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Don't miss Quaama's big day out this month

Quaama will hold its Spring Fair on Saturday 20 October. Spring Garden, Spring Cleaning and Young People are the themes. There'll be plants and garden stuff for sale and a massive community garage sale (clear out your cupboards and book a site now!). If you have unwanted plant pots, or need some more, make sure you take advantage of the return of the garden pot swap.

Activities include reverse garbage crafting and a workshop for deconstructing and re-using an innerspring mattress in the garden. Categories for the Cooking Competition are Healthy Baking for Kids and Springtime Preserves. If cooking isn't your thing, then re-use and recycle an entry in the Scarecrow or Reverse Garbage sculpture competitions. Entries in all competitions close at 12pm with judging and winners announced at 3pm.

The veranda stage will once again be the focus for information and entertainment. There'll be a talk about water-wise gardening and wicking beds, some tales about opal mining in Lightning Ridge and a presentation on seed saving, and heaps more. A full list of topics and times will be available on the Quaama Progress Association website (www.quaama.org) in the week leading up to the Fair. In between talks we will be featuring younger performers from our area – there are some spots still available, so if you have a talent to show off, make sure you're on the list.

The Art Exhibition this time is for under 25s – a number of talented young local artists are hard at work producing some stunning pieces for show and sale but there's still room for more. Labelled and priced art can be delivered at the Quaama School of Arts Hall on the Friday before the Fair.

Visitors to the Fair won't go hungry -



Sandra and John from Wandella admiring Margi and Wayne O'Connor's jewellery at the last Quaama Fair in July.

Quaama Public School P&C will be doing the BBQ this time and the QPA will be back with their scrummy home-cooked meals in the supper room. And for dessert? Home-made ice cream, as well as espresso coffee all day.

This event is run by the Quaama Progress Association, a small but devoted group. We always need more helpers, so if you can contribute some time to help organise the Fair, look after one of the activities or help with one of the many tasks that need looking after on the day, please contact Veronica Abbott on

0437 263 128 or email joxamara@hotmail.com.

Also call or email if you grow plants, sell other garden related items, have a big garage full of trash and treasure to sell, make children's clothes or toys, sell environmentally friendly cleaning products or know someone who does any of these. Market sites are filling quickly, but there are still a few left.

Saturday 20 October, 9am – 4pm at the Quaama Hall. See you there!

Commemoration of 1952 Fires and Blessing our Fire Fleets

In January 1952, bushfires raged across much of southern NSW - from the Blue Mountains to the Riverina. Here, fires extended from Tilba to Eden. They jumped over three kilometers at a time, took less than half an hour to move from Upper Brogo to Numbugga and less than 1 hour to move from the mountains to Bega, travelling 40km in under one hour. Despite the efforts of over 1000 volunteers to

fight the fires in the Bega valley, on 25 January, the fires destroyed over 80 homes, devastated 2 million acres of land, and took the lives of five people. The papers reported that "The whole countryside from the mountain range on the west of Bega to the coast, a distance of 30 miles, is almost one waste of blackened earth, with no fences or pastures standing and very few farmhouses". Brogo was particularly badly hit.

There, three people died, livestock destroyed, numerous homes and farms were destroyed.

60 years on, the new fire season started on 1 October. Volunteers from each brigade in the Triangle have already responded to several grass and bush fires. Because there is so much growth from the last two wet years and this winter and spring have been among the driest on record, this fire season has the potential to be

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As I write this it is really raining near the coast. I do hope that everyone is benefitting from this downpour which is so welcome. We have all had enough dry weather in which to burn off and our gardens will welcome any moisture because as we all know after two years of wonderful rain nothing replaces that rain so let us pray El Nino has not set in and we can have relief from constant watering over the summer.

Now that winter is behind us, there is great activity being planned for the lead up to summer and the summer months and next year's calendar is being set. The Triangle is taking information for inserts of events into our

Christmas/January edition so if you would like any functions for 2013 inserted in this soon to be released masterpiece, please send them to our email by the end of October – the_triangle2@bigpond.com. Please only provide the date and the function not a Press Release, that can come later.

Congratulations to our new Council and the new Councillors. We do hope that consideration will be given to communities all over the Shire who wish to preserve their status and not have to succumb to the supposed march of progress. Small is still beautiful and we do not need great monoliths of supermarkets in small towns trying to prove that this is progress

and pretend that we are all going to benefit from it. We also do not need our countryside destroyed by super highways with B Doubles or Triples as the case may be - if you have been past Victoria Creek lately, it is not a pretty sight and won't be for years to come. The proposed work at Dignam's Creek is far larger, so let us hope we can preserve that for the future and still make the road safe – all can be achieved with more thought and consideration for those affected.

On a brighter note, we welcome Paul Payten to the Triangle team - our new "man in Bermagui".

Letters to the editors

Keep cats in

Dear Triangle,

Many thanks to Bega Valley Shire Council for hosting the 'Where is Your Cat Now?' launch in early August. This event was held to help make cat owners aware of the effect that attacks from free roaming cats have on our small native wildlife. A wandering cat can cover a large area. Cats are instinctual hunters and cannot be blamed for their behaviour; it is the cat owners that council is trying to reach.

WIRES members must tend to numerous cat attack injuries every year. Most of the attacks are fatal to the small mammals, reptiles and birds. Some die from the injuries and many die from shock.

It is important to note that cats that are wearing bells, even those with 3 bells attached to them, can learn to stalk silently. With spring almost here, many baby native animals will arrive soon and will be at risk.

Cats themselves are also at risk when roaming. Cats that live inside live longer lives. These cats are protected from dog attacks, cat fights, car accidents, feline virus, snake bites (cats find a twitching snake tail irresistible) and tick paralysis. Indoor cats live very happy lives. Just provide them with toys, scratching posts and nice high perches so that they can look out at the world so they don't become bored.

Outdoor cat enclosures/play areas are an option for keeping your cat and small native wildlife safe. Here are two excellent website to help people see what's available in cat 'playground' containments. You can also view these sites with an eye to get ideas for making your own. <http://www.catsofaustralia.com/cat-enclosures.htm> or www.catmax.com.au/pdfs/caboodle-Presentation.pdf

Finally, WIRES would like to thank Danny Madigan, Council's Manager for Environmental Services for his and his department's wonderful support. Also thanks to Council Rangers who have been distributing posters and flyers regarding this cat containment initiative at vet's surgeries and other sites in the Bega Valley.

Kind regards,

Lois Katz,
WIRES Publicity Officer,
Tathra

The Quaama Track

In the August Issue of *The Triangle* I did read with great interest of the walk track from the bottom of the Quaama Cemetery through the bush along Dry River to the corner of Bega Street.

I will fill in some of the gaps on how this track came about. Some time in about 1989 – 1991 four young Quaama lads that lived in close proximity to Bega Street and the Cemetery decided that they needed a BMX bike track to ride on. So armed with tools borrowed from Mums & Dads sheds work began. With a lot of fun and effort the track began and was finished.

Those four boys came from three different families, all the boys went to Quaama Public School and now all grown up and left the area some still call Quaama home.

Their names may well be remembered by some of the readers of *The Triangle*. Bo Griggs, Rhy Burt, Robbie Blacka, Mattie Blacka. Well done boys, some twenty- two years later your track is still being used by the local walkers and horse riders.

Jim Blacka,
Quaama

More Apostrophes

In response to 'Apostrophe' in the September issue of the *Triangle*, I must admit that it's a 'pet aversion' of mine when apostrophes are used, either incorrectly or unnecessarily. My acceptance in possessive case is for example: the lady's hat, the ladies' hats; or an abbreviation for example: they're all there, where're you going?

But, as 'Apostrophe' wrote, to use an apostrophe without cause or wrongly, when it's only a plural of a word, or question where should the apostrophe go, my thought is – leave it out altogether.

Watching television, most of your readers would have seen 'What's On' without the apostrophe. Maybe the omission is to attract

attention to the item! Who knows?

One other fact, which has become evident, is the correct spelling of a word. The story goes that so long as the reader makes sense of a word, the correct spelling is unnecessary and not detrimental in marking a test or examination.

This may only be a bit of trivia, but I felt after reading 'Letters to the Editors', I had to respond.

Maybe I should at this point, say how interesting the September issue is in total. I'm still reading it.

Yours faithfully,

Shirley Fogwell
(maybe known as 'I'm an Apostrophe Too')

Grin and bear it?

Please refer to an article in your publication dated No 111 August 2012 "Its gone to the dogs".

I came from Cooma a short time back and I will go back to the year 1948, the start of the Snowy Hydro. Cooma was a small country town at that time then we were woken by the start of this project, overseas contractors coming to town, buildings going up, trucks of all sorts going through the town day and night. At that time I lived in the main street, things are going big time, more contractors, bigger trucks, more people from Europe from all countries. This went on for some 25 years, town uprooted, big dams built.

Please Sally let the engineers and contractors do the work. I would say when the job is finished you will have a top driveway with the machinery being music to your ears as I did.

I have seen Old Adaminaby moved to a new site, I saw it worked and saw a real town built in Jindabyne. I have seen huge dams being built, huge blastings to put roads through to the dam sites and much more.

Sally, please grin and bear it.

Henry Huggett
Bermagui

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Letters to the editors

Download or stream?

Here we are on a Saturday evening – 3 fine ladies in their early 60s (one actually just practicing) – wondering what the difference is in the amount of bytes used between downloading and streaming. So, light bulb moment – let's Google it. So here we go...

"which uses more bytes? downloading or streaming"

And the answer was that they use the same amount. But if you see something on YouTube that you really like, download it, because then you can see it on your computer as often as you like. But if you keep connecting to YouTube to see it you pay each time.

Signed

Clarified 60-yr-old (Julia Frecheville)

Thanks from Liz

May I take the opportunity to thank those who voted for me to continue in my role as a councillor of Bega Valley Shire Council for a further four years. This will give me a chance to serve ALL members of the shire & pursue my projects especially for youth engagement, culture & the arts, better support for the Indigenous population, SERAS, suicide prevention & social justice.

It was gratifying that almost all of the women candidates attended the forums I conducted over two years to encourage women to stand for local government. I was also part of a team forum in July to encourage Eurobodalla women to put their hands up. Four women have now been elected onto the BVSC & three in Eurobodalla. I have been the lone woman in the BVSC for the past four years & look forward to the new dynamics.

I object to the September article (front page Council Elections for the Bega Valley Shire by Cheyne Morris) who advocates "a chance for a clean sweep" by voting for those who are not presently councillors re-nominating. According to Cheyne Morris the council have not been consultative with the community and dismisses the work done by council staff & councillors over the last term & the one before. I have found council staff go out of their way to consult the community, examples being the Local Environment Plan, the Community Strategy Plan, the Bega Town Hall/ Littleton Gardens. Despite numerous consultations interest groups will continue to protest when the decision does not go their way.

During my last term on council I travelled 20,000 kms to attend 300 meetings, committees, personal queries. This includes 40 visits to Cobargo/ Bermagui.

I attended all community meetings in Bermagui and was instrumental in securing a grant for Montreal Goldfields.

In my meet the candidates speeches and press releases I have always concluded by advising the community to vote for the best nine people to represent them & to be non parochial.

A reminder that October is World Mental

Health Month and as a member of the organising committee I invite everyone to participate in free activities. The calendar for the month will be distributed through the Community Centre & businesses throughout town.

Thank you again to the community who appreciate the work I have done.

Liz Seckold

Happy solution for Pesky Possums?

I had possums living in my eaves for years and decided I had had enough. I did not want to remove them because I have been told that they do not resetttle well and this is their home. I had sealed up the eaves however it did not stop the possum from trying to get in.

I called Wires and they gave me the number of someone who makes habitat and nesting boxes at a small cost. I had my son install one according to the instructions of the maker. It is important the possum have safe access.

The poss took up residence immediately with the enticement of a bit of fruit, once only, placed on the roof and inside its new home.

It has not bothered us since and we are both happy. WIRES 6495 4150

Leila McClelland

Guidelines for contributors

Thanks for your local stories and photos! We love them and they make the *Triangle* our very own.

Just a few tips for submitting stories and photos...

1. Stories should be 300 words maximum except by prior arrangement.

2. Photos should be sent as separate JPG attachments – not embedded into your story. Please send the original digital photo, so we have as large an image as possible to play with. Please include a caption for your photo at the bottom of the article it accompanies.

3. Please do not send posters or flyers! We cannot reproduce them. Instead write a few paragraphs about your event and include the date, time and venue in that. And attach a photo if you have one.

4. Have a think about a headline for your story. Believe us, we're usually quite braindead at the end of our editorial meeting and can only come up with lame puns and cliches. Don't leave it to us!

Any questions at all, please email us at the_triangle2@bigpond.com.

