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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### ***FROM THE ARCHIVE: BUNDANON'S LATEST EXHIBITION***

Bundanon Trust is offering visitors a rare insight into the early years of Bundanon's history with its latest exhibition in the Homestead, just 25 minutes away from Nowra's CBD. On show in the Bundanon Homestead Gallery is *From the Archive*, a selection of photographs from the Bundanon Trust Collection.

The exhibition includes early images of Bundanon, Riversdale and Earie Park, and the many locals who lived and farmed the properties. The flying fox at Earie Park; the punt across the river and the social gatherings at neighboring farms are all captured. The Trust's unique collection of Boyd family photographs provides an insight into the private life of this celebrated artistic family. Images from the founding years of the Trust and the building of the Boyd Education Centre are also included.

Deborah Ely, Bundanon Trust's CEO, says this is the perfect opportunity for people to be introduced to Bundanon.

"People who haven't been to Bundanon before have a chance to learn about the rich history of this celebrated Shoalhaven property and the cast of characters – famous and not-so-famous - who lived here. From the farming life in the early 1900's to the Boyds and their visiting family and friends, the exhibition unpacks a way of life on the river that is now lost forever."

The images featured in the exhibition, along with the thousands of others in the Trust's archive, were digitised over a two-year period.

"Our volunteers and staff have spent many weeks going through archive boxes and family photo albums to find these gems. The result of this extensive process is a beautiful exhibition showcasing the history of the Bundanon Trust properties over nearly 150 years," said Ms Ely.

"We are very excited to bring this to the people of the Shoalhaven and hope that those who may have had a connection to the properties might come forward and share their stories and pictures with us."

Bundanon is open every Sunday from 10.30am to 4pm, with guided tours through the Homestead, heritage garden and Arthur Boyd's Studio. Visitors to the property are invited to bring a picnic, take a self-guided bush walk and enjoy the landscape that has inspired so many over the years.

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