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Eulogy for a forest



This majestic stand of spotted gums is now gone. Photo by Elizabeth Walton

I can't look at this picture without heart-ache. To visit this valley of majestic giants was to be enfolded, awed in direct experience of the sacredness of life. Now this precious place is a hill of stumps – and the destruction is so needless.

The Corunna forest was incredibly beautiful. Situated between lake and sea, the stands of 100-year-old spotted gums were home to the sea-eagle, the endangered Swift Parrot and Masked Owl. The forest flanked the highway, a gateway into the natural beauty of our region.

From a dedicated core group, hundreds of residents used all legal and accepted means to save this publicly owned forest. Yet politicians held firm to a wildly out-dated policy which sees the driest continent on earth being the greatest exporter of woodchips—so the giants fell.

And the tragedy was needless. There is no future in logging or woodchipping our native forests. Why log native forests when Australia has enough mature plantations for our needs and excess for export? Over 80% of timber jobs are in plantations; this sector is thriving. Due to mechanisation, there are now fewer than 140 jobs in the area extending from Nowra to the Victorian border and west to Tumut. And it's not even profitable. Economic losses have been subsidised by the public to the tune of \$79m over five years.

Logging artificially increases the proportion of young trees. Where old trees produce water, regrowth forests *use* water. Young trees soak up water, drying out the ground and emptying the creeks, then transpire the moisture into the atmosphere. An artificially high proportion of young

trees results in a decrease in 'wet plants', like tree ferns, that need ground moisture.

The research is clear—logging breaks the canopy, leaving drier, more fire-prone forests, endangering local communities.

And old forests are one of the major natural systems drawing down atmospheric carbon, stabilising climate. Australian native forests are the most carbon-dense of the planet. Regrowth forests hold 70% less carbon

The region's natural beauty is one of our greatest assets. Locally, tourism is our third biggest employer, after health and education.

It's too late for Corunna but we can still hope for an outbreak of common-sense. And we have the ballot-box.

Rosemary Beaumont

Local heroes and heroines

Local botanist Stuart Cameron has recently been awarded ‘Local Hero’ status at the Australian Coastal Society’s NSW Coastal Conference for his work on identifying and eradicating invasive plants. He has coordinated groups, walking, weeding and collecting marine debris, safeguarding coastal biodiversity. United Nations studies relate the quality of an environment to community health and well-being and economic success. This being so, with many local heroes and heroines working across diverse community and environmental fields, our shared future looks good.

Recycling is part of the story. From the work of volunteers, the Bowerbird Op Shop in Cobargo has donated over \$100,000 to the community through a recycling loop of donated goods. Gardeners are embracing the recycling of garden excess into the new Council FOGO collection system, saving tonnes of waste from landfill and enriching the soil with compost. Locally, Ozharvest has rescued 15,000 kg from our landfill and delivered good food to preschools, schools and community centres.

Environmentally, avid bird watchers

participated in the Annual Aussie Backyard Bird Count in October. This citizen science data informs government decisions about our environment, threatened species and wildlife. Locals monitor the ecology of Wallaga Lake, noting water depth and quality changes due to run-off from land use. Students at Quaama School study the health of Dry River by conducting an annual water bug survey. The good ship, Pelican, moored at Bermagui, conducts research in marine life, coral bleaching, and seabed surveys and mapping.

On the forest front, local residents have worked creatively, tirelessly and peacefully trying to safeguard the magnificent native forest at Corunna for its generation of clean air and water, habitat for wildlife and for the well-being of future generations—sadly to no avail. Others, using koala stencils painted on the Cobargo-Bermagui road, are alerting the community that the public forests linking the sacred mountains of Gulaga and Biamanga, and the habitat for one of the last remnant koala populations, is slated for logging in the near future.

Letters to the editors

Our wellbeing is in jeopardy

We are writing as some of those who are meeting peacefully at Corunna Forest, to bring to attention our concern about the logging of its trees. We are anxious about the potential for fires for those living in Mystery Bay, with summer ahead of us—Forestry has left forest waste behind and a representative indicates they will not remove it till next winter. Scientific research shows that opening the canopy increases the intensity of the fire. Once a native forest is disturbed it does not get its fire retardant ability back for at least one hundred years.

