

Men's Shed spreads Christmas Cheer in Bermi

Around this time every year, things start to get busy out at the Wallaga Lake/Bermagui Men's Shed, as preparations for Christmas get into full swing.

You may not know, but it is the blokes at the Men's Shed who prepare the Christmas decorations for the streets of Bermagui, including those cheerful Santas that sit on shop awnings. But, before they go up, a little bit of TLC needs to be done as the Santas take a battering from summer winds and storms each year, and need to be well maintained, repaired and repainted regularly so that they can continue to spread their festive cheer.

A slight change this year will see the Men's Shed blokes no longer climbing up and down ladders and around shop awnings – the blokes from CRABs have volunteered their services in carrying out this part of the activity!



Warren Clarke checking out Santas in readiness for transport into town

A big thank you goes to all those businesses in town and at Wallaga Lake who support the Men's Shed by putting Santas on their awnings, and making Christmas a little more festive in Bermagui.

For businesses wanting information on the installation or Santas or other Christmas decorations please call Phil Baldwin on 0421 114 882.

The Men's Shed is a place where blokes can meet and socialise with others. They can work on their own projects using the extensive equipment available, work on the various community projects undertaken each year, or just go out for a coffee and a chat. The Shed is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am till 2pm at Umbarra Cultural Centre, Akolele. If you are a new bloke in town, why not go and have a look at what is happening out there.

Carolyn Banados

Former local Benjamin finds himself a role in *Stakes* movie

It is not very often you are asked to act in a movie when you have little or no experience, but that's what happened to Benjamin Tett, pictured right. Formerly of Cobargo, Benjamin is now in his final year of studying Veterinary Science at Charles Sturt University in Wagga.

Benjamin, who plays first grade cricket and rugby union with Charles Sturt University, was surprised when he applied as an 'extra' in the film *Stakes*, and ended up with an acting role as a jockey and the opportunity to ride a racehorse.

Benjamin said he has about 19 lines to read. *Stakes*, the movie, is now out in independent cinemas and will be available on DVD in early December.

Leanne Tett



Twelve months ago we saw the inaugural Bermagui Growers' Market and now we can congratulate them on reaching their first birthday and wish them a successful future. Markets in Tilba and Cobargo also continue to provide local outlets and income for small producers.

Meanwhile in Eurobodalla the weekly Sage Farmers' Market in Moruya has been running for almost three years and Sage (Sustainable Agriculture & Gardening Eurobodalla) has now completed a study of the economic impacts of this, not so small, Farmers' Market. The results might not surprise

those who have visited the market as it looked like being successful from the start and figures confirm this. The study used customer interviews, head count and surveys to reach its conclusions and based on the average customer numbers, 728, and spend per market day, there is an estimated economic benefit to market vendors of \$1 769 000 annually. The report can be downloaded from the website: sagefarmersmarket.org.au

The last weekend in November marked the start of the Climate talks in Paris with a series of marches, walks and events happening locally in Moruya,

Bega, Candelo and Canberra. In Bega the event started at Ayers Walkway and then proceeded to the riverbank, a ten minute stroll, for a family picnic, speakers, music and more. Philippa Rowland, a founding member of Clean Energy for Eternity, spoke at the UN talks in Paris as a community representative for CANA (Climate Action Network Australia). Congratulations to Philippa concerning her debut on the world stage. Go Philippa, I am sure that all your old friends in the Bega Valley are wishing you well.

Letters to the editors

Concern for Beares Beach

The Editor

I fully concur with the letter submitted by Rose Chaffey in the October edition of the Triangle referring to the poor condition of the access to Beares Beach at Bermagui.

My parents who are now both in their 90s, came to Bermagui after they retired nearly 35 years ago. One of the features that attracted them to Bermagui was the pristine beaches, in particular Beares Beach where they regularly enjoyed fishing and swimming.

Now, the only way Dad can access this beach is when I take a trip from Sydney and support him to overcome the tripping hazards in the beach access. Some of the younger residents may be wondering what has become of the old 'fisho' that was a regular sight on the beach most mornings.

The population of Bermagui is made

up predominantly of elderly people similar to my parents. These people have contributed to our communities and economy their entire life, they also vote. Surely they are entitled to some consideration by Council that would enable them to safely enjoy some simple pleasures in their remaining years, such as a stroll along a quiet beach or to wet a line.

All that is required is a simple repair of the timber slats, clearing of the grass clumps in the ramp and installation of a user-friendly hand rail to replace the inappropriate fencing wire.

I would be happy to come to Bermagui and meet with Council to discuss this achievable project.

Thank you

Neil Farmer
Sydney

Apology

Dear editors,

In the September edition of *The Triangle* I had expressed disappointment at not having had an earlier article published concerning the changeover of management to the Bermagui CTC.

Inadvertently – through some hasty wording - I had implicated Maralyn Callaghan in contributing to the content of the letter. I have only found out recently that the wording had reflected unfavourably on her.

I have since apologised to Maralyn, and wish to state categorically that she had nothing whatever to do with the content of that letter; they were my words of disappointment alone.

Her role was only to suggest that I write to the editors, and had nothing to do with what I had said.

I regret that this misunderstanding had happened and, therefore, I also unreservedly apologise to all those of her acquaintances who were adversely affected by this letter.

Sincerely,
Dave Bulman
Co-manager, Bermagui CTC

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Letters to the editors (cont.)

Bermagui Safety Crossing

To The Editor,

I have followed with interest the letters re the proposed safety crossing in Bermagui which appeared unexpectedly, especially those with no axe to grind on the matter, as is my case.

As both a driver and pedestrian, my first impression on seeing the concreted warning strips on either side was that the space was limited for a proper safety crossing in the middle of the street, especially for drivers unused to the area and coming off a bridge.



Last week whilst stopped at Burrill Lake I took a photo of a very similar pedestrian safety crossing and note that on stepping it out, the approach from the bridge end was over five metres of concreting, the lesser end three metres of concreting and the middle section was over two and a half metres wide. Please note there are no concreted side strips in the Burrill Lake crossing.

In my estimation and in pacing it out, the current setup does not allow for a decent pedestrian safety crossing - the centre space is just not wide enough for someone to stop with a bike or a pram or a group of kids.

If the current warning strips on either side of the road were moved perhaps the centre would be wide enough to accommodate a decently sized pedestrian safety crossing, otherwise the whole thing is an accident waiting to happen. This may be the reason for it being deemed unsafe and not finished,

with regards,

Rosemary Millard



No to another liquor outlet

The Bermagui community received the news on Melbourne Cup day that a liquor licence application by the BWS company had been refused by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (ILGA).

BWS was seeking a seven day per week packaged liquor outlet attached to the Woolworths Bermagui store that would be open until 9pm most nights. Contributors from the Bermagui Focus Group, members of the Far South Coast branch of the National Trust, local individuals and close prospective neighbours to the BWS constituted a well co-ordinated community action programme expressing local interests.

Of the total submissions to BWS lawyers in the first stage, 55 of an initial 57 opposed the licence. ILGA decisions are required to reflect public interest. The Bega Valley Shire Council and the NSW Police were also opposed to the application. There was a strong view that an additional take-away licence was not warranted nor wanted.

The alcohol-related social, health and domestic violence issues in our local community would be exacerbated by this additional packaged alcohol outlet: Bega Valley ranked 31 of 140 local government areas in regard to alcohol related crime; drink driving offences were double the NSW state average.

Had the licence been granted, it would have been an extraordinary ratio: Bermagui with four packaged liquor outlets for a town of 1671 people (2011 census), with a much lower proportion of take-away outlets in Bega with six outlets serving 12 000 people and Narooma with six outlets serving 10 000 people.

We understand there is no right of appeal by BWS to this decision by the ILGA, other than through common law, yet BWS has the option of buying an existing packaged liquor licence in Bermagui.

*Geoff Steel
Bermagui*

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Ray Sawtell - Sesquicentennial Dream

Ray Sawtell is a man who declares he's had a good and interesting life. When he talks about his dream for 2020, of preparing a historical booklet to mark Cobargo's 150th anniversary along with a whole year of celebrating, and of establishing the Cobargo District Museum, his eyes sparkle, and you know he's the right man for the job. For Ray, the best is yet to come!

From his high school days of 1951-53, Ray was captivated by local and Australian history, as told by Bega News editor's daughter, Miss Smith. Defying Education Department guidelines, Miss Smith started the history lessons from 1813 rather than 1815 to include the crossing of the Blue Mountains by the three explorers, something that Ray has always remembered. Miss Smith's passion for her job sparked the start of Ray's dream.

Ray finished school, gaining his Intermediate Certificate, and set to work on the family farm that was first established by his 'selector' grandfather in 1883. Farming is in the blood, and Ray, a sixth generation farmer, traveled to Somerset in England five years ago to see 'Sawtell Farm', established by his great great grandfather, and it's still operational today. Ray inherited his love of the Cobargo Show from his parents and his continuous involvement spans from executive positions to judging, mentor and encourager of younger people. Being awarded Life Membership for the Far South Coast and Tablelands Group of Show Societies is testimony to his outstanding contribution.

Ray's life-long track record of helping and understanding the practical needs of others ranges from Manchester Unity Friendly Society (MUFS), committed, as



Ray Sawtell holding a photograph of himself and his history teacher, Miss Smith in 1990, when Manchester Unity Friendly Society's 150 year old ballot box was given to Bega Historical Museum.

