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## DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- MARCH 29 End of daylight saving; jazz/classical concert W'ma 2pm
- APRIL 3 Royal Easter Show starts - first time at Homebush  
9 CWA meeting 10am; SCHOOLS CLOSE  
10 Good Friday  
11 Easter Saturday; BUNGONIA MARKET DAY  
12 Easter Sunday; 125th birthday of St.Mark's, Bronte  
17 Fire Brigade Meeting  
18 Royal Easter Show ends  
20 Progress meeting  
22 "Bungonia Times" meeting; 6pm deadline for copy for May issue  
23 Mulwaree Shire Council meeting  
25 ANZAC DAY  
26 Marulan Country Fair  
27 SCHOOLS RESUME



## GARDENING IN APRIL

Plant seedlings such as alyssum, dianthus, canterbury bells, carnations, cornflowers, delphiniums, hollyhock, russel lupins, violas, primulas, snapdragons, stocks, sweet peas, and wallflowers.

Also plant broad beans, peas, cabbage, and onions. Apply lime to the soil before planting.

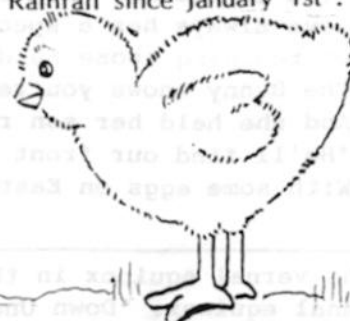
## **PLEASE HELP "BUNGONIA TIMES" FINANCES!**

We are so grateful to those who have made donations to the "Bungonia Times" finances in the past. We regret that we have to appeal again to the generosity of our readers as the income from advertising is insufficient to keep your newsletter in operation.

**Don't forget our Market Day raffle!**

1998 WEATHER RECORD - BUNGONIA AREA - COURTESY DAVID THOMPSON  
MONTH: FEBRUARY

Average maximum temperature: 31.6°  
Average minimum temperature: 16.7°  
Rainfall: 11.5mm  
Rainfall since January 1st : 100mm



# CHURCH NEWS

## ST.STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH, MARULAN

CONTACT: Maureen Eddy 4841 1648

Church service 2nd Sunday, 9am

Ladies' Fellowship 3rd Monday, 1pm. Contact Jill Farnworth 4841 1849

Kids' Club Friday afternoons 3.30pm. Contact Dorothy Weeks 4841 1650.

## ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH, MARULAN

Church service 8am, 1st Sunday.

## ST.PATRICK'S, MARULAN

Mass is celebrated 4pm every Sunday. For Easter Masses enquire from Fr.Brannelly.

PRIEST: Father Brannelly 4821 1022.

ST.MICHAEL'S, BUNGONIA The usual "Stations of the Cross" will NOT be held this year.

## ST.BARTHOLOMEW'S, WINDELLAMA

Contact: The Rev'd Kevin Stone, Christ Church, Addison St., Goulburn, 4821 3631

Communion services 11.30am, 4th Sunday.

125 YEARS OF WORSHIP at the Anglican Church of St.Mark at BRONTE will be celebrated at 2pm on EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12 at ST.MARK'S, BRONTE. Bring a thermos, afternoon tea, stools, photos, families, friends, and all your memories, and share with us.

## CHRIST CHURCH, BUNGONIA

Enquiries: Peter Dennelly 4844 4324

Dennis Jenkins 4844 4241

Minister: The Rev'd Nick Hearnshaw 4821 4976

Keyboard: Judith Dennelly, Margaret Symonds

Flute: Bianca Dennelly

Saxophone: Heath Dennelly

Guitar: Heath Dennelly

Percussion: Karina Edwards and all other children

We invite all "Bungonites" to celebrate Easter Day with us at 5pm on April 12 at a family service. There will be joyful singing and sharing of our faith, and I have been told that certain small, oval (i.e. egg-shaped), chocolate items will be available afterwards to symbolise the New Life of the Resurrection.

At the A.G.M, John Edwards was re-elected Secretary and Cherie Jenkins, Treasurer. The Rector's Warden is still to be announced.

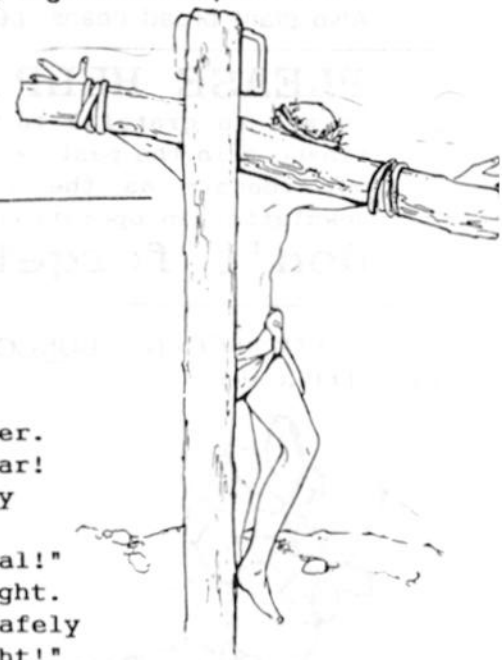
Don't forget the Group Study Sessions in the village on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm.

