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Cheese Rolling Championships to be held at Tilba Easter Festival

This year's Tilba Easter Festival to be held on Easter Saturday, 11th April, in Bate St Central Tilba will entertain the whole family. Stimulating live music, hilarious street games, market stalls and kids' puppet shows, jumping castles, rides, magicians, reptile awareness shows and a fabulous community Art Show ensure there is something for everyone.

Cheese Rolling is a new addition to fun street games that make the Tilba Easter Festival such a unique event. Locals and visitors alike are pitching their skills against one another in the art of cheese rolling. Reigning Women's Champion, Caroline Leach, says, 'It's not quite as easy as you might think. There are strict rules and competition can get pretty stiff. But it is a sport for everyone and nobody should be afraid of having a go'. The Bushies' Boot Throw and the Egg Toss have a long tradition and

many skilled participants whose skill and technique have been honed over the years. All the games are free to enter.

A non-dairy export of Tilba is



Georgina Faccetti of Tilba shows some skill in the inaugural Cheese Rolling at the 2008 Tilba Easter Festival.

Carl Morgan. Carl and friends return to the Tilba Festival in 2009. Carl is currently completing a music degree at ANU (jazz performance) combined with a demanding performance and teaching schedule. Don't miss this exciting performance from one of Australia's finest young jazz musicians.

Musical entertainment for this year's 25th Anniversary Festival include local rapper Warren Foster, three-piece folk band Mawu from Bermagui, cutting edge political tunes from Lisa and Tony out of Moruya and lyrical Tilba locals Jenny and Tuk. The Festival offers young performers the opportunity to perform before a friendly and supportive audience. Daniel Champagne is one of our South Coast locals to be proud of.

Don't miss this year's Tilba Easter Festival on Easter Saturday 11th April 2009.

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Cinema in the Vines, Saturday 18 April

Most of us have heard of the film *Casablanca*, but how many of us have had the opportunity to see it on the big screen?

The Triangle, in conjunction with Tilba Valley Winery, is starting a monthly film night. Using our wonderful giant outdoor screen and set up on the winery lawn, against the stunning backdrop of Lake Corunna and Gulaga, we are starting the season with the classics and first up of course is *Casablanca*.

Made in 1942 and set during the Second World War, *Casablanca* won three academy awards,

including Best Picture, and was nominated for another five awards. It



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stars Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman and is probably most famous for the misquote "Play it again, Sam", which is not actually ever said.

So on Saturday 18 April, bring along your rugs or chairs, a picnic (no byog) and enjoy the rare treat of a classic on the big screen. Period dress optional but there will be a prize for the best dressed. In case of pouring rain (we'll all be out dancing in it), the screening will be indoors.

Gates open at 6.00pm for drinks and picnicking, film starts 7.00pm, cost \$10 per head.

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Easter will be virtually upon us by the time *The Triangle* appears and we have highlighted the events which are taking place over the Easter break. Please make sure your guests and visitors get to hear about the various fairs, art shows and great events which make this area so popular.

The new Bermagui Fishermen's Co-op building is looking excellent as is the Surf Club and both have provided many comments from locals and visitors. *The Triangle* would appreciate some information on completion dates and facilities in both these places as we are constantly being asked. Is it possible to have plans displayed for both projects in the Community Hall?

It is sad to have had disruptive elements in Bermagui which makes it difficult to stage events and manage them. Even if one does not agree with or like what is taking place, these events are for the long term good and provide variety for our community and will not continue if it becomes too disruptive for the organiser or the exhibitors showing their works. Each group of people with initiative has an opportunity to put their special interests in front of the public and we can all learn something from each event.

Once again, *The Triangle* feels the need to point out that we endeavour to print every aspect of a topic and if some area is not covered, please feel free to write to thetriangle2@bigpond.com to express your opinion; do not take vengeance on our voluntary staff who are all working hard to produce this small newspaper.

Seasons of smoke and tasty but tough fruitfulness – sorry Keats – and no rain, no rain, no rain. We can usually bank on one of the festivals or shows to bring on the flooding rains but this year we missed out. What an extraordinary summer – heat, bushfires and flooding down the entire eastern seaboard.

This month *The Triangle* with Tilba Valley Winery is starting a season of outdoor films – first one is on Saturday 18th. Yes we know winter is coming, but it is a long way off still and with daylight saving over the films will be starting at 7.00pm. The giant screen is great and watching a film outdoors is a very different experience to either the giant plasma or the cinema and for those who missed out during January now is the time to come along. We want

to show the old classics, the nearly forgotten gems, so if anyone has suggestions drop us a line.