Thumbs Up



To E. Reddy from Waramanga, ACT, whose letter in 'That's Life' magazine was the best advertisement for Cobargo seen for a while:

Small-town charm

I wonder if other readers have found that stopping in small towns instead of driving on to well-known places can be very rewarding? Recently, I stopped at Cobargo, NSW, and I was so impressed by the town and its shopping centre! Normally I'd

have whizzed through a place like that. Well done Cobargo for your signs, photos and markets. I'll definitely be visiting again.

E Reddy, Waramanga, ACT

Have other readers found small gems like this while travelling our great land?
– Linda the Ed

To our diligent Triangle reporters who gave us *The Triangle* star sign and reading and also much information on the candidates for the Council elections

To the four women who are now councillors for BVSC.



Thumbs Down

To the slack mob who threw their empty stubbies down the wombat hole at Wadbilliga Camp Ground.

"Wally" dug them out and turfed them.

It's OK, I picked your rubbish up and brought it back to town – like you should've. Raspberry cruisers and mudshakes.

You know who you are. CUT IT OUT!!

To the sleepy heads in the Triangle area who did not either:

(a) encourage a local smart person to stand for Council, or

(b) at least hold a local Candidates' Forum to get to know who will be representing us for the next four years, and make it clear what's needed here. Wakey, wakey.

To Cobargo's Jumble Sale on the vacant lot which was a great idea and very successful, but it would have been better if stall holders had not parked on the highway preventing passing cars stopping to shop

To the organisers of the party at the Quaama Sportsground on Saturday night, 22 September, who played music loud enough to rattle residents' crockery until 4am, and...

... to the police, who refused to step in, saying "let the kids have some fun". We know a boy had died, and we're very sorry, but all the same...

Are You Ready?

It may surprise you that in our local area there have been two tsunami alerts and two catastrophic fire warnings in the past decade. What treasured items would you grab? What medication, documentation and important items would you need to take with you if you were suddenly evacuated?

Yes, we all hope that it will never happen however the reality is that it does and we need to be prepared. A specially trained Red Cross Emergency Services Team will help you prepare for such an emergency. Come along to this FREE one hour seminar and learn how to get ready. The Rediplan team will also provide a free planning booklet to all attendees. This is a community event hosted jointly by Red Cross, CWA and U3A and is open to ALL community members.

So put aside Tuesday 23 October. The morning session will be held in Cobargo CWA rooms, from 10 a.m. and the session will be repeated in the afternoon at the Bermagui CWA rooms commencing at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at both and there is no charge for this important community event.

This could be the most valuable hour you spend in your life.

Quaama Cobargo Quilters

The Quaama Cobargo Quilters annual open day will be held this year on Saturday the 13th of October 2012, 10.00 to 4.00 at the School of Arts hall, Bermagui Road, Cobargo.

Quilts and handcrafts will be on display and for sale, fabric and other stalls to browse amongst, quilt raffles with tea, coffee and slice available.

Gold coin donation admission

Please contact me on 6493 7320 or email rdcooke1@bigpond.com should you have any queries.

Mary Cooke

Narooma Huntfest

In 2002 our community rejected moves to establish a local shooting range. The basis for the rejection was the conflict between the associated gun and hunting culture and the established tourist industry which is based around the passive enjoyment of the beach and the bush. Other considerations which came to light centered on the safety of those living and working close to the forest, small bed and breakfast establishments and the impact on bush walkers and bicycle tourism.

Now we are again facing moves to introduce hunting and gun culture into the area with a proposal for Narooma to host a 'Huntfest' to be held annually during the Queens Birthday weekend. The hunters undoubtedly have their eyes on our State forests and National Parks but if they achieve their aim would the local community benefit or would we suffer?

Would we be safe with hunters in the

forests, after all the bullets from a hunting rifle can travel up to SEVEN kilometres and hunting dogs are trained to hunt out and corner an animal. Are these dogs always well trained and under control or can they be just as dangerous as a poorly trained or badly handled domestic dog?

Our area is particularly blessed with native wild life, mountains and beaches, and already has exciting options opening up, for example the 'Sea to Snow' trek for young adults run by The Crossing, or the 50kms of mountain bike trails near Tathra and of course the 'Tour de Tathra'. Hunting would jeopardise these and similar projects undermining existing tourism and destroying the potential of our Wilderness Coast to become a mecca for Nature Tourism at levels from the luxury 'high end' tourist market to the backpacking bush walker.

Jo Lewis

Netting your fruit trees without endangering native animals

Every year at fruiting season WIRES volunteers are called out to rescue native animals that have become ensnared in fruit tree netting. We recently rescued a black snake that had suffered extensive injuries from being caught up in tree netting.

Maybe black snakes aren't everyone's favourite animal, however, black snakes are vital for keeping brown snakes numbers under control as blacks feed on young brown snakes. Snakes are also vital for rodent control. Many other native animals also suffer terrible injuries from fruit tree netting. Birds, bats and reptiles become caught in netting and some die painful deaths from their injuries.

Of course, you need to cover your trees or you wouldn't get much of a harvest! However, there is a safe way to do it. The type of netting you choose is very important.

The worst type of netting is dark-coloured

netting known as "Anti-bird Netting". Animals find this netting hard to see, and as the fibres are so thin, the netting cuts through the skin of the entangled bird, bat or other trapped animal, leading to serious or fatal injuries.

One simple netting solution is to use medium sun block (50%) shade cloth. You just throw the shade cloth over the tree and secure it with clothes pegs. Another option is to make a sturdy, rectangular frame from PVC pipe. Then stretch white, knitted netting very tautly across the frame. This netting is made of softer material and is less harmful. However, it is extremely important to stretch netting tightly so that birds, bats and other animals do not become entangled in loose, floppy netting.

Please check your trees daily to make sure that no animals are entangled. If you are going to be away, arrange for a friend to check the trees for you. Let's all do our bit to protect our precious native animals. Happy fruiting!

Lois Katz

Commemoration of 1952 Fires and Blessing Our Fire Fleets

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particularly severe. We all know people in the Rural Fire Service, we all expect them to help if we are in trouble because of a fire. Those in our brigades are volunteers, giving freely of their time to help others. Join us to bless all those in the Rural Fire Service across Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shire and remember those who suffered from the 1952 fires.

We will be blessing the fire fleets and holding a service of commemoration at Quaama Anglican Church at 10am on 13 October 2012. Join us in supporting our volunteers.

Fiona Kotzojs



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Spring is the time to watch out for baby animals

WIRES receives numerous calls throughout the year to rescue animals that have been injured by cat or dog attacks. However, spring is an especially busy time. The newly arrived baby animals haven't developed survival skills and are very vulnerable.

Australia is blessed with the most amazing and beautiful native animals. Let's all do what we can to help them survive - keep your cat and dog pets contained either in the house or on a lead.

WIRES needs new members who are willing to care for our native injured or orphaned wildlife. WIRES will be a holding a training course for new members on 27 and 28 October at Mumbulla School in Bega. If you would like to learn more about how to join, please ring the WIRES hotline 6495 4150 or email our Training Officer at lizpiipari@gmail.com.

We would love to hear from you!

Lois Katz

Right: Red Neck Wallaby joey



Scrap Booking for women: embrace your creativity!

Create your own Christmas cards, art journals, altered objects and photo books. Explore scrap booking ideas, be creative! Stamping, embossing, paper crafts, die cutting and have FUN! working with others and enjoy being part of a team.

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To be held at 14 Peden St Bega, Wednesdays 10.30-12.30 pm

Book now... phone 6492 1367 for more info.

PET OWNERS ALERT

Reports from vets are that TICKS are rife this year. Vets are already treating many cases of tick poisoning and there have been deaths.

Check your pets daily!

Dan Scollay's Gospel Singing Workshop, August 2012

Mumbulla Hall in Bega, Saturday morning. A ragtag crew of a hundred or so, mostly women but enough men to cushion our sound. Shrill sopranos, mellower altos, the velvety tenors and the gravel-toned basses. I don't know what I am but I'm standing with the basses when we divide ourselves up, and I don't move easily, so I give it a burl. Can't reach some of the low notes so I shuffle towards the tenors, where I kind of stay. By the end of the weekend I suspect I may be an alto. It doesn't matter.

Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water... There's Dan out the front, keeping impeccable time, helping with a note, picking out the rhythm and making us feel a hundred bucks. Hum these bars, whisper the next few, belt out the last, and now all the parts are sounding like family, and Dan's smiling and we've got it! Dip-dip-it-a-zumbay... We can't help it, we're swaying and bopping and shimmying...

I'm on my way, and I won't turn back... the sultry solo lifts and holds us. She calls, we respond. And the band! Sunday morning and we're singing with a band now, drums and

keyboard, guitar and bass, sax, clarinet, and they switch moods from American to African and back but it's all gospel. Chain gangs and cottonfields, consolation and sorrow and hope and surrender. Glory, glory, hallelujah, since I laid my burden down...

And now it's Sunday afternoon and there's an audience; they're willing us to be good. We're filing in, singing softly, and it seems like five minutes later we're filing back out. More glories, more hallelujahs, and we're meant to be finished but outside in the courtyard we just can't stop singing.

Oh, what a sound! Thanks, Dan.

Jen Severn

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“COBARGO TRAIN WRECK!” A few very anxious days were spent in Cobargo over the past month, during which we waited for the outcome of Cobargo’s first train wreck after local cafe owner, Ange Elliot, attempted to head butt the stationary train, causing derailment and major delays in culinary services, not to mention a visit to Bega Hospital for a rest! Aside of going to make your coffee and wondering, a few minutes later, what you’re waiting for, Ange has pretty well recovered. And what did she do the morning after they let her out?? She went to a horse show of course. Onya Ange. You’re a tough nut. Sorry about the repair bill though. Antiques are costly to repair, ‘specially old trains. I’ll have a flat white thanks Ange.

It’s been an eventful time in this busy little village. The weekend of the 14th – 16th began with a wonderful exhibition launch at the Lazy Lizard Gallery. Officially opened by renown local artist and teacher, Jan Ward, the “Monettes” exhibition featured the watercolours of 7 local women; Shirleyanne Myers, Pam Wilson, Gill Morgan, Fran Tarlinton, Michelle Quah, Carol Taylor and Heather Percival. In introducing the artists, Jan Ward commented on their ability to take the learning provided to them and “run with it”, delivering a “freshness and spontaneity in their work”. She also acknowledged “Queen Pam” (Pam Wilson) who has recently been awarded the Best Watercolour Award at the Montague Art & Craft Society awards, saying of her that “she is an inspiration to us all”. Thanking Shirleyanne for “making it all happen”, (the exhibition), Jan concluded by saying that this is just a first step for The



From left June Tarlinton, Colin and Linda Sutherland, and Olive Cole Thanks for everything Mary.

Monettes and that she’s looking forward to seeing much more of their work. Many of the attendees then made their way down to Sweet Home Cobargo for a delicious curry and some wonderful live music from Bob, Ian and Tom.

Across the road from the Lazy Lizard Gallery, the very next morning, flecked with the sounds of a young drummer busking across the street, was Cobargo’s HUGE MONSTER GARAGE SALE. What bargains were to be had! What smiles, plastered on the faces of happy treasure hunters and sellers alike! It was a great success and I’m certain that it’ll become a regular event.

September 12th was Awareness Day for CWA and Cobargo decided to celebrate by inviting some of the local farmers to a barbecue in recognition of The Year of the Farmer. On a glorious spring day, a sausage sizzle and cakes and slices to follow was enjoyed by all who came. The highlight was the presentation of Honorary Membership to Letitia Carroll of Quaama who was chosen in recognition of her tireless work and dedication to the children of the Quaama and Cobargo district

and in particular for her 9 years of service to the Quaama Public School P&C Committee. Fortunately for Letitia her mother was visiting from Melbourne and was there to see the presentation. The award and presentation of the honorary memberships to the CWA of NSW marks the Association’s 90th year Anniversary and recognises individuals for their contribution to the wellbeing of women and families in rural and regional NSW.

On September 22nd, at the Open Market Garden, the CWA provided tea and coffee with cakes, slices and scones to the many visitors. (More about that next month). And next month on October 23rd, Cobargo CWA, with Cobargo Red Cross, are hosting Rediplan at the cottage on Bermagui Road. Rediplan helps people to prepare for emergencies and helps answer such questions as, “What do we do if...?”, “Where is a safe place to go?” and “What should I take if...?” More about Rediplan can be found in this month’s Triangle.

