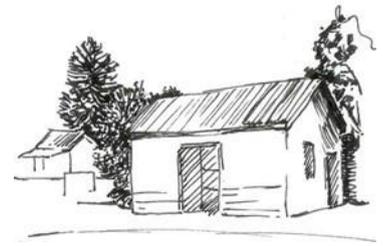


Bundanoon History Group

Monthly Newsletter

December 2020



From the President



Hello Everyone,

As we fast approach Christmas and the end of another year, I would like to thank you all for your massive support during 2020. Looking back, for most of us it's been a year absolutely like no other. And just when we thought things were getting better, we have a timely reminder from the Northern Beaches outbreak that we are "not out of the Covid woods" yet.

Despite the challenges, I believe we can be extremely proud of what the BHG has achieved during 2020. Lockdown in the early days did not stop the Bushfires Archive Project from collecting a wealth of oral histories and documented material. No doubt many of you will have seen the Bushfire video now running in the window of the Good Yarn and a poster is soon to be hung on the Old Goods Shed.

Ralph Clark has produced some amazing Newsletters on Captain Cook's voyages.

The Heritage Trail signs are finished and should be installed in January. (We are dependent on the weather and the concreter.)

Against the odds, in September we restarted our Members Meetings' and on 7th December held our

traditional Xmas luncheon, this time at the Southern Highlands Carriage Club. See below.

Our Archive team has remained busy throughout the year.

And ending on a positive note, the Committee has agreed to maintain the annual membership fee at \$10 for the coming year.

I hope you all enjoy the festive season, plus you and your families keep well. I look forward to seeing you in 2021 when we will be voting in our new Committee, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President.

Best wishes, **David**

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December Xmas Luncheon

Bundanoon Carriage Club photos by G Morgan

It turned out to be a fabulous event in a wonderful rural setting with great conviviality. As we relaxed outside with our pre-lunch snacks and drinks, we were treated to a world-class display of carriage driving by Gail Baine and her husband Barry. As usual, the food was top notch with an excellent seasonal spread put on by the Lions Club.



The above pic is of members relaxing at the start of the Outdoor Meeting whilst Ralph Clark reminded them of the Covid regulations. Ralph and his sub-

committee were superb in organizing everything. Thanks also to John Wood, President of the Carriage Club for hosting us, in such a fabulous venue.



Above, the start of the Carriage driving display. Gail and her legendary horse Michael had recently returned from performing in the Championships in the UK.



World-class Carriage driving in the paddock.



Yvonne Wood, Secretary of the Carriage Club congratulating Michael on a wonderful performance.



Finally, the happy lunchers!

2021 Membership Renewals still only \$10!

2021 Membership Renewals are due from 1 January. Please see Treasurer Graham, or make a bank transfer to Bundanoon History Group, BSB 641 800; account no. 017104781.

2021 AGM

Our AGM will be held at 10.30 am on 1 March, 2021, in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

We will be voting in a new Committee, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President. We are privileged to have so many talented people within the BHG and all members are welcomed and encouraged to put themselves forward for a position. If you would like to know more about what's involved, please don't hesitate to talk to any one of us on the current Committee.

Nomination forms are being sent out with this Newsletter. Please complete and return to Secretary Irene.

A couple of seasonal jokes.....

Why are Santa's reindeer allowed to travel on Christmas Eve? *Because they have herd immunity.*

Why did the pirates have to go into lockdown? *Because the "Arrrr!" rate had risen.*

Seasons greetings to you all!

Coming Events

Mon 25 Jan: *BHG Committee Meeting.*

Mon 1 Feb 10.15 am:

BHG Monthly Meeting at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. Guest Speaker, Dr. Carolyn Cosgrove on the Edenholme Guest House to be followed by a tour of Sunnataram Monastery which is on the site of the original Guest House.

Mon 1 Mar 10.30: BHG Monthly Meeting and AGM at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. Guest speaker: to be confirmed.