Bundanoon History Group Newsletters

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16 Viewland Street, Bundanoon (Carol Cosgrove)

- **Title & Subdivision History**: April 2024, pp. 7–10; response to inquiry by Andy Thomson; 1882 Crown grant Portion 59 to George Wilson Osborn; sold 1887 to Jeanie Amos (wife of Robert Amos); passed to 11 Amos children in 1909; 1913 sale to Ida Constance Williams (died 1922); 1923 subdivision DP 9037 by Frank & Ruby Williams; August 1928 sale of Lot 35 to Rev. Walter Ernest Maltby; sold October 1928 to Henry Charles Davies (master mariner) and Isabel Mary Davies (likely builders c. 1928–29); subsequent owners Ann Clyne (1932), William George Clyne & Susannah Greason (1989), and Gregory Kingsford Hoare & Elizabeth Anne Skures (1989); interior renovation photos.

AGM & Committee Elections / Life Member Nominations

- **2024 AGM Call for Nominations & Life Memberships Notice**: February 2024, pp. 1–2; March 2024, p. 1 (recalling the 1985 first AGM under second President Lucy Rocca, upcoming life membership votes, and permanent loan of the 1934 foundation trowel to the BCA).
- **2024 AGM Outcomes, Elections & 40th Birthday Celebration**: April 2024, pp. 2–4; election of Amy Press (President), David le Cheminant (Treasurer), Steve Press (Secretary), Graham Morgan (Membership Secretary/Public Officer), committee members (Peter Goulding, Kerri Goulding, Di Gray, Keith Spencer, Don Gray, Ian Smith, Carol Cosgrove, Jo le Cheminant); sub-committee convenors; profile introductions for new committee members Carol Cosgrove, Ian Smith, and Peter Goulding; closure of PO Box and adoption of OGS physical address; 40th anniversary cake cutting and presentation of the 1934 Memorial Hall foundation stone trowel to Andy Carnahan (BCA); YouTube link to 2023 Year in Review.
- **2024 New Life Members**: April 2024, pp. 5–6; first life memberships conferred under 2022 constitution change honoring Marianne Ward (oral history program and guesthouses book), Ralph Clark (former President, speaker coordinator, OGS restoration), Dave Lidgard (early OGS setup and council works), Patricia ('Pat') Guy (former President and "Don't Bore Bundanoon" campaigner), and Graham Morgan (20 years executive service and raffles).
- **2024 Pioneering Members Special Recognition**: April 2024, p. 6; posthumous tribute to founders Lucy Rocca (convenor 1984), Norma Edmonds (first Secretary/Archivist), and Mary Condon (first President).
- **2025 AGM Notice & Nominations**: February 2025, pp. 9–10.
- **2026 AGM Notice, Committee Roles & Sub-Committees**: February 2026, pp. 4–5; detailed overview of Secretary (Steve Press) and Treasurer (David le Cheminant) duties.
- **2026 AGM Outcomes & Executive Election**: April 2026, pp. 2–3; Jo le Cheminant elected President, Amy Press Vice-President, Peter Goulding retires from committee.
- **Life Member Nominations 2026 (Graham Morgan)**: April 2026, pp. 3–4; citations for

Andrew Pardoe (30 years archival/land title research) and David Brennen (former Treasurer/President, Heritage Trail and OGS initiatives).
- **Beryl Seckington Joins Committee**: August 2026, p. 3.

ANZAC Day Commemorations

- **ANZAC Day 2024 Service**: May 2024, pp. 1, 7; community service and parade led by pipe band; BHG wreath laid by President Amy Press featuring camellia leaves and seven red poppies handknitted by Christine from The Good Yarn.
- **ANZAC Day 2025**: May 2025, p. 5; photo report of the 11:00 am service and community parade at the Southern Villages Memorial.
- **ANZAC Day 2026 Preview**: April 2026, p. 5; Geoff McCubbin reciting his short story "The Asterisks of Mellengrove".

Archives Group Reports (Ian Smith, Beryl Seckington, Carol Cosgrove)

- **2024**
  - **December 2023 – January 2024**: February 2024, pp. 2–3; Armsign heritage signs; 65 accessions from OGS cleanup; Amos family photo; Callaghan family inquiry; Erith Coal Mine talk request; Microsoft Cloud setup; 1 Ebury St cottage history; new subject headings (Good Yarn, Real Estate - General, Bushfire Brigade Auxiliary); oral history additions (Garry Barnsley, Kate Perkins, Christine Smith).
  - **February – March 2024**: April 2024, pp. 13–14; photo requests for *Highlife* and *JCG*; Folk Festival bushfire movie; research support for Kerri Hillsdon (railway thesis), Penny O'Shea (Emma Harriman), and Ella Tyler; Garden Club collections processing; 30 new collection items; inquiries on Lillian Calverley (BDHS collaboration) and Gambell's Rest; website updates, newsletter removal over copyright concern, and archive database download; research on 16 Viewland Street and builder Joseph Counsell.
  - **April 2024**: May 2024, pp. 13–14; Heritage Trail brochure revision; new subject heading Early Families - 'Dennis'; 31 accessions and 45 new photos (24 to Perfect Pictures); inquiries on Margaret Johnson (Anny Ventura), Thomas Hayman medal (Billie Arnull), St Brigid's Church, miniature golf course photos, and Cranbrook guest house; Trove digitisation teleconference; cloud storage setup using Microsoft 365/OneDrive; Edward Newell Vennard / Nicholls & Co research (Quest for Life); Ann Rocca talk booking; Eurobodalla fire oral histories website link; copyright disclaimer added.
  - **June 2024**: July 2024, pp. 19–20; Station Heights 1924 map; UP Shed shelving; inquiries on Spring Hill, Old Bike Shop, Margaret Johnson.
  - **July 2024**: August 2024, pp. 32–33; Spring Hill DA objection; Peter Noonan railway lamp donation; Cecil Greenaway & Chinese restaurant research.
  - **August 2024**: September 2024, pp. 13–14; Leaver Park video; OTTER transcriptions; Ralph Clark tapes; Gambell family & Springvale research.
  - **September 2024**: October 2024, pp. 25–26; OGS Railway Exhibition; school documentary; Brian Mitchell & Cecily Chittick interviews; Bundanoon Hotel ghost query.

    - **October 2024**: November 2024, pp. 24–25; Kincoppal photos; Graeme Armitt ham radio query; Theatre Restaurant photos; Rex Cinema centenary.
    - **November 2024**: December 2024, p. 27; Oral history morning tea wrap-up; library donations; Bundanoon quilt records; 1977 recipe book request.
- **2025**
    - **December 2024 – January 2025**: February 2025, pp. 11–12; Osborn House draft heritage nomination; Donna Andrews recording; new catalog headings.
    - **February 2025**: March 2025, p. 19; Drive backups; Sandy Berry talk assistance; Memorial Hall photos for Highlife; Mildenhall records.
    - **March & April 2025**: May 2025, pp. 15–18; Camp Orana records; The Shack heritage study; 57 tape conversions; Bush Fire Brigade cuttings.
    - **May 2025**: June 2025, pp. 15–16; Bundanoon Place Plan tracks inquiry; Good Yarn re-cataloged; 1993 Roy White interview; Sandstone Quarries video.
    - **June 2025**: July 2025, pp. 28–29; Camp Orana boxed records; Anny Ventura speaker booking; 34 Church St & Dick Leaver queries; financial culling.
    - **July 2025**: August 2025, pp. 20–22; Northern info bay signs; 34 Church St; Harold Sidwick Hodge (Treelands); Spring Hill court prep; photo software replacement.
    - **August 2025**: September 2025, pp. 9–10; Benachie inquiry; Bundanoon Hotel & Rosnel golf course DAs; Significant Tree Register review.
    - **October 2025**: November 2025, pp. 19–20; 12 Rosenthal Ave garden notes; 40–48 Blue Gum Rd DA refusal; Anny Ventura & Djon Mundine audio archived.
    - **November 2025**: December 2025, pp. 13–14; Submission on Planning Proposal PP 2024-2040; info bay entry text; Badge Harvison books; Norlex water campaign files; Doyle & Larkin inquiry.
- **2026**
    - **February 2026**: March 2026, pp. 8–9; JCG article extracts; David Baxter's Moss Vale Museum tour prep; Federation tree planting web page and QR code; Griffith University extreme weather heritage impact study; Wingello rare eucalyptus query; Kerri Hillsdon railway thesis added.
    - **March 2026**: April 2026, pp. 10–11; New subject heading SH 10.11 Photographers and Photography; 6 archive boxes of Norlex water campaign cataloged; Stage 2 Heritage Trail signs planning (Erith St side); Diana Dorothy Nicholls McLeod query.
    - **June 2026**: July 2026, pp. 21–23; Shops exhibition prep and Bud/Maureen Townsing tribute; new First Nations panels drafted; Rosnel research (David Jones / Dormie House); Council endorsement of Planning Proposal PP-2024-2040; inquiries on Maemede, Mittabah, and Terry Park Golf Links; new heading 5.6/36 Shops & Businesses - Florists; Southern Highlands Carriage Club web feature.
    - **July 2026**: August 2026, pp. 6–8; Shops display installation; Rosnel manager David Jones background; inquiries on streetscapes (1970s) and Cotter family; Trevor Edmonds Exeter disaster talk recorded and paper added to library; Picturing Penrose book; Railway Disasters web feature.
    - **August 2026**: September 2026, pp. 17–18; Bundanoon Place Plan adopted by Council; mobile library launch recording; new books (Colonial Ladies, Then and There Lying Dead, Bundanoon Sandstone Quarries); Museums and Galleries census survey; Bank of NSW document; 78 accessions.
    - **September 2026**: October 2026, pp. 11–12; ANU Precarious Oral Histories survey; six oral history movies completed with seventh in progress; second movie added to Shops exhibition; *Place of Deep Gullies* added to library and catalogue uploaded to

website; Stage 2 Heritage Trail signage discussions (7 Ebury St, 26 Erith St butcher, 1 Ebury St research); OGS archives room storage reorganization; RAHS Exeter seminar wrap-up; William & Mary Marr photo order; Blue Plaque nomination for Gus Nicholas submitted (Round 4); submission on Council's draft Comprehensive Development Control Plan (DCP); 'Spring Hill' visit notes.
    - **October 2026**: November 2026, pp. 16–17; Stage 2 Heritage Trail route inspection and draft signage research (1 Ebury St with Tathra Fletcher, Bundanoon Oval sign featuring Charles Ross); public inquiry assistance for Katrina Kittel on Colin Booth and Booth-Geddes family; Pete Trood inquiry on Mulberry Cottage (Jackman's Cottage); David Baxter Museum article written; Libby Anderson talk recorded; former Presbyterian Church in Phillip Street sold and heritage status reviewed with Dennis McManus; completion of all 7 oral history movies and window posters created; Springhill and Central West trip photos uploaded; 13 accessions.

