The festival flag flew throughout the valley on the weekend of the Arts in the Valley cultural extravaganza. Most concerts were sell-outs and were enthusiastically received by appreciative, knowledgeable and thoroughly entertained audiences.

A Valley Voice special commemorative feature about the success of a great initiative begins on page 17.

“It was a triumph”

ANZAC Day
Another inspiring community experience
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Editorial

Moments worth sharing

This month we had a few, highlighted by the inaugural Arts in the Valley Festival, another memorable ANZAC Day service and excellent visitor numbers for Easter.

You can see we have changed our masthead to one representing the features of the valley in a striking and modern graphic provided by Norris English (story page 7).

We have also increased the circulation due to increased demand generated by sales at the KV Supermarket.

We have used the colour of the arts festival to pay credit to the all round excellent organisation and production of what proved to be a triumph and a boost to the image of Kangaroo Valley outside the bounds of the escarpment.

Our feature reviewing the festival begins on page 11. There are number of thoughtful letters and our team of columnists continue to expand and bring diversity of opinion to our readers.

The Voice has discovered a community paper of similar name in Tasmania, (page 9)

and played a part in an international search of one of the Valley’s long time endowers (page 23).

We exclusively publish the preliminary plans for an exciting project (pages 20-21) which could provide a large range of benefits for the Valley.

Lastly, to the right of this editorial, we publish the inspiring address given on ANZAC Day by Father Ronan. It provided one of the more moving moments of the day.

Carl Leddy

O God,
on this day our nation’s remembrance day
the Day of Gallipoli and the Anzac Spirit,
our thoughts are of war and peace,
wounds and pain, sacrifice and heroism,
grief and sorrow, life and death;
of events that reveal the worst and the best
of what humankind can do.

Men and women,
our relatives, neighbours and friends
came home wounded
and today to them we say ‘well done’;
others died in the trenches, on the field, at sea and in the air,
and to them say ‘thank you’.
The haunting sound of the ‘Last Post’ makes us remember all of them when the sun rises and when it sets.

Lord God,
in the wars of the last century, 100,000 of our own died
that Australia and New Zealand, and the world
would be free of tyranny and oppression;
and that our nation could remain
a free, just, peaceful, fair-minded,
generous, compassionate and diverse society.

We honour the living and the dead of all the wars,
and those presently serving in the forces at home and overseas,
on this 92nd Anzac Day
with song and poetry and prayer,
floral tribute, marching footstep and salute.

We honour them even more
by living and working for the ideals and values for which they live, fought, and died.

And we dishonour them, discount their sacrifice,
and trample on their graves,
when we allow selfishness to replace sacrifice,
hardness to displace compassion,
meanness to triumph over generosity.

Lord God, renew the spirit of Anzac and Kokoda in our hearts,
not just on this, but on every day:
for it is the spirit of Him who said:
"No greater love is shown, than to lay down one’s life for another",
and "Love one another, as I have loved you". Amen.
ANZAC DAY
2007

The rain held off, the parade led by Capt Tony Aldred marched proudly to the beat of Bryce Rutherford’s drum and the crowd lining the main street were appreciative of the impressive mix of marchers. Flag bearers were Laura Kent, Rhea Beeston, Declan Moore and the horsewomen, Dyami Kirwan on ‘Clipper’ and Elise Selby, riding ‘Uncle Bob’. The participation of the younger generation in our Commemorative Service is a chance for them to learn the full significance of this special Remembrance Day and to feel confident to carry on the traditions into the future. The ‘Ode’, was beautifully recited by Max Champion and the emotional ‘Sir’, by, Katie Baker-Williams, bringing the usual tears to the listeners’ eyes.

Thank you to these students and to Eloise Mounsey, Aaron Driver, Olivia Vogele and Branden Ivanoff-Kruger, who laid the wreaths for various organizations in the Valley. The school choir was a delight with the emotional ‘Lest we Forget’, so sweetly sung. The students have practised well and their efforts were greatly appreciated by the audience.

Capt Aldred’s address, on the historical significance of the Gallipoli campaign and the imperative to demonstrate the ‘Anzac tradition’ in our daily lives, was inspiring and we thank him for his interest and participation in this community event. The help from Gayle and Allan Harvey, Shauna Broad, Martin Barclay, Lance Brown, Ben Stapleton and the Ministers of Religion, ensured the entire proceedings ran smoothly and was a fitting tribute to our brave servicemen. Behind the scenes, Jacqui Lenz, the Lions Club, the CWA, the Rural Fire Brigade, the ever helpful Police and the Ambulance Service, played their part and the committee extends grateful thanks. Mark McCarthy was our competent MC and special thanks to him for his professional conducting of the Service.

As usual the Family Gathering at Osborne Park, afterwards was, for the children, the highlight of their day. Ice-creams and drinks, courtesy of Paul Mulready and the ‘Friendly Inn’, were much appreciated and the prize giving for the ANZAC poster and essay competitions eagerly anticipated.

The standard was very high and the judges [men and women from the community], found their tasks far from easy. However, decisions were made and the winners delighted with their prizes. The Committee are very grateful to the sponsors of all these awards and wish to thank Cllr. John Anderson for assisting with the prize giving.

The results are as follows

KINDGARTEN
Will Lumsdon, Liam O’Connor
YEAR 1 Zane Nutter, Hamish Campbell
YEAR 2 Erin Hindman, Reuben Bacon
YEAR 3 Danny Thomas, Jak Kiely, Jacob Radic
YEAR 4 Patrick O’Connor, Haley Hindman, Max Warren
YEAR 5 Cameron Leslie, Sophie McGregor
YEAR 6 Laura Kent, Eloise Mousey, Katie Baker-Williams

Special prize to Matthew Chittick. The student’s work was displayed in the Hall and proudly showed off by the young artists and writers.

The First prize winners will be read in the House of Representatives and entered into Hansard, in the next few weeks, by Joanna Gash. This a ‘Kangaroo Valley specialty’, and we thank Joanna for her interest. This Community is united to ensure that ANZAC day is commemorated with reverence and as a celebration of the valour and spirit of our servicemen. Thank you John Keats, David McLeod, Paul Sutton, Trish Sherborne and Courtney Clark, for the parts you all played. Unfortunately the ‘fly-over’ by the RAAF, from Williamtown, was not possible due to weather conditions, but I wish to thank Capt Tony Aldred marched proudly to

ANZAC Raffle result
1ST prize: a Gallipoli Commemorative medal Skye Reeve
2ND prize: MARCH 1915 ‘Daily Mail’ NEWSPAPER—Mandy Breeze
The proceeds from this and the Donations from the CWA morning tea netted $310.Sufficient funds for the purchase of commemorative coins for all the school children for the ANZAC competition in 2008. thankyou for your generous support.
Letters to the Editor (continued)

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community.
The mind boggles at the cost and delays involved in responding to claims of sectional interests calling for, amongst other things, more "community consultation". Surely it is the role of our elected representatives to act as a conduit between "the Government" and their constituents and to ensure the majority view of every community is given full recognition in the decision making/review process.
Rather than allow the establishment of what is rapidly becoming a fourth tier of Government we should ensure our elected representatives are doing the job we elected them to do in the knowledge that our views on their performance are never further than the next election away. Alternatively, consideration could be given to an "objectors" user pays system.
For the record, in writing this letter, I do not offer a view, one way or the other, on the current R.T.A. proposal, but do believe that our Local Member is and should be the point of contact for those who have concerns. Warren Riedel,
The Editor
You could make a difference

You can become a World Financier to the very poor throughout the World and fight poverty. Sound good to be true, well at last thanks to a young American couple you can do just that.
Most of you would know about Micro Financiers, that is organisations resident in most poor countries whose job it is to lend to the poor in an endeavour to lift communities out of the poverty cycle. These companies usually borrow from ordinary banks and work at the coal face one to one which is a very expensive business, hence the big banks aren't interested. This all leads to very high interest rates on the ground. Matt Flannery and his wife Jessica were in East Africa and saw a need to get ordinary people like you and I together with the very people who needed the money to either start or expand their business's. OK, so how does it work? From Kenya to Ecuador, microfinance institutions (MFIs) around the world go to Kiva.org and post photos and profiles of low-income entrepreneurs in need of money for their businesses. Lenders go to Kiva.org and browse through profiles of low-income entrepreneurs-a dairy farmer in Kenya, a man who wants to open a shoe shop in Honduras, or a tailor in Bulgaria. Loans can be made for as little as $US25 to the entrepreneur of a lender's choice via PayPal, a globally recognised online payment service (at no charge). When funds from individual lenders reach a total loan amount requested, Kiva pools the money and transfers it to its MFI partner who in turn administers it to the entrepreneur. Journal updates keep the lenders informed of the progress of the entrepreneur they sponsored.

Loan repayments made by the entrepreneur over the course of about 6-18 months are sent back to Kiva by the MFI partner. Once loans are repaid, Kiva users can choose to withdraw their principal or re-loan to another entrepreneur. Kiva shows you where your money goes, unlike donations which usually go into general funds, through Kiva you see exactly WHO your money goes to, WHAT they are doing with it, and HOW you are making a difference. Best part? It's a loan not a donation.
Most posted loans are filled within two to three days so things happen very quickly and so far 50,000+ people have loaned over $5 million US dollars. Go have a look at the site www.kiva.org - Nicholas Kristof, a journalist from The New York Times who visited one of his loan recipients, a baker in Kabul, Afghanistan, has an article plus a quicktime video on the visit. PBS Frontline World has a fifteen minute documentary on a visit to "Uganda: A Little Goes A Long Way" (www.kiva.org -go to ABOUT then PRESS). It's easy to become a World Financier to low income entrepreneurs around the world who in turn will get those developing countries working to their full potential, which makes the world a better place?

Bruce Preston

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The Editor
Thanks given

The kind expressions of sympathy, on the celebration of Essie Parker, is appreciated.
Thanks to all

Barbara, Joan and family

The Editor
Busy bodies.

During the recent dry period our four cows became rather thin and required supplementary hand feeding.
Now, following the more than adequate rains we are rejoicing as we have a plentiful supply of beautiful lush pasture. I know our experiences were shared by many others but am curious to know whether others received anonymous accusations on tatty bits of paper accusing of starving their livestock and threatening to report them to the R.S.P.C.A. An officer did eventually visit us and inspected both cattle and pasture and reassured us that like everyone else we were passing through a period of drought and thin cattle was just one symptom of this sad situation and they were not starving.
We live in a land of cosmic affluence over abundance and over consumption and most modern ailments such as obesity, diabetes, vascular disorder and cancer are reflections of this phenomena. There are people in our community who clearly do not recognise that thinness is not the same as starvation?
Whilst this is understand able in modern culture where few have ever witnessed poverty, deprivation and shortage what is more difficult to comprehend is why some people regress to catastrophic thinking and find it necessary to resort to anonymity and secret writing.
If my fellow citizens are worried about my cows, lantana, blackberries or loud music I wonder if they told me in a mature adult manner and not in a sneaky child like way by dropping notes through my letter box when I am not looking?
I wonder if any other reader had the same experience during the recent dry weather?
John Spencer

Open letter to Kangaroo Valley residents

The RTA is currently planning road safety enhancements on Moss Vale Road between Kangaroo Valley Road and Walkers Lane to improve the safety of motorist's travelling along Moss Vale Road. A plan of the proposed improvements has been included on the back of this letter. The safety improvements include two specific projects:
1. Junction of Moss Vale Road and Kangaroo Valley Road.

Provision of a dedicated left turning lane for eastbound vehicles to slow down dear of the through traffic and shoulder widening opposite the junction to allow for overtaking of vehicles turning right into Kangaroo Valley Road. The existing layout of the junction does not meet current standards and motorists have been observed undertaking dangerous overtaking maneuvers at the junction.
2. Removal of Road Side Hazards.

