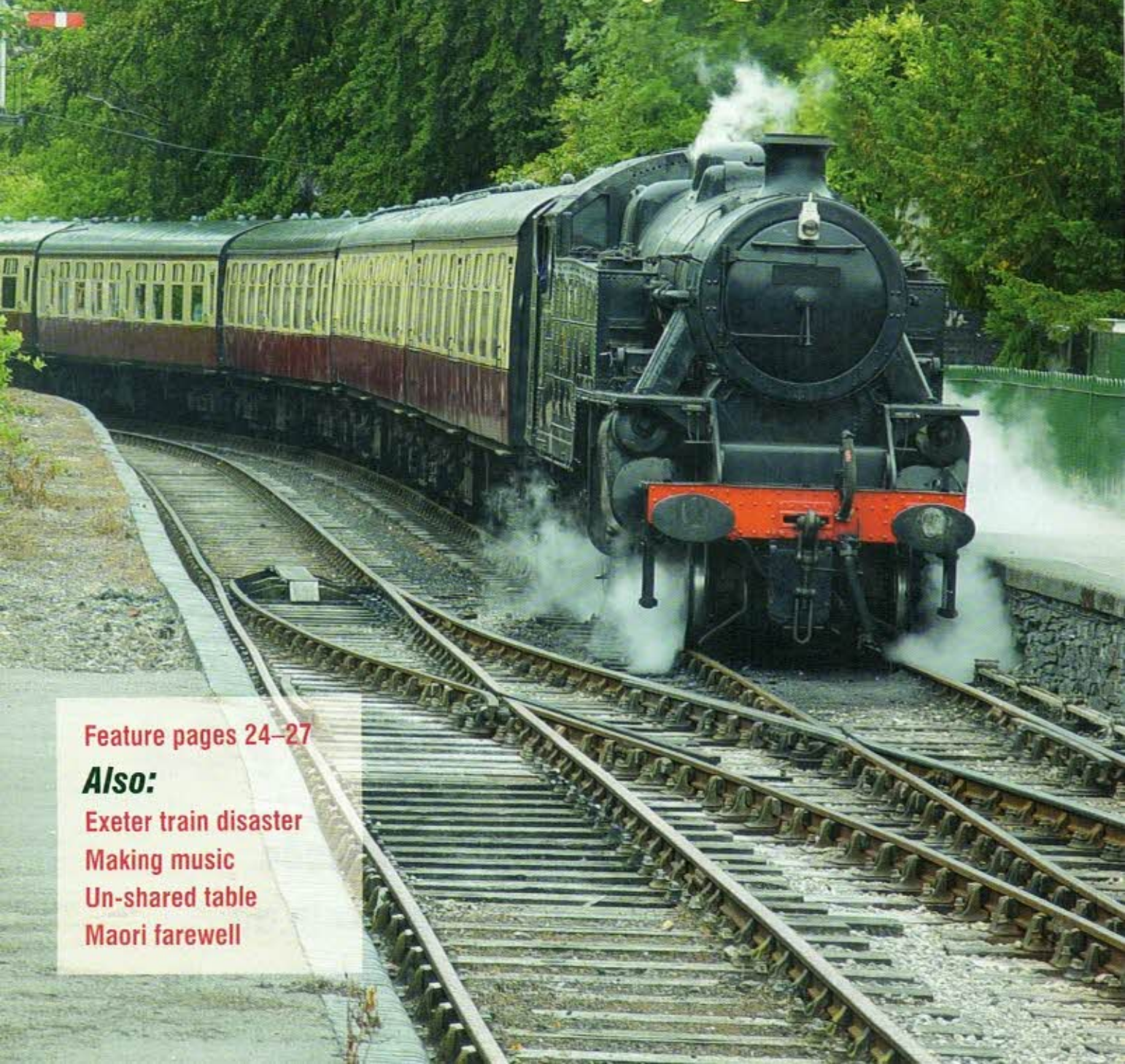


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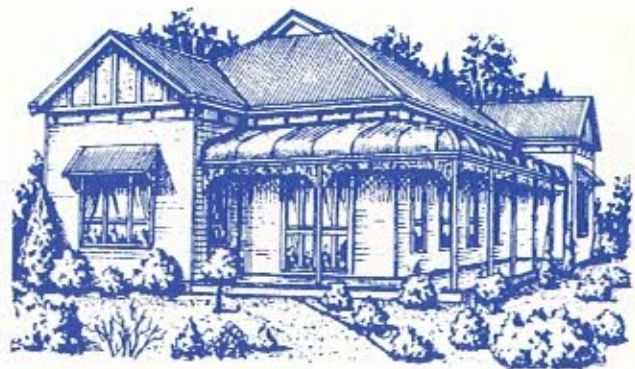
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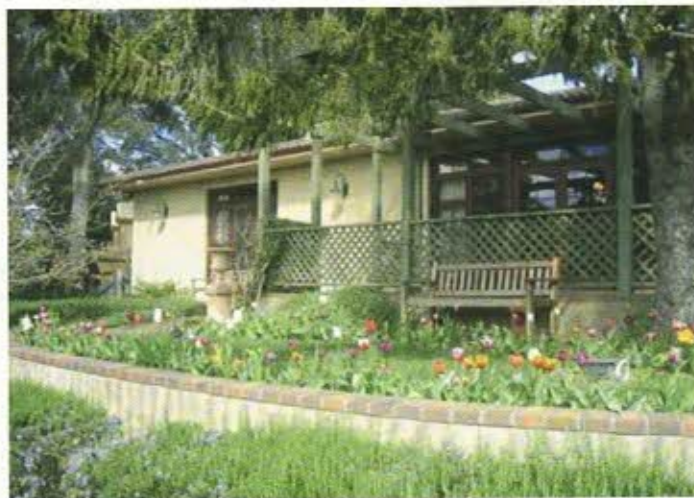
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and recitals, Garden Club meetings and a number of other activities including chess and exercise classes. Sporting events were an important part of town life and we are pleased to report the results of the 2006 Tennis Championships which have been reintroduced after 20 years.

jcg, which is an initiative of BCDA, is designed to promote community spirit by bringing you stories of local identities and articles by writers who live in this area.

In this issue our Railway history is featured. A number of columnists have agreed to write for the magazine and our regular contributors will continue to bring you stories and personality profiles. The quality of our illustrations has improved and new writers and photographic contributions are welcome.

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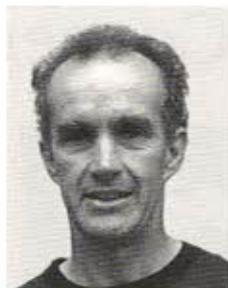
To enquire about bookings and rates for the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, please call Kay Pearsall: 4883 6954.

Council news

Councillor Jim Clark

Council has been looking at its land reserves with a view to selling what it describes as 'under-utilised facilities'. The major incentive has been the need to finance the construction of a Leisure Centre in Eridge Park at Bowral. While those of us in the Southern Villages may be less attached to the concept of a Leisure Centre in far-away Bowral, there is also what has been called 'local community benefit'. By this it is meant that when a land sale occurs in our community a benefit in the form of upgraded or renewed facilities will be passed on. Council may otherwise not have been able to afford these. The difficult part is reaching agreement on the type and extent of improvements to be provided. As council has yet to conduct community consultation meetings regarding land sales it will be interesting to see the reaction across the Shire to these proposals.

The upgrading of the Bundanoon Sewage treatment works is nearing commencement after some difficulties in establishing an effluent management strategy. Sydney Catchment Authority has established stricter requirements for discharge from sewerage treatment works. An essential component of the new works will be to establish effluent storage and a pipeline to allow partial reuse of the treated discharge as an agricultural irrigation facility. All of this adds significantly to the cost but will provide an improved environmental result both locally and for Sydney's catchment. Once completed the Bundanoon sewerage scheme will provide for population growth to 2031 and allow the current moratorium on subdivision to be lifted.



BCDA update

Ralph Clark, President



It was a great honour to be elected as BCDA President at the recent AGM.

On behalf of all members – indeed on behalf of the town – I wish to thank my predecessor, Danien Beets, for his contribution as President over recent years. The enthusiasm and professionalism which he brought to the task have made a tremendous difference.

Over the past twelve months or so there has been much discussion of the role of BCDA, particularly of ways in which we can make the association more representative and more accessible to local residents.

To this end we are reviewing our meeting structure and taking other measures to ensure that we can meet the changing demands on the association and needs of the town. Increasingly, less important matters will be left to our very capable subcommittees, allowing our monthly meetings to be more welcoming. This format will also allow us to invite guests or speakers when appropriate and to enjoy more social interchange.

We will also be staging some purely social get-togethers, commencing in August – more details closer to the event. These have the aim of furthering the unique community spirit which we enjoy here in Bundanoon.

We have all been shocked by the recent spate of vandalism, particularly the senseless damage to the town entrance sign. Strong representations have been made to the police area

commander, with a further meeting to be held a few days after this message is written. Members of the BCDA Green Team – the volunteers who are making such a difference to our environs – are currently investigating options for security lighting of the signs.

July will see the first Bundanoon Winterfest, arranged by our hard-working Visitors' Group. There is a great array of functions and events, with something for everyone – I hope to meet you there.

BCDA on the Internet

Catch up with what's happening around Bundanoon by joining the Bundanoon Community Discussion Forums at www.bundanoon.org

The site features discussion forums for local community groups like the Bundanoon Community Development Association. Another great feature of the site is a Calendar that lists upcoming cultural and other significant events. So why not become a regular member of the site, so you can keep up to date with what's happening around town and even post news of your own events. Becoming a member is relatively simple and won't cost you a cent!

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This was the orchestra's third visit. Lucy Voronov played the cimbalom (an unusual 76 stringed zither-like instrument). She sits centre stage in the group and her virtuosity was sensational. The bayan (Russian button accordion) duo, Lina Chegodaen and Milica Obradovic, and the charming and highly talented bass baritone Valentin Starnovsky (whose voice seemed to start somewhere beneath the floorboards!) made this another special Bundanoon event.

Gerard Willems

The chair of the keyboard unit at Sydney Conservatorium, soloist and recording artist in his own right, Professor Willems presented a capacity audience in the Hall on 13 May with a beautifully-executed program of works by Mozart, Beethoven and Liszt, with a familiar Chopin waltz as encore. A truly memorable evening!



Mozart – a celebration

Arts Bundanoon has arranged a very special commemorative concert to be held on **24 June at 2.30pm** in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall.

2006 marks the 250th birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and across the world musicians have gathered to celebrate the life of this remarkable composer. The concert program planned for Bundanoon will include pianists, an organ, solo voice, violin, viola and clarinet. The slow movement of the famous clarinet concerto will be featured and Bundanoon Voices will present choral works including excerpts from the Mozart *Requiem*. Interspersed with these items there will be an opportunity to hear selected readings from Mozart's letters spanning most of his short life.

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Our town sign will shortly be restored to its former handsome appearance thanks to Wingecarribee Shire Council and Bundanoon Sandstone.

- The BCDA will therefore be able to continue with the planned history signs in the Information Bay & on the History Shed opposite the shops.
- The BCDA is awaiting a quote from Integral Energy in regard to security lighting of the town signs and also investigating the solar powered option.
- The best security is to catch those responsible for the vandalism. Call the police on 131444 if you have any information.

Green Team contact: David Beasley, 4883 7122.



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The Bundanoon Dash



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To add to the festival atmosphere on the weekend it is planned to launch a fundraising 6km 'sprint' race called the BUNDANOON DASH on Saturday 11 November. The Dash will take place at around 5:30pm (TBC). Riders will race from the Morton NP entry, do a loop of the dirt tracks back to Gambells Rest before a somewhat tough finish up Constitution Hill to a Finish near the school. Some 300 to 600 riders are expected.

This event has been planned as a fundraiser for those local community groups assisting with the Fling. These include the Bundanoon, Wingello and Penrose Brigades of the Rural Fire Service, Bundanoon, Exeter and Wingello School

P&C associations, Bundanoon Rebels Soccer Club, Bundanoon Pony Club and Bundanoon Lions Club.

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Fundraising

The Dash has an entry fee of \$10 per head. The organizers of the Fling, Wild Horizons, guarantee that a MINIMUM of \$5 per head will go into the community fundraising pot. Depending on sponsorship raised to cover timing costs/prizemoney costs it is hoped that as much as the full \$10 will go into the pot. This is an opportunity for local businesses to support a local event that supports local community groups.

