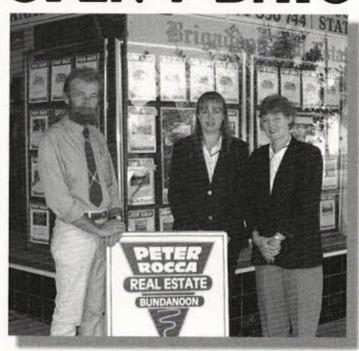




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Editor's notes



Toys give us 'a reason for living' whether preschool or post career. They tend to be bigger, owned by big boys and linked sometimes to expensive hobbies or pastimes. In this issue we have profiles and articles dealing with people and their toys. I'm sure you will enjoy them.

Broadband: what is it? Do we need it?... Can we survive without passenger train services?...Is clean country air a thing of the past? All these questions are associated with town issues. Everyone has an opinion on these topics as well as on new subdivisions, sewerage augmentation schemes,

'equivalent persons' and the possibility that our population will double in the next few years. Opinions can be responsible for some heated discussion. Sometimes emotions run high and reasoned, informed comment doesn't enter the debate.

At JCG we have shied away from reporting these concerns, feeling that a quarterly magazine is not able to adequately deal with them. Enter the JCB. Read more of what Jenny Walker has to say about this new publication on page 44.

Of course in JCG we can provide a forum for less serious debate. Is 'appropriate' a word too often used inappropriately? Perhaps a question to be discussed on our new Opinion page.

The last two issues for this year will have these themes, Bundanoon During WWII and Semi Sea-Change Lifestyle. If you would like to contribute articles for JCG's September and December editions please contact me or Pam Davies to discuss your ideas. This is a departure from our past practice. In future we would like you to come to us with ideas rather than completed articles so that we can provide you with our editorial guidelines.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this issue.

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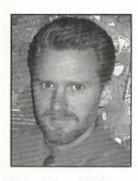
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community BCDA update



This update on BCDA matters is from Danien Beets, President,

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the March AGM of the BCDA saw me and the executive re-elected. While I was happy to continue in my role, some members of our committe indicated that if others were keen to stand for election they would move aside. Unfortunately there were no takers so our hard working and long suffering team will remain in office for another

This brings me to the issue of membership. In recent months we have had numerous groups of residents approach BCDA, looking for guidance in assessing development proposals that are either with, or about to be lodged with, council; Rochester Park, Bundanoon Holiday Resort and Glow Worm Glen Estate, to name but a few.

Most residents' groups have been appreciative of our role as a lobby group in council's decision-making process. We research the facts about existing zonings and conditions as well as endeavouring to take an overview of the effect of each development. We feel we need to weigh up the consequences for the town as well as considering the concerns of immediately affected neighbours. To present a balanced view to council we need community input. All, I would hope, recognise that we must strive to accurately represent the entire community.

By joining BCDA you can have a voice! Being a member means you have a forum for discussion in an open meeting.

So, I would like to reiterate that all residents are welcome to join, not only the BCDA but also any sub-group which is of interest to you. These include community projects, hall functions, JCG and working committees.

The BCDA is not only for retirees. I am only 32 and many of the members are not much older. The only requirement is that you are interested in our town and the community.

If you feel that we are not representing your views, or not active in a particular area of need, please come and tell us. We are only as good as our membership, and the more members we have, the more representative of community we become. This is the only way we can hope to influence local and state authorities.

BCDA MEETINGS

Third Thursday of each month. Dates for the next quarter: 17 June, 15 July, 19 August.

Notice Board

Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall

Holy Trinity Women's Guild Anglicare Fundraising Luncheon Supper Room 11am - 3pm - 21 June Contact: Margaret Brearley 4883 6385

Gilbert & Sullivan Patience [Savoy Arts 3pm - 21 August tickets from Gail Pritchett at end of July

Dance in the Hall 8pm - 28 August Contact: Karl Doblander 4883 6237

Letters to the Editor

The brilliant performance of the Sydney Balalaika Orchestra on Saturday 17 April at the Memorial Hall was one of the highlights of life in Bundanoon. Over 20 musicians plus singers and a cheerful conductor, all in colourful costumes, came together on a variety of items, ranging from Gypsy to Classical, played with clarity and precision.

The packed audience exhibited appreciation with lengthy applause and cries of 'encore'.

My grateful thanks to Michael Flint and members of BCDA for bringing music and live theatre to Bundanoon. Also, the delicious afternoon tea which followed the performance was most welcome.

We look forward to further events with appreciation. Sincerely, Elyane Lenthall

Henley Brae, Mittagong Dear Sir.

Expatriates, John and Elizabeth Royal, enthuse over Bundanoon facelift!

We continue to treasure fond memories of Bundanoon, our home in retirement from 1989 to 2002. Having spent some of the happiest years of our combined lifetime there and been actively engaged in local community affairs, we naturally maintain a keen interest in its ongoing progress and development. So you can imagine how delighted we were on a recent reconnoitre to discover that persons, whose identity we have since discovered, had been out planting more trees along the northern approaches to town. Congratulations to all on having created such a welcoming sight to gladden the hearts of travellers. residents and ex-residents alike!

Back in 2001, a few of us made a start at planting some young trees using Council's Centenary funds for village beautification. But, as we foreshadowed at the time in JCG, a second stage of plantings was being planned thanks to donations from members of the community. Now that vision is a reality and Bundanoon with its new streetscape along the shop fronts is altogether a sight to behold.

We wish to be remembered to all our old friends in Bundanoon. We are currently relocating from the Southern Highlands to Melbourne to be closer to members of our family living there.

John Royal

Movies

An Eye On Reel Life

Jaffas rolling down the aisle? Torch wielding, maroon and gold-jacketed ushers? Leather shoulder strapped trays of Choc-Top ice creams, Old Gold and Scorched Almond chocolates? Plush red velvet curtains? Not quite, but The Rex cinema, (also known as The Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall), is coming into its own of late observes Ross Armfield

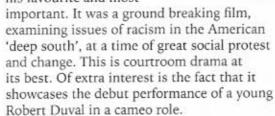
n April 6th, actor John Howard, (best known as Bob Jelly in Seachange), director Chris Kennedy and around 200 locals, attended a debut screening of the new Australian film, A Man's Gotta Do, in Bundanoon. Besides raising thousands of dollars for Rural Australians for Refugees, patrons were treated to a slide show of original theatre advertisements, a champagne supper and wine tasting as well as a hilarious feature film shot mainly in and around Shellharbour.

A highlight of the evening was John Howard, moving through the crowd selling raffle tickets, interjecting with wisecracks, as organiser Patrick Fitzgerald, stoically persevered with his introductory address. A really memorable evening!

A nother special event at The Rex is being arranged for Saturday 17 July, in aid of the Wingecarribee Community Fund, which supports the aged, youth, and the environment in our shire.

To Kill a Mockingbird, adapted from a novel of the same name, by Harper Lee, will be

screened. Made in 1962, the film was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including best film. It received two 'Oscars' for best actor, (Gregory Peck), and for best screenplay/script. From his huge body of work, Gregory Peck nominated this film as his favourite and most



With such a great film, and a supper too, this will be another 'top' night at The Rex, with or without Jaffas.

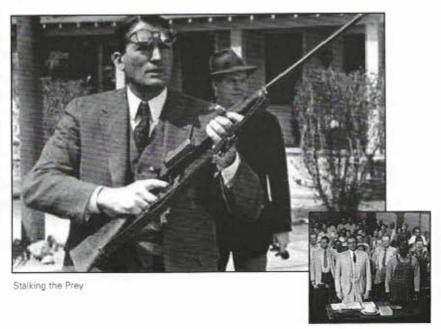


John Howard and Chris Kennedy posing with the organising committee

To Kill a Mockingbird 17 July - 7.30pm (My Fair Lady 18 September - 7.30pm)



Bird on the wire...



young people

Emulsion's music

Something raw and powerful is evolving in Bundanoon and Penrose.

Emulsion is a "new metal" band of talented and driven young men with ability and ambition. Ross Armfield discovers that they are very 'tight' in music and comradeship.

A ll for one and one for all just about sums them up. As guitarist Andrew 'A.J.' Johnson puts it, "First and foremost, we're mates". Bass guitarist Kyle Southcott reveals the other side of their collective personality. "Performance is what it's all about for us - the chance to really go off!"



Emulsion is Nathan Daly 18, lead singer, Geoff Williams, guitar, Kyle Southcott, bass guitar, Andrew, (A.J) Johnson, guitar, all 17, and drummer Sam Carkagis, 16. They all attend high school except for Nathan, who holds down a post HSC job while contemplating physics at 'uni'. Therein lies one of the band's biggest problems at the moment; trying to juggle school, study, sport and work along with rehearsals and performance. They rehearse once or twice a

fortnight at A.J's mini-studio, created in a shed next to his home in Penrose.

Despite having two drivers in the band, support from parents is crucial at this stage in their development. Fortunately, the relationship with their parents is superb. "Our parents are awesome," says Kyle. Geoff adds, "Even though our music is not Mum's preferred style, she loves watching us play, going out having fun, expressing ourselves and creating something." Andrew agrees, "The generation gap's there, but they really appreciate what we're doing. My Dad, a musician too, often lends us his equipment. Their support is terrific."