Arthritis Community Wellness Session

- **Event Notice**: June 2025, p. 14; invitation from Bundanoon Garden Club for a wellness presentation conducted by The Arthritis Movement on 5 June.

Australia's History of Massacres (Colonial Frontier Wars 1788–1930) (David Brennen)

- **Frontier Wars Analysis**: February 2026, pp. 6–12; prompted by the Bondi Beach tragedy and Australia Day; examination of frontier violence and the Australian War Memorial redevelopment; Prof. Lyndall Ryan’s University of Newcastle massacre mapping project (recording 438 massacres and 10,657 victims); 1816 Appin Massacre under Gov. Macquarie; frontier tactics, lack of legal protections under English law, and modern truth-telling through the Yoorrook Justice Commission.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea Results & Announcements

- **July 2024 (p. 2)**: Fundraiser recap ($400 raised for the Cancer Council); Marie Klausen’s Edwardian day dress collection and parasol.
- **April 2025 (p. 10) / May 2025 (p. 18)**: Notice and donation links for the June 2025 fundraiser.
- **July 2025 (p. 2)**: Results of June morning tea ($465 raised, rounded to $500 by BHG).
- **April 2026 (p. 5)**: Advance notice for the annual Biggest Morning Tea to be held at the 1 June meeting.
- **July 2026 (pp. 2–4)**: 1 June 2026 morning tea report and photo gallery; record $810 raised for the Cancer Council.

Badge Harvison: Bundanoon's Poet (Steve Press)

- **Profile & Works**: November 2025, pp. 4–5; biographical profile of J.B. 'Badge' Harvison (1907–1991), outback drover, WW2 veteran, and bush poet who retired to Birriga Avenue in 1973; bibliography of works donated by Crawfurd Hunt to the BHG Library.

BBQ at Bundanoon Public School

- **Event Report**: November 2024, p. 5; post-meeting visit and community BBQ on 7 October celebrating the newly installed heritage trail sign.

BBQ at Gambells Rest (Start of the Year Gatherings)

- **February 2024 (p. 2)**: Social Committee commended for the 30 January 2024 gathering of 40 people for drinks, nibbles, and sausage sizzle.
- **December 2024 (p. 4) / February 2025 (p. 14)**: Notice and photo collage from the 28 January 2025 social BBQ.
- **December 2025 (p. 14) / February 2026 (p. 3)**: Advance notice and photo report from the 27 January 2026 drinks at Gambells Rest.

Bedervale Background (Graham Morgan)

- **Architectural History**: October 2024, pp. 19–21; Bedervale near Braidwood, designed by Regency architect John Verge for Captain John Coghill; Verge's colonial portfolio; Rachel Roxburgh's research and Coghill's 17th-century desk.

Berrima Gaol Development

- **Development Application Commentary**: November 2025, pp. 23–24; AGHS-SHB commentary on State Significant DA proposing a restaurant entrance penetration through the historic sandstone wall and realignment of the entry rose garden.

Berrima Museum Visit & Walk

- **Excursion Report**: May 2024, pp. 1–2; visit on 23 April 2024 by 20 members to the BDHS Story Centre ("Garden & Landscapes of the Southern Highlands Then & Now"), followed by a walk along the river and sausage sizzle at Berrima Reserve.

Blue Plaque Nominations & Newsletter Updates

- **August 2024 (pp. 31–32)**: Initial nomination for The Pill Factory honoring William Augustus (Gus) Nicholas and his wives, Sarah and Sarah Elizabeth Grub Lake.
- **March 2026 (p. 7) / April 2026 (p. 9)**: Heritage NSW Blue Plaques program updates and trail news.
- **October 2026 (pp. 12, 14)**: Round 4 nomination submission details for William Augustus (Gus) Nicholas (1844–1921), homeopath, photographer, and founder of The Pill Factory (12 Anzac Parade); background on over 150 nominations in contention.
- **November 2026 (p. 17)**: Notification from the Blue Plaques committee that the nomination for Gus Nicholas was not successful among over 150 nominations; link to video on NSW Blue Plaques.

Brigadoon (Bundanoon Highland Gathering)

- **Volunteering Recaps**: August 2024, p. 5 $(504 raised)$; $June 2025, p. 2$(595 raised).
- **1978 First Brigadoon Photo & Video**: April 2026, p. 2; archival cover image of the inaugural 1978 parade; link to Beryl Seckington's Legend of Brigadoon video.

Bundanoon Community Quilt

- **Website Feature**: July 2025, p. 29; website feature and video link detailing the historic town quilt hanging in the foyer of Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

Bundanoon Croquet Club: History & 1992 Origins (Steve Press)

- **Club History**: December 2025, pp. 6–10; March 2026, p. 2; founding in 1992 by Leila and Jim Merson following a visit to a Canberra rose show; swap of proposed bowling club car park for the Lower Lawn; Jack & Gloria Turner land history; shift to Golf Croquet under Alan Millward (2009); conversion of second bowling green in 2011; Leila Merson's oral history and photo donation; recap of Steve Press's February 2026 meeting presentation.

Bundanoon Folk Festival: "38 Days" Performance & Morton Bushfire Recordings (David Brennen)

- **Folk Festival Feature**: March 2024, pp. 2–3; Dave Johnson (folk songwriter, Penrose) weaving oral history audio extracts from the BHG 2020 Morton Bushfire Project into the musical performance "38 Days" presented at the November 2023 Folk Festival final concert; website video link with subtitles and sound enhancements by Beryl Seckington.

Bundanoon History Group: Origins & Early History

- **40th Anniversary Foundations (Amy Press)**: February 2024, p. 1; precursors to formation: 1960 BDHS founding, 1964 Les Grice articles in Berrima District Post, and Dulcie Shannon's 1980 Beautiful Bundanoon; 28 March 1984 inaugural meeting convened by Lucy Rocca and Norma Edmonds; first President Mary Condon.
- **1993–1994 Milestones & Old Goods Shed Lease (Ralph Clark)**: February 2024, pp. 3–4; incorporation under Model Rules (John Hartnett, first Public Officer); negotiating lease of Old Goods Shed with NSW Rail and John Fahey; National Trust classification of Railway and Erith St Station Group; Dave Lidgard coordinating community restoration with Karl Burg, Bill Testing, James Peters, Carl Manning, Wayne Todd, and Chris Bromfield; colour scheme chosen (Brunswick Green roof, Biscuit walls, Venetian Red trim).

Bundanoon History Guided Walking Tour

- **Event Notice**: October 2024, p. 23; announcement and booking details for 1-hour town center history walks held during the Garden Ramble on 26 October.

Bundanoon Hospital Mystery, The (Linkside & Devonleigh) (Steve Press)

- **Investigation**: February 2026, pp. 13–14; inquiries regarding a lost local hospital; Candidate 1: Linkside Convalescent Hospital / Nursing Home (formerly Maidstone/Linkside Guest House, demolished 2007 for Warrigal Care); Candidate 2: Devonleigh (1890s guesthouse, used in 1970 by Goulburn Teachers College, and late 70s/80s as a halfway house for Kenmore Psychiatric Hospital patients before burning down in 1983; site now Osborn House car park).

Bundanoon Information Boards Renewal & Heritage Signage (Carol Cosgrove / Ian Smith)

- **August 2025 (pp. 14–15)**: Inspection with Geoff Pollard (BCA) of northern entry boards; plans for upgraded vinyl signage.
- **March 2026 (p. 11)**: Proposed site photo for Federation trees commemorative signage.
- **April 2026 (p. 10)**: Digital sign design for Federation Trees south of the Info Bay; Stage 2 Heritage Trail signs planned for the Erith St side (St Brigid's, former shops at Ellsmore Rd corner, butcher's shop, Recreation Oval, Jordan's Crossing, Quest for Life).
- **September 2026 (pp. 4–5, 11)**: Installation of the Federation Trees heritage sign next to the echidna statue by Peter Krogh and Steve Press under Section 138 Roads Act approval; approval of $5,000 Council grant for Stage 2 Heritage Trail expansion.
- **October 2026 (p. 11)**: Progress on Stage 2 Heritage Trail signage following $4,000 Council grant; site selection discussions for 7 Ebury St (owners declined sign) and 26 Erith St (old butcher's shop); research into 1 Ebury St.
- **November 2026 (p. 16)**: Walking inspection for Stage 2 placement; Carol Cosgrove researching 1 Ebury St with former owner Tathra Fletcher; Beryl Seckington drafting Bundanoon Oval sign incorporating Charles Ross history.

Bundanoon Mini Golf

- **Archival Feature**: April 2025, p. 10; photo from 1931 showing the mini golf course installed behind the Bundanoon Hotel by Roger Terry after an application by Miss E. Tyler.

Bundanoon Name Origins ("What's in A Name?")