And finally, Sweet Home Cobargo, along with SCPA are presenting an evening with renown Cuban permaculturist, environmentalist



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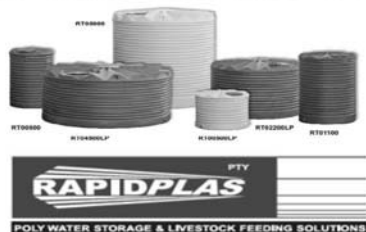
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Cobargo Conversations

and educator Roberto Perez, who will share the experience of Cuba in developing a robust local food economy to meet its own food needs. Roberto Perez will provide first-hand insights into how the Cuban population started to grow food organically on small parcels of land and urban gardens in response to a sudden oil shortage and, in the process, reclaimed its own food supply, improved the health of its community, and developed a more sustainable approach to food production.

The evening will include a film, a talk and Q&A session with Roberto Perez, and a light dinner made from healthy and locally sourced ingredients (where available), prepared by the Sweet Home Cobargo kitchen team. This is a SCPA - South East Producers' activity in conjunction with Sweet Home Cobargo, and will be held at the Cobargo School of Arts Hall on Tuesday 9 October from 5.45pm to 8.30pm.

Tickets are on sale now at \$20 for members of SHC & SCPA, & SHC local growers / suppliers, and from 27 Sep to 4 Oct: \$25 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased at Sweet Home Cobargo during shop opening hours (Mon-Thu 9-5, Fri 9-8, Sat 9-1). This event is expected to sell out fast, so get in early.



Facebook!

Dragging ourselves into the 21st century, Cobargo now has a facebook page, Cobargo2550, so please all use it. Any photos, events, comments, specials will be happily received. If you are not a Facebook user you can still add to the facebook page by just emailing the information or photos to cobargo2550@gmail.com.

Truffle Workshop held in Cobargo

Cobargo was 'humming' on 22 September; there was an Open Day and celebration of the Spring Equinox at Cobargo Farm and a workshop on growing truffles at Cobargo Anglican Church. The extent of interest in truffle growing was reflected by 41 people from 30 different properties between Kangaroo Valley and Victoria attending the truffle workshop, one third of those who attended were from within the Triangle.

For me, the key thing that came out of the workshop is that truffles like poor soil. They are formed through a symbiotic relationship between the host tree (Oak or Hazelnut) and a fungus. The fungus has to work harder to extract the nutrient from poor soil than from good soil. As a result, there is more fungus and more truffle in poor soil than in good soils where the tree doesn't have to depend on the fungus to extract the nutrient from the soil. So in our area, the sites likely to be suitable are the less productive agricultural areas.

More broadly, truffles like a warm summer and cold winter (frosts being an advantage), rainfall of 600 - 1000mm, a sunny aspect with well drained soil and good quality water available (but not to the extent I had previously thought). They also need a pH of 7.5 - 8, so in most Australian soils preparation for truffles requires the addition of a lot of lime.

Most truffieres (truffle orchards) established in Australia are not productive or

not producing the amount of truffles expected. There are a range of reasons for this. There was relative little understanding of the 'science' behind growing truffles when many of these truffieres were established, so a number have been established on sites unlikely to be productive (which include good quality soils, soils rich in phosphate and soils on which a lot of fungicide has been used). Also in the past, there was no quality assurance requirement for inoculated seedlings. This has been introduced this year, so when you buy an inoculated seedling, you now know that there is good fungal colonisation. Despite the improved science, there still remains a large element of mystery behind truffle growing.

All those who attended the workshop found it very informative - some deciding that truffles would not be suitable for them and others keen to explore establishing a truffiere further. A number of people have taken the next step and arranged tests for the soil on their property. Who knows, Cobargo may become a future centre for the Australian truffle industry.

We would like to thank the Cobargo Anglican Church for hosting this event, and the presenters (Colin and Nathan Carter from Trufficulture Pty Ltd (www.trufficulture.com.au) and Peter Brown (www.the-living-soil.com)) for their time and patience in answering our many questions.

Fiona Kotvojs

Cobargo community dinner

If you thought the Gnomes of Cobargo (with apologies to their cousins the Gnomes of Zurich) were idly standing around, you were wrong! They have been hatching plans for a community dinner on March 16, 2013. The food is to be grown or produced within a 30km radius of Cobargo, roughly the Triangle area, and hopefully the people attending will be local too.

Obviously, the gnomes are going to need a lot of help to make this a success. Volunteers to grow produce, meat, seafood etc will be needed, as will people to serve, set up and clean up after the dinner. If there are any community

groups who have access to kitchen equipment (such as warming boxes, portable coolroom for example), these would be welcomed also.

If you are able to help with this celebration of community, please come along to a meeting at Well Thumbed Books on Saturday, October 13 at 1pm. There will be refreshments served in typical Well Thumbed style. Any further information can be obtained by phoning Virginia on 64938235, or Linda on 64937379.

Looking forward to seeing you in October

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Cobargo Kids go for gold

Years 5 and 6 from Cobargo Public School HAD THE MOST FABULOUS TIME AT BALLARAT! Our children's behaviour was sensational and we all learned heaps about the gold rush era. Thank you to all parents, carers and community members who supported us in getting to Ballarat. This experience will travel with our children for life!

We travelled all day and got to Ballarat in the late afternoon. We unpacked into cabins and rooms and then got on the bus and went out for dinner. After dinner, we travelled around Ballarat to look at the lights in the 'big smoke'.

The next day, we got up early and were off to Sovereign Hill. On this day, we went down a mine shaft, went to the park at Baker's Hill, panned for gold, played indoor bowls, saw musket shooting, ate lolly pops and went back to the 1800's to school. It was a full day. We then went back to our cabins for a rest (ha ha) and then went out for dinner and to the evening show of 'Blood on the Southern Cross'. This was fabulous. It is a show that tells of the early uprising of the miners and about the corruption that was most prevalent with the authorities at the time. This show incorporated pyrotechnics, lighting, holographic images, moving props and incredible sound. It is both frightening and enlightening. The story is told so vividly.

On Thursday, we arose early again and trundled off to the gold museum. This museum incorporated historical items, old photographs, replica models of gold nuggets and amazing stories about the history of the Ballarat goldfields. From there we went across to Sovereign Hill again, where we went on a mine tour underground – viewing the stories of gold diggers through holographic images, a long walk underground, sounds and stories told to us through loud speakers. We really got a 'feel' for what the miners went through in the 1800's.

Then we went up to the candle maker's and learned how they made candles in the old days. This was fascinating. Some children elected to make their own. From there we went to watch gold being purified and poured into an ingot.



Mia playing at the Sovereign Hill Park

Following this, we went to see the Red Coats and watched them shoot. This was loud! In the meantime, horses and carriages passed us by and it was as if we were really living back in the 1800's.

We then had lunch and went over to the gold diggings for a tour. Our tour guide was amazing. He perfectly described the life of the diggers and he brought to life the whole

environment for the children. He then took them to the creek to show them how to correctly pan for gold...then we couldn't get the children out of the creek!!! They all had 'gold fever'. We then listened to musicians on the way up to the wheel wright's workshop. We watched the wheel wright making wagon wheels -with massive steam driven machines. This was incredible. We also went to the forger's mill and watched various metal objects being forged in the furnaces. This was hot, grimy and amazing. Following more shopping, we headed back to our cabins for footy, handball and a rest! Then it was out for dinner and back for a special trivia night. This was great fun and we all had a lot of laughs. Then it was time for bed as we were going to be up early the next day to head home.

When asked today if I ever wanted to take kids there again, I told them that I'd go tomorrow – it was so interesting and was a great experience for our kids! Thank you so much to Irene who was a wonderful supporter who helped us raise funds and organised this fantastic experience! Thank you also to Lisa Ayliffe (our wonderful parent helper), Jan Reynolds (Teacher extraordinaire) and Rob Whymark (a great travelling/organising/teaching companion)!

I finally got a photo of Lillian (with a little bit of help from my mate)!

Here are the cabins that we stayed in!

Musicians playing old songs were dotted everywhere. Thank you also to Lisa Ayliffe (our wonderful parent helper), Jan Reynolds (Teacher extraordinaire) and Rob Whymark (a great travelling/organising/teaching companion)!

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The U3A “almost organic” workshop

The “Almost Organic” day-long workshop was hosted by Wilma Chinnock and her husband, Greg, at their farm near Cobargo. A generous trading table and morning tea began a wonderful introduction to their immediate surroundings with fruit trees, a large vegetable garden and rabbits. Wilma explained the use of moon and sequential crop planting and the difference it can make when we plant in line with nature. Her excellent teaching skills soon had us all experimenting with hands-on pendulum trials to check the soil for fertility. We all exclaimed at the size of the cauliflowers, garlic, rhubarb and spinach growing in the plot....and her manure worm farm turned out to be a beauty. Thirty years of mulching, composting and experimenting became an inspiration to us. No wonder her family never needed to buy any vegetables!

We gathered to have lunch together afterwards while some of us observed a demonstration of how to fold newspapers for shopping bags. The afternoon was special time to spend with Greg as we moved across to the farm acreage planted with over 4,000 trees and a dam left to nature with a fish farm, where they still had to work out how to catch the fish! Goats and sheep were next; some of us holding the day old kids while Greg explained how the animals were guided naturally, instead of being herded, in order to reduce stress. Then around the back



Holding a day-old kid requires concentration!

sheds we walked, to the potato and pumpkin plots while Greg explained green manuring.

Thank you, Wilma and Greg, for your valuable time and generosity. We all came home laden with plants, magazines, sauces, a

moon planting dial and written information on the day's instruction. Most important was the farm and life wisdom imparted with honesty and humour.

Lois Irwin

Cobargo AP&H Spring Horse Show

Last month the Cobargo Show Society held its annual Spring Horse Show a little earlier in Spring to coincide with the Ride for Oscar Hack Show. After extremely strong winds on Friday, the two days of horse events went ahead with good weather.

There were hack and showjumping classes on both days which saw quite a few competitors camping over night and enjoying the Poddy Dodgers at the Cobargo Hotel on Saturday evening.

Supreme Ridden Horse of the Spring Show was local horse, Karizmah Infinity owned by Jenny Stock and ridden by Kristen Salway. Supreme Led Horse was Willowmere

Spellbinder owned by Michele Tomasi and Supreme Rider was Taelar Rae Williams riding Pikasso.

Young Bermagui rider Caitlin Reid had a very successful day in showjumping ring 2 placing on both Ebony and her brother's horse, Asta La Vista. Other local junior riders who placed were Jessica Clarke, Nellie and Riley Whyman from Wolumla. The senior jump ring was dominated by Bega's Tom Otton and Brett and Lane Clarke.

Show Society members are not large in numbers, so thanks to local community minded people who assisted and the wonderful judges who travelled quite a distance.



SJ Riders

The 2012 Spring Horse Show was a great warm up for the annual Cobargo Show which is held in February. Big news for the 2013 Cobargo Show is that it will be held on Saturday and Sunday instead of Friday, Saturday. Hopefully the weekend will prove more convenient for school children and Friday workers.

New members to the show society are always welcome; meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at the CWA Hall.

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Welcome to the September edition of Bermagui Banter and I am thrilled to have been given this role as a newcomer to this wonderful little town. I see this as an opportunity to get to know the people and the history of the village, as much as bring current and topical information, stories and incidents to the readers of the Triangle. I trust you appreciate what you find here and please comment if you wish.

Unfortunately, the first matter for me to mention is one of unexpected change, namely the passing of the historic weatherboard club house at the Bermagui Oval. It came to a fiery end early hours of Thurs 13 Sept, at the hands of disenchanted and as yet unknown alleged vandals. Apparently they were captured on the nearby CCTV though their identities were not clear. Bega Police are now investigating the matter.

This is the end of a cherished and historic facility, built in the 1920's and serving still up to its demise, seeing sons, fathers, grandfather and even great grandfathers through its doors. So useful and appreciated was it that in 1992 it was doubled in size and in character, as a result of a government grant secured by Bermagui Breakers AFL Club, to reward extensive volunteering put in by them. It regularly hosted Christmas Carols for years and the Bermagui

Seaside Fair since 1997, not to mention its role in the Four Winds Festival this year at least. How many cups of tea and plates of sandwiches and scones were served there? Or celebratory beers handed around after a win? I bet, also, that a number of young hearts beat faster as a result

been sent to heaven in smoke for archiving or fulfilment. May she rest in peace.

Anyone caring to assist with obtaining new sports equipment for the local clubs please contact the writer on 0414 705 958.

So, life goes on and new equipment will be found for the cricket and the footy clubs as they launch into this new season over the coming months. However, what of the club house? Perhaps there are folk in our community who have ideas, thoughts or a plan for rebuilding. This is a test of how resilient our community is and we will pass. And what of the destroyers of this historic building?

I am reminded of a story that took place in a different town in which two youths caused considerable damage to a sailing club, in a similar act of unexplained malice - it seems that is what happened in Bermi by the oval. The damage they caused was also considerable and a shame. Well, the members of the club thought about the situation

and enquired about the fate of the boys charged. The police declared the usual would happen and justice would probably be delivered in the form of an appropriate time in a detention centre, a record for each one to live with, plus restitution of the cost of repairs.