We write this as a mother and father, representing all parents who love their children and long to give them and their children a future—a future with fresh air and fresh water, the very basics of our daily functioning. We do not need to harvest native forests. We understand that various industries require logs, but plantations can

provide those needs.

We write this as counsellors, interested in the wellbeing of our communities. Without the trees our wellbeing is in jeopardy, certainly for our grandchildren to come. The trees are the lungs of our planet, and hold within them complex ecosystems that we depend on. Each of us is in relationship with trees in the oxygen/carbon dioxide cycle. Without breath we do not exist. Trees=breath=life=future!

At the time of writing, Corunna Forest has had two compartments logged. The machines have moved over to the shores of Corunna Lake and logging continues. What can we do—for Corunna and for all native forests? We can call our MPs Andrew Constance (6492 2056) and Paul Toole (NSW Minister for Lands and Forestry – 8574 7000) and express our concerns. It is never too late! Let’s take action, let’s pursue the wellbeing of ourselves, our community, our children and their children.

Thumbs UP



To the local treasure who takes his ‘motor-powered zimmer frame with cutting blades’ down to Quaama’s Dry River walk, keeping the path beautifully mowed.



To drivers who slow down and keep an eye out for local wildlife, and to those that stop to get wildlife off the road.

To the open and honest talk by Paul Payten at the book launch in Well Thumbed Books last month, talking about sex, sexuality and gender, issues that concern us all but which nearly all of us are far too afraid to talk about, especially in public. Paul the Brave!

To the fascinating documentaries screened at the Butter Factory in Cobargo. Food for thought.

For the beauty and pure brilliance at the Four Winds Youth Music Festival. Fantastic to see that beautiful venue full of so much young, vibrant energy and talent. More, more, more!

Thumbs DOWN

To people who don’t prevent their pet cats from killing our native wildlife. Keep cats in at night or put a bell around their neck. So sad to see a little dead spinifex mouse. He didn’t stand a chance.



Take action now! Let your voice be heard: make a call, write a letter.

With thanks and best wishes,

*Nadine and Ed Hills
Akolele*

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Letters to the editors

The tragedy of Wallaga Lake

I write in support of Mark Dullow's letter (November 2018) concerning the need to rethink the opening of Wallaga Lake.

Wallaga Lake looks good on the surface but it is an ecosystem that is facing a very bad future.

Originally the deepest point in the lake was scientifically measured as 60 metres. The deepest point is now only 20 metres, due to forty metres of mud from run-off of cleared farming land, and the historical impact of gold-mining on Gulaga.

There are 29 separate professional fishing licences for Wallaga Lake. Some of these licences allow fishermen from other parts of the state to come down here once or twice a year to net specific species such as mullet or shellfish. The economic gain is minimal, or non-existent in local terms, but the environmental price is high.

Last summer it was impossible to paddle a kayak without hitting jellyfish. An excess of jellyfish is a key indicator of environmental decline. Normally finfish eat the jellyfish spawn and this restricts the jellyfish population, but when finfish such as bream and flathead decline, the tables are turned and the large numbers of jellyfish eat the spawn of the finfish. It is the bream and flathead that decline, and the food chain is disrupted once more.

Coastal lake systems are caught in a bureaucratic no man's land: Department of Fisheries, Department of Environment, Department of (Roads and) Maritime, Department of Primary Industry, Department of Tourism. Even Bega Valley Shire Council. Everyone wants a piece of their territory but no one takes care of the entire lake system. It's a tragedy.

Of course Wallaga Lake is not alone. Lake systems from the Queensland to the Victorian border are pretty much in the same boat. I have yet to hear a word of concern from our local member, Andrew Constance.

A year or so ago, a citizen's committee was formed at the request of BVSC. In one of Council's reorganisations, the worker responsible was let go, so even that limited program has been abandoned. No communication since February. In any case the only work being proposed was simply to monitor the condition of the lake. No money was available for remedial work.

The environment is being let down by every level of government. Changing the outflow of the lake so it remains open, as

proposed by Mr Dullow, would be a good start to improving Wallaga Lake's chance of survival.

