

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## The Mural

Over recent weeks, a transformation has taken place on the toilet block behind the church, as Poppe Zouroudis and her artist friends have decorated its outside walls with delightful murals. Fauna and flora of The Mountain are depicted in colourful detail, with symbolism also suggesting the light and beauty which flows from the Christian faith.

Originally, the only toilet serving the church was located among the trees further down the block, and was of the “outback dunny” variety! This proved to be inadequate and unacceptable when children came straight off the afternoon school bus to attend the innovative “Monday” School which replaced the former Sunday School. It was set up by Mr. Ken Swan as a way of encouraging more children to attend, and worked well. Funds were in short supply to build toilets and install a septic system, but an offer from Harry Medicott was accepted for a quantity of second-hand bricks which had been dumped on his Somersby property. These had come from a demolition site in Gosford, and were in good condition, but still had mortar adhering.

Ken Swan’s solution was simple – suspend Monday School for one week, and have the children work on the bricks! As the children alighted from the school bus at the Medicott farm, they were given light refreshments before adjourning to the back paddock equipped with the simple tools needed to chip away the old mortar – a very successful operation, and the cleaned bricks were duly delivered to the church site where a group of volunteer builders constructed and equipped the toilet block, which has served its purpose ever since.

Its present splendour belies its humble history, and it is well worth driving in to admire Poppe and friends’ artistry.

We greatly appreciate their involvement in the project, and thank them for their time and talent, on behalf of the Union Church.