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	3pm	Movie in hall
Fri 14	pm	Bastille Dinner
Sat 15		Local Arts and Crafts in Hall.
		Bike rides*, Buskers
Sat 22		Street Stalls, Buskers, Bike rides*
	pm	Blues & Jazz in the Pub or Club (TBC).
Sun 23	2pm	Classical Afternoon in the Hall (Fund raising for Daniel Romsey, Donation for entry.)
Sat 29		Bike rides.*
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High Praise for 2006 Brigadoon Gathering

Brigadoon's fame has spread to Dunedin, 'the Edinburgh of the South'; Duncan Todd Wall, President of the Clan Gunn Society of New Zealand, visited this year to learn some of the secrets of its success. He was full of praise for the event, its scale, variety and colour and the obviously effective yet unobtrusive organisation behind the scenes.

Once again, scores of community organisations providing volunteers for the day will benefit from the distribution of the net proceeds.

This is truly a great event for Bundanoon, run by the community for the community, which provides an action-packed day for all visitors.

A special thanks must be given to local businesses who sponsored the heavy events and games at the gathering, an appreciated contribution to a highly successful day.

Next year Brigadoon will be held on 28 April. Details will be published in the March 2007 edition of *jcg*. Check out the website for information: www.highlandsnsw.com.au/brigadoon

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Demise of volunteer cooking

It seems to me that over the past few years a slow growing 'disease' has developed that is gradually 'eating' into the community's ability to cook for its needier members.

It affects both the willing volunteer and the grateful recipient. This 'disease' is a mixture of bureaucracy, red tape, health and safety regulations, insurance company dictates and an ever encroaching 'corporate' world.

There was a time when Meals-on-Wheels were prepared by volunteers in the Bundanoon Community Centre. People were rostered to come in at regular times for preparation of hot meals to be delivered to those in need around our town and district. That service has now been contracted out. A couple of days a week frozen, mass produced meals are brought out by a bus from Moss Vale to be distributed. Not only do the recipients now get an arguably less delicious and nutritious meal, but the opportunity for volunteers to meet, socialise and 'do something for others' has been taken away. The new service is probably more efficient and cost effective but the community has surely lost a little of its heart in the process.

Secondly, for a long time now Bundanoon volunteers, (and many other regional towns),

staying while their children received long term care and treatment.

The cooking and delivering of these meals is known as "The Casserole Club". It was started by Mrs. Janet Greason right here in Bundanoon many years ago when her son, Robert, required hospitalisation. The scheme spread state wide. It saved families from the cost of 'eating out' by providing hearty home cooked meals, removing at least one worry for them at a very emotional and stressful time. Sadly, 2006 may see the end of the scheme.

Not only have 'fast food' outlets moved into nearby street close to the hospitals, but major corporations, (frozen food companies, ice-cream manufacturers etc.), have started stocking the units. Yes, they too provide it free of charge, but I fear the charitable motive takes a back seat to the imperatives of advertising and the creation of a 'positive corporate image'. To compound matters, health and safety regulations look like being brought to bear on the Casserole Club, as it can't officially vouch for the quality of all the kitchens that contribute to this community scheme.

Finally, from 2007 insurance conditions which apply to 'Bundanoon is Brigadoon' will prohibit the sale of non-commercial products

...the community has surely lost a little of its heart...

have prepared home cooked meals which were then delivered to Ronald McDonald House centres based at children's hospitals in Sydney. These meals were distributed to the units where rural and regional families were

in glass. That means all those traditional stall items, such as jars of jam, preserves, chutneys, pickles, relishes and lemon butter cannot be sold, for fear of someone dropping one, smashing it and cutting themselves on broken glass. An insurance claim may follow!!!

Brigadoon is a huge event and must be insured, but how long will it be before this trend to protect us from ourselves, creeps into every fundraiser and market stall? The question is - 'Who are the insurance companies really protecting?'

The opportunity to help others is slowly being eroded. For many, and in particular for those of advancing years or with limited mobility, it means they are being robbed of the chance to give back to the community which has supported them.

Food is all about flavour, but if this is a 'taste' of things to come, the only outcome will be a sour 'taste' in the mouth. I fear our community spirit could decline as we gradually get out of the habit of helping others, and we shall all be the poorer for it.



Making music

young people

by Lucy Bainger

Imagine you or your child has decided to learn to play a musical instrument. An instrument is chosen, a teacher is found and lessons begin. Learning an instrument means enjoyment, challenge, satisfaction and lots of hard work. Inevitably some students stop lessons after a few years when practice becomes more demanding. Only a small number continue to play instruments into adult life, and an even smaller number become professional musicians. It begs the question - is it realistic to invest time and resources when the odds seem stacked against our first notes?

Yet we are genetically programmed to love music. Neurologists say that a good chunk of our brain matter is entirely devoted to listening to and responding to music, as opposed to sound in general. We devote a lot of technology and resources to ensuring that we have music around us; at home, in the car, in shops, gyms, restaurants, and aeroplanes - we have even invented ways to attach it to our bodies. For most people it is an essential part of daily life; childhood, growing up, socialising, courtship, marriage, worship, entertainment and even death. Music is a marvellous part of being human, expressing for us those strongest emotions that are beyond words.

But it is harder to be involved in music making now than it once was. In early societies everyone participated, just as each individual was involved in collecting food for daily sustenance. Now food is produced by only a small group of specialised people for the whole population and the same can be said of music. Over the last four centuries our western music has become so varied and complex and the instruments so technologically advanced that only those who can study and practice for many years are able to play proficiently. We need skills, talent, and tenacity to become one of these specialists. Being involved in music making, whether as a novice or a professional, gives a wonderful feeling of euphoria. Ask any choral singer, instrumental player, or band member. And that's the real point - you don't have to be talented or a brilliant musician to get a thrill out of making music. A tiny child playing saucerpan lids knows that.

As a music teacher of young children, I would be rich if I could collect a dollar from every parent who has assured me that their child is particularly musical. They are all quite right - most children are particularly musical. This may not translate into every child having all the skills required to be a great musician but it does mean that every child will get enormous joy and satisfaction from any kind of musical play and learning. After all, we don't expect our young soccer or tennis players to train to become professional athletes; we are just glad they are having fun while getting team skills and regular exercise. Musical games are full of movement and fun and gradually the beauty and impact of music is felt more deeply.

Musical play for the very young is ideally full of movement and fun. Gradually, as

the child grows, the beauty and impact of music is felt more deeply. If you are the patiently suffering parent of a child practising playing drums in the garage, or trying to find that right note on the violin, rest assured that you are supporting that great human drive to make music!

Music belongs to each of us; an everyday pursuit like playing sport or reading - a good thing to do for a minute, a year, and even for a life-time.

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Gift to the community

by David Beasley



A highly regarded local artist, Ken McDonald, offered to carve a block of sandstone into an eye-catching sculpture to grace the headland at the railway bridge at Railway Avenue and Erith Street intersection. As you drive into Bundanoon, you cannot miss the result.

Bundanoon Sandstone generously donated the stone and Ken gave his time and expertise. The result is stunning and a real asset to Bundanoon and the Southern Highlands.

Ken was acclaimed as the joint winner of the People's Choice Award in the Sculpture in the Southern Highlands competition in late 2005. He has created many sculptures by commission and our community is most appreciative of his generosity. A lyrebird was his choice because he believed it was different, relatively rare but found in this area.

The BCDA was enthusiastic about the choice of a lyrebird. Old timers tell us that the lyrebird used to feature on tourist signs around Bundanoon in the early days. It is now used as the logo of the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

The lyrebird with an open mouth is the totem for the Dharawal Nation, an Aboriginal people who lived in the area from Sutherland Shire to the Shoalhaven River and west to Camden before white settlement. Anzac Parade marks the border of their trade route. The lyrebird is a splendid mimic and the significance of the open mouth is that it identified the only animal that could speak all languages. So the choice of a lyrebird is quite fitting and very beautiful as you enter Bundanoon.

Nature and society

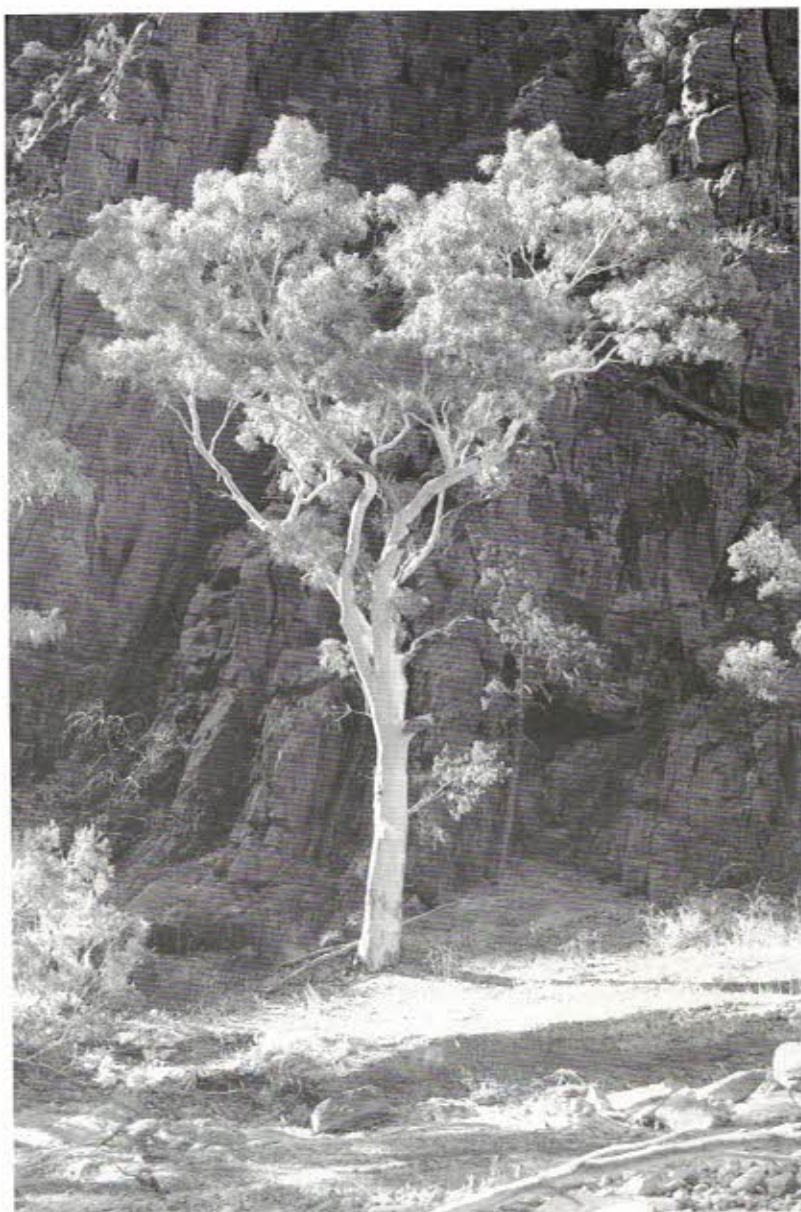
art

John Dorman's exhibition of splendid photographs in the Foyer Gallery of the Wingecarribee Council Chambers will be on display until 26 June 2006. He has been passionate about conservation since the 1960s and played major roles in many state conservation societies. He was a councillor of the Australian Conservation Foundation and State President of the National Parks Association from 1972 to 1978.

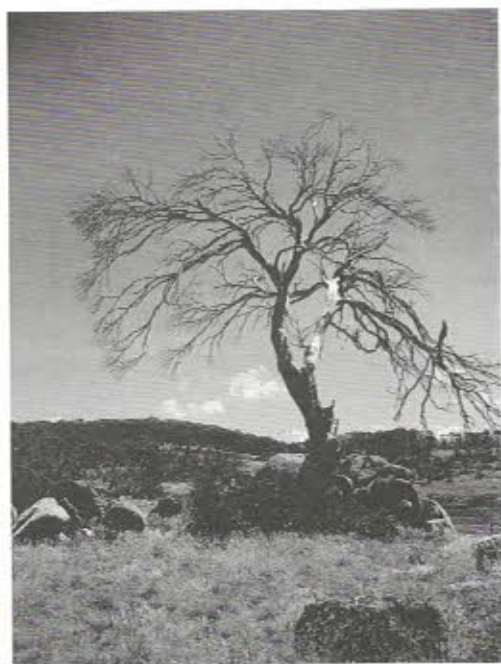
During this time he met David Tranter who served as secretary of the State Council in the early 70s. A recent book by David is also featured as part of this exhibition. Together they worked on the Wingecarribee Swamp Inquiry representing non-government conservation bodies. Both are resident in the Highlands and John has been an active member of the Bundanoon community. He is well known to many of us through his involvement with restoration of the Glow Worm Glen track.

John's interest in photography began as a hobby and in 1988 he completed an Associate Diploma of Arts and Crafts, studying photography part-time at the Newcastle Teachers College/University of Newcastle. The works in this exhibition are representative of his progress and since 2003 he has used a digital camera and computer. All photographs have been digitally printed.

