

Bundanoon History Group

Monthly Newsletter

October 2022



From the President

Three months ago, we had a wonderful celebration at the BHG monthly meeting where we acknowledged the Queen' Platinum Jubilee. On hearing recently that her family had been called to Balmoral an air of sadness fell. Her Majesty was ninety-six years old and had just farewelled one Prime Minister and welcomed another surely this was not the end. Sadly, the following morning's news confirmed what we would rather not have heard, the Queen had passed away peacefully.

We were heading out of Bundanoon that morning to celebrate the ninety-fifth birthday of an aunt. As we approached the War Memorial Garden, the Flags were at half-mast and a lone piper was playing a Lament. It was a moving gesture and a moment in Bundanoon History that people will remember. At the end of her funeral in Westminster Abbey, Queen Elizabeth was farewelled by another lone piper high on a balcony overlooking the coffin surrounded in silence by one of the largest gatherings of world leaders and many other community representatives

There was a flood of images and stories from the media, but one stood out for me and that was a collection of short quotations taken from her annual Christmas speeches to the Commonwealth. I have included a small selection.



On being Queen

In a way I didn't have an apprenticeship. It's a question of just maturing into what you're doing and accepting that here you are and it's your fate. I think continuity is very important. It is a job for life. — 1992

I cannot lead you into battle, I do not give you laws or administer justice, but I can do something else. I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations. — 1957



On refugees and tolerance

Of course it is right that people should hold their own beliefs ... but perhaps we should also have the humility to accept that, while we each have a right to our own convictions, others have a right to theirs too. — 1987

We call them "refugees". Let us give them true refuge. Let us see that for them and their children there is room at the inn. — 1956

On wisdom and age

Let us not take ourselves too seriously. None of us has a monopoly of wisdom and we must always be ready to listen and respect other points of view. — 1991

There is no point in regretting the passage of time. Growing older is one of the facts of life, and it has its own compensations. — 1987

On youth

You children have something to give us which is priceless. You can still look at the world with a sense of wonder and remind us grown-ups that life is wonderful and precious. — 1989



Many thanks to the ABC for sharing these thought-provoking reflections.

Amy

BHG ARCHIVES REPORT

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Heritage Matters

Carol, Ian and others commented on the proposed wall mural for the side of the hotel.

Carol continues liaising with Dennis McManus, as part of a wider liaison group. He has recently compiled a chronological list of important architects and other specialists whose work appears in the Shire, placed in the order in which they first come to notice in the Shire. This includes builders and architects who designed buildings in the Southern Highlands, starting from David Lennox (1788-1873) Engineer and Superintendent of Bridges to (current) Ian Stapleton, Conservation Architect, Moss Vale.

Research

Carol has been conducting research on the architect of the Soldiers Memorial Hall.

Digitisation

Digitised the Amos folder and added the file to the digitisation drive.

Databases

Beryl found the digitisation drive was giving problems so she has copied all the files to the Perfect Pictures drive as a backup.

Also, Beryl has calculated the space currently used for the digital archive files and other documents that need to be copied to the new Cloud storage. The oral history files, for example, take up over 150GB.

Oral History

Beryl continues sorting out the contents of the box of interview recordings done by Maureen Townsing. She converted and archived 37 recordings done by Maureen Townsing. Copied everything to both backup drives. Beryl continues with sorting out the transcripts, documents and photos to sort out.

Ian attended the most recent OH group meeting and provided advice about cataloguing items in the OH collection. This cataloguing work will be undertaken by one of Jim Rooney's PhD students.

Public Enquiries

Beryl researched the Amos family for an enquiry received via the BHG website.

She also received a request from Alastair Saunders for photos of the memorial gates that were at the entry to the Bundanoon Club. She sent him what we have of the entry but couldn't find any photos of the gates.

Beryl received a request from the organisers of a folk festival for next year ref. use of the OGS. This has been referred to the BHG Committee.

Collection Matters

Beryl updated the collection database with additions from Ian and Carol, as well as her own additions for September. Beryl copied the new file to the Dell laptop in the OGS.

Ian listed items in the second of the bookshelves in the OGS and evaluated their storage requirements. As a consequence, he has been evaluating archival-quality boxes to store collection items that currently have no home.

In the last BHG newsletter I told something of our early history, up to 1986.

We are fortunate in having most of the early records of the Group, although they are not complete. The earliest minute book commences with the AGM of the Bundanoon Research and Preservation Group on March 3, 1987, by which time the Group had been established for three years.