Formed in 2002 after several early combinations, the group was influenced and inspired by the band Tool. The boys were formerly known as Headway. They felt their music had evolved and expanded and wanted a name to reflect the fluid movement and mixture of their sounds, abilities and the increasing complexity of their chosen 'heavy' style. At first they played at Moss Vale High assemblies and socials. The band is now getting more paid jobs and they take on all offers of work. "You never know when EMI will turn up with a deal! - but really, it's all publicity and experience," says Nathan. Geoff felt, "It's all great practice - even garden shows. If they're not rock oriented gigs, we play acoustic."

And it's playing that they all love! "The 'buzz' from playing live is enormous. You get nervous at first, but once you see people moving to music you've made, it is just so good, so much fun!" enthuses Geoff. Mainly through the high school, they have a large support group which is continually growing.

Although they still perform cover versions of other groups' songs, more and more of their work is original. All members involve themselves in the writing process. Usually



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has a new metal finish

Geoff gets an idea or 'riff', which is then developed with Andrew and Kyle. Nathan then adds vocal melodies and lyrics. Lastly, Sam lays down the appropriate percussion. "Sam's the youngest and best drummer we've had. He's very good," says A.J. Despite collective formal training in everything from singing lessons, violin, viola, piano, trumpet and guitar to drums, the boys are largely self taught on their preferred instruments and would rather feel their way instead of focusing on formality.

While performance provides the real motivation for this lightheartedly self described 'alternative new metal' band, Andrew highlighted the other great thrill.

"Performance is what it's all about for us - the chance to really go off!"

"Writing music, seeing and hearing it develop is something really great too. Performance is pure emotion. Writing is creation. They're two very different feelings".

Members of *Emulsion* are quite realistic.

A.J. says, "There are lots of complications pulling it all together, both in rehearsals and performing, but we're very good at getting around things." (Like the time they were due to play at the Australia Day celebrations at Berrima this year and the sound system promised to them by the Police Dept. went missing for several hours!!)

While it is a conceded passionate hobby at the moment, all agreed they would love it to become more and would drop any current plans if Emulsion took off.

As Nathan says, "If we become big, everything else goes on the backburner."

Emulsion is youth with energy, passion and creativity. Following a dream, they deserve our support. Look out for them.



Nathan Daly is lead singer



"going off" at a recent 'gig'

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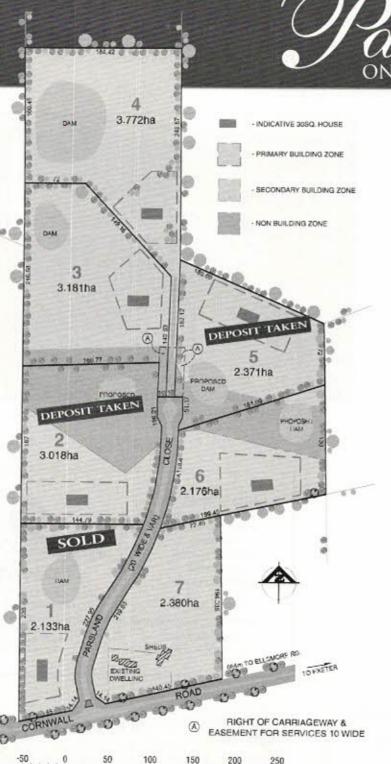
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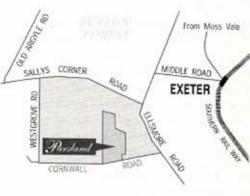
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Garage at No 62

lifestyle

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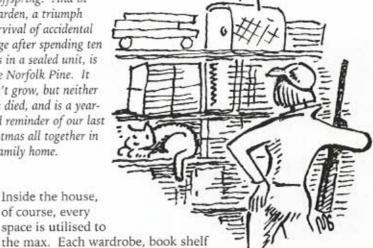
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- · One car, blue
- · One mower, red, in pristine condition, though used a little more in recent times since its owner has retired
- · One wardrobe, teak, from vesteryear, taking up a

· Deck chairs, three

· One circular top for our dining table, to accommodate

said offspring. And in the garden, a triumph of survival of accidental storage after spending ten weeks in a sealed unit, is a lone Norfolk Pine. It doesn't grow, but neither has it died, and is a yearround reminder of our last Christmas all together in our family home.



A time to cull

"....books, Enid Blyton to Virgil"

whole side wall and filled with not much

- · Two folding beds
- · One cat basket, sans, at time of inventory, cat
- · Two formerly much-used desks, now containing screwdrivers, light bulbs, pens, golf balls, and providing a flat surface on which to place the golf clubs
- · One other entire wall of shelving, installed by Barry McDonnell when we built our home, and the envy of our friends. 'What wonderful storage' they exclaimed. The shelves house eski, picnic baskets, a wooden rooster that nobody seems to want, business records, tools, half tins of paint, garden feed, barbeque appurtenances, and boxes and boxes belonging to our family, marked accordingly: 'old letters - do not throw', 'Uni notes', 'Europe, '91 - Tim', 'Suse, books, Enid Blyton to Virgil', 'Mum and Dad - junk' and we haven't opened it!-, cartons of National Geographics, a box of old cameras, and artifacts, various. Every time we want to make room for a second car, when our inner city children who park their cars in the street are visiting, it requires a major move, reminding me of that childhood game, Numero, rearranging the squares. Which in turn reminds me:

Inside the house, of course, every space is utilised to

begin?

- packed to the gunnels. Every so often, after visiting my friend Judy with her uncluttered Japanese-influenced house, I come home and sweep the photographs off the top of the piano - well, I did once, but it looked so bare, and besides, I missed them, the children and the

grandchildren, and back they gradually crept. There's a time to live, a time to die, and - am I really saying this? - a time to cull. But where to

JCG Competitions

Lee Ryall, who won our short story competition, has received \$100 from Bundanoon Real Estate for her efforts. Her story was published in March JCG. We decided to print the stories entered by the runners-up, Anne Pidcock and Ray Alexander, also. Anne's appears in this issue (page 37) and Ray's will be in September JCG.

No correct entries for our Spotted Downtown competition have been received so the \$25 voucher will be awarded for the solution to the September Cryptic Crossword should none emerge from the Editor's In-Tray.



Lee Ryall

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travel table

Shared Table:

Big Boys' Toys and a suitably themed cookery column presented a challenge for feature writer Pam Davies. Then she discovered Carapace, a prototype trailer/camper, created and crafted by two retired ex-pat. West Australians which provided the inspiration. Here's a story to whet your appetites for adventure travel and campfire food!



Carapace: during workshop

If you have ever dreamed of having a base camp in the outback, eating dinner under the stars and living with a backdrop of landscapes created from a collision of ancient forces, read on!

Carapace means 'a shield or

shell, covering all or part of an animal' (eg, a lobster). Like a lobster's shell the Carapace provides protection from the environment and insulation against temperature extremes.

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and with an air space between the layers they provide protection against heat and cold. It sleeps four in ingenious roll out beds. A reflecting vinyl, insulated roof and louvred windows

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The design and construction of this custom built trailer occupied two 'boys' for five months. During a ten week trial run, across the Nullabor and along the south coast of Western Australia, design faults will be detected and remedied following their return from Perth.

"Like a lobster's shell Carapace provides.."

An invitation to share the experience of Day One of this epic journey with the Carapace team suggested a meeting at a riverside caravan park in Wagga for an overnight stopover. When it was revealed that it takes an hour to set up camp and another hour for bump out it was obvious that this unique camping experience would have to be postponed. The designer explained the merits of the trailer/camper as a long stay base camp and a date was set for spending a few days, later in the year.

The third member of the group (a 'girl') suggested a trip to town. It's easy to spend a few hours exploring Wagga's history and after a food shopping spree we settled in to

Ready for the road

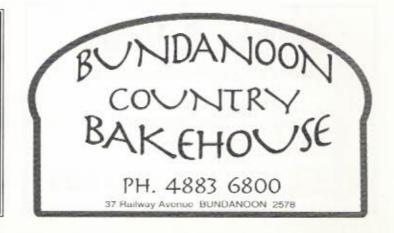


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in the Outback

our cabin for an evening of good food and great company. The meticulous organisation of the storage boxes, with their inventories designed by the 'boys' gave us lots of laughs! A place for everything and everything in its place for ten weeks! I don't think so!

Driving home the next day, memories of our 1970s tent, with its fringed annexe, affectionately known as Pam's Palace, provided an idea for a meal cooked on a camp fire.

Slow-roasted Leg of Lamb with Cannellini Beans and Vegetables

You will need; a camp oven, a leg of lamb, olive oil, dried rosemary and oregano, salt and pepper, a mixture of vegetables, garlic, and tomato paste.

Light a fire during the early afternoon so that there are plenty of coals to support the camp oven for two to three hours cooking time required.

Prepare a large leg of lamb by rubbing all over with olive oil, salt and pepper. Sprinkle liberally with dried rosemary and oregano.

