kate. "I would be paid to travel, get fit, be involved in sport, while still nursing - which I love." After four weeks basic training at the Royal Military College at Duntroon, Canberra, and completing several other military and specialised nursing courses, Kate was officially a member of the Royal Australian



Army Nursing Corps, otherwise known, quite appropriately, as R.A.A.N.C. Three days after her last course, Kate was sent to join the 1st. Health Support Battalion in East Timor, where her duties included attending to the medical needs of the military and "the wonderful people of East Timor".

After her six-month tour of duty, Kate is currently enjoying some leave before her next posting. Her primary

residence now is her unit in Caringbah, in Sydney, but she loves returning to Bundanoon where she has so many happy memories of growing up. She remembers the pool and the swimming club with particular fondness. "It was a wonderful place to grow up," reminisces Kate, "good friends, fresh air and no need to lock cars and houses - sadly, that aspect seems to be gradually changing."

"The East Timor experience has made me realise just how lucky we are to live in this village and country," said Kate. "We have so much here compared with so many other countries."

Never one to stay in the one place for too long, Kate intends to leave the Army on completion of her 3-year contract with plans for European travel combined with nursing, or perhaps to get involved with a paramedic operation somewhere.

Kate has brought a lot of help to a lot of people in the relatively short time that she has been nursing. A kind and caring contributor to a much greater community now, this small town should be very proud of its' own Kate Almond.





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(A lavish land. Scheming, dreaming)
Distant thunder, far, too far away
Skies darken, hopes are buoyed - and dashed again
(A wilful land. Prayers, blaspheming).

Sunset. Red-rimmed eyes
Smoke-smudged, pitiless skies
O'er our beloved land
Where fate plays such a hand
(Needing, bleeding, pleading)

Oh God, when will it ever rain?

Daybreak, heartache -----

CP

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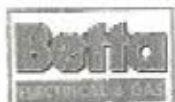
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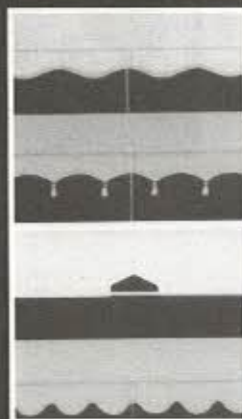
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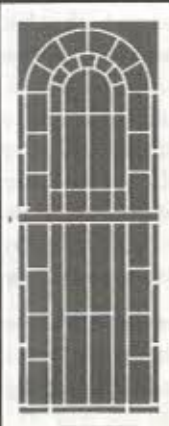
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Audrey Petersen - a living history - a town treasure

Audrey Petersen quite proudly lays claim to being Bundanoon's oldest, continuous resident. Apart from a ten month absence when she was first married, Audrey has lived all of her 81 years in Bundanoon, since being born at home in Erith Street, on the 12 June, 1921. Are there any challengers out there?

This remarkable and amazing lady has seen it all. Not only has she 'been there, done that', but more incredibly, she is still 'being there, doing that!' Audrey's is a lifetime of being involved, being active and supporting her beloved Bundanoon.

Delivered by midwife 'Old' Nanny Jackman, she was one of six children born to her parents, Alistair Robert Greason and Ruby May Jeffery. Audrey grew up around the butcher shop, then in Erith St., run by her father and originally started by her grandfather. She remembers an idyllic childhood suddenly shattered when her older sister, Alice, went off to school. But a solution was at hand. "I cried terribly because I missed her so much, so Miss King, the teacher, allowed me to be at school with Alice, but she sent me home quick-smart if the Inspector was coming!", said Audrey. She also remembers how, when growing up, the national park was used extensively for recreation, more so than today. She tells of picnics, swimming and walks on a regular basis and, "Every Boxing Day, Mother and Father would drive the sulky down to Fairy Bower for picnic lunches. We even had yards there for the horses and we'd spend the whole day there."

After primary school at Bundanoon, Audrey attended Bowral High. "I did just enough to get there". There was no high school at Moss Vale. It was during primary school and her four years at Bowral High that Audrey excelled at and developed a lifelong love of sport. Today it's golf, but back then it was athletics and hockey. Audrey was so fast she was referred to by the sportsmaster at high school as the "Bundanoon Express".

Leaving high school, Audrey started work as a telephonist at Bundanoon Post Office. Due to the depression, the 18yr old Audrey had to sign an agreement to stay on the same wages until she was 20. At 20, she found out, they then put you off! She then started to work on the books at the family butcher

shop. By now it was wartime, and with so many men away, Audrey found herself cutting meat and driving the 'Trojan' truck to deliver fresh meat to the many guesthouses, before 7.00 am.

Audrey's hockey efforts had their rewards this time. Her team of local girls won three comps before the war and four comps after the war in the Berrima District Hockey Association Competition. They even took their team regularly to Sydney for 'Country Week' competition. It was there, at Rushcutters' Bay, that Audrey was photographed jumping fences by a Sydney Morning Herald journalist.



Audrey & Joan Greason at Country Week Hockey Tournament, Rushcutters Bay circa 1936



*Greason sisters
Elsie, Audrey, Joan and Betty*



*Largest boat built in Bundanoon? Constructed by
Chris Petersen in his garage.*

They both loved Bundanoon, so after ten months of living in Sydney to save money while Chris worked on ships, the newlyweds moved back to live in Ebury St., with baby Christian Jun. They paid £500 for the garage business in 1946, but it wasn't the building you see today. Chris built the present premises out of his hand made cement blocks, as bricks were unavailable at the time. In the following years, this extraordinarily talented man also built a boat out of ferro-cement, designed, built and maintained the filtration system for

The war years weren't all doom and gloom in Bundanoon. The Comfort Fund was formed to support the absent troops. Money was raised by organising beautiful baby competitions, card parties, street stalls, dances and the 'Victory Girl' pageant. "I was the one from Bundanoon. There was one from each town, we raised a lot of money," said Audrey.

Audrey first met her husband, Christian, at one of the Bundanoon fund-raising dances. Chris was a merchant seaman who had been serving on both Australian and U.S. regular navy ships as an engineer during the war. He lived at Artarmon in Sydney but he was visiting his sister, who owned a Bundanoon guesthouse, when he attended the dance. "I had my eye on him because there weren't too many boys around, with the war on", said Audrey with a smile. "Three months after I met him we were married. Our marriage lasted 52 years ~ so that was all right. We were married at my dear Holy Trinity Church, (as were my daughter and one of my grand daughters), on the 27 January 1945. We had a beautiful reception at Rosnel Guesthouse for 2/6 per head, and were lucky to get four gallons of petrol, because of war rationing. We then drove to Wollongong for a two week honeymoon."

interviewed by Ross Armfield



Audrey & Elsie marking their cards after golf - 1980

the swimming pool, painted pictures of ships he had served on and landscapes to rival Ronald Peters. He worked tirelessly in, and for, what is now Morton National Park and found time, somehow, to take his family on fishing expeditions to their beloved Greenwell Point weekend!

Audrey worked in the garage for two or three days per week. In 1947, daughter Maureen was born. The garage business was hard going at first, but Chris worked non-stop and he soon developed a very good reputation and the business grew. Audrey is still proud of the fact that Petersens' Garage never had to advertise. The family tradition continues to this day with Chris Jun. running the garage and grandson Matthew working there as a mechanic.

In 1960 they built on their £16 block of land and moved in.

During these years Audrey was quite busy. Audrey and others in the '20 Victa Mower Brigade' improved the playing surface of the oval, putting an end to the complaints from the visiting teams. She was secretary of the Development Assoc., the Holy Trinity Guild and the Church Committee all at the same time. She was on the R.S.L. Auxiliary and was involved with running the Hockey Club. She had been a member of the N.S.W. Touring Hockey Team for two years in the 1950's. She also helped out at school functions and was winning three golf championships at the old Bundanoon course while playing regularly at Moss Vale, (something she's been doing for forty years.). Audrey worked on the Princess Competition, which raised £500 for the local pool appeal, and, managed to raise a family into the bargain.

These days, at 81, Audrey has 'slowed down' a little. She only plays golf at Moss Vale or Bowral three times a week. On the day I interviewed her, Audrey had just won again, proudly bringing home a \$15 gift voucher. She arranges flowers for the church, is part of a team which makes over 600 caramel meringue ice cream sundaes to sell each year at Brigadoon for the church. Devoting time to her grandchildren and great grandchildren alike and, since a touch of arthritis set in last year, she walks for exercise on every non-golf day. Despite the arthritis, her golf swing has not deteriorated and her friends claim that she is hitting the ball better now than ten years ago! She still belongs to the R.S.L., Legacy and Friends Of The National Park, is a foundation member of the Garden Club and has won the mixed foursomes golf championship at Moss Vale three times. She enjoys all her involvement, but adds, "The priority is; Church 1st, Golf 2nd."

