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Christmas Gathering

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Colonial Homestead at Christmas

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Jake Stead for editing the photo image.

Greetings

At last we are beginning to see the advent of warmer weather, which hopefully will ease Spring into Summer. I sincerely hope everyone managed to survive the extended cold period of time during the winter months without too many ill effects.

As you are no doubt aware, roadworks on our mountain are being undertaken, with road widening, corners made easier to negotiate and generally the overall safety of the Bowen Mountain Road will be greatly enhanced. Your BMA Committee has worked hard since the last Newsletter, but most intriguing was the wonderfully successful Halloween event. You will be able to read more about this function further into the Newsletter, and you will see from the photographs that it was enjoyed by young and old and it was a delight to see the parents as well as the children really getting into the swing of things.

There is a plethora of news and information within this publication, and we hope you will find the reading to be informative, thought provoking, and containing items for all ages and interests.

If you have an item of interest, a point of view (legitimate) or news which you feel would be of specific interest to residents living on Bowen Mountain, then please address these items to me, 'Letters to the Editor' for possible inclusion in our Newsletter. These items should be addressed to bmanews@bowenmountain.org.au

On behalf of all members of the BMA Newsletter Committee, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish one and all a truly happy, healthy and safe festive season.

Sue Hoare

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PRESIDENT and SECRETARY'S REPORT OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2016

Halloween Happenings with ghosts, ghouls, men on horseback and the Grim Reaper heralded the first ever Halloween event in Bowen Mountain Park. Over 500 hundred people attended this inaugural event which proved a most successful finale to the BMA events for 2016. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this event so successful. A special thanks to Lance and Hope Mitchell and Sarah Morgan for their tireless and creative efforts in making this a wonderful event. Read the report and see the photos further on in the newsletter. For more extensive photos and commentaries "Like" Bowen Mountain Facebook page.

The BMA is planning an abundance of entertaining activities for 2017, which are on the advanced calendar in this newsletter. Mark your diaries now! The BMA will be on annual holidays during December and January and will resume meetings in February 2017. We would like to thank the Bowen Mountain Management Committee and the subcommittees for all their tireless work throughout 2016 as they strive to make Bowen Mountain a quality environment for all to enjoy. On behalf of the Bowen Mountain Association, We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry, healthy and safe Christmas and a 2017 filled with peace, happiness, good health and success.

Bill and Alison Kerr

President and Secretary, Bowen Mountain Association

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insect and reptile displays. Market stalls. Demonstrations of
composting, building a sustainable vegie garden, planting drought
tolerant plants, weed eradication.**

Another event organised by your Bowen Mountain Association.

FIRE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Greetings to all Bowen Mountain residents.

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Bowen Mountain Association Inc. Newsletter and to the much warmer weather. On the weekend of the 4th and 6th of November very large bushfires erupted in the Llandilo and Londonderry areas. Over 300 R.F.S. members attended these fires and fortunately no property was damaged. The full story concerning these fires is featured in the local newspaper, the Gazette dated Wednesday 16 November, 2016.

Following the fires in Llandilo and Londonderry, the Hawkesbury Fire Control Officer – Superintendent Karen Hodges stated in the same local newspaper article, that the message the Rural Fire Service wanted to get out was that residents be prepared and have a Bushfire Survival Plan to make sure the whole family is fully aware of it. That way when you are aware that there is a bushfire in the area, you are ready to bring your plan into action.

Superintendent Hodges further advised that the two biggest causes of bushfires in the Hawkesbury area are lightening strikes and pile burns that get away. A lack of proper control or supervision is often the cause of run-away pile burns.

I hope you all have a quiet and undisturbed bush fire season and I would like to wish all residents of Bowen Mountain and surrounds a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a splendid New Year in 2017.

Terry Hoare,
Bush Fire Liaison Officer
BMA Inc.

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Halloween Report

The first ever Halloween in the Park went off with a bang on Monday the 31st October this year. Hundreds of residents from Bowen Mountain and surrounding areas flooded into the park for games, activities, treasure hunts and fun.

There were prizes awarded for the most original Halloween costume in various age groups, face painting, a disco, and more. The Grim Reaper turned up in the Rural Fire Service Truck and handed out hundreds of lollies to the kids at the end of the night.

The BMA would like to thank all who attended and enjoyed the fun, the Grose Vale Fire Brigade for the use of the truck, Rob Turner, The Morgan family, the Mitchell family, the Kerr family, Liz Rowan, Terry and Sue Hoare, Jake Stead and Denise Mitrakiev for all their countless hours of work.

Next year promises to be an even bigger affair with a "Halloween Spectacular" planned for Tuesday the 31st of October. Due to the overwhelming success of the event, organisers are planning an even bigger and better event.

For more information, photos of all the awesome costumes and more, please head over to the Bowen Mountain Facebook page.

"Like" the page to stay up to date on current news and events in Bowen Mountain.