We are again looking for someone to join us to help with getting *The Triangle* out. It is not an onerous job – 15 to 20 hours a month, organised, computer literate, you know the drill. f

Letters to the Editors

Congratulations

Congratulations *Triangle*, on doing your bit for freedom of speech – goodonya again!

Freedom of speech is a foundation stone of any living democracy. Many in previous generations fought and died to retain these rights and laws. My father was one of them, tortured and killed on the Burma Railway. Throughout the world people are still fighting and suffering to obtain human rights we take for granted. Just make a list of all the countries – there's so many of them - where people have to put up with tyranny and shut up about it or else you disappear! And your family!

It is important to remember that tolerance of others needs to be based on respect for human rights. We do not have a right to be racist.

Laurel Lloyd-Jones has been a dedicated worker for social justice and human rights for well over thirty five years. Laurel and her husband Edwin founded the Elm Grove Sanctuary Trust in 1987, and have been the means of assisting in the healing and helping of countless people and causes. They receive no salary for their work, always acting in an honorary capacity. As Franciscans they have made vows of simplicity of lifestyle and service to others. Many, many people have good reason to be thankful for the work of Elm Grove.

Laurel's courage, integrity of purpose and actions are to be admired, especially by those of us who don't feel able to stand up in front of the crowd and say it.

Laurel Lloyd-Jones has spoken the truth and told facts that are sometimes unpleasant for the community to hear; she has borne witness to the need to uphold the law and its due processes. She has named problems that need to be fixed and until a problem is named

Desperately Seeking Susan ... or George ... or Alma ...

The Triangle is looking for an organised computer literate (MS Word only) person with a spare 15 to 20 hours a month to play a vital role in this wonderful little phenomenon called *The Triangle*. It would involve a minimum of one meeting a month on/about the 23rd, held in Cobargo, and most of the hours would be around that date. PC Laptop supplied.

We'd love to hear from you:
Contact:
thetriangle2@bigpond.com
Ph: Jo – 4473 7927, Rosemary – 6494 4004 or Louise – 6493 7370.

and recognised, it can't be fixed.

Congratulations *Triangle*. Condemnation is reserved for those who would seek to silence the truths spoken by others. That includes the ones who attempt to use the law to bully, intimidate and silence ... and that's a very slippery slope if we let it happen, and another story.

Thanks again *Triangle* for speaking out when others have let themselves be shut up

Robert Davie
Wallaga Lake

Thanks!

A big thank you to whoever found my handbag and handed it into the Bermagui Seaside Fair committee member Christine. And thanks Christine for taking care of my bag and ensuring it was returned to me safely.

Many thanks,

Alison
Brogo

PS There was a pair of gold rimmed spectacles found in the bag which are not mine. If the owner of these would like to contact the *Triangle* I will arrange their return.

Democracy at work

A letter in the March issue of the *Triangle* is such a fuzzily focused mish-mash of provocative non-sequiturs, it's difficult to know where to begin in response, but let's start by pointing out that the description of racism found so objectionable was not a *Triangle* 'article', but a letter from Laurel Lloyd-Jones – the

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Improving the Lives of Family and Friends of People with a Mental Illness

The Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA) is holding a workshop in Bega at Women's Resource Centre from 9-4pm on 13th May to hear and record the real life experiences of people who care for someone who has a mental illness. The workshop will give the attendees the opportunity to hear from and speak to other people who care for a family member or friend with a mental illness. They will be able to talk about their experiences and what helps them to be a carer. There will be an opportunity to form links with local services a panel of three local guest speakers will provide information about their services.

The MHCA will use the experiences and information from the workshops to develop an *Annual Australia-wide Mental Health Carer Report* of mental health carers'

experiences. The report will be used to work for better outcomes for mental health carers and to demonstrate, over time, any improvements for mental health carers and where more work needs to be done.

The workshop will be an empowering experience. Mental health carers will have the opportunity to share and learn, but also give the MHCA information to advance the issue and needs of mental health carers in Australia at the national level.

The MHCA invites mental health carers from all backgrounds and all areas to attend local workshops. Carers at the workshop will be asked to talk about issues they think need to be measured over time. The wider the experience of

participants, the more diverse carer experiences will be heard and used to improve policy and programs for carers nationally.