That seemed normal enough, yet not quite good enough for the victims of this crime, as they had a far better idea and pursued it. They approached the lads and questioned them on their motivation and what emerged were the feelings of envy, frustration, disenfranchisement they harboured. They thought they could never get to own a boat or even sail one. They felt locked out of something they dearly wanted to be a part of.

Well, faced with this information, the club members came up with a plan that worked wonders for all concerned. The boys were bound over to spend time at the club doing what they could to assist financially and physically with the repairs to right the wrong they acted out. Further, they were given sailing lesson, after a time offered membership of the club and embraced the whole ethic of friendly, safe and enjoyable competition on the water. In short, they turned their downhill slide into a wonderful winning and uplifting course and one even started an apprenticeship as a result.

Is this a way, or similar, that we in Bermi might seek to go with our delinquents of the day? Just a thought.

Another kind of demolition must have occurred elsewhere for the other day on the beach I found a piece of drift wood with the carved inscription: Andrew & Sarah's Love Shack. May that relationship have survived the wreckage.



A fiery end... Bermagui Oval club house

of meetings that occurred there, and the stirring words declared to inspire. Or, even new love revealed there. Such are the experiences within and around a community club house of this kind. If the walls could have spoken to us before this destructive event, what memories would have emerged to stir the local feelings? And it could perhaps be said now that such overheard stories, prayers offered and dreams dreamt have all



What A Day! Bermagui turned on glorious weather for the Ranbuild Shed Team Men's Open over the weekend. From Ranbuild, Sid Brown, Mark Revevsky, Kevin Collins, Shannon Mercer and Steve Barnes teed off looking forward to their 18 holes on Bermagui's Championship Golf Course on Friday for the 4BBB Medley Stableford.

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Men At Work: News from the Wallaga Lake/Bermagui Men's Shed

There is always a buzz of activity out at the Wallaga Lake/Bermagui Men's Shed every Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Coming up to its second birthday, the Men's Shed has gone from strength to strength, now having 38 registered members from all walks of life, and growing each and every day.

Our year started off with a flurry of activity, with Men's Shed members doing a lot of work for the annual Bermagui Seaside Fair, as well as cooking a fantastic breakfast on the day. Also, at the Four Winds Festival at Easter, the group provided a BBQ for the concert held on the oval at Bermagui. We are getting pretty good at the community BBQs now!

The past few months have been very busy as many varied and interesting projects undertaken. Recently we restored some antique furniture from the local Anglican Churches, with one piece being well over 100 years old. This restoration was done with great care and respect for these wonderful old pieces, and the outcome was really pleasing.

Of course, the Men's Shed – like all other non-funded organisations is always looking for ways to increase its financial bottom line. This year we undertook the distribution of over 1500 telephone books around the district. Lots of legwork and a few funny stories about being chased by dogs, not being able to find properties and getting lost in some of the tiny dirt tracks

around the area – but on the whole, we believe that everyone received their phone book.

But, apart from doing projects for the community, the men mostly work on their own projects, using our well-equipped workshop. If they need technical help, we have a pool of experts in most fields.

Sadly, the Men's Shed lost a valued member earlier this year. He will always be remembered for his dedication to "the shed" and his hard work. Recently, about 18 members travelled up to Yowrie for a working bee to help his widow clean up the property and orchard ready for sale. All this hard work was followed by fellowship at a BBQ organised by another member at a property nearby. It was a great day in a very scenic location, bathed in winter sunshine, but it was also an example of what the Men's Shed is all about – helping our community and helping each other.

Regular visitors to the Men's Shed are some of the male residents from the Sir James Nursing Home at Dalmeny. These men are welcomed into the workshop to see what is going on, to sit and talk to our members about past times and just to socialise in the idyllic surroundings at Umbarra. It is of real benefit to them and it is certainly a benefit to us. I don't think they just come for the food!

Members of the Men's Shed come from so many different backgrounds that there is

always someone with expertise in something to fill the gaps needed to enable the group to function. Not everyone who comes to the shed wants to work in the workshop. Members who have had administrative backgrounds, or computer expertise are put to work making sure the group keeps all its records in order, its book balanced and ensures that all the necessary legal requirements are up to date.

So, there is a place for everyone at the Wallaga Lake/Bermagui Men's Shed. But it's not all work and no play. Once a month we have a BBQ lunch, which leads to lots of talk and very little work. This of course is what the Men's Shed is all about, providing a place for men just to be with other men.

New members are always welcome. So, if you are interested then all you need to do is come out to Umbarra at Akolele on Tuesday or Thursday mornings and join in. There is small membership fee levied to cover insurance and expenses.

Hoping to see some of you retired men with spare time on your hands.

For more information about the Men's Shed, please ring Fergus McWhirter (President) on 6493 4360 or John (Robbo) Robinson on 6493 4357.

*Bob Whackett
Publicity Officer*

We just keep rollin' along ...

If you ever stand outside the door to the downstairs auditorium at the Bermagui Country Club on a Monday night, you would be excused for wondering what on earth is going on in there.

Coming from the room, you will hear cries of "go, go, go", "Yes, yes, yes" "Nooooo..." and then lots of "Oooohs" and "Ahhhs" and the occasional "Oh bugger!" Then of course, you would hear an awful lot of laughter. Open the door and you will be welcomed by the Bermagui Indoor Bowlers.

When I first went to Indoor Bowls – it was really only to have a look. I am definitely not a sports person and do not have one competitive bone in my body. But a friend said it was good fun. What I encountered was one of the nicest bunch of people I have ever met. After a few short "here's how you do it", I was into a team and the game had begun. It was a bit daunting at first, but I found that I could actually do it without embarrassing myself too much, and everyone is so supportive, even your opponents give you a pat on the back for a good bowl.

Of course, playing the game is only one thing – there is also the jargon to learn. I encountered some confusing words like "jack", "kitty", "ends", "skips" and "grass" Grass? – we play on a mat! But that's just what you say!!! And of course, please don't call them

balls – they are "bowls".

The Bermagui Indoor Bowls group has been playing since the mid 1980's. Monday nights are purely social games and a whole lot of fun. Nothing is really taken seriously



and sometimes there is much more talking and laughing than playing. There are times when I really don't know if we have won or lost at the end of a game – it really doesn't matter much! But we do manage to get two games played during the evening, with a break in between for a cuppa and bikkie, and of course more chatting and catching up.

There is a prize awarded every week, but sometimes it goes to the team with the lowest

score. As well there is a weekly meat tray raffle – so you always have the chance of going home with something.

However, there is a more serious sporting side to Indoor Bowls, with those who like to compete entering the championships played throughout the year on a Thursday night. But this is purely optional – some of us just prefer to bowl socially and not compete.

So, now that the weather is getting warmer and you are starting to think about getting out and about, why not come along and join our little group. All equipment is provided and you just need to come in comfortable clothes with comfortable flat soled shoes. A moderate level of fitness is required because there is a lot of bending, stretching and walking from one end of the mat to the other – but it is definitely not strenuous. A sense of humour, however, is mandatory!

If you think that you would like to see if Indoor Bowls suits you, come along one Monday night – starting at 6:30pm, to the downstairs auditorium, Bermagui Country Club, and you too could start rolling with us, have lots of fun and meet some great new friends along the way. For further information please phone Carolyne on 6493 5492 or Nerida on 6493 4364.

Carolyne Banados

Back to the future



Billy Tea and Damper enjoyed by visitors at Heritage Day last year.

Don't miss out on the great Heritage Day at the Montreal Goldfield on October 6th. Free billy tea and damper included in each tour. Lots to see and do from gold panning to arts and crafts; something for everyone. The Lions Club will be providing their usual sumptuous sausage sizzle as the sounds of our great Aussie songs provided by the popular Probus Singers with Murray Douch drift through the trees and wildflowers. There will be some blue grass music and a Poets Corner on the side. It is a great day full of laughter, friendship and fun.

Not to be missed is the new Heritage Centre with stories of Montreal, gold mining equipment and mementos of the day. See you there.

Judy Hearn

"Noah's Ark" from Creation Ministries, with Rod Walsh speaking & including three amazing scale model arks!

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Bermagui P&C Canteen receives a boost through ClubGrants

Bermagui P&C were thrilled to learn they would receive a boost, via ClubGrants and Bermagui Country Club.

Under the ClubGrants scheme, Clubs with an annual net income of more than \$1 million distribute revenue to community and sporting groups.

Bermagui Country Club recently announced it would provide \$2,400 to the Bermagui School P&C, to upgrade Canteen facilities.

"Our P&C committee is delighted with the generosity of the Clubs. Without this funding, our canteen would struggle to keep up with demand from our school children," P&C President Jenny Smith said today. "As a volunteer organisation, the P&C is responsible for helping to improve facilities at school and running the school canteen."

"The money donated to our P&C will improve facilities in our school canteen including a new stainless steel bench-top and a new oven. This not only benefits our primary school children but local pre-schoolers as well", Mrs Smith went on to say. "As part of a 'transition to school' program, Bermagui Pre-School children visit school with their lunch orders. This helps pre-schoolers become more familiar with school, so when they start 'big school', it is a little less intimidating.



In the Bermagui Public School canteen are Bermagui Country Club General Manager Robert Beuzeville, with Bermagui School P&C President Jenny Smith, Canteen Manager Vanessa Viskovich, and Canteen Volunteer Joan Hearn

Essentially, this grant helps us meet the needs of our students as well as around 60 other pre-school children for another, we estimate, 20 years."

Bermagui Country Club General Manager Robert Beuzeville visited school to make the presentation. In presenting the cheque to the P&C, Robert said the donation was an indication of the strong commitment the Club has to putting back into the community.

Lisa Miller Bradley

Christmas is not far away

Last year Bermagui celebrated Christmas with Carols in the Community at the Dickinson Oval with Bermagui PS Drummers and the Scripture Nativity Drama; the Montague Singers; Bermagui Pre-School; a Jumping Castle, Sausage Sizzle; fruit salad cups; gelati; hot chocolate; Strolling accordionists Murray and Lance and of course – Father Christmas!

Many, many local people, churches, clubs, businesses and organisations in the Bermagui region put in a lot of thought, time and money

into providing an outstanding afternoon of Christmas celebration.

We want to provide another, similar day of Christmas celebration in Bermagui and with your help we will.

Everyone who is willing to help is invited to a meeting at Bermagui Country Club, 7 pm Monday 1st October. Thank you.

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Bermagui Public School News

Operation Art

Operation Art is an initiative of the NSW Department of Education and Training and the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Every School in NSW is invited to participate and can only enter four artworks.

Bermagui Public School entered the artworks of Sierra Gannon from Kindergarten, Heidi Osgood from Year 1, Frank Puglisi and Jake Puglisi from Year 3. The works are professionally framed and exhibited at the Armoury Gallery, Homebush, Sydney, along with 800 others from across NSW.

Fifty works are selected to be exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW then tour regional

galleries before becoming part of the permanent collection at The Children's Hospital Westmead.

Thirty works are chosen for Operation Art Bank, Teachers Resource CD and are presented to children's wards of country hospitals. This year Bermagui Public School was delighted to have 2 of our works chosen for Operation Art Bank. These were the works of Frank Puglisi and Sierra Gannon.

Congratulations to them and their families who attended the opening ceremony on 8 September 2012. This exhibition is on display from 8 September to 21 October 2012.



Frank Puglisi Yr 3 – "the Guitar Series Blues"



Heidi Osgood Yr 1 – "Weeping Woman"



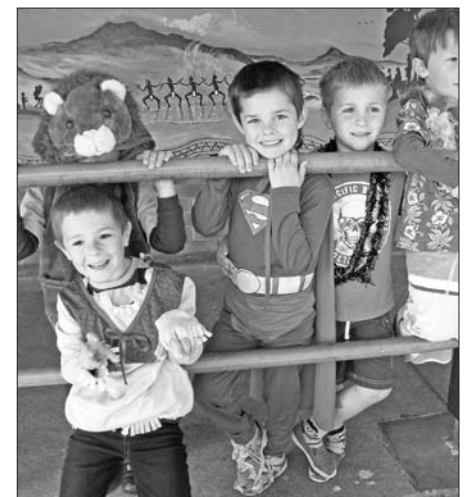
Danika Myers, Jaycee Cantrill and Lily Wilson-Starr



L Campbell Moresi (or is it Where's Wally?)



Kyeesha Aldridge Huntley and Nadine Wintle



Sebastian English, Finnley McKechnie (behind), Lachlan Moresi, Joel Munckton and Lex Norman

Bookfair – "Luau"

To conclude our unit on Multiculturalism, Bermagui Public School Library enjoyed a very successful Book Fair, in the tradition of a Hawaiian Luau or party.