John hopes that his pictures, particularly of Newcastle Cathedral, and his environmental photography 'may inspire others to see beauty in nature and society'. PD



Above: Eucalyptus, Gammon Ranges National Park, left: Rennex Gap, Kosciusko National Park



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Country living

by Keith McMenomy

Living with the birds

What complicated relations we have with other species; domesticated varieties as well as the undomesticated.

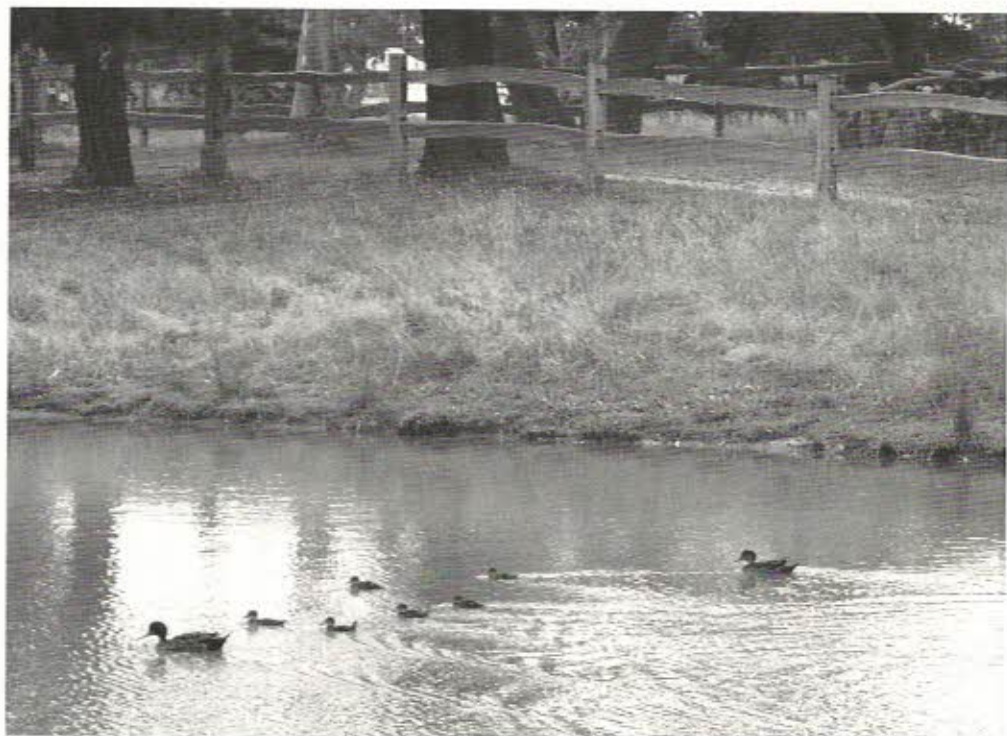
Some days ago I had to stop what I was doing to listen to a robin giving an absolutely stunning solo from the shrubs outside. A few days later we came home to find feathers scattered about the veranda which was all that our cat had left of the tiny creature. A bell on the collar was not enough warning.

Some might suggest we should not have a cat, but she is great company and keeps the rats and mice down. We humans – pre-eminent predators – enjoy the mostly silent company of many animals and find it endlessly fascinating to observe their social dynamics and life cycles. I am an amateur observer but animal relations appear to be a complex mix of what looks like compassion or sometimes the opposite, firm and dispassionate resolve. Not unlike us.

To illustrate, each season we watch different pairs of dedicated wild ducks struggle to raise their young. Now I know that some people detest ducks; they mess the pavements. But to us they are harmless, shy grazers in the paddocks about the house, attracted to our dam and those of neighbours. They are quick and ever vigilant but very vulnerable. About six months ago a pair of grey wood ducks appeared with a dozen chicks. Other adults can be among the predators so they keep them separate from the flock until well grown. Foxes and feral cats are a problem; hawks, falcons and the occasional wedge-tailed eagle zero in like missiles to pick one off amidst a cacophony of screeching from other birds. So the odds of survival for these flightless youngsters are not guaranteed, despite now being off-limits to shooters. Parent birds have various strategies when under attack and they too are grounded with their babies. On cue, the chicks huddle in a mass, lying prone in the grass until signalled to move on. With more direct danger one parent will feign a broken wing and flap off through the grass to draw away the attacker, allowing the rest to hide.

On the other hand, a month or two ago, we noticed both parents and chicks taking to the dam but pecking at one youngster to drive it away. Later we found this outcast at waters edge, wet, cold and exhausted. Carrying it home in a towel, we dried it off and fed it with a syringe; but it died. Survival of the fittest!!! The sick or weak are discarded.

About a month ago parents were down to minding seven mid-grown young, still not able to fly. This week only the female parent minds five remaining teenagers. What lesson can we draw from this? I am still thinking and wondering.



Vet's casebook

by Ken Davidson BVSc (Hons)

Itchy dogs

Anyone who has owned a woofer is aware of the 'Itchy dog' syndrome, most commonly associated with flea infestation in the hotter months. In the Southern Highlands in general and in the 'Wombat Capital of Australia', Penrose, closely followed by Bundanoon and Wingello/Tallong, this problem can be caused by a much more insidious parasite, the Sarcoptic Mange Mite.

It is an ectoparasite (living on or in the skin) but is not visible to the naked eye. The typical itchy dog's owner frequently puts Fido onto the examination table saying something like: "He scratches all day and night but I can't find a flea on him!" My first question in reply is: "Does he come into contact with wombats?"

Sarcoptic mites or 'Scabies' as the infestation is commonly known, is endemic in wombats in the area, meaning that they almost all carry the parasite. In my experience, once fleas are ruled out and wombats are about, this disease is the most likely cause of rash and itching. A visit to the vet before the dog scratches himself raw is strongly advised, not only for the dog's sake but also for the family who owns the dog...yes, the dreaded mites commonly transmit to humans, causing a skin rash that won't go away without treatment. (Remember the kerosene bath scandal at a Victorian nursing home where scabies got a hold a few years ago?)

Not to panic though, very effective treatment and prevention for the dog is at hand once a diagnosis is obtained. Just remember: itchy dog, rash on underbelly legs and muzzle, hairloss, mangy smell and proximity to wombats all adds up to trouble... and a vet visit. Let it go too long and secondary problems will complicate the treatment.



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Eye on Bundanoon

by Glennis Kennedy

The influencers

We all meet a lot of people throughout our lives, and some of them stick in our memories for a long time, others not.

Interestingly though, there's one 'category' of people which seem to impact us more lastingly than most (other than close family & friends) and that's our teachers – particularly from our early learning years.

I had the pleasure of sharing a meal with two ex-Bundanoon Primary teachers recently – Ken and Marian Clegg – who taught at the school through much of the eighties.

(By the way if you happen to be one of the Anderson twins, the Eirth or Petersen boys, or Donny Turner, you'd probably want to tune out around about right now...).

Ken Clegg taught various subjects and Marian's forte was English. They shared with great fondness recollections of things like dressing students as centipede legs for the school's Brigadoon float, as well as the dragon float; and the planting of several dozen trees in the school grounds (still there today of course); and their great vision of a serious veggie garden that would feed the village's residents for centuries to come. This didn't quite stand the test of time!

Back then Ken – "Cleggy" to his students – was a founder of the radio station WKTFM and the kids were invited to read their essays on air – something some students found a tad daunting, but nevertheless was pretty ground-breaking stuff at the time.

Sure there was the occasional hiccup like the occasion when one first-timer to the radio waves had to say "version" three times during the course of their dissertation.

Trouble was, each time they uttered the word it came out as 'v-i-r-g-i-n'. Fortunately the subject matter wasn't too dangerous and the level of embarrassment only reached about a 2 on the Richter scale. However multiple references to various 'virgins of the writer's works' did leave a few listeners scratching their heads and questioning their hearing.

These days Ken and Marian are happily ensconced in Tasmania though their kids and grandkids continue to live in the Highlands.

They both say a warm "hi" to any residents or students who remember them, and Ken wanted particularly to say thanks to all the kids who, following their weekly workout at the local pool, always insisted on buying him a banana paddlepop.

Thank God for good teachers everywhere – they leave an indelible mark on young lives. And I'd be remiss here if I didn't particularly mention the terrific contributions of teachers Ross and Barbara Armfield and ex-Principal John Shields, whose dedication and energy has touched the lives of so many Bundanoonians.

Oh, and as for the ex-kids whose names were mentioned above and who no doubt rapidly skimmed the contents of this column searching nervously for irrefutable evidence of horrendous crimes, misdemeanours, and reputation-ruining unspeakable acts of their younger days...

Gotcha!



Sky watch

by Stephen Owens

The early evening hours in May, June and July afford the best views of the Milky Way with the Southern Cross high in the eastern sky. Half an hour after sunset the stars begin to appear.

Sirius is first, as it is the brightest star in the sky. It can be found slightly west of overhead at the beginning of June.

The next star to appear is **Canopus**, to the southeast.

Then follows **Rigel Kent** and **Hadad** to the east. These two bright stars are also called the pointers as they point to the Southern Cross, which may be found not far above them.

To really appreciate the magnificence of the southern sky seen from the Highlands you need to find a location away from street and house lights. Make sure you rug up and have a comfortable chair, as it will take about fifteen minutes to become dark-adapted. Also a good field of view is necessary to appreciate the vista.

Once you have adjusted to the dark, the spectacular luminous highway across the sky really makes its presence felt. This is the **Milky Way**, our galaxy that is made up of about 100 billion stars. However, on a clear night we can only see about four thousand stars with the naked eye. The rest either meld into the luminosity of the Milky Way or are too faint to see.

There are two other galaxies visible. These are the **Large** and **Small Magellanic Clouds** seen as faint blobs below the Milky Way to the south.

Now it is time to get our bearings.

First find the five stars of the **Southern Cross**. This should be easy, as the pointers will help. The Cross is high in the eastern Milky Way.

Now move to the west, along the plane of the Milky Way, past **Sirius** and find the **Belt of Orion** consisting of three stars close together in a vertical line. The belt is in view early in the night. This is part of the constellation of Orion and is low in the southwestern sky.

There are two bright stars equidistant to the north and south of the belt. These are **Betelgeuse** and **Rigel**.

Have a good look at Betelgeuse. It should appear distinctively red as it is a cool supergiant, a very large star with a surface temperature of about 3000 degrees Celsius.

Rigel, in contrast is a hot star with a surface temperature of about 20,000 degrees Celsius. It should appear blue.

Now go back to the **Southern Cross** and look at the different colours of the five stars, also the colours of the pointers. The colours go from blue (hot) through yellow, orange to red (cool). The colour of each star is an indicator of its surface temperature.

The stars we can see are arranged in groups called constellations. The sky is divided into eighty-eight constellations, not all of them visible to us in the southern hemisphere. Twelve of the constellations should be familiar to us and are called the zodiacal constellations. These include **Aries**, **Taurus**, **Gemini**, **Virgo**, etc. In the next issue I will talk about the constellations and how to identify them.

Happy observing!

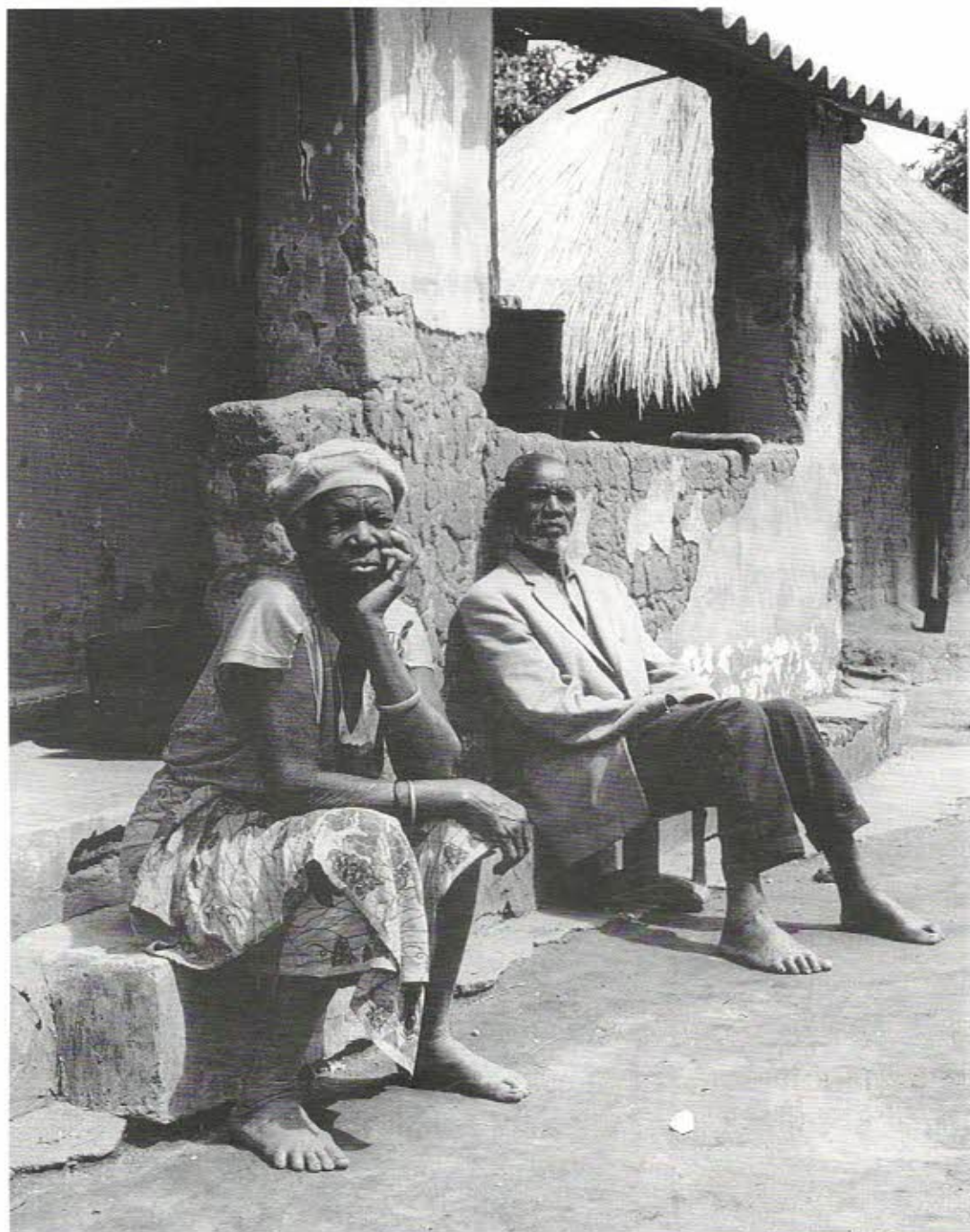
'The photo says it all'