Audrey has always loved Bundanoon. She feels the new developments have brought many lovely people to the town, "

And that's good for business too," she said with a twinkle in her eye. She regrets the under use of the national park by today's 'work busy' adults and 'electronic toy driven' children. "As children, we'd have many a morning in the national park. We'd go to the Amphitheatre, cook bacon and eggs, walk around the gullies and then lunch at Fairy Bower. We always spent lots of time there," remembered Audrey. She feels the BCDA has been marvellous for the town, and regrets that the old-time dances are no longer popular.

Audrey feels blessed to have had wonderful parents, a remarkable husband, two loving and supportive children, six lovely grandchildren and three beautiful great grandchildren. She has also achieved her three 'special' goals in life. She attended the World Cup hockey in Holland in 1998, saw five games of hockey at the Sydney Olympics and went to the Melbourne Cup in 2000.



At the end of our interview Audrey said, "Bob Menzies once said, 'I only see out of one eye, and that's Australia.' Well I say, 'I only see out of one eye, and that's Bundanoon.' I am just so proud to have lived here and am so proud of all that has been achieved in this town."

Audrey, for all you have done, for the lovely lady you are, this town is proud of you.

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australian plant society visit

In late September, members of the Australian Plant Society had the pleasure of exploring a special garden in Bundanoon.

Amidst the wealth of gardens filled to the brim with exotic plants, here we have an example of a garden spilling over with a diversity of Australian flora that is not often seen in planned landscapes in the Southern Highlands.

The owner of this property deserves much applause for creating a gem in the garden world by conserving native habitat and increasing biodiversity.

A wide and shaded entrance has a calming influence with a trickling water feature, Japanese maples and lillipillies. This scene gives way to profusion of plant life within a panorama of subtle tones that distantly is the Morton National Park.

The cultivated garden which extends over an acre is set amidst bushland which from any perspective has one melding into each other with strategically cleared areas to reduce the spread of fire.

The gardens are designed in easy walking terrace fashion that descends slowly to a cleared area complete with a small dam, a creek, rock outcrop and ultimately parkland.

The terraced gardens are quite wide and easily observed and accessed from above and below walking areas. They are brimming with mass plantings of Grevillea, Westringia, Eriostemon, Banksia, Micromyrtus, bottlebrush and the



aromatic mint bushes - the list is endless. Indeed a feast for the eye and an abundance of seed and nectar for the birds and other pollinators.

The terrace at the lowest level is a natural seepage area and has been left in its original community supporting native ferns, Baura, sundew and in dryer places, Banksia and wattles and is a large breeding ground for wrens, new holland honeyeaters, the spotted pardalotes and yellow robins.

The surrounding bushland supports several Eucalyptus species, Persoonia, a large copse of Banksia serrata, wattles and the exquisite foliaged grass tree.

This garden has captured the distinctive qualities of Australian flora. We have a heritage of uniqueness in our plants that surely must make special gardens such as this creation.

These plants are the survivors of the extremes of this continent - they really belong. My thoughts stray to the diminishing of bushland giving way to development - what will happen to our flora and fauna? Both are dependent on each other. My hope is that realisation will lead to affection for this heritage and its preservation.

Wendy Johnston, Horticulturist

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2002 village garden ramble

Sunday 13 October dawned bright and sunny and heralded in another successful Garden Ramble. The day started out with the hustle and bustle of the Country Garden Market set up in the Village Hall. This year the hall looked wonderful with a fantastic display of Scarecrow artwork from Bundanoon's school children. The market once again proved a big hit with customers and stall holders alike.

By 9.30 am the courtesy buses were on the road and the gate volunteers were welcoming visitors. This year we had an official opening and were fortunate to have Joanna Gash speak. The winner of the Roger Bell Scarecrow Trophy was announced. Marie Klausen's 'Washday Scene' won this



year. It was nice to see Marie win as her entries have been outstanding however, as a committee member in the past, she has not been eligible. After the opening Joanna toured some of the gardens and expressed delight in the enthusiasm shown by the whole village and was much amused by the scarecrows on display.

This year the gardens were especially interesting in their variety with a good number of new entrants spicing up the day. Special thanks should be given to Gerda and David Foster who offered their interesting slow food garden as a last minute substitute for the Bundanoon Flower Farm. The Flower Farm had to withdraw at the last minute. Drought conditions had put the plants under intolerable stress and the week before the Ramble a terrible outbreak of scale invaded the plantation. Sue and Greg had put a wonderful effort in prior to this and we commiserate with them on their misfortune. It is hoped that the farm will have recovered enough next year for them to participate again.

Congratulations must be given to all garden owners on their magnificent effort. A tremendous amount of hard work goes into the day by all concerned and as



always the day itself proved joyous. From one who has 'been there' having hundreds of people pass through your gates and express gratitude and admiration for your gardening effort gives you a real buzz to say the least. So, if you would like to participate in next year's Ramble, please don't be shy in coming forward to offer your garden - we are on the lookout NOW.

The Pony Club and Bundanoon Public School organised teas in the gardens this year and both had financially successful days. If your organisation would like to take part next year, please put in your request to the BCDA Garden Ramble Committee as soon as possible.

The Quilt and Patchwork Exhibition held for a second year, in conjunction with the Ramble, again proved a big hit. The works on display were breathtaking in their variety.

The day ended with a beautiful thanksgiving service at the Anglican Church and a thank you for all garden owners and volunteers in the old barn at Philip & Shelley Boyce's 'Maryland' in Panorama Road. I would like to offer my personal thanks to all who participated in the day with special thanks to garden owners and my committee for their hard work throughout the year. With around \$7,000 profit for the day we are once again sure of being able to maintain current and future village beautification for our wonderful village.

Marina Beaumont

2002 bcda community dinner

Our celebration of Year of the Outback with a country dinner held in the Memorial Hall on 9 November raised almost \$3,000 to be used for community projects. The evening was a great success.

The food prepared by Neville Christiansen, Robert Henderson and Pam Davies assisted by lots of friends was appropriately designed for the occasion. Asparagus rolls, egg & bacon pie, roast lamb and perfect sponge cakes set the theme for the night. The decor, named placemats, a sulky, windmills, brogas, emus and scarecrows added to the ambience. Thank you to everyone who participated in presentation of the dinner and especially to Bronwyn Shead our 'Staff Director'.



Maugers Meat, the CWA and Lola Angel made the task of catering for 175 people easier. The improved facilities in our almost completed kitchen certainly made the 'wash-up' much easier. Mark Corbett and his team of volunteers worked right up to the day before the event to make this possible.

There are certain features of the dinner which have become traditional - Certificates of Appreciation this year went to Mark Corbett & Dale Chalmers who have contributed so much to



BCDA. Their spirit of community provides a wonderful example and we are pleased their efforts have been acknowledged.

The musical talents of Kerith Fowles, Anne Clipsham and Michael Flint were co-ordinated to lead our Country Sing-along and everyone enjoyed their selection of well known Australian songs. Each year we consider alternative

entertainment but the quiz and community singing endure. Maybe next year we'll make some brave new changes!

Our Bundanoon businesses continue to support us. The Bakery, The Deli, The Butchery, Newsagency, Pharmacy and Bundanoon Real Estate always make generous donations. David & Kerry Stimson, Bundanoon Bloomery and the Flower Farm also respond to our requests for contributions.

Thank you everyone and also thank you to those who were unable to attend but sent donations.

2003 dinner held in the hall with a completed kitchen will be a sensational event - JOIN US!

BCDA Dinner Committee.

HISTORY GROUP

The dedicated band of members continues to collect, catalogue and display items of historical importance to Bundanoon. At our meetings held on the first Monday of each month (except January) discussions and presentations centred on the history of Bundanoon are a feature.

Alec Cameron continues to do a remarkable job of identifying, cataloguing and displaying those items that will be of interest to visitors.

Andrew Pardoe has completed an extensive study and report on the Erith coal mine, which was an important part of early Bundanoon. Copies of this excellent report are available for purchase.

The Old Goods Shed, home of the Bundanoon History Group, is open to the public on the first Sunday of each month (except January) to coincide with the Bundanoon markets. Admission is free and we encourage all locals to look in between 10am and 3pm to view the display.

Even if you cannot attend our meetings, membership will keep you in touch with the Group and your membership fee of \$5.50 will help grow our important collection of Bundanoon history. Details from:

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FESTIVE FARE

As Christmas menus in most families are based on tried and tested recipes that have been used for at least three generations, it was decided to ask contributors to share some special recipes which make a difference to traditional food.

Robert Henderson, now a passionate landscape designer and formerly chef at sadly missed Gambles on the Park, has given us two recipes for turkey stuffing.

Festive Stuffing:

Carefully fry or roast 250 gms pine nuts until golden - set aside
Melt 250 gms unsalted butter in a saucepan.
Add 1 onion, finely diced and cook over low heat until transparent. Add half bunch sage, half bunch thyme, half bunch Italian flat leaf parsley, all finely chopped.
Increase heat for one to two minutes, until aromatic (the kitchen should smell like a bouquet garni, not a burn off!)
Stir in six to eight slices roughly chopped pancetta.
500 gms diced dried apricots and roasted pine nuts.
Season with salt and pepper, add a squeeze of lemon juice.
Finally, add two to four cups stale breadcrumbs and shape into a ball ready for stuffing your turkey.