Children dressed up as their favourite book character or in Hawaiian theme.

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Quintessentially Quaama

Jen Severn

Monday evening, 10 September, Quaama School of Arts Hall supper room, and the Progress Association meeting is drawing to a close. President Veronica Abbott has taken us through business arising, correspondence – in and out, Shane Roberts' s treasurer's report, general business, and it's time to move on to dinner round the fire with our guest speaker. Except the guest speaker hasn't shown. Last heard of in Dubbo a week ago, and not answering emails or phone messages, he may have forgotten or been held up somewhere out west.

Whatever the reason, we're left to pile our plates with pot-luck dinner, the usual serendipitous collection of tasty morsels – Rose Roberts's grilled chicken wings, Mike Bicker's quinoa and pumpkin salad, Janet Menefy's tuna and rice casserole – and head out to where Warren Abbott has set a few logs to glow and flicker in a circle of stones. And in twos and threes we chat and eat under the stars. The night

is cool but we're rugged up and the fire is warm.

You have to be ready for anything when it comes to community. There are no paid positions, no obligations, just goodwill and generosity and contingencies. And Quaama has those in spades.

Save the date – Saturday 20th October is the Quaama Spring Fair and it's going to be another great day if the last few Fairs are anything to go by. More information front page, in case you missed it.

And if anyone else was disturbed at the sight of the new BVSC kerbside garbage contractors tipping both yellow and red bins into the same truck, rest assured – the new trucks are split into two compartments so they can collect both regular garbage and recyclables, says BVSC Waste Reduction Officer Annie Werner. I rang her to check.

And Happy Birthday to Sally Bragg who turns the big eight-oh on 2 October. Congratulations!

Abares comes to Brogo

On 29th August Abares (Australian Bureau of Agriculture Resource Economics and Sciences) held a regional conference at The Homestead in Brogo. The region in this case refers to South Eastern NSW and covers the same area as the SCPA South East Food Plan which was perhaps a consideration in inviting SCPA President John Champagne to be a member of the discussion panel in the final afternoon session. Unfortunately on the day John was taken ill and had to withdraw but SCPA executive member Carolyn Wells was able to take his place at very short notice.

We are happy to report that, having spent some days in hospital in Canberra, John is now back in Brogo recuperating.

The conference was broken into discreet sessions, the first of which examined the global economy and local impacts. It dealt with farm statistics for the area and the impacts of food commodity prices.

The second session was called "Towards a more productive agriculture" and in this segment Lynne Strong from Clover Hill Dairies explained how she had been able to establish her business by negotiating long term leases with neighbouring properties and then making necessary improvements on the land. She also spoke about her young farming champions and bringing much needed new young blood into farming.

The Bureau of Meteorology made a presentation which, in part, included an analysis of future trends and a report on work which separated the impact of the East Coast Lows and the wild weather they produce from the underlying natural climate variability. The take home message from this was a drying trend in the normal climate but very little change in the frequency of the severe weather impacts of the ECL. Put in the windbreaks and increase the water storage capacity perhaps.

Quaama's New Fire Shed

The opening of the new Quaama Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Station occurred on Saturday

8 September. It was a great event attended by over 100 people from our local community and adjacent RFS Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades.

A stunned Quaama Fire Captain Phil Bragg was awarded Life Membership of the Brigade for over 37 years commitment to the fire brigade and local community. This was an unexpected honour and one that was very deserving.

Everyone was delighted with the singing by the Quaama School Students and it was a nice way to lighten the formalities of the day.

The fit-out of the station has entirely been the activities of the Brigade Members with volunteer labour assisting the tradesman in the construction of the toilets & meeting rooms inside. It has been a very rewarding experience for all involved and we look forward to a growing community involvement with these great new facilities.

The statutory Bega Valley Bush Fire Danger Period runs from September 1st to March 31st, however it may vary due to local conditions. If you are planning to light a fire in the open during this time, you will need a permit.

The Brigade is always welcoming new members, all enquires should be directed to Captain Phil Bragg 0429 938296 or to Fire Control Bega 6494 7400.

There was also a segment devoted to fishing, the uses of algae and seaweed and the work being done by oyster farmers to maintain and improve water quality and estuary health.

The day concluded with the panel discussion previously mentioned.

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On October 26, the staff at Nardy House will be hosting a DisabiliTEA to promote the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The "Every Australian Counts" lobby group, states that "The NDIS will revolutionise the way people with a disability, their families and carers are supported in Australia. It will replace all the current state and territory disability systems, because they don't work." With the NDIS, your entitlement to support will be the same wherever you live in Australia. The NDIS has been devised and recommended as a result of the Australian Government Productivity Commission's research into the unmet needs of people with disability and their families and carers across Australia, and analysis of high-functioning disability support systems overseas.

The NDIS will be a modern, person-centred support system that will make it easier for people to access essential care, support,

therapy, equipment, early intervention and training. The NDIS concept has been welcomed by people with disability and their families,



carers and support organisations across the country. It will assist hundreds of thousands of Australians with disability and their families to have the opportunity to participate actively

in their communities by providing targeted supports aligned to need.

Implementation of the scheme, however, is not guaranteed, by any political party as we have seen with recent attempts to introduce pilot Schemes in some Australian States.

For the NDIS to become real for every Australian who needs it we need to see legislation in the Parliament this year, backed up by real money in the next Federal Budget to ensure the NDIS spreads beyond the initial launch sites.

The more people who take part in DisabiliTEA, the more likely our political leaders will make sure the NDIS is front and centre as the next federal election comes closer.

Please look out for further information as the 26th October approaches. For further information go to <http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/disabilitea/>

Pet of the Month

We want to come home with you

Homes are needed for Scruffy the 13months old male Aussie terrier (pictured), Toby the year old Male Jack Russell x, Rexie the male 3 years old Jack Russell x, Mia the female 2 years old terrier x, Skye, the 3 months old female wire-haired Terrier x, Precious the female 5months old grey/silver female DSH, Meggs the female Manx DSH, Maxi the 4 years old ginger and white male cat, Pearl the female cream DSH cat, Sooty the black female one year old cat and a 6-8 weeks old white and caramel kitten. If you would like more information about these pets or if you would like to register your name for a particular type of pet please call the adoption line on 0400 372 609. Animal Welfare League NSW Far South Coast Branch now has a Facebook page! www.facebook.com/AnimalWelfareLeagueFarSouthCoastBranch

Potential dog owners will need to have secure "dog proof" fencing and suitability to the needs of the animal, and cat adoptees would

need to be able to keep their cat in at night. The AWL adoption fee of \$295 + refundable deposit of \$5 on I.D tag for puppies and dogs under 8



Scruffy, pet of the month

years of age, \$175 for kittens and \$120 for cats and includes de-sexing, vaccinations (two x c5 for pups and two for kittens), micro chipping,

worming vet check, flea and tick treatment and heartworm testing for dogs. Adoption fees for "elderly" animals are half of these costs.

Do you know of anyone who is **still** reluctant to de-sex their pets? AWLFSC Branch is running a special subsidy programme in September for cats. Subsidies of \$130 towards the de-sexing of female cats and \$70 for male cats will be available to the first 50 applicants. Application forms can be picked up from all Bega Valley Shire Vets. (Please note that Far South Coast Branch Animal Welfare League NSW volunteers raise the funds to support this de-sexing subsidy and do not receive any Government funding. Donations can be sent to AWLNSW FSC Branch PO Box 1210 Bega 2550). New members are always welcome. If you would like to become a member please call 0400 372 609.

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WARNING: *This column contains freedom of expression. It may be insulting to pious and humourless people of all Isms. Please turn away now if you can't take a joke.*

The rock lillies are out on the rocks, the yellow blooms nearly matching the straw colour of the hills and dales. It's a dry argument for the beasts and humans alike. Unless the rain gods shower us with favours soon we'll be turned to dust...or ashes. The chain gang have whippersnipped what grass there is on Corkhill Drive from end to end so they're out of work for the time being. Maybe watering cans instead next visit guys. Or a rain dance. Only the snakes have got it good in the conditions. Stu Long won't venture out into the garden without his gumboots on these days. He reckons there's black belly lurking there with his name on it. He might be right. As they say, beware of asps in the aspidistras.

And beware of bull is always good advice when heading down the track to Tilba Tilba. I'm talking about the lighthearted bulldust that oils our everyday interactions, the shite that makes

us laugh. (and not the middle eastern tribe who can't see the sunni side of life.) But beware of a raging human bull is also good advice if you drive up the mountain track from Pam's Store. The new owner of the Mountain View property has been running down and monsterring people who have driven up the track to visit other residents. Bare chested and angry as a wounded bull. Now this bloke has bought the property knowing the score, that there's a track running through his farm buildings, the access for two other residences further up and the start of the mountain walking track. So to drive after a vehicle and huff and puff and blow the poor folk down is a bit rich. A storm in a teacup over a legal right of way, which is what it is and ever has been. Mr Bull in Tilba Tilba won't get any respect behaving as he does whatever his circumstances and reasons. It gives the place a bad name.

His madness isn't far removed from what, at the time of writing, is engulfing the wider world in a storm of protest. You come to live in place where freedom of expression is one of the fundamentals of the law but as soon as someone does something that displeases, you rage and

roar and call for blood in the name of respect. They don't get any sympathy for their causes when they behave as we saw on the screen during September. It's offensive to watch. Unfortunately I've heard many observers say these protesters behaved no better than animals. Now this is where I get really offended. In my experience animals don't behave like that. I read that one of the rioters in the Sydney sideshow protest referred to the restraining police as "the guard pigs". And they're demanding respect for their law? It's highly insulting to me that a fine creature such as the pig is used a term of abuse by a yob. To Muslims pigs are about as low as it gets, only dogs and the Jews beat them for contempt. But contrary to universal opinion pigs aren't filthy. We provide their accommodation so it's us that makes them appear so.

Animal behaviour is condemned as below us. Or something abhorrent. A Senator from S.A. recently warned us in a bizarre speech that passing the gay marriage bill would open the door to future legal unions of "consensual sexual relations with animals". Consensual? And they say sheep are stupid. When have the poor animals ever had a say in our perversions or laws. And how many animals have incited mass hatred, bigotry and bloodshed I wonder. I've never seen a picture of a porker in an SS uniform weeping at the sight of a divine Hitler, or a dog torturing to death people in Pol Pot's Cambodia, nor a donkey in a Ku Klux Klan outfit with a noose and a burning crucifix. And despite their incredible skills birds don't seem to fly jumbo jets into buildings to kill people. No, these acts of barbarism are all too human behaviour.

So, exercising my democratic right to free expression, to illustrate my protest at this disrespect for the voiceless I've drawn a cartoon, which you may see here, or not. If not, then wiser heads at the Triangle have scrubbed it in case it creates insult, even just in our backwater, unlike the French, who doing what they do best, have recently insulted half



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the world with provocative cartoons (call it the prophet motive) and the other half with pervy pictures of royal boobs and their pink bits. All I can say about Kate's boobs is that it's a good job she didn't flash the crown jewells as well. It might have brought the house down. Willy's willy was bad enough. These inbred wastrels offend me with their privilege and undeserved reverence.

The House of Windsor or The House of God. Not much to choose between them for stupidity really. Our creation of almighty Gods and Kings has spilled the blood of countless millions down the centuries, so us getting judgemental over Islam calling for beheadings is a bit rich. Throughout God-blessed America, the guns 'n moses brigades are just itching

for their own apocalyptic holy war against the god damned axles of elvis. God might be great and loving to the blind faithful of all Isms but to me a real three dimensional dog is my inspiration, a being who wags the tail and not the fist, a paw preacher of great forgiveness and mercifully forgetful. (Vet visits aside). Call me a martyr for the claws. So whether it's Tehran or Tennessee or Tilba, angry gobshites forcing their madness on us isn't animal behaviour. Beware of Humans, no bull.

Typically, back in Tilba Tilba, migration is the big issue causing unrest. Kylie is moving a few doors up but she's waiting for Dave to move out of his place into Jock and Chook's house but he's held up waiting for them to move, who can't shift to Hawke's Nest on Sunnyside

Rd. until resident Mardi and Geoff relocate out to Shuff's old place on Tilzey's property, but they won't go in until Tilz removes the naked female body out of the bath. Bloody migrants, never happy. More hopefully next month on musical houses.

A very musical house of a different note is that of locals Richard & Kim Cooke who are getting close to completing a recording studio on their backblocks property. You may have seen Richard performing with Tuck & Jenni around the traps in the recent past as combo Waiting For Kim. Richard is very experienced musician and sound engineer and the studio will be a great facility for talented local musos to get their masterpieces on the record. I know from my time around Tilba that there's many fine players and singers of all persuasions that should have the chance of recording their work, if not for prosperity then at least posterity. It's a great opportunity to see what's involved in making a quality recording. Stay tuned for further details in the coming months.