Ray says, "to serving widows and orphans, especially with funerals, in the time before pensions and health care funds"; to NSW Dairy Farmers Association, ensuring that local farmers had a voice. Include 40 years of service to the Rural Fire Service and Justice of the Peace for 50 years. Ray has been able to fit in extensive overseas travel to Vanuatu, Greece and Turkey, France, England and South Africa, New Zealand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Now, spurred on by his wife, Pam, and supported by three sons and four grandchildren from afar, the Museum and anniversary booklet are the focus of Ray's attention. A museum committee has been established and new members are encouraged to join. One of the key issues for the next phase is finding suitable real estate for a collection of photos,

wood tools, broadaxes, cut saws, old washing machines and dingo traps, and considering museum exhibition design. In the meantime, a pop-up shop might be the answer to get people interested in sharing information. Ray is adamant about the value that people, here even for a short time, add to the history of the area.

It seems right that there would be a Museum in Cobargo as the town was once the centre of commerce in the district which includes Quaama, Wandella, Dignams Creek, Coolagolite. And I'm sure the town would welcome it. Surveys show that museums make people happier, and feel good and they can become a meaningful part of one's identity. They make you smarter through engagement and education and are a great way to spend time with family and friends. They can also bring change and development to communities.*

I asked Ray about the future of the Cobargo district and he says, "It's definitely bright. Cobargo now offers a better lifestyle and more opportunities than ever before," and what better way than a museum and a sesquicentennial celebration to bring us all together.

For more information or if you would like to contribute to the establishment of the museum, call Ray Sawtell: 0439 175 984.

Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be. Ask the former generations and ask them what their fathers learned, for we were born only yesterday and know nothing, and our days on earth are but a shadow. NIV. Job 8:7-9

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Bermagui Banter

In a few short weeks, Bermagui will be transformed into a real beachside holiday resort with the arrival of our Christmas holiday visitors.

You can always tell the holiday makers in town. They are the ones who go to the shops, supermarket, pharmacy and cafes in their swimming costumes and beach gear. While we locals tend to 'tidy up a bit' before heading into the shopping centre, our visitors create a very casual beachside holiday atmosphere at this time of the year.

Businesses are once again gearing up for their busy period, putting on more staff, stocking up and generally getting prepared for the busiest time of the year.

Many holiday makers make their first port of call the Visitor Information Centre (VIC), and tourist numbers are already starting to increase at this busy centre. During the Christmas period, the VIC will be open for extended hours, with volunteers doing a lot of 'overtime'! There is always a need for more volunteers to meet and greet our visitors, so if you have a few hours a week to spare, come on down and see if you can get involved. Also, don't forget that the VIC carries a range of unique Christmas present ideas with many items produced locally or sourced from suppliers in our local area.

2016 Bermagui Calendar

The 2016 Bermagui calendar is in production and will feature beautiful images of Bermagui, Wallaga Lake and Mimosas National Park. Calendars will be available from the Bermagui Visitor Information Centre in early December.

Local Business Awards boast about



Bermagui Cellars received two awards at the Liquor Stores Association (LSA) Retail Industry Awards for Excellence

Shane Buckley of Wapengo Rocks Oysters has been included in the Sydney Morning Herald's Good Food Guide 2015 list of Australia's Top 30 Producers. Shane grows certified organic Sydney rock oysters in Wapengo Lake, which is fed by creeks rising in the forests around Mumbulla Mountain. Shane has worked to have logging practices in the forest modified and the roads around the lake paved to stop run-off into the lake. Congratulations Shane, this recognition is well-deserved and Bermagui is very proud of you and your achievements.

Bermagui Cellars have taken home Best Regional Liquor Store and won runner up in the Liquor Store of the Year competition at the 2015 Liquor Stores

Association NSW Retail Liquor Industry Awards of Excellence. Fran and the team at Bermagui Cellars deserve this honour for keeping their family run business right up there with the big corporate stores. Well done Bermagui Cellars. Speaking of which ...

Liquor Licence Refused

Word came through in early November that the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority has refused the BWS packaged liquor licence for the Bermagui Woolworths site. It appears that the Authority agreed with the many submissions sent that another liquor outlet is not needed in a small town like ours. There is no avenue for appeal, so looks like the decision is final – unless they find a back door to sneak in by. So, just shows that big business does not always get its own way, and the community voice matters. Wonder what Woolworths is going to do with the big empty space? Maybe they could give us a decent delicatessen with a better selection of fresh smallgoods, and not the prepackaged, pre-cut stuff they now serve. Wouldn't it be nice!

Bermagui Christmas Carols

On Friday 18 December, Christmas carols will once again be heard on the Bermagui Oval. Bring a picnic, your rug or chairs to enjoy an evening of music and traditional Christmas Carols. From 6pm there will be a sausage sizzle and entertainment before we all burst into song at 7pm. The Bega Valley Band will accompany local choirs Heartsong, Friday Choir, That Bunch of Singers and the Bega Street Choir. The line-up also includes students from Bermagui



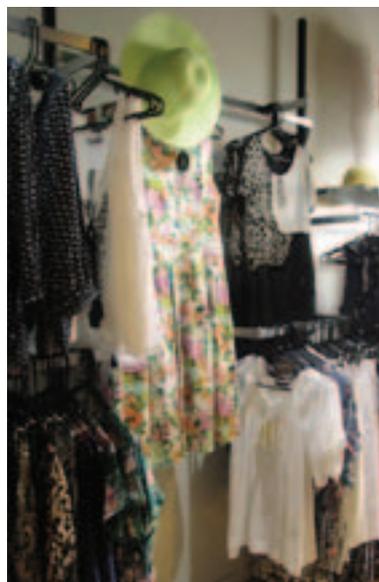
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Bermagui Banter (cont.)

Primary, Bermagui Preschool, Little Lambs Preschool, Little Yuin Aboriginal Preschool and Bega Valley Children's Choir. This free community carols event is brought to you courtesy of the Bermagui Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and Four Winds.

Christmas Markets in Bermagui

An extra market day for last minute shoppers will be held on Sunday 20 December from 8:30am till 12:30pm. All your usual stallholders will be there along with a few extra stalls. A place to finish off that last minute shopping!

The Bermagui Growers' Market will also be holding a produce market on Christmas Eve, 24 December from 3pm at the Fishermen's Wharf. An opportunity to buy the freshest produce for your Christmas Day festivities.

January Car Boot Sale

It's on again! The Monster Car Boot Sale at the Bermagui Country Club on Saturday 2 January, 2016. This sale is usually well attended, so if you have stuff



You may not get a boot full of capsicums, but you're bound to find something interesting at the Bermagui Car Boot Sale

lying around that you want to sell, book your space now through the Bermagui Country Club on 6493 4320. Your space will cost \$15. Stall holders can set up from 7am and selling begins at 8am, finishing around 1pm. Just remember, your trash is

another's treasure!

And, after all that Christmas cheer

Once the Christmas dinner, made with all that lovely local produce, and maybe a few indulgences, is over; once those New Year celebrations are past; maybe it is time to start thinking about getting fit and healthy as a resolution for 2016. One great way is through Aqua Aerobics. This low impact, fun filled and refreshing activity is held at the Narooma YMCA Swim Centre every Wednesday and Thursday mornings 10am to 11am. It is a little way to travel from the Triangle area, but worth it. Sally will take you through a routine that can be as hard as you want to make it. She will 'encourage' you to 'go faster', but at the same time allow lots of laughs. So, why not car pool with some friends and take a look at what is happening in the pool. For more information ring Narooma Pool on 4476 2389.

Carolyn Banados

Look what's on at the Bermagui Library over summer

Mark the date in your calendar now! The Big Book Sale is coming! Saturday 2 January from 10am till 1pm at Bermagui Library for hundreds of titles including fiction, non-fiction, biographies and more. There will even be CDs on sale too! All at the special price of \$2. Open to everyone, so come in and grab a book to read whilst relaxing on the beach. All proceeds go to the library's craft activities and children's programs.

Also coming up at Bermagui Library is the following school holiday programs:



Tuesday 5 January at 10.30am: School Holiday Program and Summer Reading Club launch with a special Storytime.

Wednesday 13 January at 10am:

Movie Morning – BYO pillow and snacks and watch a movie on the big screen, for ages 6 and up.

Friday 15 January at 10.30am: Craft-time, for ages 6 and up: Make a Piñata!

Tuesday 19 January at 10.30am: Storytime

Contact your friendly Bermagui Library staff on 6499 2411 to find out what other exciting

things are happening during January for both young and old.

Carolyn Banados



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National Trust tour of unique saltmarshes

The National Trust Far South Coast Branch is hosting a tour of Bermagui's protected and important saltmarshes lead by NSW Primary Industries aquatic ecosystem specialists. The saltmarshes on the banks of the Bermagui River east and west of the bridge are the focus of a Bega Valley Shire Council preservation and restoration project. All are welcome to come along to find out more about this unique coastal environment and how we can help protect and enhance it.

Bermagui is blessed by many exceptional natural environmental assets, including its coastal beaches and headlands, the wetlands north of Bermagui Bridge and the spotted gum forests at its northern entry. The saltmarshes are home to many endangered plant species and are a vital part of the coastal ecosystem. The BVSC project will remove weeds, replant key species and provide signage explaining the

many unique and rare plant species in the saltmarshes and their important role as fish breeding grounds.

The National Trust Far South Coast Branch has asked Jillian Reynolds, Regional Assessment Officer, Aquatic Ecosystems and Paul Frank, District Fisheries Officer, both from the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, to explain the nature and role of these saltmarshes and lead a tour through the marshes. All those interested in joining the walking tour should meet at the carpark at the rear of the Fishermen's Wharf at 4pm on 10 December, and everyone also is welcome to attend the presentation at 5pm at the Bermagui Community Centre. National Trust members and interested people are then invited to Christmas



The sensitive saltmarsh omarks the entrance to Bermagui

drinks afterwards. Please bring a plate and beverages.