The work includes the removal of trees and vegetation within 2.5m of the road to enable the installation of Wire Rope Safety Fencing along an 800m length north of Walkers Lane. This treatment will significantly reduce the severity of runoff road crashes in this area. There are currently several large trees located very close to the edge of the road which pose a significant risk to motorists.

The installation of Wire Rope Safety Fence along this length would provide a more forgiving road environment whilst retaining the maximum number of large trees along the roadside.
A formal meeting to discuss the RTA's proposal will be held in April 2007.
This meeting will include key members of the following community groups:
If you would like further details regarding these projects or you feel your particular interests will not be adequately represented by the appointed groups at the meeting please contact the RTA's project engineer Craig Robinson by phone (02) 4221 2571 prior to 16 April 2007.
Trish McClure
Manager, Road Safety and Traffic Management Operations and Engineering Services.

Editor's note: The plan was not suitable for reproduction. See a resident's reply page 6
The centre pages of this issue of the Valley Voice publish a concept plan to develop an Eco Village in the area behind and including the Bowling Club and reaching back to Mt Scanzi Road.

We sought more information on the concept which has previously been presented to members of the Bowling Club and received the following advice.

The Colys Group understands the need for lifestyle living opportunities and choices and recognises that the development of communities requires careful consideration and purposeful planning.

The Colys Group are a family run business who have been successful in delivering a wide range of housing and commercial projects to the community over the past eighteen years. Completed projects include several aged care developments at Oatley, South Cronulla and Lilli Pilli in Sydney’s southern suburbs and the soon to be completed Kiama Blue Hotel & Restaurant tourism complex opposite Black Beach at Kiama.

We have maintained ongoing relationships with the occupants of these developments where we gain valuable feedback to carry into the design and inclusions of future projects.

As a progressive leader in the property and construction industry we realise that successful living environments are made up of a variety of components that offer the end user fulfillment and prolonged enjoyment as well as being sensitive to the environment and ecologically sustainable.

Although this project is only at the conceptual concept stage we have had tremendous support and encouragement from a number local residents and community members.

We look forward to working with the Kangaroo Valley community on this unique project to guarantee the proposed Eco-village is of a benchmark standard and one that will be used as a model for similar type of developments in the future.

Hi and welcome to the first Wildlife Information & Rescue Service Inc (WIRES) editorial in the Valley Voice. WIRES are a voluntary wildlife service that has around 10 members in the Kangaroo Valley area. The Kangaroo Valley group comes under the Wingecarribee Branch network. In this organisation the members rescue, care, rehabilitate and release injured, neglected and lost native wildlife, all on call 24/7.

In the Valley Voice I will endeavor to give helpful tips in regards to native wildlife and updates of wildlife in care.

Between the members of Kangaroo Valley there is a vast range of wildlife in care at the moment, such as wombats, a wallaroo, a sugar glider, brushtail possums, lizards, snakes, birds, flying fox and turtles.

Most animals come into care due to being hit by cars. Sometimes the animal dies on scene or whilst in care, sometimes the animals will have joeys that survive when the mother is killed and they come into care for treatment, care, rehabilitation and the ultimate, release back into the wild.

It is a rewarding experience when you have nurtured an injured animal back to health and release back into the wild just as much as it is sad to have an animal die in care or that is so injured that it has to be euthanased.

Just to give a little insight into the animals that I have in care, a 3.0 kg wombat, a sugar glider, a turtle and two brushtail possums and how they came to be in my care and how they are doing.

My wombat was rescued after being hit by a car on Tallowa Dam Rd and was in a very bad state.

We did not think she would see the night out. She came in with facial injuries, bleeding and breathing difficulties.

After a lot of care and assistance by other carers on the night she arrived, she made it through.

She was taken to the vet the next day to be x-rayed and examined and found to have no major problems.

Just a sore head. She was also suffering with mange and is being treated with medication and sorbelene to help remove the dry skin and scabs. This is a process over a 6 – 8 week period and she should make a full recovery. She is now doing extremely well and looks forward to her daily feeds where she is feed by hand using a bottle and teat, with grass available in her enclosure.

The two possums, were both rescued after their mums were killed and are both doing well with both now big enough to go into their own aviary’s where they are substitute fed with native leaf and formulated feeds until their release, both having been in care for a number of months.

One of the possums is causing a few heartaches with a staph infection that is being treated with the assistance of other carers advice and our local vet.

The tortoise is a sad story with the animal being attacked by a dog that chewed all around the tortoise’s shell (so we think).

It will be in care over the winter period to keep it well fed and will be released in the spring. It loves going out during the day into its makeshift lake in the wheelbarrow for a swim, drink and feed.

The sugar glider was found caught on a barb wire fence, hanging from its hind leg.

He has since had veterinary care and stitches to mend the tear in his hind leg.

He will be in care until his stitches have dissolved and after a cover of antibiotics which is about 7 days.

Now that is just animals in my care and other stories like this can be found from the other careers in the Valley.

I will update you on other animals in care next month and also my animals I have mentioned.

As to how these animals come to be in our care it is due to the concerns of people who see or find these native animals in distress and ring the Wingecarribee WIRES 24 hour number 48621788.

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Letters to the Editor (continued)

To Craig Robinson-
RTA Road Safety & Traffic Management
Copy supplied to the Valley Voice

Upon reading the letter circulated to residents of Kangaroo Valley this month regarding the proposed modifications to Moss Vale Road between Kangaroo Valley Road and Walkers Lane,
Having been a resident of the above address for the last 12 years, I have been a member of the local Rural Fire service for almost that same amount of time, as we are often called out to motor vehicle accidents in the Valley area, I have first hand experience of motor vehicle accidents in this immediate area. During those 12 years I recall about three major and about three minor accidents along this stretch of road.
All of these accidents to my opinion have been caused by either driver inattention or by the driver falling asleep behind the wheel while driving.
I feel that another major issue to accident problems along this stretch of road is the speed at which vehicles travel along it.
I would like to notify you of my objection to the proposed changes for the following reasons:
1. The removal of trees along this stretch, and the erection of any type of barrier fencing would only cause any vehicle hitting it to be deflected off towards the center of the road thereby possibly colliding with oncoming traffic causing a higher fatality than a lone vehicle going off the road.
2. Removal of the trees along this stretch of road whilst saving me the need to remove leaves and branches off my house roof and front yard, would only detract from the beauty of this country road, of which there are so few left.
Kangaroo Valley is fast becoming a major tourist attraction, the demuding of our roadsides would only have a detrimental effect in this area.
3. Moss Vale Road, apart from being a major access road, is also a tourist drive, and I feel it should be maintained as such. The section of road in question is amongst the straighter sections of road through the Valley, the funds allocated for this work could be better invested elsewhere.
My personal suggestion options for road safety improvements to the area:
1. Reduction of the speed limit of this section of road to be reduced to 70 kmls, and a regular surveillance by Highway Patrol officers for trial period of at least one year to ensure the speeds are enforced before any of the proposed work be done.
2. For the installation of a permanent speed camera in the area, either functional or a dummy unit. Either of the above options would most probably be below the cost of the proposed work.
3. For the installation of vibration bumps along the sides of the road in sections where possible driver complacency can occur, thereby giving early warning of driver error and/or fatigue.
4. Possible completion of Main Road 92 would also reduce the need for heavy use of this road by travelers coming from the west of the state.
Unfortunately, the eternal problem of road safety is always directed at improving the roads, I can understand that it will always be easier to do so, instead of improving the standards of vehicle handling and control by users of these roads.
In conclusion, I feel that there are many cheaper alternatives that could be considered along this section of road, that would improve the safety of this section and also maintain the singular beauty of the area.
If you could spare the time, please feel free to call in and spend a short period at my premises to judge the general flow of traffic along this road, and the average speed at which it travels.

Yours Sincerely,
Rick Saur

The Editor

Noggarah story a little astray
Having revisited K.V. recently, I caught up with the K.V. Voice.
The article on Noggarah had some incorrect information.
Neil and Jessie Boomer owned Noggarah before the Water Board bought it and they owned the Archer Hotel/Motel in Nowra, not the horse.
It was called Leprechaun when they owned it. My husband worked for the Boomers at Noggarah and also when they moved across the river to Tallowa Dam Road.
The valley was looking superb — so lovely and green after the dust and dry of Tumut.
Keep up the good work with the Voice.

Ann Sandle Tumut

Editor’s note: Thanks for the feed back we will check our sources again.

What WIRES Volunteers do

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The telephone duty person then locates, through a rescuers call list, the most appropriate person with the necessary skills to find, capture, conduct 1st aid, house and feed until well enough to release.
The volunteers have to fund, to a certain extent, the initial care of the animals and take time out of their own routine to take the animals to veterinary care for assistance, advice and sometimes to have the animal put down.
The vets that we take our animals to have to be applauded for their help, understanding and professionalism that they extend to these animals in their time of need.
Kangaroo Valley WIRES members usually rely on the assistance of Bomaderry Veterinary hospital on the highway or Berry vets in Berry who also do a visit to the Valley each week.
The vets that practice at these establishments treat the animals at little, if any cost to us and will always fit us in at their practices.
Thank you to the vets at these practices from the many animals that they have cared for.
If you have ever thought about caring for our injured native animals then I will keep you posted through the Valley Voice.
The next basic training course to become a volunteer will be conducted in July.
There will be an information morning on Saturday 7th July from 8 am until noon and the actual course will be on the 28th and 29th July starting at 8 am until 5 pm on both days.
We are always in need of volunteers; you can do as little or as much as you like, any time will be much appreciated.
If you are interested please call the rescue number and register.
Most importantly if you see an animal in distress or hit by a car don’t drive past, stop, cover the animal with a blanket or similar and call WIRES for assistance.
If you come across a dead animal stop (I know it seems gruesome) check that there is no joey in the pouch or nearby that needs assistance and call WIRES.
Please remember your safety always when stopping for an injured animal on the road side. Thank you for taking the time to read my update, until next time safe driving and always drive slower at night time.

From a Kangaroo Valley WIRES volunteer

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A fresh idea

Norris Ingrisch is a man not short on ideas or confidence.
During a short discussion on a simmering idea of a new look masthead for the Valley Voice, which were in essence and on reflection, musings not a brief, Norris responded with a refreshing promptness and a stimulating concept.
He tells me it was as a result of his experience of living in the Valley for nearly twelve months, coupled with a strong sense of identity and stimulated by the vista of valley mist captured in the accompanying photograph that all came together in the final design. Hailing originally from South Africa, Norris embarked on a career in Graphic design, advertising and Marketing communications including photography.

After South Africa, Norris moved to Europe and finished of in New Zealand for two years, before moving to Sydney and finally to Kangaroo Valley for a fully satisfying lifestyle. He has a passion for the countryside, sport-fishing and golf and decided to move to Kangaroo Valley to enjoy those pursuits and a way of life. Norris currently is developing some specialised retail activities embracing his interests and is still bursting with fresh ideas in those areas of interest.
He particularly enjoys the fact that people are friendly and helpful in the Valley. With his production of a new masthead for the Kangaroo Valley Voice he has already made an indelible mark of the cultural landscape of this community.
We thank him for his contribution and look forward to reporting his future success in the new ventures he has undertaken.

Kangaroo Valley Voice

Managing the city for 2007 – 2010! Any ideas?

Shoalhaven City Council’s 2007/2010 management plan is going on display and Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Greg Watson is calling on all interested citizens to comment on the proposed works and services, rating and other management issues within the plan.
Council’s Special Policy and Planning Committee has recommended that the Draft Management Plan and Budget be placed on public exhibition from Tuesday 1 May until Thursday 31 May. The Draft Management Plan will be exhibited at the Council’s Nowra Administration Centre in Bridge Road Nowra, and at the Ulladulla Administrative Building in Deering St. It will also be available at the city’s five libraries, including the bookmobile and available for download on the internet at www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au.
The Draft Management Plan outlines the extensive works and services Council will undertake for the next three financial years and how Council will pay for these major works and services.