- **Historical Etymology**: August 2026, p. 3; two interpretations of the name "Bantanoon" noted by Throsby and Meehan in 1818 from Aboriginal guides Timelong and Munnaana: "Place of deep gullies" (geographic) and Dr. Chris Illert's linguistic translation "Where someone rests between places" (sanctuary/trading boundary).

Bundanoon Pharmacy History Update (Steve Press / Jan Hinde)

- **Family History Update**: February 2024, p. 7; clarifications from Es Hinde's daughter Jan regarding the pharmacy (1955–1976): her mother’s name was Bet (Elizabeth) Hinde, who opened the adjacent gift shop (and later one in Moss Vale); Es Hinde's heart attack in the dispensary prompting sale to S. Smith and retirement; 1968 photo by Ted Swadling.

Bundanoon Place Plan: Submissions & Council Adoption

- **June 2026 Submission (Jo le Cheminant)**: July 2026, p. 20; BHG response supporting the draft plan with proposed enhancements: recognizing heritage character, leading Stage 2 Heritage Trail (Erith St), Federation Trees interpretation, and annual Australian Heritage Festival walks.
- **Council Adoption**: September 2026, p. 17; unanimous adoption by Wingecarribee Shire Council on 19 August 2026 incorporating Stage 2 Heritage Trail and Heritage Festival activities.

Bundanoon Public School History & Heritage Sign (Carol Cosgrove / Loray Freeman)

- **New Heritage Sign Installed**: May 2024, p. 8; installation at the corner of Church and Phillip Streets by school father Chris Brennan over Easter; grant funding from Southern Highlands Community Foundation.
- **Headmaster William Wilberforce Hawes (Loray Freeman)**: May 2024, pp. 8–10; biographical profile of Will Hawes (1870–1948), Headmaster 1929–1935; teaching history (Fort Street, Barringun, Tomingley, Crookwell); two-classroom school life, schoolhouse residence, and Maryann the cow; post-retirement homes "Rosewood" (Nicholas Ave) and "Stonehaven" (Penrose Rd); wood carving craftsmanship despite left-hand accident; cemetery trusteeship and community hospital fundraising.
- **Detailed Chronology (Carol Cosgrove)**: November 2024, pp. 5–7; from the 1871 Provisional School at the Methodist Church to the 1880 site purchase from George Osborn; teachers Dinah Osborn, Henry Lovell, and Sarah Lake; the 1909 Arts and Crafts library building by Walter Liberty Vernon; 1935 outbuildings and 1971 centenary gates.

Bundanoon Station Celebration (Steve Press)

- **Opening Report**: November 2024, pp. 9–11; refurbished station buildings by TAHE; arrival of Steam Locomotive 3265; Gundungurra Welcome to Country; speeches by Howard Collins, Lyndal Punch, Wendy Tuckerman MP, and Anna Watson MP; ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Bundanoon Station Garden Improvements (Jo le Cheminant)

- **Works Overview**: October 2025, pp. 11–12; refurbishment by Sydney Trains along Erith Street: tree clearing/pruning, replacing timber sleeper retaining walls, and planting replacement crab-apple trees.

Bundanoon Tartan (25 Years)

- **Tartan Milestone**: February 2025, p. 11; quarter-century anniversary of the official tartan designed by Peter Rocca, Betty Johnston, and Pat Green; symbolism of colours (green valleys, yellow wattle, red waratah, rail track lines, blue sky, white mist).

Bundanoon: The Nation's Capital? (Ian Smith)

- **Capital Bid History**: November 2025, pp. 13–17; 1899–1902 search for Australia's

federal capital; Alexander Oliver Royal Commission; Gus Nicholas's 1902 promotional leaflet arguing for a Southern Highlands site near Kareela/Bundanoon embracing water supply, rail links, defense, and cool bracing climate.

Bundanoon Uniting Church Lease & Heritage Protection (Carol Cosgrove)

- **Heritage Representation**: December 2025, p. 18; BHG formal letter to the Uniting Church Property Trust regarding commercial leasing of the 4 Church Street church, detailing its listing under Planning Proposal PP 2024-40 including the Garden of Memories and columbarium.

Bundanoon Winterfest

- **Festival Timeline**: July 2024, p. 17; origins and history of the winter community celebration (2006–2023 timeline).

Bushfire History & Community Recovery (Morton 2020 Project)

- **Strength Through Adversity Showcase (Bowral)**: April 2024, p. 15; May 2024, p. 4; invitation and report on BHG's participation at the 12 April 2024 showcase at Bowral Town Hall / Memorial Hall (Henrietta Rose Room), organised by South Western Sydney Local Health District, Wingecarribee Shire Council, and River Road Creative Academy; presentation of Morton Bushfire video and historical newspaper displays by David Brennen.
- **Circa Journal Feature (Francesca Beddie)**: May 2024, p. 4; profile in *Circa: The Journal of Professional Historians Australia* recalling the 28 December 2019 Memorial Hall meeting and founding of the Morton 2020 bushfire history project.
- **Voices from Within Project (Eurobodalla)**: May 2024, p. 5; launch of Black Summer bushfire oral history project by CABBI and Dr Margaret Park at Batemans Bay Library (15 interviews).
- **It's Been 5 Years: Black Summer Retrospective (Steve Press / Donna Andrews)**: February 2025, pp. 4–5.

Canterbury Cathedral Excursion (Kent, England 2026) (Amy Press)

- **Travelogue**: July 2026, pp. 6–8; personal travelogue revisiting Canterbury; staying in Cathedral lodge grounds; experiencing Evensong choir and pipe organ; reflections on Bijan Omrani’s 2025 history book *God is an Englishman*.

Caroline Simpson Library (Visits & Reports) (Steve Press)

- **August 2024 (p. 6)**: AGHS visit to The Mint; Berrima Bridge Nurseries collection and Paul Sorensen 1942 drawing.
- **March–May 2025 notices**: Dates and booking updates for the 4 June train excursion.
- **July 2025 (pp. 7–9)**: Group tour report covering The Mint, Caroline Simpson Library displays, lunch in St James Crypt (Jardin St James), and church walk with Rev. John

Stewart.

Centenary of Federation Tree Planting (Steve Press)

- **October 2025 (pp. 6–9) / March 2026 (p. 11) / September 2026 (pp. 4–5)**: History of the September 2001 tree planting on Bundanoon Road initiated by Melissa Boyack's inquiry into John "Chalky" Dimmock's memorial tree; roles of John and Elizabeth Royal; installation of commemorative sign at 441 Bundanoon Road beside the echidna statue under Roads Act permit.

Christmas Party Announcements & Reports

- **2024 Event**: October 2024, p. 4; November 2024, p. 8; December 2024, pp. 16–26; gala report and presentation of Life Memberships to Dave Lidgard, Pat Guy, Ralph Clark, Marianne Ward, and Graham Morgan.
- **2025 Event**: October 2025, p. 17; November 2025, p. 6; December 2025, pp. 20–22; coverage of the 1 December lunch; presentation of BHG Life Membership to Beryl Seckington.
- **Origami Christmas Tree Table Decorations (Margie Thomas)**: February 2026, p. 2; re-homing handcrafted brown paper trees made by Jo le Cheminant for nativity displays and wreaths.
- **2026 Event Notices & Menu**: July 2026, p. 15; October 2026, p. 15; November 2026, p. 4; booking notices and menu for Monday 7 December 2026 Christmas lunch (12 noon) at Soldiers' Memorial Hall catered by Chef in My Kitchen (sliced roast turkey with cranberry jus, sliced ham leg with pear & cinnamon chutney, traditional Christmas pudding with brandy cream / almond & cherry torte); music by Les Rundle; $40 members / $50 non-members.

Churches of Bundanoon (The 4th Church / Presbyterian Church) (Steve Press)

- **Denominational History**: August 2025, pp. 3–5; former Presbyterian Church at 3 Phillip Street; services from 1929, 1959 church hall built by student minister W. Drooger and Capt. R. Stewart; memorial gate plaque to Charlie Ross (Rosnel).
- **Property Sale & Memorial Plaque**: November 2026, p. 17; sale of the former Presbyterian Church at 3 Phillip Street; photographic documentation of building and memorial gate plaque to Charlie Ross; discussions with Dennis McManus regarding heritage listing and conservation.

Church Street Subdivision and Jackman's Cottage (Caroline Cosgrove)

- **Land & Family History**: August 2025, pp. 17–20; DP 1032 (1883 George & Dinah Osborn subdivision); ownership sequence of 34 Church Street (William Hall, Thomas Mitchell, Rose Barton, Graeme Armitt); origins of Mulberry Cottage (Thomas Trood, 1884), Annie & John Jackman, Hillside Cottage, and survival of the 1904 bushfire.

Coach Trip to Braidwood

- **Part 1 (Preview)**: August 2024, pp. 3–4; Tarago heritage, Woodlawn Bioreactor, and Tarago Truffles.
- **Part 2 (Background)**: October 2024, pp. 14–15; heritage classification, gold rush sites, film history, Royal Mail Hotel, and Bedervale.
- **Part 3 (Report)**: October 2024, pp. 16–19; excursion report visiting Braidwood Museum, St Bede's Church, CWA lunch, and Bedervale Homestead.

Coach Trip to Parramatta Female Factory

- **Preview & Itinerary**: February 2026, p. 15; notice for 10 March 2026 tour of the 1821 convict penitentiary precinct, lunch, and historic drive-by tour.
- **Tour Report & UNESCO Campaign**: April 2026, pp. 6–7; 2-hour tour guided by the "Friends" association; everyday survival, marriage liberties, and ongoing campaign following the denial of UNESCO World Heritage listing.

Committee Farewell Dinner (Graham Morgan, Don Gray & Kerri Goulding)

- **Retirement Function**: April 2025, p. 4; social gathering on 24 February at the Bundanoon Hotel honoring retiring long-serving committee members.