For more information on the National Trust's activities including this tour and presentation, please call Frances Perkins on 0423 780 498. Please remember, this year's Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 10 December.

*Frances Perkins
Chair Far South Coast Branch of the
National Trust*

The hazards involved in getting around



Bicycle riders and cars on narrow road (Lamont St) near Bermagui Harbour, 3 November 2015

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Fine fashion and fun at She

I had the pleasure of meeting Sallie Hand, new owner of Bermagui's very own little fashion hub, She (formally Felt) the other day and had a good look around this wonderful little store.

Sallie is no stranger to the Triangle area, having lived here for about 20 years now. She is also no stranger to *The Triangle*, having once been a 'roving reporter' in the early days of our community newspaper. Sallie tells me she spent the last 15 years working in the welfare sector, commuting from Cobargo to Canberra on a weekly basis, but recently retired from this very stressful career.

She told me, "Now it's time to do something fun." Since she spent so much time and money in Felt, she thought to cut out the middle man and jumped at the chance to purchase the business.

Now called She, Sallie plans to keep

the successful model that Nady began with reasonable prices and diverse stock to suit most ages and body shapes, a brisk turn around, with new items appearing on a regular basis. Having previously owned a shop in Central Tilba selling goods from Nepal and Tibet, Sallie will also incorporate some items from her established connections, like pashmina shawls and Nepalese jewellery.

Sallie has been warmly welcomed into the Bermagui community with the business doing really well. Felt's existing customers have continued to shop at She, and new customers (like myself) have found many delights in the store that are both affordableand are made for the (aahum .. let's just say) more fuller figure! See Sallie's advertisement in this edition.

Carolne Banados

New Artisans' Market

Bermagui art store, Frame and Brush, on Wallaga Lake Road (right next door to 777) are holding the very first Bermagui Artisan Markets on Saturday 12 December. Already confirmed are a wide range of popular artists presenting their wares, including Matt Jones of Bermagui and Gabrielle McGrath from Red Peg Studio, Bega. There are also artists, with a variety of talents, coming from as far afield as Bodalla and Candelo. The market promises to be unique and eclectic, and timed just right for those looking for individual Christmas presents.

"This is the first time a market of this kind has been held at Frame and Brush, and the response from artists has been overwhelming," said Justine, new owner of Frame and Brush. Justine and husband Michael took over the store in March this year and have been running many innovative art classes and workshops, including kids' art classes in printmaking, drawing, clay and painting, on a weekly basis.

The store sells a wide variety of art supplies, and of course will frame up your precious masterpieces or photographs. Give Justine or Michael a call on 6493 3380 to find out more.

Carolne Banados



Sallie Hand, new owner of She at Bermagui welcomes customers to her new store

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Renowned Bermagui artists Helen Morris and Pauline Balos have combined their unique talents to paint a 2.7m diameter umbrella to be used as the major prize in The Bermagui Seaside Fair's raffle to be drawn on the day of the Fair on 12 March 2016.

Tickets are now available and the umbrella is on display at The Stitch Connection in the arcade off Bermagui's main street.

Volunteers and committee members will be sitting in the street on Wednesdays

and Saturdays to encourage all to purchase tickets in this wonderful 'work of art' raffle up until the day of the fair.

The Seaside Fair Committee thank Pauline and Helen for their contribution and Michelle from Stitch Connection for allowing the space to display this unique item.

Lori Hamerton



Christmas Carols Celebrations from Four Winds

Bermagui's 2015 celebration of Christmas will feature two festive occasions for all to enjoy.

On Friday 18 December, Community Carols on the Bermagui Oval will be held from 6pm. This is a free event.

With carols including *Joy to the World*, *Silent Night* and *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* all ages will be able to join in. Bring your picnic with a rug or low chairs to enjoy the evening. From 6pm there will be a sausage sizzle and entertainment before we all burst into song.

The Bega Valley Band is our accompaniment with local choirs to lead the singing with HeartSong, Friday Choir, That Bunch of Singers and the Bega St Choir. The line-up also includes students from Bermagui Primary, Bermagui Pre-School, Little Lambs Pre-School, Little Yuin Pre-School and Bega Valley Children's Choir.



This community carols event is brought to you courtesy of the Bermagui Chamber of Commerce and Four Winds.

On Saturday 19 December we will have Carols in the Pavilion at the Four

Winds site at Barragga Bay from 8pm. This is a more traditional carol experience at Four Winds' Windsong Pavilion for those wishing to experience the beauty of choral seasonal music. HeartSong and the Friday Choir will take you on a beautiful, reflective musical journey beginning in the Windsong Pavilion and finishing under the stars. This choral concert will include pieces by JS Bach, Tchaikovsky, Prayer Before Sleep by Robinovitch, and Ubi Caritas by Gjeilo. Tickets for this event are \$40 and are available from www.fourwinds.com.au

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December Entertainment:

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Live entertainment from 8pm. 11th: *Struth*, 18th: *Paul Green*, 31st: *Uptight Retro Cult (New Years Eve)*

January Entertainment:

1st: **Family Fun Day**, 2nd: Dale Huddleston, 8th: Guy Turk, 9th Wayne Trezise, 15th: Trevor Best, 16th: Jacqui Seczawa, 22nd Rick Bloomfield, 23rd Joe Driscoll, 29th Darryl Towney, 30th Roddy Reason.

Cobargo Conversations

Well..... After a delightfully mild spring with blessings of abundant rain to nourish our crops and gardens, our first glimpses of the summer ahead have emerged. And along with the onset of summer comes the onset of what threatens, according to local fire authorities, to be a confronting fire season. Local residents should ensure that they are aware of fire safety procedures and that they notify the Rural Fire Brigade and their neighbours if they are planning a burn off.

November in Cobargo saw a celebration of community and the arts, with several wonderful exhibitions opening at the local galleries and the inaugural Cobargo Village Fair, hosted and run by the Cobargo Tourist and Business Association (CTBA). The fair, held on Sunday 8 November, brought some very welcome sunshine and mild conditions, enticing the community from the comfort of their homes to join in this wonderful community event. Attendees were treated to live music throughout the day, from the wonderful French busker who had spent a few weeks WOOFing at Janet's farm and singing his heart out around the village, to the sweet sound of classical airs and sonatas and wild Celtic music, presented by a local string teacher and her students. From local wine, food and cakes, handmade gifts, plants and handcrafted soaps and candles, to bric-a-brac and pre-loved furniture and tools, there was something for everyone. Organisers are hoping that next year's turnout is bigger and better still and wish to thank Cobargo's business community for their generous support of this event.

The *Small and Beautifully Formed* exhibition, installed at the Black Wattle



Lazy Lizard Gallery member, Naomi Lewis, discussing one of Lyn Warner's seascapes

Galleries has been very popular, attracting visitors from across the region and beyond. The exhibition is a celebration of the vibrant and unique art community that is constantly emerging and growing around the area. Curated by a rather exhausted Veronica Abbott, the exhibition was opened on Friday 6 November by Ros Hewitt and was celebrated with music and dancing in the streets, to the sounds of the Hos (1/2 of popular group the Hoops). Opening night People's Choice Award went to Glenda Heino, with her alluring fuchsia-istic knitted form. The exhibition offers a wonderful variety of gift ideas, as does the gallery generally.

The following morning saw yet another gallery event with the opening of two simultaneously running exhibitions

by the Frayed Edges of Quaama and Lynn Warner at the Lazy Lizard Gallery. Again, music and dancing in the street and a wonderful atmosphere of celebration. Lyn Warner, an acrylic artist from Mystery Bay, is presenting an almost mystical array of seascapes and the Frayed Edges of Quaama are showing a wonderfully diverse and eclectic collection of handcrafted garments and accessories, again presenting some wonderful gift options for the upcoming Christmas season.

A wonderful community sendoff celebration was held at the Lazy Lizard late in November, to congratulate Pete and Sylvia Triffit on the sale of the post office and to wish them the best for their new life together in the Northeastern suburbs of Brisbane, where they will be closer to family. And welcome to the new owners,



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Cobargo Conversations

David Wilson and Kyle Moser, who have installed themselves just in time for the Christmas rush.

The Holey Glass Beadery & Jewellery Gallery has recently celebrated its first birthday. To celebrate, Patto and Elizabeth are offering a free pair of earrings with every \$50 spent in the store up until Christmas. If you haven't seen their unique and exquisite array of 'one of a kind' pieces, be sure to make time to do so. You won't be disappointed.

And welcome to the main street to Dalice Partridge, who has recently taken over the train cafe from her mum, Di Jee. Re-named as Platform 57, the cafe is not only maintaining its reputation for producing good, home cooked meals and snacks, it's producing some seriously good coffee. Platform 57 continues to serve Cobargo's weekend trade, ensuring weary travellers and locals alike a meal and refreshments all weekend, served with



Ros Hewitt opening the *Small & Beautifully Formed* exhibition with curator, Veronica Abbott

Dalice's warm, welcoming smile.

Our local watering hole has recently changed hands. A warm welcome is extended to Bronwen and David Allen, who have taken on the running of the pub and are fast settling into the community. They are offering great \$10 lunches, bountiful dinners and free wi-fi for all patrons. They are also the proud parents of Jade Allen whose great grandmother and local identity, Norma Allen, called to tell us about her. Jade has been selected for the Under 12 girls' state cricket team. What a wonderful achievement! Congratulations from all of Cobargo, Jade. And congratulations to your parents who have undoubtedly spent many hours toiling and froing you to your training sessions and games.