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Historical Society AGM and report

The following people have been elected to the Committee for the Historical Society.
President: Garth Chittick
Vice President: Joan Bray
Secretary: Cathy Szarbo
Treasurer: Sheila Young
Publicity: Joan Bray and Doris Blinman

The Society are co-operating with the proposal to include inserts of historical places into the framework of the proposed footpath from the Bridge to Barrengarry PO. Also with information on places of historic significance for a tourist walk map of the village.

Heather Kelly
Publicity Officer

Libraries are no longer places of silence, policed by little old grey-haired ladies with glasses. (As an ex-librarian I’m allowed to say that!). They are welcoming meeting places where all sorts of activities take place. And fines for late returns are off the agenda! CDs, videos, DVDs, puzzles can all be borrowed, as well, of course, as books and magazines. To make things easier for us in the Valley a mobile van visits the school every second Friday and can used by all residents.

For information ring 44293705. Thank you, Noela and Nicole, for a very informative talk. Our next meeting will be on 11 May. Please ring Betty Allan on 4465 1154 by Wednesday 9 May if unable to attend, or if you would like to come along to one of our meetings. Visitors are most welcome. You do not have to be a member to attend and enjoy one of the lovely lunches provided by Cheryl at Source.

Jenelle Brangwin
Publicity Officer

Country Women's Association
Kangaroo Valley Branch

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Valley Voice has a Tasmanian cousin

When Laurie and Diana De Ville (ex Valley residents and members of the K.V. Voice team) were in Tasmania recently, they were in the town of St Marys when they spied the sign pictured in the photograph on the right.

They also brought back a copy of that local paper, volume 38 No 20 for Thursday March 15, 2007.

We contacted the Editor of The Valley and East Coast Voice, Judy Spilsbury to let her know of the name similarity and asked her for some background and details of their publication.

Her letter follows.

Hi Kangaroo Valley,
It is very difficult to know where to start, when I have to talk about my home town of St Marys in Tasmania.

We are a small township about 20 minutes inland from the east coast about 390 metres above sea level, with a population of approx 800.
Initially, this has always been a mining and dairying area and although the mines are still is one of the best places to live (I'm not biased). The people are warm and friendly and over the last ten years we have many newcomers from all over Australia now living here.
We are celebrating our sesquicentenary (150 years) this year and many functions have been organised.

We have a New Year's Day picnic races, held every year, the only one of the year, and have about 5,000 people from all over the state attend.
Many sports are played here, and although we don't have a football team any more, football was the highlight of the winter months, (Aussie rules).
The Valley Voice as you know has been in continuous publication for 40 years this May, so we are celebrating our birthday very soon.
All our helpers including me are all volunteers, and have been associated with the paper for many years, so we are all getting a bit long in the tooth!
Our circulation is 455 copies at the moment, with many posted to various places in Tasmania, to expatriates and on the mainland.
(One copy even goes to an oilrig in the Bay of Bengal, to a local who works on a rig!)
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A peaceful spot
here, they are not as big now and the dairying industry has fallen through long ago.
We do have a forestry industry with pine plantations all around us.
That was started many years ago when the mines started to decline.
Like many small towns in Australia, we have struggled to stay alive and although we have not gone ahead like the coastal towns, St Marys

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The old

The new

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The big day out at the races

The fire and the fury

The Valley Voice has a Tasmanian cousin

When Laurie and Diana De Ville (ex Valley residents and members of the K.V. Voice team) were in Tasmania recently, they were in the town of St Marys when they spied the sign pictured in the photograph on the right.

They also brought back a copy of that local paper, volume 38 No 20 for Thursday March 15, 2007.

We contacted the Editor of The Valley and East Coast Voice, Judy Spilsbury to let her know of the name similarity and asked her for some background and details of their publication.

Her letter follows.

Hi Kangaroo Valley,
It is very difficult to know where to start, when I have to talk about my home town of St Marys in Tasmania.

We are a small township about 20 minutes inland from the east coast about 390 metres above sea level, with a population of approx 800.
Initially, this has always been a mining and dairying area and although the mines are still is one of the best places to live (I'm not biased). The people are warm and friendly and over the last ten years we have many newcomers from all over Australia now living here.
We are celebrating our sesquicentenary (150 years) this year and many functions have been organised.

We have a New Year's Day picnic races, held every year, the only one of the year, and have about 5,000 people from all over the state attend.
Many sports are played here, and although we don't have a football team any more, football was the highlight of the winter months, (Aussie rules).
The Valley Voice as you know has been in continuous publication for 40 years this May, so we are celebrating our birthday very soon.
All our helpers including me are all volunteers, and have been associated with the paper for many years, so we are all getting a bit long in the tooth!
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What a lovely day at Yarrawa Estate.

The annual grape picking day at YARRAWA is eagerly anticipated each March and participation by a loyal band of helpers one of the highlights of Village life.

It is a great chance to meet up with friends through the leafy vines, snip off seemingly endless bunches of plump grapes, walk up and down the hillside a few dozen times and enjoy the delights of being alive and active.

The birds had enjoyed a preview of this year’s vintage and the bees were slightly cross at being disturbed, but we all just contentedly picked.

By lunchtime we were ready for a hearty meal and of course a glass of pinot noir.

A young couple on holidays joined the group, and over lunch voted the experience of grape picking and wine tasting a memorable day.

It was Alice’s birthday and Joseph will need to work hard next year to top this one for her.

Despite the near catastrophe of a lost watch, a few secateurs snips and bee stings, we all survived to collect the generous spoils and retire, relaxed and satisfied homewards.

The yield of more than three tonnes should make an excellent vintage and maybe an eventual gold medal winner at the South Coast Wine Festival.

Mark and Sue wish to thank their many friends for a great day’s work.

See you next year!

Joan Bray

from concept, to completion
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We are excited about the proposal to build an eco village in the Valley with an emphasis on quality, affordable accommodation and services, based on a sensible concern about preservation of the environment

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Well, we did it!
A monumental effort from everyone in the valley has put us on the map. We’ve had some wonderful feedback, and generated quite a bit of excitement. All the musicians were happy, and many went out of their way to say how well they were looked after, how professional it all seemed to them, and please could they come back again! I want to compliment everyone in the valley who volunteered. Without you this event could not have been staged.
I know it was a weekend out of your lives, but it was a weekend well-spent, and there were very few major hitches.
I hope you were able to enjoy some of the performances, and maybe start to feel that this “elitist, difficult, hard-to-understand” classical music might actually be fun and approachable at times.
We’ve had a weekend of superb performances, given by the best musicians in Australia, and I think we can all indulge in the sin of pride that we staged the weekend in spectacular fashion and sent our paying audience home happy.
I thought we had some terrific art exhibitions, and gave our local artists a fantastic platform to display their work.

The sculpture garden was the piece de resistance, and hugely appreciated by all who went there.
I was delighted by the concerts I managed to attend over the weekend, and very pleased that some of my odder ideas worked in performance.
Rachel Scott, for example, with Micky Allan, created an engrossing experience in the Anglican Church Hall, allowing us all to witness the unfolding of a painting in tandem with the unfolding of the music.
I gather the other two concerts in this series were equally stimulating.
After all the preliminary dramas it was terrific to hear Yvonne Kenny singing so beautifully, and realising that she enjoyed herself in our company.
My highlights included the morning bushwalks, led by Jo Keane and Les Mitchell. I had to drag myself out each morning, but the walks were so beautiful that my initial reluctance was soon put away, and the treat of arriving at the endpoint of the walk and enjoying our two didgeridoo players was worth every moment of exhaustion put aside to get there.
My thanks, then, to all who took part in the weekend.
My thanks to the organising committee, each of whom had a large task over the last two years and each of whom performed spectacularly well.

"Arts in the Valley was all I hoped it would be and more, and it has given me so much pleasure to hear that the people who attended really enjoyed it too. I have a sense that the festival has been a milestone for Kangaroo Valley. It has brought so many individuals and groups together in support of the festival and I feel that Kangaroo Valley is walking around with its chest stuck out, proud as punch that we put on such a classy event.
I would like to say a very big Thank You to the people of Kangaroo Valley for the amazing level of support that you gave the inaugural Arts in the Valley. We are absolutely overwhelmed with the generosity of spirit of this small community. The level of support we received from the volunteers, visual artists, Valley businesses and organisations enabled us to host a festival that we can all be proud of.
And of course, a big thank you to all those who came along and enjoyed the events.

Elizabeth George
For Kangaroo Valley Arts Festival Committee

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From concert goers and art lovers

“performances outstanding”

I thoroughly enjoyed the inaugural Kangaroo Valley Arts Festival and convey my heartfelt congratulations to all involved.

The organisation was impeccable, the calibre of performances outstanding and the sense of community very palpable.

The Festival reached a moving and triumphant finale in Andrew Ford’s celebration of the Robertson Cemetery.

To commission new works and define one’s own society are the marks of a great Festival.

“Awards of Excellence”

We had the extraordinary good fortune to secure two full packages for the first Kangaroo Valley Arts in the Valley. A first festival is often rewarding, but this was especially so.

It was entirely free of glitches, so far as the public could see – amazing for a first run of anything – more so for a festival with so many events on offer.

The music was exceptional, and the art very enjoyable.

The variation in scale was delightful – sculpture in the wide open spaces of Wombat Grange to paintings in the rooms of the Café Bella. Yvonne Kenny in the great marquee to the intimacy of concerts in houses and churches. We did not see or hear everything, but musically we were most struck by the presentation of Australian compositions and more intimate events.

While it is invidious to single out one or two of the many good events, we were frankly bowled over by Alice Giles playing the blue harp, while her mother and sister painted a landscape, captivated by the history and architecture of Barrengarry House and the harpsichord playing of John O’Donnell and very moved by Ford’s new work, Elegy in a Country Graveyard.

It was the perfect finale to an inspiring weekend, connecting us, as it did, to the local area.

Ruth and Peter Spence-Stone
Sydney

From a sponsor

“As sponsors of the Arts in the Valley Festival we are extremely proud to have experienced the world class talent showcased over this magnificent weekend.

Our congratulations are extended to the entire Kangaroo Valley community on the accomplishment of this inaugural event of which we are certain will continue for years to come.”

Nick Colys: Colys Group

Congratulations on the smooth organisation and very sophisticated running of the KV Arts Festival.

It was such a brilliant weekend.

We all loved each of the events that we attended.

What a wonderful and exciting concept that you and your team brought to fruition.

Judy Law
Sydney

Congratulations on a sensationally successful festival!

I hope you are enjoying the post-traumatic pleasure of when it all stops.

David Pereira

From the directors chair

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We must be one of the few festivals in Australia where the organising committee didn’t implode along the way.

My special thanks to Liz Aitken, without whom our weekend would not have proceeded so smoothly, and whose role as volunteer and venue coordinator was crucial to the success of the music and the art.

My thanks to Tony Barnett, whose garden was the centrepiece of the festival, and whose secretarial skills kept us all legal and in contact with the outside world; and speaking of the garden, no praise is high enough for Allan Gilden, who has made a magical space that exudes love, and was the perfect setting for the artwork that was displayed.

My thanks to Graham Gale, who steered the sponsors and media in the right direction (to us!), and to Anna Candler, who wrote our sponsor briefs.

My thanks to Caroline Burton, who single-handedly processed every ticket sold to the festival – error-free – and who has handled all the memberships.

This has been a mighty task, and it has been undertaken with fortitude and precision.

She and I even got time once to twice to see the world through our camera lenses…

My thanks to the woman who has created the public face of the festival, Myriam Kin-Yee. Her graphic work has been delectable – commented on by many – and has been a very large contributor to our success.