Ruby sits on the steps of her mud brick house outside Maseru, the capital of Lesotho, a land-locked country inside the borders of South Africa. She has her uncle chaperoning her. It would be culturally incorrect for her to speak privately to a strange man.

She is desperately poor. She has two daughters of school age and she takes any casual labouring job to earn a little money to keep them at school. She is heartbreakingly sad. Her husband, like some 90% of the

working age of this nation, crossed the border into South Africa to work in the mines. He returned home about five times in twelve years and the last time he came home to die. He had a lung condition because of his underground work, common among miners. In six months he was dead.

The mining company payout of about \$100 (AUS) did not cover his funeral expenses. Spare a thought for Ruby and for millions of women like her in the third world who briefly touch our lives because of photography.



Digital cameras are everywhere! Don't just save your photos on CD. Why not print your best ones? This may be the year for you to try and change the world a little with your camera, maybe by recording some once only event in your family or community. Perhaps, through photography you too can tell a story. Use your camera in some new way, 'Go for it!'

Note: jcg is always looking for photographic contributions. Ed.

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Travel tales

by Anni Baillieu

Play close to home

Why go any further than your own backyard for a weekend getaway, especially when that backyard is one of the most beautiful cities in the world – Sydney!

Harbour view rooms at most Sydney hotels command high prices and invariably are full at weekends, but a cruise on the Harbour can provide the best views in Sydney at a more reasonable price.

The invitation to a weekend cruise conference on board the Captain Cook was an opportunity to see the city from a different perspective and to explore the foreshore from east to west, north to south.

Check in at Darling Harbour was at 4.30pm on Friday afternoon with parking a ten-minute walk away. For those with luggage it is a good idea to drop it and your friend (if you have one) before parking the car.

On boarding, tea was being served on the top deck. I was joining a wide range of ages and backgrounds from Sydneysiders to country people, young and retired couples and groups of friends.

All meals are included and are exceptionally good. At dinner an Edith Piaf-genre artist sang and guests danced as we glided past the Opera House.

The cabins are simple but all have windows and the bed was comfortable at the end of a busy day with good lighting for reading. The bathroom was compact but adequate and there was space to hang and store a weekend wardrobe.

The warmth of the crew was evident from the moment you stepped on board and guests soon greeted each other and shared a cuppa on the top deck or a drink at the bar.

Moored in Sydney Cove for the first night, I woke to a requested knock on my door for the early morning stroll in the Botanical Gardens followed by a hearty breakfast. We cruised from the Parramatta River in the west to the eastern bays of the rich and famous, calling at Watsons Bay for a walk over South Head which provided an excuse for a lunchtime indulgence.

The mooring for the second night was just south of the Quarantine Station at North Head and again the evening meal was exceptional and entertainment, by a trio of musicians, added to the enjoyment.

Prices for a Captain Cook Harbour cruise start from \$432 per person for two nights' accommodation, all meals and activities.

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Garden notes

by Trish Arbib

Winter in Bundanoon

Winter can be a dreary time in the garden. Leaves have fallen. Flowers have finished. Many perennials have temporarily died back. Spring seems a long way away – but you can plant to improve the picture. Winter flowering shrubs include pieris, ericas, some camellias and yellow winter jasmines.

Perfume comes from such shrubs as daphnes, witchhazels (*Hamamelis*) with their crepe paper-like flowers, mauve and purple perennial wallflowers, large pink *Lucullia* flowers lingering from autumn, small cream honeysuckle flowers of woodbine, and waxy greenish yellow flowers of wintersweet, early flowering viburnums, and the magnolia relative, *Michelia yunnanense*.

Hellebores/winter roses are increasingly popular with their variety of colours and forms in leaf and flower. Fantastic polyanthus with wavy petals, circles, and fascinating colours are being bred by Bob Cherry of Paradise Plants.

Some leaves colour red in winter and persist on the plant. Round crinkly leaves of ground cover *Rubus calycinoides*, glossy leaves on arching stems of the shrub *Leucothoe*, large rotund leaves of some *Bergenias*, small leaves of ground cover *Euonymus radicans* 'Minimus'. Scottish heathers may have red, gold or chocolate winter foliage.

Stems and bark provide winter interest. Red and yellow stemmed shrubby dogwoods and red stemmed maples, black stem hydrangeas, contorted hazels, dappled bark of crepe myrtles and striped bark of snakebark maples, black wirenetting stems of *Corokia*, eucalypts with white or textured barks and *Prunus tibetica* with its shiny red striated bark like an old cherry wood pipe.

Winter flowering bulbs include true snowdrops (*Galanthus*), cyclamens, orange *Chasmanthe*, and glossy star shaped gold or cream lesser celandines. *Iris unguicularis* has shy mauve flowers that nestle among the leaves. Early flowering jonquils are harbingers of spring. Red hot pokers 'Zululandia' and 'Winter Cheer' are vibrant and provide welcome nectar for spinebills and wattle birds.

Plumes of dead flower and seed heads on ornamental grasses add texture and interest.

Frost on leaves and grass, and the ice forming on water in a birdbath is intriguing. I love the crunching sound that walking on frost gives.

Enjoy "the bones of the garden" in winter – the shape of trees and shrubs and the structure of the garden are more apparent. Winter is a good time to see mistakes in design and hopefully rectify them. Maybe not to the extent of moving walls and paths, but many plants can be safely moved now. But the emphasis is also on enjoyment. Place a seat where you can soak up winter sun and look around.

It's fun to explore nurseries selling bare rooted deciduous trees and roses, talk to staff, do research and make choices.

I'm not pretending that winter is the most fabulous season in the garden, but with a bit of planning and enjoyment of the little things, it needn't be a dead time.

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True locals

by Vicki Streatfield

If you've had members of your family living in Bundanoon since 1855 you definitely qualify as a 'local'. Noel Phillips was born in Bundanoon on 10 December 1923 in his grandfather's house on the corner of Amy & Erith streets.

He had two brothers, Ray and Cliff (both deceased), and his father who was a greengrocer / jack-of-all-trades, was also born here.

His great-grandfather Dimmock (hence the name Dimmocks Creek) arrived from England on the "Palymira" in about 1860. In fact, other relatives had been here since 1855 and to this day Noel still has the family Bible, which belonged to his great-grandfather.

Noel married Joy Pollard on 15 October 1949 at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Bundanoon. He has known Joy since she was 10, when she first moved here from Breadalbane. I approached Joy at first for her story, but she felt she was a 'blow-in' compared with Noel.

I was curious to know where they did their courting and Joy said 'You'd be surprised; it was all done on a pushbike'. Noel said, 'She chased me until I caught her!' Wow! How times have changed!

Growing up was a lot of fun for Noel; there were never enough hours in the day. He loved playing tennis, cricket, climbing trees and most of all getting into the bush to hunt and explore. The cinema, (ninepence for kids) and the Roller Skating rink on the corner of Osborne and Victoria streets provided their entertainment. Noel was so renowned for scuttling up trees that he was often called upon for fruit picking or checking birds' nests. Not always legal activities! He said he should be in gaol for some of the things he did here as a kid.

I asked them both what they thought were the most noticeable changes in Bundanoon. They didn't have to think for long... it was the traffic, a lot more people, housing development - oh and the new swimming pool! The old one was Paddys River at Lever Park. Another change, Joy said with a laugh is that they now know more people out in the cemetery than they do in town. A sad but true fact!

Noel says he loves everything about Bundanoon. He still enjoys playing bowls and was president of the local club for seven years. They are both members of the local history group and pass on their invaluable knowledge, which once lost, is lost forever.

(See page 27 for Noel's career with the NSWGR Railway)



Joy and Noel, holding the family Bible

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Railway stories

A lifetime's hobby

by Pam Davies

When Aaron Price parted with his model railway in 2004 it was the end of a hobby spanning more than 50 years. His consolation is in knowing that it has gone to a neighbouring family and that it will give them great pleasure. He and his friend Sam Getty shared many interests after leaving school in Scotland. Sam joined the railways and Aaron became an apprentice electrician with Mavers & Coulson. They travelled together in Europe, belonged to the Scottish Canoeing Club, Scottish Youth Hostels Association and began collecting model trains. They went their different ways when Aaron did his National training with the Fleet Air Arm, and then as a qualified electrician migrated to Australia.

After working with the State Electrical Commission of Victoria he joined Sydney County Council after a move

to NSW. He became a regular customer at Hobbyco to build on the train collection he had begun in the UK. When grandsons Alastair and Lachlan spent holidays with Aaron and his wife Alison the trains were a source of built-in entertainment, with the boys helping to construct buildings and scenery. The layout was a British prototype set in the Yorkshire countryside in its final setting occupying a space of 20 feet by 20 feet. The scenery was painted by a close friend Norman Moss who shared an interest in recreating an authentic landscape. The trains passed through two villages with roads, houses, shops, a timber mill, an airfield, a model sub-station, a golf course with a country house. Real life events were replicated with a fire engine attending a blaze and breakdown vehicles brought in to keep the trains running on time. Aaron has kept his collection of tiny cars and trucks and just one model Highland Railways Lochness locomotive – a sentimental reminder of his long interest in model railways.

Model railway

Station masters

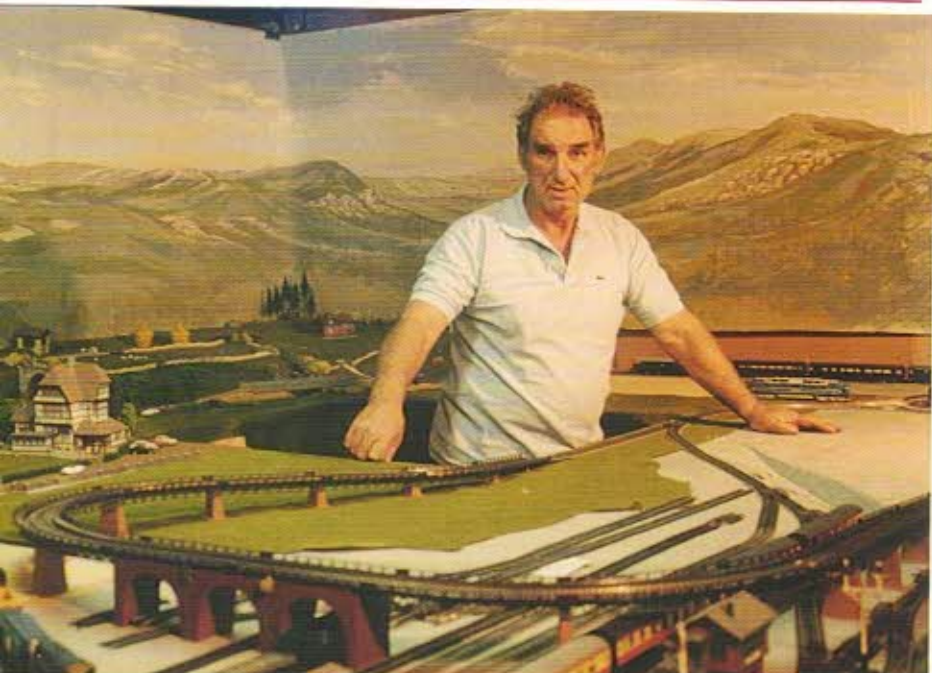
Signalling the end

Peter Dodds, driver

Noel Phillips, #1 driver



...two villages with roads, houses, shops, a timber mill, an airfield, a model sub-station, a golf course...



by Kate Perkins

Travelling by train on main intra- and inter-state lines reveals the sad fact that many stations are now defunct, closed and padlocked against the very commuters they once served. Pat Turner and Brian Mitchell, residents of Bundanoon whose whole working lives were bound up with the railways, reminisced over a cup of tea with Ron Wilkinson in the local Station office, in between trains.

