

Bundanoon History Group

Monthly Newsletter



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From the President

Hello everyone. *Some good news* - unless Covid19 goes belly-up, we are still on track for holding our 3rd August Members' Meeting. More on the next meeting in the column opposite.

Also good news, Helene Jessop has taken over the role of *Displays Co-ordinator* and will help us plan future historical displays in the Old Goods Shed and elsewhere. Many thanks to Helene for taking on this important role.

Archive Team – as always, the team has been busy on a range of topics, including: Beryl doing a lot of the research for the Heritage Trail; two submissions to Council regarding village heritage matters; revising the pricing structure for archive enquiries; selecting material from the Archive Collection for digitization; making an assessment of the history of a donated *Rifle and leather case* and their relevance to the BHG collection.

Bushfire Archive Project – oral histories continue to be done, whilst our collection of relevant images and documents continues to amass for later research.

Margaret Berkelman's books – Margaret was a long time BHG member and also well known within the village. Margaret passed away in the latter part of May and has bequeathed her extensive book collection (mainly history related) to the BHG. The books have been sorted into broad subject areas and a list is appended to this Newsletter. Some of the books relating to local history will be absorbed into the BHG Library, the remainder are offered to BHG members for a small donation.

If you would like to peruse the collection, please contact Ian Smith on 4883 7896.

Contents of this Newsletter - this month we have a contribution from Caroline Cosgrove on the

Edenholme Guest House, now the Sunnataram Monastery in Teudts Road. Graham Morgan tells us about a special family treasure, and we have a look back in time at some extracts from a Bundanoon Tourist pamphlet, published 99 years ago. Enjoy!

Best wishes and keep well, David

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Members' Meeting – 3rd August

Hooray, the BHG will soon be back in business (unless of course there is a second Covid wave!)

Whilst many of you will be aware that the Memorial Hall is reopening, because of a limit of only 20 persons allowed inside, the BHG is temporarily relocating to the Bundanoon Social Club.

We will be holding our first BHG Members' Meeting since the Corona virus took off, at the Social Club on Monday 3 August. We are grateful to the Club for offering their wonderfully refurbished facilities, where we can safely accommodate 40 members, with correct social distancing. We can also have morning tea (bring your own cups) and wrapped biscuits will be provided.

Our guest speaker is Harvey Grennan, ex Sydney Morning Herald journalist from the time before there was fake news. Harvey will be talking about his time around the political arena with some interesting anecdotes.

Unfortunately, Covid legislation requires us to limit the number of attendees to 40 which means that members attending must register in advance with Treasurer Graham so that we know: a) who's coming; b) and we don't end up turning people away on the day. Your co-operation and understanding on this is most appreciated. Please call Graham on 4883 7714 or email: morgan_gt1@yahoo.com.au

Edenholme Guest House

Caroline Cosgrove

The Teudt property in Teudt's Road was well-known long before it was a guest house. There were famous orchards and a fabulous view on a clear day out towards Jervis Bay on the coast.

It is rumoured that, during WW1, some Germans were arrested and interned for the duration of the War after being accused of spying on activity at the naval base in Jervis Bay, from this site.

Henry James Teudt (born 1876, Sydney, NSW) married Annie Margaret Larkin (born 1877, Bannaby, NSW) on 26 January 1903. In 1908 Henry and Annie were living at Kareela, near Bundanoon, when Henry made a conditional purchase of land, Portion 13 of 100 acres, at what later became known as Teudts Road. They had two children, Harry (born 1908) and Muriel (DOB unknown).

The Teudts built a home on their new property and raised livestock. They also planted an apple orchard; varieties included Five Crown, Rome Beauty, Granny Smiths, Delicious and Fannies. Henry won first prizes for these varieties in the Bundanoon Agricultural Show of March 1936. They also grew quinces, Packham pears and tomatoes.



Edenholme Guest House, 1930s

From 1923 Henry and Annie turned their home into a guest house, known variously as 'Edenholme', 'Edenholme Farm' and later 'Edenholme Orchard Farm'. In 1923 they offered a modern bungalow, piano, tennis, and a garage, terms 42/- [per week]. The advertisement described their guest house as 'Superb accommodation'. By 1929 they offered

'good accommodation, own vegetables, fruit, milk, car, tennis, dancing,' at 45/-, and by March 1930, an 'abundance of fruit, milk, eggs, poultry, vegetables, tennis'.

Henry Teudt (also known as Harry) became a Shire Councillor by January 1921. He was nominated as selector and organiser of exhibits for the Royal Agricultural Show in Sydney in 1920, with the exhibits staged under the auspices of the Penrose-Kareela Agricultural Bureau. Penrose-Kareela won first prize.



Henry James Teudt, 1921

Penrose-Kareela staged an exhibit again in 1921 under Henry's leadership, although this time it came second, Goulburn taking first place. In 1922, again under Henry's guidance as selector and organiser of exhibits, Penrose-Kareela won first prize, receiving a large silver cup presented by Sir Samuel Hordern.