Community Heritage Study (Wingecarribee 2021–23) & Planning Proposal PP 2024-2040 / DCP (Carol Cosgrove / Dennis McManus)

- **Initial Review & Demolition Threats**: March 2024, p. 7; appointment of Heritage Architect Robert Staas as independent reviewer; demolition of 'Murrabrine' (50 Old Hume Hwy, Mittagong) for 16 seniors' villas, and Interim Heritage Order placed on 2 Pioneer St, Mittagong.
- **Conservation Area Extensions**: September 2024, pp. 4–8.
- **Submission Letter on Council Delays**: April 2025, pp. 13–15.
- **Dennis McManus Briefing on Scope & Lack of Protection**: June 2025, pp. 6–7.
- **Gateway Clearance**: August 2025, p. 16 (412 items and 7 conservation areas cleared).
- **Public Exhibition & Guide**: November 2025, pp. 21–23; December 2025, p. 17.
- **Final Council Endorsement (June 2026)**: July 2026, p. 18; August 2026, p. 8 (Council votes 5–3 endorsing 396 new items, 4 HCAs, 3 extensions including Bundanoon; re-establishing Heritage Advisory Committee and Assistance Program).
- **Draft Comprehensive Development Control Plan (DCP) Submission**: October 2026, p. 12; BHG comments and formal offer to Council to submit a dedicated history of Bundanoon for inclusion in the DCP.

Costume Drama, A: Making Mina's Gown (Alison Ayers)

- **Theatre Craft**: August 2026, pp. 4–5; period tea gown for Mina Murray in Melting Pot Theatre's production of Dracula - A Love Story; crafting the gown from vintage 1960s

Laura Ashley chintz donated by Kay Morgan, antique buttons, and garage sale toile de Jouy using an authentic 1890s Black Snail pattern.

Currawong (12 Rosenthal Avenue): Tree, Shrub & House Notes (Carol Cosgrove)

- **House & Garden Profile**: December 2025, pp. 11–13; history of the 1926 home built for paediatrician Dr Laurence Hughes and Muriel Annie Stuart; detailed 1927–1965 family tree-planting diary (Pin Oak for son Paul, Dawn Redwood, Torulosa pines); Muriel's pottery using "Bundy clay"; architectural details and garden mapping preserved by current owner Tracy Destree.

Development Applications & Objections

- **Spring Hill (159 Railway Ave)**: August 2024, pp. 27–30; November 2024, pp. 21–23; April 2025, pp. 11–13; August 2025, pp. 11–12; October 2025, pp. 15–16; Council refusal, Land & Environment Court conciliation termination, and on-site hearing submissions (Carol Cosgrove, Keith Spencer) focusing on curtilage, Robertson Basalt forest remnants, and fauna.
- **Bundanoon Hotel (DA 25/2627)**: September 2025, p. 3; 8 residences proposed at the rear NW corner; John Oultram HIS; BHG satisfied curtilage and streetscape are preserved.
- **Former Rosnel Golf Course (40–48 Blue Gum Rd / DA 22/1505)**: October 2025, pp. 13–14; November 2025, p. 24; BHG objection to 25-lot subdivision removing mature exotic trees; refused by Council Planning Panel.
- **Parramatta Heritage Development (Andrew Charlton MP)**: April 2026, p. 11; development threatening to overshadow Experiment Farm, Elizabeth Farm, Hambledon Cottage, and Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral.

Dinner at The Bundanoon Club

- **Social Event**: July 2024, p. 4; social turnout and report from the half-yearly raffle dinner held on 21 June.

Edmund Osborn Milne DSO, CdeG, OBE (Alison Ayers)

- **Military & Railway Biography**: May 2024, pp. 5–7; born Bundanoon 1886 to Edmund Milne (first Stationmaster, 1883, later Deputy Commissioner); joined NSW Railways at 15, becoming youngest inspector at 28 in 1914; raised 1st Australian Railway Supply Detachment (ArSD) in 4 days and sailed aboard HMAT *Berrima* to Gallipoli; commanded all supply at Anzac Cove; awarded DSO (1916), mentioned in despatches four times, married Sister Myra Wyse (1918); his sword used by King George V to knight Sir John Monash at Chateau de Bertangles; awarded Croix de Guerre and OBE (1940); WWII quartermaster service and longtime Anzac Day March Marshall in Sydney.

Emerson Grove (9 Panorama Road / Maryland / Ash Grove) (Caroline

Cosgrove)

- **Garden & Property History**: March 2024, pp. 3–5; early land history from 1867 Robert & Jeanie Amos farm and surviving late 19th-century timber barn; 1938 two-storey residence built by Sydney builder Charles Alexander Stewart (CAS) Boag and wife Kathleen; planting of 20,000 imported tulips and spring open gardens attracting tourist buses for the Ryde Home for Incurables; 1949 relocation to Wingello (Spring Valley and Green Valley).

Events Coming Up / What's Coming Up Summaries

- **Consolidated Forward Planners**: February 2024, p. 8; March 2024, p. 3; September 2024, p. 10; October 2024, pp. 22–23; March 2025, pp. 20–21; April 2025, p. 9; May 2025, p. 6; October 2025, p. 17; December 2025, p. 14; April 2026, p. 5; July 2026, p. 15; August 2026, p. 12; schedules covering monthly meetings, exhibitions, tours, and gatherings.
- **October 2026 Program & Reminders**: October 2026, pp. 2, 12, 13, 15, 16.
- **November 2026 Program & Reminders**: November 2026, pp. 3, 4, 5, 11; includes Kerri Hillsdon rail history talk (2 Nov), Club Raffle Night (6 Nov), Linda Bottari Open Studio (7–8 Nov), Oral History Morning Tea (12 Nov), and Christmas Party (7 Dec).

Excursion to Cooma & The Snowy Mountains (March 2025)

- **Notices & Pre-Trip Dinner**: November 2024, p. 2; March 2025, p. 20; April 2025, p. 4; bookings and pre-departure dinner.
- **Tour Report**: April 2025, pp. 6–8; excursion covering Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre, Cooma Gaol, restored railway station, Lake Jindabyne, Wildbrumby Schnapps, Mt Gladstone, and Lanyon Homestead.

Exeter & Bundanoon Historic Tour (17 May 1986 Precursor Document) (Steve Press / Carol Cosgrove)

- **Archival Itinerary**: May 2025, pp. 9–11; analysis of an archival 1986 tour itinerary donated by Peter Ellsmore; historical notes on Ringwood Colliery tramway, Eric Lloyd Jones' dairy yields, Rosenthal Avenue origins, troop horse No. 736, Gus Nicholas' Golden Cross powders, and Quarry Road rock shelters.

Exeter Train Disaster (13 March 1914) (Trevor Edmonds)

- **Disaster Retrospective**: July 2026, p. 17; August 2026, p. 2; summary of the Temora Mail collision with a goods train resulting in 14–15 deaths; conflicting versions between night officer Alexander Callen and driver Peter Irwin.

Exeter Village Association (EVA) Lifetime Membership Award

- **Honorary Presentation**: July 2026, p. 14; award presented on 25 May to Angela Williamson acknowledging six years of service as Secretary and Acting Secretary.

Exhibitions at the Old Goods Shed

- **Garden History Exhibition Opening & Coverage**: February 2024, p. 5; March 2024, pp. 5–6; 15 February 2024 official opening by President Amy Press; curated with Bundanoon Garden Club and AGHS; features 1880s graphoscope 3D photos, Dorothy Friend House garden, WS Friend sales catalogues and antique implements (scarifier, seeder), and Gardening Australia video.
- **Winter in Bundanoon**: July 2024, p. 18; August 2024, p. 5; September 2024, p. 9; town winter history and Winterfest retrospective.
- **How The Railways Made Bundanoon**: November 2024, pp. 13–14; March 2026, p. 10; July 2026, p. 9; August 2026, p. 6; panels, Townsing cut-outs, and post office opening memorabilia; final chance notice before closure.
- **Shopping in Bundanoon (1882–2026): "Butcher, Baker, Gem Scone Maker"**: August 2026, pp. 10–11; September 2026, p. 6; October 2026, pp. 7, 11; exhibition dedicated to Bud & Maureen Townsing updating their 2010 Shops Project; photographic comparison of commercial buildings and shopkeepers; addition of second movie screened at OGS; commemorative free bookmark available to members.

Farewell from Graham (Graham Morgan)

- **Committee Retirement**: March 2025, pp. 12–13; retirement reflections after 20 years on the BHG Committee across roles as Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Secretary.

Financial Report (August 2024) (David le Cheminant)

- **Treasury Summary**: August 2024, p. 15; balances ($12,350 total), council grant funding, and returns from the Bundanoon Club raffle and Brigadoon Ceilidh volunteering.

Finding Harmony: A King's Vision (Documentary Screenings)

- **Documentary Overview**: March 2026, p. 6; April 2026, pp. 7–8; invitation and screening report of The King's Foundation Australia's Prime Video documentary at Empire Cinema, Bowral (12–13 March 2026); details on King Charles III’s philosophy of Harmony connecting nature and human wellbeing, Dumfries House living lab, and its application to Hillview in Sutton Forest.

Florist Shop Opening: "Fresh as a Daisy" (Old Bank of NSW Building)

- **Business Heritage**: July 2026, p. 16; opening of new florist at the detached brick building in Anzac Parade; built 1950, leased by L.J. Terry to the Bank of NSW from 1953 to 1964.

Folk Festival at the Old Goods Shed

- **Festival HQ Notices**: December 2024, p. 4; November 2025, p. 20; use of the OGS as ticketing office and music stage during the November festival.

Fox Hollow (48 Erith Street, Bundanoon) (Carol Cosgrove)

- **Heritage & Market Value**: September 2026, pp. 9–11; property history of the c. 100-year-old beaded weatherboard cottage on DP 1307; Crown grant to George Wilson Osborn (1882); sold in 1889 to Jane Bearman (Mountain Home Guest House manager); sold to Lockstone, Grono, and William Henry Isaac (1921); sale in June 2026 for a $250,000 profit disproving claims that heritage listing depresses value.