## GROUP STUDY SESSIONS

Tuesday nights at 7.30pm in the village. Supper! All welcome..

## CLEANING AND FLOWER ROSTER

April - The Bayliss family



WILL THE EASTER BUNNY FIND ME?  
"Will the Easter Bunny find me?"  
whispered Michael to his mum.  
"Will he find the way to our place?  
Will he know which way to come?  
Does he know of roads and traffic?  
Does he mind the neon light?  
Will he find our front door safely  
with some eggs on Easter night?"

"O,Michael!" smiled his mother.  
"You should not have such fear!  
Love always has a special way  
Of reaching those held dear.  
The Bunny knows you're special!"  
And she held her son real tight.  
"He'll find our front door safely  
with some eggs on Easter night!"

Easter is calculated from the vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere at the time we are having the autumnal equinox. "Down Under", we should celebrate the richness of Nature's gifts, the fruit, vegetables and grain that abound in Autumn.

# BUNGONIA BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

## BUNGONIA RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Emergency Number: **48 211914**

FIRE CAPTAIN: Charlie Klein 48444254  
INFORMATION OFFICER: Andy Smith 48215009  
SECRETARY: Cherie Jenkins 48444241

Next meeting: Friday 17th April 7.30 p.m. at the Fire Shed.

Next Activity: Family Training Day. Sunday 7th June 9.00 a.m. start.

Maintenance Roster - April. B. Brooks to organise.

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### CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Fortunately, no fires have been reported in the Bungonia area, during the last month. However, the fire danger at the moment is extreme and every care should be taken to avoid fires starting, and all residents should be prepared for fires if they do eventuate.

Many thanks to all of the members who have maintained the Brigade Fire trucks and equipment, and also made themselves available for a quick response to fires if required.

Charlie Klein  
Fire Captain.

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# BUNGONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT: Ray Dole 4844 7179

SECRETARY: Moira McGinity 4844 4266

TREASURER: Cherie Jenkins 4844 4241

HALL HIRE: Moira McGinity 4844 4266

NEXT MEETING: April 20

The Supper Room at the Hall is to be painted, with the labour kindly donated by the Moran family. The Bungonia Community thank them heartily! The refrigerator has been fixed! Two new folding tables are coming! (Our Progress Association certainly lives up to its name! Ed.)

BUNGONIANS CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR EASTER SATURDAY BECAUSE IT WILL BE THE MARKET DAY! There will be all the usual stalls, Trash and Treasure, crafts, cakes, fabulous yummys for sale in the kitchen, and a beautiful handmade knee quilt is being raffled for the "Bungonia Times".

## COUNTRY WOMENS' ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT Shirley Smith 21.5606

SECRETARY Ruth Dole 4844.7179

TREASURER Colleen Cooper 21.1856

PUBLICITY Pat Young 4844.7178

NEXT MEETING Thursday, April 9th, 10am, CWA rooms.

RAFFLE WINNER Pat Young

LAWN MOWING Pat and Ray

A big day was held at the Goulburn R.S.L Club on Monday, March 16th with the competition for Land Cookery and Handicrafts, for the Southern Tablelands. Attending, and displaying our items, were Shirley, Ruth and Colleen. Morning tea at a cost of \$2 was served at the Goulburn CWA Rooms. We hope these ladies had a good day and were successful.

Anyone wishing to join us at our meetings, or to just call in for a cuppa, will be most welcome.

I must add it was very nice to see Betty join us again and looking very well.

## ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

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All correspondence and money can be left in the "Bungonia Times" letterbox (the one with the yellow lid) outside the Brooks' home in Bungonia by 6pm on Wednesday, April 22nd, for inclusion in the May issue.

Please ensure that all contributions are received by this date. For any late items, a fee will be charged at the rate of \$5 extra per item.

*If anyone would like to have "The Bungonia Times" delivered to a Post Office Box or to ensure that it is delivered to a mail box, please send your mailing details to Pauline Dickson, "Netherfield", Tarago Road, Bungonia, 2580, with a cheque for \$12 to cover the cost of postage for a year. Please make the cheques payable to "Bungonia Times".*

### APRIL FOOL'S DAY

"Fooling" can be traced back to remote times, and to many countries. At the Indian Hindu Feast of Huli, "fools" are sent on fruitless errands and the ancient Romans had a similar custom. In France, a fool, "as stupid as a fish", is called an "April Fish" ("poisson d'Avril"). The first "fools" were so called because they continued to celebrate New Year on April 1st, the old New Year's Day, when the rest of France had changed to January 1st. A foolish person is sometimes called a "cuchoo". In Scotland the fool is an "April gowk" or "April cuckoo". All these customs took place (in the northern hemisphere) soon after March 21st, to show their renewed liveliness at the onset of Spring.

