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DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

May 2000

2 nd	Friday	Park Trust Meeting 7.30 pm
3 rd	Saturday	Working Bee – Village Park
9 th	Friday	Bush Fire Brigade Meeting 7.30 pm
10 th	Saturday	Working Bee – Fire Brigade Shed
19 th	Monday	Progress Meeting 7.30 pm
19 th	Monday	Bungonia Times Deadline 12 noon

WORKING BEE IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 3RD JUNE, 2000

Come along and help keep our village park a lovely place to visit.

WORKING BEE AT FIRE BRIGADE SHED

TO BUILD NEW INTERNAL OFFICE

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE, 2000

It's your fire brigade, so be there and lend a hand.

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

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Bungonia Times Deadline : 12 noon Monday 19th June, 2000.

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

Home Delivery by Mail: Send your mailing details to Pauline Dickson, 'Netherfield', 243 Lumley Road, Bungonia 2580 with a cheque for \$11.00 to cover the cost of postage for a year. Please make your cheques payable to "The Bungonia Times".

All Organisations fees are due on July 1, 2000

RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURE

Stay tuned next month for April's figures.

PATCHWORK & QUILTING CLASSES

Contacts: Pauline Dickson 4844 4202 or Cherie Jenkins 4822 4241

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.

We have a new quilter joining us each Monday now, Susie Byrne (and James) have started to learn the fine art of quilting, and she is shown some good talents already. Welcome Susie and James!

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. Everyone is welcome.

PARK TRUST

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

Next meeting Friday 2nd June, 2000, 7.30 pm

Playground Equipment. The Spring Rocker. Will be installed on Saturday 3rd June at the working bee.

Tennis Courts: Karen Fabri 4844 4382

The Park Sign: This will be erected on Saturday 3rd June during the working bee.

Working Bee: A working bee is to be held on Saturday 3rd June to install the Spring Rocker, erect the Park Sign, repair the Women's toilets damaged by a wombat and remove the branch of the pine tree from near the ramp and any other chores that need doing. If you can help us, we would love to see you at the Park between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm and if the weather is fine for a barbeque.

BUNGONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

President: Joe Leatherbarrow Secretary: Diana Moran 4844 4234
Treasurer: Narelle Walters 4844 7007 Hall Hire: Moira McGinity 4844 4266

NEXT MEETING: 7.30 pm Monday 19th June, 2000 at the Hall.

Recipe Book: This is still on hold.

Hall: Our thanks to Heather Landow for the donation of a Lavender Bush which has been plated near the Hall sign.

DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH: This is a perennial problem. We don't want rubbish dumped in creeks or gutters or by the roadside but large bags of household rubbish left in the bins at the hall and picnic areas create problems. These bins are for picnic rubbish. Recycle as much as you can, bury food scraps and take the rest home with you if you are a weekender. Maybe this whole question should be discussed at a Progress Meeting with a Shire representative present. If you think so, either come to the next meeting or write to the secretary. If the Shire provides a garbage service beyond the one for the picnic areas, then all rates will go up to cover the costs, so its in everyone's interests to find a solution.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

President: Shirley Smith 4821 5606 Secretary: Ruth Dole 4844 7179
Treasurer & Publicity Officer: Colleen Cooper 4821 1856

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 10th August, 2000 10.00 am

CWA of NSW recently held their 78th Annual State Conference at Goulburn. Our representative enjoyed being there and representing Bungonia. The Handicraft, Land Cookery, International and Cultural Displays were really lovely to see. The next State Conference will be held at Albury in early May 2001.

We held a very successful Market Day Stall in the village on Easter Saturday.

Our group will be going into recess until August 10th owing to insufficient members being able to attend meetings.

Colleen Cooper – Publicity Officer, CWA Bungonia

CHURCH NEWS

CHRIST CHURCH – BUNGONIA

Enquiries: Peter Dennelly 4822 4845
Cherie Jenkins 4822 4241
Minister: Rev Nick Hearnshaw 4821 4976

Keyboard: Judith Dennelly & Brad Griffiths

Next Communion Service Sunday 11th June, 2000

Communion is held every 2nd Sunday. There will be no church meeting on the 5th Sunday of the month as we all meet in at St Nicholas Church in Kinghorne Street Goulburn.

Group Study Sessions

Tuesday nights at 7.30 pm at Dawn & John Edwards home. Come along and enjoy a night with a difference. Phone Dawn for information 4821 5489 or Cherie 4822 4241.

GAS Group (Growth and Sharing)

Held at the Dennylys, contact Judith or Peter on 4822 4845.