*Keith Bashford,
Wallaga Lake.*

Sending love to Corunna

Central Tilba sunrise. As I sit here facing the early morning sun, dew glistening on the tips of the new spring grass, I hear the near-distant sound of an artificial hum and the constant boom as another tree is felled.

My yoga prayers I send out to the forest, calling upon the spirits of the land, to come forth and shine light to Corunna, as its life force is under attack.

I close my eyes and send the brilliant pink light of love, the blue-orgeone light of trust, the golden white light of grace and the emerald green of healing to the forest, on the wings of the spirit guides. Calling all to use their inner power of light and love and to imagine the forest—strong and green, full of life and vitality. To exercise our divine right of free will, we can overcome the shadow of a system that does not abide by the Law of the People and of the Land.

To know we are powerful as one and as a collective, by finding that space of inner peace amidst the destruction unfolding before our eyes. This is our human destiny. We are being tested right now and every word, thought and action adds to the unseen ripple-effect, whether for the greater good or for a darker world. The choice is ours.

So don't think the over spoken words of 'What is the point?' And, 'What can I do?' Every moment we are choosing, and in the words of Gandhi: be the change you wish to see in the world. So as I put my thoughts out for others to share, I remain in a state of love for the immense capacity of how the earth hears our voice and responds to our kindness and our own abilities to love and create, nurture and restore beauty to this space of love we call our home.

Sending light and love to Corunna.

Kate Cerrone,

A huge 'thank you' from two Sydneysiders

Growing up in metropolitan Sydney, my friend Fernanda Lu and I never imagined the possibility of working in regional NSW, let alone living here. But due to a very special teacher from Moruya High School, we were invited with open

arms to live in Yowrie, then in Quaama, whilst we completed our seven-week internship for university.

On 13 October we started our six-hour journey from Sydney. We came with high anticipation but little idea of what our lives would be like for the next seven weeks. Our adventure down here was amazing and life changing to say the very least. From the day we arrived, our perception of life in the country changed completely as we witnessed the true Aussie spirit in everyone that we encountered, encompassing everything from short 'hellos' to long conversations over Australian-Ukrainian dinners.

We would like to say a huge thanks to Inna, Alan, Grace and Charlie for adopting us as their own and teaching us invaluable lessons of not only the ins-and-outs of farm life but also exemplifying what it means to live a truly noble life on this earth.

We would also like to thank Sue and Charlotte for opening their home for us to live comfortably for the duration of this internship, Adrian and Yai for helping us settle into Quaama, and Paula and Mark for going beyond our expectations by inviting us over for dinner.

And, finally, a thank you to Moruya High School staff and students, the Bega Valley and Eurobodalla community and region for welcoming us and allowing us to embrace the beauty of regional NSW.

*Una Cha
Quaama*



It's true, most chemical reactions happen faster at higher temperatures, and it would seem that the same can be said for the happenings of our little town. As the sun progresses to its zenith, beating down from its basket of cobalt blue, and the year burns its last magnesium-bright moment before its ash-mouthed end... as we shed our clothes and our sunburnt skin, the pace quickens and the clock goes into its summertime overdrive. Spare minutes are filled, long days crammed with activity, packed like tetras in a holiday station wagon. People buzz with a kind of mania, born of the excess of light, reflected off sand, concrete, each other's Polaroid sunglasses. Events line up, queuing in spaces that just yesterday echoed in their emptiness.

Well that's where we're headed anyway. November was a gentle warm up, a slow acceleration. Grey, cool, soft days have dominated the weeks and kept us at a jog. A pause, a breath, a moment of preparation before that inevitable, sultry, summer storm. Shops have filled with pop-ups and long term tenants alike. Ros has cracked out her lifetime of collectables, masks and thimbles and everything in between for a cultural museum of sorts at the old newsagency. There are throngs of cartoon chickens roosting and new art lining the walls where Ellie had once hung her beads. The crew from the train have now occupied what was (or is it still?) Sweet Home Cobargo. An interesting move on the town's cafe monopoly board, or is it chess ...?