Finally, I've been asked to give a big thumbs down to those drivers using Sunnyside Rd. as a speedway. Bob Doust the dog has been hit a couple of times by speeders outside the gate at Sunnyside Farm. The loons are locals, using Sunnyside as a way to bypass the highway bypass stop go's. Please go easy if even you're dying to get to Narooma or back. Dogs shouldn't be on the road but we're the ones who are supposed to have the road sense. Stupidly, the R.M.S. sets the theoretical unposted legal limit on this road as 100 km/h. (with a proviso to 'drive to the conditions') On a narrow dirt backroad 100 km/h is madness. Use your heads and not your foot for dog's sake.

Wishing all a wet October. Contact jsmall7@tpg.com.au if you have anything for Tilba Bites. No Fatwas please.

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2 (too) Amazing Music Ensembles at Bermagui

Zephyrs is a local not for profit group with committee members from Narooma, Bermagui, Barraga Bay and Tanja and helper friends from Merimbula to Cobargo. They have been arranging contemporary music concerts almost every year since 2004.

This year Zephyrs has chosen **two** fabulous bands, to perform in a larger venue than before – the acoustically upgraded Bermagui Community Hall.

It will be a thrilling concert including six of Australia's most distinguished jazz musicians, including a rising star of the French scene (who also has local connections):

Bill Risby – piano (Sydney)

Alex Stuart – guitar (Paris)

Miroslav Bukovsky - trumpet and flugelhorn (Canberra)

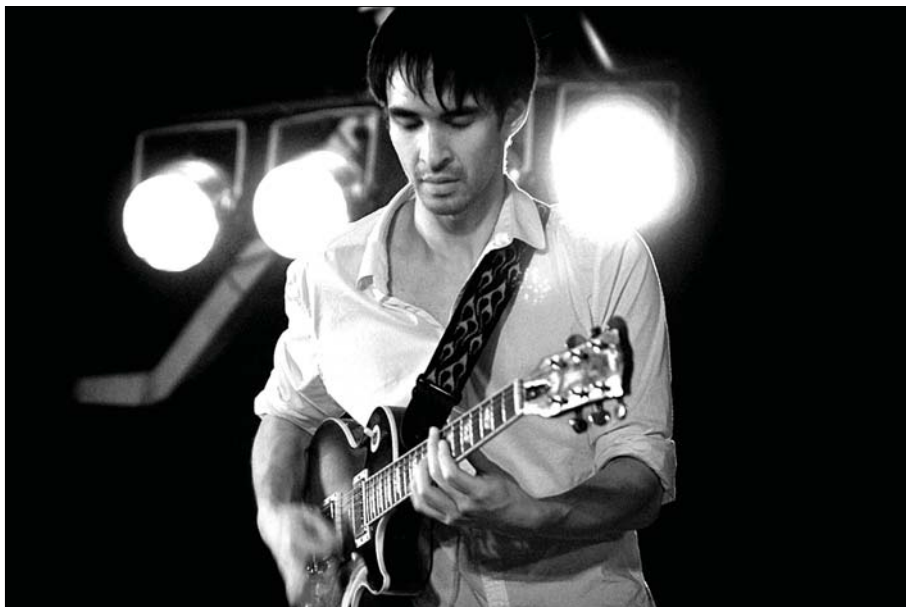
Brendan Clarke - bass (Sydney)

Ben Vanderwal - drums (Perth)

Julian Wilson – saxophone (Melbourne)

Zephyrs president Peter Storey said, 'I am in awe of these musicians and humbled that they have agreed to play for us. Between them they have won a swag of national and international jazz awards'.

After the concert, guests will be provided



Alex Stuart, guitar player from Paris - and son of Roger and Anh-Thu Stuart of Barragga Bay.

with finger food and a glass of wine as well as the opportunity to chat together and with the musicians.

The concert will be held at Bermagui Community Hall 2pm, the 11th of November, 2012 and will cost guests \$45 per seat.

Zephyrs website (www.zephyrsjazz.com.au) includes information about each of

the musicians, the concert, and how to book and pay.

People interested in attending can also get more information by phoning Raymond Kropf on 4476 3396 or email him on ananda@acr.net.au.

*Peter Storey,
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Stories Off The Beaten Track

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Premda Lowson has had an extraordinary life to which audiences of his 2010 - 2011 show, *Climb Aboard This!* will certainly agree. In his new show, Premda extends his theatrical journey in two very interesting ways: personally and geographically.

The Bega Valley features twenty-two community halls, many of them over a century old. All have a unique charm, shaped by the local communities that use them. Over the next year or so Premda will be appearing in a

hall near you.

Stories Off The Beaten Track begins its tour of the Bega Valley with performances in Tilba (Fri Oct 5) and Quaama (Sat Oct 6)

Climb Aboard This! was a mixture of anecdote, story and short selections from the playwright, Steven Berkoff. Audience feedback wanted less Steven and more Premda.

Stories off the Beaten Track is just Premda.

It is classic Elemental Theatre - primitive, direct, paradoxically truthful.

To enter empty, to speak. In its simplicity lies its profundity. This type of performance is, in the words of director, Howard Stanley, “a theatrical highwire act - with no net.”

Given his adventure-some life, Premda, has the capacity to speak on behalf of us from his own experiences, to say what we find it difficult to express to ourselves or to others, with humour and with insight about ‘the obvious’ that lives off our own beaten track.



A first for Cobargo - Rebecca Blunden's installation 'Cosmic Nesting' at Black Wattle Gallery.

Piano recital from the verandah by Naino

This years “picnic recital” by Naino Groen will be held on Sunday the 28th of October. The concert will start at 12:30 pm (gate open at 12:00 pm).

Everyone is invited to come and have a picnic on Naino's lawn while he's playing three brackets of classical piano music

Bring your food, drinks, chair, table, sunshade etc. Also gazebos will be set up.

In the programme are works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Domenico Scarlatti, Jaques Ibert, Maurice Ravel and Felix Mendelsohn.

Entry is absolutely free. Donations to cover piano related expenses will be much

appreciated.

To get there: 2km S of Bermagui turn right into Strudwicks Road. Then follow that road to the end, turn right, first cottage to the left.

If you require a map and in case of rain call Naino on 6493 3980 or 0403867390.

The Lazy Lizard Gallery showcases more local talent



The Monet Mob: (L to R) Gill Morgan, Fran Tarlinton, Michele Quah, Pam Wilson, Heather Percival, Shirleyanne Myers, Jan Ward.

September in the Lazy Lizard Gallery saw the work of the Monet Mob in the SIDE ROOM. They are a group of local women who share a love for watercolours. Once again, the extraordinary talent of our local residents was showcased. The opening night was a huge success with high praise for the artists by renowned artist and art educator Jan Ward who officially opened the exhibition.

In October, the SIDE ROOM will have Patto's latest creations on show before she launches them into cyberspace on her new website. She will be having an opening night on Friday 5th October at 6pm and everyone is invited to come along.

On Friday 26th October at 5pm, the nine members of the Lazy Lizard will be in Bega at Spiral Gallery to open their joint exhibition and again the invitation is open to all to come along and see the latest works from our members.

Shirleyanne Myers

Gleanings

Contemporary Australian Porcelain by Shannon Garson

Shannon Garson has developed her unique approach to porcelain, combining draftsmanship with, over the past decade the ceramic making processes. In 2005 she received a Churchill Fellowship and spent 3 months travelling in Europe studying the art of the medieval and Renaissance periods. "I want the surface of the pot to be part of the drawing, not just a surface for the drawing to sit on. I want the whole pot to be experienced, from the weight of it as you pick it up, the texture, the drawing, colour, smoothness of the glaze, all the elements draw the viewer into experiencing the vessel."

Shannon Garson's latest work articulates landscape using domestic pots as vessels for drawings about the strange beauty and wonder

to be found in the marginalized ecosystems of the littoral zone. Details of shorelines, rock pools and coastal wallum scrub are revealed in the sgraffito and oxide drawings that crawl over the surface of these delicately thrown porcelain vessels. The act of beach-combing, gleaning and collecting is analogous to the process used in making these works. Images, bird-footprints, tiny flowers completely covered in white hairs, the myriad detail of the landscape has been collected into marks. A visual language mapping the experience of being in the landscape, creating a dialogue between domestic life and nature.

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HORSE HYPE

Longtime Triangle readers may remember this column from years gone by. It's great to have horsey news again. There must be loads of interesting stories to be told, so send them in and share them with us.

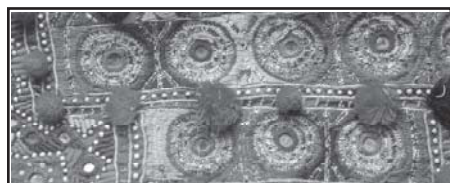
Horse and Trail Club

Several Cobargo Horse and Trail Club members attended a 'Supper with the Rural Fire Service' evening on Thursday 16th August, where our club presented cheques to representatives from five local Rural Fire Brigades. There was much friendly banter and some more serious



From left: Greg McLaren, Greg Ruth, Tralee Snape, Chris King and Mike Jay (Brogo).

sharing of knowledge, experience, maintenance concerns, access and communication issues. Location and history of tracks and trails in the area was a hot topic of conversation with both groups having their own needs and viewpoints, some of which converge and some being a bit more controversial. Many trails have been lost from the system through lack of maintenance, change of personnel and restrictions on access through private land. The general consensus was that there were a number of ways that we could both help and support each other and that we should develop ways of sharing details of our various activities with each other. All brigades were very appreciative of the club's donations and with their ongoing maintenance and equipment needs, they all assure us that the funds would quickly be put to good use.



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Cobargo Pony Club.

The day started with being handed a baby goat, only days old. I should have been racing around getting all the jumps ready but couldn't help sitting there holding this gorgeous floppy eared creature.

"Can I have a hold?" said tiny 3 year old Lacy. She had the little blond plaits, miniature boots, and the smallest pair of jodhpurs I'd ever seen. Her fluffy pony was waiting patiently near by.

I reluctantly handed over the goat and got to work building jumps. Tigs' boyfriend Reese, Aaron, and Shu hei our WWOOFer obligingly ran around building jumps. We created a really skinny jump to help everyone deal with the narrow tyre jump on the cross country course. The one day event was to be held the following weekend so jumping and dressage were our main focus.

Jan gear checked every one and got them all moving, while I was still faffing about with jumps. Then everyone came over to me while she got on with the task of being super woman and organising the ODE.

Lisa Harrington, our fearless club captain took everyone through their dressage tests.

It was a lovely spring day. Everyone relaxed and enjoyed the sunshine. They all jumped beautifully and really understood the concept of riding between their hands and

legs, straight as a die over the single barrel, and riding kindly and gracefully on willing ponies with ears forward. They were all well and truly ready for the ODE.

We stopped for lunch served by the babes in the canteen, Kate and Meredith. Such yummy healthy food topped off with ice creams for the kids. (Lacy looked like a black and white minstrel after hers). The baby goat slurped hungrily on a bottle supplied by animal devotee, Helen who had offered to adopt him before the question was even asked.

Then it was off to the river for a bit of fun after their hard work in the morning.

I had the good fortune of accompanying them while Lisa carried on with dressage tests (bless her).

Squeals of delight ensued as ponies pawed the water and rolled in the sand. The girls soon stopped worrying about trying to keep their feet dry and water filled their boots and seeped up their joddies. They cantered up and down the river banks and the dogs leapt off the rocks, splashing into the river until they were all exhausted.

What wonderful memories they'll have! While it's great to compete, it's also fantastic to just have fun with your friends.

Sarah Lambert



Tiggy on Delilah, Jess on Rex, and Esther on Lochie, exhausted after frolicking in the river.

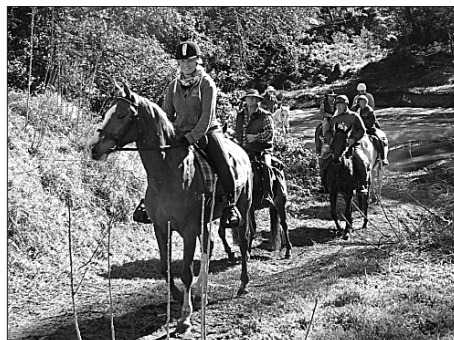
Trail Riders Paradise

Cobargo Horse and Trail riders club ride... Yowrie / Illawambra

On Sunday 26th August, eighteen riders were treated to some of the best conditions a trail riding club could hope to experience. Setting out from an ideal starting point, the spacious easily accessed shed/yards area at Paul and Jenny's Palomino Stud at Illawambra, a very calm group headed up into the bush along the promise of great trails and 'seriously fantastic views'. Both these predictions turned out to be true, with expansive views in all directions as we made our way up into the hills. Some quite steep sections gave the horses something to concentrate on, but with the mostly cleared trails soft under foot, the going was relatively smooth and problem free. We climbed up out of the valley and followed the ridge top for some way before Roger led us off into the bush along a route that was 'secret Cullen business'. It took us up over Dumplings Mt and then, following gullies and trails, we came onto Roger's property and headed to the family homestead for lunch. A lovely BBQ, complete with family and other support crew, greeted us on our arrival. The Cullen-farm sausages were a big hit and we were ably catered for by our hard working hosts.

