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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

Charges:

For sale/Wanted	\$1.50
Advertising	\$2.50 Minimum (Business card size).
	\$5.00 Non-residents (Business card size)

Other rates on application.

Remember, all correspondence and money can be left in the "Bungonia Times" letterbox



outside the Brooks' home in Bungonia by the 20th of each month. Please ensure that all contributions are received before this date. For any late items, a fee will be charged at \$5.00 extra per item.

Any donations, as a contribution toward the printing of this paper, will be gratefully received. We would like to thank all those who have already donated.

TENNIS CLUB

Contact: Dennis Jenkins 48 4241 Bob Brooks 48 4216

NEXT MEETING: Feb 7th at 7.30p.m. in Tennis Shed.

Agenda: To organise the Tournament

FEES: Adults \$5. Anyone is eligible to become a member. Please pay Bob Brooks.
Children \$2

SOCIAL TENNIS: Every Tuesday from 10.30.a.m. until approx. 2.30 pm. If you want to have an enjoyable time, come and play with us. Any enquiries, phone Judith on 48 4324.

CHILDREN'S TENNIS:

This resumes on February 5th at 2pm. Kids, bring your hat and sun screen and come and have a great time. Could all parents please attend for a very short meeting.

For further information phone Judith Dennelly on 48 4324.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT will be held in March. See here for more details in the next issue.

Christ Church

BUNGONIA 1893~1993

YEARS

CHRIST CHURCH - BUNGONIA

Enquiries: Dennis Jenkins 48 4241

Minister: On Wednesday the 19th January, the induction of our new Minister took place. We would like to welcome Rev Nick Hearnshaw, his wife Ruth and 4 boys Zachary, David, Joel and Simeon to our parish.

Organist: Peg Green and now joined by Judith Denny and Margaret Symonds.

NEXT FORMAL SERVICE: Feb 13th at 11.00a.m.

Every other Sunday there is a very informal sing-along at 9.30a.m. The songs are very easy to learn and it will be hard to resist tapping your feet. You can then enjoy a cup of tea after the service.

Sunday School: This is open to all denominations and is run on the 2nd Sunday of the month, so if your children would like to attend they are most welcome.

Group study sessions are held on Tuesday nights at 7.30p.m. The dates for the next Group studies are Feb 8th and Feb 22nd. Supper is provided. All welcome.

*** If anyone would like a copy of the Commemorative Book from the Centenary, at \$15.00 per copy, please contact Cherie Jenkins.***

Cleaning and flower roster for February-Glynis Broadhead

ST. PATRICKS - MARULAN

PRIEST: Father Branelly 21 1022 .
Mass is held each Sunday at 4p.m.

ST. STEPHENS UNITING CHURCH - MARULAN

Services are held every 2nd Sunday of every month at 9a.m.

Minister: Rev Yvonne Stevenson

Contact: Maureen Eddy on 41.1648

A Kid's Club has begun for primary school children. All welcome. Games, songs and afternoon tea. If anyone is interested, please contact Dorothy Weeks on 41.1650

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

President	Bert Latham
Vice-president	Ruth Travers
Secretary/Treasurer	Moira McGinity ✓

PLAYGROUP

Contact: Sue Farrugia 48 7158
Mothers and children meet every Thursday at 10.30 am. to 12.00 pm. for morning tea at the hall. Any mothers and their children are very welcome.

COMMUNITY BUS

This is run every second Wednesday, so keep the following dates in mind

Feb 9th Feb 23rd

Please contact Ruth Travers on 48 4290

COMBINED CHURCHES MEETING

Mon 21st Feb. from 7.00 to 7.30pm before the Progress Meeting. Contact Moira for further details on 48 4266

BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

THE NEXT MEETING OF BUNGONIA BUSHFIRE BRIGADE
will be held on
FRIDAY 11th FEBRUARY - 7.30 p.m.
Bungonia Community Hall

- Our Mulwaree Shire Councillors will be attending to discuss Council's decisions on funding.
- We would also like to discuss fire-safety and procedures in the event of fires, and answer (if possible) any queries you may have about fires, and your Brigade.