We do have some earlier minutes and other records, in a loose-leaf folder. As this bears the modern name it was compiled after the change to the current name, at the November 1987 meeting. Unfortunately, it is not complete, although the picture is coming together.

The first meeting of 1987 saw two new members join: Ted McCloskey and Pauline Dickson, bringing membership up to 11. The group was on the waiting list for a stall at Brigadoon.

Berrima Historical Society wrote thanking them for their talk at the last BDHS meeting on the Longmore "mystery". What was the mystery? State Rail had written seeking information or photographs for a planned book on railway history. The president was invited to the Bundanoon CWA 60th anniversary dinner. Goulburn Historical Society gave advice on an acquisitions register.

The 1987 AGM saw the election of Lucy Rocca as president, Bruce Slater VP, Mary Condon treasurer, Ken Phillips secretary, Norma Edmunds archivist and Ann Morgan assistant archivist. Enid O'Hara was the auditor. The annual membership fee was set at \$5, and the financial report showed membership fees of \$18, indicating that membership had grown to thirty-six.

In 1987 the Group received a \$1,000 Local Government Initiatives Grant under the Commonwealth Bicentenary programme towards setting up a Historic Sites register. To quote a letter to Council signed by Secretary Ken Phillips: "Our objective for this project is to produce, to a professional standard, permanent records of locations, history and photographs (where available) of guest houses that once operated in the Bundanoon area. A selection of other items (e.g., shops, rail sidings, coal mines) of historical value is now being made from material that is already available. These records will be presented in a manner suitable for display purposes."

The letter went on to say that \$649 had already been spent on "Material costs (including copying of old photographs and reproducing them to a standard size)." More in the next issue.

Ralph Clark

Treasurer's Report

"The Income Statement is dominated by the income that we are holding for the June Trip - \$14,833

The numbers (as at 5pm 30th September 2022):

Everyday Account	\$19,215.21
Reward Savers Account	\$5,292.50
Float – Shed sand Market	\$80.00
TOTAL	\$24,587.71
Minus current liabilities	\$9,754.71

The outstanding income was the Father's Day raffle. – final income for this was \$3,820.58

This will allow us to complete all the electrical work to upgrade the shed without having to touch our reserves. "

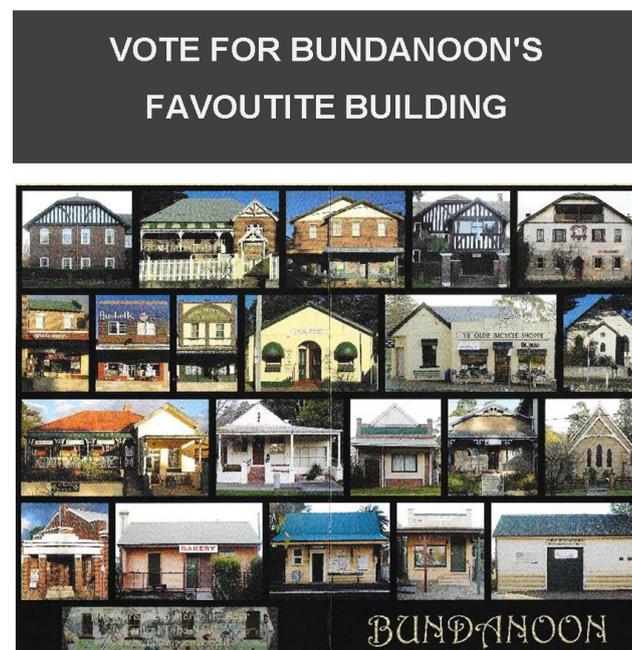
David le Cheminant

The Old Goods Shed

Thanks to the generosity of members, from the Fathers' Day Raffle and several anonymous donations, we have the money to complete our Old Goods Shed update. As soon as the electrical work is completed the OGS team will prepare for the shed to be opened for the Garden Ramble weekend and, in true BHG style,

Ralph and his team of caterers are working on an official opening afternoon with refreshments. This date will be announced ASAP.

Upcoming Events



Have you voted for Bundanoon's favourite building yet? The Bundanoon History Group is conducting a poll to determine Bundanoon's Favourite Building and you can vote for your favourite building by emailing your vote to historygroupbundanoon@gmail.com

You can find out [more about the poll here](#) and the winner will be announced at The Bundanoon Club at 8pm on Friday 14th October. Hope to see you there.



Fundraising – We are Running The Raffles at The Bundanoon Club on Friday 14th October.