Ta for the cakes and lollies!

After lunch we saddled up again to take a different, shorter route back out along Illawambra Creek and into the Yowrie valley to complete the circuit. Everyone has been raving about the ride and comments have praised the



Coming up out of a creek crossing on Paul and Jenny's ride in June. How lucky we are!

terrain, the views, the company, the fantastic weather and of course Roger for his inspired trail leading. Many thanks to all who made this ride so enjoyable...if we didn't have such generous land owners we would have far less access to these stunning areas which make our rides so memorable.

Julie Moore

The Triangle's Eco Edge Contribution

This is a service provided for the use of the local community by AKT International. The authors of this month's submission choose to remain anonymous.

Living Coral

There are tides bringing a white wash warm water. There are mammals with propellers in the sea that move about in pods. A manta ray, a gangle of polyps and fish that you've seen.

People and boats. The mudcrab ravines, groves, a backwash muddy situation. They come out to have a beer. Is there doing things there?

Living together - different species.

'This coral's mine. That's yours.'

'That's yours.'

'This crevice is mine.'

The species overlap so they're constantly bickering. And all is colour. They live with colour. Underwater storms, sand and debris. Colour is the reef fish's life.

Long stretches of country road, savannah with gums. Get lost in Bermagui. Feet toughen up real quick. Coral art, whales, marine topics covered. Sit on the beach and see these things.

Strong foods and crab racing. The romance of sun and sand with you. See people enjoying now and then in a photograph. Sitting on the beach at dusk watching the bats fly over.

Somebody wandering through the countryside in a four cylinder. Something that gets you from A to B. Is there a cigar on board? And we have the river and the bandaged forest. Exotic flora and fauna and Joanne goes over to other boats to do her homework. That was a small boat moored just outside Bermagui.

Three friends

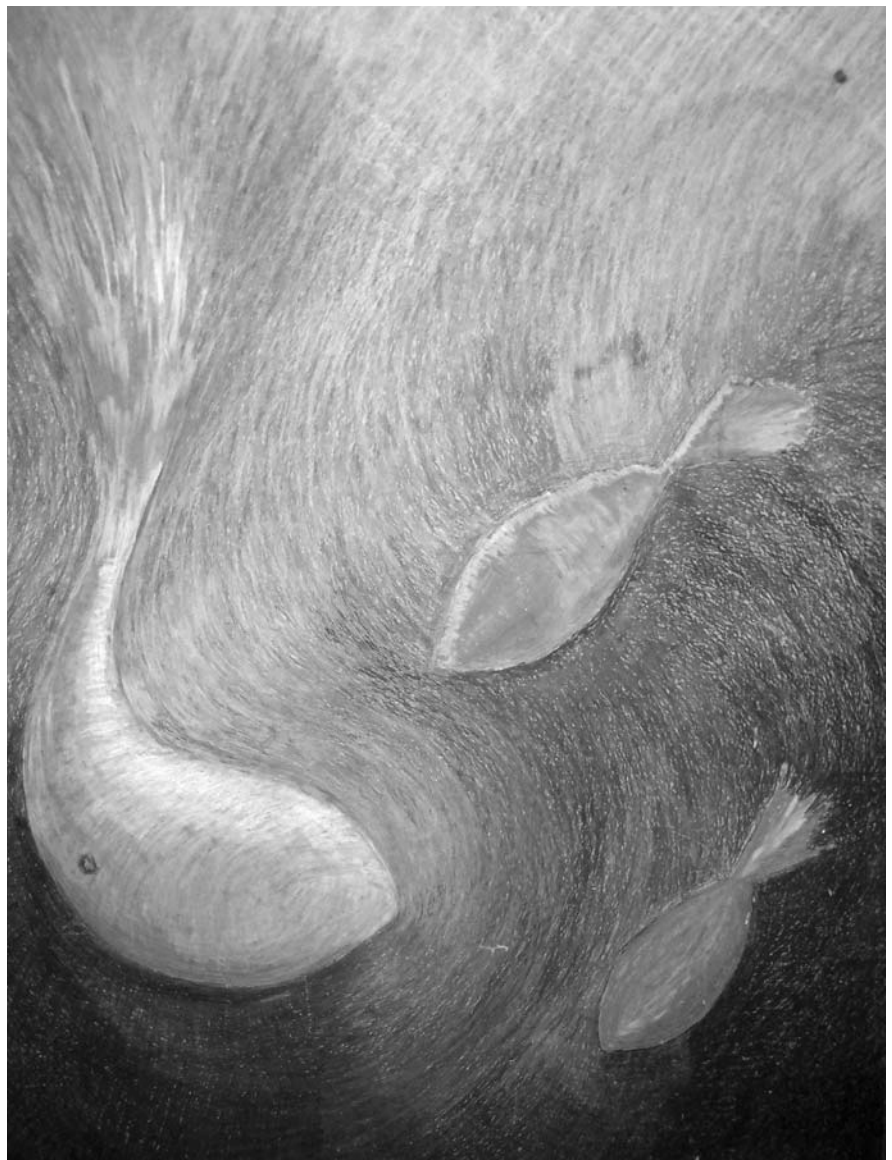
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If you're a student, please include your name, age and school. The judges' decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into, etc.

On this page we encourage residents of the Triangle region to contribute stories of up to 500 words. We will print those essays that express the most vivid environmental images you are able to describe. They may be simply a picture in words, or aspirations for our land, or maybe reflecting on your frustrations with the way we humans handle ecological matters.

Submissions from school students will be in the running for two prizes of \$200 (one primary age, one high school age) for the most poignant essays. A sub-committee of The Triangle will judge the winning essays, which will be published in the December issue. The criteria for the winning essays will not necessarily be their literary merit but the ability of the essay to best sing to us songs of the bush, creeks or beaches.

Luis Dorado, CEO, AKT



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Pesty blighters

This month I think it is timely to mention
a range of tasks that need to be attended to now,
that Spring is in full flight and everything is
bursting at the seams.

When caring for your plants it is important
to think of them as part of your family and give
them the same careful attention you would for
your kids and animals.

By this I mean it is better to do preventative
maintenance and not try and remedy
a situation when the problem shows
itself, like pest and disease or another
problem that can give the plant a hard
time.

A good example of this is the management of
roses. By using good cultural methods of maintenance, pests like
aphid and diseases such as powdery mildew and
blackspot can nearly if not totally be eradicated
from your plants. As soon as new foliage
appears on the roses commence a programme
of preventative control. Whether you choose
to use chemical or natural control is up to you,
but do something anyway. The plant will reward
you with beautiful flowers and do it continually
throughout the season. Remember though, it is
not just a one off application. Do it regularly as
a matter of course. Customers of mine tell me
that they forget to do it and I respond by saying,
to try and tie it in with something that you do
regularly, like going to golf every fortnight. Get
up early and do some spraying before that day's
events take place.

Of course chemical application is not the
only way to keep a plant like roses growing
well. Plants require good air movement around
them to also prevent pest and disease activity.
Plants pruned well to open the centres of the

plant will give the air movement that is required,
particularly on a humid day to prevent fungal
activity.

Watering of plants is another way of
keeping things ticking along very well. Plants
that are allowed to dry out too much between
waterings will be stressed and weakened
allowing pests and diseases to get a foothold.
A word of caution here though, is the fact that

a plant that shows
signs of wilt
could be also
suffering from
over watering or
bad drainage. It is
important to know
your soils and its
abilities.

Fertilising
as we all know is
most probably the
most important

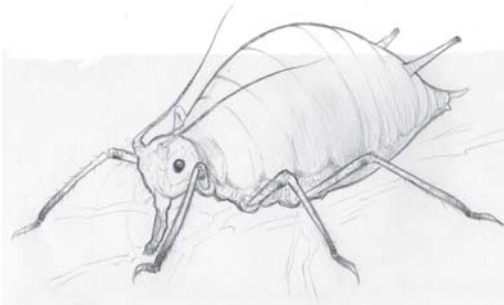
factor in good plant growth. A plant suffering
nutrient deficiency will be weak and again this
allows pest and diseases to set in. Nutrient
also is extremely important for flower
and root development. If you are having a
problem particularly with fruit set and then the
development of the fruit then it is likely that a
particular nutrient is deficient in the plant.

Take a leaf or piece of fruit to your nursery
person for some advice as to what is missing.

Just a reminder that you should well and
truly have your summer vegetable garden up
and growing.

Finally, some support for a few locals in
the Tilba region who are conducting a program
to eradicate fruit fry from the district. Currently
the group are supplying home made traps to
catch these pests and everyone should be giving
this program all their support.

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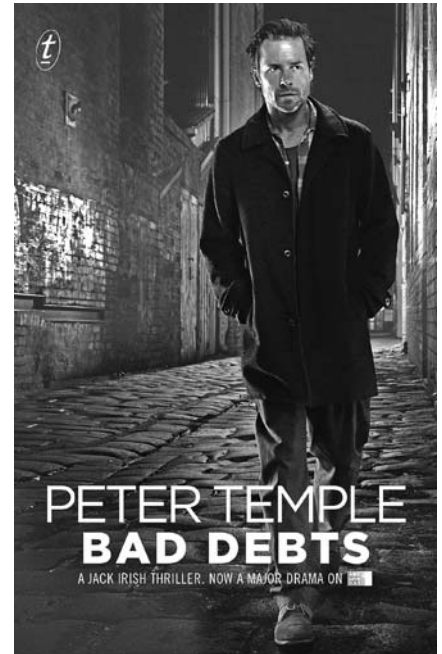
I know there are heaps of people who don't read crime novels – I was one up till about ten years ago. If you've never tried, you could borrow this from the library before you start actually spending money, and might find the best of crime novels a real switch-off.

Peter Temple is amongst the leading Australian authors of crime fiction and is a good writer to start with. If you're already hooked, you've probably read some of his other books, the best of which I think is *Truth*. *Bad Debts* again introduces us to Jack Irish, a flawed character who lives and works in Melbourne as a failed lawyer, turned private investigator. This case dredges up his past, when he was lawyer to a criminal named Danny McKillop, recently released from jail, who leaves desperate phone

messages for our hero before he turns up dead. Plagued with guilt, Irish sets out to investigate and ends up in all sorts of trouble involving big-time bad guys, corrupt politicians, but a very smart woman who may become his love interest in future novels (?).

If you have ever lived in Melbourne, and particularly if you are a "footy tragic", you'll love how Temple weaves in the passions of inner-city Fitzroy fans, while for good measure, challenging you to understand a sub-plot involving horse racing and complicated betting schemes. As ever, Melbourne's notorious weather provides another familiar backdrop for anyone who has ever lived there in the winter.

The thing I like about crime novels is that the best of them completely draw you into another space where you don't have to think about the troubles of the world. However hairy the plots, you can be almost certain that the heroes will survive to fight another day.



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In last month's column I mentioned that Ivan and I were hosting a Soft-Footprint Lunch for U3A members. I'd like to give you a list of the wide variety of local and seasonal dishes that were brought to this feast: Thai pumpkin and carrot soup, Italian-style vegetarian pizzas, olive bread, foccacia with Swiss chard and fetta, Spanish omelette with potato, roast chicken with lemon and thyme, roast beef, a quiche and a coleslaw - both full of home grown vegetables, cheese, chilli lime pickle, Moroccan-style beetroot salad using home preserved beetroot, hummus with carrot and yacon slices and home-made wine.

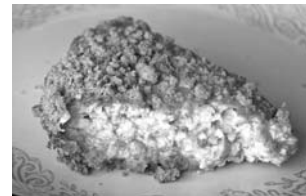
The dressing for the beetroot salad is made by whisking together 50 ml lemon juice with 125 ml of extra virgin olive oil (Australian is usually a better quality than imported brands and to be truly local try the beautiful olive oil from Yowrie available at selected shops in the Triangle). Add salt and pepper and pour over sliced beetroot, roasted coriander seeds and walnuts, chopped mint, coriander or parsley and spring onions.