*It is important that as many residents and "week-enders" as possible attend this meeting to familiarise yourself with your brigade (all of whom are your neighbours and /or local land holders.) Not everyone can physically help in a fire situation, but there are other behind-the-scene things that you could assist with if you want to be involved in helping **YOUR** Brigade..... Please come!*

WHAT DOES TOTAL FIRE BAN MEAN ?

- On days when a combination of high temperature, low humidity, and dry vegetation make the fire danger extremely high, a **TOTAL FIRE BAN** is often imposed. This is advertised in the local media. Make a habit of checking daily, simply by listening to local radio station.
- During a total fire ban, **NO FIRES** may be lit in the open (outside) including - BBQs, Incinerators, & even **matches / lighters & cigarettes.**
- Gas or electric barbeques are allowed, but only if you comply with **ALL** the following conditions -
 - It must be on a **residential** property within 20 metres of the house.
 - It must be under the direct control of a responsible adult.
 - The ground must be cleared of all **burnable material** for 3 metres (10 feet) around the barbeque.
 - There must be a **continuous supply** of water available - (**Not a bucket or knapsack.**)

It is alright to use a slow combustion / woodfire stove within a **permanent** dwelling. It is also allowable to use a gas stove in a caravan, but **not in the annexe** .
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BUNGONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Contact: Moira McGinity 48 4266
Cherie Jenkins 484241

HALL HIRE: Contact Moira McGinity on 484266

NEXT MEETING: Feb 21st at 7.30pm The date for the next Bungonia Fair will be set at this Meeting. If you are interested in supporting the Fair, please come to the meeting and air your views.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

This was very successful with many people enjoying a lovely evening. Santa arrived in style on the back of a Fire Truck much to the delight of all the children. He then distributed presents to them all.

VILLAGE MAP - This was put up in the BBQ area before Christmas, so if you haven't noticed it yet, stop and have a look.

Membership: \$2.00 per year. For anyone who would like to be a financial member, even if they are unable to participate in Meetings, please send your Membership Fee to

Cherie Jenkins
"Oakview"
RMB 161 Tarago Rd.,
Bungonia.

BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

FIRE CAPTAIN: Arthur Davey 48 4242

SECRETARY: Bob Brooks 48 4216

Membership fees were due on July 1 for 1993/94 so if you haven't paid yet, please do.

\$30 / family

\$10 / single

Please send your cheque and details of your family, your location and description of your property to Cherie Jenkins at "Oakview"

Tarago Rd.,
Bungonia.

The boots ordered last year have now been distributed. We are still waiting on the overalls. If you have not yet paid, please send the money to Vince immediately. I will contact those who ordered overalls when they are available.

People who took tins of coffee, plates etc. to the last fire and would like them back, could you please call in and pick them up from Bob and Lorraine.

**** FARM SAFETY DAY ****

The NSW Dept of Agriculture will run a Farm Safety Day at Bungonia. It will be a morning or afternoon session held on Monday 14th March, for approximately 3 hours. It will be held on a local farm with speakers from Ambulance, Poisons, Veterinary, Police etc. Each will give a short talk with questions from the floor afterwards.

If you are interested in attending please call Cherie and let her know.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - SUNDAY 6TH MARCH

Arrange to collect all the rubbish along your road or gather at the Hall at 9am with gloves, hat, sun screen, sturdy shoes and a bucket. Waste bags will be available. The rubbish can be left at the Hall for the Council to collect. Contact Moira on 48 4266 or Pauline on 48 4202.

MARKET DAY - APRIL 2ND

Please keep this day free. Any donations to the Trash and Treasure stall will be gratefully received.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO FIRES ARE TO BE LIT UNTIL THE END OF MARCH 1994 WITHOUT A PERMIT !! PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ARTHUR DAVEY.