People saw the brochures and banners and flags, and tshirts, and realised that this was a serious and stylish event.

I am deeply grateful to Mim, and to her students at Wollongong for their work on this project. And we must not forget Jo Stirling, who designed our festival logo and sang in the choir, and helped throughout the weekend.

My thanks also to Sheila Young, though not on the committee she made sure that our visual artists were involved in this festival and undertook most of the organization of the exhibitions.

Also not on our committee but making a huge contribution, was Pamela Davis, who undertook preparation of all our grant applications, most of which were successful. My thanks to you.

Lastly, two crucial people.

Dietmar Tucha and Elizabeth George. Why they’re not divorced right now is a mystery to me.

Dietmar promised me right at the start that we’d not lose money.

As Treasurer he has been true to his word, and I can’t tell you how much of a relief it is to know that we don’t have to stage loads of fund-raisers to take care of debt.

He has managed the budget, including quite a few major and unexpected cost-blow-outs, with great aplomb, and I am very grateful.

And lastly, Elizabeth, who has been dedicated to this festival right from the first.

She hand-picked the committee and steered us all through the last two years, keeping us focussed, whipping us when necessary, making sure the ball was always in play and providing encouragement when it was needed.

I know she has not always endeared herself to everyone, but the jobs did get done, even through gritted teeth at times and I want to thank her from the bottom of my heart for her work, her dedication, her persistence, her friendship.

With all these people, and the many not mentioned by name, my funny little dream of a festival in Kangaroo Valley has become a reality beyond my wildest imaginings.

Many, many thanks!

Belinda Webster
Artistic Director

Stephen Goddard

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David Pereira

I cannot say how much we enjoyed the weekend with you at the festival.

What an overwhelming success. We are sure you realise that all the hard work has been worthwhile.

I know we came away from the valley with fresh minds full of pleasant memories, especially after the Andrew Ford work.

The integration of music, visual art and architecture was a masterstroke and Belinda should be upgraded from OAM to AO!!!!

I hope the organisation has made a profit for the future.

Rupert Edwards

Stephen Goddard

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### Arts in the Valley feedback forum

#### From the performers

**“volunteers...plain remarkable”**

From what I saw and heard of the festival, it was a triumph. I think you have really started something. The music and programs were impressive, but scarcely so was the organisation. Everything from the spectacularly good program down to the little logos on the tickets in the sculpture garden... and the efficiency of the volunteers was plain remarkable... Onwards and upwards!

*Andy Ford*

**“moved by the spirit”**

“Standing up on stage as part of the choir and looking out amongst the crowd in the Hall on Sunday was quite an experience. It was not something I had expected, but to see and enjoy the faces of the audience as they were moved by the Andrew Ford piece was very special. Our choir worked hard to bring such a challenging piece together and I for one enjoyed so much to perform in our community and to be part of the choir... such a great bunch of people, and damn fine voices! I too was very moved by the spirit this town can pull together, its always so inspiring to feel it. Wonderful weekend and well done to all who put their lives on hold and had sleepless nights, to make it a reality.!”

*Jo Stirling*

**“I was thrilled to be invited”**

'I was thrilled to be invited to perform in the inaugural Kangaroo Valley Arts Festival and send congratulations to everyone involved for making it such a huge success. I hope that the resounding success of last weekend will encourage you to stage Festivals well into the future. At a time when opportunities for performing artists are becoming less it is wonderful to have the possibility of performing in such a beautiful place as Kangaroo Valley.'

*Yvonne Kenny*

#### From the locals

**Vision and Valour in the Valley**

Many will commend the incredible committee, their helpers and the volunteers for the splendiferous Arts in the Valley. My letter sings the highest possible praise for all of these people. I am so proud to be a member of a community that put on such a memorable event. If I try to tease out the factors most deserving of praise, the award of the highest merit must be to Belinda Webster for the artistic vision and to Elizabeth George for having valour to support Belinda's vision. The vision for this festival was that of a creative genius. There were many times on this weekend that I had to swallow to stop myself expressing a sob at the exquisite beauty of the music enhanced by the physical surroundings and the accompanying art. The choices that Belinda made were simply amazing and each concert or exhibition was an unparalleled success. I will never forget listening to Yvonne Kenny sing "Baghdad Baby Boy" composed by Martin Wesley Smith and written by Peter Wesley Smith. Another was listening to Alice Giles and Geoffreys Collins in a house and landscape that indeed seemed to be like music frozen in space. Or watching the unfolding art by Heather Betts and listening to Brett Dean; and listening to Ian Munro; and Slava Grigoryan; and the Sculpture Garden; the organisation of the festival was simply amazing. We all knew that Elizabeth had formidable organisational skills and gathered together other exceptional people for the committee. However the majority of people in her position are becoming less it is wonderful to have the festival. I salute everyone in the valley that contributed to this successful festival. The credit must rest with the two geniuses: Belinda Webster and Elizabeth George. The village is indebted to you both. I cannot imagine a more effective way to promote the main industry of this village, which is tourism. Everyone will benefit as word spreads from the many happy faces there last weekend. I will be among the first to put up my hand for the next festival. Please Belinda and Elizabeth - do it again!

*Pamela Davis*

Congratulations to you and your committee on the Tour de Force which was the inaugural Kangaroo Valley Arts Festival. I thoroughly enjoyed the concert and other events that I managed to attend. All who worked so hard are to be commended. I will help in any way ... for the next event.

*Win Palmer*

…If perchance we host an OPEC meeting in the valley the Brass could do worse than ask you and your team to organize it -- its truly a wonder to behold.

*Don Godden*

Congratulations. Everything I hear around town is good. Well done. Regards and admiration

The first Arts Festival in the Valley has justifiably earned high praise both from those attending the many attractions and the community of the Village. It was a personal pleasure to help the Committee and I commend all concerned for their wonderful achievement.

*Joan Bray*

Well they certainly excelled!!! Congratulations to all those involved and thank you for giving us all a wonderful weekend of fabulous music, art and food.

*Sue Foster: Sec KVTA*

I should like to express my thanks to those members of the Arts Festival Committee with whom I worked closely, prior to the event. The excellent organization, coupled with a professional attitude, facilitated the completion of the various tasks. May I also congratulate the Committee on the quality of the performances. Quite outstanding and a rewarding musical experience.

*Quietta Starling*

**Festival helps to reverse trend**

Wow! What a wonderful festival. First class talent and first class organisation. From the perspective of the Kangaroo Valley Tourist Association we can honestly say that the festival brought new visitors to the valley from the Shoalhaven, Illawarra and Southern Highlands. Our members who run restaurants reported significant increase in customers and our official Tourist Information Centre was very busy on Saturday with our entire stock of Guides taken. Therefore the impact of the festival on our local economy from the perspective of retail and F&B should not be underestimated. This is set against a back drop of a declining trend in day trips taken by Australians. Since its height of 190 million day trip days taken in 1999 the figures have slumped to 140 million in 2005 (National Visitor Survey). Therefore Arts in the Valley has made a major contribution to attracting new and repeat visitors. The income from these visitors will contribute to sustaining our local shops and restaurants/cafes (something we all personally rely on). The KVTA supported and assisted the Arts in the Valley 2007 and will certainly wish to do so in the future. If anything we would call for the festival to be an annual event and to integrate performances with meals and accommodation into special packages targeting art lovers from Sydney and Canberra. Very soon the KVTA will have completed the

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## Visual arts winners and displays

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**Children represented:**
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### Sales of sculptures top $50,000

The magnificent garden at Wombat Grange was a magnet for sculpture lovers. Weekend sales totalled $52,000. Here are some of the pieces on display and at right Judy Coverdale installs dome of her work.
Festival frolics and close encounters

Guitar Trek in rehearsal for what proved to be another sell out at Kangaroo Valley hall to a wildly enthusiastic audience

Geoff Collins on flute at Bangalay

... and the musicians had a good time too!

Claire Edwardes performs at the stunning residence Big Rock where Architect Edward Szewczyk spoke about the project

Above: Part of the 600 strong attendance at the outdoor sculpture exhibition on the first day listen to the official opening speeches

Above: Another view of Bangalay where architect Peter Stutchbury introduced his award winning house and Geoff Collins (flute) and Alice Giles (harp) entertained yet another packed audience enjoying a rich experience.

Below:

Availability of a Stuart piano added impact to concert recitals

Designer and maker Wayne Stuart believes that if the piano is to remain a vital musical force it must continue to evolve. This concept is the driving force that inspired him to choose as his life’s work the redefinition of the limits of the piano. His dream was to create an instrument that would offer a broader palette of musical expression through greater clarity and tonal richness.

The Stuart & Sons Piano is the product of positive thinking, craftsmanship, passion and dedication. It is a rare and beautiful instrument that respects tradition while embracing innovation and the generous provision of one of his pianos and his attendance to tune the instrument during the weekend was an outstanding contribution.

Photographs for this feature were supplied by Gary Steer, Ray Moon, Dawn Daly, Larraine Hahlos and Belinda Webster. The Valley Voice appreciates their assistance and that of the Festival Committee

Kangaroo Valley Arts Festival Committee thanks the following Valley businesses for their sponsorship of the Survey Raffle Prizes

Prizes drawn at the marquee:
1st prize: Jenoma Holiday Rental - 2 nights weekend accommodation for up to 4 people - Winner Buzz Beavis
2nd prize: $100 gift voucher The Friendly Inn Hotel - Winner Mark Chapple

Prizes drawn at KV Hall
1st prize: Man From Kangaroo Valley Horse Trail: 2 nights weekend accommodation for a couple plus one horse ride - Winner Ray Nobel
2nd prize: $100 gift voucher Valley Woodcrafts - Winner Sally Simpson

Raffle winners
(Continued from page 13)

research and implementation of a historic walk in Kangaroo Valley village and this could, I hope, be of help to further raise visitor experience, especially at times of such artistic events.

Well done to the committee, the 100 volunteers, sponsors and members of the KVTA who donated accommodation to the performers and as prizes.

Outstanding!

Here’s to the next festival!

Chris Warren
President KVTA

I would like to acknowledge the generous spirit of all those people who helped with the flowers for the Arts Festival.

Firstly, thank you to those who are not even in the Garden Group, Skip Chittick and Ray and Chris Nobel, who created the quite sophisticated displays for the Hall and the Marquee and some of the loveliest bouquets, (Yvonne Kenny said that her bouquet was one of the most beautiful that she had ever received).

Thank you to Elaine and Ron Bower (who made the lovely rose vase in the Anglican Church Hall that everyone has been commenting on), Margaret McLachlan, Fay Nelson (and her friends Fay Prince, Harriet, Lorraine and Bob Etherington), Margaret Griffiths (and her friend Julie), Pat Selby, Angus Kennedy, Pamela Davis (and her friend Sandra), Linda Williams, Pat Spencer (and her friend Carol), Heather and Kevin Powell, Norah and Ian Armstrong and Megan Connor who all donated flowers and greenery, helped make vases and bouquets and gave encouragement on the day.

Thank you also to those who sent emails or phone messages; stepped in and presented flowers at the performances; Louise Morgan and Margaret Griffiths who offered to help and bring flowers at 8 am on Sunday morning and those who could not be here but who bravely placed their gardens at our disposal.

I would also like to thank Judy Inall and Patrick Green who were a constant support, delivered completed bouquets to the venues and were just a wonderful backstop in case of emergency.

The fact that there wasn’t really an emergency, is due to all of the above and to the generosity of the whole Garden Group.

You have all made us proud.

Thank you for rallying around - they are talking about another Festival in 2009, so enjoy the break!

Lee Sharam

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...more locals feedback forum

...and a word to and from some volunteers

....and then it was party time!!!

