



# The Bungonia Times

The Community Grape Vine

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The Village did us proud on the 12th July, with a very well attended farewell celebration for our long serving posties Eileen and Andy Smith. A number of our ladies got together to decorate the hall and organized the cake. Cherie Jenkins, Sue Bowker, Joneen Tapper worked on the decorations, with Amy Tapper climbing a ladder with bravado, into the heights of the hall with balloons and streamers.

The afternoon was a great success



## WELCOME

TO OUR NEW POSTIES TANYA APPS AND PAUL LACKMAN  
WE WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW VENTURE

PLEASE REMEMBER NO FIRES UNLESS YOU HAVE  
NOTIFIED THE BASE AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS  
OF YOUR INTENTION

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## Patchwork & Quilting Classes



Contacts: Sandra Williams 4844 4369, Cherie Jenkins 4822 4241  
or Margaret Lehmann 4844 5190

We would like to thank our community for your ongoing support, and welcome enquiries from anyone wishing to join our group, which meets each Monday morning at the Bungonia Hall at 9 am.

## **Weather - Temperature & Rainfall**

from 20/06/03 to 20/07/03

Temperature:	Average Minimum	2.4*
	Average Maximum	12.2*
Average Rainfall:		1.7mm

*Courtesy of N.P.W.S. staff from Bungonia State Recreation Area*

## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**PRESIDENT:** Shirley Smith 4841 1976      **SECRETARY:** Ruth Dole 4844 7179

**TREASURER & PUBLICITY OFFICER:** Colleen Cooper 4821 1856

Bungonia C.W.A. News August, 2003.

Two members enjoyed a cold but interesting day at Majors Creek recently for the Group International Day where Mr. Julian Vanslambrouck of Goulburn was the Guest Speaker. Get Well wishes go to Betty South who has been in hospital. Betty has been a member of our branch for over 50 years.

Competition winner at our last meeting was Lorraine McNeil.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th August at 10am in our rooms on Lookdown Road, feel free to come and join us and have a cuppa with us.

Till next time: Colleen

## BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

**Emergency Numbers: 000 Andy Smith: 48215009 or Bungonia Base**

**Contacts:** President - Dennis Jenkins 4822 4241

Secretary - Cherie Jenkins 4822 4241

Captain - John Edwards 4821 5489

Treasurer - Paul Bayliss 4844 4359

**Next Meeting AGM 8<sup>th</sup> August at the fire shed, come along.**

**All positions within the Brigade will be declared vacant, if you have a nomination, please send it to: The Secretary, Cherie Jenkins 815 Mountain Ash Road, Bungonia 2580 before the next meeting.**

## BUNGONIA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**President:** John Wiggan. 4844 4228. **Secretary:** Lyn Stockford. 4844 5029

**Vice President:** Ken Moran. 4844 4234. **Treasurer:** Moira McGinity 4844 4266

**Next Meeting:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. September, 1pm. at the Village Hall and anyone interested in preserving the history of their area are welcome to attend.

The AG.M. was held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>. July and the committee was re-elected unopposed. Hopefully next year when the Society is more established we will have new members interested in taking part in the development of the organization and willing to take on the job of being part of the executive. The President's report, which outlines some of our activities during the past year, shows that we do not confine ourselves to meetings.

Subscriptions for 2003-2004 are now due and the fees are the same as last year \$5 to renew and new members pay \$5 joining fee and \$5. membership. We are grateful for the support we received during the past year and hope members will renew their subscriptions.

During the year the Society plans on visiting some of the historic places around the district as well as doing research so, if you want to take part, make sure you renew your membership.

The bus tour to local historic sites was a success and many thanks to Marlene Carmichael for making the bus and her time available. We would appreciate any artifacts, newspaper clippings, photos or any other information on the history of the area for archiving purposes.

### **President's report for 2002-2003 12. July 2003**

The First Year of the Bungonia and District Historical Association has been marked by steady achievement in beginning the recording, presentation and the preservation of the district's history.

There is now a register of places and items of historical importance begun at the Mulwarree Shire offices. This is partly due to the action of our History Association members raising awareness in Council regarding its value to the whole community.

The Council register is the first call for getting support funds. Assistance and advice is available from the new Heritage Adviser on Council (Jennifer Tracy) if you have something you would like to preserve for the future.

There have been several tours and exhibitions of historic sites in and around Bungonia:-

- The exhibition of old photos and books in the school house was wonderful. Also the archaeological dig on Anne Williams' property around the ruins unearthed an amazing amount of historical pieces. These will eventually be put on show. About 500 people were given guided tours of the site on the Bungonia "Centenary of Progress" Association weekend. (Lots of History lovers!)
- One of our general meetings was used as a recording session to allow longstanding residents of the area to tell their stories of the past. We hope to transcribe this information onto information sheets on the original land uses and the people of the district.
- Moira McGinity was an excellent tour guide for our full-to-capacity bus tours of the village in June of this year. Thanks to Marlene Carmichael for driving and supplying the bus.
- The cemetery afternoon walk, despite our brisk Bungonia weather, was another interesting information day. Some graves have a family history that runs in an unbroken line from the earliest settlement to today. (Moira McGinity and Ann Smith have produced an excellent book on this cemetery and its history.)
- The tour of the old Rifle Range was another eye-opener with Bert Latham, an original member of the club, giving the story of the range and how it came into being.

