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## DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

August 1999

Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	CWA Meeting 10 am
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Park Trust Meeting 7.30 pm
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Progress Meeting 7.30 pm
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Community Bus
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Bushfire Meeting 7.30 pm
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Community Bus

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BT. Deadline

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Please ensure that all contributions are received by the above time and date. For late entries please contact Cherie Jenkins on 4822 4241.

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## RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURE

**May Temperature:** Maximum: 11.7 Minimum: 3.9

**May Rainfall:** 23.5 mm

The Rainfall and Temperature courtesy of David & Sharon Thompson

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## PATCHWORK & QUILTING CLASSES

Every Monday at 9 am to 12 midday at the Bungonia Village Hall. If you would like to learn the art of patchwork and quilting, contact Pauline Dickson on 4844 4202 or Cherie Jenkins 4822 4241.

Classes are only \$1.00 which helps pay for tea and coffee and if our teacher comes, we pay \$4.00 extra to help cover her travelling costs.

Try and come along and join in our fun, most of us when we started had no idea of how to do patchwork, but now we are steaming along, quite proud of ourselves! Everyone is welcome.

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## BUNGONIA BUSHFIRE RURAL BRIGADE

**Emergency Numbers: 4821 1914**

**Andy Smith: 4821 5009 or Bungonia Base**

**NEXT MEETING: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 1999 7.30 pm at the fire shed.**

Contacts: President – Ian Maher 4844 4387  
Secretary – Bob Atkinson 4841 1575  
Captain – John Edwards 4821 5489

New Office Bearers for the Brigade are:

President:	Ian Maher	Vice President:	Dennis Jenkins
Secretary:	Bob Atkinson	Treasurer:	Paul Bayliss
Captain:	John Edwards	Auditor:	David Thompson
Deputies:	Charlie Klein	Catering Officer:	Cassandra Jenkins
	Arthur Davey	First Aid Officer:	Cassandra Jenkins
	Vince Frost	Training Officer:	Bob Brooks
	Bob Brooks		
	David Thompson		
	Brian Latham		

### Training Courses

If you are interested in any training opportunities, or want information on training, contact your training officer, Bob Brooks on 4844 4216.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course

Anyone looking to renew their 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certificate, please contact the secretary, Cherie Jenkins so your name is on the list (4822 4241)

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# BUNGONIA RURAL FIRE SERVICES

## ANNUAL REPORT 1998/99

I am pleased to present the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Bungonia Bushfire Brigade.

During this current year we have been very fortunate not to have been called out to a major fire in the district. Although, this year we have been called out to:

- 1 house fire
- 1 shed and vehicle fire
- 1 fire started by a lawn mower
- 1 illegal burn off
- 2 property fires
- 2 other minor incidents
- 2 motor vehicle accidents
- 1 assistance to a fire in Gundry.

The Brigade also:

- inspected the Inghams Property
- had a mystery tour conducted on the Ellerslie property
- ran a 1<sup>st</sup> aid course
- raised money from the Ellerslie Clearance sale
- raised money with 1 raffle
- raised money at the Progress Market Day and Bungonia Garage Sale
- received money from The Potato Factory Film set
- received donations from numerous members

The Brigade was also lucky enough to have donated:

- 1000 litre water tank donated by the Christian family
- work bench from Karl Zmgslowski
- meeting table from Bungonia Progress Association
- freezer

The Brigade were also asked to attend the film set of The Potato Factory at Ray McLeisch's property and offered \$500 for this. Ray McLeisch was also offered \$500 which he kindly donated to the Brigade.

This year has seen the Brigade purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand 4WD from the McGinity's and a slip on pump unit from Bob Brooks.

A busy year administrative wise, luckily not with fires.

As Secretary and on behalf of the members, I would like to thank Charlie Klein for his continuous efforts as Captain and I would also like to take this opportunity thank all our members for their support and assistance throughout this last year.

Cherie Jenkins JP  
Hon. Secretary

## CAPTAINS REPORT FOR 1998/1999

The 1998/99 Fire Season was a busy one for the Bungonia Brigade members with 11 incidents being attended and a total of 316 man hours being spent on these incidents, all of these incidents were dealt with efficiently and safely. Several of our members also attended the Fullerton fire.