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The escarpment

Most people who live in Kangaroo Valley have wonderful views, some, obviously more than others. Some look upon wide open vistas extending to the escarpment in the distance; others have their landscapes filtered by gums or even crowded in by the rainforest. But to me it is those of us who have some part of the escarpment to gaze upon who are especially lucky.

At a recent meeting of our book club a number of people said how they never tire of gazing at the escarpment, who watch it evening after evening as it constantly changes in the last rays of daylight. Some found it absolutely mesmerizing. These comments were stimulated by our discussion of Kate Grenville’s description of the escarpment in her book “The Secret River.” That particular escarpment is situated in the Hawkesbury area, but her thoughts and evocations apply to ours as well.

At the end of the book the main character sits every evening staring at his escarpment, never leaving until the night falls, and it was this act that initiated our own discussion. The escarpment defines our valley, enclosing it but not imprisoning it. There are some who describe it as a fortified rampart, towering over us, but generally protecting us, although there have been times when it has unleashed its fury and sent its boulders crashing down the hillsides below. From the verandah of our house our view is funneled by the trees to the escarpment directly opposite.

Perhaps it is that funnelling of vision that allows us, or even causes us, to focus so completely on the ever changing walls in front of us. To watch the changing moods can be likened to watching the changing scenes in a theatre. In the early morning, when the sun is more or less directly over its walls, there are no distinguishing features. All is a dull grey, or perhaps a silver, a bland curtain still drawn with no promise of the drama to come.

Often on these mornings the mist will rise up, stealthily obscuring cliff after cliff until it is hard to believe something so solid still exists. But it is only a smoke screen, and as the sun moves higher and disperses the cloud the wall is revealed in all its exciting potential.

The play will go on. It is not until the late afternoon and evening that the drama gathers intensity and rises to its climax. The sun pours all its energy into bringing life to the western facing walls. The trees as its base stand tall and proud; their individual trunks can be seen fighting to reach the sky. But it is the cliffs themselves that are the main players. Their specific characteristics and features are now clearly drawn. The watcher can see the separate clefs and crevices, the folds and fissures all presented in three dimensional form, even from a seat way back in the gods. The colours are intense, but always moving. Gold becomes orange, before slowly fading to pink. Mauve settles on the sky. The play goes on. The drama to come.

Could that produce such a dancing, vibrant setting has completely stolen all the attention of the audience.
The Grahams of “Nellsville” pioneering farmers

I met Stewart Graham at this year’s Show, where surrounded by a happy group of Valley and ex-Valleyites, I was pleased to chat with this man of energy and optimism.

Stewart was born on the family property, Upper River and his stories resonate with a love for this Valley, its natural resources and what was important to his family in the farming and care of the land.

The Graham family are well known dairy farmers from Upper River and Stewart is fortunate to have knowledge of the colourful life of his forebears since they took up selection in 1860-61.

His great, great grandfather, Archibald, was a baker and migrated from County Armagh, Ireland in 1837.

He and his wife Mary had nine children, including three sons, Robert, William and John.

When Mary died in 1852, he ‘selected’ another comely wife from a ‘bride ship’, which had conveniently arrived in Sydney Cove soon after.

Catherine bore him 12 children and though Archie died in 1893, Catherine lived until 1920.

He worked at his trade in Sydney.

In 1860, Robert and William heard of the land in the Valley and taking advantage of the generous payment terms for freeholders after the Robertson Land Act, acquired acreage in the Parish of Yarrawa.

This holding has been substantially increased over the last 100 years, as has the original herd of 12 Australian Illawarra Shorthorns.

Robert married Anne Nixon in 1860 and they had two children, Mary [married into the Parrish family] and Archie [married Mary Walker] from the Valley.

Anne was lonely and did not enjoy good health. She died in 1865 and as there was no cemetery in Kangaroo Valley until 1870, she was buried in a paddock by the side of the river.

After her death, Robert married Mary Spence, and when their home was destroyed by fire in 1868, they built a new one on the western side of the river.

It is still there.

Meanwhile, John Graham, Robert’s brother, had taken over the property in 1866, and bought more acreage along Gerringong Creek.

He built a house for his bride, Mary Marchant, to the south of the creek, but this was washed away in the floods of 1872.

Their baby, Archie, was barely three weeks old at the time and the family lived under a rock shelter in the mountain paddock until a new dwelling could be built.

This was on the eastern side and to the north of the river and stood until 1890, when it was replaced by the present homestead.

Archie began managing the property, in 1884, and named the house ‘Nellsville’ in memory of his seven year old sister Nell, who died from injuries received burning tussock grass on the property.

Archie went to the old Kangaroo River school, adjacent to the northern boundary of Nixons’ property on the eastern side of the river.

It was less than two kilometres from Gerringong Creek, where the old road crossed the river.

This bush school was opened in 1877 and the first teacher was James Ball.

Another of Archie’s teachers was Henry Lovell who taught there until 1888.

Archie married Jane Armstrong in 1907 and they had four daughters and a son, John, Stewart’s father, who helped on the farm from an early age.

There were milking chores before school, ploughing the fields with a team of horses, planting the rye grass, felling timber, fighting bush fires, getting cattle ready for the annual Show [commenced in 1886] and harvesting the corn with the usual help from neighbours.

The project was stopped because of World War 1 and lack of finances.

Dick Managan, a neighbour of the Graham’s worked at the factory and after the loss of four children in two weeks with diphtheria, he relocated to a new house opposite the butter factory.

All Cooper moved the PO there too, so it was a regular hive of activity for Upper River residents.

John married Joan Hill in 1952.

Joan was born in Sutherland where her father was a builder.

She met and married John in Sydney, and their three children, Elizabeth, Stewart and Raymond were born at ‘Nellsville’.

Life on a dairy farm was always busy and with three young children there was little time for socialising.

However the New Year’s Eve and the monthly dances at the Upper River Hall were eagerly anticipated, well attended and lots of fun.

Joan remembers one summer, a group of ‘hippies’ camped along the river and the local policeman was sure they would be ‘trouble’ so was keen to move them on.

Came the dance night and the group duly arrived for the night’s entertainment.

They were far from ‘trouble’ and added to the gaiety of the evening.

Only thing they were not as immaculate as the...
other patrons who had the benefit of a tub and hot water.

The popular Marshall Mountain Merrymakery band usually played and Joan recalls a dance in 1977 when 300 people came from all over the Valley. Sandwiches and cakes were provided for supper and a troop of visiting scouts did the washing up! The Graham family had a herd of AIS cattle and sent their milk to Bomaderry factory. They entered cattle in the Shows and were successful ribbon winners.

Joan’s attempt to make butter on a grand scale was abandoned after the splattering from the mixmaster made an awful mess in the kitchen. She decided this craft was best left to the experts.

Every Christmas, John’s family would come to ‘Nellsville’ for lunch and Joan’s for supper.

A gathering of about 20 each time, so that would have been a wonderful chance for the young and old to have fun together. The Graham children attended the local Kangaroo River Upper School, apparently cited that way so it would be listed ‘earlier’ in the Education Dept records.

As families’ circumstances changed, the number of children attending regularly varied, from 8-16 pupils.

The last teacher at the school was Graham Ford who closed the doors in December 1968. The school building is still there and privately owned.

Graham was also at the Show and has promised me some ‘school stories’, later this year.

None of the roads in this area were sealed, and during wet weather both teacher and children arrived with very muddy shoes and feet.

So they conducted lessons with maximum disregard for formal footwear.

No telephones either, so callers at the school were impromptu.

The Assistant Regional Director at Wollongong had a small property at Upper River which he liked to keep an eye on, so what better idea than to combine his personal and official business. You would have thought a very wet day and muddy roads would have been a deterrent, but no, he just arrived, with the inspector in tow.

History does not record whether he joined the barefooted assembly, but Graham was a little red faced.

When the river flooded it could make the bridge impassable, so some children were unable to return home after school.

They stayed with the Grahams, and Joan remembers feeding five hungry boys on one occasion, thus stretching the resources of her pantry to the limit.

After 1968, Stewart finished his schooling at Kangaroo Valley, but happily for him there was a bus service, so sloshing through the mud in inclement weather was not necessary.

In those days the Valley received a very good rainfall, sometimes so wet that the cattle needed to remain in the milking paddock and be fed there for days.

Farm recordings show the decline in this yearly rainfall over the last 20 years, a serious concern to the dairying industry.

Growing up in the Valley, with his parents and brother and sister was a happy experience for Stewart.

He had many friends, enjoyed school, except the grumpy teachers, and as he got older, the social life.

The Junior Farmers Club, which had been formed in the Valley in 1934, was an important influence on his learning to be a good farmer.

There were lectures, field demonstration trips with an emphasis on good husbandry and practical farming.

Young men and women became confident of their ability to be of real help in the continued prosperity of the family farm.

They were encouraged to excel in breeding methods and many were successful competitors at the local and other district shows.

Stewart contributed on the Executives of both the Junior Farmers Association and like his father and grandfather, the A&H Association.

He is very proud of his awards from the Dairy Authority of NSW, for excellence in the annual Shoalhaven district Milk Quality Competition at the Nowra Show. In 1995 and 1998, third, and in 1996 and 1997, first.

Then the Kangaroo Valley Show relied on the interest and patronage of the local farmers and cattle showing was a big part of the attraction for visitors.

Especially the prize bull and the well decorated stud animals.

Alpacas became popular, as they seem to do well in this climate and then there were many breeds of poultry.

The Pavilion displays were a highlight so Stewart recalls.

The ladies of the Village competed with those living in the outer areas and as today, many were renowned for their ‘speciality’.

The quality of the produce was excellent as people had more time to tend their gardens and

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Colys Group: from concept to completion.

Colys Group: Proud to have been a sponsor.
Completion: developing communities
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Bob Harnwell

Fine Art forgeries

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Don’t miss this fabulous fully choreographed three-vocalist five person SHOW when it hits the Valley for the Winter Dance on June 9 this year. There’s something for all age groups with the new Blues Brothers Downunder Show performing favourite dance numbers from Elvis through to Van Morrison, Motown and contemporary Ozrock. Tickets are only $25 (a bargain!) or $30 at the door. Tables can be booked on 4465 0138 – be quick! This is Preschool’s main fundraiser for the year, so come and slave away having a great time for a good cause. Save yourself some money while you’re at it, too. There’s a huge range of silent auction items on offer again, including holiday and accommodation packages for families and couples in Kangaroo Valley, Canberra, the South Coast and the Highlands; passes to Oceanworld, Mogo Zoo, the Australian Museum, Jamberoo, the Sydney Aquarium and many more attractions; a day with Kangaroo Valley Earthmoving; dinner vouchers and art works from well known local artists. If you can’t make the dance, grab a raffle ticket from the Preschool, Rural Supplies or the KV Grocer and lodge your bids for the silent auction before the night. Our preschoolers will thank you!

The Australian Blues Brothers’ Band getting ready to WOW the Valley.

FYRE and KV Preschool Inc are again presenting a festival on Sunday 10 June for Valley’s youth with something for all age groups and families. Entry is only $5 per person or $15 a family of four. The festival kicks off with a Pinewood Racing Derby at noon, followed by demonstrations and workshops in African drumming and Bollywood dance. There will be roving Giant Bubble Art performances and Circus WOW returns by popular demand. There will also be stalls, kids craft and hair artistry activities, a jumping castle and rides available with Hot Rodz, weather permitting. Then it’s on to the under 12s Talent Quest at 2:30 pm and the Battle of the Bands for 12-25 year olds starts at 3:30 pm. Programs and entry forms will be available soon at your school and at www.myspace.com/fyreinvalley. This year we are grateful to have Indent/ MusicNSW assistance to hold a dance party/band jam session afterwards. We are proud to report that our winning band from last year, The Green Room, made it to Triple J’s Unearth list this year. They will be assisting with the judging at the Battle this year playing at the dance party. This festival will be a blast! Come and join us.