On Sunday 15 November the Cobargo Hotel hosted another successful and entertaining book launch by Quaama's Isobel Blackthorn. *The Drago Tree*, which has received some wonderful reviews, was launched in a 'words and music' event, to a most appreciative audience, who were thoroughly entertained by the 'storybook journey to Lanzarote, an island of dramatic landscapes and a rich Spanish colonial history'. Barbara Jeffrey and Jose Garcia of the band, Tidal Moon, performed, on harp and guitar, some traditional music from the island.

To all of Cobargo and The Triangle, sincere and warm wishes for a wonderful festive season ahead. Cobargo Conversations will be back with our local happenings in February 2016.

Elizabeth Andalis



Music in the street celebrating the Frayed Edges and Lyn Warner opening

OPEN MIC NIGHT

It was a warm and wonderful night at the Cobargo Hotel on Friday 27 November.

There were performances of music - guitars and song; poetry - published and new works; original stories were read and hilarious jokes were told.

The last Friday of the month is Open Mic night at the pub and it is proving to be quite a popular event.

We will be having a break over the Christmas holiday period and the next open mic night will be in January.

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Conquering the world one bead at a time

Cobargo's Holey Glass Beadery & Jewellery Gallery has recently celebrated its first birthday!

Patto and Ellie initially opened the shop to showcase their unique and exquisite jewellery creations and have enjoyed a wonderful response to their work from the Triangle community. Adding to their success has been a spattering of awards and accolades from both art and jewellery communities Australia-wide, as well as many international purchases.

The Holey Glass girls would like to invite locals to share in their good fortune, by offering a free pair of earrings from the 'Specials Board' for every \$50 spent in the store in December and leading up 'til Christmas. They also offer classes by request, enabling participants to create their own pieces/gifts at a most affordable cost. From basic stringing and earring-making



Beautiful beadery

to more elaborate pieces, all materials are included for only \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Drop in to book your time.

December Documentary: *Song of the New Earth*

A feature-length doco by Ward Serrill

Sunday, 13 December will be the next monthly community documentary screening in the Cobargo CWA at 4.30 pm.

Managing to avoid new age clichés, *Song of the New Earth* presents the extraordinary life of Tom Kenyon, a country singer turned brain scientist and sound shaman.

Tom Kenyon was on his way to fame as a country singer in Nashville when he began to experience uninvited paranormal states of consciousness. His quest to understand these experiences sent him on a journey into different belief systems.

The film explores in depth the cutting edge scientific research which proves that sound shifts brain states and promotes

dramatic healing.

We follow Tom Kenyon's journey from the stage on Broadway, to giant caves in the south of France, the golden-chandeliered symphony halls of Vienna and finally to the snowy peaks of Tibet, performing with his unique - almost four octave range - voice.

Song of the New Earth informs, inspires, and provides an extraordinary opportunity to experience how sound and music can be powerful medicine for ourselves and our world.

To cover the costs a \$5 donation is much appreciated. Coffee and tea provided, bring your own mug.

See you there,

Lena

We CCAN do it!

As you know, there has been terrific work done to remove many introduced plants that were engulfing the banks of Narira Creek around the two bridges and further downstream. Many natives have been planted and are establishing well.

Cobargo Community Action Group is confronting the result of all the beautiful rain we've been experiencing.

Weeds are growing in the areas around the two bridges and we may have to resort to spraying.

However, with more help, the use of spray may not be necessary. Perhaps starting with the beautiful walk that is developing along the river from the park, we are suggesting that people might like to adopt an area of, say, 10 square metres, to take under their wing.

The group has funding to develop the track right up to Hillview Street. Apparently there are increasing numbers of people using the track already, so how about adopting your favourite spot to care for.

Two mates working for an hour can produce very satisfying results in the short term and even more so seeing 'their patch' develop over time. And you get to chat over a cup of tea in one of our great cafes afterwards!

It might be a great activity for groups of school children, or scouts, too.

The soil is soft and moist right now, just the right conditions for weeding, so please be in touch as soon as you feel moved and ring Tania 6493 6704 or Vicky on 0422 377 278

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Eight hours of volunteer work is the minimum required in exchange for 'free' entry. Jobs available include work at the festival bar; camping/parking co-ordinating; work at the festival shop and office; MC/comper in various locations; catering; and all set up and bump out requirements.

Apply now! Go to the link below for access to the job descriptions and application form

www.cobargofolkfestival.com/index.php?id=35

All volunteers must be registered through the online process unless an alternative arrangement has been discussed with the Volunteers Coordinator.

For more information contact Carly McMahon, volunteers coordinator on 6493 6822 or mobile 0408 448 684 (texts preferred) or email cobargofolkvolunteers@gmail.com

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Museum raises much-needed funds

The Cobargo District Museum members had a great day of fund raising at the Old Cobargo Convent Country Fair. Members contributed some of their personal artifacts to assist in creating a display as well as old photos and information for the display. To assist with the ongoing fund raising they also had a second hand items stall and plant sale. The second hand items raised lots of interest. A big thank you to those who contributed to the stall as well as Pat, Norm and Brenda Reed who did a huge amount of work.

The Tourist Information Centre also needs to be commended for hosting the Fair as well as Pam, the owner of the old convent, for offering it up as a venue. I am sure those who attended would agree that it certainly was a great venue.

Attention all woodworkers and tomato growers!

Cobargo Show has added a new section to handicrafts which includes 13 new woodwork classes. This section has been promoted and sponsored by Bermagui Mens' Shed with enough variety to keep even the most obscure woodworkers happy.

Local tomato farmers from Mountain View farm are the proud sponsors of the inaugural Tomato Challenge 2016. Tomato growers and keen cooks will be able to participate in this challenge which will take similar shape to the popular plum challenge.

The finer details of both new additions are to be finalised in coming weeks. Keep an eye out on our



(L to R) Ray Sawtell, Norm Reed, Pat Reed, Vicky Hoyer and Ken Redman fundraising for the Cobargo District Museum

The museum members are always looking for photos and memorabilia that can be included in the museum when established. We are also looking for new members to help us achieve the establishment of the museum.

Vicky Hoyer

Cobargo Show News

website www.cobargoshow.com.au or our Facebook site Cobargo Show and Rodeo, for our 2016 show schedule. We hope this to be ready before end of year.

Committee members would like to invite all stewards and volunteers to our Christmas BBQ held at Cobargo Showground on Sunday 6 December beginning 5pm. Please contact Ros Mead (show secretary) to RSVP. We will be combining this with our Junior Showgirl competition with interviews to be conducted at approximately 3pm at the showground. All interested young ladies please contact Rebecca Miller on 6493 6062.

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Quaama rocks again this New Year's Eve

It's becoming a fixture in the Triangle area calendar. Head to Quaama Hall again at 7pm on New Year's Eve with a rug and picnic dinner and enjoy local musos on the lawn. Then at 9pm crowd inside and dance until midnight to a great band. 2015 will be the third year running for this successful formula..

This year we're excited to have Andrew Gray's Jonathan Richman Experience. If you were here in 2013 you may remember Andrew's energetic channelling of Boston 70s R&R phenomenon, Jonathan Richman, on the verandah, when Andrew got people up and dancing even ahead of the main act. Then he did a set supporting Heath Cullen, the main act. Well, this year he *is* the main act, and it just gets better. He's pulled together a band comprising three members of The Hoops (Jamie Forbes on guitar, Sid Brassington on bass and Peter White on drums), with Becky Lupton and Nataleigh Jessop singing back-up melodies.

The Jonathan Richman Experience



Andrew Gray's Jonathan Richman Experience performing in Bega this year

was a hit at *Cabaret of the Cow* in Bega last month. Andrew promises to "have you dancing and singing along with Jonathan's upbeat, infectious and catchy songs". And if 2013 is anything to go by, he'll deliver! Quaama Quisine will be selling

snacks and light meals to supplement your picnic. BYO drinks . Entry \$10 adults, \$5 concession, accompanied children under 16 free.

Jen Severn



Jen Severn (right) presenting Chris Pauling of Nardy House with a cheque

Triangle Donates to Nardy House

Denise Redmond (CEO) told us: "We'll be spending the \$500 donation on ceramic pots for the kitchen garden, and then we'll be planting lots of herbs in them.

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Mange Management Wombat Workshop

The Wombat Protection Society of Australia and Wildlife Rescue South Coast hosted a mange prevention workshop on Sunday 8 November at the beautiful Quaama Hall. Well done to all the Hall committee, many compliments were received from the various attenders about the lovely venue. The workshop was held thanks to the wonderful efforts of the Cobargo Community Association in raising \$1000



Attendees of the Workshop proudly display their burrow treatment flaps

to assist Wildlife Rescue South Coast purchase mange treatment medication.

Mange, caused by a mite, kills wombats and has been responsible for wiping out large colonies of wombats across Australia. Currently there are treatment programs running Australia wide including Maria Island in Tasmania where 75% of the wombat population have died as a result of leaving mange untreated.

Wombats seem to be the only marsupial that this nasty mite kills, though many other mammals, including humans, can be affected. Sadly, it appears humans brought the mite into Australia with the First Fleet. The workshop showed

attenders how to make the 'burrow flap delivery system' and the afternoon gave attenders the opportunity to try out their craft skills making burrow flaps.

Amanda Cox, a founding member of the Wombat Protection Society, was left to present the workshop mid-afternoon when 'CCA-Marie', a small, totally dehydrated joey wombat was brought in, fairly much on her last legs. As if to emphasise the dreadful problem of mange, Co-presenter Marie Wynan was needed to provide subcutaneous fluid injections to this poor little girl, who, judging by the smell of her, must have stayed with her dying mother, both having been affected by the mite.