Lance Mitchell



ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH OF BOWEN MOUNTAIN

The young ones want an open place to squeal and play, but as they get older they want to have some adventure in their life. Taking a child on a walk to the park will satisfy them or give them a ball and they can play for hours with no problems but the older children need to explore the neighbourhood with friends and wander around carefree. There are quite a few things to do in Bowen Mountain for teens and you can get them out of the house at a moments notice.

The first activity that teens do in the area is bike riding. It may sound boring but it's quite fun. There are plenty of tracks to ride on too. For the daredevil bikers there is a track full of jumps at the end of Lt. Bowen Drive and it can entertain any type of bike. There are routes for the scenic teens full of amazing views also continuing off the end of Lt. Bowen Drive. If you just want to go for a plain old trip you can travel along the side of the road. Following the safety rules of course.

Another activity is bush walking. Also at the end of Lt. Bowen Dive is a track that leads to rock carvings and fun caves to explore. Whether or not you head left, right or straight-ahead doesn't matter, there are plenty of tracks to explore and drag your friends along too. Don't forget to pack plenty of food and water as quite a few of the tracks involve steep hills.

A few teens have found a new way to entertain themselves. Once again at the end of Lt. Bowen Drive there are quite a few trees that have found some teens at the top of them. I don't recommend this for the weak minded because peer pressure may get the better of you and you may be one of the teens at the top of those trees.

Building natural shelters also seems to be a popular sport with teens these days and you can find them all around the bush. People also seem to be competing for the best spot to create and show off their style. If you think you have what it takes to be stylish yet sophisticated enough to be better than the rest then maybe this is something for you.

In the end I've given you plenty of things to go out and do with your friends. I hope this was helpful to inspire you to go outside and interact with fellow Bowen Mountaineers.

Lizzy J.

Tai Chi

**Come and join us in Bowen Mountain Park on
Sunday mornings - weather permitting**

Start at 10:00 am for a relaxing hour

For more information phone Sue: 4572 1271

BOWEN MOUNTAIN BUSHWALK BOOK

5th edition

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Go to **www.facebook.com**

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***You will find lots of up to the minute
information from the Mountain.***

PARK REPORT

November, 2016

Bowen Mountain Park Management Committee (BMPMC)

Help us to help maintain & Improve the Park- Working Bee March or April, 2017

The Park Committee welcomes anybody interested in the Park to come along to a working bee in March or April. Date to be advertised later.

Toilet Upgrade

The Manager -Parks and Recreation (Sean) has put a funding submission to Council's budget for the toilet upgrade. . We should know the outcome by about June.

Furniture Storage

The Park Committee is looking at storage options for the furniture presently on the floor of the hall. The intention is to move most or all of the furniture off the floor to make it easier for persons setting up for functions.

Dogs in the Park

Make sure you have your dog/s under control all the time while they are in the park. Dogs should not be a nuisance or a danger to other park users especially children. Also, keep an eye on your dog and make sure all "droppings" are picked up placed a plastic bag and put in the rubbish bin.

Outside Furniture

The Park Committee is planning to repair the existing tables and seats & will install an additional table and seat using left-over slabs from the Hall Extension. These slabs have had a coat of Sikken's. Enjoy your time in the Park with family and friends.

Colin Chesterman, Chairman, for the BMPMC 28th November, 2016 See you in the Park.

AVON ON BOWEN MOUNTAIN

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MARIAN HANLY'S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On Saturday, 29th October 2016, I was delighted to be able to attend Marian Hanly's 80th Birthday Party at Springwood Sports Club.

Having admired Marian Hanly for over 30 years, for her warm personality, caring manner and distinctively, her amazing talent and technique as an artist, (who captured so well, the essence of the Australian bush at Bowen Mountain) I did not want to miss the event.

Marian is also held in high regard in the Hawkesbury region for her enthusiastic ability to lead a team of artists in preparing and organising the Annual Bowen Mountain Arts Festival. (2005-2015) Most noticeably, Marian had a passion to encourage and promote the talents of young artistic children in the area, and supported their interest and potential at the Festival by filling a covered marquee with their creative works and awarding prizes to proud recipients.

Devastatingly, the day after the May 2015 Arts Festival was over, Marian collapsed outside her home, and in that moment, her life changed forever. Marian is still able to enjoy many of life's great moments, but has needed full time care and support since that date. Despite Marian's health circumstances, it was lovely to see Marian enjoying her own party, and seeing her extensive family of children and grandchildren enjoying the occasion as well, which was held in the Club's function room.

Not having seen Barry Hanly for some time, it was also good to reconnect with him. It is moving to see Barry's devotion to his dear wife after 55 years of marriage and see daughters, Meagan, Lisa and son, Michael who were present, attending to Marian's needs and wishes there, as well as her friends of a lifetime.

My husband Trevor and I enjoyed meeting up, once again, with some of our former Bowen Mountain neighbours, like Jane Jamieson, Elaine Leahy as well as Bill and Alison Kerr. The Sports Club provided a great venue for the party with an array of tasty food, while we watched a presentation of images of Marian's childhood and up until present times, on a large screen.