Free Bookmark: Shopping in Bundanoon

- **Promotional Memento**: October 2026, p. 7; commemorative bookmark issued to BHG members celebrating the "Shopping in Bundanoon Exhibition (1882–2026)" at the Old Goods Shed.

From the President / President's Report (Amy Press)

- **February 2024 (p. 1)**: BHG 40th anniversary milestones; early groundwork leading to 1984 founding; Andrew Killingsworth railway precinct presentation notice.
- **March 2024 (p. 1)**: Reflections on March 1985 first AGM under Lucy Rocca and completion of research into Bundanoon's 64 guest houses; permanent loan of 1934 foundation trowel to BCA.
- **April 2024 (p. 1)**: Wrap-up of the 20 March oral history morning tea (60 attendees); call for volunteers for recording, transcription using voice recognition software, and family history segments.
- **May 2024 (pp. 1–2)**: Autumn colors and Picnic Steam Train visits; Jennifer Jones family photo donations; William Wilberforce Hawes story; Alison Ayers' ANZAC article; knitted wreath poppies from The Good Yarn; Berrima visit and Bud Townsing's donation of *The Bundanoon Shops Project of 2010*.
- **July 2024 (p. 3)**: Reflections on family treasures, 40th exhibition, and Pat Guy's vase donation.
- **September 2024 (p. 3)**: Western NSW road trip observations (Mudgee, Wellington) and historic town preservation.
- **December 2024 (p. 3)**: Childhood Christmas memories (homemade doll's house, cane pram); 40th-anniversary thanks.

Fundraising Results, Notices & Raffles

- **August 2024 (p. 5) / March 2025 (p. 11) / April 2025 (p. 11)**: Brigadoon Ceilidh ($504) and Bundanoon Club meat raffles.
- **June 2025 (pp. 2, 13)**: Takings from volunteering at Brigadoon ($595) and the 9 May Bundanoon Club raffle night (306).
- **August 2025 (p. 9)**: Bundanoon Hotel trivia nights hosted by Dean Carey ($597 raised).
- **July 2025 (pp. 5–6) / September 2025 (pp. 5–6) / October 2025 (p. 20) / November 2025 (p. 24)**: Gourmet Weekend Getaway Raffle for Hyatt Hotel Canberra; over $4,000 profit raised to extend the Heritage Walk; drawn Labour Day, won by a Sydney resident.
- **September 2026 (p. 11) / November 2026 (p. 4)**: Save-the-date and booking notice for Club Raffle Night on Friday 6 November 2026 (6:00 pm) at The Bundanoon Club in

support of ongoing operating expenses.

Gambell's Rest Picnic Area, Shelter & Spring Vale (Carol Cosgrove)

- **History of Locality & Guesthouse**: April 2024, pp. 10–12; named after early railway fettler Thomas Bagnall Gambell (married Eliza Maria Sophia Brown, 1868) who bought 40 acres in 1875 named "Spring Vale"; 12 children; Gullies Trust member; guest house opened 1897 managed by daughter Lucy May, Mrs Bearman (1908), and daughter Bertha (c. 1914); 1906 Directory listing for 25 guests (equal highest with Woodside/Linkside); bought 1925 by William Henry Gambell, expanding to 40 guests with intensive orchard/vegetable farming; sold 1948 to Fred & Claudia Harvey; covered shelter at park entrance designed by Garnet Baker, built by volunteers, and opened 16 April 1921; Gambells Lookout opened 1933.

Gem Scones Recipe (Alice Miller)

- **Recipe**: April 2026, p. 13; traditional family recipe for 6 dozen gem scones as prepared for the Primula Café, baked in sizzling buttered gem irons.

Good Yarn, The: 50th Anniversary Milestones

- **Milestone Anniversaries**: March 2025, p. 10; April 2025, p. 10; history of the shop at Memorial Hall from the 1935 Bon Ton cafe to its 1975 founding by Neisha Macintosh; 50th birthday celebration notice.

Goulburn Visit & Waterworks Tour

- **Excursion Account**: May 2025, p. 6; June 2025, p. 11; July 2025, pp. 17, 27; joint meeting with History Goulburn at Goulburn Workers Club; Carol Cosgrove's talk; private tour of Goulburn Waterworks.

Growing Up in Bundanoon: Recollections from Dennis English (Keith Spencer)

- **1950s Reminiscences**: August 2024, pp. 19–22; Gemona Guest House, the Old Bike Shop grocery store, Post Office switchboard "Hello Girls," train visits, carbon arc film rods at the Memorial Hall, and Petersen's Garage.

Guest House Centenary: The Bundanoon Guest House (Gemona / Tree Tops)

- **February 2025 (p. 8) / March 2025 (p. 5) / April 2025 (p. 9) / June 2025 (p. 3)**: Centenary background and booking notices for 18 June 2025 function.
- **Detailed History (Keith Spencer)**: July 2025, pp. 11–16; Walter Grice's Summer Hill chapel guesthouse (burned 1920); Mount Russell Estate subdivision; Mary English building Gemona in 1925; Gerry English racing trains in his Studebaker; murder mystery weekends under the Taraksons; centenary drinks celebration recap.

Harper's Mansion Tour: The Publican and the Priests

- **Tour Notice**: April 2026, p. 12; notice for National Trust Berrima tour (18 April 2026) covering St Francis Xavier Church (Linda Emery on Pugin architecture), The Surveyor General Inn cellars (Chris Thompson on licensee James Harper), and Harper's Mansion (Ann Beaumont on the Harper family, parish priests, and cool-climate gardens).

Heritage for Sale: Prominent Historic Estates

- **Market Features**: March 2026, pp. 4–5; Mildenhall (10 Anzac Parade, built 1938–39 by Alma & Leslie Mildenhall, run as Glendalough, restored 1989 by Pam Davies); Maryland / Emerson Grove (9 Panorama Rd, built 1938 by builder Stewart Boag, 20,000 tulips); Newbury Farm (7300 Illawarra Hwy, 407-hectare estate, 1822 Macquarie land grant to Harbour Master John Nicholson, convict-built c. 1850 homestead, held 87 years by Simpson family).

Heritage Trail Brochure (Updated and Redesigned) (Carol Cosgrove, Beryl Seckington, Steve Press)

- **Brochure Revision**: July 2024, p. 16; self-guided tour revision adding signs for the Public School (No. 10), Bundanoon Hotel (No. 16), and Tennis Club (No. 17).

Hill View Estate & The King's Foundation Australia

- **November 2024 (p. 20) / February 2025 (pp. 6–7 - David Brennen)**: Transfer of the former Vice-Regal summer residence in Sutton Forest to TKFA; opinion piece on colonial reckoning.
- **June 2025 (p. 4)**: Official handover of keys to TKFA at NSW Government House and ongoing liaison between BHG and TKFA Administrator Angeline Collings.
- **September 2026 (p. 4) / October 2026 (pp. 2–3)**: Video presentation by Alex Douthwaite (Director of Design & Education, The King's Foundation) at the September meeting detailing planned conservation and education works at Hill View and its history during Governors' residencies.

How the Railway Made Bundanoon / Tracking Time (Caroline Cosgrove)

- **Comprehensive Histories**: July 2025, pp. 18–26; July 2026, pp. 9–14; Gundungurra Country; Charles Throsby (1818); 1860s fettlers camps at Barren Ground; opening of Jordan's Crossing siding (1868); coal, timber, and Hayman sandstone quarries; guesthouse tourism boom (Fernfield, The Knoll, over 60 establishments); shops, Calverley's Emporium, and Greason's butcher; postwar motoring transition; Morton National Park conservation.

Hyatt Hotel Canberra: Architectural History & Centenary (Steve Press)

- **Building Profile**: September 2025, p. 4; interview feature on the 1924 hotel designed by John Smith Murdoch in the "Garden Pavilion Style" as Hostel No. 1 for public servants; architectural traits and transition to Hotel Canberra.

Incomparable Sloggetts, The (Alison Ayers)

- **Vaudeville Mystery**: March 2025, pp. 14–17; investigation into backstage graffiti discovered in Soldiers' Memorial Hall dated 11 July 1939; history of Charles Sloggett's touring vaudeville and illusion troupe; python dancer Athena Pallas; gifts of vintage posters, flyers, and memoirs from magician Alan Sloggett.

It's Been 5 Years: Black Summer Bushfire Recollections (Steve Press / Donna Andrews)

- **Retrospective**: February 2025, pp. 4–5; fifth anniversary retrospective of the 2019/2020 Currowan bushfire hitting Bundanoon on 4 January 2020; transcript of Donna Andrews escaping through a wall of fire, losing her home, and advocating through Bushfire Survivors for Climate Action.

Kangaroo Recruitment March Centenary Re-enactment (KMCR) (Angela Williamson)

- **Commemorative History**: November 2025, pp. 7–12; ten-year retrospective of the October 2015 centenary re-enactment of the 1915 Wagga-to-Sydney recruitment march; encampment at Bundanoon Public School; visit by Premier Mike Baird; Federation Guard catafalque party at the War Memorial; singing 'She Who Gives Her Son'; evening dinner and show in the Memorial Hall.

Kareela: A History of the Lost Village (Andrew Pardoe)

- **Locality History**: November 2024, pp. 17–19; historical profile of Kareela (originally Wollondilly); orchards, sawmill, 1918 fruit-canning and refrigeration plant; Thomas Wright and Clara Nicholas wedding; Federal Capital bid; closure of Kareela and Penrose railway stations in 1916.