CCA-Marie went home with Amanda who continued her intensive care for a further 24 hours after which time she began to respond and her suckling reflex returned. Following another 24 hours on lactade she was reintroduced to milk and by day three was well enough to begin

eating grass and have a bath.

"Much to the relief of everyone in the house!" said Amanda, "You could smell her from fifty metres away!"

By day four she was fit enough to have a mange treatment so CCA-Marie will be the first wombat assisted by the work of the Cobargo Community Association. She is a lovely little girl, brown-grey, with straw coloured front paws, who enjoys delivering a bite or two when playing and

really likes her bottle. Thanks go to her rescuer who realised this tiny wombat should not have been out and about on her own.

During the presentation Amanda thanked all the people who have worked so hard to assist wombats and to let the community know that from a small beginning ten years ago it was from the Triangle that concerned environmentalists came together to work on this problem and help wombats and create the Wombat Protection Society. The local beginning generated an Australia wide response.

"Never doubt the ability of small communities to make major changes to how people think and what they do and the amazing changes they can bring about," said Amanda.

Wildlife Rescue South Coast meets bi-monthly 0417 238 921 and welcomes new members. Beautiful wildlife calendars are available for 2016. The Wombat Protection Society of Australia runs 'sponsor a burrow'. See the website at www.wombatprotection.org.au

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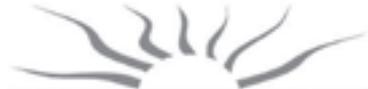
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Ronald Arthur 'Cobber' Benny

10 September 1917 - 12 August 2015

Long-time resident of Cobargo, Ronald Arthur Benny, better known as 'Cobber', died on 12 August 2015 aged 97 years. His passing signalled the closing of a significant chapter in the life of the Cobargo community. Cobber was born in Nurse Hadgett's home in Hoyer Street, Cobargo and lived his life in the township of Cobargo. He was one of nine children born to Naomi and Fred Benny. His mother was Naomi Annette of Brogo and father Fred Benny had emigrated from Honolulu. Cobber married Doreen Allen and at the time of his death was survived by son Barry and daughter Shirley, daughter-in-law Shirley and son-in-law Bruce, four grandchildren, ten great children and one great great grandchild.

Cobber received a rudimentary education at St Joseph's Catholic School and Cobargo Public School where he successfully attained a scholarship to attend boarding school. Economic conditions at the time meant that the family was unable to take up the scholarship and so Cobber left school at age 14 years to work in the family butcher shop. The business was known as Benny & Welsh Butchers and a short time later Fred bought his partner's share and the business became Benny's Butchery.

By the age of sixteen, Cobber was able to slaughter cattle, sheep and pigs. He was familiar with the different cuts of meat. In the early years the sheep were transported by steamer to Bermagui. Cobber and father Fred would walk



Shirley, Cobber and Barry Benny at the butcher shop in Cobargo

from Cobargo to Bermagui, wait for the unloading of the sheep and then walk back to Cobargo with the sheep for the slaughter. Cobber related the time before the advent of refrigeration and the endless battle he had with the cursed flies. A fire was lit in a bucket of dried cow manure and hung from the beast's neck so the smoke would keep the flies off till morning when the carcass was transported to the shop by 4am.

Cobber would relate difficult years during The Great Depression and the common occurrence of hungry swagmen looking for work or a feed. He remembered food coupons being issued by the local police sergeant and how the next coupons were to be found at Moruya in the north or at Bega in the south. The butcher shop was unable to pay wages during the depression and Cobber relied largely on the proceeds of rabbit trapping. Skins were a pound for a pound and that was very good money at the time.

Cobber told of how, when the bridge and road at Dignams Creek was under

construction, he would ride his horse out to the road camp, take the meat orders from the workers, ride back to town and compile the order then deliver them back to the camp.

In the early years Cobber didn't receive a wage and he relates how his father would give him an occasional two shillings to go to the pictures. This puts into perspective how he must have felt when in later years he won one hundred pounds for first prize in the Bodalla Gift Foot Race run over seventy yards. Cobber was a keen sportsman, playing football, tennis and golf, but hunting and fishing were special interests together with his garden and much loved bees.

Brothers Lou and Cobber took over the butcher shop from their father Fred and operated as Benny Brothers. It was around this time Cobber was appointed Justice of the Peace and he was often summoned from the shop to preside over judgements concerning misdemeanours of all description.

History was repeated when in 1956 Cobber's son Barry followed his father's footsteps into the butchery at 14 years of age. In 1970 Cobber and wife Doreen bought Lou's share and operated the butcher shop until their retirement when son Barry and his wife Shirley took over the business in 1983. When the butchery was sold in 2005 some 190 years of continuous service to the people of Cobargo and district had been completed by three Benny generations.

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Narooma Day VIEW Club



Club secretary Pat Eaton, National Councillor Robyn Bursill and Club president Glen Pisanos

VIEW Club is a leading women's volunteer organisation and support network that empowers women to have their voices heard on issues of importance, for the future wellbeing of Australian society. VIEW actively raises awareness of, and participates in, the work of The Smith Family in their Learning For Life program. VIEW women are making a significant difference in the lives of many disadvantaged children and families across the country. VIEW also provides women

with the opportunity to meet regularly with other women from all walks of life, establishing lasting friendships.

Narooma Day VIEW Club meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month and throughout the year we have various social events and outings such as International Women's Day, trips to shows and participation in other club events.

Monthly meetings are held at Narooma Golf Club, 11am for 11.30am.

Members and guests are always made welcome, so if you are looking to meet new people and become involved in the work of VIEW, please phone Patricia 4476 8394 or Cathy 4476 8045 for information.

Our first meeting for 2016 will be on Friday 26 February.

VIEW stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women and is a vital part of the Smith Family.

Cathy Coventry

Christmas from the Anglican Parish of Cobargo

With Christmas fast approaching there is much going on and Reverend Joy Harris and parishioners extend an invitation to come and enjoy this wonderful season celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Heartsong – the ecumenical sacred music choir of St John's Bega, will be at

Christchurch Cobargo on 6 December starting at 5pm for carols and lessons.

'Blue' Christmas Service – in recognition that for some, the celebrations of Christmas bring back sad memories of loss, we are holding a 'Blue' Christmas service for those who would like to remember and reflect with music and candle lighting. This service will be held on Saturday 12 December at 5pm in All Saints Church, Wallaga St, Bermagui.

Other Christmas Services:

20 December, 10am -Christmas Carols and Holy Communion, St Saviours Quaama

20 December, 5pm – Carols and Readings, All Saints Bermagui

24 December, 6.30pm – Holy Communion St Saviours, Quaama

24 December, 8.30pm – Holy Communion, Christchurch Cobargo

25 December 9am – Holy Communion, All Saints, Bermagui

New Year's Day Dawn Service at the Blue Pool Car Park, Bermagui at 6am.

For further information or normal service times please contact Rev Joy Harris on 6493 4416.

Caroline

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WRC Christmas

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WRC has provided Christmas Hampers to disadvantaged families for more than ten years. Each year local services suggest families who have really struggled. The deadline for donations is 9 December – please help!

In 2014 WRC provided 17 hampers (four hampers were donated by the TAFE staff) to families. Each hamper included reusable bags donated by Woolworths and was full of yummy goodies, useful items and special treats for Christmas.

WRC had two fabulous volunteers who gave up a couple of days to wrap presents and shop till they dropped! An anonymous donor set the ball rolling with a generous gift of cash. We received lots of donations of non-perishable food and great presents from community members, so we were able to provide a bountiful hamper to each family. Recipients are overwhelmed and very excited to be able to receive something positive at this time of the year.

*Gabrielle Powell,
Coordinator,
Women's Resource Centre*

Finding the pieces for special needs

Finding the Pieces is a comprehensive and individualised program for children and adults, and their families, with special needs based on their unique requirements and characteristics. The goal of this service is to support the entire family not just the person with special needs/autism.

The program can include social skills development; life skills development; help with school work; help with organisational skills; strategies to cope with anxiety, sensory issues and behavioural problems; developing specific visual and other supports for home; support for siblings; respite for family members and much more.

Natasha Quast (B.Sc, Grad.Dip. Ed, M.Ed: special education), runs the business and has training and accreditation in autism, behaviour difficulties, emotional disturbance, learning assistance; language and reading for mild, moderate and severe intellectual disability; and transition to school, workplace etc.

She is also the parent of a child with special needs and a trained/registered



Natasha Quast who runs 'Finding the Pieces', supplying special needs education

special needs teacher so understands special needs from a unique position.

Contact Natasha if you would like to discuss the services she provides on 0435 129 659.

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Autism Lab starts January 2016

The Lab is a computer club for kids with high functioning Autism/Asperger's. Its intent is not only to provide tuition in areas such as programming, 3D, digital design and gaming, but also to help these kids navigate social norms and build meaningful relationships.

The Lab provides individuals with opportunities to explore specific interests; experience less pressure to conform to accepted norms; to express themselves and to share their skills and interests. Kids will be able to connect with like-minded others and do what they enjoy doing rather than follow a strict school routine. For higher-functioning kids with Autism, computer technology can be a vehicle for personal and social growth and possibly lead to tangible career options. Further information see the webpage: www.thelab.org.au/

Lab sessions will take place in the Bega Library starting on Tuesday, 19 January 2016 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Initially, the sessions will be free.

