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GARDENING IN MAY

Divide perennials this month and replant them with compost. Plant broad beans with good helpings of lime. Plant onions, which need little water and plenty of sun.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

~~MAY~~

3	Coral Sea Sunday
6	Playgroup, Community bus
10	Mother's Day
13	Playgroup
14	CWA 10am (Bungonia Branch formed May 12, 1928)
15	Fire Brigade meeting
16	Windellama Progress AGM
18	Progress meeting
20	6pm deadline for June issue ; Playgroup; Community bus
23	Windellama dance
27	Playgroup
31	Pentecost Sunday

JUNE 7th - household fire training day
There will be NO CWA meeting in June.

CHURCH NEWS

CHRIST CHURCH, BUNGONIA

Enquiries: Peter Dennelly 4844 4324
Dennis Jenkins 4844 4241
Minister: The Rev'd Nick Hearnshaw 4821 4976

Keyboard: Judith Dennelly
Flute: Bianca Dennelly
Saxophone: Heath Dennelly
Guitar: Heath Dennelly
Percussion: Karina Edwards and all other children

NEXT COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, ~~May 10th (Mother's Day)~~ 7th June 181
Communion Services are held every 2nd Sunday, and Children's Services every 3rd Sunday.
Every other Sunday there is a family service at 5pm .Come and enjoy the singing and a cup of tea afterwards.

COUNTRY WOMENS' ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT: Shirley Smith
SECRETARY: Ruth Dole
TREASURER: Colleen Cooper
PUBLICITY: Pat Young

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 14th, 10am, CWA Rooms

TAKE NOTE: There will be NO C.W.A meeting in June

RAFFLE WINNER: Shirley Smith

LAWN MOWING: Not till the grass grows. (Let there be rain.)

Once again, Bungonia did very well at the Southern Tablelands Group Handicrafts. Although we came in 7th, the points were very close:

Binda	666	1st	Taralga	659	5th	Crookwell	643	9th
Braidwood	665	2nd	Goulburn	657	6th	Tarago	639	10th
Marulan	664	3rd)	Bungonia	649	7th	Gunning	565	11th
Bungendore	664	3rd)	Yass	647	8th	Queanbeyan	488	12th

Colleen Cooper's matinee jacket did very well, gaining 87 points. This will now go on to be judged in the State Handicraft. Another article in Craft gained 84 points. This will go on to Intergruop, and then may also go on to State.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be holding our 70th birthday celebrations in May. The Bungonia Branch of the CWA was formed on May 12th, 1928. The meeting was held in the Bungonia Progress Association Hall. 24 ladies attended. The office bearers elected were:

PRESIDENT: Mrs.J.Chapman

VICE PRES: Mrs. Marsh Broadhead, Mrs.Reg Frost, Mrs. Chas Studdert, Miss J.Styles

SECRETARY: Mrs.D.R.Broadhead

TREASURER: Mrs. P.Hopkins

At the meeting on June 16th, 1928, a proposal was put forward and passed by all members that they be taxed two pence each meeting, to help pay for the rental of the hall. Membership of the branch in 1928 rose from 24 to 33 members.

May 7th, 1960, was a momentous day for Bungonia CWA, our 32nd birthday, and the opening of our very own rest rooms. More than 100 visitors attended from the surrounding branches.

At our May 14th, 1998, meeting, we will be having a birthday cake and the history of the Bungonia CWA will be on show. If anyone is interested, please feel free to come and have a look, or come in and join us for a cuppa.

(The "Bungonia Times" committee congratulate the Bungonia Branch of the CWA on their 70 years of continuous service to, and support of, country women, and thank Pat Young for this most interesting information. Ed.)



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THE AUSTRALIAN ENQUIRY BOOK of 1894 suggest borax and ammonia are good for foot care. *There are some feet that always smell, particularly is it noticeable in domestic servants who work hard and perspire freely...The feet require thoroughly washing at least every night. Many ladies who keep maids have theirs bathed three or four times a day. Keep the feet well protected from cold and damp, and if at all inclined to chest troubles wear flannel underwear all the year round.*

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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".

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: Monday, May 18th, 7.30pm, at the Community Hall

see notes

MARKET DAY As always, our popular Market Day was financially successful, and enjoyed by the Stall holders and the customers. Progress cleared \$718 and this has been used to pay for the paint for the supper room, and two new folding tables. We had hoped to have installed a range hood over the BBQ before the Easter Market Day but discovered that they cost \$1000!. HAS ANYONE GOT A SUITABLE RANGE HOOD THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO EITHER DONATE TO THE HALL, OR SELL AT A REASONABLE PRICE?

Thanks to Eileen Smith who donated the Easter Cake and to Carl for running the Chocolate Wheel, to our loyal stall holders and to everyone who contributed to the success of the Markets.