June Cleaning and Flower Roster The Brooks Family

July Cleaning and Flower Roster: The Jenkins Family

CHURCH NEWS Continued

ST. PATRICKS - MARULAN

Mass is celebrated at 4 pm every Sunday

Priest: Father Kevin Brannelly's absence on sick leave and Fr. Bateman will be acting Parish Priest at North Goulburn. 4821 1022

Mass on Easter Sunday will be at the usual time 4pm.

BUNGONIA BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

Emergency Numbers: 4821 1914 Andy Smith: 4821 5009 or Bungonia Base

NEXT MEETING: Friday, 9th June, 2000 7.30 pm at the fire shed.

Contacts: **President** – Ian Maher 4844 4387 **Secretary** – Bob Atkinson 4841 1575
Captain – John Edwards 4821 5489 **Treasurer** Paul Bayliss 4844 4359

Captains Report

Just a short report to say all is going well with the cold weather approaching.

Lets just remember to check your fire place and chimneys and keep them clean.

Remember also, 10th June, 2000 will be the day we are going to start building the internal office in the fire shed. We will start from 10.00 onwards. **We need your help** so please spare a couple of hours with us. You don't have to be there all day but if you do come and help, we will be having a sausage sizzle for lunch. We are also going to check the trucks that day and clean out the old fire sheds too! So as you can see, we will be busy and will need plenty of 'hands on deck'.

Hope to see you on the day!

John Edwards, Captain

Chimney Checking: The brigade is willing to come and check and clean your chimney for a small donation. Its vitally important that your chimney is cleaned on a regular basis as turning your fire down allows a build up of unwanted tar inside the flue.

Brigade Dance: The brigade will be holding a dance later in the year, so keep watching this section for further details. It will be held to raise money for equipment for Bungonia.

BUNGONIA BUSHFIRE BRIGADE Continued

Maintenance Roster

If you can't make it on that day, organise with your partner to do it on another day or if you are unable to do it at all, please phone the captain.

10th June Working Bee to start building new office in shed, as well as truck maintenance all welcome

More names are needed for the roster to help us with the maintenance of the vehicles and equipment over the winter months, this will only take a small amount of your time one Saturday, Sunday or what ever day you and your roster partner decide. You can put your name down via Cherie Jenkins (for inclusion in the Bungonia Times as a reminder) or phone Andy on Bungonia Base or myself and give us a date you would prefer to help.

GARDENING IN JUNE

Well, this is a very quiet month in the garden so take the opportunity to clean up rubbish such as dead grass as it can be good protection for insect pests. If there is a surplus of clean leaves commence making a compost heap. Compost is the cheapest source of organic matter in the garden, also use lawn clippings, animal manure, shrub and tree prunings. Don't use newspaper, fresh sawdust or wood shavings, eucalyptus leaves or pine needles as they can damage the soil.

Start the heap by spreading the material to a dept of 20 cm, then give a heavy dressing of agricultural lime and complete fertiliser, then cover with a layer of topsoil, let the heap build up to a depth of about 1m. Regularly turn the heap, this hastens the decomposition and make sure the compost heap is kept moist, not wet. During the warm weather compost should be ready for use in about 10 to 12 weeks.

Its also a good time to start planting your fruit trees too. We can grow a good variety of fruit trees here but we do have to be prepared to spray them during spring and summer. Remember that some need cross pollination, so ask your nursery when you buy them. Also remember that citrus trees are very difficult to grow in our climate.

Vegetables: the only seeds you can plant are broad beans, peas and onion seedlings, you can plant rhubarb crowns which like plenty of rotted manure, compost, balanced fertiliser and during warmer weather, plenty of water. You can also divide your strawberry plants now.

Flowers: Seedlings which can be planted now will start flowering in the spring. Stock, pansy, viola, primula, wallflower, russell lupins, delphiniums, foxgloves, iceland poppies, sweet william and calendula.

If you have a garden bed that is not being used, turn the soil over regularly to open it up. The frosts will sweeten the soil for spring planting.

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

June

07 Eric Dole
08 Heather Norris
16 Jarad Dickerson
17 Cooper Bawden

Birthstone: Pearl (meaning health)

Flower: Rose

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

LOST:

Lost, 5 goats, 1 black and 4 white does, 2 are wearing dog bells, missing for approximately 1 month. Phone Nick on 4844 4488

A DAY TO THINK ABOUT - SPAY DAY

On October 5, 1999, the first Spay Day in NSW was held. A total of 82 vets desexed 500 cats and dogs. That's 500 cats and dogs that won't be having kittens and puppies that nobody wants. Thank you to all vets, council officers, sponsors and individuals who made Spay Day 1999 a success. Thanks also to the Environmental Trust of the NSW Government for supporting this important project.