And now for a break with tradition:

Lemongrass and Coconut Scented Rice Stuffing:

Heat two tblspns vegetable oil in a heavy based saucepan
Add two cloves crushed garlic and simmer carefully until golden. Remove from heat and add one cup short grain rice, one stalk lemongrass, bruised and tied in a small knot.
Heat three cups chicken stock in a separate saucepan, return rice mixture to heat and slowly add chicken stock, allowing absorption between each addition. When all liquid has been added, stir in one bunch chopped coriander leaves, three quarters cup shredded coconut, a knob of butter and some grated lemon zest. Season with salt and pepper. Allow to cool and fill the turkey cavity.

The flavour of leg ham can be enhanced with a spicy sugar glaze.

Spicy Sugar Glaze:

Peel the skin from the ham, leaving a portion around the bone. Place ham fat side up in a baking pan and bake for one and a half hours at 325 degrees F basting frequently with stout (approximately one cup) and drippings from the pan.

Remove from the oven and score fat diagonally, making a diamond pattern.

Mix one cup sugar, two tblspns dry English mustard, one tspn ground ginger, one tspn ground cardamon.

Mix to a paste with stout and spread over the ham. Increase oven to 400 degrees F and bake for a further thirty minutes.

Note: Cover with foil if surface burns too quickly.



Serve hot or rest and serve at room temperature.

Old Fashioned Bread Sauce remains a popular condiment for Christmas food.

(Try making this recipe with Bundanoon Bakery day old white bread).

Spike an onion with five cloves

Soak in 500 mls milk, half a loaf of good quality white bread, torn into pieces, crust removed.

In a saucepan add the spiked onion and a bay leaf to the bread/milk mixture

Simmer gently for approximately ten minutes, remove the onion, grate in half nutmeg

Add salt and lots of ground black pepper to taste

Adjust consistency with thickened cream and serve warm with turkey and ham. (Very good next day with leftovers.)

Marie Reid, President of Bundanoon CWA, adds colour and flavour to her Christmas fruit cake with a **Glace Fruit and Nut Glaze.**

Cover the top of the cake with glaze fruit and nuts (suggest pineapple, cherries, ginger, walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts).

Combine half cup water, quarter cup sugar, one tblspn gelatine in a small saucepan. Stir over a low heat and slowly bring to the boil. Cool a little and brush glaze over the fruit and nuts.

When dry, brush a second layer of glaze over the surface of the cake.

(Being a fan of Lola Angel's fruitcakes, available at the markets and Bundanoon Deli, I'll try this. PD)

The success of most Christmas dinners is often due to contributions from family members.

Do you remember Barry Humphries' character, Sandy Stone in his old dressing gown and slippers, enveloped in his big armchair, reminiscing about their "really lovely Christmas Day". The ritual he described was unchanged from year to year.

There is always an aunt who makes coconut ice or white Christmas, another who can be depended on for her Christmas pudding and brandy sauce. A mother-in-law who makes a jelly - well a special one, made with seeded black cherries marinated in brandy and set in port wine jelly.

The quality of dried fruit, the timing of turkey roasting, the decisions as to whether dinner should be served before or after present giving provide kitchen conversation for all participants. A great way to avoid family conflicts.

To follow of course, there are lots of comments around the table about the moist texture of the turkey, the crispness of the potatoes and the wonderful smoky flavour of the ham. Whether you decide to have a roast dinner, cold salads or perhaps seafood, have a wonderful festive season.

Pam Davies

friends of morton national park

The pressures of the drought have been everywhere evident, even in our relatively well-watered Southern Highlands. Straw-coloured fields and depleted dams are all too familiar. Even the privets lining sections of the railway line around Bargo are capitulating! It is to be hoped that the combination of dry conditions and residential development on the edge of Morton National Park will not transform Glow Worm Glen into No Worm Glen.

A recent late afternoon excursion through the Bundanoon section of our Park revealed the usual resistance and resilience of our native flora, but at the time of writing (late October) there was comparatively little spring colour. However, it was gratifying to observe new green and bronze shoots emerging from Banksia and other plants since the burn-off; a wallaby tentatively crossing the road, and various species of small birds in the undergrowth. Although the local bush-scape may appear superficially a little drab at present, the keen photographer can still find much to inspire - perhaps the brilliant greenery of a Grass Tree on its blackened stump, or the orange and grey mottled Scribbly Gums in the late afternoon sunlight - set against a shaded background. Finding just the right combination of subject, composition and light can be a rewarding challenge.

Butterflies are an integral part of Morton National Park, and Bundanoon, insect fauna. However, the ubiquitous Cabbage White butterfly (*pieris rapae*) is regarded as a garden pest, its larvae eating cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli among other crops. It was introduced accidentally in the early decades of the 20th century and is common in Bundanoon and southeastern Australia. Some local gardeners may have been alarmed by an increase in their numbers, but many of these have proved to be

a native species - the Caper White (*Belenois java hecatoria*), which is harmless to our vegetables and flowering plants. The larvae feed on the Caper Trees common in the west of the Great Divide. Sometimes it migrates in large numbers and can be seen for weeks. They can be distinguished from their destructive cousins by their larger size, broader black margins (especially on the female) on the upper wings, and black yellow and white patterns on the undersides. They have few compatible plants on which to breed in our area - instead they add transient and whimsical colour to otherwise static gardens.

Our President, Nea Hayes, reports that Wingecarribee Council has approached the NPWS, with the intention of the heritage listing of the Erith coalmine and its access roads. This action should further reinforce the historic and heritage value of the mine, its access and even Bundanoon itself. An excellent history of the mine by Andrew Pardoe appeared in the 30th issue of JCG.

It is envisaged that a newsletter will be published in the New Year, to give feedback and information on 'Friend's' activities and projects.

Anyone interested in joining us, or finding out more about our work should please write to: Hon Secretary, PO Box 225, Bundanoon NSW 2578. We'd love to hear from you.

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glow worm glen track committee

If you haven't been down to the glen for some time, you'll be in for a big surprise. The steps from the top of William Street are themselves in need of repair and, in part, reconstruction. But this is a task for the Council. The weed clearing that has been going on is beginning to reveal something of the interesting design that for so many years lay hidden under the rubbish.



As so much of the vegetation is made up of weed species, there may be times when it will look a bit threadbare until native plants begin to fill in. We hope to keep this to a minimum, both to retain cover for the native animals and to reduce the re-invasion of weeds.

Our group has been accepted by Council as a Bushcare Group. This should give us some added support. At the same time, we retain our ties with the BCDA, which strengthens our independence. Council has provided us with a budget for use in buying plants and for repairs to the track. We only hope that we can persuade Council to spend its share in carrying out repairs before the end of the financial year.

You are more than welcome to join us on the second Sunday of the month at 9 am until noon.

John Dorman - 4883 6296

Ed: Congratulations!

BRIGADOON 2002

The President and Members of the Bundanoon Highland Gathering are pleased to announce that over \$30,000 was distributed to organisations that assisted the gathering during 2002. All members of these organisations are to be highly commended for their efforts in ensuring that our Silver Jubilee was such an outstanding success.

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Sandstone flowers - surviving the drought

Living in Bundanoon overlooking the sandstone escarpments of Morton National Park, the beauty of the sandstone flora is all around you. Tall eucalypts, flowering shrubs, grasses and ferns soften the rugged cliffs and gorges and cascading waterfalls. From tall woodland to shady rainforest and flowering heath, there are myriad different plants that have evolved with this grand landscape and are part of its splendour.

Planting native trees, shrubs, grasses and groundcovers brings this splendour into your gardens throughout the year. Spring wildflowers are a mass of colour in the local bush with fragrant pink boronia, bright yellow drumsticks, purple hardenbergia, pink and cream tea-trees all bursting into flower. The air is sweet with their perfume and butterflies revel in a flowering paradise. Summer heat brings the blue haze of tall gums offering shady places while the bush holds its breath waiting to burst into life when it rains. Autumn brings relief from the heat and many native plants have attractive woody seeds and colourful fruits providing food for brightly coloured parrots and shy bowerbirds. In the cold winter months sandstone flowers such as the brilliant orange banksias are rich in sweet nectar for honeyeaters, possums and gliders.

This sandstone flora includes plants for every situation and landscape design and it attracts wildlife into your garden. Not only are they beautiful, the plants are adapted to the local climate and conditions including the present dry spell. Walking through the local bush you can see which plants tolerate drier conditions and which like sheltered, moist pockets in gullies and along creeks. In the garden, you can follow this natural guide to choose garden and landscape plants that are in tune with local environmental conditions. Once established, these local, native plants flourish, bringing vivid wildflowers and cheerful birdsong into the garden all year round.

Like all plants, native trees and shrubs need extra care when young but will weather dry periods if plants are watered deeply to encourage plant roots to grow down into moister subsoils. This saves water because you water the garden less often and it soaks into the ground rather than evaporating with the sun and



wind. And watering less often toughens plants up so that they cope with hot, dry spells more readily. Adding a thick layer of organic mulch also helps retain soil moisture and keeps weeds under control.