On 11 February 1924, Henry and Annie Teudt donated a small amount of land (about one fifth of an acre) to Council, part of Portion 13. This included a road at the further end of their former property leading to what became known as Teudt's Lookout, where the views stretch as far as Jervis Bay.

Tennis was an important sporting and social event for guest house visitors. In 1929 a 'challenge tennis

tourney' was played between 'the tourist members' of Edenholme and Grace Villa, a nearby guest house located off Penrose Road, along Shangri La Road. The match was 'vigorously contested at Edenholme' and the hostess, Mrs. Teudt, provided afternoon tea, 'which was appreciated after the strenuous games which resulted in the defeat of Grace Villa'. At a return match, held at Grace Villa, 'the "Gracevillians" retrieved their lost honors by completely defeating Edenholme.' The proprietress of Grace Villa, Mrs. Simpson, provided afternoon tea.

Henry and Annie Teudt continued to run Edenholme as a guest house until 1937. Henry died on 5 August 1962 and Annie on 7 July 1964. They had six grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren.

After World War 2, in April 1946 Henry Teudt sold the property to William Howard Ashmore, an orchardist, of Bundanoon. Mr Ashmore sold the property a year later to Betty Florence and Norman Denis Townsend; Denis was a radio engineer from Sydney. The Townsends retained the name Edenholme and recommenced operation of the guest house and orchards, although in a different style, offering 'good food, comfortable accommodation, Devonshire teas, with apple cider supplied to visitors'.

However, between June and November 1950, the buildings were destroyed, apparently by a fire or bushfire [no records of this fire have as yet been found]. On 1 November 1950, Edenholme was advertised in *The Sydney Morning Herald* as:

Edenholme, 200 acres, Teudt's Lookout. Service for caravans, etc. Morning and afternoon teas for motorists, cyclists, horse-riders and hikers by phone appointment. Daily weekend and Xmas bookings. Phone Bund. 49.

A Mrs Mabel Adele Sinnett apparently managed the property. In December 1956, Mr and Mrs Townsend sold the property to Mr Leo and Mrs Sortirka Lazich, as joint tenants, and from this time no further tourist accommodation was offered. In February 1962, the Lazichs sold it to Sophia Lewis Reilly, wife of Allen Jenkin Reilly, a company director, of Bexley.

In May 1963, ownership passed to Mr Reilly.

In August 1990 Elizabeth Gorski, a local Buddhist practitioner, purchased the property. Ms Gorski had already bought a property in Coalmines Road, Bundanoon, intending to establish a meditation centre there. This did not eventuate, but Ms Gorski established a charity to manage the Coalmines Road property and it became the Santi Forest Monastery Inc. In August 1991 Ms Gorski transferred the former Edenholme property in Teudts Road to the Sunnataram Forest Monastery Inc., where Phra Ajahn Yantra and his disciples established a Theravada Buddhist Monastery in the Thai Forest Tradition which remains to this day.

A very special Treasure

Graham Morgan



Secessionist Brass and Britannia Metal Vase
(21cm tall)

My metal vase, came from an antiques fair in Melbourne in 2017. It was made by the WMF Group in Germany, about 1900. The dealer's description was *"The large upswept handles, encircling a wreath of leaves, three acanthus baluster legs and anthropomorphic feet are reminiscent of classical graeco-roman furniture, while the refined, elongated shape is very typical of Vienna Secessionist work"*.

An ostrich (the WMF symbol) is pictured on the base along with "MB" for a mixture of brass (Messing) and Britannia metal (an alloy of tin, antimony and

copper). It is also marked “I/O” and “O/X”, indicating that it was plated and oxidised at manufacture.

Who were the WMF Group? The initials stand for Württembergische Metallwarenfabrik (Württemberg Metalware Factory), which was founded in Germany in 1853 and still exists - as part of the SEB Group since 2016 – making cutlery, kitchen machines, coffee machines, cooking products (“Silit” cooking pans), etc. I have seen a number of their branded modern items in the shops. Over the years they have acquired many other metal-working companies – German, Polish, Austrian – and their early products included many Art Nouveau items.

What was the Vienna Secessionist movement? It was an art movement, founded in 1897 in a coffeehouse (where else, in Vienna?!) and closely related to Art Nouveau. The founders were a group of Austrian painters, graphic artists, sculptors and architects, and early members included Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele, Kolo Moser, Alphonse Mucha and Otto Wagner.

You may have been fortunate enough to have seen their most influential architectural work, the marvellous Secessionist Building in Vienna, designed by Joseph Olbrich in 1898 as a venue for exhibitions of the Group’s work – although the present building is actually a faithful reconstruction of the original, destroyed as “decadent art” by the Nazis in WWII.