TRUCK MAINTENANCE ROSTER:

5.02.94	A Whitehouse	487192
	L.Horrocks	487037
12.02.94	R.Derwent	484219
	N.Wilson	411717
19.02.94	D.Jenkins	484241
	K.Moran	484234
26.02.94	D.Thompson	484200
	G.Welch	484237

Arthur and Margaret Davey would like to thank all those concerned who helped them during the recent fire - + their property. Thank You!

BUSHFIRE BRIGADE NEWS Continued from previous page.....

During these weather conditions, it is not advisable to use machinery (e.g. tractors, slashers, motor mowers, etc) (because of the danger of sparks starting a fire. An example of this is - A few years ago, a very conscientious local was mowing a the grass around the house paddock with a hand mower. The blades clipped a stone and the ensuing sparks ignited the grass. The breeze fanned the flames and it was off ! It was fortunate that the fire trucks and a crew were only 5 minutes away.

Be wary of Electric fences also - Even if all grasses, timber, etc, are away from your tapes/wires - the wind can, and often does blow grass and leaves onto the wires or tapes causing the fence to short out.

If in any doubt, contact your local brigade or Mulwaree Shire Council BEFORE you act!!!!

FIRST FIRE THIS YEAR !!

At 2.40 p.m. on Thursday 13th January, we attended a grass fire, started by an electric fence, in a paddock off Inverary Road, Bungonia, bordering the Bungonia State Recreation Area.

Within a short period of time, we had 19 units present, including tankers from Big Hill, Marulan, Towrang, Windellema, 3 small tankers from National Parks, and many private units to assist the four Bungonia tankers.

This quick response by a large number of people allowed us to rapidly gain control of a fire that had the potential to be disasterous due to the weather conditions and the terrain and vegetation into which it was burning. (*Look what happened in Sydney....*) Even though the fire was contained/controlled by late afternoon, our Bungonia brigade, together with NPWS crew worked till well after midnight, then returned again at first light to work until after lunch Friday. The fire needed to be checked several times a day for the next four days to ensure there was no re-ignition from smouldering trees and embers.

Early assistance was provided by the NPWS which had a light plane in the air at the time. This enabled us to determine trouble spots quickly, and move tankers to control same.

Approximately 100 hectares were burnt - mainly graziing land, and a small section of the Bungonia SRA.

The successful operation was due to the way people responded quickly and worked well together, both at the fire-front and behind the scenes. (The women did a great job getting crews together so fast and organizing food for around 80-90 people at short notice). To all those involved , **our utmost thanks.**

If we can all remain **alert and aware** of the fire potential in our area, we may be able to avoid having to tackle any large fires for the rest of the season.

See you at the meeting Fri. 11th Feb. 7.30 pm !!!!

CWA

Contact: Ruth Dole 48 7179

NEXT MEETING: Saturday 5th February at 1.30 pm. An invitation is extended to all ladies in the district to share in our activities.

INVERARY CREEK LANDCARE GROUP

President: K.M.Cooper

GOOD NEWS FOR 1994

The Group has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 for a salinity project on Cowhole Creek. This means that the field days will go ahead as planned.

First Field Day - Feb. 6th - 10am at Inverary. If late follow the signs. The field day will concentrate on dry land salinity - causes and effects and most importantly what can be done at a farm level to control and live with this problem, while still sustaining farm production. It is hoped a guest speaker will be able to attend from the C.S.I.R.O.

MAKE THIS A DATE - ALL WELCOME (not only members).

** COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD **

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb 3rd	Carolyn Ansell	
Feb 11th	Byron Broadhead	10yrs
Feb 16th	Marj Wright	
	Sharon Thompson	
Feb 17th	Ryan Davis	6 yrs
Feb 28th	Charles Farrugia	

Farewell to Carolyn Ansell. A new start for a New Year. We wish her well in her move from Bungonia.