Wariapendi Nursery stocks many plants that are native to the beautiful sandstone country around Bundanoon, from tall scribbly gums to honey-flowered shrubs. Staff at the nursery is happy to help you choose plants for your garden so that you can bring the bush into your back yard.

Top photo: Among the local, native flowering shrubs are hairpin Banksias (*Banksia spinulosa*) that flower through the cold winter months, their vivid bronze, orange and gold flower spikes providing nectar for honeyeaters, possums and gliders.

Bottom photo: This honey-flowered, local shrub is the aptly named honey flower or mountain devil (*Lambertia formosa*) with red flowers and attractive fruits throughout the year.

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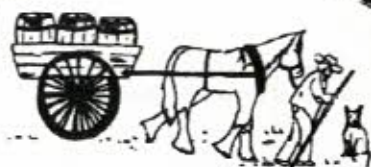
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the blue pool - a commitment to community

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

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

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



It was the tragic drowning of six local swimmers that provided the impetus for the movement to get a safe pool of our own. The first accident happened at Coalmine Falls in the Morton National Park with the drowning



of two boys many years ago. Long time resident Audrey Petersen remembers being told about it as a child, to warn her. Despite this, Audrey had a very 'near thing' herself at Lever Park a few years later! Then, in the 1950's, four members of the one family, Hilton Rumsey, his two sons and an uncle, Vic Luke, from Penrose drowned, when they went swimming at Long Point Lookout.

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

First, council made land available and then Dr. Cuthbert personally called on every resident between Tallong and Werrai asking for

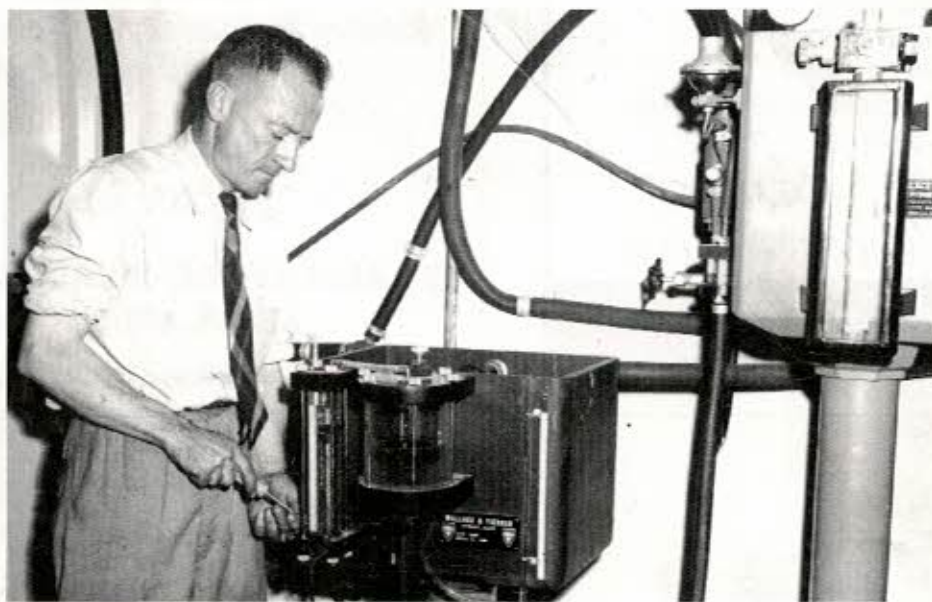
donations. He was actually telling them to donate and, not having enough the first time, he went around again. Those people with no funds to spare were asked to provide physical labour at 'working-bees' when construction got under way.

The response from the community was magnificent.

The Bundanoon History

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

As a result of Dr. Cuthbert's organisation, £7000 was raised. A further £500 was donated by the N.S.W. Government to provide



Chris Petersen Snr. fine tuning the pool filtration plant that he built in his garage.



by Ross Armfield



for the building of an amenities block, containing showers, toilets and a kiosk.

Dr Cuthbert and the Local Development Association had launched the Pool Scheme in August 1958. On Saturday 12 November 1960 the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Ryan, officially opened the Bundanoon Pool. Swimming exhibitions were given by Olympians, John Devitt, Jan Andrew and Jan Hogan. Locals unofficially christened the pool the 'Blue Pool', a nickname that lasted for many years.



Once again this community rallied. It seemed unbelievable that Council could seriously consider closing a pool that was built, maintained and

paid for by this town.

Under the joint slogans of 'Splash, Not Slash' and 'Use It Or Lose It', the newly formed Pool Users Group (Margret Brignall,

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

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



Kate and Tony Coyle, Kirsten Gonzales, Carol Halstead, Michelle Kelly, Denis Lenane, Glen Robinson, Darren Willoughby and many others) petitioned, protested and confronted Council on numerous occasions, over several seasons, to secure the 'Blue Pool' for ongoing generations. The

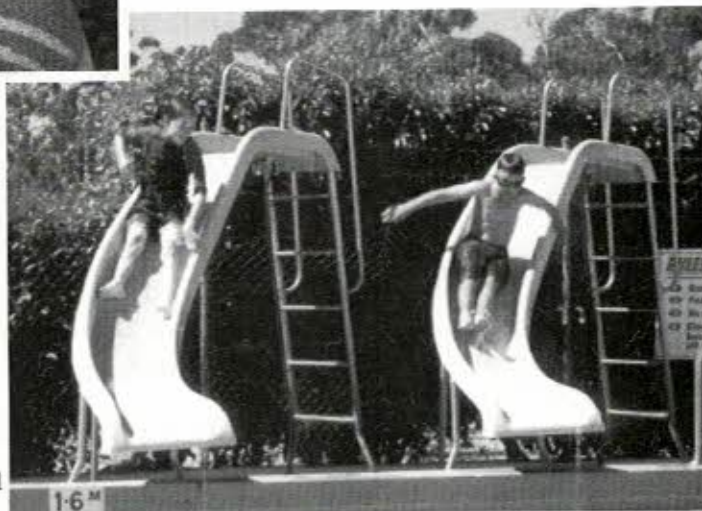
spirit of the 50's was alive and kicking through the late 90's and on into the new millennium.

Just as we owe a debt of gratitude to the early citizens of Bundanoon for our pool's creation, so we owe a similar debt to our

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

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

That dream though, was very nearly 'undone' quite recently. With all the 'down-sizing', 'cost-cutting' and 'economic rationalism' of recent years, Council was very seriously considering closing some of the Shire's pools, Bundanoon included.



modern citizens for our pool's ongoing survival, enabling a whole new era of users to appreciate its fun, beauty and importance.

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

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



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euro english

The European Union commissioners have announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, the British government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement, and has adopted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish (Euro for short).

In the first year, 's' will be used instead of the soft 'c'. Certainly, civil servants will relish this news with joy. Also, the hard 'c' will be replaced with 'k'. Not only will this clear up confusion, but typewriters can have one less letter.

There will be growing public enthusiasm in the second year, when the troublesome 'ph' will be replaced by 'f'. This will make the word photograph 20 per cent shorter.

In the third year, public acceptance of the new spelling can be expected to reach the stage where more complicated changes are possible.

Governments will encourage the removal of double letters, which have always been a deterrent to accurate spelling. Also, all will agree that the horrible mess of the silent 'e's in the language is disgraceful, and they would go.

By the fourth year, people will be receptive to steps such as replacing 'th' by 'z', and 'w' by 'v'.

During the fifth year, the unnecessary 'o' can be dropped from words containing 'ou', and similar changes and of course be applied to other combinations of letters.

And after the fifth year, we will all be speaking German like we wanted in the first place.

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Alma murray massingham

8 September, 1912 - 9 May, 2002

The death occurred earlier this year of Alma Massingham, a life-long resident of the Southern Highlands, almost all of which time was spent in Bundanoon.

Born in Camden, she moved with her parents to Moss Vale aged 6 weeks, her father operating a sawmill at Canyonleigh where her grandparents had been pioneers. When it was time for Alma's schooling the family moved to the 'big house on the hill', first named 'Alma' and subsequently 'Bell View (Bellevue) Park'. This property, part of the original land purchased by her paternal grandfather Samuel Tooth in 1863, was to become Alma's home for the next eighty-eight years.

A bright student, Alma attended Bundanoon Primary School and then Bowral High School (often running to catch the old steam train), where she excelled in her studies, gaining her Leaving Certificate and being a member of the 'A' Basketball Team. After leaving school she attended dressmaking and sewing classes. She became a Sunday School Teacher at Holy Trinity Church and continued with this for many years.

Alma worked with her parents in the guesthouse, taking a year off to become a doctor's receptionist in Sydney.

On January 13 1939 the big bush fire came through Penrose State Forest, taking much before it including Joseph Tooth's new sawmill opposite Bellevue Park. Guests were taken to the Bundanoon Hotel as the fire raged past, while some men saved the guesthouse with buckets of water filled from the underground tank by Alma's young brother Arthur.