The History Group are running the Raffles and Wheel of Fortune at The Bundanoon Club on Friday 14th October. We hope to have a great night out and raise some funds to support our efforts at renovating the Old Goods Shed, so come along.

We will be booking tables for history group members so if you'd like to come along for dinner, buy some raffle tickets and hear which building is Bundanoon's favourite send me an email at historygroupbundanoon@gmail.com and I'll book you onto a History Group table.

We are holding a Trivia Night on Saturday 5th November as part of our fundraising activities. The cost is \$30, of which \$10 goes to the history group. We are making up tables of 10 people and we'd love the History Group to have a number of teams. Food will be served throughout the night, grazing plate on table, then the following will be served at each break in questions - arancini, chicken skewers, bowls of risotto. Followed by coffee and tea and cake at the conclusion of the night. Bookings for the night are now open through Try Booking, just click the link below.

[Try Booking - Trivia Night](#)

A Very Nice Lemon Slice Remembered

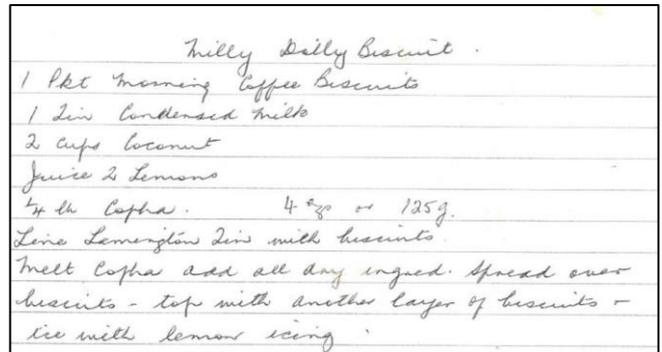
By Steve Press

When we were recently at Morpeth, in the Hunter Valley for my aunts 95th birthday, I took the opportunity to visit by grandparents graves which I had never seen. Near their graves was the grave of Mildred Dilley. I was reminded that my grandmother and mother both made a sweet lemon slice which they called "Milly Dilly".

Apparently Mrs Dilley took the slice to whatever local event called for attendees to 'bring-a-plate'. You don't cook the slice so it's an easy (but delicious) slice to make. My family still makes the slice and we still call it "Milly Dilly".



I have taken a photo from Mum's recipe book but here it is transcribed in case you can't read it. It uses Arnott's Morning Coffee Biscuits which are now discontinued but we have successfully used South African "Tennis Biscuits" which are available from Woolies.



Milly Dilly Lemon Slice

- 1 packet morning coffee biscuits
- 1 tin condensed milk
- 2 cups coconut
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 125g of copha
- Line lamington tin with biscuits
- Melt copha, add all dry ingredients
- Spread over biscuits
- Top with another layer of biscuits
- Ice with lemon icing
- Refrigerate

RAHS Special Online Event: Country Calling: History on the Land

Online via Zoom

Saturday 22 October 2022

Join the Royal Australian Historical Society (RAHS) for a special online event and learn about new developments in local and community history as we explore our *Country Calling*.

Session A – Facing the Truth: How to Create History with Aboriginal Peoples

The special event begins with a morning session (10.00am – 12.00pm) that features historians, curators and archaeologists who practice truth-telling in their history-making. Manika Duczynski (Repatriation Officer and Curator of Indigenous Heritage, Chau Chak Wing Museum) will discuss her experiences working with collections, communities and the issue of repatriation. Dr Stephen Gapps (historian and curator) will provide insights and advice on how to appropriately include Aboriginal perspectives in your history and heritage projects. Dr Iain Stuart (RAHS President and archaeologist, Artefact Heritage Services) will talk about Indigenous archaeology and working with Aboriginal peoples.

Session B – Best on Show: Country Shows and their Communities

The afternoon session (1.00pm – 3.15pm) brings together community historians to take a closer look at the importance of agricultural shows to our local history. Judith Dunn OAM (RAHS Councillor) will talk about the evolution of agricultural shows and what local information you can learn from them. Liz Harfull (historian and author) will explore the history of food and cookery at country shows. Graham Shirley (RAHS Vice President) will present on how agricultural shows have been captured by moving image media since the early twentieth century. This session will also feature the President's Address, presentation of Certificates of Achievement, and raffle prizes.

For further information and bookings visit:
<https://www.rahs.org.au/event/country-calling-history-on-the-land>



The RAHS Online and Regional Seminar Program is funded by Create NSW.

The aim of the program is to promote the study, writing and dissemination of Australian history. It aims to develop historical expertise in the community that will support history and heritage projects