Pat and Brian both came to the Highlands in the mid-sixties. Pat, born in Murrumbidgee, became Station Master at Bundanoon in 1966, a position he held until his retirement in 1989. His father, a NSWGR employee stationed at Mt. Victoria during the family's school years, was later to drive the first 36 Class locomotive from Goulburn to Junee. Pat cut his teeth as 'lad gatekeeper' at Blackheath, a responsible job for a 15 year old who rode his bike from one mountain town to the other to open and close the gates at unmanned level crossings. Brian, like Banjo Paterson's hero, a man from Ironbark, near Stuart Town in the Central West, held a similar position at Boremore, at that time a busy little centre. Each man spoke about the essential role of passenger and freight trains in those early days. Pat, whose junior station assistants included local men Robert Bromfield and Graham Tooth, told of the movement of freight and the delivery of essential supplies to large and small towns alike. Here the bakery, butcher shop and pharmacy received stock daily, and dispatched parcels, wrapped in paper and labelled, to the small Southern villages. Beer was consigned for the club and hotel, the paper train arrived every day 'somewhere between 7 and 10 a.m.', and one carriage on the overnight train from Sydney became a travelling post office where ten, twelve or more GPO employees sorted the mail throughout the night!

Brian, who lived for some time with his young

family in Bundanoon, has now retired here with his wife Ros, close to the Southern line on which he served as relief assistant station master at many stations from Campbelltown to Albury. He was the Station Master at Granville at the time of the rail disaster and spent the latter part of his working life as an Inspector, attending hundreds of inquiries into rail accidents and incidents.

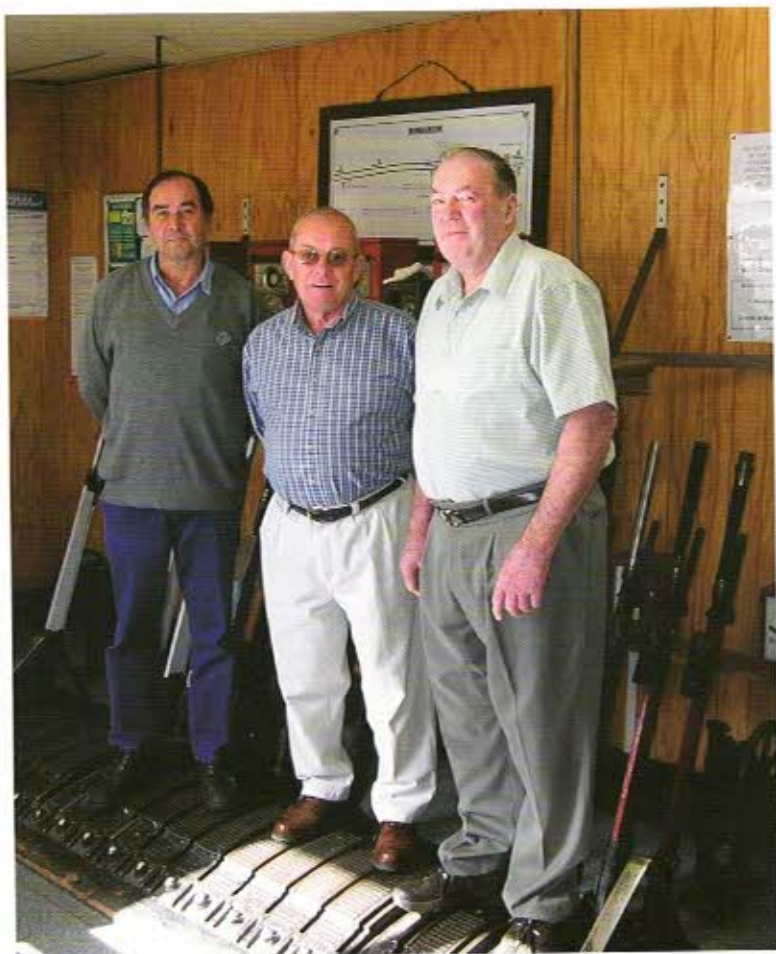
Passengers were not neglected in these more leisurely days. Brian recalled that the Snow Express, carrying skiers overnight from

crowd scene. Pat says that this year on Brigadoon day he crossed the line early from his home in Birriga Ave. and was shepherded by no fewer than three rail staff and six security officers, a far cry from the days when he manned the platform solo!

When Ron Wilkinson took the helm after Pat Turner retired he was the only

Station Master for the wide area from Goulburn to Moss Vale. He worked initially for State Rail and then for the newly-formed Freight Corp and Network Control, engaged purely in signalling functions. This system will be phased out in this area by the end of the year.

Ron lived in Bundanoon for 19 years before moving 'off the job' to Bowral. He has remained with the railways, having worked in over 50 different locations, often as 'general relief'. Since 1994 he has undergone specialised training and his duties have included instructing staff at the Petersham College. He has travelled the Southern area interviewing staff and assessing training needs, spent time as Operations Manager at Goulburn on special duties, and has been on call for investigations into accidents.



left to right: Ron Wilkinson, Brian Mitchell and Pat Turner

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Sydney to Cooma, had a 'dancing' car with piano for patrons to while away the midnight hours. Sydneysiders coming to holiday at the Guesthouses of Beautiful Bundanoon thronged the platforms, though in later years when Bill Peach was filming a documentary at the station, he and Pat had to 'borrow' some local youths to make a respectable

Rail services to the southern villages of the Highlands are in decline and as David Burke OAM notes it's only a matter of time before the old 'Hornby train' signal box at Exeter station and the signal cabins on Bundanoon and Wingello platforms are consigned to history.

Electronics are overtaking the train safeworking system on the main Southern line.

Computers, satellite links and optical fibre are ousting the bright-painted signal arms and arrays of heavy levers that have been part and parcel of rail travel for our local passengers.

Instead the modern locomotive driver will watch command signals on a display screen in his cab while the central control room at Junee monitors each train's precise location and regulates its global positioning-fed data.

Under the management of the Commonwealth-owned Australian Rail Track Corporation railways across the nation are being vastly upgraded. What will happen at Bundanoon, Wingello and, eventually, Moss

Vale is just one microscopic example of how millions of dollars are being spent.

Rail buffs may well shed a tear when impersonal digits and micro-chips supplant the very personal sounds of levers, signal arms and bell codes. This long established system reaches back, in one form or another, across almost 140 years since the first little steam train brought life to settlements like Bowral, Moss Vale and Bundanoon.

Lucy Rocca, well informed on Bundanoon history, wrote that following the advent of the railway to this area (the small settlements of the 'Private Village of South Lampton', the 'Private Village of Bundanoon' and the 'Barren Grounds') in 1868 a station was built here and named Jordan's Crossing. The land on which it was constructed was owned by Charles Jordan and was the point at which trains travelling north and south crossed.

Settlement soon followed. Railway construction meant there were jobs available in quarries, coal mines and timber mills and a village with churches, shops and a school developed around the railway station. In 1882 the May edition of *The Scrutineer* reported that 'a neat wooden railway station containing a parcels, ticket and telegraph office with comfortable waiting rooms for ladies and gentlemen' had been erected. The line was duplicated in 1915 and a platform and station building, linked by a foot crossing, were constructed to service trains travelling north.

The old goods shed, now the home of the Bundanoon History Group photographic collection, was originally used for the storage of produce. Large sliding doors facing the road and the railway line facilitated the transfer goods for dispatch and delivery. There were holding yards on railway land opposite Osborne Street as sheep and cattle were also transported by train. This continued until the 1960s.

Passenger trains were used extensively for short trips. Children travelled to school in Moss Vale and Bowral and local sporting teams used rail transport for weekend events.

During the halcyon days of guesthouses in Bundanoon crowds of tourists arrived by train but by the end of the 1950s cars had replaced trains and the gradual decline in passenger services began.

There has recently been strong lobbying for improvement of the present degraded services to villages south of Moss Vale and the message being promoted is 'Use them or lose them'. For further information please contact Thomas-Andrew of CRASH (4883 7178 or thomasab@vitreo.com.au) or Serge Crismale of SHRUG (serge.crismale@exemail.com.au).

Story compiled by Pam Davies.



Photos courtesy Bundanoon History Group



A life on track

railways

by Pam Davies

Local identity **Peter Dodds** has experienced our State Rail organisation from all perspectives since he joined in 1976. He had previously worked on the gas pipeline from Western NSW to the Highlands and when this construction finished he was 'looking for something to do'.

A chance conversation with Pat Turner resulted in employment with the railways. He took a job as 'fettler-acting, unskilled' while his late wife Virginia ran Treetops Guesthouse.

Peter progressed through the ranks, his career spanning everything from 'ganger-in-charge' at Bundanoon to driving passenger and goods trains until his retirement in 2004.

Training as a driver required 1000 hours' experience as an observer over seven years and following his final exams Peter was appointed to Moss Vale. He remembers when passenger trains had special carriages for students from Tudor House and Frensham and extra services were scheduled for the school holidays.

Milk was transported by train, morning and evening, for Dairy Farmers which operated co-ops at Bowral and Moss Vale. In those days goods trains made multiple stops for deliveries of hardware and parcels to all stations and sidings in the country. Petersen's Garage received parts from Sydney by train.

Goods trains became bulk carriers in competition with road transport and Peter has driven trains delivering wheat from Junee and Temora to Port Kembla and coal from Tahmoor for shipment overseas.

Bundanoon residents still hear trains transporting limestone from the quarry at Marulan to the Boral cement works at Berrima and Peter has served his time on those too. He acknowledges that as locomotive power has improved freight can be hauled in trains which are two kilometres long, which means there is less traffic. Fewer trains, more noise!



Peter Dodds, in doorway of driver's cabin of red XPT

Number one son!

by Kate Perkins

Noel Phillips holds the distinction of being the oldest gentleman born in Bundanoon still living here. He enlisted in the Air Force at the same time as other local residents Ron Greason, Ross Counsell, Boy Voller and Arthur Tooth. After his discharge in 1946 he joined the locomotive branch of the railways at Eveleigh and gradually worked up to the rank of fireman on the 36 and 38 class steam trains. He was appointed as a driver in 1954 and many years later he was one of the first men to be trained to drive the XPT.

The intricacies of air brakes ('the Australian-made Westinghouse air brake system was considered the best in the world'),

compressors, and signalling all had to be learned. There were no two-way radios in locomotives, so if a train broke down between stations it was the lot of the fireman to walk along the line to alert staff at the next station.

Noel loved steam trains, photographs of which he proudly displays, and says he was never sorry to go back to work after holidays. There were short runs to Richmond, Lithgow and Gosford and the fireman filled the fettlers' tanks along the track. He remembers commuter trains, 'The Fish' to Mt Victoria, and 'The Chips' to Springwood as 'social clubs on wheels'.

At one period his wage was 7 pounds and his additional allowance for night work was 3d an hour. For the last twenty years of his working life Noel manned the Newcastle Flyer, the Central West Express, the Southern Aurora, and the Indian Pacific. He rose from special class driver to become the No.1 driver in the State.

(See page 22 for Vicki Streatfield's profile of Noel and Joy.)