On the training side, very little organised training took place this year, although the opportunity was there for members to attend incidents if they wanted too. The Brigade was invited by producers of the film "The Potato Factory" to assist with fire safety on the film set at the property "Westwood" earlier this year, this proved to be a most enjoyable and profitable day, and recently a very successful Fire Awareness Day was held with East Group members gaining training on all facets of fire fighting.

On the equipment side a 4WD Toyota table top (Bungonia 4-1) has been added to the fleet and has been fitted out with a small tank and pump, also the Brigade has been informed that a new CAT2 Tanker fitted with a crew cab and a 2,000 litre tank has been ordered for us, and we should take delivery of this tanker within the next 12 months or so. The Shire PMR radio and paging system should be up and running soon.

Organised Brigade hazard reduction has ground to a halt because of Government organisation and regulations. Draft copies of the new R.F.S. Service Standards, Standard Operating Procedures and new Brigade Constitutions, have been released recently and all members should familiarise themselves with these.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members and residents who have helped and supported me over the years that I have been Captain and Senior Deputy Captain. As I will not be standing for these positions next year, I would like to wish the new Captain every success for the 1999/2000 fire season.

Charlie Klein  
Fire Captain.

## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

President: Shirley Smith 4821 5606      Secretary: Ruth Dole 4844 7179  
Treasurer: Colleen Cooper 4821 1856      Publicity: Pat Young 4844 7178

**Next meeting: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 1999**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August, this will be the first Thursday in August as on the 14<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our International day. Starting at 12 noon, country is Spain, we will be having soup, main meal and a dessert for the cost of \$8.00. if anyone would like to join us, please let our Secretary know by the 1<sup>st</sup> August as we will need to know for catering.

October 21<sup>st</sup> is Annual Group Conference in Crookwell.

Anyone wishing to join us at our next meeting or just call in for a cuppa, you are most welcome.

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## BUNGONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

President: Cherie Jenkins 4844 4241      Secretary: Moira McGinity 4844 4266  
Treasurer: Narelle Walters 4844 7007      Hall Hire: Moira McGinity 4844 4266

**Next Meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1999 at 7.30 pm at the hall.  
This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting**

The Secretary and the President will not be standing for re-election at the AGM in August.

**RECIPE BOOK:** We have begun preparing the Bungonia Recipe Book for publication. If you want to contribute get your recipes in as soon as possible.

**CEMETERY:** We have applied for a grant for restoration work on the Memorial Gate at the Cemetery from the "Their Service-Our Heritage" program. This will be discussed at the August meeting of the Committee.

**Motorcycle classic riders visit:** This was a very enjoyable morning and we made \$150.00 profit from soup sales and the Motorcycle Club donated \$50.00. A very special thanks to everyone who made the delicious soup and to those who helped at the Hall.

**Please, we need some support.** Both the President and the Secretary have been in office in one form or another for a number of years and need a break and so does the Organization. We need two volunteers and if you take on the job for one year that would be marvellous. Contact a member of the executive or come along to the next meeting. The meetings close around 9 pm, earlier if we get through the business.

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## PARK TRUST

President: Frank McGinity: 4844 4266      Secretary: Karen Fabri: 4844 4382  
Treasurer: Diana Moran      4844 4234

Next meeting Friday 6th. August, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.  
This will be the Annual General Meeting

Tennis Courts: These are available for use. Rob Brooks has the key.  
Enquiries: Karen Fabri 4844 4382 or Rob Brooks 4844 4216.

War Memorial: The Park Trust have applied for a grant through the Federal "Their Service-Our Heritage" program, to add the names of World War 1 veterans to the Memorial. Veterans Affairs have notified the Trustee that the application will be discussed at their August meeting.

Enquiries Karen Fabri 4844 4382 or Rob Brooks 4844 4216

## CHURCH NEWS

### CHRIST CHURCH - BUNGONIA

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

Keyboard: Judith Dennelly  
Percussion: The Children

Next Communion Service      Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 1999

Communion is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Children's Service is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

Services are held every Sunday at 5 pm, and cater for all denominations. Come along and join in the singing and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

### Group Study Sessions

Tuesday nights at 7.30 pm at Dawn & John Edwards home. Come along and enjoy a night with a difference. If you would like to come please let Cherie or Dennis Jenkins know and we can arrange a lift from the village.