On October 26 1940 Alma married Hugh Akrigg, an Englishman whose family had settled in Exeter. Together with Hugh's friend and partner Charles Massingham, the three started a farming and guesthouse business. Hugh and Charles had bought Bellevue Park from Alma's father, so her parents and brother moved to a new home in Penrose Road.

Alma, the brains of the partnership, and Hughie and Charlie extended the guesthouse to accommodate 80 guests. This involved much improvisation as materials were not readily available and times were tough. Together they developed the tennis courts and gardens until, true to name, it became a veritable parkland. Trees and ornamentals will long remain a memorial to their love of the outdoors and the beauty of nature. Alma was the proud possessor of numerous award cards and trophies that she had won at flower and horticultural exhibitions throughout the district.

As the guesthouse only operated during school holidays and long weekends, the three were able to indulge their passion for travel

and racehorses, touring all States and the Northern Territory together. Every spare Saturday was spent at the racecourses in Sydney, and also in Melbourne when they would travel south for the Melbourne Cup.

Sadly, Hughie passed away in 1967, leaving Alma and Charlie to continue the operation of the guesthouse.

In 1973 Alma married Charlie and they spent the next three months travelling the world.

Time continued and Alma and Charlie decided to call it a day and retire. They rented the guesthouse out as accommodation for disadvantaged people and it remained this way until 1998.

After Charlie's death in 1980 Alma continued to live in the house at the back of the guesthouse that Hughie and Charlie had built for her. Alma was an avid crossword fan, completing every one she could lay her hands on. A staunch Monarchist, she followed in detail the lives of the Royal family. She was vitally interested in early Bundanoon, her ancestors, and the Gullies (Grahame had fortunately recorded most of his discussions with her on these topics). Together with Sheldon, a Murray relative, Alma organised family reunions, bringing together some 350 relations and throwing open the doors of Bellevue Park for them all to attend. She also collaborated with Dulcie Shannon on the history of 'Beautiful Bundanoon'. Alma once told Grahame she remembered when there were fifty houses in the village, and then proceeded to tell where each house was and who lived in each of them. Alma collected every conceivable object - letter, photo, etc. relating to her well-researched and documented family on both sides, and retained a wealth of knowledge concerning this.

A very private and honest person, with a bubbly personality, she would tell you only what you asked of her and if she did not know the answer she would be honest and say so. Throughout her long life this remarkable woman saw more than most of us - the aftermath of WWI, the death of her youngest sister Edith, the great depression and WWII and the amazing events of the next fifty-seven years before her death.

Alma died on the 9th August 2002 after a very brief illness; this was the first time in her 89 years that she had been in hospital. She was buried at the Church of England Cemetery in her beloved Bundanoon and has been laid to rest between Hughie and Charlie. As Grahame says 'I would suggest that the partnership is once again together'.

Arthur Tooth, Alma's brother
Grahame Tooth, her nephew



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Bundanoon quilt

Sunday 13 October saw the inception of the 'Bundanoon Quilt'. As far as its originator Jenny Corkish was concerned, this was the culmination of years of work in gathering and collating background information and photographs, which she and enthusiastic local stitchers are proposing, over the coming two years, to turn into a wall hanging. The hanging will evoke the history and essence of Bundanoon and belong to the community in perpetuity.

In order to launch the Quilt a committee of local enthusiasts was formed and decided, with the permission of the local garden club, to combine the quilt launch with the annual Garden Ramble. This was done in the form of a quilt and sewing exhibition held, by kind permission of the owner David Kerrigan, at the Bundanoon Hotel. All involved were highly delighted with the public response. Over three hundred people came through the doors and donations collected will be used to help finance the quilt.

As from February next year regular stitching meetings will be held. All who are interested in contributing to this heritage project will be welcome. Committee members to contact are:

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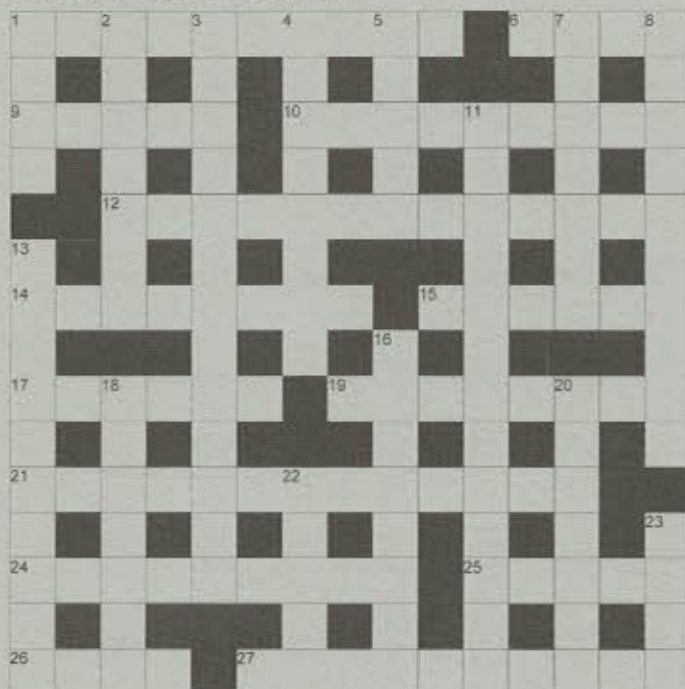
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ACROSS

1. Popular tipples for horsey communists. (6,4)
6. He had a pound on every one of his books. (4)
9. A 10 across close-ly before direction. (5)
10. You should find this new town wall before midday meeting (9)
12. Ally of Oz character was put in her place in 10 across (7,6)
14. Fantasy island. (8)

15. Sci-fi writer's hiding place: alas I'm over here (6)
17. Why you and I need a back print measure to find this avenue in 10 across. (6)
19. Treat Alf to the same cost per item. (4,4)
21. Seems there are no clouds above us. (5,8)
24. Rain runs down it after it isn't closed before 500. (4,5)
25. Frequently not confused with iron (5)
26. What the yellowtail black cockatoo is to the BCDA (4)
27. Why can dances achieve this definition of astrological dominance? (10)

DOWN

1. One that shouldn't be dropped gets sick on 10 ac street (4)
2. Small wonder you'll get this (4,3)
3. Peepers that mostly get an early night. (4,6,3)
4. Back later, but in, offers a contrary argument. (8)
5. Day loses a mixed-up nun in the outside toilet (5)
7. Part of the school year at Taronga? (3,4)
8. And seven confused with artificial intelligence wrote our census article in September (4,6)
11. How the History Shed is located with respect to the 10 ac Pharmacy. (6,3,4)
13. You won't find youngsters at this one on the weekend. (1,3,6)
16. Did she hear a nightingale in a 10 across street? (8)
18. A salad item in cold water? (7)
20. Dad and I not confused about how to make more (3,2,2)
22. Last of saliva has gone before mixing up in these vessels (5)
23. Green with.....? (4)

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As Publicity Officer, I would like to congratulate Jordan's Crossing for their new format and colour presentation and obvious hard work, to produce such an excellent publication.

I would also like to thank on behalf of the CWA, the people of Bundanoon who support our various functions and fund raising activities. Our Garage Sale was a great success and it will be bigger and better next time.

The Christmas stall on Saturday 7 December will have lots of delightful goodies on sale.

We have welcomed from other areas, two new members. They are Nola Flower and Judy Berry and they bring with them ideas and experiences from their long association with their former branches.

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Lions club

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Since our changeover we attended Sutton Forest Markets with our fruit raffles, and also Moss Vale Markets with our food stall. This was another very successful event: the weather was very mild for winter, and we sold everything again.

During August we held a Progressive Luncheon, and on Friday 23 August we participated in Daffodil Day in support of the Cancer Council of NSW: we sent a cheque for \$4,011 to the Cancer Council, so we were very pleased with the day's activities. Well done folks, we thank you for your support. In September we held our Care Flight Bowls Day, and sent a cheque of \$550 in support of their Helicopter Services.

On Monday 21 October we held our annual Youth of the Year Quest. We had seven entrants to contest the event, which is sponsored by the National Australia Bank. Three were from

Bundanoon, Morgan Hitchcock, Nathan Daly and Benjamin Morgan all of whom attend Moss Vale High School. They each delivered excellent prepared speeches. Nathan won this section but Ben was adjudged the overall winner. He goes on to compete in the next round of Zone Convention Youth of the Year Awards. Our thanks must go to the judges, Sylvie Comeau Hall, Greg Liersch and Bruce Macdonald who also interviewed each student the previous week.

We welcome Jan Witney as a new member of Lions' Club. Ralph Clarke, George Thatcher, Greg Cardilini and Noel Elliott have transferred from other Clubs. We would also welcome guests on the first and third Monday of the month at the Bundanoon Hotel.

Until next time,

Noel Elliott, Bundanoon Lions' Club: 0412 698 721

Morgan hitchcock

A WEEK IN STATE PARLIAMENT

Moss Vale High School student Morgan Hitchcock applied to Peta Seaton to spend his week of work experience in State Parliament. To his surprise she accepted.

"When I was 12," he said, "I sat in the Speaker's chair while on a visit to the Parliament. It must have had a significant effect on me as since then I have developed a keen interest in politics and government.