The PROGRESS RAFFLE of a beautiful cake was won by BERNICE BURNS of Pegasus Lane.
NAMING OF RURAL ROADS: The Shire is continuing the naming of roads in our area and if you are interested in the latest list, either contact the Shire or M.McGinity on 4844 4266. Comments should be returned to the Shire by May 1st.

BUNGONIA BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

The Fire Season continued until the end of April. No fires have been reported for the past month.

The next meeting will be on Friday May 15th at the shed at 7.30pm.

Please come along to our meetings! We need some fresh input! Come along and "spark up" our brigade with your innovative ideas and your enthusiasm. **DONT LET YOUR ENERGY FLAG NOW THAT THE FIRE SEASON HAS PASSED!**

June 7th - Household Fire Training Day.

see notes

(Editor's note: It was incredible that the Bungonia area went through such a long, hot, dry, intense summer without a major fire. Congratulations to residents and brigade members for their care and vigilance, and swift action when needed.)

MAY DAY In pre-Christian days, May was the time when Spring was celebrated in the northern hemisphere. The Romans crowned the goddess Flora with flowers, and brought this custom to Britain. In the Middle Ages and Tudor times people went "a-Maying" and decorated their homes and villages, especially with hawthorn or "may" blossom. A maypole was set up, decorated with ribbons and flowers, and special dances were done around the maypole, making intricate use of the ribbons coming from the top. Then the May King and Queen would be chosen to lead the feasting and festivities.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May	6	Andrew Farrugia
	9	Margaret Davey
	26	Margaret Symonds
	30	Christopher Moran

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 May 6 and 20. The Community bus runs on alternate weeks to Pension week. (The Editor apologises for giving you incorrect information in the April issue, and promises to concentrate harder, in future, when looking at the calendar.)

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The "Bungonia Times" raffle at Market Day, for the knee quilt, was won by a person called "Jamieson" of Sydney, with Red ticket E 46. We raised \$59 from this raffle and thank all the kind people who supported us. We are also very grateful for the extremely generous donations we have received since our urgent plea in the April issue. Each issue of "Bungonia Times" costs around \$100 to print.

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.

FIREWORKS/BONFIRE NIGHT



Come and join us for this afternoon/evening

SATURDAY 6th June 1998

To be held at Windellama Public School



Starting at 3:00pm with stalls and Fete.

Followed by a BBQ Tea. Refreshments will also be available.

*** Fireworks/Bonfire to commence at approximately 6:00pm ***

Costs: \$10.00 Family (2 Adults and children)

\$ 4.00 Single Entry

\$ 2.00 Pensioners

(Organised by the Windellama Parents & Citizens Association)

* Anyone wanting to have a stall please contact the school on (02) 48445130.

In Council with Inda Evans

Welcome to Bungonia

Welcome signs for the Shire's villages are to be included in our budget deliberations and I hope there will be funds allocated for these.

We are looking at designing signs that will be appealing and colourful.

A common theme will unite them for the Shire, however, each village could have a unique and identifiable feature on its sign.

For example, Bungonia could feature abseiling at the Gorge. Marulan has its Argyle Apple, and Tallong could have its rare native orchid.

These identifying features would make each village memorable and add to its visual impact.

As soon as there are more details available, you will certainly know about them.

Centenary of Federation

The State Government has announced its plans for grant funding for the Centenary of Federation celebrations in 2001.

The first task for Council is to form a local community committee across the Shire which would look at projects suitable for grant funding.

This is similar to the Bicentenary celebration concept but it is unlikely that projects for "monuments" will be funded.

The first round of grant funding is expected to become available in the second half of this year, so start thinking about projects now. All ideas and suggestions will be very welcome.

It would also be good to put a name forward from Bungonia for this committee and anyone interested should contact me as soon as possible.

More Road Naming

Another list of proposed road names has been advertised for public comment.

Many of these are around the Jaqua Road area and include Sawpit Lane and Pegasus Road, emanating east off Lumley Road (was Bungonia-Tarago Road).

If you are interested in any of these, you can check out the maps at Council or give me a call.

Bush Fire Funding

Recommendations to the NSW Department of Rural Fire Services for 1998/99 funding for the Shire total \$461,800 which is \$113,000 more than the current funding.

The additional bids are for a Category 7 tanker (\$70,000) and infrastructure for a Pager network (\$43,000). The paging infrastructure would allow brigades to buy new pagers compatible with the Rural Fire service system.

The additional funds would increase Council's contribution by \$9,000, made up of \$2000 over the current allocation plus a "borrowing" of \$7,000 paid to the brigade funds last year as a one off advance for the replacement of the radio network.