Letters to the Editor

- **OGS Signage & Indigenous History**: September 2024, pp. 11–12; October 2024, p. 24; correspondence from Christine Keogh and Neil Wright regarding external signage and historical truth-telling.
- **Oral History Names Clarification**: June 2025, p. 14 (Graham Morgan); identification of Wendy Johnston and Robyne Toohey (gem scone cafe) in oral history files.
- **Golden Vale & Hume Highway Intersection**: July 2025, p. 10 (Angela Williamson / Wendy Tuckerman MP); parliamentary questions and answers on traffic accidents and safety standards at the intersection.
- **Lucky Door Prize Crocheted Rug**: August 2025, p. 6 (Rexeen Gary); note of thanks to Lynette Gainsford for rug gifted to local sculptor Ken McDonald.

- **Indigenous Group Talk at September Meeting**: December 2025, p. 17 (Ann Elbourne / Steve Press); member feedback on Djon Mundine's September address and Secretary's response.

Library Acquisitions & Book Reviews

- **The Bundanoon Shops Project of 2010 (Maureen & Bud Townsing)**: May 2024, p. 1; donation and acquisition of permanent record book detailing village shops.
- **The Family History Book (Cassie & Shaun Gilmartin)**: March 2025, p. 14.
- **The Convict and The Compass: The Untold Story of James Meehan (Peter Bradley)**: March 2026, p. 3; biography of surveyor James Meehan added to library.
- **Bundanoon Sandstone Quarries (Grahame Tooth, reviewed by Beryl Seckington)**: September 2026, pp. 13–14; history of seven local quarries operating from 1865, stonemasons Frank Hayman and sculptor Ken McDonald.
- **Books by Judith Dunn**: September 2026, p. 14; library acquisition of *Colonial Ladies: Lovely, Lively and Lamentably Loose* and *Then and There Lying Dead*.
- **A Place of Deep Gullies**: October 2026, p. 11; formal cataloging and addition to the BHG collection.
- **Long Journey Home: The Perilous Escapes of Anzac POWs from Fascists in Wartime Italy (Katrina Kittel)**: November 2026, pp. 14, 16, Back Page; wartime history of Bundanoon local Colin Booth (captured at El Alamein, Italian POW forced farm labor, and daring winter Alpine escape into Switzerland in September 1943); copy donated to BHG Library with author radio interview link.

Life & Rhymes of Banjo Paterson

- **Performance Notice**: October 2025, p. 12; notice for Maitland Historical Society performance by bush poet Gregory North at Sun Street Studios on 12 October 2025.

Linda Emery Awarded OAM (Jo le Cheminant)

- **Community Congratulations**: July 2026, p. 19; formal congratulatory letter to local historian Linda Emery on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the King's Birthday Honours list for services to local history preservation.

Little Treasures from the Past Exhibition (40th Birthday) (Jo le Cheminant)

- **Exhibition Planning & Registration Notice**: May 2024, pp. 2, 3, 15; call for members to loan small treasured items for display in the Green Room at Osborn House on 8–9 June 2024 (King's Birthday weekend); registration form and submission rules (up to 10 treasures per person, drop-off details).
- **Exhibition Report & Showcase Profiles**: July 2024, pp. 6–15; full exhibition recap and catalogue of displayed items.

Magazines & External Historical Correspondence

- **Publications Roundup**: March 2026, p. 7; April 2026, p. 9; summary links to RAHS History Magazine and Annual Report, National Library Guide / Trove Treasures, Maitland Historical Society Bulletin, and Australian Catholic Historical Society Newsletter.
- **RAHS eNewsletters**: November 2026, p. 15; links to October 2026 eNewsletters, including the 1 October issue featuring a report on the BHG/RAHS Southern Highlands Regional Seminar at Exeter.

Making Home: Houses, Interiors and Gardens in NSW (MHNSW Talk)

- **Regional Talk**: March 2025, p. 18; notice for Museums of History NSW presentation at Retford Park, Bowral, on 20 May 2025 drawing from Caroline Simpson Library collections.

Members' Story: The Day I Met Mother Teresa (Lynette Gainsford)

- **Personal Recollection**: May 2025, pp. 7–8; traveling in India from 1988 to 2014 with partner Raj Kumar Singh; visiting Calcutta in 1996 and securing an audience and blessing from Mother Teresa at the Missionaries of Charity motherhouse.

Mobile Library Launch in Bundanoon

- **Civic Event**: September 2026, pp. 7–8; official opening of the new mobile library service on 25 August 2026 by NSW State Librarian Dr Caroline Butler-Bowdon, Member for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman MP, and Wingecarribee Mayor Jesse Fitzpatrick, including a tour of the OGS.

Morning Tea Volunteers Call

- **Volunteer Notice**: October 2026, p. 12; call for members to join the meeting morning tea volunteer roster.

Moss Vale Museum Visits (David Baxter Collection)

- **Excursion Notices**: March 2026, p. 8; September 2026, p. 12; October 2026, p. 13; details for self-drive visits to 68–70 Beaconsfield Road.
- **Visit Report (Carol Cosgrove)**: November 2026, pp. 11–13; recap of 6 October 2026 tour by 17 members; collection of over 8,000 items in two large sheds; Jim Frecklington OAM royal carriage memorabilia (including King Charles III carriage finished by local royal coach painter Owen Webb); Aboriginal digging stone; reconstructed first shot fox; 150-year-old local wedding dress; and the original organ from Bundanoon's rebuilt 1904 Anglican Church.

My Childhood Trains (Marianne Ward)

- **Wartime Childhood**: November 2024, p. 15; reminiscences of WWII evacuation from Rose Bay to Glenboyne in Bundanoon; handcrafted toy steam trains made out of 1944 repurposed jam tins by handyman Roberts.

My Nana Mary Gertrude McGuren (Josephine le Cheminant)

- **Family Biography**: February 2024, p. 6; biographical tribute to Mary Gertrude Hutchby (1886–1950s), who arrived from Nottingham on the Ortona in 1908 and married Herbert William McGuren; home dressmaker in South Grafton known for formal gowns and tailored ensembles on her converted electric Singer machine.

MyShire Clubs and Groups Directory Listing

- **Council Directory**: May 2025, p. 2; notice of BHG's inclusion in Wingecarribee Shire Council's official community organization directory.

NAIDOC 2024: Reflections on Terra Nullius and British Colonisation (David Brennen)

- **Historical Analysis**: August 2024, pp. 8–14; Cook's secret instructions, the myth and legal doctrines of terra nullius, frontier conflicts, the 1938 Day of Mourning, and the 1992 Mabo High Court ruling.

Nancy Kingsbury Memorial Park: Letters from Sister Jean Foskett (Steve Press)

- **Garden History Feature**: February 2024, p. 5; discovery of two letters (2002 to Norma Waldon and 2003 to Margaret Murty) written by Nancy Kingsbury's younger sister Jean Foskett (1929–2020) expressing gratitude to the Bundanoon Garden Club for maintaining the memorial park.

National Library Bookshop: The Family History Book

- **Book Notice**: March 2025, p. 14; book profile for *The Family History Book: How to Trace Your Ancestors in Australia* by Cassie and Shaun Gilmartin.

Old Goods Shed Reports & Operations (Keith Spencer)

- **Roof Works**: August 2024, p. 2; roof replacement by ARTC, TAHE, and Sydney Trains.
- **New Flooring Installation**: May 2024, p. 12; installation of new "Aussie Spotted Gum" timber-look plank flooring by John Winter Carpets ($3,303 total, supported by $2,670 Council grant), replacing 30-year-old worn linoleum.
- **Sanctuary Launch**: April 2025, p. 11; launch of Southern Highlands Wildlife Sanctuary by "Wombat John" Creighton and The Ukesters.
- **Market Days & Railway Precinct Discussions**: March 2026, p. 10; visitor averages, talks with TAHE and BCA for full precinct use, and forward planning for July 2026 Bundanoon Shops exhibit.
- **New Official Street Address (2 Railway Avenue)**: October 2026, p. 8; notification from Wingecarribee Shire Council rectifying the former incorrect address (9 Railway Avenue, Richardson & Wrench) and formally assigning 2 Railway Avenue (Lot 3 DP 1182364) on

the National Address Database and GNB Explorer.

Open Studio: Linda Bottari (Handmade Prints & Journals)

- **Studio Invitation**: November 2026, p. 11; invitation to Open Studio at 3 Buchanan Close on 7–8 November 2026 following cancellation of the Southern Highlands Arts Trail; display of handmade prints, journals, and artwork.

Oral History Collection Holdings (Master Directory)

- **Catalogue Listing**: May 2025, pp. 12–14; alphabetical list of non-bushfire oral history recordings cataloged across three digital backup drives.

Oral History Morning Tea Programs & Recaps

- **March 2024 Program & Review (Marianne Ward / Beryl Seckington)**: March 2024, pp. 6, 8; April 2024, pp. 1, 12–13; event held on 20 March 2024 at The Bundanoon Club attended by 60 members; audio-visual snippets and photo displays featuring Lucy Rocca (attended by sons Andy and Peter Rocca), Mick Greason, Jim Rundle, Jack & Lily Hepher, Richard & Shirley Tebbutt, Isobel Greason, Ross Counsell, and Dave Lidgard; YouTube link.
- **November 2024 Event**: November 2024, p. 3; December 2024, pp. 8–9; program covering Greenways, Kincoppal evacuation, and water extraction protests.
- **November 2025 Event**: July 2025, p. 4; September 2025, p. 10; October 2025, p. 17; November 2025, p. 18; December 2025, pp. 15–16; recap of 12 November 2025 event at The Bundanoon Club attended by 70 members; presentations of recordings for Ted Anderson, Ted Hayman, Dorothy Quigg, Richard & Shirley Tebbutt, Robert Boag, Charles & Julie Nurse, and Rosemary Page.
- **November 2026 Event Notices & Program**: August 2026, p. 12; September 2026, p. 11; October 2026, p. 11; November 2026, pp. 5, 17; announcement and shop window poster release for Thursday 12 November 2026 morning tea (10 am–12 noon) in Soldiers' Memorial Hall; presentation of seven completed mini-documentary movies edited by Beryl Seckington.