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Right: Autumn morning mist, by Dianna Watson

Below: Brief encounter! by Jo de Light

Below right: Monks go to market, by Dianna Watson

Bottom left: *Lobelia deritata*, Morton National Park by Alan Hyman

Bottom right: Bicentennial train, Moss Vale, by Thomas-Andrew



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The Grand Canyon Loop – Morton National Park

walks

by Alan Hyman



Above: Typical section of loop road

Below: Flower wasp on *Leptospermum*



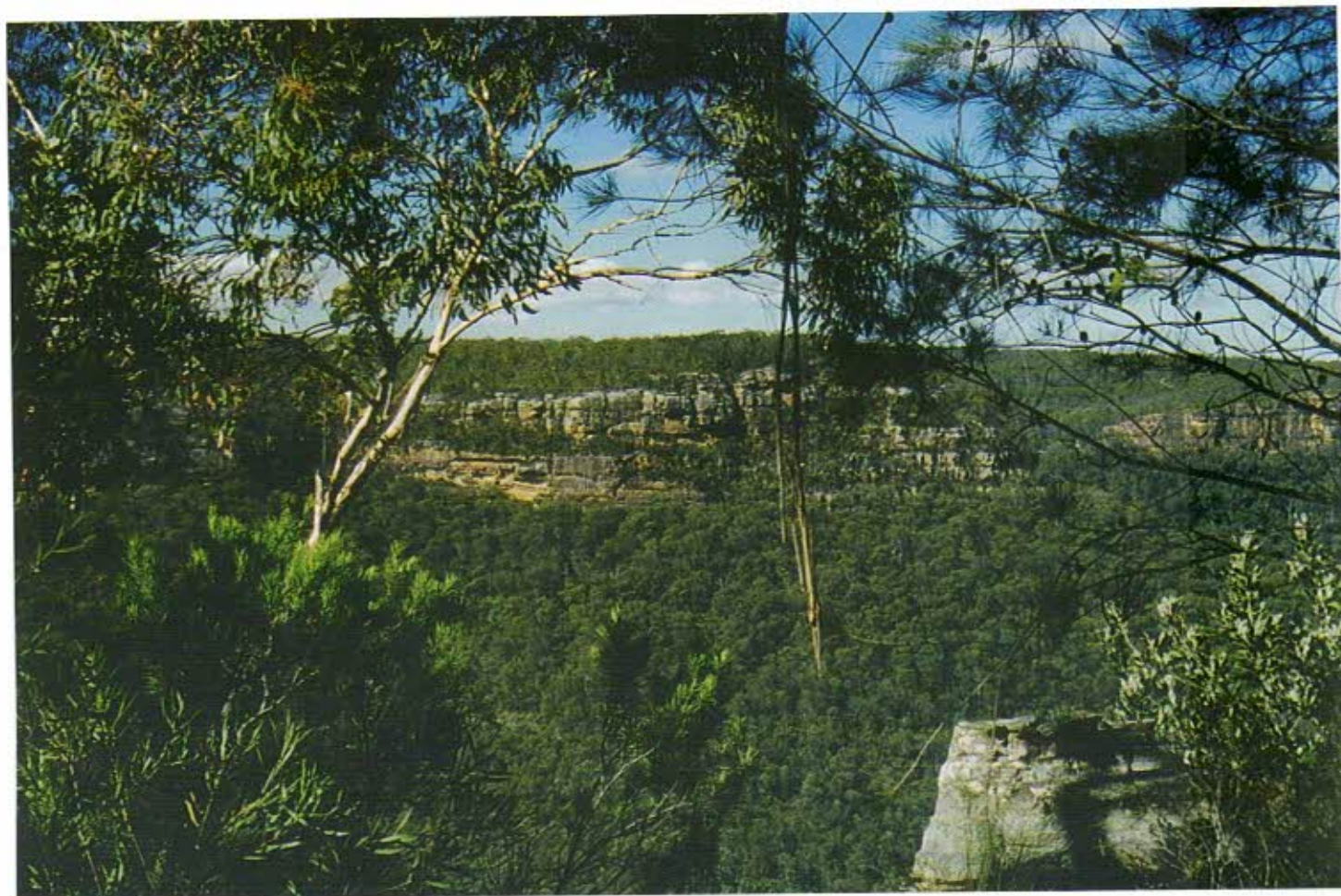
This familiar, well graded road is the core access route within the Bundanoon section of the Park. Although shared with occasional motorists (max 35 km/h) and cyclists, walkers can still safely enjoy the bush atmosphere without rough terrain or excessive gradients.

From Gambells Rest the road heads directly into the Park, beneath various Eucalypt species such as cryptically marked Scribbly Gum with an understorey including Banksias, Geebung, Acacias and *Lambertia*, and many wildflowers in their season covering the forest floor. Eventually, a well-signposted left fork gently descends past large rocky outcrops with moist roadside areas supporting magnificent stands of Saw Sedge (*Gahnia*). This leads to the Grand Canyon picnic area and lookout which, while not quite the scale of the namesake, commands a dramatic view of the Bundanoon Creek gorge and multicoloured cliffs on either side. Two short tracks – to Gambells Lookout (70m) and Fern Glen (210 m) commence from here and are worth exploring – but are **not** for arthritic knees as there are two sets of stone steps to negotiate! The Fern glen micro-

environment incorporates a small creek with many examples of rainforest plants and lush embankments of Fan Ferns.

Return to the start by turning right, up a brief incline, pausing at Sunrise Point for another perspective of the gorge. Being a loop road, this walk is unduplicated, passing through more attractive Eucalypt forest. In the early morning or late afternoon you might chance upon a wallaby or lyrebird, while artists and photographers will find unlimited subject matter in the subtle lighting, leaf shapes and bark texture of trees.

Brisk walkers should manage the basic loop without pause in about 40 minutes, amblers an hour or two, naturalists all day. Whatever your pace, enjoy.





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The Exeter train disaster

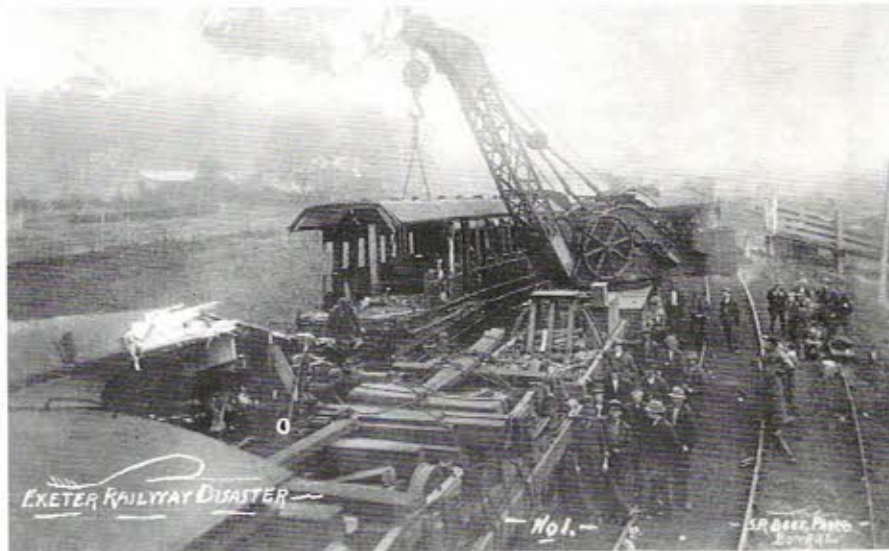
history

by Pam Davies

On Friday night, 13 March 1914 the Temora mail train smashed into a goods train which was just beginning to back into the loop of track which would enable the 'mail' to pass. There was thick fog which hid the signal and prevented the crew from seeing the goods train engine until it was too late to avoid a collision. It was the worst accident in New South Wales rail history. 14 passengers were killed and 18 injured. Some tragic stories emerged after the event. The Heaver family was taking the body of their mother back to the country for burial and her husband, daughter and daughter-in-law were killed in the collision. Two couples, recently married Mr. and Mrs. Minnis and Mr. and Mrs. Kurtzenhagen, also died. The mail-guard Mr. Bray was killed after 22 years of service leaving a wife and children.

An excerpt from a poem written for the In Memoriam booklet describes the horror of that night:

*The signal's red! Suddenly cried
The fireman to his mate.
"Hold her for God's sake, hold her lad!"
But the warning was too late -
For as he spake came a crash and a brake,
A hiss like a demon's sneer.
As the mail went dashing into the face
Of a goods that was shunting clear.*



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Two of us: Ann Sinnett and Karen Wilson

profile

Not everyone would be interested in a business combining food and sport. But for mother and daughter, Ann Sinnett and Karen Wilson, the chance to purchase the Bundanoon Bike Shop and Café de Railleur was the perfect opportunity to further their individual pursuits in a harmonious partnership.

Jack Hepher had taken over the cycle hire in 1976 and was the sole proprietor for some years, riding his trademark penny-farthing at all local events. Chris Dwyer put in the coffee machine when he bought the business from the Jessups in the late 1980s and Christine Cole had her eye firmly on the commercial kitchen when she purchased the enterprise. So now the current proprietors are realising the initiatives of all three former owners and it suits them well, as they tell Kate Perkins.

Ann

I was a country girl, in the days when Penrith was more rural, and worked in the city in banking and insurance. My involvement with food stemmed from the days of entertaining friends on a houseboat on the Hawkesbury. I came to live at Rotherwood in 1976, and in the 1980's I ran, first the Marmalade Tea Rooms and then Maples Restaurant, both in Bowral. I enjoyed the catering but it's Karen, who sometimes helped me in these endeavours, who is good with people – she chats readily and puts the customers at ease. We took over the Bike Shop in July 2005 and while I cook for the café, mine is more a behind the scenes role.

I live in a cottage on the property now and spend much time looking after my horses, 30 Shetland, Welsh and Australian Ponies. I've just come back from the Sydney Royal where I showed successfully. I'm a past president of the Australian Pony Stud Horse Society. Shetlands are now the only pure bred left in Australia. My father passed on his love of horses to me – he was still showing at the age of 86. I'm also involved with the National Trust, the Garden History Society and the Exeter CWA and in my spare time I like to read.

Karen:

Do we live together? No, but we could, we're good friends. We had a lovely holiday last year in Tasmania and I was surprised at just how fit my mother is – we hiked every step of the way down the mountain to Wineglass Bay. It was very satisfying to do it together. Mum is very organised, and modest about her achievements. She is an asset to the clubs and groups to which she belongs. Perhaps the fact that we're quite different personality types makes for a happy relationship.

My brother and I grew up in North Rocks and were always playing and exploring out of doors. I had a Shetland pony which was kept at Parramatta Park where Penfolds

Wines hired out horses. Dad was a sporting person and because of my keenness he became involved in my interests, coaching the netball team – though I went with him to the football as well. I spent four years in the Bay of Islands in New Zealand and in the early days I was a stay-at-home mum with my two daughters and son. Close family atmosphere has always been important to me.

My big thing is fitness. I've worked at gyms and taught in outdoor education. I relished the chance to be involved with this business and am now hiring mountain bikes. A few months ago we started a Thursday morning social ride and 15 to 20 riders turn up regularly to get their heart rates pumping before breakfast. Bundanoon has of course always been a destination for cyclists and we are keen to further this.

Rock climbing and kayaking are other interests of mine, and in quieter moments I am relearning the classical guitar. James and Hannah Davis play guitar and violin at the café on some weekends and this is proving popular – their mother, Linda, is one of our fantastic local staff members so it's a bit of a family affair. As well as catering to the tourists we have built up a certain loyalty among residents of the Southern villages and that is very pleasing. I'm sure Mum's cooking helps our reputation – me, I just plate it!



Karen (left) and Ann in Tasmania



Rundle family photograph (Mrs Rundle in hat, foreground), c.1925. Donated to Bundanoon History Group.



Competition winner

Thank you Mrs. L Clarke of Marulan for identifying the Bundanoon ladies pictured on page 21 of the March issue of *Jordan's Crossing Gazette*.

Back row: (L to R) Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Calverly.

Front row: (L to R) Mrs. Gambell, Miss Gibson, Mrs. Grice, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Baker

The late Mrs. Lucy Rocca who died on 13 May 2006 wrote to jcg recently with information about the photograph which was sent to us by Peter Lowry, Bundanoon Country Inn. He offered a prize of 'Dinner for Two' at the motel. His grandmother was Mrs. Fowler.

Lucy explained that Mrs. Baker was her grandmother and Mrs. Grice was her Aunt Annie. She remembered visiting Mrs. Fowler and her daughters Ada and Cathy whose story, 'Four Generations in Hospitality' appeared on page 34 of the March issue of our magazine. Miss Gibson was companion to Mrs. Alcock who lived in a house called Innes Glen.

The photograph was taken to mark their retirement, after many years, as Methodist Church Fete stall-holders.

Maori farewell

community

by Miranda Lean



Ngaire Scott first came to Bundanoon in 1996, as a single mother with three children. She says she felt accepted into the community immediately and was involved in all the usual school activities, making ends meet with work at the Primula and the Bundanoon Hotel as well as Killarney, now the Quest for Life Centre. She was very happy to get a job in the local pre-school where she has worked for the last seven years.

Ngaire's Maori grandmother was descended from the Tainui Tribe of Waikato, New Zealand. Her early life with her Maori mother and English father was spent in the country where she can remember collecting coal in a pram from roadsides, where it had fallen from trucks. Their father decided to move the family to the city as he felt there was no future in the Maori way of life. She came to Australia for the first time in 1976 and on her second visit lived in the southern suburbs of Sydney.

Ngaire was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, (MM), a form of bone marrow cancer, in April 2004. It is not curable with present forms of treatment, even though there have been very good responses to anti-cancer drugs.