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Search by international film maker to interview and recognise a one time Valley resident

The following exchanges of correspondence flowed from an initial enquiry from Martin Salter of the United Kingdom to the Valley Voice.

Hi there
I am researching a film I am making on the Ladakh/Zanskar region of the north west Indian Himalaya and am trying to find Antonia Deacock who wrote a book entitled "no Purdah in Padam". I understand she and her husband Warwick set up Chakola in the late sixties and was hoping you might know where to find her if she is still alive.

I am keen to interview her about her experiences as it turns out she has been left out of many of the accounts of travel in this region and her all women expedition in 1958 should be remembered.

I understand from my reading of the book she took a movie camera with her.

If the film she shot still survives this could be some of the earliest moving footage shot in Zanskar and as a result could be of great interest to many people interested in this remote region of the Himalaya.

As a result it would be great to be able to make contact with her or any of her family.

Many thanks for any help you maybe able to offer

Martin Salter

That letter was forwarded to the Deacocks who replied to Mr Salter and copied us.

Well ! Well !
How interesting after all this time.
I have printed this out and will pass it to Antonia (who is both alive and well) and she can respond.
I was in the 'Nymphs and Shepherds part of the book !

Those experiences led in time to the establishment of Chakoa and of Ausventure which was the first 'Adventure Travel' firm in Australia, ahead of USA.

That was in 1965.
Our few days together saw the first Himalayan trek leave Australia (members of the Chakola Association of Friends) in 1967.
40 years ago the first six set off for the Base Camp of Mt Everest.

The rest is history.

I am interested to read from time to time articles where I see the history bent to suit whatever?

Ego, business, but who really cares.

I shall be staying in Canberra 13 to 16 May with Dorothy Brown who led the first Everest trek.

She was also one of the members of the 1975 Mulkila (Lahul) Expedition later discovered as the first such Himalayan Expedition by Australians.

I saw Mulkila in 1958 when I trekked for four days with Antonia and her two companions and in 1978, I led the 'Golden Trek' that walked from Kasmir to Manali with no map or itinerary, that was to celebrate 20 years since the BLW (my mothers acronym: Brave Little Women!) tooted through Himachal Pradesh, Lahul Zangskar and Ladakh.

I was also determined to visit Zingzingbar which we did.

Warwick Deacock

We then asked Mr Salter to be kept up to date on his progress as well as asking how he came to contact the Voice. He replied;

Great to hear the Deacocks are fit and well.
I came across your paper by googling Warwick Deacock and Chakola and there was a reference to them in your paper.
I knew from other research that Warwick Deacock had set up Chakola, so once this had been established the rest was down to sending you an email and I am so glad you replied.

I will keep you informed about what happens - might make an interesting story.

Basically Zanskar is a remote valley in the Indian Himalaya where I spent six months 20 years ago travelling around.

Desert of Nubra Valley

The area had been a restricted military zone throughout the 50's, 60's and early 70's due to India's border disputes with China. Most references to exploration in the valley relate to anthropologists and adventurers in the mid 1970's (mostly men) and no reference has been made, in my reading, to Antonia's all women expedition to the region during the time the valley was restricted.

I am intrigued to know more about the trip Antonia made in 1958 and to find out if any of the other expedition members are around.

Very few images exist of the region from this time and so any that do are of great historical interest.

The film I am making focuses on the western fascination with the Himalaya and the growing problems that are emerging in the Ladakh/Zanskar region.

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Is your dog slow to get out of bed on a cold morning? Not so keen to jump into the car? Doesn’t like long walks any more? He/she may be just getting old however it is more likely that he/she is suffering from ARTHRITIS. While not a curable disease, there are many therapies for arthritis that will significantly improve the quality of your pet’s life.

Signs to look for in your pet:
- stiffness – especially upon rising or in the mornings
- Reluctance to or difficulty jumping (eg. into the car)
- Decreased activity level (no longer keen to go walking)
- Often sore / lame after strenuous exercise

What can I do at home to help my arthritic pet?
There are a host of methods for treating arthritis in our domestic pets. The most important components of a treatment plan are appropriate body weight and regular moderate exercise (ie leash walks, swimming). Medical treatment can be used to complement this therapy. Your local vet will be able to tailor a specific treatment regime appropriate to your pet.

What treatment options are available at my vet?
Depending on the severity of your pet’s arthritis there are several treatment options available from your vet, these include:

**Anti-Inflammatories**

(RIMADYL, PREVICON)
These are a group of drugs, usually given daily in the form of a tablet that reduce inflammation within the joint and thus reduce the pain associated with this inflammation. Along with exercise and weight loss anti-inflammatories form the basis of arthritis management.

**Cartrophen Injections**
This is a cartilage growth and joint fluid promotant with some anti-inflammatory properties that is used in conjunction with anti-inflammatory to improve the health of your pet’s joints. An initial course of 4 injections is followed by booster injections every 2-3 months.

**Feed supplementation**

“Sasha’s Blend” contains glucosamine and chondroitin sulphate which supports cartilage repair within the joint and may be beneficial for mild arthritics. Glycosamine tablets act in a similar way supporting cartilage in mild cases.

**Hills pet-food have recently released Canine Joint diet (J/d) which is a food specifically aimed at treating arthritis. You can give your arthritic pet a better quality of life.**

**See your vet for further information.**
Dr Anthony Bennett
Berry and Kangaroo Vet Clinics
84 Queen St, Berry and 11 Rectory Dr, Kangaroo Valley
Ph: 4464-1899

Valley Voice readers who are interested in any aspect of pet care, procurement, management etc. are invited to email their comments or questions to anthony2004@yahoo.com.au. We will publish questions and answers the following month.

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**Is your dog or cat registered for life?**

More than 2900 dogs and cats in the Shoalhaven have been micro-chipped but are not currently registered on the NSW Companion Animals Register. Shoalhaven City Council will soon be notifying those owners who have not registered their dog or cat where the animal is over six months of age of the requirement under the Companion Animals Act to register their pet. Acting Ranger Services Manager Grant Astill said if pet owners know their animal is not registered, however they must be identified by either a microchip or a collar and tag.

Penalties apply if a companion animal is not lifetime registered with Council under the NSW Companion Animals Act.

**Fee schedule for lifetime registration:**

- Undesexed dog/cat $150
- Desexed dog/cat $40
- Desexed dog/cat owned by a pensioner $15
- Dog/cat owned by a recognised breeder $40
- Dog/cat owned as an Assistance Animal FREE

If a pet owner’s circumstance changes, that information must be sent to Council within:

- 14 days of any change to the registration details, that is, if a pet owner moves or a dog or cat is adopted by someone else,
- 28 days of the dog or cat dying,
- four days of the dog or cat going missing.

**For more information on lifetime registration, contact**

Council’s Ranger Services on (02) 4429 3433.

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**Outhchy, grouchy dog**

Is your dog slow to get out of bed on a cold morning? Not so keen to jump into the car? Doesn’t like long walks any more? He/she may be just getting old however it is more likely that he/she is suffering from ARTHRITIS.

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Handy Hint:

With winter fast closing in it is now time to think about winter safety around the house. With a larger percentage of house fires occurring in the colder months a few quick checks could help to fix potential problems before they occur.

- Check for defects on electric blankets and cords
- Have chimneys and flues inspected and cleaned
- Make sure you have protection around open fires
- Ensure no flammable material, clothes are left over or near heaters
- Ensure your smoke alarms are working
- Practice your emergency escape plans
- Have fire blankets and extinguishers easily accessible

Remember smoke detectors are now law in all houses, but they are useless if they don’t work so check them today.

On the 2nd of April we had our AGM where all positions within the brigade become vacant, new nominations are taken and secret ballots are used to decide positions.

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Human interest stories, news and happenings from our Kangaroo Valley churches
Compiled by Ron Bower

Anglican Church
Church of the Good Shepherd
Bruce Preston has agreed to serve as The Minister’s Warden.
Our men’s breakfast will be held on Saturday 19 May.
Hans Krunnen, the head of investment market research for Colonial First Bank, will be speaking on his New York experience during 9/11.
His hotel was on the same block as the “Twin Towers” when they were struck.
Monday morning and evening women’s investigative Bible studies will start this Term.
Details Elly Castle, for morning and Katrina Thomas for evening.
All welcome.
Easter Message
Good Friday – Isaiah ch. 53:1-10, Mark ch. 15:21-47
Graham message was titled “He Himself bore our sins on the tree”. The main points were
As Jesus hung on the cross ultimately to bear the punishment for our sins He said seven things.
One of them pointed to Easter Sunday – all of them focused on others rather than himself, especially in respect to God His Father and the forgiveness we all need.
His statement “It is finished”, indicates it was especially in respect to God His Father and the forgiveness we all need.
We marked Saturday in silence and prayer, until some women came with startling news from His grave – then we gathered for a vigil of prayer.
- Now this Easter morn we have run to the tomb with Peter and John, only to find the stone rolled away - we entered, we saw, we believed - that what was spoken of Him in the Scriptures, is true.
He is not among the dead. He is risen. Risen indeed. Alleluia!
With poet Henry Vaughan we can cry: ‘Death and darkness get you packing
Nothing now to Man is lacking.
All your triumphs now are ended.
And what Adam marred is mended.
To Him be glory, power, praise, From this day and forever Amen’. 

Catholic Church - St Josephs
Easter Message
We gathered to honour all of the major events mentioned in the Gospels during the last week of Jesus’ life on earth with many visitors joining us.
Our participation in these Liturgies was summarised thus in the sermon on Easter Sunday:
- ‘On Palm Sunday we walked beside Him waving palms as He entered the Holy City hailed as the promised Messiah.
- ‘On Thursday evening we gathered in the upper room.
He washed our feet as an example of service and then spoke the words that would make His Body move and His Blood flow through history.
- ‘That night we watched with Him in Gethsemane’s grove, only to flee in confusion when He was betrayed with a kiss.
- ‘On Friday morning with heavy step, we traced His painful Via Crucis(Way of the Cross), and then stood transfixed on Calvary’s barren summit to hear from His tortured body the final cry: ‘Consummatum est’. (‘It is accomplished’) The world turned black - empty of the light of God’ presence.
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Uniting Church
The film An Inconvenient Truth will be screened at 6 pm on Sunday 6th May. All are welcomed to “bring your own sandwich” for meal at 5-30 m.
After the 1/2, hour documentary a discussion will be held for those who wish to stay.
A Bible Study series, “Living the Questions”
Wednesday nights from 7-9 pm
“Faith is not a destination, but a journey” will be discussed on 9th May, looking at the critical role the authority one places in the Bible has on our spiritual journey.
On June 13th A discussion will be held on theological ideas that may be barriers to our spiritual growth and what contributes to our thinking about God.
This may include family, education, social class, geography and our life experiences and perceptions.
The Church Council Meeting was held on Friday 20th.
John Brentnall’s message was entitled “Jesus Alive!” He said; “there is wide disagreement amongst scholars on how the Resurrection is to be understood. No matter what we believe, we can’t prove anything and many from both sides of the argument have tried.”

John continued; “the thing that is really important is how we respond to the Resurrection message. How do we make meaning of it?
How do we make it’s meaning FULL for ourselves?
Jesus was changed by it. We must allow ourselves to be changed by it – to also be different. I believe that as Christians, we are to live as people of Easter day rather than people of Good Friday, that is, people of the resurrection. People of the empty tomb, not people of the cross. We are called to live with the mystery, and to let it transform us.”
He added; “Clarence Jordan summed it up neatly when he said, “the proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the full hearts of his transformed disciples.”
John summed up; “The Easter story is the centre of our Christian faith. Celebrating Easter is about changing our frame of reference from the expected to the incredible and ultimately, in the resurrection, the God of new things transforms reality and offers hope and life to all.”