Oral History NSW (Subscription Renewal)

- **Affiliation Notice**: September 2024, p. 14; notice on the affiliation and support resources provided by Oral History NSW (est. 1979).

PALMS Workers Presentations & Video

- **Community Welcome**: October 2024, p. 13 (Amy Press); March 2025, p. 14 (Lyn Morehen); cultural performance and welcome afternoon tea celebrating Pacific Australia Labour Mobility staff working at Warrigal Nursing Home, with video link.

Parkes & Central West Tour (13–15 October 2026)

- **Tour Notices**: October 2025, p. 17; February 2026, p. 5; April 2026, p. 5; August 2026, p.

12; advance planning, deposits, and booking notices for 3-day coach excursion based in Parkes.
- **Tour Report (Beryl Seckington)**: November 2026, pp. Cover, 6–10; 3-day coach excursion by 38 members; Day 1: Gunning morning tea, Boorowa (St Patrick's Church, Courthouse, Boorowa Bakery), Cowra Japanese Garden afternoon tea; Day 2: CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope ("The Dish", built 1961, Apollo 11 moonwalk history), Parkes Information Centre museums (The King's Castle Elvis collection, Henry Parkes Museum, Motor Museum), Forbes Historical Society Museum (1878 Osborne Hall dance room), Gum Swamp 95m Goanna sculpture; Day 3: Grenfell (Henry Lawson birthplace, Heesco silo art), Iandra Castle English Manor estate at Greenethorpe (32,000-acre share-farming pioneer Henry Greene 1878–1911), Young Services Club, and Gunning happy hour.

Parramatta Open (Museums of History NSW Event) (Steve Press)

- **Excursion Account**: August 2026, p. 9; September 2026, pp. 15–16; Back Page; visiting opened heritage sites on 29 August via light rail: St Patrick's Cemetery & Chapel, OLMC, Leigh Memorial Church, St John's Cathedral, Lancer Barracks, Hambledon Cottage, and the 1881 Inspector of Nuisances Room in Parramatta Town Hall.

Playing at Being a Tour Guide in Berrima (Steve Press)

- **Australia Day Tour**: February 2025, pp. 12–13; hosting Australia Day visitors at St Francis Xavier Church, Berrima (opened 1851), designed by AW Pugin.

Presentation on the Entombment of the Unknown Soldier (Dr Richard Reid)

- **Commemorative Talk & Report**: October 2026, p. 13; November 2026, pp. 14–15; joint BDHS and Mittagong RSL presentation by Dr Richard Reid titled "He is not missing, he is here", recounting his leadership of the 1993 mission repatriating the Unknown Soldier from France to the Australian War Memorial.

Railway Disasters ("From the Archives")

- **Archival Overview**: August 2026, p. 9; 13 March 1914 Exeter rail collision (14 deaths) and the 19 November 1955 Bundanoon freight train derailment destroying 200 yards of track and station platforms.

Railway Lamp, The (Carol Cosgrove)

- **Artifact History**: August 2024, pp. 15–17; Peter Noonan's donation of an oil lantern found near the station in 1965; TAHE research on whether it served as a buffer stop lamp or level-crossing gate lamp.

Railway Signal Box Interior (The Back Cover)

- **Technical Note**: March 2025, pp. 2, 22; photo of the lever frame inside Bundanoon

Railway Signal Box with technical explanation of points, signal operation, and manual interlocking gear.

Railway Tools & Porter's Trolley Donation (Keith Spencer)

- **Collection Acquisition**: September 2025, pp. 8–9; donation by Dave and Wilma Foley (Scarborough) of an authentic railway porter's trolley, two original fettler's crowbars, and sledgehammers for display at the Old Goods Shed and Station Precinct.

Remembrance Day 2024

- **Commemoration**: December 2024, p. 15; annual wreath laying by BHG President Amy Press at the Southern Villages Memorial in Bundanoon.

Royal Society of NSW Bicentennial Bibliography

- **Research Resource**: April 2025, p. 16; research resource notice highlighting the RSNSW Bicentennial Bibliography (scanned 1821–2021 papers via Biodiversity Heritage Library) and Presidents' Profiles.

Selling Silk Scarves & Acknowledgments

- **Fundraising Feature**: December 2024, pp. 12–13; July 2025, p. 4; fundraising stalls selling Asian textiles donated by Roz Fidge and Jan Schier ($1,300 raised), and subsequent formal presentation of thanks.

Seniors Festival Activities

- **2025 Program**: March 2025, p. 18; April 2025, p. 5; notice and event report for the historical presentation at Berrima Courthouse on 11 March 2025.
- **2026 Program**: March 2026, p. 7; notice of Wingecarribee Shire Council Seniors Festival program (2–15 March 2026).

Sesquicentenary + 10: Bundanoon's 160th Anniversary (1865–2025)

- **Town Milestone**: March 2025, p. 3; commemoration of the 1865 railway fettlers' camp established at Barren Ground during construction of the Great Southern Railway, evolving into Jordan's Crossing (1868) and Bundanoon (1881).

Shack, The: Proposal for Heritage Listing (80 Ferndale Road) (Carol Cosgrove)

- **Nomination Study**: June 2025, pp. 8–10; nomination background for the 23.93-hectare site: 1940 sandstone home built by Frank Hayman; dairy outbuildings, Danks windmill, curved stone gates; run as a farm guest house by Mary Gertrude Hayman (1947–1954); connections to Mary Condon and Ted Hayman.

Significant Tree Register & Storm Impacts

- **Uniting Church Cypress Downed**: May 2024, p. 11; collapse of a historic Golden Lambert Cypress fronting Church Street at the Uniting Church following over 200mm of torrential rain on 4–5 April 2024; history of the three trees planted c. 1926 by Miss Lillian Calverley and listed on Council's Significant Tree Register in 2002; prior lightning damage and scheduled removal.
- **Register Review & Policy Submissions**: July 2025, p. 3; August 2025, pp. 12–13; October 2025, p. 10.

Silver Spoon Story, A (John & Jennifer White)

- **Family History**: September 2025, p. 7; return of an 80+ year-old silver-plated teaspoon to the Queens Hotel, Southsea (UK), "borrowed" during WW2 when the author's mother was stationed there as a WREN; subsequent BBC coverage and hotel display.

Silver War Badge: 7258 Private Thomas Hayman (Ian Smith)

- **Military Biography**: December 2024, pp. 5–7; history of the Imperial Silver War Badge presented to the BHG by Billie Arnull; service biography of Bundanoon-born soldier Thomas Hayman (35th Battalion, wounded at Morlancourt on the Somme in May 1918).

Soldiers' Memorial Hall: 90th Anniversary & Foundation Stone Trowel

- **Presentation of Foundation Trowel to BCA (Amy Press)**: March 2024, p. 1; April 2024, p. 2; silver builder's trowel presented to Hon. J.M. Dunningham in 1934 placed on permanent loan to the BCA for foyer display following its 2019 auction recovery by local community donors; official handover by President Amy Press to BCA President Andy Carnahan.
- **Foundation Stone Laid 90th Retrospective (Steve Press)**: October 2024, pp. 6–8; 1934 ceremony by Minister John Dunningham, loan via Unemployment Relief Fund, and trowel recovery.
- **Architectural Biography (Caroline Cosgrove)**: March 2025, pp. 6–8; career of Bertram Clyde Duckworth (Art Deco styling, Rising Sun motif, 1926 Ideal Homes prizewinner).
- **Gala Event Reports**: March 2025, p. 9; April 2025, p. 3; coverage of the 22 February gala featuring the Pipe Band, Kevin Tubb (RSL), and Christine Janssen (BCA).

Southern Highlands Regional Seminar (RAHS & BHG — 23 September 2026)

- **Announcements & Program**: July 2026, p. 5; August 2026, pp. 13–14; September 2026, p. 18; research skills seminar at Exeter Village Hall; speakers Carol Liston AO (HLRV & State Archives) and Christine Yeats (NSW Railway records & Trove); sellout notice.
- **Event Report (Steve Press)**: October 2026, pp. 3–4; November 2026, p. 15; sellout gathering of 70 attendees from regional societies across Sydney, Canberra, Gunning, Berrima, and Marulan; relocation from Bundanoon Club to Exeter Village Hall;

presentations on HLRV, Trove, NSW State Archives, and NSW Railways records; acknowledgments to Carol Liston, Christine Yeats, Phillip Jaworski (RAHS), helpers, Exeter Village Association, Exeter CWA, and catering by Chef in Your Kitchen (Kelly Garske); coverage in 1 October RAHS eNewsletter.

Southern Highlands Textile & Fibre Network Exhibition

- **Event Notice**: August 2024, p. 18; event notice for the "Nature of Things" exhibition at BDAS Gallery, Bowral (15–26 August 2024).

Spring Hill: History of 159 Railway Avenue & On-Site Inspection (Andrew Pardoe / Ian Smith / Carol Cosgrove)

- **History (Andrew Pardoe)**: August 2024, pp. 23–26; chronological ownership of Lydholme, built 1920 for Eric David Lloyd Jones by James Peddle.
- **Inspection Report & Historical Summary (Ian Smith / Carol Cosgrove)**: October 2026, pp. 9–10, 12; November 2026, p. 17; on-site inspection guided by John Creighton ("Wombat John") of the California Bungalow house designed in 1919 by James Peddle (Peddle and Thorp) and built in 1920 by Baker Brothers; architectural details including dark brick and sandstone exterior, bush-rock walls, chimney and columns, arched fireplace snug, leadlight windows, butler's pantry, hallway wood panelling, and timber ceiling beams; dairy stud history under Eric David Lloyd Jones (Lydholme Farm) and Flick family ownership from 1965; afterword warning regarding the loose scoria driveway hazard following Sandy Berry's injury; photos added to BHG digital archives.