For the first time ever I've made Worcestershire Sauce and am amazed at the result. I rarely used the bought stuff and a bottle lasted for years. Now that I have a much superior product I find uses for it almost every day! I started with Ivan's mild honey mead vinegar but the recipe calls for 2 x 2 litre bottles of brown vinegar, 1 whole bulb of garlic, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp allspice, half a tsp each of ground nutmeg and ground cloves and a quarter tsp ground black pepper, 2 cups treacle, 1 x 440g tin of plum jam (I used my own jams and chutneys) and 4 fresh birdseye chillies (more if you like it hot).

Place all ingredients in a large saucepan and bring to the boil. Simmer for an hour. Allow to cool then strain through a fine sieve. Bottle and enjoy.

Fresh fish is expensive at the moment so I'm including a favourite pie using tinned salmon, plus eggs and cheese. Simple and delicious!

Salmon Crunch Pie



Crust: 1 and a half cups plain flour, 1 and a half cups grated cheese and half a cup butter or margarine. Salt and paprika to taste. Rub together or whizz in a food processor. Reserve 1 cup for topping and press into a pie dish.

Filling: 3 eggs, 1 large tin drained salmon, 1 cup sour cream or yoghurt, 2 tablespn. mayonnaise, 1 small onion, 2 drops Tabasco or a pinch of cayenne, half a cup grated cheese (optional).

Combine in a food processor and pour into pie crust. Sprinkle over reserved crumbs and bake in a moderate oven approx. 35 min. Serve warm or cold. Freezes well.

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A non-denominational ladies Bible study group meets at the Union Church, West Street, at 9.45am every Tuesday. All ladies welcome. Ph Maree Selby 6493 3057 or Lyn Gammage 6493 4960

BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

Bermagui Sports Stadium. Social Badminton - Tuesdays 2 to 4pm, Sundays 10am to 12noon. Contact Heather on 6493 6310. Competition Badminton - Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm

BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

West Street, Bermagui. Family Service 11.00 a.m. All Welcome.

BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB ARTS SOCIETY

Monday mornings: Porcelain Art; Tuesday Mornings: Art, Needlework/Quilting; Thurs. am Leadlighting/mosaics Fri. am; Pottery, mosaics: Visitors and new members welcome.Ph. 6493 4340

BERMAGUI SES UNIT

16 Young Street Bermagui. Meetings every Tuesday 6pm. Ph. 6493 4199

THE BERMAGUI MARKET

Last Sunday of the month. Coordinated by the Bermagui Red Cross. Gary Stevens, 6493 6581

BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Needs new members. Those interested please phone Rod Moore on 6493 5068. Meet 1st Thurs. each month at Bermagui Country Club & 3rd Thurs. at Cobargo Hotel at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Meets for social bowls in the lower auditorium Bermagui Country Club, Mondays 6.30pm. Ladies and men. Contact Nerida on 6493 4364

BERMAGUI GARDEN GROUP

1st Tuesday Morning every Month 10.00am until 12 noon. Venues vary. For info phone Heather Sobey on 6493 5308

BERMAGUI CROQUET CLUB

Bermagui Country Club, Croquet Club play Every Thursday 2.00-4.00pm. New players always welcome, tuition and friendly games always available, equipment provided. Dave or Tina Cotton, 6493 3800.

BERMAGUI DUNE CARE

Meets on the third Sunday morning of each month Contact: bermaguidunecare@skymesh.com.au

BERMAGUI TINY TEDDIES PLAYGROUP

Fridays 10am-12pm at the CWA Hall, Corunna Street. All welcome. Babies to 4yos. Gold coin donation. Ph Liz Huggett, 0419 249 250.

BERMAGUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND HERITAGE MUSEUM

Meeting First Wednesday of Month, 2.00pm at Museum in Community Centre, Bunga Street. Researchers & helpers welcome. Ph Errol Masterson 6493 4108 or Denise McGlashan 6493 4538.

BERMAGUI U3A

(University of the Third Age) Lifelong Learning Opportunities For a full list of courses and timetable visit: www.bermagui.u3anet.org.au

COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2nd Monday every month - 12 midday. Venues vary For info phone Robyn Herdegen 6493 8324 or Margaret Portbury 6493 6461.

COBARGO SHOW MEETING

2nd Wednesday every month, 8pm - CWA Rooms. Contact Lynn Parr 6493 6795.

COBARGO PRE-SCHOOL

Tuesday - Friday for 3yo and over. Caring for your child's early education. Chris McKnight, 6493 6660

COBARGO PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Every Monday 10am-12pm (school terms) \$4 per family. Bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. All Welcome. Phone 6493 6660 for info.

COBARGO SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL COMMITTEE

Meets quarterly. Hall bookings: Steve Ross smross@ozemail.com.au Other inquiries: Sheelagh Brunton 6493 6538

1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP JOEYS/CUBS/SCOUTS

Children 6 - 15yrs wanting to learn new skills, enjoy outdoor activities, have fun. Meetings 6.30pm to 8pm in school term Cobargo Showground dining hall. Contact Graham Parr on 6493 6795

COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASSN

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month at Cobargo Hotel, 6pm. Contact: Narelle Cooper on 6493 6655

COBARGO CWA

CWA Rooms Cobargo - 2nd Tues of the month 10.30am. enquire: cwa.cobargo@gmail.com Cottage Hire 6493 6428

COBARGO & DISTRICT RED CROSS

for meeting dates or catering enquiries phone 64938141, 64936948 or 64936435

OVER 50'S FUN & FITNESS

Every Tuesday, 2pm to 3pm at the Bermagui Country Club, with Nancy Casu, qualified fitness instructor. 'Heart Moves' and 'Tai Chi' program. Cost \$8, free introductory class. Contact Penny Levin (Pres.) 6493 5602 or Jan McCartney (sec.) 6493 3573

THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

Folk Night Evenings, visiting performers, usually first Friday in month (please check first.) For more info, ph Secretary, Coral Vorbach 6493 6758

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY

& Parenting Resource Service. All parents of chn 0-6 welcome to join. Cobargo - once a month on a Wednesday 1.30pm-2.30pm at CWA cottage, Bermagui - every 2nd Friday 10.30am - 12pm in the Ambulance station. Quaama - Wed. by prior arrangement. Enquiries: 0428 667 924

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Mon 1.30 - 3.30pm, Thurs. 7.30 - 9.30pm: Cobargo School of Arts Supper Room. Information phone: 6493 6538 cobargohall@gmail.com.

TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

1st Wednesday every month from 2pm. All standards catered for - partners not necessary - stay/play as long as you like - visitors to the area especially welcome. Further details: Peter 4473 7308

QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

Meets Mondays 10am - 3.30pm in the CWA Cottage, Bermagui Road, Cobargo, and welcomes anyone who does patchwork, quilting, or any other needlework. Lorraine James 6493 7175, Mary Cooke 6493 7320 or Cheryl Turney 6493 6524.

QUAAMA INDEPENDENT RIDERS ASSOC.

Meet 1st Wed. of the month Quaama Rodeo grounds, 7.30pm. All welcome. Ph. Katrina 6492 7138.

MT DROMEDARY UNITING CHURCH

Bermagui: Sundays 9am at the Union Church, West St. Bermagui Cobargo: 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11am; 2nd and 4th at 7pm, Cobargo Bermagui Rd. Churches also at Narooma and Bodalla

MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

Contact: Christina Potts 4473 7053 Meet: 9.30-12.30 3rd Sat Month @ swings. All Welcome.

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

Cobargo SofA Hall every second Sunday. Set up, 1.45pm. Drawing, 2-4pm. Naomi 6493 7307.

DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

Meets randomly. For info phone Shannon Russack, Pres. 6493 6512 or Merryn Carey, Sec. 6493 6747.

OPEN SANCTUARY@TILBA

Gatherings at Holy Trinity Church Tilba Tilba on the 2nd and 4th Saturday evening of each month at 5pm. Music, meditation and shared reflections, supper afterwards so please bring a plate if able. Meditation group meets every Wed at 10 am. Inq: Rev Linda Chapman 0422 273 021.

NAROOMA & DISTRICTS CAMERA CLUB

Meetings Anglican Church Hall, 13 Tilba Street, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7.00pm. Whether beginner or pro, come & experience the joy of photography. Dave Cotton, 6493 3800.

HEART TO HEART

2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 12:30 to 3.00pm at 2a Brighton Park Road, Beauty Point. Discuss the Ageless Wisdoms of Alice A. Bailey teachings. Phone: Christine on 4476 8732 or Lorraine on 6493 3061

NAROOMA BLUE WATER DRAGONS

A community focused Dragon Boat Club. Now paddling on the Wagonga Inlet, Narooma For information on paddling days contact Peter or Kathryn Essex on 4476 3952 or email narooma.bwd@gmail.com

WALLAGA LAKE/BERMAGUI MEN'S SHED

Meets every Thursday from 10am at Umbarra Cultural Centre, Akolele. All men are welcome. For information ring John "Robbo" Robinson on 6493 4357 or Fergus McWhirter on 6493 4360.

TILBA MARKET

Home grown, Hand made Grow it, Make it, Sew it, Bake it every Saturday 8am to 12 Central Tilba Hall Stall booking essential phone Kay on 4473 7231

Community Notices are advertised in The Triangle for non-profit groups free of charge.

If details of your group change, please advise us at the_triangle2@bigpond.com

For the Fridge Door

OCTOBER	Event	WHERE	WHEN
Fri 5	Karaoke	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
Fri 5	'Off the Beaten Track' - an evening with Premda	Tilba Hall	7pm
Sat 6	'Off the Beaten Track' - an evening with Premda	Quaama Hall	7pm
	Vanessa Lea and the Muster Train	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
	Heritage day	Montreal Goldfields	
Tues 9	SCPA & Sweet Home Cobargo: film, dinner and discussion	Cobargo School of Arts Hall	5.45 to 8pm
Fri 12	DJ darryl lamb	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
	Live music: Pete Wild	Murrah Hall	
Sat 13	Tilba spring bush dance	Central Tilba	
	Blessing of the Fire Fleets	Quaama Anglican Church	10am
	Quaama Cobargo Quilters Annual Open Day	School of Arts Hall, Bermagui Rd, Cobargo	10am - 4pm
Fri 19	Brian and Annie	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
Sat 20	Quaama Spring Fair	Quaama Hall	9am - 4pm
	DJ Darryl Towney	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
	Live music: John Anderson	Murrah Hall	
Tues 23	Red Cross and Rediplan Seminars	Cobargo CWA rooms	10am and 2pm
Fri 26	Billy malcolm	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
Sat 27	Live band 'Dog House'	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
Sun 28	Kitty Kat and the Band of Thieves	Dromedary Hotel Tilba	
	Picnic recital: Piano music by Naino	Strudwicks Rd, Bermagui Naino's house: 6493 3980	12.30pm
REGULARS			
Mondays	Quaama/Cobargo Quilters	CWA Cottage Cobargo	10am - 3.30pm
	Bingo	Bermagui Country Club	11am
First Tues of the month	Bermagui garden group	venues vary phone Heather 6493 5308	10am - 12 noon
Wednesdays	Scrabble	Well Thumbed Books Cobargo	10am
	Cash countdown raffles pool comp trivia night	Bermagui Country Club	from 5.15pm
	Free Poker	Cobargo Hotel	evenings
Last Wed of the month	Bermagui historical society meeting	Bermagui Museum in Community Centre	2pm
Every second Thursday	Seniors Pick the Numbers and \$5 lunch	Cobargo Hotel	from 11am
Fridays	Storytime for preschoolers	Well Thumbed Books Cobargo	11am
	Meat raffles	Cobargo Hotel	from 5pm
	Raffles pool comp & entertainment	Bermagui Country Club	from 6pm
	Family day care train play group	Ello's Train Café Cobargo	mornings
	Healthy take away food	Sweet Home Cobargo	from 5pm
	Tiny teddies play group	CWA Hall Bermagui	10am - 12pm
Saturdays	Punters pick	Cobargo Hotel	from 5pm
	Live band or DJ	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
	Under 16s art classes	Ello's Train Café Cobargo	10 -11am
	Laneway markets	main street Cobargo	9am - 1pm
ART			
thru Oct	Off the Page exhibition	main street Cobargo	
Fri 5	Evert Plough forum & discussion	School of Arts Hall Cobargo	7pm - 9pm
	Patto's opening night	Lazy Lizard Gallery	6pm
Fri 26	Lazy Lizard members exhibit at the Spiral Gallery	Spiral Gallery Bega	
Til Oct 29	Lee Cruse, Cheryl Davison and Don Atkinson	Ivy Hill Gallery Wapengo	Fri - Mon 10am - 5pm
Til Nov 12	Shannon Garson's 'Gleanings'	Narek Gallery Old Tanja Church	Fri - Mon 10.30 - 5.30pm
Sun Nov 11	Zephyrs music ensemble concert	Bermagui Community Hall	2pm