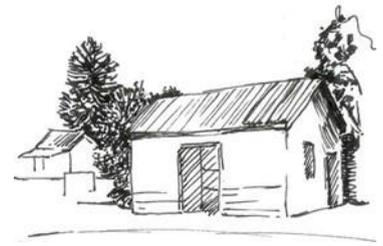


# Bundanoon History Group

## Monthly Newsletter



March 2019

### From the President

Hello everyone,

With the milestone of another AGM past, we are now heading into our 37th year. Thank you for electing me once again as President, a great honour. Thanks also to our 9 Committee members for standing for another term, plus a warm welcome to Don Gray, our new Vice President.

The new committee is listed in the Footer of this Newsletter. Other positions appointed at the AGM were: Archive Team Leader and Librarian: Helen Clark; Auditor: Sandra Nichols; Public Officer: Graham Morgan.

Last year was an excellent one (see full report on our website), and we plan to make this year equally so. As well as lining up an interesting range of speakers, we have two interesting day trips in the planning. Also, our popular Oral History morning and Australia's biggest Morning Tea.

We are about to submit our DA to Council for approval of the signage for the Bundanoon Heritage Walk.

We soon hope to finalise a new lease on the Old Goods Shed, including renting a Shed on the Railway Station to meet our long-term storage.

Finally, after a year as Roster Coordinator, Carolyn Gill is stepping down. Many thanks to Carolyn and we desperately need a successor. Please let me know if you are interested.

Best wishes,

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### Mothers Day Raffle

Sun 12 May

...fantastic prizes...tickets on sale now

... and one thing is for sure, any raffle organized by Kay and Grahm Morgan is going to be a good one! The prize is a beautiful hand-made unique



patchwork quilt, made and generously donated by Cora Frost. It's an heirloom to grace any bedroom and valued at \$720.

Along with the quilt you also get a basket of goodies: wine, chocolates, a voucher kindly donated by Potter's Pantry and much more.

### Bundanoon Nurseries

Trisha Arbib

#### A look back in time

Early Bundanoon Nurseries were frequently small and idiosyncratic, reflecting the interests and passions of their owners. They were often located at their owners' home, blurring the line between the private and the personal, with the proprietors sourcing their nursery stock from the plants they had grown in their own garden. Owners might also host garden club visits and run workshops to supplement their income. Many of the nurseries were "specialist nurseries" that prided themselves on their advice. Many owners had pursued other careers before opening their nursery.

The earliest nursery on record is 1968 which was Jean Grant's *Bundanoon Garden Centre* located in the main street in the Old Post Office

building, Railway Avenue. This was a general nursery and florist, not a big business.

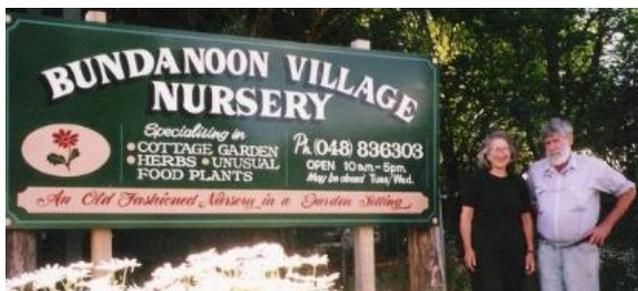
The only reference found to earlier nurseries was hearsay from the 1950's of a Harold Hodge who had "a bit of a nursery" in Penrose Road and a Mrs Hillier at the same address, later in the 1960's/early 1970's

For a couple of years, around 1983, Wendy Johnston and Robyn Toohey sold native plants from their small nursery *Poppins Garden Gate Nursery*. The nursery was situated next to the Old Post Office building and was run alongside their main business *Poppins Tea Shoppe*.

From around 1973-1992, Les and Leone Johnson's fuchsia nursery, *Inverard Nursery* was to be found on the corner of Gullies Road, near the National Park. With over 500 different fuchsias they had to arrange the pots in alphabetical order.

In the 1980's Beulah Erdman ran *Erdman's Cottage Nursery* at Lot 3 Church Street, on the corner opposite Bundanoon public school. Beulah specialised in herbs and geraniums, old fashioned perennials, lavenders, native plants and seeds.

In 1982, Trisha Arbib and Howard Nicholson opened the *Bundanoon Village Nursery*, Penrose Road.



They ran the nursery for 28 years making it one of the longest running businesses operated by the same owners in the village. It featured several times on the ABC's *Gardening Australia*. The nursery specialised in cottage garden plants, herbs and unusual food plants.

*Rose Cottage Nursery* was at 10 Old Wingello Road. Dates are uncertain but it was certainly there in 1977. Joyce Chilvers sold unusual trees

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and shrubs. She loved classical music, and if she were listening to a special concert on the radio she would ask you to come back later. Times have changed. Joy's nursery was part

located on Council land but they let her use it in return for mowing the grass.

Helen and John Hawksley sold African violets at *Bundanoon Valley Violets* at 53 Penrose Road, on the corner of Lucas Street, from 1994 to 2006.

Trevor Skinner operated *Blue Ridge Nursery* at 14 Viewland Street from 1980, for 20 years. Finally we have the *Bundanoon Bloomery* which started in 2002 at Shop 1, Church Street, next to the railway station and moved after 5 years to its current site. This is the only nursery left and still operating in Bundanoon.

### Coming Events

**3 March – 28 April:** Georgian Glass Exhibition. Riversdale, Goulburn. Left to the National Trust by the late Dean Havelberg of Exeter. Tel: 4821 4741

**Mon 25 Mar 4.30pm:** Committee Meeting at David's  
**Mon 1 April 10.30am:** BHG Monthly Meeting at the Memorial Hall followed by visit to The Story Centre (Berrima Museum) to see "A Butcher, a Baker, and a bunch of Makers" We will car pool to Berrima and it's free.

**Mon 6 May 10.30am:** BHG Monthly Meeting at the Memorial Hall. "History of the National Parks", Pat Hall and Ralph Clark, followed by a BBQ and drinks in the Morton National Park. **Sun 12 May – mid-day:** Old Goods Shed, Mothers Day Raffle, grand draw