Another reminder about the Jazz and Classical Recital at "Yarralaw", Windellama, on March 29th at 2pm. Bookings are essential on 4844.5148. \$10 includes afternoon tea and all funds go to the Sydney Conservatorium Ensemble Studies Unit.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 Aaron Zifovich (8)
- 8 Abbey Walters
- 14 Lee Bransden
- 16 Peter Dennelly
- 18 Norma Walters
- 21 Bianca Denelly
- 23 Robert Brooks
- 28 Dennis Bill
- 30 Andy Smith



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **ANDY** and **EILEEN SMITH** who celebrate their **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** on **APRIL 8**.

**CONGRATULATIONS**, also, to **AIDAN** and **ANNE WILLIAMS** who welcomed a new daughter to the family on Sunday, March 15. Meredith Eleanor is a sister for Lauren, granddaughter for Anne Williams of Bungonia, niece for Rachael (UK) and new special friend for Carl.

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**FOR SALE** Ripper, 3 P.L. good condition, \$170, Tel.4844 7021

**FOR SALE** Farm tipping trailer, 6'x10', good condition, \$450. Tel.4844 7021.

**COMMUNITY BUS:** This runs between Bungonia and Goulburn every second Wednesday, for a small cost. For further information contact Ruth Travers 44.4290. The next bus dates are April 9th and 23rd.

*Your attention is drawn to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service's FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN for the Morton and Budawang National Parks. Meetings of particular interest will be those at Bundanoon Memorial Hall, March 28, 7.30pm, and at Goulburn Bushfire Training Centre, Heatherington Street, on March 30 at 7.30pm. Discussion will centre on fire management policies and strategies over the next five years. If you can attend a meeting please ring 4447 8066. Otherwise, contact Rod Rose, Bushfire and Environmental Services, 25 McArthur Drive, Woollamia, 2540 in order to be kept informed.*

**WATCH OUT FOR SERRATED TUSSOCK!**      **WATCH OUT FOR SERRATED TUSSOCK!**

*Hearty thanks to the Mulwaree Shire Council for road works recently carried out on the Tarago Road, Bungonia. The surface is greatly improved and danger spots have been removed.*

Congratulations to Windellama Rural Fire Brigade on their recent championship successes!

**RECYCLING** will now be available at the Council Tips weekly - glass items, PET bottles, paper and cardboard.

Come with your children and join the fun at **PLAYGROUP**. There's plenty of toys and craft to do. There's always a cuppa for Mum and Dad. Come along for a chat. All you have to do is phone 48444382, 48444394 or 48444348.

**BUNGONIA PLAYGROUP MEETS AT THE HALL AT 10.30am ON WEDNESDAYS.**

*"Had I been present at the Creation  
 I would have given some useful hints  
 For the better ordering of the universe."  
 (A quote from Alfonso the Wise, King of*



## ACID SOILS AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT FOR SPRING CREEK.

When developing a sub catchment plan for Spring Creek including Balcham's Gully, one of the main problems has been the acid soils. At present much of the Upper Catchment of Bob's Creek is very degraded and useless for any sustainable farming. Early air photos taken in 1941 show the Winston paddock virtually devoid of trees. The area was grazed until the fire of 1985 and since then left to regenerate.

The present scenario is one of very degraded soils and useless vegetation. The only regeneration since 1985 has been Prickly Wattle and Black Oak. As this catchment drains directly into the Upper Shoalhaven and Tallowa Dam, the erosion problem is of major concern for water quality run off.

### Winston Gully Project.

This has already seen the extensive planting of *P. radiata* and Eucalypt trials. Approx 40 hectares have been planted for commercial forestry, a rapidly growing farming alternative offering high returns and sustainable production in the long term. The eucalypt trials have been a disaster both growth rates and predators have decimated them, while the pine plantings are showing excellent results. This Group has quickly reached the conclusion, that restoration using natives is not a proposition on these soils, but radiata pine has a future.

### SOIL ACIDITY.

This is a natural process in old soils due to long periods of chemical breakdown of silica minerals. These soils are naturally acid and not due to a process of introduced acidity caused by use of super phosphate and introduced legumes. The soils are also classed as SODIC. High in sodium ions held together by dispersable clays. As seen in the Winston Gully the problem of dispersable soils cause erosion problems.