Cut a selection of vegetables; potatoes, carrots, onions, eggplant, capsicum, and zucchini into large chunks. Break up a small knob of garlic into cloves and set all the vegetables aside, in a moist plastic bag, in a cool place until required.

Spray the camp oven with oil and preheat for ten minutes on the fire. Place the seasoned lamb in the pot and turn to brown all sides before covering with foil. Make sure the lid of the oven is placed on, tightly, and cook over low flames for about an hour.

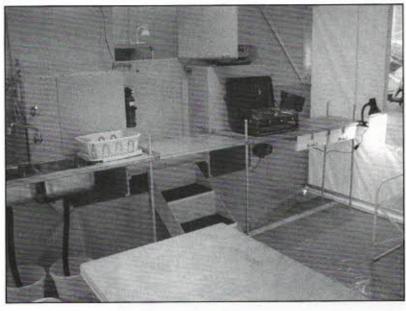
Scatter vegetables around the lamb. Dissolve 2tbsp tomato paste in 1litre hot water and pour over the meat and vegetables. Return the oven to a well stoked fire for at least another hour.

When the meal is almost cooked, mix in



one or two 400g cans of beans and continue cooking until the meat is tender and the vegetables are soft.

Serves 6 with leftovers for lunch the next day.



Fully-equiped kitchen

The most enjoyable aspect of camping is having time for reading by a fire, with only birdcalls and voices of children playing, breaking the silence of the afternoon. It's comforting to know that soon after the sun goes down they'll tumble into their sleeping bags and there will be nothing to do until sunrise the next day when the routine of gathering wood, fetching water and thinking about the next meal begins again.

Anticipation of dinner under the stars in a remote valley and a night spent in a comfortable bed is a far cry from those camping days. Although a Carapace experience offers this, as well as protection from the elements in an insect free environment let's hope I manage to repack all the condiments and utensils into their correct boxes!



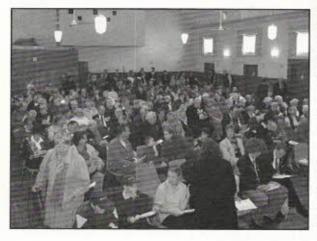
events

Anzac Day

Reflecting the renewed interest in ANZAC celebrations throughout Australia, the commemorative service in Bundanoon, was well attended writes Pam Davies

Flag bearers led the march followed by a Navy Catafalque party from HMAS Albatross, veterans from World War II and more recent conflicts. Representatives from community groups, Wingecarribee Shire Council, Bundanoon Primary School and Moss Vale High School also joined the servicemen and veterans.

A wreath laying ceremony at the entrance to the Soldiers Memorial Hall was followed by the service, marked by the sincerity of thoughts expressed by selected speakers and a performance of anthems by Bundanoon Voices.



The hall was full again this year

Belinda Dowton, a school captain from Moss Vale High School. focused on the response of young people to our ANZAC legend, in recent years. Some excerpts from her address summarise the sentiments of a special day of remembrance.

Belinda began with a reading from Wilfred Owen's poem 'Asleep'. This poignant extract illustrates the loss of a young life.

...And in the happy no-time of his sleeping, Death took him by the heart. There was a quaking

Of the aborted life within him leaping...

The ANZAC legend epitomises the "determination, mateship, courage and ability of ordinary people



Local school students waiting to address the gathering

to do extraordinary things during times of great adversity... a legend that has been imprinted into the nation's heart and soul."...

"ANZAC Day invites all Australians to look back upon the past with pride, but also to gaze into the future. It is important for us to recognise, rejoice and remember, but also to move forward, taking with us the values of these courageous men and women."

Madelaine Humphreys, from Bundanoon Primary School read this 'diary entry', a piece of her creative writing.

Dear Diary,

This morning Papa marched in the Anzac Day Parade. He wore his best suit and tie, with all his medals on his suit jacket and a sprig of rosemary in his lapel. He smiled and grinned at his comrades as he marched. Papa is different now, less proud of himself, more proud of his country. He used to be estranged from us, and he felt that he was too respectable to garden and play with the twins. His eyes light up every time he sees one of us or his war mates. He screams at night though, and has terrible nightmares, so I know that a lot happened to him while he was away, but he does not talk to us about it. Papa has been back for a month now, and Mama is throwing up every morning so I think she is pregnant again. Papa does too, and he's very happy. Now that Papa is back I don't have to do all the housework anymore, and Mama doesn't have to go to work. We have moved out of town now, to a small farm. We breed sheep and Mama sells the wool. The only thing I don't like about the new house is that it has rats. I am doing much better at school now that Papa is back, and I might not have to repeat year 10 again.



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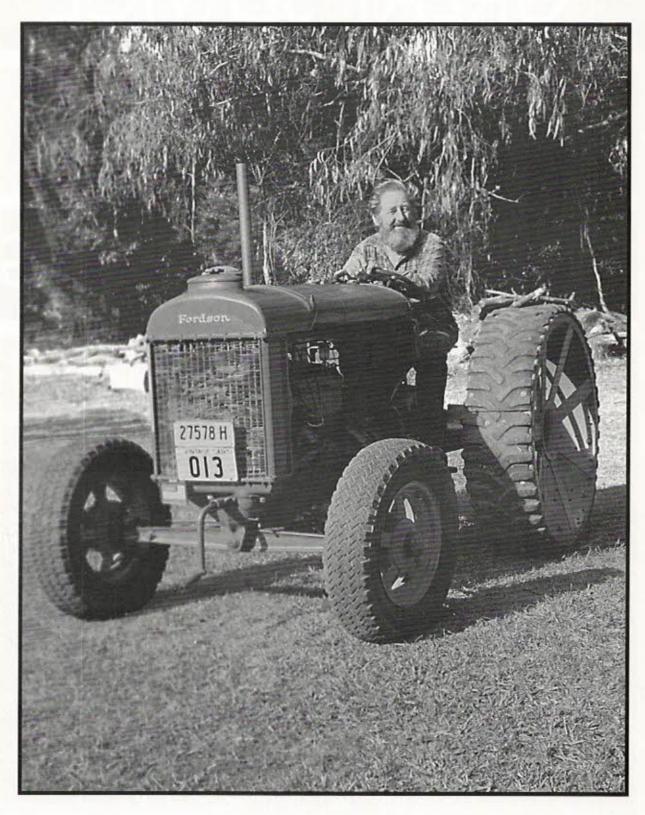








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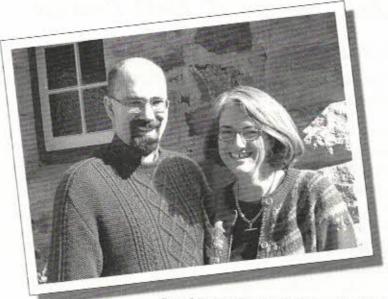
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profile Two of Us

Kathryn and David Pratt



David Pratt is Rector of Anglican Parish of Sutton Forest, resident in Bundanoon. Kathryn is his wife and partner in his ministry. They have two sons, Joshua and Nathaniel. Jenny Walker uncovers the secret of their teamwork.

Kathryn: I was born and raised in Tamworth, gained a BA/DipEd at the University of New England, taught in Parkes then worked in Sydney for the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students. That's how I met Dave - at an AFES conference in Katoomba. He asked for money!!! He was in a penguin suit - which was a standout....but not really the thing. After a curry together (which Dave wept through, even though he had the mild one!!!) we wrote for six months.

I worked at Sydney University while Dave was studying at Moore Theological College, then we had Joshua. We had hoped to study together but because Josh was a prem baby, needing special care for the first eighteen months, study just didn't fit in for me.

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After College we moved to Young where Dave was Assistant Minister. From Young to Taralga, then here to Bundanoon. We've faced some challenges with each move - Taralga was hard simply because all the basics were a long drive - doctor, chemist, supermarket, etc.

I married David because I didn't want to let him get away. He is great to be with. When we met I found someone who thought about the things I did, and in a similar way. I think that's one of the things I liked about writing to Dave for six months - romance quickly goes out the window in a letter and we really got to know each other. I admire the way he thinks out issues. I love the way he interacts with the boys (Joshua is eight and Nathanael is four) - they are like two little David's; and that's great for me to watch because I grew up in a house full of girls! (Oh! And I love his clothes taste!)

One thing that bugs me is that every time we move house he has to dig up the backyard. The results are great, but the process drives me mad. It goes on forever ...

Best memory? My 40th birthday last year. I'm a total detective, but I had NO idea that Dave had planned a surprise party. I don't think I've ever been so surprised by Dave.

When we get time off we simply like being together. We've just been camping in Morton National Park. We backpacked to the camping area - even our four year old carried his own 'Bob the Builder' pack. We're really looking forward to bigger camping trips like this. (I got a fantastic backpack for my 40th - thanks Dave!) It doesn't really matter what we do - time together is the key.

As for the future - that's one of the things I find impossible. We do realise that being Australian makes us wealthy in every aspect of life and such wealth brings with it special responsibilities which means we look to the future in a more global way. But we all love Bundanoon and we're enjoying every day we have here.