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Early Fireweed germination

Recent good falls of rain have triggered an early germination of Fireweed particularly in the north of Shoalhaven City. Shoalhaven City Council’s Chief Weeds Officer Mr Ian Borrowdale said that while some Fireweed plants seem to have grown throughout the summer months and survived the drought, early germinating Fireweed has been detected by Council’s Noxious Weed Inspectors particularly in the northern area of the city including Kangaroo Valley.

“The early germination of Fireweed this season is of great concern to Council and to farmers as it heralds a bad Fireweed season this year.” Mr Borrowdale said. “Normally Fireweed did not germinate until the cooler months of the year, usually in late April and May.

The recent good rains appear to have triggered this early germination and I expect that Fireweed will also germinate again later in the season.”

Mr Borrowdale said this will mean that property owners will have to spray several times this season to achieve a good control of the noxious weed because of the staggered germinating period.

Landowners are urged to begin monitoring their pastures now for germinating Fireweed and to prepare to implement control strategies a lot earlier this year than normal.

Council will begin inspections of private property earlier this season, starting in the management exclusion zones of Kangaroo Valley and the southern Shoalhaven to combat the early germination of Fireweed.
Our office has been full of energy over the past month – Robyn has achieved her first successful negotiation, and is in the midst of others (as well as having trained everyone in the office to wash up .... and she brings cake for us too!); Frank’s enthusiasm is contagious and the “Kangaroo Valley Getaways” girls are feeling flushed with success after a record month of bookings. Sales in Kangaroo Valley so far this year include 4 houses in town, 1 Villa, 1 vacant block and 1 commercial premises. There have been 2 houses on 5 acres sell, and one house on a large acreage. We also have offer and acceptance on a 40 acre block, a 3.6 acre block as well as a 4 bedroom home on acreage. Contemporary homes on acreage are the flavour of the month – with very strong enquiry and not enough around to sell.

First Home Buyers!

With most sales of property in Kangaroo Valley being made to Sydney professionals buying a weekender or home for future retirement, there is little thought given to whether the area has anything suited to first home buyers.

In fact, we currently have for sale a wide variety of homes under $500,000 which, subject to certain conditions, are eligible for the $7,000 first home owner grant available from the NSW Government. When buying a home worth say $450,000, a first home buyer also saves a further $15,740 in stamp duty and up to 50% in mortgage duty so the savings available on purchasing such a property total almost $25,000. With these savings available at the discretion of the government of the day, the question is can you afford NOT to take advantage of them.

To fully explain these and other issues that confront people thinking of buying their first home, we will soon be running a short seminar to de-mystify the process. Topics will include a detailed explanation of grants available from the government – who is eligible, how to apply, what conditions you must meet and so on. We will also cover financing issues – how to best ensure that a financial institution will lend you the money to buy a home, how to assess what you can afford, as well as some history of the real estate market in Kangaroo Valley.

Even if you have not previously considered buying a home in Kangaroo Valley, this seminar could be invaluable to you, and will only cost the time it takes you to attend. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about real estate. Please ring Pat on 44651404 to reserve your spot!

Congratulations to the Kangaroo Valley Arts Festival committee for an amazing job. The Valley was buzzing with energy over the weekend. I hope they are all putting their feet up and re-energising this week – they were all looking exhausted last week! Well done folks!

What season did you say it was? While the evenings are starting to feel distinctly autumn-like, the last month has both the garden and the wildlife totally confused as to the season. We have jonquils out, ducklings on the dam, and swallows hatching eggs. Did I sleep in and miss winter?

FOR LEASE: The site of the Kangaroo Valley Garden Centre (adjoining the Supermarket) is now for lease. With an area of approx 700-800 sqm, and only a minimum rent being asked. With plenty of passing traffic as well, this is a great opportunity for someone wanting to set up a new business. Contact our office for details.

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Diet and Migraine

by Rosemary Stanton

Migraine is a common problem and it affects both men and women. For many sufferers – perhaps the majority – there is no apparent relationship with diet. However, in some people, certain foods can precipitate a migraine attack, and in women, sensitivity to certain foods may increase at certain times in the menstrual cycle.

Amines

The foods most commonly associated with migraine are those high in natural chemical substances called amines. Other natural or added food chemicals may also be involved – or the migraine may have nothing to do with diet. Foods high in amines include red wine, chocolate, cheeses made from the milk of cows, sheep or goats, bananas, mushrooms, avocado, pineapple, citrus fruits, well-browned meats, spinach, concentrated tomato products (such as tomato juice, puree or paste), soy sauce, salami and other deli meats, and yeast and vegetable extracts.

Amines were first thought to be implicated because they are known to sometimes have an adverse action on small blood vessels, causing changes that could bring about a migraine in susceptible people.

There are some studies that provide some evidence, with findings that those who have migraine may have higher levels of amines in the blood after consuming foods rich in amines. One study found higher amine levels in those who get migraine without the familiar aura that often occurs. It appears that some people do not rapidly metabolise high quantities of amines to safer compounds.

Unlike an allergic reaction, where even a small quantity triggers the body to produce antibodies, the reaction to amines is related to the quantity you consume. This explains why foods sometimes appear to cause a migraine and have no effect at other times. You may only react to chocolate, for example, if you have already had a number of other foods high in amines in the preceding hours. The quantity of amines in one banana may be fine, but a banana at breakfast, cheese and avocado at lunch and chocolate at the end of the day may have enough amines to trigger an attack in a susceptible person.

Nitrates or nitrates

Found in high quantity in frankfurts, deli meats and smoked fish, these chemicals are another potential culprit for migraine in some people.

MSG (monosodium glutamate)

Perhaps the most contentious food additive, it is difficult to find a study showing that MSG leads to headaches, but many people who develop migraine know that a meal high in MSG triggers an attack. The problem is sometimes called Chinese Restaurant Syndrome, possibly because soy sauce is high in MSG and MSG powder is sometimes used in Asian cooking. Some researchers suggest the real culprit may be the high salt content of the food. MSG is added to many soups and sauces and these foods seem to trigger headache attacks more than the MSG that occurs naturally in foods such as tomato paste and aged cheeses. If you think MSG may be involved, check labels on products such as sauces, marinades and packet soups and avoid meats and chicken already in marinades.

Aspartame

This artificial sweetener is blamed for many health problems. Studies in which people are given aspartame or another artificial sweetener (with the subjects and the researchers being ‘blinded to who gets what’) do not support the claims that aspartame causes migraine. However, if you get headaches after consuming artificially sweetened soft drinks or other foods, it’s best to avoid them. My own feeling is that these sweeteners only encourage people to eat foods that are best avoided. It is best for everyone to drink water instead of artificially sweetened soft drinks. Even if you don’t have any symptoms from these products, their acidity damages teeth and five studies now show that cola drinks with sugar or artificial sweeteners have adverse effects on bones.

Skipping meals

Studies show that skipping meals can trigger migraine in susceptible people. Make sure you have breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.

Where to go for help

Dietitians can help identify food intolerances that may be involved in migraine by using an Elimination Diet which excludes foods that are known to trigger attacks. If the migraines disappear while on the Elimination Diet, you know that one or more foods is a cause. To find the culprit (or culprits), the dieter will gradually introduce particular foods back into the diet and establish the level of the relevant chemical substance that you can tolerate. To find a dietitian, check with your doctor or look up the Dietitians Association of Australia (www.daa.asn.au).

Some tests offered for diagnosis of causes of migraines are unreliable. Before spending money on diagnostic tests, check with a reputable website such as http://www.allergy.org.au. Tests that do not give valid results include cytotoxic tests, heart-ear reflex tests, kinesiology, bio-resonance, hair analysis, provocation/neutralisation tests which place foods under the tongue, and some immunoassay or specific food tests.

A small benefit?

A new study published in the April edition of the journal Neurology has found that women with a lifetime history of migraine had less decline in the cognitive ability over a 12-year period than women who didn’t suffer from migraines. The difference was particularly marked in women over 50 years of age. The researchers thought it unlikely that the benefit was due to the medications used, but wondered if the tendency for migraine sufferers to sleep more, practise more relaxation techniques or take greater care with their diet may have been responsible.
On 28th April 2007 a Special General Meeting was held to elect a new board of directors following the shock resignation of all but one director.
The club was constitutionally required to appoint a new board consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents and at least four Directors.

A well attended meeting of the members saw the election of Martin Barclay as President, Philip Broad as senior Vice President, Slim Ward as junior Vice President, and Ron Burcher, Phil Chittick, Harold Sharman, Lance Brown and John Patrick Healy as club Directors.

Ken Crocker will be the public officer for the club.
The club’s secretary will continue to be Pru Pritchard who will also be the licensee.

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I would like to thank the members present for their confidence in electing the new Board.
To all the volunteers who have willingly made themselves available for cleaning, mowing and general duties, thank you so much for providing your energy and enthusiasm – it is a great reflection of the spirit that exists in this Club.

All club members have some special skill that may be helpful to the successful running of the Club, so please don’t be shy in approaching the Board and tell them what you can do to help.

I especially thank the Bomaderry Bowling Club for their continued patience and understanding of this Club’s situation and the newly elected Board of KVBRC look forward to commencing discussions with the Bomaderry board regarding an amalgamation between the two clubs.

The focus of our new board will be on a successful amalgamation between the two clubs.

This remains in line with the mandate given by the Members in December 2006.
The Bomaderry Bowling Club’s Board and Management have indicated they will operate the amalgamation along the same conditions as the Berry merger which has proven successful.

Berry will be an integral part of their organisation as would a successful amalgamation with Kangaroo Valley Bowling and Recreation Club.

With any amalgamation there is a risk for both partners and the Board of the Bomaderry club share and understand the concerns regarding the safety of the assets of the KVBRC with regard to the Kangaroo Valley community.

The perception in some parts of our community is that our Club and its’ assets will be liquidated and that this is the motivation for Bomaderry’s amalgamation.

The Bomaderry board wish to make it very clear that this is not the case.

Their desire is to operate a successful Bowling club that is an asset to Kangaroo Valley and the community.

The traditional Anzac Day two-up was held at the club and raised over $500 for Legacy.

Thanks to the organisers who ran the event and to the cooks in the kitchen who made sure there was plenty to eat.
There was great entertainment in the club on Easter Saturday when Ken and Maree Whitten played some beautiful music to an appreciative crowd.

Thanks guys - you were fantastic.

There is a long way to go and at the end of the day the future of our club rests in the hands of the community and a willingness to patronise the club.

Together with the new Board, I am very confident that we will be conducting positive negotiations with Bomaderry and that our new line up will be seen as energetic, skilful and progressive.

President
Martin Barclay

| Monday | 4 pm - 7 pm |
|Tuesday | 12 noon - 9 pm |
|Wednesday | 12 noon - 9 pm |
|Thursday | 12 noon - 7 pm |
|Friday | 12 noon - 10 pm |
|Saturday | 12 noon - 10 pm |
|Sunday | 12 noon - 8.30 pm |

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ACTIVITIES

Monday
Bingo: 5 pm.

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|         | Members’ Badge Draw 8 pm |
| Thursday | Croquet: ph 4465-1608 for time. Casual gear |
| Friday | Croquet: ph 4465-1608 for time. Casual gear |
|         | Meat raffle: Recycled brown bags welcome. Tickets from 7.30 pm; draw starts 8 pm. |
|         | Members’ Badge Draw |

8 to 8.15 pm

Saturday
Social Bowls: 1 pm.
Casual gear.

Sunday
- Barefoot Bowls: 1.00 pm.
- Petanque: 3.00 pm.