"For the week I stayed with relatives in Sydney and joined an unfriendly bunch of commuters each day on the train to Martin Place"

His tasks included research in the beautiful parliamentary library for John Brogden's staff or general administration in Peta's office.

"As all the Liberal MLAs are housed on the same floor I met, among others, Barry O'Farrell and Kerry Chikarovski. I even bumped into the Treasurer, Michael Egan, in the lift.

"Each day I attended Question Time in the Legislative Assembly having listened in during the day to the discussions and tactics surrounding the presentation of the opposition's questions. It was interesting to observe Bob Carr positioning himself where the cameras could more easily pick-up his posturing when he was happy to appear making his (important) point on the evening's news programmes. And equally interesting to see him skulking in the shadows of a chamber not designed for the television age, when responding to questions embarrassing to his government. "It was also fascinating to be present to observe the glee on the



faces of John, Peta and staffers as they read the note implicating Richard Amery with the Oasis Affair. Apparently one of their staff had found this gem of incriminating evidence on the floor outside the chamber the previous day. This was indeed "breaking news" that I was witnessing!

All the Members seem to have nicknames; most you would know. Andrew Tink's is "Tinkerbell". Not one he would probably want

to be widely known, Sorry, Andrew.

The work of an MP is hard. Recently, Peta chose to accept a role as Shadow Cabinet Secretary to allow her to develop the strategies designed to see her party back in power at the next election. This, with her constituency and committee responsibilities, makes for a pretty heavy workload.

"On the last day I was invited to a luncheon hosted by Peta where I chatted with Lucy Brogden and Clr Katherine Greiner. All in all, my week at State Parliament was a truly great "work experience" that has made me more sympathetic to politicians in general and reinforced my faith in democracy.

Ed: Peta said she was glad to know we were doing an article on him. "Morgan was a fantastic researcher and great company for the week. He is an outstanding young man," she said. Morgan is also one of 30 young people from NSW who has been selected to take part in the National Constitutional Convention to be held at Old Parliament House, Canberra in March next year.

young people

bumper bundy pony club year

This year has been a busy and exciting one for the 17 families and 24 riding members of Bundanoon Pony Club. We had a great start to the year when the Department of Sport and Recreation agreed to part fund the creation of a full sized, all-weather riding arena. We have long needed a safe riding surface, especially for our younger members and thanks to the Dept of Sport and Recreation and the "know how" and muscle power of the Club's parents we now have a dressage arena to be proud of.

We have also had a very successful competitive year with a packed calendar of events at both Zone and Club level. This year we sent 14 young riders, the largest number for many years, to the Berrima District Pony Club's Tulip Time Gymkhana and they all came home with fists full of ribbons after a tough, competitive day of showing, sporting and jumping events.

Another 1st for the Club was the One Day Event run jointly by Bundanoon and Moss Vale Pony Club, held at "Araluen", home of the Roche family and the Berrima Horse Trials. Young riders from all over Zone 10, which stretches from Bundanoon up to The Oaks, came together to experience the thrills of One Day Eventing. Specially designed 'E' and 'D' Grade jumps with a minimum height of 45 and 65 centimetres were created alongside the huge, international standard obstacles so that our junior riders could experience the challenge of galloping cross country, scrambling down banks and plunging through water, developing skill, building up confidence and nerve. The event was a great success, raising much needed funding for the two Clubs and creating a junior cross country course that will be available to young riders for many years to come.

Then, there was the Bundanoon Garden Ramble. Thanks to the generosity of the Bundanoon Garden Ramble Committee we were able to raise funds by selling refreshments to visitors at the beautiful gardens

and pottery of Lloyd and Lesley Gallegos in Blue Gum Road. What a day! Scone baking from 6 o'clock in the morning with Pony Club Mums creating a mouth watering range of quiches, slices and baked goods. Our young riders hung up their boots for the day to wait on tables with Laura and Hannah Coyle, Rachel Davies, Jennie and Catherine Halstead, Laura Jay, Anna Moodie, Ellie Rocca and Charlotte Waugh doing a terrific job of taking orders.

We still have the Zone 10 Dressage and Show Jumping events and the Berrima Pony Club Show Jumping Derby day to look forward to before we finally slow down for the Christmas holidays and the close of a very busy and successful Bundanoon Pony Club Year.

New members are always welcome, so if you have a pony in a paddock that enjoys a good fun day out, give Kate Coyle a call on 4883-7334 and join up for 2003.



Ribbon winners at the recent Bundanoon Pony Club Combined Training Event (LtoR): Eloise Rocca, Anna Moodie, Laura Coyle, Hollie Baillieu and Rachel Davies.

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Bundanoon hotel celebrates 80 years

The present hotel was built in 1922 and the licence transferred from the old site on 17 November 1922. Miss Ella Tyler whose family owned and operated the original hotel, was the first licensee of the present hotel. The previous building occupied the area now in the middle of the junction of Erith Street and Ellsmore Road as the accompanying photograph dramatically illustrates. This

hotel, originally known as the "Commercial", was built soon after the railway line came through in 1868 and was officially licensed in 1884. There is a stone in the Carvery of the present hotel with the date "1869" carved on it. It is thought that rather than ever being part of the original hotel it actually came from the stationmaster's cottage or gatehouse demolished many years ago, possibly when the second railway line was built. There is a similar stone in the gable of the Moss Vale stationmaster's cottage. The original hotel boasted "good accommodation for visitors at twenty-five shillings per week" and one of its more interesting sidelines was hiring out horses and sulkies.

The new Royal Hotel was built to capture the growing tourist population attracted by the health-giving qualities of the mountain air, the spring water and the proximity to bush walks and gullies. Bundanoon has been described as possibly being Australia's first resort and at one stage having more than 60 guesthouses.

Tooths Brewery records obtained for the anniversary celebrations list the following licensees from 1922 to present day: Miss Ella Tyler, Mr. Roger Terry, Mr. Robert Parsons, Mrs. Winifred Ford, Mr. Hubert Johnson, Mr. William Harris Royal, Mr. Berge Malmber, Mrs. Louise Patricia Murphy, Mr. Ernest James Perry, Mr. John Condon, Mr. Glen Osmond Hart, Mrs. Margaret Doyle, Mr. Brian Francis Dempsey, Mr. Louis Edward Minter, Mr. George Lloyd, Mr. Horace Armstrong Hillyer, Mr. Anthony Thomas Kennedy, Mr. George Charles Gosbell, Mr. David Joseph King, Mr. Barry Cecil Hill, Mr. Horace Beeton, Mr. Garry William Dougherty, Mr. Milton Hayes, Mr. David Graham Kerrigan.

Naming

The original hotel had three names: The "Commercial" first licensed in 1884, "The Tourist" from around 1900 to 1907 and "The Royal" from 1907 to when it was demolished.

The present site's name was changed on 13 September 1950 from "Royal" to "Bundanoon Hotel" and 52 years later the name "Royal" can still be seen on the external brickwork facing Erith Street, near the famous palm tree.

Changing Shape

Originally the present building comprised a two-storey construction built on what is now the foyer and the guest lounge. Expansion was pretty rapid and by 1927 extensions had added the bars, the carvery and 13 bedrooms. By 1939 the area including the main dining room and kitchen and 10 bedrooms



was added at a cost of about \$8,000.

Early in the 1950's the hotel boasted accommodation for 26 cars including 11 garages. It is not clear whether all 26 were under cover but the garages must have included the ground floor of the northern wing.

Little is known about the detached cottage. It looks as if it was moved on to the site, a practice quite common in the late fifties. Reference is made to the cottage in the early sixties, and as late as the 1980's licensees lived in it when it was a seven-room structure. It was gutted and made into one basic room with small toilet facilities in mid eighties for use in the growing conference market.

Water supply

During the 20's and 30's water was pumped from Bundanoon Creek to a holding dam and then to the village. There were severe droughts in the 1940's and Miss Tyler found it necessary to seek her own supply. She purchased 597 acres of land 3 miles down Penrose Road with permanent water and pumped her own water to the hotel and to some 60 other town properties in 1940. To this day there are seven, six-foot high corrugated iron tanks in the roof of the hotel. Town water was connected in 1948.

80 Years on

With eighty years of rich and varied history behind it the hotel is currently going through a period of restoration and upgrading. Old style rooms have been transformed to en suite rooms. Restorations have been carried out in the old lounge bar, now the Carvery, and the Main Dining Room. The kitchen has been completely modernised but still retains the 10-foot AGA stove, which is reputedly the only commercially functioning coke-fired AGA in the Southern Hemisphere. Landscaping in the gardens has transformed them into a spectacular area enhanced by recently upgraded tennis court and swimming pool.

The Future

The present owners are confident of solid growth especially from weddings and conferences. The hotel is a much sought after venue for get-togethers, family reunions, birthdays, theme parties and for sporting and social groups.

The recently extended and improved M5 means that Bundanoon is a mere one and a half-hour drive from Sydney and Canberra. The local population is growing at about twice the national average which all helps to improve our growth prospects for the next eighty years.