David: I met Kathryn when I asked her for a refund for a friend who was unable to attend the conference I was at. She had seven or eight hundred delegates to register - she looked at me and said "Go away, write it down and I'll talk to you later." I was wearing black tie having gone to an MSO Concert in Melbourne the night before and then driven through the night to get to the conference in Katoomba on time.

We wrote to each other then Kathryn came to Melbourne for a week's holiday, arrived on Friday night and we were engaged on the Tuesday morning. We married five and a half months later – just a year and a week since we had met.

I was born in Melbourne and studied at Melbourne University. I was heavily involved in the Christian Union (AFES) on campus and began studying theology at Ridley College towards the end of my agriculture degree. In 1991 I did a DipEd then taught in the Blue Mountains for a couple of years before we moved to Newtown to study at Moore Theological College – I was a kept man for four years. It was fantastic.

I find moving hard because I'm quite a shy person, and it's weird to have a job where lots of people know who you are before you know many of them. So spending only eighteen months in Young before moving to Taralga was not ideal for me.

"....It was deceit in spades"

There is no comparison between Taralga and Bundanoon. They are such different places but both have become 'home'. That means I miss being there at the same time as I'm having a ball here.

It's great being married to Kathryn because she is a great people person, a great organiser, and manages to give our family a luxurious life on a modest budget. She is a great Mum and good at doing ministry. Oh and I don't wear anything she doesn't choose.

My current digging project has been underway for a year – I'm excavating the bank at the rear of our house and moving the dirt to create a parking bay closer to the house which is easier especially for elderly people. I think Kathryn gets frustrated because I tend to underestimate how long things will take to finish.

I find nothing annoying about Kathryn. Truly. The big divide is probably that I don't like the beach and she (and the boys) does.

My best memory of our time together is on 27 December last year when I managed to get 174 people to a lunch in the Memorial Hall to celebrate Kathryn's 40th – without her knowing. It was deceit in spades, and was very, very satisfying.

It is hard to see what lies ahead. Bundanoon is great and there is certainly loads to do here. I guess one of the things that keeps looming in our minds is that no matter which way you look at our lives, even fairly poor Australians are obscenely wealthy in world terms. It is very hard to see Christian ministries that are crying out for leadership and expertise in other parts of the world and stay here in such comfort. Even in other parts of Australia there is not necessarily the same availability of a Biblically-based style of ministry which we are seeking to develop here.

Being involved in something that furthered such an approach to Christian ministry might take us off. But for now we are happy to be run off our feet here!

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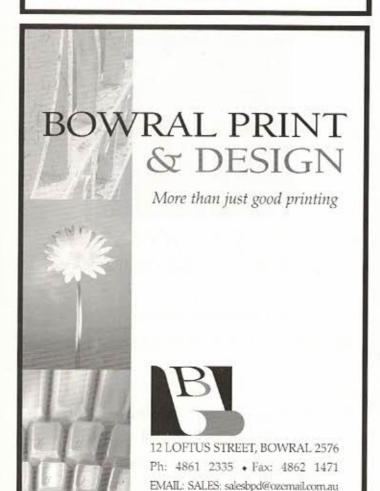
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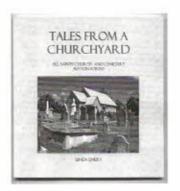


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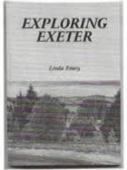


At the recent launch of Linda Emery's book 'Tales from a Churchyard – All Saints Church and Cemetery, Sutton Forest her passion for local history was illustrated by a family anecdote. Her goddaughter, visiting as a little girl, reported to her mother that Aunty Linda was a bit strange. She always took her to visit cemeteries!

Linda's deep interest in local history has resulted in a number of significant publications which have given life to early settlement in the Highlands. Through careful research for this book, her stories not only document important historical information but provide colourful profiles of local residents and their families. An account of the Wilmot brothers convictions, sentencing, transportation from England and their place as 'gentlemen' in the Sutton Forest community show how the colony could offer a fresh start in life.

Linda has selected other stories for her book from records which aroused her curiosity. People from all walks of life are represented; convicts, priests and early settlers many of whom "in one way or another influenced their world."

So, on a warm winter afternoon, using this book as a guide, take a stroll around the churchyard and discover the "fascinating history of a special place"



Exploring Exeter first published in 1998 and revised in 2003 presents an overview of Exeter. Compiled from records, photographs, oral history and memories this book provides an introduction to the "history and heritage of Exeter, through looking at the built environment and the people who created it".

A brief history of the Badgery family and their land holdings in the Southern Highlands identifies land purchased by Henry Badgery in 1832 as the site of the present day village. A map, at the beginning of the book locates places of interest. Photographs of significant houses, such as Invergowrie and Whare Tau add interest by showing their distinctive architectural styles.

If you have ever wondered about the unusual style of St Aidan's Anglican Church or noticed the cottages near the station Linda has uncovered their history. This book provides an insight into the reasons for Exeter Village Association's commitment to resisting change

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Tools or Toys



It has been said that a lawnmower should form part of Australia's coatof-arms, writes Ray Alexander

aving lawn to the front, back and both sides of the house we moved into at Bundanoon, a lawnmower was one of the first items we bought. Being not in the least mechanical, I opted for a fourstroke machine that was most likely to do the job without needing to be tinkered with. The model recommended by the salesman was made in New

Zealand to American specifications and came with instructions in eight different languages. I prayed that it would not break down in Polish.

It had been a quarter of a century since I had mowed a lawn, brought about by living in

"Gardens are more than lawns"

staff cottages, where gardeners came as fringe benefits, a job in South China, where a hotel suite became our home, and six lazy years in an apartment on the mid-north coast. Not that I was a novice at mowing lawns. Our first house, at Denistone in Sydney's north-west, had a sloping block resembling the north face of Everest and, when I graduated from there, I felt as though I could have moved for Australia.

Gardens are more than lawns, though, and I faced the prospect of trying to establish our very own horticultural paradise. "All grim gardeners possess a keen sense of humus," Captain W.D. Pontoon once said. What a delightful name for a cynic! My pile of humus grew as the four-stroke ploughed through the grass, and, following the advice of the collection of gardening books I was relying on, I purchased a compost-bin in a box from the hardware store and somehow managed to assemble it in time to catch that evening's vegetable peelings.

Next, I needed a lawn-edger and made the mistake of buying one that has a nylon cord which, in my inexpert hands, continually broke off or became tangled. There must be less stressful pastimes, I thought. My son thoughtfully presented me with a hedge-trimmer for Christmas. This will be an • invaluable addition to my gardening kit when the hedge reaches a trimmable height.

In the meantime, I needed a mattock, shovel, spade, four-pronged fork, rake, grass-rake, hoe, grass-shears, secateurs, yard-broom and various hoses, buckets, watering-cans and containers in which to store such essential items as fertilisers, sprays, sand, sulphate of ammonia and dolomite lime. I have not yet found a wheelbarrow that will fit into the boot of the car. Then there were gardening gloves and kneepads and all manner of weeding implements. The second car-space in the garage soon became a gardening storage area. I hoped I would have sufficient money left to buy plants.

Ah, but it's all fun. The garden is beginning to take shape and the realisation that I am capable not only of creating a living organism, but of enjoying it, has led to a delightful new phase in my life. The patch I enjoy the most, however, is the cricket-pitch area in the back yard, where I inflict my arthritic leg-breaks on my grandsons. "Over the fence is out," is my face-saving catch-cry. That is when I am not screaming out: "Watch out for my climbing rose!"

Much as I enjoy my new toys, I have fast reached the conclusion that the most precious piece of gardening equipment would be a castiron back with a hinge in it.

Beyond the Lych Gate

Marie Klaussen will be writing a gardening column for JCG. Here she shares some thoughts on a love of gardening from her little corner of the world.

Garden Diary for the month of June

- A good time to make changes or additions to the landscaping.
- Bare rooted roses and fruit trees are on the agenda, make sure you start getting beds ready ie good compost in well prepared ground.
- Some varieties of sasanqua and japonica camellias will commence flowering, make this the time that you choose new ones for your garden as you can see them in flower in the nurseries
- Still time to fill gaps and holes in garden beds with spring/summer perennials
- Enjoy the diminishing number of weeding and watering jobs.

Since there is less work in the garden in winter here is a thought on how to fill in one's time.

• Listen to some classical music - Vivaldi's Four Seasons, Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, Tchaikovsky's Waltz of the Flowers, Delius' On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring, Rimsky Korsakoff's Flight of the Bumble-bee, Vaughn-Williams' The Lark Ascending and Shostakovich's The Romance from the Gadfly.

Garden club

ur Garden Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Bundanoon Soldiers Memorial Hall. From 9.30am, members and visitors can enjoy a cup of tea, a chat, snap up some bargains at the plant sale table or borrow the latest books from our Library. The meeting commences at 10.00am.

Guest speakers are a regular feature and the Q & A session following enables members to consult the experts. Other Club activities include the monthly opening of members' 'Friendship Gardens', regular picnic outings to local beauty spots and coach trips to garden festivals, shows or open gardens. Members also benefit from discounts at certain garden centres and nurseries.