Ngaire believes she would not have received the support she did if she had not moved to

Bundanoon. 'I could not have been in a better place to have a diagnosis like this', she says. Because her immune system was depleted she was at risk of infection while working in the pre school environment and she had to leave work. After seven months of chemotherapy at Wollongong hospital, where she says the staff were 'magic', she agreed to have a stem cell transplant. There is good evidence that using higher doses of chemotherapy in conjunction with transplantation of stem cells may improve the outcome for patients with MM.

After collecting the stem cells from Ngaire's bone marrow and cryo-preserving (freezing) them, high dose therapy was commenced to 'kill' the bone marrow and any malignant cells. The stem cells were then infused back into her body to restore the bone marrow function.

'The Bundanoon Club was amazing when I was first diagnosed', says Ngaire, holding a fund raising day which enabled her to take the year off work to receive treatment. Now she is in remission and determined to get back to 'real life', working at the pre-school again for two days a week. She also assisted the Lions Club in their fundraising activities and organised, through the Leukaemia Foundation, a session of 'The Biggest Shave Day' held at the Bundanoon Club on 6 May where she looked forward to going bald again, this time by choice!!

Ngaire is very keen to return to her roots in New Zealand; 'The Maori bones have to go back to the earth they came from' she said. A Maori farewell held at Bundanoon Club was her way of saying thank you to all her friends and those who have supported her. 'I wanted to dispel the fears and myths surrounding my illness and Stem Cell transplants as well as letting the community know what a wonderful place this was to live'

Our best wishes for the future go with you Ngaire. Good luck!

(Information on Stem Cell Transplants - from the Leukaemia Foundation and the Cancer Care Centre of Wollongong Hospital)

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Frog flat

writing

by Mim Smith

Last week I was re-edging the rock edge of my north-west front corner garden. It needed a smoother curve for the ride-on-mower usage.

The rocks had been placed back roughly on the new edge line, to see how many more were needed. Then I noticed a rock had two bright eyes and was blinking at me.

A small fawny-brown frog, about 2.5cm with folded legs, was inspecting her demolished home site.

'Renovations,' I said.

'Pretty rough,' she said. 'Not good enough at all.' She wasn't bossy or crabby, just smiling and batting her eyelids.

I knew here was a fussy tenant and nothing but perfect would suit her.

So I picked her up carefully, so small, so fragile, in my gloved fingers and carried her to an old edged site far from the demolition area.

'I'll do your area first and try to be quick,' I said.

'Hope so, but do a good job and I do like leaks, showers are so refreshing.' So plumbing was optional? Good!

She continued, 'Although the street puddle is always there.'

A slow 'Y-e-s-s, where the Council breeds mosquitoes,' I muttered darkly.

'Bed and breakfast for us,' was her cheeky reply.

'Grrrr!' was mine.

My finished edging was exceptionally excellent. I filled in needed soil and compost then planted new bulbs, orange Tritonia

and pink Belladonna. The Heartsease and Anemone Japonica were already there.

I haven't seen little frog since but I'm sure she is happy. It is a very pretty, though

sometimes relatively noisy, neighbourhood.

And I am a very capable edger.

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Under leaf canopy, dripping,

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*God's pity on drought-parched
paddocks,*

On lifeless gardens.

Yesterday a cracking clay pan,

*Now a newly flowing creek, momentary
torrent,*

Incredible in force and volume.

*Australia – perpetual contrast, divine
enigma.*

Margaret Symonds, Bundanoon.

by Kate Perkins

Higgins Lowline Cattle

Brian and Betty Higgins, Greasons Road Residents since their retirement in the early 90s, run Bundanoon's only Lowline cattle stud and are playing their part in boosting the international reputation of this unique Australian breed.

Brian's father had a horse stud and bred cattle and sheep. With this background Brian attended Wagga Agricultural College, though he spent much of his working life in banking and property valuation. A desire to have a small holding in the country and a chance sighting of an advertisement in the Herald, led to their purchase of 55 acres (22 hectares) in 1992.

The house was built and the pasture improved in readiness for their first cattle:

two Lowline heifers and two Angus cows with embryos. From these modest beginnings they currently run 60 head of cattle and have just registered their 106th calf. The breed, 60% the size of Angus cattle, has superior growth and mothering qualities, and the Higgins have never had to pull a calf – no midnight veterinary emergencies!

Brian credits Betty with her hands-on working knowledge of the breeding, the result of her three-year course in beef production at Moss Vale TAFE and her day-to-day experience since.

Their Stud manager Garry Bouwens prepares and exhibits cattle for showing at Sydney Royal, Canberra, Bathurst and all local shows, and over their nine years exhibiting they have had much success. Most recently in Sydney at Easter they took out second place bull (24 to 30 months) and first place heifer (12 to 16 months) respectively.

The Higgins' property, Trungley, is named for the aboriginal meaning, 'a place where weapons were sharpened'. The cattle carry this name and their most successful bull has had semen exported to the US. The name also applies to a rock, stone or mineral - . Trungley Opal and Trungley Tiger Eye. The Higgins recently hosted a delegation of Lowline cattle breeders from America under the Austrade umbrella, and a number of buyers on the tour were able to see the bull they had been using for breeding, in the picturesque setting of the Highlands property.



Above: "Tiger's Eye" who was the Grand Champion Lowline at 2006 Canberra Show

Right: "Princestone" at 2006 Sydney Royal Easter Show



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Bundanoon Croquet Club: Autumn Carnival 2006

Our annual Handicap Singles tournament was held at the Bundanoon Club between 1 and 7 march when 30 competitors played five games each, in five blocks, against handicaps in the range of +1 to 20. We had visiting players from the UK, Queensland, and many parts of NSW and Canberra.

All agreed that the contest was most enjoyable, with some great forward break play delighting both players and spectators.

The winners were:

- Block A: **Bill Blaikie** (Taree)
- Block B: **Fay Simpson** (Killara)
- Block C: **Graham Cullen** (Nowra)
- Block D: **Kay Bryant** (Milton/Ulladulla)
- Block E: **Janet Bell** (Killara)

All in attendance were 'fed and watered' by members of the club, and an excellent dinner for 50 guests was provided by chef Roslyn McLean in the club's bistro.

Tournament Referee Gillian Powell oversaw the matches and results with her usual diligence.

We had an excellent barbeque and presentation at the conclusion, and will now commence planning for our next Autumn Carnival.

We would like to thank our sponsors who made this tournament possible.

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CWA news

It's hard to believe that Brigadoon has come and gone for another year, but it has. As usual CWA opened their rooms to serve teas and lunches to a steady stream of customers, who enjoyed the homemade soups and scones. Also over for another year is *The Land* Cookery and Craft competition. Bundanoon ladies had entries in various categories of both cookery and craft. Sheila Topham, who always produces beautiful needlework, excelled herself this year with her plum jam winning through to State level. Congratulations, Sheila.

I know you are wondering when the next CWA street stall will be held, so mark this date in your diary, Saturday 8 July. Lots of home-baked goodies for sale so stop and say hello to us.

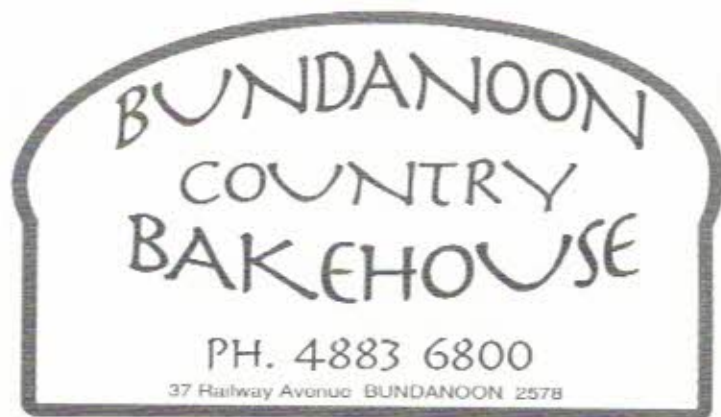
Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month commencing at 1pm, followed by afternoon tea. Visitors are welcome. Craft get-together is on the last Thursday of the

month, 10am-2pm. Bring any project you wish to work on and your lunch, with tea and coffee provided! The CWA rooms are located in Railway Ave and information is available from our secretary, Marie Reid, on 4883 6526.

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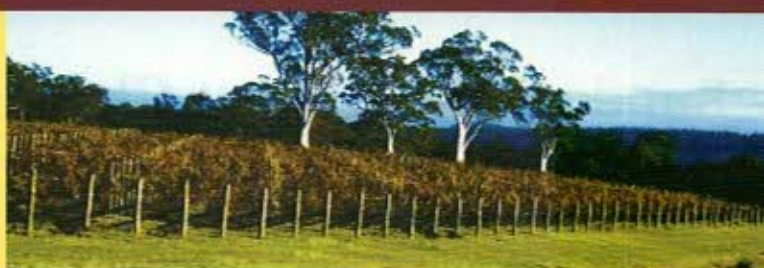
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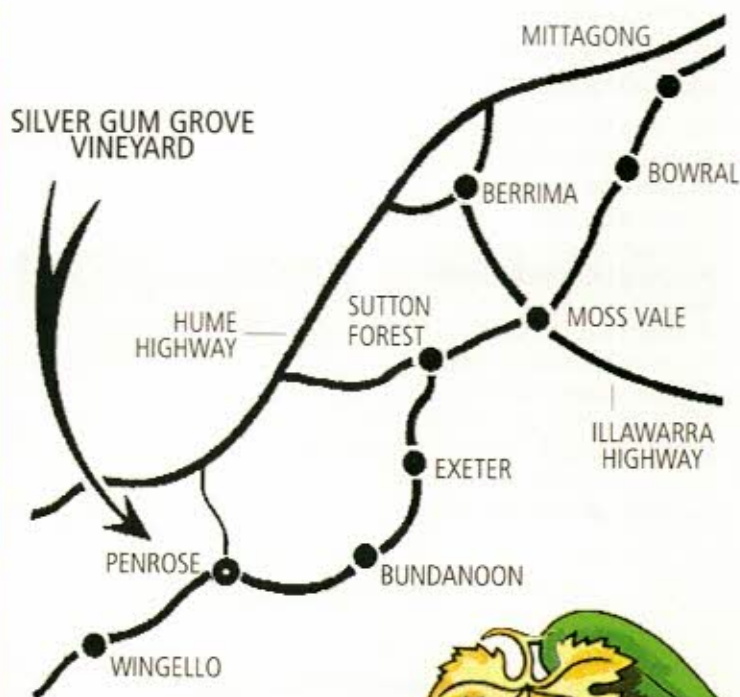
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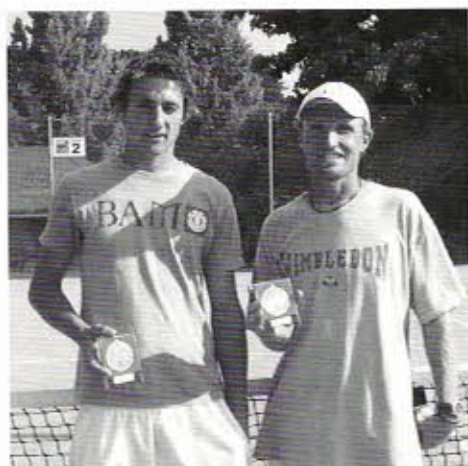
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This year Bundanoon Tennis Club has reintroduced a tennis competition after 20 years. It is planned to hold this event annually. Pictured are the winners of the Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Junior Champion, Under-16 Champion and an enthusiastic Junior Tennis Squad. Lee Robinson and Brett Munro also won the Singles Championships.



Left: Lee Robinson and Cameron Reid

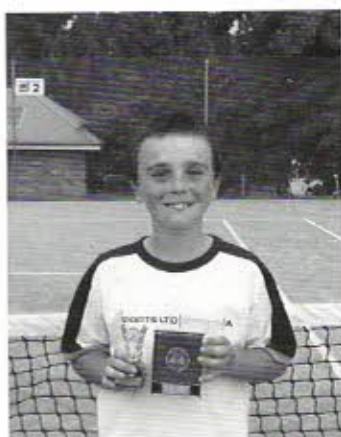


Left: Ben Hayman and Brett Munro

Right: Jessica Hines and Lee Robinson



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Research released a couple of months ago indicated that there was a return to rail with the new City Rail timetable. The sector leading the resurgence in use is our own, the Southern Highlands Line. Yep, the good news is patronage increased a whopping 14% over the period, the bad news for the villages is this occurred on the Moss Vale to Sydney sector.

There has always been the circular argument about service encouraging patronage and patronage dictating the level of service. The 14% increase clearly demonstrates the correlation between improvements in service to meet the needs of customers and greater patronage. City Rail eventually recognised the reasoned input from

Southern Highlands Rail Users Group (SHRUG) and now both the rail network and the people of the Southern Highlands towns are reaping the benefits.