Cleaning and Flower Roster      The Shinfield Family

# INVERARY CREEK

## LANDCARE GROUP INC.

PRESIDENT: K.M. COOPER.

02 4844 4214

"INVERARY"

BUNGONIA 2580

### AUGUST 1999 UPDATE

Balancing Farm Forestry with traditional agriculture and the environment still has not received the support one would have imagined with the older community and Local Government. Many farmers will embrace the concept of tree planting for erosion control, salinity, ground water control, shelter and farm plantings, but only a few consider commercial plantings.

There is much more to trees than wood and foliage. They create a balanced ecosystem, including birds, animals, insects, fungi and soil micro organisms. Their presents provide shelter for crops, livestock and pasture, reduce wind velocity, use ground water, control run off and trap carbon, so helping control greenhouse effects. Despite all these advantages Farm Forestry fails to attract widespread adoption, even when incentive funding is available for fencing and revegetation.

Local Government attitude in general seem apathetic or against Farm Forestry development rather than encourage a new industry which in the long term can bring benefits in employment, production and sustainable land use. In a recent questionnaire sent to six local Counsellors only one replied -- not a very satisfactory situation for our elected representation to Local Government, who determine the planning framework which can encourage or discourage forestry development. Council reservation in terms of extra road usage, fire hazard and "locking up" good land for forestry have no validity -- they seem to have no problem in haphazard sub divisions on good agricultural land for other purposes.

Mulwree Shire expresses concern about erosion and sediment control, weed management and bush fire control and short term impact of activities on roads. Their concerns show an ignorance of recent developments in Farm Forestry establishment -- in most cases exactly the reverse applies. The main reason expressed by farmers for not taking advantage of the benefits of forestry include:-

- \* No forestry ethic among farmers. Trees do not just grow, but have to be planted and managed.
- \* Fear of Local Government or Environmental policies changing in the future.
- \* The long term rotation means the crop may not be harvested in a lifetime.
- \* Lack of knowledge of silvicultural practices.
- \* Farm Forestry is not regarded as another farming enterprise.

An article in the last Landcare Magazine is one that Farm Foresters dream about. A Local Government and Community that are prepared to support Farm Forestry commercially. The Cooloola Shire near Gympie, Queensland offer a rate rebate of up to \$800 per year for plantation establishment under a recognised code of practice. All rate payers support an environmental levy. They recognise the importance of water quality and loss of natural resources. Maybe this concept could be adopted locally.

An Agro Forestry Expo 99 will be touring Australia in August-September. This will be a dynamic National programme, showcasing Agro Forestry on farms by farmers for the sustainable development of their communities. This series of regional events, mixing seminars, discussions and field tours offer a great opportunity to find out more about Farm Forestry. The nearest venue will be Tarcutta on 7th-8th September, where Inverary Landcare Group will be making a presentation. The local community here are very fortunate to have the expertise to confidently invest in forestry already through A.C.T. Forestry and S.T.F.F.N.

The future of forestry development in N.S.W. has been discussed at length in a series of seminars around the State and a Government future planning seminar at Queanbeyan. Inverary was represented at these and voted for a simplification of development applications. In our view forestry development should be "as of right" on farm land and treated as any farming enterprise. Why farming trees is any different to farming any other crop is hard to understand. It is hightime Local Government and other regulatory bodies stopped living in the past and look to future opportunities for sustainable farming. Forget the many failed get rich schemes of the past and realise that with correct techniques now available and the proper expertise Farm Forestry is a win win both commercially and environmentally.

## How to get the Most out of your Library Service

Many people who use library services are not sure what they can borrow, how long they can borrow items for, or what the overdue fees on late returns are.

To make it easy for users to remember the lending policy, the Southern Tablelands Regional Library has produced signs, which are displayed at each of our branch libraries, giving all the details.

Here is a reminder of exactly what can be borrowed from your local library.