If you would like to attend the workshop, please contact Gabrielle Powell 6492 1367 or Linda Rosie, Mental Health Council of Australia phone 6285 0810 (direct).

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contents of which, incidentally, are largely part of the public record – and therefore had as much right to be there as this letter. *The Triangle* was merely exercising an age-old democratic right to publish a diversity of opinion in its letters pages. As for Laurel Lloyd-Jones, this region has ample reason to be proud of her tireless, intelligent and compassionate work over many years on behalf of the human rights of all manner of people, including refugees and Indigenous families.

*Ian McFarlane
Beauty Point*

How big is your footprint?

Late last year it was widely reported that efforts by households to reduce their carbon footprints would simply put more money in the pockets of big polluters (such as coal burning power generation plants) allowing them to buy more permits to pollute more.

This followed analysis of the Federal Government's proposed carbon pollution reduction scheme by the Australia Institute's Dr Richard Denniss and others.

To check this out I wrote to the Federal Environment Minister, Peter Garrett on 20 December:

"We are considering having solar panels fitted to our roof. If we

do so will Australia's greenhouse emissions be reduced?"

More than two months later I have received no reply other than acknowledgement of receipt of my correspondence.

My guess, therefore, is that a "yes" answer was not possible, so a non-reply was preferable.

If that's the case then Dr Denniss must be right and the answer to my question must be "no".

*Jack Miller
Bermagui*

*Karen O'Clery
Tanja*

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THUMBS UP

To Candelo Books, who not only promptly order books but recently hand delivered the latest order to the door of a local Triangle resident, some service!



To Jess Austin, local plumber, who at the recent Super Bikes at Philip Island, won a 1st. How do we get in touch with your Fan Club, Jess?

To all the volunteers working at the various festivals and shows we've had over the last couple of months. Once again you've all done our area proud.

THUMBS DOWN

To the person or persons who gained access to the canteen on Dickinson Oval, on the night before

the Bermagui Seaside Fair, and made off with large amounts of steak and sauce. This sort of low action just makes it so much harder for the community.



To the midnight prowlers on the headland doing wheelies and disturbing the sleep of the security staff, and damaging some of the *Sculpture on the Edge* works.

To the person who rang 000 to call out the Fire Brigade in Bermagui and thought it was a joke to get volunteers out of their beds and disrupt the final feature of the *Sculpture on the Edge*.

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Transition Towns Triangle Plus

TTT Plus joined with LETS, SCPA, Seed Savers and BEND to have stalls at the Cobargo Folk Festival and the Bermagui Seaside Fair. They were also happy to have an exhibit at the Narooma Public School Healthy Family Expo where they endeavoured to show the students the links between production and consumption by having two lambs on display plus a spinning wheel operating and knitting and crochet in operation plus completed garments on show. There was also a table where the students could paint and create pictures using recycled materials, which proved very popular. TTT Plus would like to thank TT Bega, SCPA and Seed Savers for the use of their equipment (tables and canopy etc) and their support at this event as well. Particular thanks to Geoffrey who brought everything up from Bega for us.

There's a proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Expo on the June long weekend this year. There are going to be stalls in at the Narooma Leisure Centre and Joyce Green, the organiser, is looking for expressions of interest. Joyce's number is 4476 8438.

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Anjana, a chimp at TIGERS in South Carolina, became surrogate mum to white tigers orphaned during Hurricane Hannah. More pictures pages 7, 20 & 21.

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Anzac Day Services in Cobargo, Tilba, Quaama and Cobargo

A Service of Commemoration will be held at the Cobargo and District Soldiers' Memorial on the corner of Princes Highway and Tarlinton Street, Cobargo on Saturday 25 April.

The Service will be preceded by a march, which will start at 10.30am outside the Cobargo School of Arts in Bermagui Road. The Service will commence as soon as practical after the march reaches the Memorial.

Local and visiting members of the RSL, serving members of the Defence Force, and ex-service men and women and their relatives and descendents are invited to join the march, which will be led by children from Cobargo and Quaama schools and the Cobargo Scout Group, and will be accompanied by the Tarraganda Pipers and the 7th Light Horse.

All who will be participating in the march are asked to wear full (not miniature) medals, as they may be entitled. Serving Defence Force personnel may come in uniform, as appropriate.

Lex Gannon will provide transport for anyone who would find marching difficult.

Local organisations and individuals may lay wreaths at the Memorial at the appropriate time during the Service.