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The other planet that is well placed is Venus, still the brilliantly bright “evening star” in our twilight western sky. Remember to use binoculars to watch the phases that can often mimic the Moon. When viewing the Moon remember to start just after the New Moon. He crescent will give stunning views from day one and as the Sun’s light creeps further each day, a new vista of craters, valleys, mountains and mare (seas) is shown in stark relief. When the Moon’s phase begins to approach full the Sun’s light is too direct, casting little or no shadow, causing most detail to become indistinct. You can, however, observe the wonderful “rays” that radiate from some of the more recent craters, meteor impacts estimated to have happened as recently as a million years ago. The crater Copernicus is the most stunning example, the rays visible to the unaided eye and special in binoculars. Along with a few members of the Shoalhaven Astronomers I attended the 15th Annual South Pacific Star Party at Ilford near Mudgee on the weekend of the 14th April. This annual gathering of amateurs (a major “nerd alert” according to my daughters) takes place at a property owned by the Astronomical Society of New South Wales. There were lots of kids there this year as well as studies done, which show that diabetes can be abolished (yes, abolished - not just controlled), by increasing exercise and returning to a more “primitive” type of diet. The answer really does lie in our own hands and I do realise that it is difficult to get started (I am just as guilty as all the rest of you!) but what we need is to see more of each other on the cycle-ways and pathways around the Valley so that we see “less” of each other in the future and improve our prospects for longevity in the process!}

Til next time, stay fit and healthy,

Dr Bob
Col Good - Major Singles Winner!

Following the end of the zone club competition which had the local boys finishing well the interclub competition took off as soon as the rain allowed. The prestige Major Singles title was to be contested by all registered club bowlers to determine the king of the green for 2007. Many of the players carried their great form from the earlier competition with no member being a clear cut favourite although several indicated that the trophy space was cleared on their mantle shelf.

This event is where two players compete to be the first to score 31 points over as many ends as it takes with an official marker adjudicating the results who measures the distance of the bowls from the white jack (kitty) when required. Bob Holdaway was one of many who were in top form and he came up against Col Good who blasted his way through with a resounding win of 31-13 – Bob enjoyed a reviving refreshment after that one.

Next to face Col was Lance Brown who has shown mixed form throughout the season but who jumped to an early lead of 8-1 over Col.

The way with bowls is it is never predictable and leads can swap and change throughout a game as was in this case as Col evened the game up and continued positively. The game brought out the best in both players who were tested under rain interrupted conditions throughout which changed the speed of the green dramatically calling on major adjustments to maintain quality shots. Col had the edge on Lance in the final stages but Lance pulled out a rare three pointer to even the game at 29-29.

Col with great composure and touch won the next two ends to conclude a wonderful game. Phil “Jingles” Chittick was also in devastating form with convincing wins throughout the season and also a past singles champion. Col took to an early lead and the two champions fought long and hard but Col held his lead throughout and winning 31-23. The final game had arrived with Adam Rigney completing a wonderful game. Col had the edge on Lance in the final stages but Lance pulled out a rare three pointer to even the game at 29-29.

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The case here was both players had the mindset that anything could happen at any time and both maintained great form throughout with Adam finishing with a final burst pegging back Col’s lead but not enough with Col winning 31-27 ……long live the king!

See you at “Barefoot” bowls on the weekends.

The Bias One

Sports groups and community associations are invited to submit news of their activities and events to the Kangaroo Valley Voice E-mail to kvvoice@shoal.

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Patellofemoral pain: A common cause for aching knees

Patellofemoral pain causes an ache in and around the knee which usually happens for no particular reason. People who have this condition usually complain of pain when they bend their knee in activities such as squatting, climbing stairs, running or sitting for a long period of time. It affects 25% of the population at some time during their lives but is more common in athletes and during adolescence.

The reason this condition is more common in adolescence is that during periods of growth the long bones grow faster than the muscles which puts abnormal stresses on the knee joint.

Also some people are genetically more susceptible to this condition. The pain is caused by poor alignment of the knee cap in relation to the thigh bone from caused by poor biomechanics, which leads the knee cap being pulled out of place during movement.

People who have patellofemoral pain usually have one or more of the following symptoms:
- Weakness in the muscles around the knee that hold the knee cap into place.
- Weakness in specific hip muscles, which makes it difficult to stand on one leg because the leg wobbles.
- Flat feet.

Patellofemoral pain usually responds well to physiotherapy and only in extreme cases requires surgery. Physiotherapy treatment involves massage to release tight muscles and mobilisation of the patellofemoral joint.

Patients are shown how to tape their kneecap into place which can help to decrease pain. They are also shown exercises to strengthen weak muscles and stretch tight muscles so that the kneecap is eventually in the correct alignment during movement. The tape does this job until the affected muscles are working correctly.

Some patients may also need to start wearing orthotics in their shoes if flat feet are a causative factor.

A period of rest is usually required from aggravating activities until the patient can do these pain free when their knee is taped. Pushing through pain in this condition is likely to make the condition worse and prolong recovery.

New Wireless Broadband and Mobile Network for Shoalhaven and Kiama

Snoopa Community has announced its decision to go ahead with an immediate deployment of a metro wide Wi-Fi broadband network for Shoalhaven and Kiama municipal areas.

“Recent changes to the Australian Broadband Guarantee Scheme have made it possible for us to commence immediate rollouts of this new and exciting technology across regional towns. The Shoalhaven and Kiama areas will be the first to experience speeds of up to 54mbs and take advantage of a new mobile network that will dramatically reduce the costs of mobile calls in the area,” said Terry Crews the creator of Snoopa Community.

Mr Crews has spent the last 3 years travelling around regional areas in the Snoopa Bus determining the best solution for the bush. He is bemused by the $8B fibre to the node plan announced by the Labour Party.

“The cost of running fibre in regional areas to reach 98% of the population would cost an order of magnitude more than $8B and having run it out the copper to the home would not support the data rates claimed.

It is a disgrace that politicians can make such outlandish claims and play with the future of the most important service needed in the bush in such a cavalier manner.

It’s about time they stopped grandstanding and put some thought into helping the so called 2% of the population that are being treated like second class citizens.

From my travels that figure is closer to 5% and because of their location have a much greater need than anyone else.

The ABG will go a long way towards redressing this situation.”

Communities like Vincentia, Minnamurra and Wattamolla will have access to broadband for the first time.

Wattamolla will also have mobile coverage for the first time.

Snoopa Community provides infrastructure and manages the network for the communities giving them a say in its future along the lines of the successful community bank model. Local communities can now do what the carriers have neglected to do for the past decade and reap the benefits of new technology.

Broadband services will start at $5 per month and a basic 500 megabyte plan is $25 per month at the maximum speed. Wi-Fi enabled laptops will have access to the Internet from anywhere in the coverage area and will simply go online, sign up and start surfing.

A range of Nokia mobile phones will have a normal mobile number and a fixed line number which can be the customer’s existing home number. Calls to the landline number will be at fixed line rates and calls between Snoopa customers are free from anywhere in the world.

There are more than 150,000 free Wi-Fi hotspots around the world and this number is doubling yearly. Imagine a cordless phone that works around the world.

Businesses will be able to make free calls to their field staff in the coverage area day and night.

A security service with webcams and motion detectors and video on demand will also be supported.

Now for the first time rural communities will have a better service than their city cousins.

For Further Information
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**Rugby League update**

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**The Sports Report**

The U15’s commenced their season on Saturday 21st of April with a magnificent win 60 to 16 against Western Suburbs.

Everybody played extremely well for their first game back. We also would like to welcome three new players to the team Pat, Danny and Liam who came over to the Valley from the Nowra Worriers team.

Thanks boys for making the effect to catch the bus over after school to train and allow the Valley to have a team.

Without these players we would have struggled to field a team this year.

So thanks boys.

The team is coached again by Dave Kent who always puts in a huge effort each year and is a great coach to the boys.

So until next time please try to get down to the oval and support our local teams, the canteen is fully functional and there is a jersey raffle every game in the Valley.

So we hope to see you there soon

_Donna Parker_
_Secretary_

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**Below are the games for the next few weeks.**

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**The next three dates all Sundays**

- 20/05/07 Cee Glenholmes Warilla-Lake South Gorillas 1.15 pm
- 27/05/07 BYE
- 03/06/07 KV Show Ground Robertson Spuddies 2 pm

The next game in the Valley will be on Saturday 12th May commencing at 2 pm.

After the game their will be a BBQ back at The Friendly Inn.

All sponsors are invited to attend and be presented with their Jerseys.

The BBQ will start around 4 pm and the presentation will commence around 5 pm.

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Once the prize reaches $1,000 on Tuesday or Friday nights, you still need to be in the club to win the major prize, but if the first drawn member is not present, then there will be a supplementary draw for $50, which will continue to be drawn until it is won by someone present at the time.

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Information for members and guests

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I will be returning there this May for two weeks to talk to local people about how life has changed in the area. I am keen to talk to Antonia because she will have very useful insights into Zanskar at its most unaffected state - before the Indian government began its road building program, before the anthropologists showed up and well before any mass tourism began.

20 years ago there were a few thousand visitors to the area - this year is predicted there will be 27,000, all looking for an experience perhaps a bit like Antonia’s. Adventure has gone global and on mass - which was inevitable but perhaps has spelt the end to the golden age of exploration and has had dramatic impacts on fragile cultures.

I hope this helps - if we can get a conversation going between myself and Antonia then that would be great.

With Google talk we can do this over the internet with speakers and a microphone. I could record the interview and then if any pictures were available these could be scanned and emailed.

Any archive material should be carefully preserved for historical reasons and in response to this I am also planning to establish a web based film, photography and sound portal based around the Ladakh/Zanskar region with interviews, photo essays, short films, sound recordings and historical testimonies - many conducted by local film makers and journalists in the area.

This will be up and running by the end of the year and it would be great to have an interview with Antonia on this with pictures and film footage (if there is any).

The wonders of the internet. What an amazing invention.

All the best

Martin Salter
**Wot’s on in the Valley**

### Monthly events

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Preschool               Jacinta Powell 4465 1327
Public School           Mark McCarthy 4465 1182
P & C                    Dougall Blanch 4465 1182
Scots College           Ian Boyle     4465 1089
Bomaderry High Marylin Henderson 4421 0699
Anglican Church         Graham Castle 4465 1585
Sunday School            Irene Dunn     4465 1056
Cuppa and kids           Shannon Chittick 4465 1367
Catholic Church         Anne Dynon     4464 1910
Uniting Church           John Brentnall 4464 1034

CHARITIES & SERVICE GROUPS

CMR Institute            Isabel Butler 4465 1248
Lions                   Tony Barnett 4465 1800
V.I.E.W. Club           Betty Allan 4465 1154
C.W.A.                  Gwen Nelson 4423 1193
Amnesty Int.            Libby Turnock 4465 1357
Environment             Pamela Davis 4465 2285
Wires                   4862 1788

EMERGENCIES

Police       13 1444 or 4421 9699
Ambulance    000
Poisons      13 1126
Integral Energy  13 1003
Lifeline      13 1114
Fire          000

SPORTS & EXERCISE

Tennis Club           Nigel Lewis 4446 0638
Cricket Club          Greg Thompson 4465 1531
Golf Club             John Rose 4464 2384
Canoe Club            Graeme Mounsey 4465 1597
Pony Club             Sharon Selby 4465 1186
Ladies Bowling        Margery Good 4465 1341
Men’s Bowling         Phillip Chittick 4465 1035
Fishing Club          Vinnie Winch 4465 1448
Croquet Club          Heather Kelly 4465 1608

AGES & STAGES

Nursing Mothers     Karen Beeston 4465 1098
Cubs/Scouting       Cathy Gorman 4465 1540
Senior Citizens     Bez McKenzie 4465 1873

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

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Tourist Assn          Sue Foster 4465 1165
Iyengar Yoga          Rose Andrews 4465 1364
Rock-Wallaby          Melinda Norton 4887 8256
Alcholics Anonymous   Rick 4465 1113
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