If you are interested in gardening and would like to join our club or attend as a visitor, come along to one of our meetings - you will be most welcome.

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Contact Lyndall Nurse Centre Co-ordinator 4883 6048

In March 2003 the Youth Centre, an initiative of the Anglican Church, moved from Railway Ave to the old Scout Hall in Phillip St where it has been operating a Drop-in-Centre on Friday nights. Lyndall Nurse (Centre Co-ordinator) reports on their operation and discusses recent developments.

What we have been doing:

As well as providing a Drop-in-Centre we have been involved in a number of activities:

Assistance with The Glow Worm Track restoration which provides an opportunity to learn about native plants as well as the chance to recognise the difference between a plant and a weed! For ongoing involvement we will need a commitment from a number of young people for three hours a month.

At the end of term we held an Eat-In where we made pizzas and cheesecake. Not only did everyone learn some cooking skills but we enjoyed the fruits of our labour.

We sold items we made at Brigadoon, following which it is hoped to introduce more craft sessions on Friday nights.

The needs of people in poor countries have

again been recognised by our involvement in the '40 Hour Famine'.

What we offer:

The Youth Centre is open on Tuesdays from 4.20pm to 6pm.

High school students who don't have access to the Internet can use our system for homework by donating a gold coin and 20c per page for printing.

A free service is available for High School students. On Saturday mornings we can arrange for 'one on one' help with resumes, application forms, interview/presentation skills, skills audits, letter writing, telephone techniques. identifying agencies and resources. This is valuable for all teenagers but particularly for Year 9 students applying for their first job. Workshops this year will include; photography, scrapbooking, woodwork, pottery. Relationship skills, conflict resolution, learning to care for oneself and skin care will also be covered. Details will be displayed at the main bus stop in Bundanoon.

Two special programs will be held in August and September: 'Living for the Light', designed for young people and 'Focus on the Family' for parents. (See below for details).

'Focus on the Family' is a not-for profit organisation with a world wide network of family ministries in more than twenty countries, including Australia. As well as providing support to families on many issues they harness skills of concerned community members, health and education professionals, clergy and business people.

What we offer parents:

Information cassette tapes may be borrowed for two weeks from the Youth Centre for a deposit of \$5. Subjects discussed are 'Talking to Your Teens about Sex', 'Getting over Discomfort', 'How to Really Communicate with Your Teen', 'Guys and Girls' and, 'How to Model Healthy Relationships at Home'.

Diary Dates

Focus on the Family

Commencing 18 August, a series of six Drug Education sessions for parents will be held at the Anglican Church Hall, Bundanoon 7.30pm - 10pm

Registration and payment (\$30 per person) is required by 4 August. For course details contact Lyndall Nurse

Living for the Light

Sundays 5, 12 & 19 in September (for youth) at the Youth Centre, Bundanoon 2.30pm - 4.30pm



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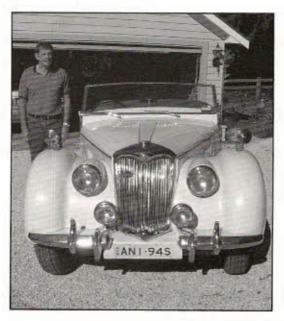
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cover story



Big boys love their toys. Classic cars, motor bikes and racing cars are the ones that we most often see on the streets of our 'Toy Town'. Here David Morgan profiles a few toys and their proud owners and Pam Davies speaks to a girl who lives with a 'toy' boy.



Big Boy: John Hutchens Toy: Vintage Sports Car

Specification: Riley RMC Roadster 1949 3- seater

Engine: 2.5 litre dohc 4 cylinder Aspiration: twin SU carburetters Top speed: 100mph (160kph) Steering: rack and pinion

Gears: 4-speed, originally column change;

synchro on second, third, fourth.

Suspension: torsion bars on the front, leaf springs on the rear.

Brakes: drums all round; hydraulic front, mechanical rear.

Doors: two (suicide) Years built: 1949 to 1951

No. built: 507 (134 sold in Australia)

In New Zealand in the 60's new cars were scarce and expensive. John suffered from the poverty of working youth in his country of origin so his first few cars were old, even then, and basic.

"Breaking can be...a scary experience" "In later life I found myself yearning, nostalgically, for a car with 'character' such as those I'd driven so many years ago. Time is a funny thing, and it is only on acquiring an old vehicle once again that I've been reminded that 'character' is in reality a euphemism for very basic motoring and an element of unreliability mixed in with a good deal of maintenance."

Toy Town:

He had always wanted a convertible, so when the opportunity to own a Riley Roadster came about he seized it.

"It is a really fun car to drive, and the body is surprisingly rattle free."

One of the previous owners installed extractors which give it a bit more power and acceleration to 100kph only takes 17seconds.

"This might be considered slow for today but was rapid by the standards of the late 40's. The original specification cross-ply tyres have been swapped for radials which give considerably improved handling.

"Braking can be a leisurely and occasionally scary experience. It is wise to plan well ahead when intending to slow down. The steering is heavy, but manageable given the large steering wheel. Pulling out of a tight parking place can cause momentary muscular pain. Gearshifts in the Riley were originally column change but these were so hopeless that production soon changed to where mine is, on the floor.

"Driving an old car makes one appreciate just how far motor vehicle design has progressed over the years Modern conveniences like automatic gearboxes, power steering, and power brakes have certainly transformed motoring comfort."

However, John delights in driving the country roads on a fine day in a car that doesn't look like it has come out of the same Weetbix packet as all the others on the road.

"Driving a roadster is a joy not to be missed, even if "wind-in-the-hair" motoring is usually accompanied by bugs in the teeth and moths up the nose. On this latter point a tolerant wife (where fitted) ceases to be optional and becomes mandatory."

Try the "Riley in Australia" website for more info. www.phil.soden.com

English sports cars sold very well in the US prior to WWII, so after the war Riley designed a car aimed specifically for the US market. Unfortunately for Lord Nuffield, during the war the Yanks had fallen in love with the V8 engine and total US sales amounted to a paltry 50 cars. Production was hastily switched to right hand drive, and of the 134 which made their way to Australia around 85 are still known to exist.

Big Boys - Big Toys

cover story



Boy: John Henry Big Toy: Classic Motorbike

Specification:

Ducati SD 900 Darmah (Italian word meaning tiger), 1982 model.

Engine: 864 cc, 90 deg. V-twin cylinders, 4-stroke with 'Desmodromic' valve operation.

32 ml 'Dell Orto' carburetors.

weight: 216 kg (dry).

Ohn had affordable trail-bikes and one road bike before marriage, mortgage and family temporarily ended the relationship.

He begins his toy story. "Seven or eight years ago whilst on a fishing trip with a group of friends we were stayed in remote cabins at Lake Eucumbene. We had taken enough reading material for the week. One afternoon I was flicking through motorbike magazines looking at available second hand bikes when one of the guys asked was I interested in buying a bike. I said I'd really like an old Ducati and he replied that he'd owned a 1976 model for 20 years. He knew all there was to know about these classic Italian bikes so he helped me find the one I eventually bought.

"I'm not mechanically-minded so I'm at a disadvantage when things go wrong. If I was, I might spend more time working on it but I'd rather just jump on and go for a ride, then put it back in the shed"

John went on to suggest that Ducatis can be cantankerous, hard to start sometimes with more than a few problems that need an expert to solve.

"However, they do have something about them that makes them fun to ride.

"I'm not passionate about motor cycling or racing, I just find it a really nice diversion; a relaxing few hours a week that puts a smile on your face. "Some Sunday afternoons, Karen will hop on the back and we'll ride to Kangaroo Valley.

"We might stop at the Robertson pie shop where there can be 50 bikers you've never met but someone will come up and say g'day and have a chat over a cup of coffee.

"Occasionally I'll take to the road for a full day but once a year I go to watch the bike races at Phillip Island for a week with my brother-in-law and a group of friends



"....Karen will hop on the back and we'll ride to Kangaroo Valley"

"The fact that a guy in Bundanoon, whom I've not met yet, asked me to go to Phillip Island with him demonstrates that there is an interest in biking here that will get people together."

To a question relating to bikie culture, John responds "No, no tattoos or earrings" and adds, "being a bit older with a body that takes longer to mend I do wear good protective gear. My attitude to safety is something that has changed since I took up biking again. I've become a lot more aware of the damage I can do to myself. Whereas when I was 18 I didn't give a toss. It is altogether a different sort of riding I engage in now."