Youth centre

Bundanoon Youth Centre is now into its third year of operation. The Centre is leased and operated by the Anglican Church at Bundanoon.

The average attendance at the Drop-in Centre on a Friday is about 10 teenagers. However, over 30 teenagers have attended the Centre this year. The Centre is open on Friday to all those who are in Years 7 to 12. The Sunday Youth Group is for Years 6 to 12.

Youth from the Centre have been involved in Brigadoon, World Vision and the Scarecrow Competition.

This was the first year that the Centre was involved in the 40-Hour Famine for World Vision. Nine people from the Centre took part in the challenge. To kickstart the weekend on Friday night we had a "Feast before the Famine" which was well attended by those taking part. With pizzas, softdrink, confectionary and other delights the teenagers were well filled to begin the fast. Barley sugar was distributed to help them get through the long hours ahead. Some decided they liked food too much and instead went without technology for 40 hours. This was as big a commitment because youth love their music, videos and T.V. We raised close to \$500 for World Vision. Thank you to those people who were our sponsors.

Will we do it again? Yes! One participant who fasted found it was not as difficult as he thought. He is keen to go again next year.

This year saw the Centre connect to the Internet and we thank Bundanoon Village Markets for sponsoring this. It is a well-used facility of the Centre. We have a Net Nanny installed to limit sites as well as adult supervision of the computer.

The window of the Centre has been decorated for two community events this year. Firstly for Brigadoon when we had a Scottish skateboarder skating across the Scottish Highlands and just lately for the Scarecrow competition. A number of teenagers used their creative skills to bring forth "Yakos" for the Scarecrow competition. It is a skill to sew crepe paper on a sewing machine; however this was done and looked great. Thank you for all willing hands which led to our unusual final creation.

Capernwray Bible College is located at Moss Vale and some of their students have attended the Centre occasionally on Friday nights. This has enabled our young people to mix with students from Germany, the USA and Canada. It has been a good

experience for everyone.

I asked a number of teenagers why they come to the Centre and these are the comments:-

Aaron says: "I enjoy meeting my friends here and playing CD's."

Shane says: "There is nothing else to do in town and this is the only place we can get together with our friends."

Toby says: "It is heaps of fun and there is nothing else to do in Bundanoon."

Bundanoon Youth Centre is a great place for young people to meet in their "own" safe space. The Centre is supervised by adults, and teenagers have use of the following facilities: Pool table, playstation, pinball machine, computer games, music (CD's), videos, Internet and board games. They are also able to bring their own CD's or videos that are acceptable for the under

15-age group. No drugs or alcohol are permitted on the premises and no one is allowed into the Centre under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The Centre Opening hours are:

Drop-in Centre 7 - 9.30pm Fridays (Yrs 7 to 12)

Youth Group (activities, Christian study) 3.30-5.30 pm Sundays
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The Garden Club continues to have extremely well attended meetings and every month sees new members signing up. This is evidenced by the fact that in a short space of time we have had to twice change venues for our meetings to accommodate the increased number of people attending. Bundanoon is well known for its lovely gardens and the enthusiasm of the people who tend them.

Every meeting sees our trading table loaded with plants that have been raised by our members and put on sale for others to buy. By the operation of the trade table, our members can buy locally acclimatised plants at low cost and the Club benefits from the income generated. This money is used to increase the excellent library maintained for the members' benefit.

The Club had a stall at the Memorial Hall during the Garden Ramble and had on sale a vast array of plants and produce prepared by the members. Our efforts were rewarded with an amount in excess of \$700. This money will be used for further work at the Nancy Kingsbury Memorial Park. The work so far on the park has produced a great improvement and there is a lot more to come.



Our November meeting was the highlight of the year as we were fortunate in obtaining the services of Elizabeth Swane to talk on Roses. The final meeting for the year was our Christmas luncheon at Craigieburn on Thursday December 5.

We will then be in recess until the first Thursday in February 2003 when we look forward to meeting up with members for another exciting year. An invitation is extended to new residents of Bundanoon to come along and learn about the intricacies of cool climate gardening.

While the Club will be in recess over the Christmas period, remember, your garden will not be. Water and mulch your garden to protect it during the hot months of December and January. Feed azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias during this period and mulch them well. This is also a good time to give your lawns a feed to help them over their major growing period.

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Holy trinity anglican church

Sunday 22 September saw the church, its interior newly painted, filled with parishioners. They came from Sutton Forest, Exeter and Tallong to be part of the Parish service. This coming together of the churches is held on the fifth Sunday of a month when one occurs. Before the letters to the editor arrive, pointing out that 22 September was the fourth and not the fifth, let me hasten to add that this anomaly occurred because the Rector was taking his family away for a well earned rest and would not be available on 29 September.

Those in attendance enjoyed a wonderful service, and afterwards participated in morning tea on the lawns.

On 13 October the church was filled with floral arrangements and opened for visitors to the Bundanoon Garden Ramble. Many people availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the church, a haven after visiting gardens. Comments on the painting job were most favourable and the flowers were spectacular.

On the afternoon of the Ramble, Rev. David Pratt conducted a

well-attended service in which he thanked God for the beauty of the gardens, the imagination, dedication and hard work that had created such a feast for the senses.

The congregation was supported by the magnificent singing of The Bundanoon Voices who rendered a number of items as well as joining in with the hymn singing.

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve - St. Aiden's, Exeter - Holy Communion 7.30pm

Christmas Day - Holy Trinity, Bundanoon - Holy Communion 7.45 am and 9.30am

Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

Details from the Parish office on 48836019.

Neville Sully
48837191

parochial pride brings ecclesiastical elegance

In late June and early July of this year a team of dedicated volunteers braved the cold weather to repaint the interior of Holy Trinity, the Anglican Church in Bundanoon. The previous coat of



Michael Flint in action putting the first coat of rich cream on the rear wall.

off-white paint had been applied some years before and the effect of time was sadly evident. The new colour scheme includes a bold Indian red up to the dado, rich cream walls and bronze in the reveals of the windows and in the dado. The chancel has been painted a strong blue and the overall effect has been well received by regular parishioners and visitors alike.

Leader of the team of volunteers, Michael Flint, said "We were aiming to create a warm and inviting ambience in this space where people would feel encouraged to engage with God and his people." Many of the volunteers commented on the benefit

of working on such a substantial project. "I've got to know so many people much better as we've done this together," remarked Joan Eberle during one morning tea break.

Rector of the parish, Rev. David Pratt, also took time off from sermon preparation to be involved in the project and seemed to take great delight in clambering up and down the scaffolding. This was just as well since a number of volunteers felt called to tasks that could be completed from floor level. Not content with a re-painted interior, various members of the congregation are in the midst of considering additional projects such as painting the exterior trim, installing gas central heating and investigating the possibility of a hearing loop and upgraded PA system.

The Church was re-opened on schedule on Sunday 7th July and at the first service on that day Michael Flint was awarded 'The Golden Brush' for his efforts in coordinating the whole exercise. The rector and parish council wish to thank all those who worked so hard to make the project a success and extend to the community a warm welcome to come to our services that are on Sundays at 7:45 am and 5:30pm. Since re-opening for normal services the Church has been packed for a service of the whole parish on September 22nd, and was open for the 'Garden Ramble' throughout the day with floral displays on show and a special service of thanksgiving for gardens in the afternoon.

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sports clubs

cricket - a summer pastime

They say that in spring a young person's mind turns to thoughts of love, but in summer, it is just as likely to be thoughts of cricket! Cricket, our national sport, has long been associated



with the Southern Highlands and the Bundanoon District.

Many people would be aware that Bill O'Reilly played for Wingello, and that Don

Bradman played for Bowral, before going on to establish almost legendary international careers.

Cricket appears to have been the favourite game of the early settlers of Jordan's Crossing with regular matches against Wingello, Moss Vale and Bowral. There were even occasional visits by teams from Goulburn and Sydney. The youth of Bundanoon were playing cricket in the 1870's and according to James Jervis in "A History Of The Berrima District", a meeting of players in October 1882, decided to re-establish the Erith Cricket Club. The sportsground they used in Ferndale Road (now leased to Ted Hayman) was also used for football and HORSE RACING!!!

According to the Bundanoon History Group's publication, "From Jordan's Crossing To Bundanoon", cricket grew in popularity rapidly and was particularly keenly contested throughout the district in the 1920's when both O'Reilly and Don Bradman were in their formative years. The Shire Council bought the present cricket oval in Erith St in the early 1940's from Charlie Ross, one of the descendants of Walter Grice - the original owner of the land. This ground, also used extensively for hockey, was gradually developed and improved by the volunteering efforts of local townspeople. Because of this facility to train and play on, Bundanoon has had many successful teams over the years, both at junior and grade level.