- There is no overall limit to how many items you can borrow. However, there are some restrictions. At any time you can borrow a maximum of two videos, music CD's or multimedia CD-ROM's, and a maximum of two non-fiction books on any one subject.
- Most items including books, magazines, cassettes, CD's, CD-ROM's may be borrowed for three weeks, and renewed twice. Items which are on hold (reserved by other users), may be borrowed for two weeks only. Videos and HSC materials may be borrowed for one week only. These items cannot be renewed.
- Renewals may be requested by telephone or by asking at the Loans desk before or on the due date.
- Overdue fees apply to all items that are returned late. Books, magazines, cassettes, CD's and CD-ROM's attract a fee of \$1.00 per overdue item per week to a maximum of \$3.00. The late return fee for videos and HSC materials is \$1.00 per day per overdue item to a maximum of \$7.00.
- The library also provides a free holds (reservation) service for items currently on loan or located at any other branches including Crookwell, Goulburn, Gunning, Murrumbateman, Braidwood and Yass.

From the 1 July 1999, all library borrowers will be able to enjoy their loans for longer if required. In response to requests from our users, the Southern Tablelands Regional Library has changed its lending policy to allow borrowers to renew their loans twice. This should assist those who are disadvantaged by distance, isolation, or inability to read quickly in accessing the services that their library has to offer.

It is hoped that more residents will take advantage of the availability of the many and varied services offered, including our regional lending collection of more than 100,000 items. For further information, or suggestions, please contact Eileen Smith, User Services Librarian at the Southern Tablelands Regional Library Headquarters on 02 48230 432.

# In Council with Inda Evans

## Weed of National Significance

The Federal Government has now included Serrated Tussock in the list of Weeds of National Significance.

The listing recognises the spread and devastation this plant causes and, as a consequence, we can hope that there may be federal funding available in the future to help in its eradication.

In the meantime, we can only carry on doing as much as we can to rid our properties of it as best we can.

Although Council is still supporting the search for an effective biological control method, this is still some way off.

## Ideas for Projects

As I mentioned last month, Council is looking for suitable projects to benefit the community.

Funding for these would come from the Woodlawn mine site landfill royalties, if this is approved. A decision by the State Government on this issue is expected very soon.

Maureen Eddy and I are preparing a questionnaire about possible projects and I will make this available to the Bungonia community through the Progress Association and Bushfire Brigade in early August. Alternatively, ring me and I will get one out to you straight away.

Ideally, projects should benefit as wide an area as possible as the funds will not be a bottomless bucket of cash and we need to consider carefully what on-going maintenance costs, if any, there would be.

The questionnaire will list some suggestions as well as providing room for you to add your own ideas.

Please take the time to fill it in - it's a way of 'voting' for the project of your choice and letting us know your ideas and priorities.

## Proposed Amalgamations

There has been a lot of media coverage recently about the Minister for Local Government, Harry Woods' proposal that Councils consider amalgamation.

Legislation has all been passed to allow those Councils that came to an agreement to postpone elections in their area. A clause which would have allowed the Minister to force amalgamations was defeated in Parliament.

The Minister has also made special mention of 'doughnut' Councils and Mulwaree is, of course, one of those as its area completely surrounds Goulburn.

I understand that Goulburn City Council has officially sought amalgamation with Mulwaree because

they see significant benefits for the city.

Mulwaree, however, does not see the same significant benefits for its residents and ratepayers and, at a special meeting of Council, resolved not to pursue any form of amalgamation with Goulburn.

We saw the interests of our community as vastly different from those of the city and, judging by the comments I have received regularly from people throughout the Shire, there is a strong feeling against any union with Goulburn.

If amalgamations were to be considered at all, we felt it should definitely be a decision of the community through a referendum.

As there has been no agreement between Mulwaree Shire and Goulburn City about amalgamation, the September Local Government elections will go ahead in both areas.

## Assessing Wilderness

The national Parks and Wildlife Service have advised of a Comprehensive Regional Assessment of potential wilderness in the South East of NSW, including parts of Morton National Park and Bungonia SRA.

The intention is to resolve land use conflicts over public forest areas, eventually develop a regional forest agreement, and protect biodiversity, old growth forest, wilderness and endangered species.

Although most of the assessment applies over existing public lands, there are some private rural holdings affected near Tallong and Wombeyan Caves.

There is little information available at present about the effects this could have but I understand that Council will be given opportunities to comment during the process.

No doubt there will be more to say as the assessment progresses.

## 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