Agistment in Bungonia: Horses \$5 each. P/W 25 acres. Good pastures, 2 dams, shed.
Phone 48 4319 or (042) 96 9852

FOR SALE

New 12v motorbike battery \$50

Phone 48 4216

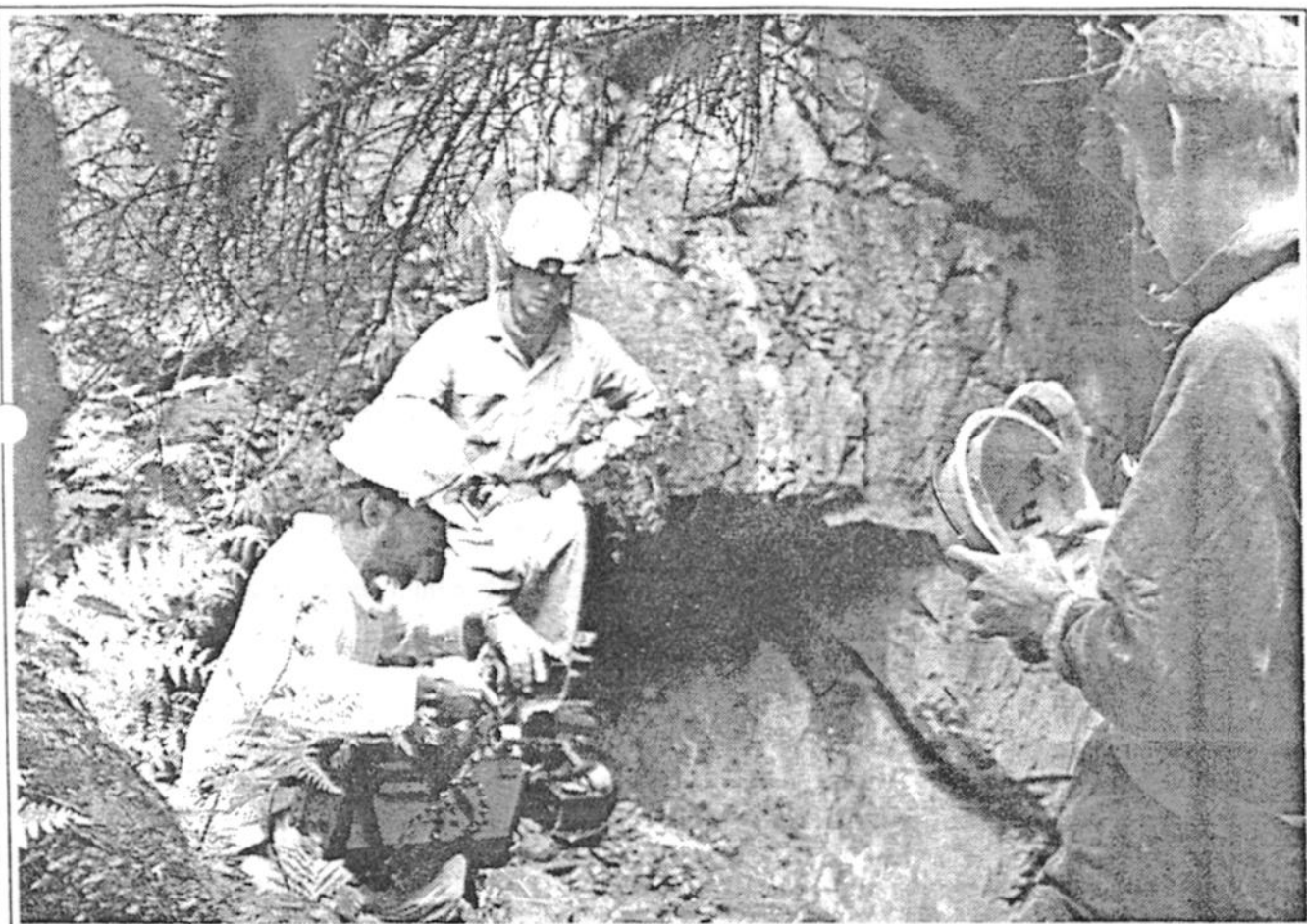
HANDY HINTS

HOW TO DRY APRICOTS

Dissolve 200g of sodium meta-bisulphate and 1.5kg sugar in 10 litres of water. Wash the apricots and cut them in half. Leave them to soak in the solution for 12-15 hours.. Rinse them and place to dry on a board cupside up, to dry in the sun.