Bookings are essential, phone Monika on 0404 798 368 or email at monikaryanbega@gmail.com

Please bring your own device: laptop or iPad. High functioning individuals on the Autism spectrum are often severely disadvantaged and in need of support. The Lab provides such support by positively impacting on their life prospects, social connectedness, wellbeing and skills (IT and social). The Lab is a not-for profit undertaking. I look forward to meeting you all!

Monika Ryan

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Sandplay can overcome poor communication in relationship, and is richly effective with children. Phone John and Hilary: 043 1616 227.



Objects to play with

Helen Caldicott returns for anti-nuclear talk

A public dinner hosted by the Bermagui Institute will be held on Wednesday, 10 February at 6pm for 7pm at il Passaggio restaurant, Bermagui. The speaker will be Dr Helen Caldicott who will give a talk on the topic: "Nuclear South Australia".

Helen is a physician and an impassioned advocate for nuclear disarmament. She founded and headed Physicians for Social Responsibility and

Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament and is the author of several books on the subject. She is the recipient of many prestigious international awards.

Book your place at il Passaggio, phone 6493 5753. The cost is \$25 per person. Please specify vegetarian or non-vegetarian food when booking.

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Olga Masters Short Story Award Winners

Successful entrants in the 2015 Olga Masters Short Story Award have been announced. The winner is Sharon Willdin from Petersham (NSW) for her story, *Number 12 Hollis Avenue*, which carries a prize of \$1500; the runner-up is Pamela Parker (Caloundra, Qld) for *Matt McConachie: This is Your Life* for which the prize is \$500. The Award has been generously supported by the Bokhara Foundation, and by volunteers who organised the administration of the project.

The competition celebrates the life and work of Australian author Olga Masters whose early career started in Cobargo, and is again supported by her remaining six children and her grandchildren.

The judges faced an extremely difficult task in selecting the winners, and each commented on the high standard set by the 2015 entrants, praising the quality of the work submitted.

The winning entries can be read on the web site, www.olgamastersshortstoryaward.com.au

Heather O'Connor
Olga Masters Steering Committee



Sharon Willdin who won first prize of \$1500 in the Olga Masters Short Story Award with her story *Number 12 Hollis Avenue*

2016 Four Winds Easter Festival - Early bird tickets on sale

Four Winds has announced the program for its 2016 Easter Festival as well as a stellar line-up of international artists including the incredible UK violinist Jack Leibbeck, who will be playing Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.

The expanded program includes a full outdoor program on Easter Saturday and Sunday, along with chamber music concerts presented in the Windsong Pavilion, recently heralded as having one of the finest acoustics in regional Australia. In the run up Four Winds are presenting three concerts in stunning local homes, as well as a full program in Bermagui during Good Friday including a free concert at the Four Winds festival site in which FLiNg, the Bega-based physical theatre company,

will be performing.

Artistic Director Paul Dean says, "As well as allowing the audience to enjoy the familiar, I think a festival should be about stretching their imagination. I want the audience to leave having experienced magical moments and formed lasting memories of their experience at Four Winds – after all, where else can you experience world class music in such a sublime bush setting?"

Musical highlights will be Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 1 as well as the charming Schumann's Piano Quartet, both performed by virtuosic pianist Zubin Kanga. Lovers of Gershwin will be delighted to know the festival will finish with the drama and passion of

Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue – a fabulous piece to hear in the open air, in a beautiful grassed amphitheatre within sight of the sea.

Once the day's performances at the festival site have concluded, audiences will be able to head into Bermagui for the 'After Dark' program which will feature the amazing Australian Indigenous songwriter Radical Son who is currently on a songwriting journey using Gamilaraay language to create new works especially for the Festival.

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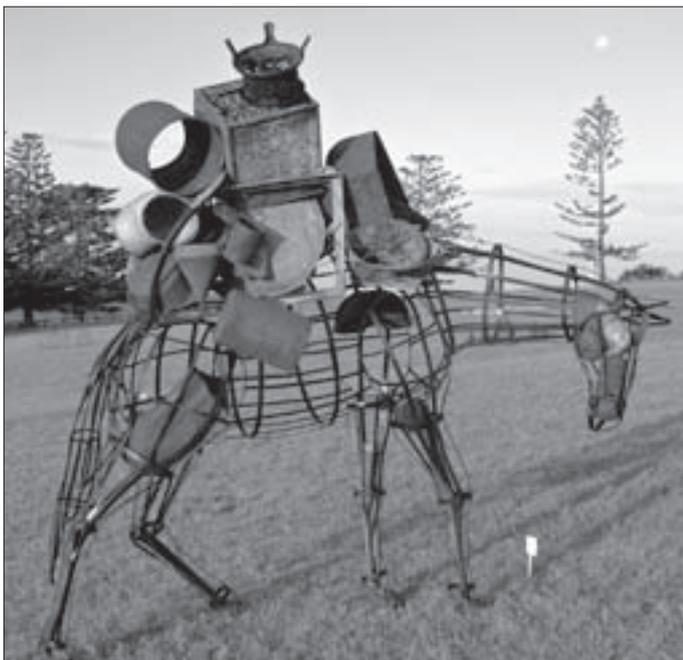
Bermagui's Sculpture on the Edge 2016

Bermagui's *Sculpture on the Edge* has received its first application for the tenth anniversary event. It is from Stephen Harrison, a regular exhibitor here and also at *Sculpture by the Sea* in Sydney. His subject is Prospero from Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Other prospective exhibitors include Jimmy Rix, ANU's Sian Watson and Rebecca Selleck, and Tanja's Richard

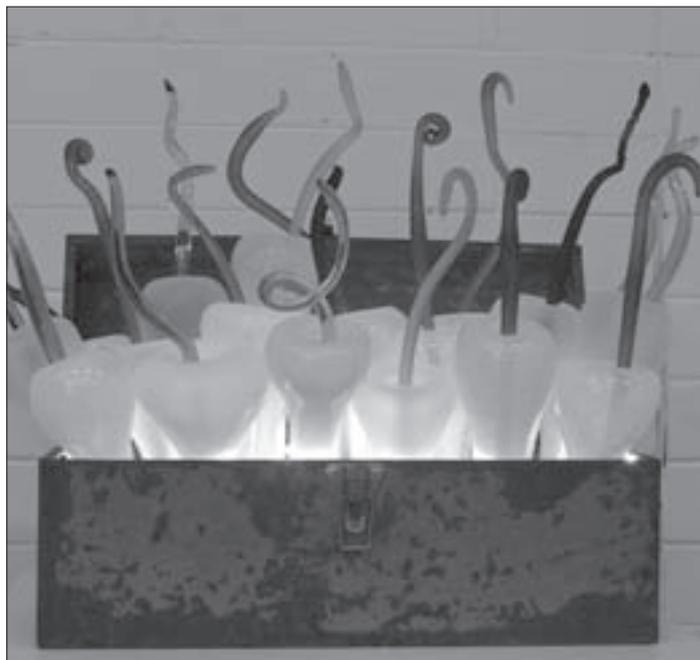
Moffatt. The event will run from 5 to 14 March 2016 and will feature a symposium with an indigenous theme on 6 March at the Bermagui Library. School workshops will again be provided at several local schools, there will be artists' floor talks and the annual Community Picnic & Fire Festival will be on 13 March when the People's Choice awards will be

announced. The event organisers are expecting some wonderful sculptures and inspiring participants. We encourage *Triangle* readers to go to the website www.sculpturebermagui.org.au and to like us on our Facebook page. Further information from Event Manager Jan Ireland on 6493 3808.

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A Burden by Andy Townsend and Suzie Bleach



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Sitting by Spooner Park



Sitting, she would watch.
 Dog walkers dragged by unruly pooches.
 Builders heading to work,
 Plumbers with dangerous javelin
 Atop their utes.
 Parents taking kids through Spooner
 Park
 To the bus stop in Wallaga Street.

And when the mums depart,
 The ritual races start.
 Up to the corner,
 Corunna St and back.
 Bus stop races.
 All so young
 And no idea of their youth.

It was winter.
 Crisp and promising a frost,
 But hard to get that cold by the sea.
 The harbour just two hundred paces away,
 An insulating blanket, moderating the extremes of heat and cold.
 The blanket had got thinner she thought.
 The towns away from the sea -
 Cobargo, Tilba, Yowrie,
 All frosted regularly.
 But Bermi resisted.



Sitting, she would watch.
 The mums all home.
 The school bus gone.
 The council men arriving.
 Blue pipes scattered through Spooner Park
 Promising of clearer, cleaner drinking water.
 Mounds of gravel, sand
 And front end loaders-
 Bega Valley Shire Council decorations on the acre green
 triangle.
 One solitary date palm stands.
 A relic from the Woolworths site.
 A sample of the value placed on open space.
 Like an unwanted gift passed on
 To a new recipient
 With even less need of it.



She sits and watches
 This most unfriendly of trees.
 It stands,
 Daring anyone to touch
 It's wolfsharp needles,
 Offering buggie all shade until it's near fifty
 years.

She sits and watches.
 Imagines the date palm tree inviting her to laze beneath its
 branches
 Like some Russian Roulette game
 Where you dare to relax,
 And scurry away the moment a breeze picks up.
 Her scurrying days were gone.
 She'd lay beneath a trustworthy tree,
 If any.

She sits and watches.
 Remembering when Spooner was a picnic site.
 When the church crowds would stream across after service
 And spread their blankets.
 Cricket bats and hard red six stitchers all about,
 And the slope was not nearly such an issue then.
 The rabbit holes were deeper,
 But ankles were more resilient.
 Like her.
 Slopes hurt now.
 Stumbles meant weeks recovering.

