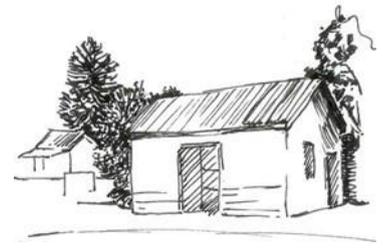


Bundanoon History Group

Monthly Newsletter



February 2020

From the President

Hello everyone, as we head into Autumn I hope that things are finally getting back to normal for you. It's nice to once again be breathing the clean Highlands air, knowing that the Morton bushfire is officially "out" and not constantly checking that App!

February has been a busy month for the BHG.

Treasurer Graham Morgan and Auditor Sandra Nichols have been finalizing our end of financial year accounts. Ralph Clark and his team have been finalizing the details of our coach trip to Yass on 8th April. Helen Clark has curated a new historical display on Bundanoon in Summer and Winter (yet to be hung). Helen, Beryl Seckington and myself have been refining the designs and content of the Heritage Trail signs.

Francesca Beddie has launched our Bundanoon Bushfires 2020 Archive project. Francesca is the project coordinator and last week held a Workshop to define the project scope and timescales. Thanks to all who volunteered to help, we now have an established working group of 11 members to push things forward. The Project Scope is attached with this Newsletter.

I have also included Helen's Archive Team Report to give you an insight into the many activities and people who contribute behind the scenes to capture and archive Bundanoon's history. Sadly, Helen will be moving on to pastures new in the not too distant future and we are all extremely grateful for the tremendous hard work, dedication and commitment she has given, not only to the BHG but the whole village over the past few years. Thank you Helen!

Best wishes,

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The Archive Team Report **by Helen Clark**

Beryl catalogues new photographic material and adds a low resolution copy of each image to the Perfect Pictures database. She also arranges to provide a digital or print version of a picture to members of the public who order and pay to have their own copy. Heather Turner assists Beryl with this task.

Ian Smith contributes articles to the newsletter about fascinating glimpses of people, events and social conditions from the past. He also assists Helen in the adding of new material to the archive collection by cataloguing, adding to the database and filing.

Carol Cosgrove kindly keeps the History Group updated on any development applications in Bundanoon which may impact buildings with heritage value or interest. She also completes a heritage values assessment for properties seen as desirable to protect, so that this information can be filed with the Shire list of properties of heritage significance.

The archive team as a whole contributes whatever information can be found in the BHG archives to assist in the preservation of Bundanoon properties of historic significance, in terms of both building and social significance.

Helen keeps the Shed in a reasonably clean and tidy condition, with assistance from many others - Peter Goulding, Neil Wright, Christine Cassin, David Brennen, Senior Rodent Officer Graham Morgan and all the volunteers who look after visitors and their enquiries during the times the Shed is open to the public. She also processes new additions to the archive by cataloguing, adding to the database and filing.

Helen is responsible for answering enquiries from the public - from people who have visited the Shed, from people who send a request via the website, or

in written form. This involves searching the archive and also often means sourcing the knowledge of members and residents who have long connections with the town, or the History Group.

She also tries to deal with the backlog of cataloguing, data entry and filing of newspaper cuttings from local newspapers and the Sydney Morning Herald (these are saved by Graham Morgan). This is an on-going time-consuming task which could benefit from assistance by others who may have time and an interest in contributing. Carol Gill, Pam Davies and Margaret Berckelman have all helped.

Helen also has begun converting document and photographic material to digital format. This huge task needs to be broken down into priorities, as much of the material held is not truly “archival” in nature, rather it is secondary commentary, publications and so on. A list of priorities has been suggested, with original photographic material first on the list.

The archive group as a whole has discussed policy relating to what type of material is appropriate to be housed in the archive collection. Objects, such as the collection of donated items on display in the glass case, merited longer discussion as there is a concern that the Shed is not a place suitable for the care, conservation or storage of such items, and its size does not allow for any increase to the existing collection. Discussion documents have not as yet translated into a firm policy.

Report prepared by Helen on 23February 2020

Helen also manages the BHG Library of Books so if there are any budding Librarians in our midst, please don't hesitate to come forward.

Two inquisitive Shed visitors....

..... who refused to sign the Book

We had a couple of surprise visitors at the Old Goods Shed Open day on Sunday 16 February . Lovely to see mini donkeys Freddie and Mr Percival although they did appear to be more interested in food than Bundanoon history.

Thanks to Carol Gill for the two pics taken during their impromptu visit.



Freddie and Mr Percival about to check us out



Freddie and Mr Percival having a morning break after their guided tour of the Old Goods Shed

Coming Events

Mon 2 Mar 10.30am: BHG AGM and Monthly Meeting at the Memorial Hall. Guest speaker: Christine Cassin, presentation “*The little girl who survived a massacre*”

Mon 30 Mar 3.00pm: Committee Meeting at 9 Penola.

Mon 6 Apr 10.30: BHG Monthly Meeting. Guest speaker: Ralph Clark. Presentation “*Captain Cook*”

Wed April 8th: Coach Trip to Yass

Mon 27 Apr 3.00pm: Committee Meeting at 9 Penola.

Mon 4 May 10.30am: BHG Monthly Meeting at the Memorial Hall. Guest speaker: tbc