This funding is dependent upon Council funds being available when the 1998/99 budget is discussed in the special budget meeting on 14 May and on appropriate allocations being made by the Department.

Noxious Weeds

The question of Council's involvement with spraying weeds on private properties, if owners request this, resulted in a decision to continue this service. The current arrangements where you pay for the cost of spraying remain unchanged.

Our long, dry summer has been ideal for weeds because other vegetation has dried out or been grazed down to bare ground. Let's hope next season will bring better news and more rain.

Poultry Farms

Development applications for two commercial poultry farms were approved.

One is located at "Brahmana", on Braidwood Road where Inghams Pty Ltd will be breeding chickens, and the other is a turkey farm near "Curlewin", on the Hume Highway.

Both approvals contain a very long list of conditions of consent which set out the requirements to ensure there are environmental safeguards in place, noise and any odour is strictly controlled, and landscaping must take place to provide adequate screening of the facilities.

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

Cr Inda Evans



There hasn't been too much activity to report since the last update, due to the dry conditions. Fortunately ripping and mounding has already been completed for Winter and Spring planting and will benefit from any rain from now on. L.A.W.C. have almost completed extensive earthworks on the Washedaway Creek.

INVERARY CREEK LANDCARE GROUP.

ACID SOIL PROJECT.

This has been started, but has been held up waiting the spreading of lime on the mounds, when this has been applied at 4 tons per hectare it will all be remounded to incorporate the lime and planted in June. We have received extra funding from the Upper Shoalhaven C.M.C. to cover the cost of soil tests and travelling for A.N.U. students. We also hope to involve Sydney Water and L.A.W.C. on another forestry project in the same area.

WATER REFORM PAPER.

This has been put out by the Government dealing with many issues of water reform which may affect landholders in the future. Many of these issues were raised at a Riparian Zone Forum at Kiama where I was a guest speaker.

RIPARIAN ZONE ISSUES.

The riparian zone is best described as that area of land on both sides of a watercourse which may directly influence that body of water. This applies to lakes, dams, permanent streams, flood plains and even depressions or gullies which sometimes run water.

The reform paper raises many questions on the management of the riparian zones which may have local implications. The farming community who attended the Kiama forum were quite concerned on the implications of their sustainable agriculture.

From the landholders perspective, this zone of land along any creek or stream is one of the most valuable and productive areas and in the case of a farm with several streams can occupy a big percentage of the farms productive land. Hence the main concerns raised were loss of land, loss of sustainable production, maintenance and loss of water access.

Ideally the answer is to fence out all riparian zones to eliminate stock access and have a buffer zone preventing the flow of nutrients and pollutants into streams. This would largely control deterioration of water quality and consequently blue algal problems. However individual farmers in the present conditions can hardly be asked to bear the cost of this. The question is why should anyone be expected to alienate land as well as face the fencing and alternate water costs.

The recent NHT funding guidelines are an insult to any landholder's intelligence. They offer only \$600/km for fencing or \$1200 if you enter into a vague agreement with NPWS or the whole cost including labour when the area will be protected in perpetuity by a binding covenant on the title -- who in their right mind would enter into any agreement with NPWS when they have shown they can't even manage the Park areas they have regarding the noxious plants, animals and fire control. The present situation is very vague as to what any agreement would contain, but the whole idea raises many questions.

Fencing out riparian zones are no doubt the best ecological desirable methods, but the questions include, who pays for fencing, who controls noxious animals and plants and who controls bushfire management. Fencing off creeks may act as wildlife corridors of remnant vegetation, but also harbours feral pests and would be a fire hazard.

The best answer our Landcare Group can come up with is commercial forestry, the logic being, if you have to fence it out, then use it for sustainable production over a period of time. The calculated return in our area of poor soils and low rain fall for p. radiata plantations which are well managed, is in excess of \$500/hectare/year. In this way the land is still being used, it can be crash grazed to reduce fire risk. noxious weeds especially serrated tussock will be controlled and farm returns increased.

Ofcourse we then came up against the old natives arguement -- to put it simply no native species can compete in economic terms and in many cases won't grow at all. The deterioration on acid soils is now irreversible where natives can't be reintroduced successfully. Hence our advice is to fence out riparian areas as we have already done for several kilometres of creek line, provide alternate stock water and plant commercial P. radiata. This will improve biodiversity, improve water quality, prevent erosion and make big dollars in 30 years.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K.M. Cooper', is written at the bottom right of the page.



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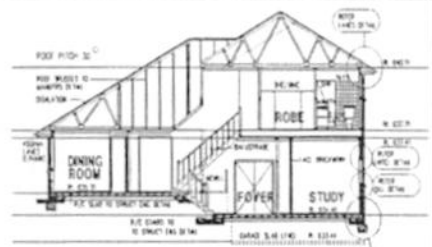
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