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I would like to thank all the members for their support over the last 12 months .LynStockford,for her secretarial work and Moira McGinnity for setting up and running the financial area.

A special thanks goes to Jennifer and Michael Tracy(Archaeologists) for their interest ,advice and personal attendance at Bungonia and District Historical Association meetings and field outings.

John Wiggan President. 48444228

Researching the Past; Exhibiting History today ; helps shape Tomorrow.

### **SPECIAL FEATURE : JOHN MANNING**

John Manning belongs to a family which goes right back to the beginnings of Bungonia so it is not surprising that he has a great interest in the history of this district. Long before our Association started up , John began an imaginative survey of all the old local place names and the sites associated with the old stories around the District. Many years of research and careful checking of details has been spent to bring this work to completion . The people of the Bungonia District are very fortunate to have his knowledge and, now ,the new map he has created .With a copy in your hands you could be an explorer for a day –or five! The mapping will be interesting to all who pass by the (hoped for )signage marking each site. I'm sure we all congratulate John on his work ,and look forward to the culmination of his project .Locals and "newcomers" are sure to enjoy a chance to catch up with the Past.

Anne Williams.

### **BUNGONIA PARK TRUST**

**President:** Diana Moran: 4844 4234. **Secretary:** Moira McGinity 4844 4266

**Treasurer:** Paul Bayliss : 4844 4359.

**Next Meeting:** 7.30pm. Friday, 1<sup>st</sup>. August at the Hall This will be the A.G.M. followed by an ordinary meeting

**Bungonia Creek:** The mulch is available for \$15.00 a box trailer load. Some firewood is also available at a negotiable price. Contact any of the Park Trustees. We still have a lot of cleaning up to do before summer and also plan to plant more native vegetation along the banks. Some of the trees previously planted were damaged during the willow removal but many are doing very well.

### **BUNGONIA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

**President:** John Wiggan 4844 4228 **Secretary:** Diana Moran 4844 4234

**Treasurer:** Moira McGinity 4844 4266 **Hall Hire:** Moira McGinity 4844 4266

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup>. August at 2 pm. at the Hall. This will be the A.G.M. followed by the ordinary meeting and then a cuppa. Please bring a plate, tea and coffee will be provided. All positions will be declared vacant and we need nominations.

**Grant to upgrade the Hall toilets:** The working drawings are not yet finished

**Insurance:** We now have public liability insurance until May.2004 at a premium we can just afford.

**Chicken Complex:** The sub-committee reports to the Progress Association monthly. If you want to keep informed, come along to our meetings. Membership is only \$5 per annum.

**INVERARY CREEK**  
**LANDCARE GROUP INC.**

K.M. COOPER.

PRESIDENT.  
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BUNGONIA,

**AUGUST 2003 UPDATE**

**The Chicken saga** continues with the Ardmore Park development still being investigated before a D.A. and accompanying E.I.S. is lodged with Mulwaree Shire. To their credit the developers and consultant have had personal discussions with neighboring properties to try to sell the proposition. Just remember once the D.A. is lodged and put on exhibition for comment you have only 28 days to respond.

Inverary Landcare Group will continue to strongly oppose the development on natural resource management on issues on ground water quality. Particularly the impact on ground water quality and quantity. Water is one natural resource we have all taken for granted around Inverary with the ready availability of bore water when surface supplies are depleted.

During the present drought many surface dams have been dry for months, so without a ready supply of reticulated ground water, large areas would have to be destocked.

Ground water in a basalt area such as Ardmore and surrounding properties lies in a shallow raised aquifers. There may well be underground supplies in deeper older rock strata, but this is completely untested and unknown. Basically the available ground water over a period of time is simply what infiltrates into the soil above the level of extraction. A simple mathematical calculation shows the request for 200 M.L. is quite unreal and will have a disastrous impact on both the proposed chicken farm and surrounding properties

We requested a ruling from D.I.P.N.S. ( the new DLWC) on whether roof water is part of the harvestable rights for surface water under the farm dam policy Quote "run off collected from a roof does not constitute water on the surface of the land and is therefore not part of the harvestable rights"

Under the farm dam policy Ardmore is entitled to 21.6 ML. -- the 9 hectares of roof area would collect based on 90% recovery a further 58 ML.. this falls well short of the required 200 ML.

**NEWS RELEASE.** Possible good news on the financial side of Landcare from Minister Craig Knowlles, promising to free up 289 Million Dollars from bureaucratic processes and handed directly to the 20 Catchment Management Boards. Just how much will help Landcare funding in small community projects remains to be seen, but at least it will not be lost in the Government Department.