Southern Highlands villagers have a harder road to travel towards reinstatement of rail services to pre-September 2005 levels. Community Rail Action, Southern Highlands (CRASH) continues to lobby the Minister for Transport and, as an interim measure, has recently endorsed a proposal from SHRUG to improve the bus services linking with Moss Vale railway station.

However in this period of tight budgets and spending priorities, it is up to us – all of us in the Southern Highlands villages – to show our desire to use the services we are currently holding on to.

It is ironic that with this edition of *jcg* focusing on trains, there is a reluctant to use the services we do still

have – for now.

The great oil crisis is starting to bite and the use of the motor car is becoming an expensive indulgence on the family budget as well as a curse to the environment. The ever-increasing cost of oil and other costs associated with running a car can lead to changes in lifestyle. We will very soon rue the day if we continue in denial about the shift of costs and lose what is left of our public transport service.

It does not make economic sense to drive to Sydney in preference to using rail. I recently handed my company car back and have started to walk and use the public transport system more. It was a very pleasant surprise to find the significant difference in costs between the two. Last week I used Countrylink to and from Sydney and the return cost (for best economy price) was \$34. Concession fares are

less. My previous return trip by car cost close to \$80 when petrol, tolls and parking are combined. Thus two people can travel in comfort on Countrylink and have spare change for coffee. And this does not start to add the social costs or the effect of a two-hour drive on the nervous system. The savings are even greater by City Rail.

My message is leave the car behind and use the train and then we can make a better case for the return of withdrawn services and add to the increased patronage already registered further down the line. CRASH will continue to lobby and pressure the Minister for Transport, and it will help the cause if you vote with your 'bum on a (train) seat' and save yourself money.

Thomas-Andrew (for CRASH)

And before trains...

there were Cobb & Co coaches.

The firm started operations in NSW in 1862 and soon after came to this district. For many years coaches operated between the advancing Southern Rail line and Goulburn during its construction.

Graham Tooth gave *jcg* some photographs and a *Berrima District Post* report of a visit to Bundanoon by a Cobb and Co coach in 1963.



(Note: Royal Mail coaches travelled through this district in the early 1830s).

From the editor

The passing of Lucy Rocca who made a significant contribution to our community will be acknowledged in the next issue of our magazine.

In March, just after that edition had been completed the death of John Stephenson, a resident of Bundanoon was brought to our notice. *jcg* has not usually published obituaries but I think we are remiss in not writing just a few lines to affirm that we are fortunate to have had so many long time residents in Bundanoon who have contributed to the strength of our community.

John Randall, who knew John Stephenson, wrote: John was one of ten children. He and

his wife Noelene lived for many years in Bundanoon and following his retirement from Council he drove his own tractor and was a familiar sight to motorists on the roads to Bundanoon and Exeter. He always had a cheery word for anyone who stopped to talk to him.

Please contact me if you wish to have the passing of a friend or relative mentioned in our magazine. We are also happy to announce births. Ed

And another thing...

Did anyone notice errors in our March edition?

'Bundanoon resident Ossie Emery' lives in Exeter;

and it was *Eucalyptus* which was abandoned in Bellingen not *Oscar and Lucinda*.

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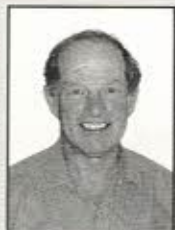
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	Barbara Rowett	4883 7203
Bundanoon Visitors' Group	Karin & Harry Hull	4883 6372
Bundanoon Voices	Coralie & Michael Flint	4883 6588
Chess Club	Pat Foley	4883 6064
Country Women's Association (meets 1st Thurs, 1 pm, CWA Rooms):		
	Marie Reid	4883 6526
Friends of Morton Nat. Park	Sheila Micholson	4883 6107
	Alan Hyman	4883 7763
Garden Club	Terry Bruce	4883 4499
Glow Worm Glen Track C'ttee.	John Dorman	4883 6296
Green Team	David Beasley	4883 7122
History Group (meets 1st Monday, 10 am, Old Goods Shed)		
President	Patricia Guy	4883 6971
Secretary	Graham Morgan	4883 7714
Lions Club (meets 1st/3rd Monday, 7.30 pm, Bundanoon Club):		
	Ralph Clark	4883 6389
Playgroup	Megan Peacock	4883 7583
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Petrea King Quest for Life Centre		4883 6599
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St Brigid's Catholic Church, Hill St, Bundanoon

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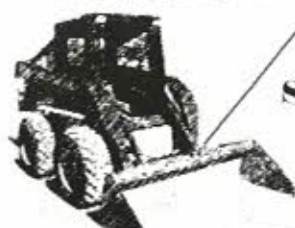
Iona Christian Community

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June 3 & 4: Berrima 175th celebrations. **Historical Photo Display** in the Anglican Church Hall from 10am to 4pm. Ph: 4877 1505.

June 3 & 4: **Voice of Youth**. Major art prize for youth. 10am to 4pm Sat & Sun, entry free. Ph: 4885 1720.

June 9: **Slava Grigoryan** (solo), Mittagong Playhouse.

June 10 & 11: Berrima 175th celebrations. **Historical Photo Display** in the Anglican Church Hall, 10am to 4pm. Ph: 4877 1505.

More information

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

Southern Highlands Tourism: 4871 2888.

Regular meetings/events in the Hall:

BCDA, 3rd Thursday, 7.30 pm

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Markets, 1st Sunday ph Gus 4869 3016

Chess Club, Friday 2-5 pm
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Gentle Exercise, Tues and Thurs. a.m.

June 15 to 20: Take a seat - Looking through different eyes, Berrima District Art Society.

June 23, 24, 30, 1 July: **Gangsters, cream pies and mayhem**, Southern Highland Youth Arts Council. Ph: Paula 0403 184 494.

June 24: **Mozart - a celebration**. A performance of instrumental, vocal and letter readings, from 2.30pm. Bundanoon Memorial Hall. Ph: 4883 6588.

June 24: **A winter's evening with Robert Burns** fireside at the Bundanoon Hotel. Ph: 4883 6005.

July 1: **Piano at Ten**

July 9 to 30: **Ceramics exhibition** at Sturt Gallery

August 4 & 5: **Witness for the prosecution**, Mittagong Playhouse.

August 5: **Piano at Ten**

August 6 to 27: **Dilys Condell exhibition**, 7 large tapestries. Sturt Gallery.

August 11 & 12: **Witness for the prosecution**

August 13, 18 & 19: **Witness for the prosecution**

Entertainment

June 9: **Avoca Old Time Dance**. Commences at 7.30pm. Ph: 4887 7321.

July 14: **Avoca Old Time Dance**

July 21: **Robertson Family Dance**

August 18: **Robertson Family Dance**

August 25: **Charity Red Faces**. Join in on all the fun at the Red Faces evening. Held at the Avoca Hall. Ph: Bruce Masters 4883 4345.



Events & Festivals

June 11: **Irish Day**, Sutton Forest. For further information ph: Garry & Nerida Barnsley on 4868 3492.

June 10 to 12: **Cool Flavours**: Southern Highlands food & wine Ph: 4862 4070.

August 27: **3rd annual Welsh Day**. Held in conjunction with the Southern Highlands Country Fair. The sale of daffodils raises funds for the Cancer Council.



Markets

June 4:
Bundanoon
Market.

Open from 9am to 3pm at the Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall. Ph: 4869 3016.

June 10: **Bowral Farmers' Market**. From 8am at the Bowral Public School. Ph: 4862 4910.

June 11: **Robertson Market**. Open 9am to 3pm at the Robertson School of Arts, Hoddle St, Robertson. Ph: 4885 1216.

June 11: **Berrima School Craft Market**. Open from 8.30am until 3pm at the Berrima Public School. Ph: 4869 3016.

June 16: **Robertson Family Dance**. Ph: 4885 1216.

June 17: **Mittagong market**. Uniting Church Grounds from 8am to 2pm. Ph: 4871 1354.

June 18: **Bowral Market**. Open from 9am until 3pm at the Rudolf Steiner School, Bowral.

June 18: **Sutton Forest Market**. Ph: 4869 3016.

June 24: **Colo Vale Market**. Open from 9am to 2pm at the Colo Vale Hall. Ph: 4889 4129.

June 25: **Southern Highlands Country Fair**. Open from 9am to 2pm. Ph: 4863 1639.

July 2: **Bundanoon Market**

July 8: **Bowral Farmers' Market**

July 9: **Robertson Market**

July 9: **Berrima School Craft Market**

July 15: **Mittagong market**

July 16: **Bowral Market**

July 16: **Sutton Forest Market**

July 23: **Southern Highlands Country Fair**

August 6: **Bundanoon Markets**

August 12: **Bowral Farmers' Market**

August 13: **Robertson Market**

August 13: **Berrima School Craft Market**

August 19: **Mittagong market**

August 20: **Bowral Market**

August 20: **Sutton Forest Market**

August 26: **Colo Vale Markets**

August 27: **Southern Highlands Country Fair**

Sport

June 3:
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June 17: **Moss Vale Greyhounds**

June 10: **Moss Vale Greyhounds**

June 24: **Moss Vale Greyhounds**



Young People

June 24: **Wingecarribee Blue Light Disco**. Mittagong RSL Club. Children under 12 years of age 4pm to 6pm. Senior dance party for 12 to 18 year olds from 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

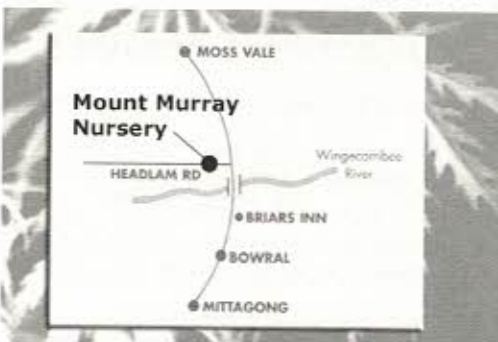
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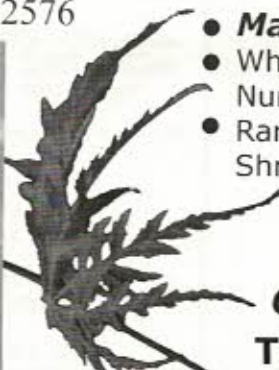


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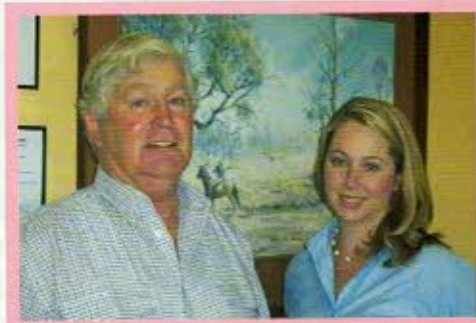
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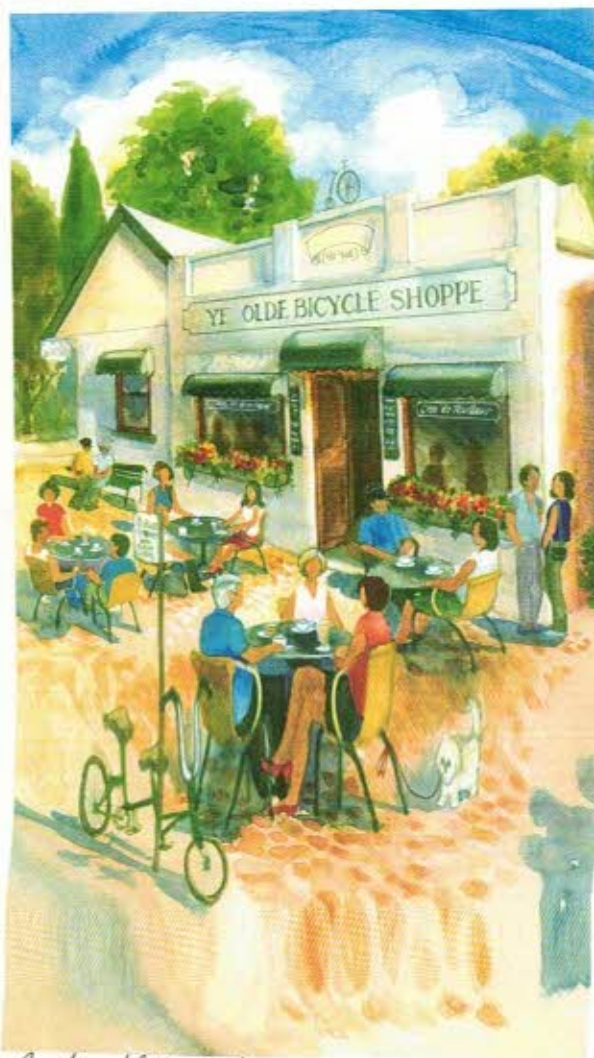
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