Quaama

A brief service will be held at the Memorial in Quaama commencing at 9.30am, to which local residents and others, and especially school children and ex-servicemen and women and

their relatives and descendents are invited. Wreaths may be laid at the Memorial at the appropriate time during the Service.

Dawn Service

No Dawn Service will be held in Cobargo or Quaama, but those wishing to may make their own arrangements to attend Dawn Services in Bega or Bermagui, which are timed to begin at 6am.

Tilba

The annual ANZAC Service will be held at the Cenotaph in Central Tilba at 11am. It will be preceded by a march past of returned and currently serving personnel, and school children from Central Tilba School. It will feature live organ and bugle, and will be set against the backdrop of the Tilba Valley and Najanuga Mountain.

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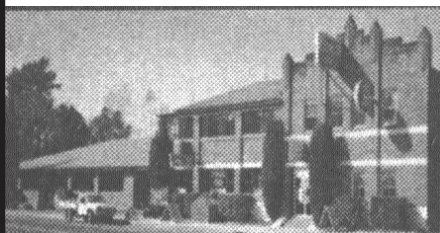
Murrah Hall Fundraiser: Garage and Car Boot Sale on the ART Trail with bonus sausage sizzle

Easter Saturday April 11th
9am to 2.30pm @ the Murrah Hall,
Bermagui-Tathra Rd, Murrah

Popularism has never been so delicious. In anticipation of the impending Green Room extension we are pleased to announce that the Murrah Hall is having its first garage and car boot sale.

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My Triangle

Beryl Schaefer OAM

Beryl Schaefer has lived in the Triangle all of her life. She was born in Cobargo Maternity Hospital. The hospital, now a private house, was operating until the late 1940s under the care of a midwife; it closed on her retirement. Of course there was scant chance of getting to Bega in time in those days, most of the roads were unsealed and it would have been several hours' drive in a horse and sulky.

The Triangle that Beryl was born into was a very different place to the area we know and love today.

Beryl lived with her family on a farm in the Yowrie district. She went away to school in Kameruka for a while and stayed with the headmaster, who was a relative. She also attended the Tanja School, travelling during the war years on the cream cart, or riding the seven miles there and back. Her later schooling was done by correspondence; this was no disadvantage to Beryl who excelled in History, Geography and Mathematics.

Cobargo Township had no sealed roads and no curb and guttering. There were, however, many more shops: two butchers, three general stores and two hotels to name a few. Beryl remembers how during the Depression the population plummeted as families had to go to Canberra to find work; this caused the closure of several businesses and she remembers the demise of the Yowrie football team.

Beryl's family had a dairy farm. All the milking was done by hand and the milk was sent into Cobargo to the butter factory. Cream was picked up at

the gate by the cream truck; the obliging driver ran errands for the farmers, bringing back goods from town. Trips to town for the family were only about once a fortnight. Beryl recalls tramps walking the roads carrying swags. They would stop at the farm to do odd jobs in return for food. The family had no telephone. There was only a single line into Yowrie and phone messages were left

spirited. In honour of the work she has done over many years she has been awarded both the Order of Australia Medal and the Badge of Federation of Australia. She was the first lady president of the Cobargo Show Society, a position she held for eight years, including the year of the 100th show. This was very timely as her great-great-grandfather had been the very first Show President. She has been on dozens of committees and has been involved with the fundraising by public subscription for such projects as the Cobargo Retirement Units and the Cobargo Swimming Pool. Another first was as Folk Festival President. Beryl has volunteered her time at The Royal Sydney Show for over 40 years and is an Honorary Life Member. She manages the Southern District Exhibit and has done so for 25 years; she is hoping that someone else may take over next year. Come on someone else!

Beryl is pleased to see Cobargo's population increase and the town thrive again. She feels as if she is truly part of the town as one of her ancestors first settled the area. She loves the heritage and has been party to encouraging new building works to be sympathetic to the town's history.

Her one concern is the lack of parking. She feels that people often drive straight through the town these days instead of stopping for lunch and that the lack of a proper car park is detrimental to tourism. Cobargo requires community solidarity to move ahead the way it should!

Beryl Schaefer, one of the Triangle's treasures!



for people at the Post Office. Then of course, as time went on, the party lines were introduced. No secrets there! Beryl remembers riding into Bega in 1942 to compete in the Bega show. The journey took some five or six hours as the horses were not cantered to save them for the competition. It was apparently well worth the trouble, and amounted to several ribbons and a great day out.

Beryl is very community-

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