She sat and watched
 The plovers landing and striding out,
 Staking their clumsy claim.
 Always nesting in dumb places
 Where either mowers or walkers
 prowled.
 Heard their harsh calls of warning.
 She looked for the fluffy chicks,
 But none yet.
 Or was the sun too harsh
 And their camouflage too clever?
 Her eyes too weak?



She sat and watched.
 Her eyes closed.
 And she napped.
 Submerged in that sumptuous sleep that is painful to wake
 from.
 As the mid-morning sun climbed higher
 It sneaked August tepid tendrils
 Through the window glass
 In a pathetic impersonation of warmth,
 Raising the air to a temporary comfortable level.
 She dreamed of warmer months.
 And after a while, snoring gently,
 Waking slowly,
 She plotted a cup of the best strong espresso.
 She wanted to be awake to see.
 She did not want to miss
 The afternoon return from school.

by Max Harris

Illustrations by Naomi Lewis

Local environmental company AKT sponsors a page
 in *The Triangle* every month.

Every month we will publish the best creative,
 environmental contribution – story, essay, poem, painting,
 drawing or photograph - we receive.

So look around and start writing, drawing and
 photographing. There's a wealth of inspiration around us.
 The winner each year receives \$400.

The winner for 2015 is a poem: *Laundry Time* written
 by Jan Horner. Check out the winner online - it's in the April
 issue. Congratulations Jan!

Next year our competition will change slightly - each
 month we will give you a theme to inspire you.

February's theme is: Summer Evening. We look
 forward to your entries. Good luck!

Summer Expression at Ivy Hill

Enjoy two special exhibitions at Ivy Hill this summer. *Emotive Response* combines partners Sara Freeman and Peter Jordan with Sonja Jacob.

Their exhibition runs from 10 December to 10 January, with a break for Christmas week from 24 to 31 December when the gallery will close.

Sara uses old painting techniques that use organic materials like saponified wax and egg tempera. She loves the qualities they bring to her paintings - the surface luminosity and the slowing down of time required to work with them which becomes meditative.

Peter is a teacher in the Drawing and Print Media department of ANU. In his own practice he takes the viewer to a world of myth and mystery with his small oil paintings rendered on board.

Sonja Jacob's ceramics add a three dimensional quality. She has concentrated on challenging glazes for her porcelain in this exhibition.

From Our Place will follow from 14 January to 14 February 2016. Combining indigenous and non-indigenous work it will be interesting to follow the cross from one culture to the other.

Another member of the talented Cruse family, Madonna, is showing her paintings



River Edge by Kim Falkenmire

for the first time. Roslyn Holmes has created baskets using native grasses in a random weave technique.

Janine Scrivens and Kim Falkenmire have both been inspired by the

landscape for their abstract paintings, in Janine's case drawing from her observations during a trip to the Simpson Desert earlier in the year.

Ivy Hill Gallery is located on the coast road between Bermagui and Tathra.

Hours are 10am to 5pm, Thursday to Sunday inclusive.

Please check www.ivyhill.com.au for more information, including catalogues of past and present artists' work.



Madonna Cruse's artwork

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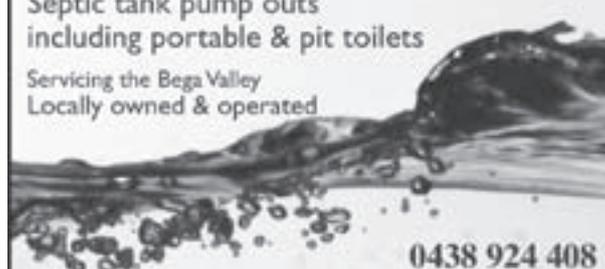
It's on again! The Art@Bermi exhibition is on on the Australia Day weekend from 23 to 26 January, 10am to 4pm each day. Don't forget this popular group exhibition of painting, printmaking, pottery and sculpture to be held at the Bermagui Surf Club.

Exhibiting artists are Pauline Balos, Phyllida Cameron, Jenny Halliday, Doris Hoyne, Margaret Kenny Levick, Jenny Mein, Helen Morris, Krysia StClair and Fran Vercoe.

Come and meet the artists on Saturday 23 January from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Guest artists for this exhibition are Justina Leggoe (printmaker) and Carol Taylor (watercolour painter). All donations to the Bermagui Surf Club.

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An Afternoon with Fred Smith

On a quiet Sunday afternoon in early November the Yuin Folk Club hosted singer/songwriter Fred Smith at the Cobargo Hotel. Fred Smith, such a simple down to earth name for a complex singer/songwriter.

His songs, particularly those reflecting his experience in wartorn and dangerous locations like Afghanistan, have an immediacy and impact that is quite extraordinary. His performance was complemented by visuals illustrating the events, photographs and film that brought the truth of his songs into the hearts and heads of the audience.

From the so powerful *Dust of Urzgan* to *Live Like an Afghan* the



Fred Smith at the Cobargo Hotel in November

reality experienced by the combatants was brought to life. There is a fantastic truth and power in his singing and there is also an element of the storyteller so that the role he plays is a modern version of the

wandering bard. He introduces each item with some background, and a relevant story about the way the song came to be and how the world looked from that perspective.

The ribald humour that is so often linked with dangerous experiences was not absent as *Niet Swaffelen op de Dixi* demonstrated although it requires translation to appreciate it fully. Ask a Dutchman.

Powerful as these songs were, his repertoire is not limited to war and conflict. We also heard stories from other life experiences and even a love song.

Fred Smith will be at the next Cobargo Folk Festival and I hope to catch his performance at that event. I think it will really be something special.

Jo Lewis



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The Lizards *Stir the Possum* and invite you to party

During the months of December and January, we are using the Side Room of the Lazy Lizard Gallery to showcase new work by the gallery members. The exhibition, *Stir the Possum*, promises to present artwork with a twist in the usual Lizard tradition – ceramics, sculpture, jewellery, paintings, woodturning and photography – it will all be there!

At the moment, members are being a bit secretive about their contributions... however, John Gosch has hinted at some recycled metal possums, and it is whispered that Shirleyanne Myers has veered towards a musical theme and is working on a series of watercolours inspired by the Cobargo Folk Festival, in her own unique style.

The musical theme continues. I've also been told in strict confidence that the local gnome researcher has been seen crawling about the undergrowth in Yowrie, making drawings of a group of elusive but musically inclined feral gnomes.

On exhibition will be the first ever recorded images of this bizarre group, known as 'Possum Pam's Post-modern Bush Band'.

The music plays on ...we are throwing a grand opening night party and celebration of Lizardness on Friday 11 December at 6pm. Not only will there be good company, wine and nibbles, we will be showcasing some unique musical talent: Kara Imagen and Zoe Carroll will captivate you with their songwriting and performing expertise in a singular blend of Indie, folk, blues and country. So come along and be amazed and entertained... and bear in mind, that those who fail to attend this prestigious event run the risk of becoming social outcasts!

Lastly, the Lizards would like to thank all the locals who have supported us over the year and also everyone in *The Triangle* team – we really appreciate all your hard work. The Art in *The Triangle* section is

invaluable to small galleries and local artists – thank you!



Possum Pam by Naomi Lewis

Kitty Flanagan returns for Forests fundraiser



Kitty Flanagan (photo by Rebecca Bana)

Strangers in Paradise are proud to announce their fifth 'Arts and Environment fundraiser'. *Shake It Up* will take place on Saturday 12 December at the Bermagui Community Hall. Once again there's a line-up of top shelf entertainment. Kitty Flanagan is back with excerpts from her latest show *Seriously?* which has been touring all year to rave reviews.

"This jewel of a show proves Flanagan's prowess as an uncontrived marvel of telling it like it is." - Sydney Morning Herald.

"...layer upon layer of magic, making

this show a joyful, side-splitting wonder" writes the Herald Sun, Melbourne.

You'll also have music from Sophisticated Boom Boom (the love cowboy is back!), CJ Leon, drop-dead dancing from The Magnificent 7 and the Tilba Tappers and more.

Tickets are \$30 and are available from Strangers in Paradise Vintage Emporium at 36 Lamont St Bermagui. Sorry, we don't take bookings but BYO picnic and drinks. Phone 0419 699 178 for more information.

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Chicken and Ham Terrine

Now that we are coming up to the festive season and some warm weather, I thought it might be nice to have a cold dish that could be served on Christmas Day.

Recipe

- 1 ham hock
- 2 sticks of celery, chopped roughly
- 1 carrot, chopped roughly
- 2 onions, quartered
- 2 fresh bay leaves
- 1 chicken - 1.8kg, halved lengthways
- 2 cups parsley
- 3 titanium strength gelatine leaves, softened in cold water for five minutes.

Method

Place ham hock, celery, carrot, onion and bay leaves in a large saucepan. Cover with cold water, and simmer for one hour. Add the chicken and simmer for a further 40 minutes.

Remove from heat and set aside for 20 minutes for the chicken to finish cooking.

Remove and discard skin from the chicken and ham. Shred the meat into large pieces, place in a bowl and set aside. Strain and reserve 500ml of the poaching liquid. Puree the parsley in a blender with a little of the poaching liquid. Squeeze excess



water from the gelatine, stir in the reserved poaching liquid, the parsley, and season to taste with salt and ground black pepper.

Line a 1.5 litre loaf tin or terrine mould with plastic wrap. Place chicken and ham evenly in the pan, pour in parsley

and gelatine mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight to set.

Turn out terrine onto a board and cut thick slices with a warmed knife. Serve with hard boiled eggs, pickled cucumber, tomato salad and a mixed green salad.