The support of all people will help keep animals in control, protect wildlife and reduce noise. If you are interested, just fill in the information below and request a vet for Spay Day 2000.

I would like to know more about Spay Day NSW. This is an enquiry only and does not commit me to participating. Post to: Spay Day NSW, PO Box R34, Royal Exchange NSW 1225

Name: _____

Address: _____

Ph: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in: providing vet services sponsoring an animal promoting Spay Day

Comments _____

JUNE REPORTWILLOWS -- CONTROL OR LIVE WITH THEM.

Willows have been much maligned of late, particularly since the healthy Rivers Report. There is no doubt that some species which spread by producing viable seeds are a pest and should be eradicated if possible. However keep in mind Willows have been with us since early settlers and can almost be regarded as natives, having been part of the ecosystem for 200 years. They are fire resistant and an excellent drought food reserve.

The main problem has been the introduction of hybrids which can cross pollinate with other willows and produce seed. This has caused much damage in some of our river systems, but I do not consider this is cause to remove or try to remove all willows, especially in our area. They are beautiful trees and now a recognised part of our ecosystem

I read with interest the leading article in March issue of national Resource management on stream bank rehabilitation in New Zealand, By Robert Gregory – Massey University, on erosion control of a South Island River, quote:- “vulnerable soils wash away while heavy clay or areas with extensive willows or poplars remain. Rebuilding the banks to protect roads, houses and other structures can be achieved by clearing and planting with willows and poplars. Subsequent plantings of willows is essential with trees cut back every second year to keep as many small roots growing with vigor to prevent undercutting. Establishing several rows of willows appears to be the best way of handling erosion. Ultimate stream bank rehabilitation must include more forests of radiata pines upstream, greater diversification of species, reduction of stock damage and more and stronger plantings of willows and poplars.....”

This is from the Journal of AANRM (Aust Assoc of National Resource Management Inc..

Inverary Creek Landcare has planted both willows (harmless varieties) and spreading poplars for erosion control and to create artificial wetlands with Cumbungi and will continue to do so after the successful results.

As far as Cumbungi is concerned (common Bullrush), it is a native species, which now thrives in semi permanent wet creek lines such as Inverary and Bungonia Creeks. The rapid spread in the last few years is an indicator of rising salinity levels, possible due to excess land clearing. It is an ideal silt trap to trap sediments on site, rather than them being transported downstream to water storage. The trapping of silt also locks up much of the available phosphors from pastures and animal camps. This in turn will help control blue green algae downstream. There has been an estimated rise in the creek bed of Limekiln Creek of almost a metre in 15 years.

Any attempt to remove Cumbungi is a waste of time and energy. It will recolonise as quickly as it is removed. Attempts to kill by poisoning can have undesirable effects, caused by the build up of dead organic matter which removes oxygen and can poison the aquatic ecosystem. I know of one example in our area of large fish losses in a farm dam by killing Cumbungi.

Removal of willows is also difficult. Any small branches left or brought down from an upstream flood will regenerate quite easily. Individual trees can be killed by stem injection with Glyphosate, but removal is time consuming and possible a waste of resources. It could well be better to clear access areas if required and leave the best of the adult trees. Learn to live with them and use them.

LIBRARY NEWS

MULWAREE PROMOTION

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME

If you are coming into Goulburn for day and have pre-school age children come to the Goulburn Branch Library for Pre-School Storytime. Storytime takes place each Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00am during the school terms. No bookings are required.

Storytime is the opportunity for parents and carers with children under school age to come to the library for a 45-60 minute session, share a story read aloud and follow it with a related activity ranging from craft to games. Previous activities have included making a mother's day gift, pirate hats and farm animals.

Storytime offers parents/carers and their children the opportunity to meet new people and catch up with old friends and the chance to borrow from the wide range of library resources, including picture books and musical tapes. New resources are being added to the library collection on a regular basis so there is always different to borrow.

All you need to bring to Storytime is your library card, if you are not a member we can join you up if you have some identification with your current residential address such as a drivers licence and a willingness to get your hands dirty with glue and paper.

All children under school age are welcome to attend Storytime, but children between 3 and 5 years of age will receive the most benefit from the session.

The Goulburn Branch Library is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00am - 6:00pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00am - 7:00pm, Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm and Sunday 2:00pm - 5:00pm.

For further information contact Rowena Gibb, Children's and Young Adults' Librarian on 4823 4435 during business hours.