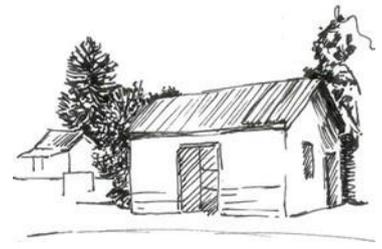


# Bundanoon History Group

## Monthly Newsletter



January 2020

### From the President

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2020 in what has proven to be a traumatic start to the new decade as well as a significant event in Bundanoon's history.

I sincerely hope you have all managed to keep safe during these anxious past few weeks and very much hope the need to pack up and evacuate is now well behind us.

I believe we will never be able to thank the RFS and the other Emergency Services enough for keeping the village of Bundanoon and us safe. So many volunteers have worked for so long, over several months, both day and night, dealing with the worst and most devastating bushfires we have ever seen. It is humbling to think that all of them, men and women, have put their own lives at risk for us, and saddening to think in the Southern Highlands of the lives, property and wildlife lost. Ecosystems perhaps lost and damaged forever. TO THEM ALL WE SAY A HUGE THANK YOU, in this Newsletter and again at our Meeting on Monday.

Because of the fires our BHG 2020 planning is not quite so advanced but I can promise you, it is going to be another exciting year ahead for the Group.

Ralph as usual is super busy organising guest speakers and finalising our upcoming trip to Yass. Helen is working on new display panels depicting what summer used to be like in Bundanoon and by June we must complete installing the Bundanoon Heritage Trail signs. Finally, so that we don't get bored, we are planning a Bushfires Archive project. Francesca Beddie will be telling us more about this on Monday.

Best wishes,

**David**

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### Santa's visit to Bundanoon Railway Station 1 December

#### Could this become a tradition?

Once again the BHG jointly hosted with Sydney Trains a visit by Santa Claus to our refurbished Railway Station. The day was a great success, the station platform full of excited families, with mums, dads, and grandparents enjoying meeting Santa almost as much as the kids!



Santa with his many admirers pic Graham Morgan

### Members' Xmas Lunch 2 December

#### Once again, the Lions Club did us proud!

Our December meeting was the traditional Christmas lunch. Organised by Jewel, Di, Ralph, Kerry and catered for by the Lions Club team led by Harry Hull. We had a fantastic seasonal lunch and welcomed Les and Lorraine Rundle as our guests. Les gave an interesting talk on growing up in Bundanoon and entertained us with his singing. We also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Robyn Fagan and Robert Seckington for their services to the History Group.

Thanks to Beryl Seckington for the following pics taken at the lunch.



Some of the Lions team with lunch at the ready



Robert Seckington and Les Rundle

## Help! We need a new Archive Team Convenor

### Helen is relinquishing her role

After five years of dedication as the Archive Team Convenor, Helen is looking to relinquish her role. We will be sad to lose her, she has done an amazing job on so many fronts and we are extremely grateful. Whilst the role may seem daunting, Helen has said she is willing to provide assistance and advice to the person who takes over, until that person feels confident about the role. It may also be possible to tune the role to the person's skills.

Helen tells me it's a wonderful way to discover and learn about the history of Bundanoon. **You don't have to be a trained archivist or historian.** If any members are interested in getting involved, please contact either Helen Clark or myself.

## Review of Goods Shed Opening Hours

### We never knew we were so popular!

Early last year the matter of the extent of Goods Shed opening hours was raised.

To enable a fact based decision a Register of visitors was started which ran from 21 April – 15 December

The results are impressive. For the above period, we **had a total of 738 Visitors.** 407 in the morning session (9.30-12.00) and 331 in the PM session (12.00-2.30). This totally justifies remaining open for the PM session and Committee has decided we make no changes for the foreseeable future to our current Shed opening times.

A big thanks to Jewel and Ken Hillier for collecting this data.

**NOTE: Because of the predicted high fire ratings, the Shed will be closed this coming Sunday, 2 February.**

## Membership Renewals **Only \$10!**

Annual Membership Renewals are now due. Please see Treasurer Graham, or make a bank transfer to Bundanoon History Group, BSB 641 800; account no. 17104781.

## AGM – Monday 2nd March

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 10.30am on 2nd March in the Memorial Hall, followed by a guest speaker.

All members are welcome to put themselves forward for a position. Nomination Forms are being sent out with this Newsletter. Please complete and return to Secretary Irene or President David no later than 24 February 2020.

## Coming Events

**Mon 3 Feb 10.30am:** BHG Monthly Meeting at the Memorial Hall. Guest speaker: Philip Morton, presentation "An Early History of Meryla Pass and the Meryla/Werai locality"

**Tue 26 Feb 4.30pm:** Committee Meeting at 9 Penola.

**Mon 2 Mar 10.30:** BHG Monthly Meeting and AGM at the Memorial Hall. Guest speaker: to be confirmed

**April (tbc):** Coach Trip to Yass