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A pot or two for your favourite plants

With the ever increasing use of our outdoor spaces, the use of pots as a growing solution is becoming far greater than in previous times. The opportunity is right to offer some hints on how to successfully manage this form of gardening.

Probably most important is to decide what you actually want the pots and the plants to achieve.

Are they to be used for growing vegetables and some annual colour? Maybe a perennial and a shrub? Or, in some cases, a screening plant to hide a shed or some unsightly part of the landscape?

The answers to these questions will help you decide on the type and size of the pot, the actual plant to be used and how then to succeed with the selection of the plant and its ongoing maintenance.

The pot's size is the most crucial selection as a pot too small for the plant will cause it to dry out quickly, blow over in the wind and not contain sufficient nutrient to keep the plant healthy.

There are many types of pots from plastic, terracotta and glazed; and for some short term vegetable growing, the use of a polystyrene vegetable box can be used.

Generally glazed pots are the best. There are many colours that suit the colour scheme of the home and these pots have a better moisture-holding capability than other styles. Terracotta pots are very stylish but have a tendency to dry out so if this style is to be used, seal the inside of the pot with a terracotta sealant.

Plastic and polystyrene pots are best used where the pot is to be used for the short term as they tend to break down under strong sunlight.

A useful hint when selecting a pot is to use a straight-sided or V-shaped pot so the plant can be easily removed. A pot which is belly-shaped is nigh on impossible to

repot without causing serious disturbance to the root system.

After the decision has been made about the pot the next decision is to what to plant.

Consider the eventual size of the plant remembering the larger the plant grows the larger the pot should be. A plant that is to be used for screening should be in a pot that will also act as an anchor in a windy



Potted Love

site. Too small a pot will simply just blow over and in most cases smash.

If you are growing annuals, herbs and vegetables, a shallow pot will suffice as they are all generally shallow rooting and do not need a great depth of soil.

Next comes to what type of potting mix to use.

In most cases a premium potting mix with some slow release fertiliser included

and some water storage crystals is the best. There are many types of mixes out there and I can guarantee that the cheaper the mix is to purchase, the lesser quality it is.

For plants that are going to be in the pots for an extended time, I suggest a premium potting mix. If you are growing vegetables and annual flowers you can use a cheaper mix but you will need to fertilise and water more often as these mixes do not have any moisture or nutrient holding capabilities. These cheaper mixes will be of no benefit to the plants after a season or two.

Do a lift test to ascertain whether you are getting a quality mix: the lighter the weight the poorer the quality. The lighter weighted bags usually consist of tan bark and are either 20 or 25 litres against the 30 litres of a premium bag.

Watering and fertilising is of absolute importance. Vegetables and annual flowers will need watering several times a week and fertilising every ten days or so with a liquid fertiliser like a fish or seaweed based fertiliser. Shrubs and longer living plants also need watering and fertilising on a regular basis although some fertilising can include a specific slow release fertiliser for the particular group of plants you have used. Do this three or four times a year as well as the liquid food on a monthly basis. During the cooler months this can be cut back as the plants are not actively growing.

Just a few other things to remember: from time to time check that the drainage holes haven't become blocked by roots; rotate the pots to get an even all over growth and prune when necessary.

Good luck with your efforts.

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

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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 contributions@thetriangle.org.au

Book Review

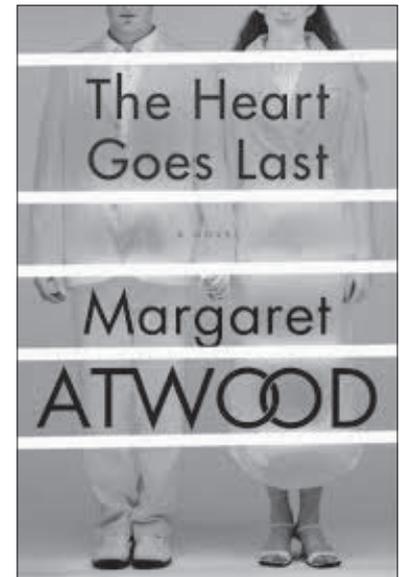
Sarah Gardiner

The Heart Goes Last
Margaret Atwood
Bloomsbury \$32.99

Lucky for us, Margaret Atwood is still turning them out. Fifty-five publications to date: fiction, poetry, essays and children's books. I have always enjoyed the work of this Canadian author, especially her futuristic stories such as *The Handmaid's Tale* and *Oryx and Crake*.

The Heart Goes Last tells a similar story of an horrific future age of economic collapse and high tech solutions. For some it is a life of poverty and crime while others nestle into the security of a model town.

This book is not a sci-fi fantasy but a marvellous jigsaw of utopia and age old human emotions. People still cheat and Elvis still lives. The many twists and turns leave the reader, like the characters, not knowing what to believe. Always there is a lurking horror and the really creepy stuff



actually creates a happy ending.

A very easy read, funny and scary. *The Heart Goes Last* will renew your faith (or despair) in the longevity of humanity and make you paranoid.

Pet of the Month

Deb Cox

Prince, the two year old Male Domestic Long Hair/Manx cat has a very gentle and friendly nature. He has been quite accepting of the other cats in the pound, showing neither fear nor aggression. He is probably gentle enough for children and he will need regular brushing to keep his coat in good condition. Prince is house trained and was a reluctant surrender when the owner moved to a new rental property that did not allow pets.

Also in need of homes are Kitty the eight year old tortoiseshell cat; Darcy the one year old male tabby; and Gabby the six year old Tabby. We also have Diego the

laid back five year old male Staffy cross; Maggie the six month old large mixed breed pup; and Sandy the male four year old Golden Retriever.

If you would like to apply to adopt one of the lovely companion animals available from Animal Welfare League NSW Far South Coast Branch please call 0400 372 609.

We will be holding Christmas stalls around the shire over the coming months with lots of great gifts. Proceeds raised go to the branch to help rehome and de-sex animals in our shire. Our Calendar of Second Chances features over 50 of the companion animals re-homed in the Bega Valley Shire in the past year. It is a great fundraiser for the branch and a great gift to give to friends for Christmas. It is available now in all Bega Valley Shire Vets. If you prefer, calendars can be posted by emailing awlfsc@bigpond.com or call 6493 7282 and leave a message.

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	live music: Guy Turk	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
Sat 12	Bermagui Artisans Market	Frame and Brush, Bermagui	10am-3pm
	'Blue' Christmas service	All Saint's Church, Bermagui	5pm
	Kitty Flanagan's 'Shake It Up'	Bermagui Community Hall	7.30pm
Sun 13	blacksmithing demonstration	Galba Forge, 345 Yowrie Rd	1pm-5pm
	community documentary screening	Cobargo CWA	4.30pm
	live music: Tony Jagers	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
Thurs 17	ecstatic dance	Quaama Hall	6pm
Fri 18	Bermagui Community Christmas Carols	Bermagui Oval	6pm
	live music: Struth	Bermagui Country Club	from 8pm
Sat 19	Windsong Christmas Carols Concert	Four Winds, Barraga Bay	8pm
Sun 20	Christmas carols and holy communion	St Saviour's Church, Quaama	10am
	Bermagui Christmas Markets	Bermagui	from 8.30am
	live music: The Somedays	Tilba Valley Winery	from 1pm
	live music: Klaus	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
	Christmas carols and readings	All saints Church, Bermagui	5pm
Wed 23	full moon dance	Quaama Hall	6pm
Thurs 24	Bermagui Growers' market	Fishermens' Wharf	from 3pm
	Holy communion	St Saviour's Church, Quaama	6.30pm
	Holy communion	Christchurch, Cobargo	8.30pm
Christmas Day	Holy communion	All Saint's Church, Bermagui	9am
Sun 27	live music: Emily Markham	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
New Year's Eve	inside/outside party with live music	Quaama Hall	from 7pm
	live music: Uptight Retro Cult	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
	live music: Intensity	Bermagui Beach Hotel	8pm-1am
JANUARY New Year's Day	dawn service	Blue Pool carpark, Bermagui	6am
	family fun day	Bermagui Country Club	from 12 noon
Sat 2	monster car boot sale	Bermagui Country Club	8am-1pm
Sun 3	live music: Mike Ward	Tilba Valley Winery	1pm
	live music: Paul Green	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
Wed 6	social bridge	Tilba Valley Winery	2pm
Sat 9	live music: Rebecca Moore	Bermagui Beach Hotel	from 8pm
	Wayne Trezise	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
Sun 10	blacksmithing demonstration	Galba Forge, 345 Yowrie Rd	1pm-5pm
	full moon dance	Quaama Hall	6pm
	live music: Bruce Greenfold	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
Fri 15	live music: Mick on Wheels	Bermagui Beach Hotel	7pm
	ecstatic dance	Quaama Hall	6pm
Sat 16	live music: Disorganised Crime	Bermagui Beach Hotel	from 8pm
Sun 17	live music: Katherine Archer	Tilba Valley Winery	from 1pm
	live music: Trevor Best	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
Sat 23	live music: Joe Driscoll	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
Sun 24	live music: Klaus	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
Fri 29	ecstatic dance	Quaama Hall	6pm
Sat 30	Roddy Reason	Bermagui Country Club	8pm
Sun 31	live music: Jasmine Beth	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4pm-7pm
ART			
10 Dec-10 Jan	'Emotive Response' exhibition	Ivy Hill Gallery on the coast road at Wapengo	Thurs-Sun 10am-5pm
14 Jan-14 Feb	'From Our Place' exhibition		
Fri 11 Dec	opening night party with live music	Lazy Lizard Gallery, Cobargo	Mon-Fri 10am-4pm Sat till 1pm
Fri 11 December thru January	'Stir the Possum' exhibition		

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