In the past most of the money released by the Commonwealth has been lost in a spin cycle of bureaucracy and red tape having many local projects delayed or cancelled

**RECOGNITION OF COMMERCIAL FORESTRY** Another interesting release from D.I.P.N.S. is in regard to commercial forestry and land degradation projects. In the past there has been no funds for any commercial projects, but this news release states that Catchment Management Board recognizes the work of plantation committees and projects, even those with a commercial basis can deliver the necessary environmental results. This means that at last the biases against commercial plantings on private land is gone. All we have to do now is get over the native verses exotic argument

K.M. COOPER

# in Council

with Councillor Inda Evans

## Be Aware

Following through from last month's information regarding "amalgamations", there appears to be a very strong but secret agenda that the State Government is following.

After an election platform of "no forced amalgamations", how can we now have a situation where the Minister for Local Government wants submissions from every local government area and, if such are not received, he will be writing to demand why not.

In essence, this boils down to the State Government using its control powers to say there will be "boundary adjustments" or amalgamations, or whatever the Minister wants to call them, and this will all happen no matter what you think or what you want.

This, in my view, is a travesty of justice and a total annihilation of democracy and I call on each and every one of you to respond to this with a transparent action plan.

Please be part of the community action group being co-ordinated right across the shire. Our local community representative is David Humphreys Phone 48411 852.

Goulburn City Council's decision last month to go ahead with their proposal to carve up Mulwaree Shire among themselves, Gunning and Crookwell Shires is disgusting. Goulburn Council then went even further – in a 1999 referendum, Goulburn people voted to elect the next Mayor. Goulburn Council has now decided they will take away that right and go back to electing the Mayor from their own ranks.

That shows you just how much Goulburn Council can be trusted, doesn't it.

## Update on EIS Procedures

A "good" EIS is not a *carte blanche* for development approval.

Based on the number of different questions I have been asked over the past few months on the process regarding developments that require an EIS to be submitted, the following factual

information may be of interest to many of you.

If an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) is required to form part of a Development application, then it must address a series of issues in accordance with the relevant legislation.

These issues obviously involve the environment, eg air, noise, odour, etc, but they also include other aspects such as traffic and social and economic effects.

A good EIS will address all the relevant issues which means there will be a statement about an issue either not having an effect or there will be an explanation as to how any effect will be dealt with.

## BUT

In the end, it is Council's role to assess the development application taking into account all the legislative requirements, the full documentation provided by the proponent, all the submissions received from members of the community as well as all the documentation submitted by various government authorities. If there are problems, are the solutions proposed adequate? And will they provide the answer to any given problem?

At the end of the process, Council will make a determination on the basis of those issues and the overall proposal.

## Assurance

Let me assure every reader of this column that in Mulwaree Shire, every development application is assessed on its merits and within the guidelines.

We are constantly reviewing our policies and guidelines to ensure that we can meet all the legislative requirements and, believe me, these change at a rate of knots, thanks to the generous input from State Government. (We must spend some time finding work for these people or they could be banging on our back doors for many years to come!)

## Contact Your Councillor

If you have any issues you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me by phone – 4841 1900 (home) or 4841 1648 (Post Office), mobile – 0412 778 235 or 0438 778 235, fax – 4841 1677 or email – [indapat@ozemail.com.au](mailto:indapat@ozemail.com.au)

**Goulburn Library**  
**Mulwaree News**  
**Oceans of Stories at Your Local Library**

Each year, one week is set aside to celebrate the diverse range of Australian children's and young adult fiction and non-fiction books. Children's Book Week, held between 16 - 22 August, allows all of us to share in the celebration of great Australian children's and young adult literature.

The main focus of Children's Book Week are the shortlisted books in five categories, with winners being announced on August 15.

Some highlights from the categories are:

Book of the Year: Older Readers

The Girl from the Sea by James Aldridge  
Painted Love Letters by Catherine Bateson  
Njunjul the Sun by Meme McDonald and Boori Pryor

Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Horrendo's Curse by Anna Fienberg  
Tom James Saves the World by Steven Herrick  
The Barrumbi Kids by Leonie Norrington

Book of the Year: Early Childhood

The Potato People written and illustrated by Pamela Allen  
Too Loud Lilly by Sofie Laguna, illustrated by Kerry Argent  
Playmates written and illustrated by Jane Tanner

Picture Book of the Year

Jethro Byrde, Fairy Child written and illustrated by Bob Graham  
In Flanders Field written by Norman Jorgensen, illustrated by Brian Harrison-Lever  
Diary of a Wombat written by Jackie French, illustrated by Bruce Whatley

The complete list of short listed books is available at the Goulburn Branch Library. All of the shortlisted books are available throughout the Southern Tablelands Regional Library, if you wish to read any of the Children's Book Week books ask library staff to show you how to place a reservation.

During Children's Book Week, the Goulburn Library will be holding an after school art workshop for upper primary school children based on the theme, Oceans of Stories and there will be a take home activity booklet for children available throughout the whole week.

For further information about Children's Book Week please contact the library on 4823 44354.  
The Goulburn Library is open Monday – Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm, Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm and Sunday 2:00pm – 5:00pm.