National Parks go in to bat for rare mammal



● Cave biologist Stefan Eberhard (centre) outside Drum Cave which has been closed for the bent winged bat breeding season. "There are very few caves which have the right environment for them to rear their young." Photo By BRIAN RICHARDSON (National Parks).

By WARWICK BRENNAN (Goulburn Post)

National Parks and Wildlife staff are hopeful that two caves at Bungonia could play an important role in helping a rare species of bat increase its population.

The caves, Drum and Grill, in the State Recreation Area have been closed to the public until March 1 to allow the bats, known as the common bent winged bat, to remain undisturbed throughout their nursery season.

Cave biologist, Stefan Eberhard, said the bats were extremely sensitive to any kind of disturbance and it was important they were not disturbed during their breeding season.

"In their nursery season they come from a wide area to congregate in Grill and Drum Caves where they will nurse and rear their young over the next few months," Mr Eberhard said.

"It really is a critical time because the young are unable to fly during these early months and just huddle among the other bats on the roof.

"If the bats are disturbed and the young lose their grip then they will just fall to the floor and die."

Mr Eberhard, who has previously studied some of Australia's most extensive cave systems in Tasmania, said the population of the common bent winged bat had fallen dramatically over the last 20 years and it was now listed on the rare and vulnerable fauna list of the National Parks and Wildlife.

"There are very few caves which have the right environment for them to rear their young," he said.

"They really need caves with high temperature and humidity and a domed ceiling so the bats can congregate.

"If they are disturbed often they will leave the cave and there are few other caves which are suitable for them."

Mr Eberhard said just by people observing the cave closures they could assist in the long-term survival of the mammal.

"I'm confident that these protection measures will certainly benefit the survival chances of the species and we could see their numbers pick up again," he said.

(REVIEWS) — SPRING SIDE

GARDENING IN FEBRUARY

This is the month that bulbs start appearing in nurseries. Bulbs can be planted in mass, in groups, rockeries or pots. Plan now for your bulb garden planting.

Fruit trees should be watched for fruit fly especially around apples, pears and quince trees. Control these with Rogor or Lebaycid spray when necessary.

Rose pruning can be done to reduce the height of the new wood and this will ensure a crop of new well developed roses in the autumn. They should also have some complete rose fertiliser.

In the vegetable garden: With autumn approaching, now is the time to start planning your vegetable garden for a continuous supply of vegetables during winter. It is very important to start planting cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and brussel sprouts. This enables them to get established before the cold weather. They need a soil containing plenty of compost and well rotted animal manure, also a side dressing of lime before planting.

Carrots, parsnips celery, kohlrabi, lettuce, parsley, radish and turnips can also be planted.

Mildew on marrow, cucumbers, squash and zucchini can be controlled by spraying with Zineb or Benlate.

COOK'S CORNER

If your garden is doing better than mine and you have a surplus of Zucchini and tomatoes, try this.

ZUCCHINIS WITH TOMATOES

500g zucchini	2tbsp cooking oil
4 medium sized tomatoes	1tbsp butter
1 clove garlic finely chopped	salt to taste
1tbsp freshly chopped herbs (parsley and basil)	freshly ground black pepper

Cut zucchinis into 5mm slices. Melt the butter and oil in a heavy frying pan. Add the zucchini and cook gently, stirring occasionally until they are almost tender. Peel the tomatoes and chop roughly. Add to the zucchinis and garlic. Cook slowly until the tomatoes are soft but not mushy. Season. Add the chopped herbs and serve immediately.

POEM

by Banjo Patterson

A Singer of the Bush

There is waving of grass in the breeze
And a song in the air
And a murmur of myriad bees
That toil everywhere.

There is scent in the blossom and bough,
And the breath of the spring
Is as soft as a kiss on a brow -
And springtime I sing.

There is drought on the land, and the stock
Tumble down in their tracks
Or follow - a tottering flock -
The scrub-cutter's axe.
While ever a creature survives
The axes shall swing:
We are fighting with fate for their lives -
And the combat I sing.