The movement was formed as a protest against the support of the then Association of Austrian Artists of more traditional artistic styles – hence the term “secession”. It brought together the young and the dissatisfied in Austrian art and was aimed at countering traditional academic restraints. It still functions today, from its headquarters in the Secessionist Building.

One notable exposition, the 14th in 1902, was dedicated to this year’s “big birthday boy” Ludwig van Beethoven. A statue of Beethoven stood in the centre, with a frieze by Klimt mounted around it based, inter alia, on phrases from the chorus in the final movement of the ninth symphony. The frieze – regarded as somewhat scandalous by many at the

time – marked a radical shift in Klimt’s work and initiated a turning point in the development of many other artists. The Klimt frieze has been restored and can be seen in the gallery today.

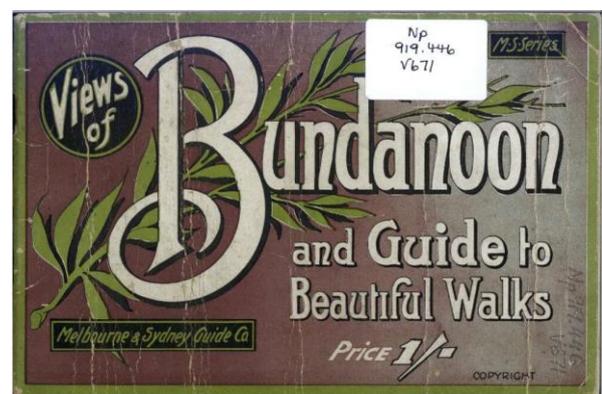
Finally, back to Britannia metal. It is a specific type of pewter, favoured for its silvery appearance and smooth surface. The content is usually about 92% tin, 6% antimony and 2% copper, and it is spun rather than cast. It was first produced in 1769 or 1770 by James Vickers. The letters EPBM on household goods stand for electroplated Britannia metal, which was a cheaper alternative to EPNS (nickel silver). Until 2016 Britannia metal was used to make the solid core of the Oscar statuettes, plated with gold. Today they have a bronze core.

And my metal vase? Not only is it simple, yet elegant, but I find its historical background quite fascinating. And I’m very fond of most things Art Nouveau. Thank you Kay for one of my prized personal possessions!

My thanks also to Wikipedia and my own library of Art Nouveau books for helping me to put this together. I have learned a lot in the process. GM

Editor’s Note. Would love to hear from other members about their special treasure or family heirloom. Please contact David.

Pamphlet Views of Bundanoon National Library



The historic Bundanoon pamphlet above dates back to 1921. It has some super photos and business advertisements and can be found in the Canberra National Library. Whilst the BHG has copies of many of the photos in our Archives Collection, we don’t

actually have a copy of the original pamphlet, so here are a few extracts.

JAMES CALVERLEY
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DRAPERY, CLOTHING PATENT MEDICINES
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 BOOTS AND SHOES CORN AND CHAFF
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Boots and Shoes Absolutely Cheapest
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Every Comfort and Convenience.
 Bath Rooms. Water laid on.
 Sanitary Arrangements Perfect.
 Septic System. Extensive Grounds,
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 Trips Arranged.

Terms per Week ... £2/2/- and 35/-

Mrs. BOWYER. 'Phone 13



Railway Ave, looking from the Post Office towards the Railway Station

An advertisement for James Calverley

Editor's Note. The Calverleys established the Bundanoon Emporium in 1901. These days we know it as the Primula Café.

Editor's Note. The Post Office is now the Bundanoon Nursery and Potters Cafe. Directly outside can be seen the Telephone Box where the locals made their calls. The Bundanoon Emporium can be seen further up the street on the left, with the Old Goods Shed on the opposite side of the road.



Erith Coal Mine

Editor's Note. Coal was mined here back in 1881. The coal seam was low grade, about a metre wide and produced a limited amount of coal for the railways. There were wooden platforms suspended from the top of the cliff, and through these platforms the coal was hoisted up about 25m and pulled by horse to a light railway.

Margaret's Books, bequeathed to BHG

Below is a general subject list of the books, kindly bequeathed by Margaret Berkelman to the BHG.

1. Australian History, including:
 - The establishment of the colony and its early days.
 - Sydney city
 - *Australian Dictionary of Biography* vols. 1-13, 16 plus index to vols 1-12.
 - Manning Clark *History of Australia* vols. 1, 4, 6
 - *Oxford History of Australia* vols. 1-4
 - Australian military history
2. History of Western Australia
3. History of the Crimean War
4. Guides to genealogical sources, plus some family histories
5. Guides to Irish genealogical sources
6. Reference books – dictionaries, atlas, etc.
7. General history e.g. Vietnam War, Henry III
8. General – Bill Bryson, Hugh McKay, Clive James

If you would like to peruse the collection, know the specific titles, or purchase a book for a small donation, please contact Ian Smith on 4883 7896.