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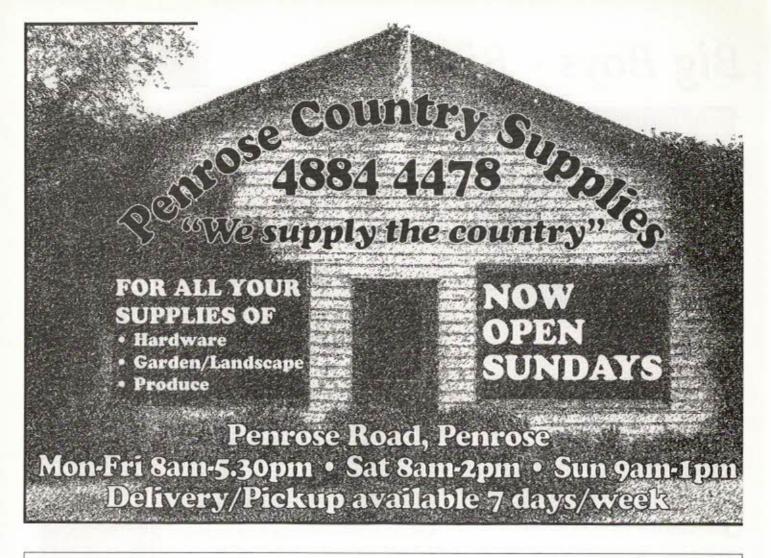


John Henry, proud owner of a 1982 Ducati Darmah

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hris started out in racing by building a dragster in 1973. When he sold it twenty years later he "got enough to buy a colour TV."

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"I belong to the NSW Road Racing Club where last year I won the overall club championship. Every class gets a certain number of points. Because I won every round bar one in the racing season I had enough points accumulated to win."

When asked what car he would really like he responded with, "I'm happy with what I've got. I've got records in hill climbs and records in my class." But then went on to admit "I've actually built a little fully enclosed sports car." He bought a partly built chassis and put a motor bike engine in it. It is driven conventionally with a tail shaft adapted onto the back of a motor bike gear box so it sits on its side.

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Boys, Toys - continued

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"You'd have to be fairly well off if you didn't build and work on your own car. I know guys who have to pay for everything and it costs them a fortune. In fact, it's said, to make a small fortune out of motor racing you need to start with a big one!"

Chris is passionate about his sport and his car. "I suppose I'm a pretty competitive sort of person. When I play any sort of sport I'm in it to win it."

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Erica Petersen is married to Chris.

To keep a balance in this issue of JCG, Pam Davies interviewed her to find out about her life with Chris and his famous

Pam: When did Chris first develop his interest in racing?



and mum came with us to mind the children. In 1990 I had a back operation and gave up sailing but Chris continued for a few more years.

Pam: When Matthew and Chris were later involved in go-cart racing were you OK about that?

Erica: Yes it's not dangerous and when Chris is racing his Datsuns and competing in hill climbs etc., there's no risk. In fact he thinks I should take it up...I might, I wouldn't mind having

Pam: (looking around the office at dozens of trophies) I can see Chris is a champion driver. Did you go to presentation nights and make friends in the racing fraternity?

Erica: Yes, one couple from

"When I asked him to give up racing, he agreed"

Erica: In the early70s, when we first married he raced dragsters at Castlereagh. I was pregnant with Matthew in 1974 and someone was killed at the track. When I asked him to give up racing he agreed, sold the dragster, and we bought a TV.

So, we stayed at home and watched TV instead!

[But not for long! Chris then built a Manly Graduate and became a founding member of Fitzroy Falls sailing club.]

Pam: Did you feel relaxed about sailing?

Erica: Yes, I crewed for him...out on the trapeze with the spinnaker up. We sailed in State Championships and our best results were 10th overall. It was great.

Pam: Were the kids involved?

Erica: Chris built a Manly Junior for them and we had great times as a family. Dad drove the rescue boat

Campbelltown. We got to know them and the presentations are mostly at things like a barbecue in the Royal National Park which we enjoy.

Pam: Do you go with Chris to racing events?

Erica: No, I don't even get up to make his coffee...I just think, good! I've got a day to myself to do my girlie things - like sewing.

Pam: (trying again) So you don't go to watch him compete?

Erica: No! No I don't, it's boring!

Thank you Erica that's exactly what I wanted to hear! BOR - ING!!!

[Laughter all round, even from Chris who has just come in from the workshop to the office!]

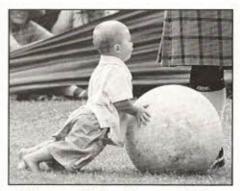


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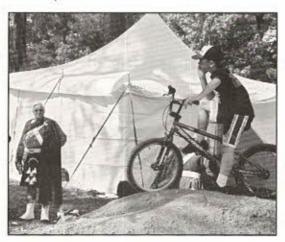
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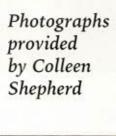
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The 'Bench'



In coming issues, JCG will feature profiles of Bundanoon's sporting clubs. Here, Ray Alexander kicks off with the town's newest outfit, the Bundanoon Highlanders Rugby Club Incorporated.

They didn't win and they didn't score but the Bundanoon Highlanders rugby union team had plenty to celebrate". Wrote Julian Murphy in The Post after a 36-0 loss in their second game away to Wollondilly White Waratahs. However their first fixture at the beautifully prepared Bundanoon Oval, had resulted in a 75-0 thrashing by Avondale so the marked improvement might indeed have seemed sufficient reason for celebration. Since then headlines such as "Bundanoon battles on" and "Shamrocks rock Bundanoon" have introduced losses

of 85-0 and 66-0 respectively.

However, enthusiasm bordering on zeal is a precious ingredient for success in a fledgling rugby club. The Bundanoon Highlanders coaches and players are realistic enough to know they need the skills and the fitness to sustain the fervour once they're out on the field.

The club had its origins over a beer at the Bundanoon Hotel in the winter of 2002. Rugby buffs, David Kerrigan (mine host), Markus Fenwick and John Leah were discussing why Bundanoon didn't have a rugby team and resolved to take up the challenge of forming one.

Although Markus played rugby at school and was a member of the Chevalier College XV that toured Canada undefeated in 1995, he is better known for his soccer exploits. John Leah, a recent arrival in town, coached Walcha to a premiership win and coached a N.S.W. Country Under-18 side.

Registration night became a "Black Friday" promotion on February 13, with 27 prospective players signing on to the beat of local band Small Talk at the Bundanoon Club.

"We had thought of calling our club the Bundanoon Bravehearts, but decided that was too Hollywood," Markus said

The brave of heart, however, turn up for training on Tuesdays and Thursdays where fitness instructor, Gary Smith who hails from Scotland, puts them through a rigorous warm-up routine before John Leah applies the coaching polish.

Rugby is a game where, within reason, age is no bar. Young and old mix it on the paddock and re-live moments in the game over drinks afterwards. Steve Smith, 41, is the club's oldest player and Nathan Ring, 20, the youngest. Indeed 'Golden Oldies' such as Steve are an integral part of the international Rugby scene.

Tony (Slaggy) Miller, who appeared in 41 Tests for Australia, was still playing first grade for Manly when he was 44 and, at 47, he could not resist running on for Manly fourths when they were a man short. Sir Edward (Weary) Dunlop, the accomplished surgeon who became a World War II hero for his exploits on the Thai-Burma Railway, played for an Australian Army XV in a game against a French Army team in Beirut when he was 33. Surgery had always taken precedence over Rugby for 'Weary', yet he represented Victoria and played two Tests for Australia against New Zealand in 1932.

The players' strip features the colours purple and green, with a black band set off with red and yellow stripes. Shorts are black and socks green.

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and home games has been made possible by the installation of a rubber membrane over the synthetic cricket pitch and soil and turf placed over that. The cricket season will not commence until at least four months after the last rugby game, so there will be ample time to restore the pitch. Club players and officials are very aware of the importance of the oval to the town so will use alternative venues if there is a likelihood of damaging the ground during wet weather

Illawarra Rugby Union and the shire council have been very supportive. .

Because there were too few clubs in fourth grade, the IRU has been forced to combine third and fourth

"....we are doing our best to be competitive"

divisions into one 14-team competition. This has meant a baptism of fire for the Highlanders.

"But, we are doing our best to be competitive," Markus Fenwick, said, "and we'll be playing the game in the right spirit."

The club is looking for more players and wider involvement to become an intrinsic part of the village of Bundanoon. "We want to fit in, both as a sporting club and as a social entity," Markus Fenwick enthused. "Furthermore, we want to develop Rugby in the area.

The Bowral Blacks are the only other Rugby club in the Highlands and already we have approached the Bundanoon, Penrose, Wingello and Tallong Primary Schools with a view to forming junior sides to play in the Under 10s, 11s and 12s."

The widespread nature of the Illawarra competition will involve the team in plenty of travel. Having a strong support base will be important, so dust off your beanies, punt high and follow on.

You can stay in touch with the Highlanders' fortunes by visiting its website: highlanders.rugbynet.com.au.

Ralph Clark is President. James Whitehouse, Vice president, with Steve Smith as Treasurer, Markus Fenwick is Secretary and Registrar. Mark Tickner is Sponsorship Co-Ordinator and Mrs Val Wallis heads the Women's Auxiliary.

David Kerrigan is patron and principal sponsor. The other major sponsor is Highlands Rural Real Estate.

[Incorporation of the new club was important for insurance purposes and entitles the club to State and Federal Government grants during its development.]