I had the honour of taking one hundred photos at the celebration, for Marian, and her family to enjoy, with the hope that Marian will look at the little album and be able to reminisce often.

Denise Nixon,
former Bowen Mountain resident (1981- 2013)

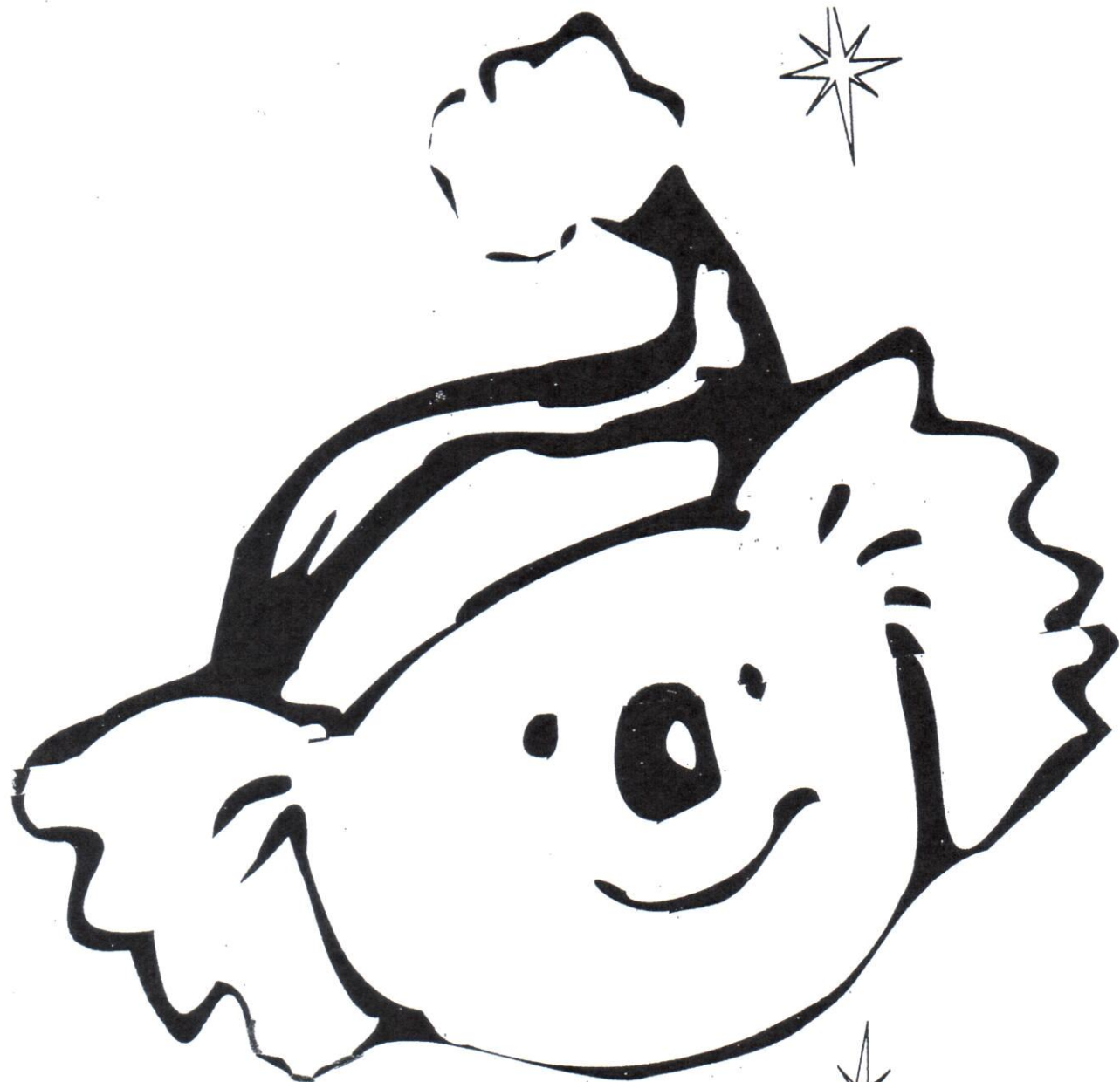


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Community Care organises social morning teas and luncheons for residents in the Bowen Mountain Hall. Transport is available if needed. Please check the website and newsletter for social events.

Phone: Liz Rowan 45 722416
OR Terry Hoare 45 721140



Wishing you

Merry Christmas.

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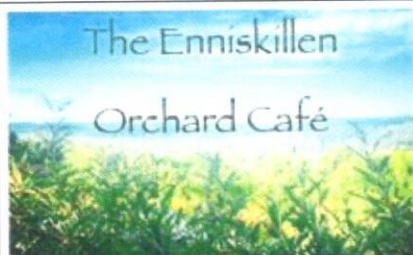
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