Typical of the importance of cricket in forging lasting friendships and drawing out committed adult helpers from the community, is a local group of youths who were still playing together in the 2000/2001 season after starting out as the Bundanoon Under 10's six or seven years earlier. Back then, coach Steve Crabb took friends Mitchell Eirth, Amelia Dever-Kavanagh, Ryan Mangold, Shane Martin, Adam Rocca, Tim Sturton, Geoff Williams and Brendan Crabb, along with other older players, and turned them into a very competitive junior team. Many players came and went over the years, but the 'nucleus' stuck together. In their time they have worn out many cricket balls - not to mention coaches, umpires, tea makers and transporters!

Their sporting highlights included being Premiers 2000 in the Highlands Under 14's competition, Shane and Mitchell gaining selection for the Highlands Bradman Letter team and Amelia going on to compete in Women's Cricket - training through the Illawarra Academy of Sport, and recently touring New Zealand as a result. Ryan now plays cricket in the Darwin competition.

Though they may not have the chance to all play together again in junior competition, many will go on to play Grade cricket or Senior School cricket or perhaps put something back into local cricket by coaching a new set of junior teams who are just starting out - a situation they were in, all those years ago. One thing is certain though, they will never forget their years in junior cricket, or the mates they have made along the way. Those things will last forever.

Such is the comradeship, the sense of community, the healthy outdoors physical activity and positive values that being part of a team can instil, a tradition started back in the 1870's, when the first cricket balls were bowled in our district

(With grateful thanks to The Bundanoon History Group, Lucy Rocca and Maryanne Williams.)

soccer club

Something is astir in Bundanoon: A waking dragon perhaps, or a soccer club reaching adolescence. With this may come maturity and a sudden growth in size and shape. Growing pains and hair in some weird places will not faze a determined mind with eyes on the prize.

The twelfth season of revelry and rebellion in Bundanoon soccer was perhaps the best ever, with our under sevens and eight's enjoying many fun times learning the tricks of the trade from master sweeper Dean Rowley and evergreen Trevor Mckeown. The under 9's were undefeated and coached by first timer and new treasurer John Kelly, a great effort.

The under eleven's, coached by El president John Sant, were not the most flamboyant team, but played together and managed to knock out one of El president's front teeth at training (if you don't believe me, have a look at him). Oh, did I mention they also made the Final?

The twelve's and fourteen's both screamed flamboyance and attitude and, once harnessed and channelled, they were unbeatable. They all did very well making the semi final and grand final respectively.

Tutored by Debbie Saddington & Markus Fenwick, several players represented the Highlands this year.

The All-age men, our flagship, the pride of Bundy, Rebels with a cause, came to play, and won the Liberale Cup final 5-2 against the Highland Rovers. It was a day of deep mourning as we had just heard of the death of our beloved Lynda Johnston, life member and supporter, week in, week out. Matt and Geoff were not there that day, but we played to win for them and their family. Well-done boys!

With the winter season over, a summer competition starts in Moss Vale. The club has entered two women's teams and a men's team, to wreak havoc on opposition goals once again. Good luck to all players.

And finally to our supporters, friends, players and parents: without you we would not exist, have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you in 2003.
Riitta Fenwick

swimming club

Since our last report we have become an Incorporated Club. This is necessary in order to operate nowadays. We have also succeeded in obtaining the appropriate insurance for this swimming season.

The Club operates on Wednesday evenings at the Bundanoon Pool from 5.45pm for signing in and registration. The season commenced on 16 October. An annual membership currently costs fifteen dollars per member or thirty-five dollars per family. A requirement of Council is that all persons entering the pool for swim club must pay pool entry or use their multi-ticket booklet, which can be purchased for a very reasonable price at the Swimming Centre. We already have sixty registered members ranging in age from four to fifteen and are expecting to reach a total in excess of the ninety we had last year. Membership is open to all ages and we accept new registrations prior to each swimming session. We have missed seeing some of our previous members this season but have welcomed a number of new faces.

Our insurance company requires that each member attending a swimming session be accompanied by a parent or designated carer. If not, the member is not allowed to swim. The Committee has prepared a sixteen-week program that doesn't include a four-week break over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Swimming club will conclude on 27 February, when we will hold our Annual General Meeting and Presentation Night at the Pool.

Margret Brignall
Secretary
Enquiries 4883 6757.

women's bowling club

We held our Annual Charity Day on 15 October. We had teams from eight District Clubs playing, and the money raised will be donated to the Drought Appeal, the charity of the year chosen by Mrs Shirley Scott, our President.

The weather was a very mixed bag: sunny, but cold and blustery with a few hats sailing across the green. Everyone enjoyed her game and the afternoon tea.

We invite and welcome any lady who would like to try the game of Bowls to come along to the Club on any Tuesday at 10.30 am.

For further information, please phone Roslyn on 4883 6787.

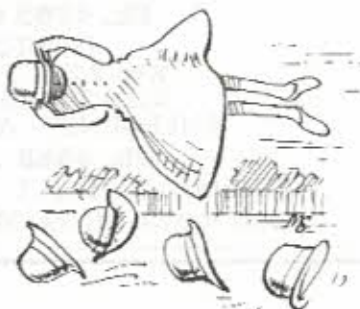


table tennis

Table Tennis will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Bundanoon Hall, starting at 7.30 pm.

Everyone is welcome.

For enquiries please phone 4883 7166

bundanoon waratah slimmers

The Bundanoon Waratah Slimmers, a weight-watching group that meets every Tuesday morning in the CWA Rooms in Railway Parade, is in its 11th year. It is affiliated with NSW Waratah Slimmers, which have approximately twenty branches statewide. Our numbers are less than ten and we would certainly welcome and encourage new members.

BWS encourages its members to adopt eating habits that will ensure long term results. A doctor's certificate is necessary.

For more information contact
Kath Jay on 4883 6418.

K Hogg (RO)



croquet club

Croquet is a sport that has been around in its present form since the 1850's. It does not require any special physical strength and so men and women, young and old can play on equal terms. Many of the skills, both physical and tactical, used in croquet are found in other sports such as golf, bowls, chess and billiards. There are benefits for inexperienced players in a handicap system. It is a healthy pastime with few chances of sustaining injuries. The costs are minimal and it can be played in all weathers. The game is played by 2 or 4 (doubles) players on a level court about the size of two tennis courts. Each player has two balls. The aim is to make each ball pass through each of the hoops in order, and hit the peg in the centre of the court.

When it is your turn, you may play either of your two balls. If you can make it hit (roquet) any of the other three balls you earn yourself two further shots. For the first of these two extra shots, your ball is picked up and placed against the ball that it hit. It is this two ball (croquet) shot which gives the game its name and makes it unique amongst ball games.

Bundanoon Croquet Club members are playing croquet on Wednesdays and Fridays and have appreciated being able to play on two lawns.

Our handicap competition is almost complete with everyone finding it a great experience playing singles with lots of different players of different standards.

A number of members have once again played away at Maitland and Young and are looking forward to going to Queanbeyan to play in the annual Molongolo Cup before the end of the year.

Congratulations must go to our oldest member, Col. John Hope, who turned 99 in October. John still plays a good game and we are all amazed at his skills.

Margaret and Bill Coffey, our dedicated coaches, have been coaching three new members. This is wonderful to see. Bill and Margaret are moving out of the district shortly and we wish them well. Also Diane and Trevor Gillham, long time members are going to warmer climes to be nearer family.

DG.

For further information please ring the Club Captain Dick Topham on 48836721 or our President George Alchin on 48834760.

CHURCH TIMES

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Holy Trinity, Bundanoon ... 7.45 am & 5.30 pm

St Aidan's, Exeter ... 9.30 am

St Stephen's, Tallong

1st & 3rd Sundays: ... 1.30 pm

2nd & 4th Sundays: ... 10.00 am

All Saints, Sutton Forest ... 11.15 am

1st & 3rd Sundays: ... 11.00 am

2nd & 4th Sundays: ... 2.30 pm

Uniting Church, Church St, Bundanoon

Sunday ... 11am

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Bundanoon Community Development Association (BCDA)		
President	Danien Beets	4883 7557
Secretary	David Morgan	4883 6857
Bundanoon Public School Parents and Citizens (P&C)		
	Dennis Lenane	4883 6881
Bundanoon Voices	Coralie & Michael Flint	4883 6588
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Country Women's Association (CWA)		
	Marie Reid	4883 6526
Friends of the Morton National Park		
	Sheila Micholson	4883 6107
Garden Club	Neville Sully	4883 7191
Glow Worm Glen Track Committee		
	John Dorman	4883 6296
History Group	Neville Sully	4883 7191
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Playgroup	Robyn Bromfield	4883 6455
Pony Club	Kate Coyle	4883 7334
RSL	Ross Counsell	4883 6524
Scouts	Tracey Willoughby	4883 6990
Tennis Club	Cameron Reid	4883 7074
	Michelle Kelly	4883 6925
Women's Bowls	Roslyn Hippiusley	4883 6787
Visitors' Group	Karen & John Henry	4883 6643
Walking Groups	see Community Health	
Waratah Slimmers	Kath Jay	4883 6418
Youth Centre	Lyndall Nurse	4883 6048

Support & Volunteer Services

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Walking Groups	Dennis Lenane	4861 0200
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Mobile Library	Moss Vale Library	4868 2479
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