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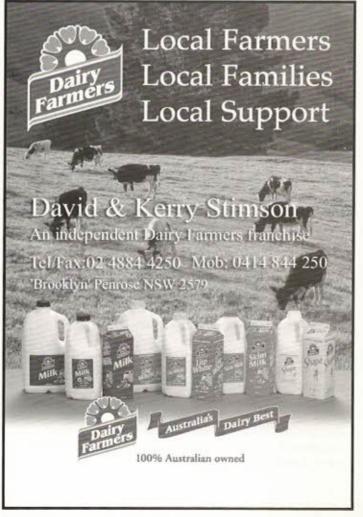
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At the surprise conclusion to Ken Methold's farce The B&B Murders, the cast and audience gasped as David Haines, a cross-dressing detective was marched off stage by Lyn Montgomery playing the part of Detective Inspector Trent, in charge of the case. The tension of watching this 'thriller' was relieved by Pam Davies, in her role as Elaine, the alcoholic proprietor of the Valley View Bed and Breakfast, as she swept in with - "I don't know about you, but I need a drink!"

A star performer in this production was Miranda Lean, as the unsavoury cleaning lady



at Elaine's establishment. Unfortunately, she came to a sticky end at the conclusion of Act One. Remember her in the role of Marie in the production of 'Little Voice' at the Mittagong Playhouse last year? She was just as convincing as Julie – "a thoroughly nasty piece of work!"

Pam Bishop, a well known thespian who performed in theatre restaurant productions at the Bundanoon Motel with Mike Binns as director played a loquacious, dishonest, antique dealer. Her submissive husband and accomplice in the play was Ken Crankshaw while Val Crankshaw whose cat, Snuggles, was the 'murder weapon', played a distraught Joan.

Eve Turnbull added a touch of glamour as Lorna and Adair Dever, a touch of class as the 'peripatetic podiatrist' Trish!

Special thanks to Ken Methold, writer/director who was courageous enough to take on developing his script with such a disparate group of amateurs.

This fundraising event held in the Memorial Hall on May 22 made almost \$3000 for the Rural Fire Service. The cast played to an enthusiastic audience of friends, family, locals and visitors to Bundanoon. Organised by Jenny Byrne, the night at the hall, set up as a cabaret, was great fun and it is hoped that other theatre groups will stage similar events there in the future.



Miranda Lean as the unsavoury cleaning lady, Julie Wilson

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Bundanoon Hire Cars circa 1952

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aken at the rear of the hotel, this photograph shows the hire cars that were available during the halcyon days when there were more than 50 guesthouses operating in town. Guests were picked up at the railway station and transported to their accommodation. Golfers staying at Rosnel would probably have needed a lift to the golf course which is now Parklands Estate. The Rex cinema operated on Wednesday and Friday nights and dances were often held on Saturday nights. As some guesthouses were located out of the centre of town, taxis were often in demand.

Our information about the year and make of these vehicles is sketchy. The white car has been recorded as possibly a 1948 Ford Mercury or Deluxe and the seven seat limousine as a 1929 Hudson. Let us know if you can identify them. Ed.



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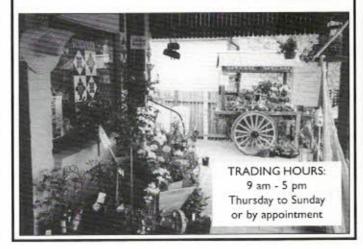
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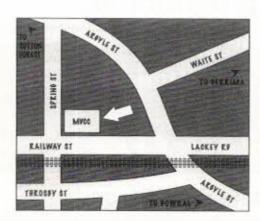
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Getting Ahead

by Anne Pidcock

I vividly remember the first time that I saw "The Head". It was Christmas 2003. Terry had just come back from Easter Island with an eclectic selection of curios: masks, sculptures, even the odd spear.

"You should have seen the face on the man in Customs when I brought this lot through," Terry chuckled.

As his mother of 30 years, I was well versed in Terry's eccentricities, so a few native trinkets barely ruffled my consciousness. However, I was rather taken by The Head.

"What on earth is this," I queried as I picked up The Head. It was a stunning piece of sculpture, all the more so as it was done in relief, obviously intended to lie flat against a wall.

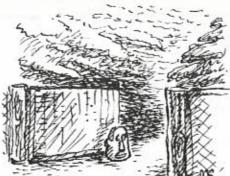
Island artefact. Solves my problem of what to get you for Christmas, too."

I hesitated for a fraction but it seemed such a genuine offer and I rather admired Terry's ingenuousness so I readily agreed to the proposal.

That night I caught the end of the news on television. Tidal waves had been besieging the coast near Anakena and a monsoon was approaching. Villagers were being evacuated in their thousands.

"Isn't that the area that you visited?" I asked Terry, as he lounged in an arm chair, casually leafing through an Australian Geographic. He glanced briefly at the TV set.

"Yeah," he responded.
"They get pretty horrific storms along the coast



he stepped away from the sideboard. Suddenly he tripped on the rug behind him and fell. It all happened so suddenly that I couldn't be sure if I was imagining it but The Head seemed to glow with a faint ochre light just before Noel fell.

We took Noel to hospital and his broken ankle was set in plaster. I dropped Noel and Esme back at their place and continued home.

I arrived just on dusk to see lights on in the lounge room. I entered the front door and caught the faint whiff of tobacco. No-one in our house smoked.

I crept silently down the hallway towards the lounge room and saw two men lift the television set and walk past the sideboard. From where I was standing The Head appeared to glow softly with a diffused light, probably a reflection of the setting sun outside.

One of the men suddenly doubled over in pain and collapsed. His companion dropped the TV set and likewise doubled over in pain. Both men writhed in agony on the floor while I quietly called the police.

On Boxing Day I had a call from Steve Styles, the local real estate agent. He had heard that I might be interested in selling the property and he knew a Canberra couple that were very interested. They were in Bundanoon for the day and he was anxious to show them the place.

The couple arrived a few hours later and gushed with joy over the quaint front

short story

gate, the long pine-lined driveway and the cute little cottage. As the woman was examining the kitchen, I glanced over at The Head and decided that it was a little too "art naive" for a country cottage. I picked it up and took it outside, gently placing it amongst the tree ferns near the fish pond.

The couple eventually came outside to inspect the garden and Steve noticed the sculpture near the pond.

"Bit grotesque isn't it!" he said quizzically and pointed out The Head to his clients.

The sunlight swathed The Head in a strange, suffused glow and Steve clutched at his heart and fell to the ground. I rang for an ambulance and Steve was taken to hospital with a suspected heart attack. The young couple left discreetly.

I looked long and hard at The Head. Three incidents in two days seemed a little too much for coincidence. If The Head was indeed a good luck charm then it seemed to work in reverse. It protected its surroundings from harm which translated into bad luck for anyone that interfered in that sphere of influence.

I realised then why its previous owner had placed The Head outside his hut and it occurred to me how I could use its power to my advantage.

That night I moved The Head from the garden to outside the front gate and since that day the occupants of our humble cottage have enjoyed rude good health, moderate wealth and a modicum of peace and prosperity. A very good start to the New Year and a welcome reward for getting a Head!

".. I was rather taken by the Head."

A curious electric shock, like a static charge, passed through my body the instant I touched it.

"Isn't it magnificent," Terry exclaimed as he paused in sorting through his cache. "I got it for a song, too. It belonged to a chieftain in a little village near Anakena. He was quite reluctant to part with it at first. It was standing outside his hut and he claimed it was a good luck charm."

Terry smiled. "That's native lingo for adding a few extra dollars to the price of an item. Took a bit of haggling to get him to sell it but eventually he agreed."

Terry eyed me curiously as I openly admired the piece.

"I'll tell you what. I'll give it to you if you like. You'll be the only one in Bundanoon with a genuine Easter there. Cyclones, hurricanes, that sort of thing."

Terry had already lost interest in his last trip and was eagerly planning his next voyage of discovery.

Christmas morning dawned, hot and sticky as ever, and with the customary exchange of presents at breakfast I was formally presented with The Head.

"I think I'll put it here," I announced to no-one in particular as I placed The Head on the sideboard in the lounge room. It was buffed up against a rather luscious fern and looked decidedly raw and primitive.

Later that day, my dear friends Noel and Esme were admiring my new Christmas present.

"Bit heathen for my tastes," mumbled Noel as

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The Green Team

The approach to bundanoon is a new sight for sore eyes observes David Beasley in this report.

Thirty enthusiastic volunteers gathered early on Saturday 20 March to tidy up the approaches to Bundanoon. Sixty trees were planted as part of an ongoing beautification programme in the Information Bay and Arboretum and also at Bellevue Park. Money for these trees had been donated by residents of Bundanoon some time ago and we are sure they, and the community, will appreciate the result in the years to come.

The Green Team is a sub-committee of the BCDA directed to:

- Identify public areas in Bundanoon in need of beautifying/tidying.
- > Plan and conduct a number of

"More volunteers are needed..."

working bees to address this while, at the same time, reducing ongoing maintenance.

- Advise the BCDA of a budget to fund ongoing maintenance and, once approved, to implement this program.
- Lobby Wingecarribee Shire Council for assistance in achieving these aims.
- Liaise with other volunteer/ community groups to better achieve these aims.

In addition to planting trees, the volunteers removed rubbish and debris and conducted a general clean up of the areas. Mulch provided by Council was spread around trees to help maintain moisture, suppress weeds and facilitate easier mowing and maintenance.