### SOIL CHEMISTRY.

Work already done by Univ. of WOLLONGONG and A.C.T. Forests have measured pH values of 3.8 - 4.5 -- a very acid soil. Low pH values increase the effects of Manganese and Aluminum toxicity to plants. At low pH values these ions come into solution and this coupled with low nutrient value of Calcium and Magnesium produce a very infertile soil. We now have our own pH meter to accurately measure the acidity.

### PROJECT WITH A.N.U. AND DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

An area of 4-5 hectares has already been ripped and mounded for trials in 1998. The funding of \$5000 is well below that needed for the trial, but is a starter. Other funding channels are being investigated. Half the block will be treated with lime to raise the pH to 5.5. This will be incorporated by another mounding. The trial will be looking at growth rates, soil pH changes over time and water quality. Professor John Field of A.N.U. will be involved in the monitoring.

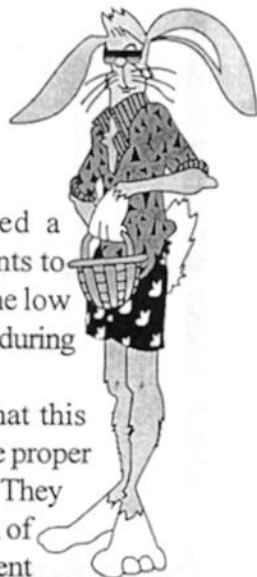
The main aim is to show these soils are not completely useless, but can be used profitably and sustainably for forest production of *P. radiata*. The lime application will reduce the pH in the short term, but it is hoped the *P. radiata* will have a long term effect.

The option after a 30 year cycle will be to return to useful pasture or a second rotation of Pine. The ripping and key lining will reduce run off and ensure the water is used where it falls.

K.M. COOPER.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K.M. Cooper', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

# In Council with Inda Evans



## Bush Fire Issues

Volunteer bush fire fighters are now eligible for free entry to National Parks.

This is a State Government decision but the paperwork has not yet been finalised.

In the meantime, you can make use of your free admission by presenting your brigade membership/training record book at the National Park gate.

The equipment request list for 1998/99, prepared by Group Captains, has been considered by Council's Bush Fire Committee and will be put to Council shortly in the context of next financial year's budget.

Now that summer is over, I hope the threat of bushfires is also receding. It certainly seemed like the longest, hottest summer on record. Was it? It is also the right time to be thinking about how you might be able to help your brigade help you. I'm sure you would be very welcome to go along to the next meeting, see what they do and offer to lend a hand.

Bungonia Brigade will be meeting at the fire shed at 7.30pm on Friday, 17 April.

## Weed Control

NSW Agriculture provides an annual grant to assist in noxious weed control. This year's grant to Mulwaree is \$54,880. (Last year it was \$52,505.)

Given the costs of control work, the geographic size of our shire and the major infestations we have of serrated tussock, blackberry, St Johns Wort, African Lovegrass and other nasties, the amount we get does not go very far. But, every little bit helps, I suppose.

Council will be supporting proposals for research into biological controls, particularly for serrated tussock.

## Joint Road Project

The Department of Land and Water Conservation has allocated \$9,900 towards a roadside erosion control project on Inverary Road and Council will equal that contribution for this work.

## Population Growth

Latest figures indicate that Mulwaree's population increased by 57 people - a 1% growth rate - from 1996 to 1997.

The shire is still the fastest growing area in the region. Other surrounding shires and Goulburn showed either negative or very marginal growth.

## Power Lines

Recently, Council lodged a complaint on behalf of residents to Great Southern Energy about the low flight paths of fixed wing aircraft during power line inspections.

Their response indicates that this procedure is necessary to enable proper maintenance of the power lines. They are also considering production of an information brochure to be sent out with all customer accounts.

## Centenary of Federation

Grants are expected to be available from December for Centenary of Federation projects.

To be eligible for any funding we will shortly need to establish a community committee with wide representation from all areas.

Start thinking about this now so that Bungonia can be ready with nominations of representatives and ideas for shire wide projects. More on this one later.

## Bungonia Park

I was very pleased to hear that a number of people expressed an interest in being Trustees for the park (owned by the Department of Land and Water Conservation) and I look forward to hearing what the new trust, when appointed, plans for this important community facility.

## Finally

Happy Easter and happy school holidays for those who have them!

Please take care and enjoy the break!

## Contact your Councillor

If you have any concerns or would like to raise any specific issues, I would be happy to hear from you.

I can best be contacted after 6.00pm weekdays or on weekends on 4841 1900 or 019 998 235. My fax number is 4841 1901.

You can also write to me at PO Box 38 Marulan 2579 or send an e-mail to [evans@goulburn.net.au](mailto:evans@goulburn.net.au)

Cr Inda Evans





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