St Brigid's Catholic Church: 130th Anniversary Celebrations

- **Parish Milestone**: March 2025, p. 4; May 2025, pp. 3–4; history of the church opened in 1895 on land donated by Gus Nicholas; photo report of the 7 April 2025 tour and parish BBQ.

TAHE Railway Station Precinct Activation (Andrew Killingsworth)

- **Station Precinct Activation**: February 2024, pp. 1, 8; March 2024, p. 5; community heritage activation proposal for the Bundanoon Railway Station Precinct presented by Andrew Killingsworth (TAHE).

Talks at Monthly Meetings

- **2024**
  - **February 2024**: Railway Precinct Developments (Andrew Killingsworth) — February 2024, pp. 1, 8; March 2024, p. 5; community access and refurbishment plans between TAHE, Freeman Ryan Design, BHG, and BCA for the station complex and Old Goods Shed.
  - **April 2024**: Bundanoon Sandstone Quarry (Aya Stratti) — April 2024, p. 6; presentation on quarry operations and heritage sandstone extraction.
  - **June 2024**: Aboriginal Language Evolution (David Brennen) — July 2024, p. 4; Dr

Chris Illert's linguistic research, Amie Hunter reciting the "Platypus Song".
    - **July 2024**: Rocca and Grice Families (Ann Rocca) — August 2024, p. 5; Rocca and Grice family lineage in Bundanoon.
    - **August 2024**: Goulburn Studies & Tallong History (Fran O'Flynn & Janet Black) — September 2024, p. 2; local studies resources and Tallong history.
    - **September 2024**: Sandy Berry Family History (Carol Cosgrove) — October 2024, p. 5; presentation delivered during a blackout.
    - **November 2024**: Wingecarribee Local Studies Unit (Billie Arnull) — December 2024, p. 2; library local studies resources; gifting of Thomas Hayman's WWI Silver War Badge.
- **2025**
    - **February 2025**: Exeter Heritage Conservation Area (Angela Williamson) — March 2025, p. 2; Exeter Village Association heritage protection and village history boards.
    - **March 2025**: Rogues and Vagabonds of the Southern Highlands (Linda Emery) — April 2025, p. 2; regional bushrangers, crime, and colorful characters.
    - **April 2025**: Australian Catholic Historical Society & St Brigid's (Steve Press & Fr Brian Lucas) — May 2025, p. 2; St Brigid's parish history and ACHS activities.
    - **May 2025**: Growing Up in Bundanoon in the 1960s (Sandy Berry) — June 2025, p. 5; childhood recollections of village life in the 1960s.
    - **July 2025**: The Great South Road / Where to From Here? (Chris Thompson) — August 2025, p. 2; evolution of early colonial roads through the Southern Highlands.
    - **August 2025**: The Licentious and The Pure (Sandy Berry) — September 2025, p. 2; Dutch, Huguenot, and Coromandel slave ancestry.
    - **September 2025**: Working Together for Peace and Reconciliation (David Brennen) — October 2025, pp. 2–5; Annemaree Dalziel ("Imperial Stockings") and Djon Mundine on Aboriginal art and connection to Country.
    - **October 2025**: The Johnsons of Sutton Forest (Anny Ventura) — November 2025, pp. 2–4; research behind historical manuscript on ancestor Margaret Johnson at Jumping Rock.
    - **November 2025**: History Goulburn Visit to Bundanoon (Jennifer Lamb & Roger Bayley) — December 2025, pp. 2–3; Goulburn as Australia's first inland city; 1829 founding date and "The Terror of Argyle" bushrangers.
- **2026**
    - **February 2026**: Croquet in Bundanoon & Founder Leila Merson (Steve Press) — March 2026, p. 2; history of the croquet club and oral history reflections from founder Leila Merson.
    - **March 2026**: The Primula Café & Gem Scones (Alice Miller) — April 2026, p. 2; presentation on the cafe set up by her mother and aunt; fresh gem scones tasting.
    - **April 2026**: Bradstow Film & Anzac Tribute (Linda Emery & Geoff McCubbin) — April 2026, p. 5; screening of "Bradstow" introduced by Linda Emery; Geoff McCubbin reciting "The Asterisks of Mellengrove".
    - **May 2026**: Irish Migration 1780–1921 (Peter Rodney) — April 2026, p. 5; 1798 Rebellion, Great Famine, and social forces driving convict and free emigration to Australia.
    - **June 2026**: History of the Bundanoon History Group (Ralph Clark) — April 2026, p. 5; July 2026, p. 2; stories across the group's 40+ year history.
    - **July 2026**: 1914 Exeter Train Disaster (Trevor Edmonds) — August 2026, p. 2; presentation on the collision, signaling dispute, and victim inquests.

    - **August 2026**: Parramatta Heritage Protection & Colonial Women (Evelyn O'Donoghue & Judith Dunn) — September 2026, p. 2; Evelyn O'Donoghue (NPRAG) on Willow Grove and Parramatta heritage; Judith Dunn on Parramatta Female Factory inmate crimes and unknown women pioneers.
    - **September 2026**: The Convict and the Compass: James Meehan (Peter Bradley) & The King's Foundation at Hill View (Alex Douthwaite) — October 2026, pp. 2–3; talk by Peter Bradley on surveyor James Meehan's mapping across the Southern Highlands and Bundanoon; video presentation by Alex Douthwaite on The King's Foundation restoration works and vice-regal history at Hill View in Sutton Forest.
    - **October 2026**: Amos Lane, Amos Corner – But Who Were the Amoses? (Libby Anderson, reported by Carol Cosgrove) — November 2026, pp. 2–3, 16; early sawmills at Amos's siding (1.5 miles north of Jordan's Crossing) employing 100 men with 110 bullocks and 25 horses; railway contracts; Mt Gibraltar trachyte quarry; Jeanie Amos purchasing 73-acre property; Cairn Hill family cemetery near Osborn House; recorded and archived by Beryl Seckington.
    - **November 2026 (Preview)**: A Railway Town's Social History (Kerri Hillsdon) — November 2026, pp. 3–4; preview of upcoming talk based on Western Sydney University Master of Research thesis examining the 19th-century transformation of Bundanoon into a premier railway tourist haven.

The 1930s and Beyond: Bundanoon's Changing Fortunes (Keith Spencer)

- **Industry Decline Analysis**: October 2024, pp. 9–12; historical analysis tracing the rise and fall of Bundanoon’s guesthouse industry, postwar surge in car ownership, roadside motel competition, and reduced rail passenger services.

Trove Platform Integration & Affiliated Societies Seminar (Steve Press)

- **Collections Discoverability**: November 2026, pp. 14–15; report on RAHS seminar at History House, Macquarie Street, Sydney, detailing affordable digital collection indexing via the National Library of Australia's Trove platform, with BHG applying to integrate its master index.

Up Shed Working Bee & Structural Works (Steve Press)

- **December 2024 (p. 14)**: Subsidence identified in shed footings; TAHE assessment commenced.
- **June 2025 (pp. 11–12)**: Clean-out working bee on 6 May 2025; removing surplus items, rehousing archival boxes, and installing metal shelving.

Vale Tributes

- **Denis Garbutt, Joy Phillips & Dr Chris Illert**: October 2024, pp. 2–3.
- **Pam Davies (1936–2024)**: December 2024, pp. 10–11 (Marianne Ward).
- **Ken Hillier**: February 2025, p. 13.

- **Bud Townsing**: December 2025, pp. 4–5 (Marianne Ward); displays innovator (shops, gardens, Claude Crowe), Pill Factory research, and citizen fire trailers.
- **David Brown (1933–2025)**: December 2025, p. 19 (Helene Jessup); artificial breeding service pioneer, community leader, and donation of his body to medical research.
- **Reg Wade**: March 2026, pp. 6–7 (Neil Wright); early Men's Shed member, vintage car enthusiast (Vauxhall and Dodge), and British and European Motor Club member.
- **Trish Arbib (1946–2026)**: October 2026, pp. 5–7 (Marianne Ward); tribute to the founder of Bundanoon Village Nursery at 'Benachie' on Penrose Road (operated 40 years with Howard Nicholson); specialist in rare herbs, vintage cottage plants, and Victorian edging tiles; author/educator featured on ABC *Gardening Australia*; ANPS branch editor; jewellery maker; partner of Past President David Brennen.

Videos Featured on BHG Website

- **Bundanoon Village Nursery & Garden Ramble**: March 2024, p. 6.
- **Morton Bushfire Folk Festival Song ("38 Days")**: March 2024, p. 3.
- **BHG 2023 Year in Review**: April 2024, p. 2; President's annual review video on YouTube.
- **Oral History Presentations**: April 2024, p. 12; video recordings of the 20 March morning tea presentations uploaded to YouTube.
- **Leaver Park**: September 2024, p. 14.
- **Bundanoon School History**: November 2024, p. 5.
- **Serendipity: The Choir**: December 2024, p. 4.
- **Sandstone Quarries**: June 2025, p. 16.
- **Legend of Brigadoon**: April 2026, p. 2.
- **Railway Disasters**: August 2026, p. 8.
- **Southern Highlands Carriage Club**: July 2026, p. 23.
- **Railway Sesquicentenary Celebrations 2018**: September 2026, p. 18.
- **The Garden Ramble**: October 2026, p. 12.
- **Bushfires and Fire Brigades**: November 2026, p. 17; featured home page video and historical article.
- **NSW Blue Plaques**: November 2026, p. 17; video link explaining the Heritage NSW Blue Plaques initiative.

Virtual Magazine Feedback (Steve Press / David Brennen)

- **Publication Note**: October 2024, p. 25; note on trial publication of the newsletter on ISSUU with reader feedback on mobile vs laptop viewing.

Weed Information Day

- **Community Event**: October 2026, p. 16; notice for free CWA Exeter Branch community event at Exeter Village Hall on 16 October 2026 with identification and advice from the WSC Bushland and Biosecurity Team.