Our thanks to local firms and contractors who donated time and equipment or services

to help make the day a success. These include:

- Don Turner who dug all the holes for the trees with an excavator.
- Paul Sedgebeer who spread all of the mulch with a bobcat.
- Penrose Country Supplies for cut rates and free delivery of garden soil.
- Mount Murray Maples for supply of trees at discounted prices.
- Wingecarribbe Shire Council for supply of mulch at no charge.

An earlier working bee had been held on 21 February when close to 30 volunteers worked on Picnic Park and the railway embankment. A seat was added to Picnic Park and gardens tidied up, trimmed and mulched.

The Green Team successfully lobbied Council for removal of the rundown garden bed at the Information Bay. Council has planted trees which will be contained by a block wall.

Further working bees are planned for later in the year to tackle the approach to Bundanoon from the railway bridge and the small park adjacent to the railway bridge at the northern end of town.

More volunteers are needed – it's only a few hours work. You can help by contacting the BCDA or a member of The Green Team on. Our next working bee is planned for 31 July.

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Friends of Morton National Park

s evening fell so Adid the gentle rain, a welcome conclusion to another successful Brigadoon. Volunteers at the Friends / NPWS stall were kept busy with environmental enquiries and selling merchandise... plus the traditional raffle for the basket of 'Scottie Dogs'. Congratulations to this vear's winner, Mrs. Keane of Mittagong. Thanks once again to Lesley Niyogi for her canny canine craftsmanship, and to the small group of other members who put in time and effort during the long day.

Park activities continue with track maintenance being a major priority. Weeds are also a constant threat to the integrity of the bushland, especially along vehicle access roads. Among the most vicious is the Scotch Thistle. Several of our members have been attending to this menace on their regular patrols with special care taken to remove seeding heads which are cut and bagged to avoid further dispersal. The roots of mature thistles are very deep and these are carefully extracted using some of the new high quality tools purchased with a recent government grant for our Park projects. Blackberries are rife in some areas and the NPWS has noted their location for spraying, while other exotics such as dandelions are being monitored to ensure containment. It was disconcerting to discover a couple of blackened campfire sites at one of the lookouts - displaying some visitors' complete lack of responsibility. Rubbish dumping

(especially building waste) is another problem at certain locations. Measures are being taken to counter this practice and penalties for those prosecuted are now very severe.

Works and upgrades currently in the pipeline for our section of the Park include restoration of the Glow Worm Glen signage, and new safety railings on a section of the Dimmocks Creek Track, projects which our Group is funding.

Following on from the tree dedication to Ray Pryor in the Garden of Memories last September, a small but elegant memorial plaque has now been added to the Coral Bark Maple planting... a fitting tribute to a generous 'Friends' supporter.

Various members of 'Friends' have a wide range of knowledge and abilities, in such diverse subjects as history, ecology, species identification, plus medical and safety issues. These talents are evident in the latest FMNP newsletter. Anyone who would like a free copy of this publication or further information about our aims and objectives is invited to contact us (see below)

Alan Hyman

Friends of Morton National Park

PO Box 225

Bundanoon 2578.

Phone:

Sheila on 4883 6107 or Alan on 4883 7763.

CWA

Since the last issue of JCG we have presented to residents of Linkside nursing home a number of aprons with multiple pockets, made by our members. These are for use in diversional therapy sessions.

In April and May we provided morning tea for coach passengers from the Central Coast who had come to Bundanoon for the markets. We welcomed the opportunity to publicise the achievements of our organisation which included our contribution to formulation of certain government policies.

During April we opened our rooms as usual for Brigadoon. The transit bus provided a great service for our patrons who come each year for our delicious home made soups and dampers, not to mention the mouth-watering scones, jam and cream.

Our members took part in the Anzac Day march and provided refreshments at the conclusion of the commemoration service in the hall.

Pat Wells was our delegate at the Annual General Conference which was held in Queanbeyan on 1-5 May. Changes to our constitution were implemented and new office bearers were appointed. In the last three years we raised funds for research into Retinitus pigmentosa, a condition which eventually results in blindness. In that time the Association raised over \$104,000. In future we will participate in a new fundraising project for Haemophilia.

Jan Tinsley, from the Community Care Link Office in Bowral was the guest speaker at the Cancer Council Great Tea and Coffee Morning held on 27 May. She provided information about home care which is available through this important service.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm.

Secretary

Kath Smith - 4883 6919

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Over-50s club

Our first meeting of the year was held in February and our April meeting was cancelled as it was scheduled for Easter Monday.

However, we felt we should remind residents of Bundanoon and surrounding districts that we are still happily socialising and would enjoy having new members to swell our group's numbers. If you don't fancy gardening or sport and would like to join a social group, just ring our secretary, for details. Transport is available upon request.

Contact:

Jeanette Shaw

Secretary

Phone: 4883 6410

opinion JCb, an opinionated baby...

One of the limitations we face with Jordon's Crossing Gazette is that, being a quarterly publication it is hard to address topical issues affecting Bundanoon. The facts of an issue could change substantially between time of writing and publication.

To address this, we are introducing the

Jordan's Crossing Bulletin, to be known as the ICB.

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide a snapshot of what's happening in our town and to encourage debate about the issues facing our community.

We'll be out on the streets asking for your opinion, and encourage you to submit your ideas and observations about Bundanoon. We'll also be asking local identities for their input, including Councillor Jim Clark who will provide a run-down on council related matters (see his first column on the right).

JCB - July 2004

How the cover will look

And it's not all serious. There will be a calendar of events, book/movie/wine/food reviews - anything that is of interest to our residents. For example: Are the new woodfired pizzas at the pub any good? What's the next movie at the hall about?

JCB will be published in the months in between JCG issues, so for 2004 the dates are: July, August, October and November.

The deadline for each issue is the 1st of the month, and the newsletter will be available by the 10th of each month from the newsagent and Post Office.

Then in each quarterly JCG, we'll provide

a summary of what's been said in the past couple of months, and what's on the agenda for the next two issues.

If you've got something to share with the community, keep it under 150 words and email: jcbulletin@ozemail.com.au or drop your contribution into Bundanoon Real Estate. Please bear in mind that your submission could be edited to fit.

Council update

from Jim Clark

The first month of life as a councillor has been very busy. Three open council meetings with the added weight of a budget review and associated matters financial to get our heads around. Add to this a mix of committee, briefing and community meetings, as well as a mountain of reading material to digest and a steady flow of phone calls from ratepayers. Life is not so simple now!

Some of the major issues dealt with in open council meetings included, the proposed rate increase, K-mart development in Victoria St and a couple of very contentious SEPP5 developments. As a councillor you need to familiarise yourself with all the details via the business papers, seek advice when things are unclear and have input from like minded people to formulate your own response.

All of the above of course puts a strain on your personal life and especially that of your family. Another reason why a network of supporters. helpers and advisors is especially important. Councillors don't necessarily have all the answers to every problem, but need to be able to rely on the assistance and goodwill of others to be most

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From JCG's in-tray

Prize winners

Ray and Myra Alexander tell us about their prize.

As winners of the raffle prize drawn at the movie A Man's Gotta Do, we thoroughly enjoyed our twonight stay at the Kanimbla View environmental retreat at Blackheath.

Our cottage, one of only two on the property, featured a dramatic and spacious split-level design in a private bush setting, with three double bedrooms and two bathrooms.

The retreat is nestled in 12 acres of magnificent bushland with breathtaking views across a sandstone plateau which has been forming over 300 million years.

Very organic in its design, the cottage has solar electricity and composting toilets, but lacks nothing in comfort

We enjoyed the retreat's four walking tracks -- the Clifftop Walk, Forest Walk, Bridle Track Walk and Dam Walk -- and played tennis and boule before relaxing in the spa.

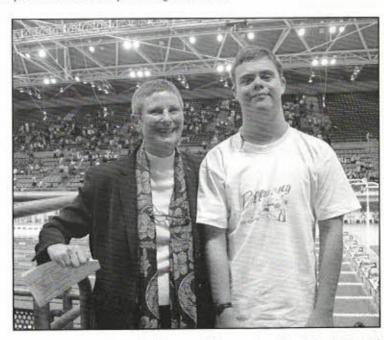
Hilary Hughes, a professional nature guide, is on hand to conduct escorted walking tours those who would like to learn more about the flora and fauna.

Thoroughly recommended!

Swim Meet

When Petrea King was given complimentary tickets for a day at the recent Australian Swimming Championships in Sydney, she thought of our March featured amphibian, Danny Rumsey.

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	Barbara Rowett	4883 7203
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Friends of Morton Nat. Park	Sheila Micholson	4883 6107
	Alan Hyman	4883 7663
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Glow Worm Glen Track C'ttee.	John Dorman	4883 6296
History Group	Neville Sully	4883 7191
Lions Club	Shirley Scott (Sec)	4883 6851
Playgroup	Sarah Munro	4883 7397
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If any of this information is incorrect, contact Kate Perkins 4883 6422

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St Aidan's, Exeter	
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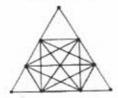


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