Every few days I have a cheeky peek through the windows at the old supermarket and I am excited to say the shelves are slowly filling with goodies and I hope that soon we will be ducking in for a forgotten this or that, or a deli treat or a snack.

The School of Arts Hall crew has been busy with a night of curry spice and

fine music to raise a few dollars for our old Hall. That grateful old beauty hummed along to the tunes by the Novellas as we tapped our feet and swung our children around on the well-worn dance floor.

At the fun end of town the new BMX bike track opened with a SHA BANG! What a day of fast wheels and family fun times. All the groovers were there, peddling on their two wheels, or just chilling with a hot sausage or a fresh made Bahn Mi in hand. The sportsground glowed with happiness as its long-abandoned fields filled with whirling, running, screaming children once more and the old canteen, decked with bamboo and flapping bunting, dealt out Vietnamese street treats, fresh from the kitchens of SOAHhhh... Saturday. The day was a huge success and the next round of fundraising has begun, for phase 3 of the project. Yes, what is already something of a sporting complex at the top end of our little town will have a basketball court to boot!

But now we are off and running into the hot setting sun and this is our last edition of the year. You could be reading this as you slip into your finest summer

outfit and get pumped for a gander at Light Up Cobargo, or perhaps you have just one eye on the page as you heartily stuff that fat family-sized turkey. You could well be waving it at offending mosquitoes, as you swill gin and juice and count down to the end of the year, or perhaps as you sway and sigh and blearily begin the new one. Wishing you the silliest of silly seasons, however you may do it. Enjoy your January, hot and hazy and hopefully plenty lazy and see you well into the New Year for yet another thrilling year of #CobargoLyf. x

A Christmas treat for Cobargo

Heartsong is a community choir, based in the Bega Valley and dedicated to sacred choral music. They will perform their Christmas Concert on Sunday 9 December at 2.00 pm at Christ Church, the Anglican church in Hoyer Street, Cobargo. Please come along to enjoy these beautiful singing voices and to celebrate the Christmas season. Afternoon tea will follow the concert.



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Quaama/Cobargo Quilters donate to Can Assist

A magnificent quilt made mostly in different shades of glorious reds by the Quaama/Cobargo quilting group was raffled at their recent quilt show held on 20 October at Cobargo's Anglican Church.

Spokesperson Mary Cooke said that the group was proud to be able to donate \$1000 to Bega Valley Can Assist, knowing that all the money will remain in the Bega Valley to give confidential financial assistance to those affected by cancer. Visiting quilters from Eden also donated \$50 to Bega Valley Can Assist.

With the assistance of Michelle Dedlefs from Bermagui Stitch Connection and Meg Dodson from Meg's Quilting, also at Bermagui, the beautiful quilt was completed in time to be raffled at the exhibition. Winners of the raffle were:

1st prize: Red and white

quilt won by Barry Austin
2nd prize: \$100 machine quilting voucher donated by Meg Dodson's Machine Quilting Service, Bermagui, won by Maureen Teager
3rd prize: \$50 fabric voucher donated by Freddie's Fabrics of Cobargo, won by Shirley Toohill
4th prize: sewing accessories donated by The Stitch Connection, Bermagui, won by Jane Gibson

A Viewers' Choice award comprising chocolates and fabric was won by Linda Butcher with her quilt 'Passacaglia Strippy'.

Lori Hammerton, representing BV Can Assist, accepted the money and presented the group with a certificate of appreciation which will be hung in their work space at Cobargo CWA rooms.

Leanne Tett



Lori Hammerton from Bega Valley Can Assist accepting the cheque from Quaama/Cobargo Quilters. L-R (back) Linda Butcher, Leanne Tett, Barbara Cameron, Joy Masterson, Ilse Whiffen, Robyn Allen, (front) Lori Hammerton, Mary Cooke, Michele Quah

An antidote to our noisy lives: this month's doco

The next monthly community documentary, *In Pursuit of Silence* by Patrick Shen, will screen at 3.30 pm on Sunday, 16 December at the Old Cobargo Butter Factory.

In Pursuit of Silence is a meditative exploration of our relationship with silence, sound and the impact of noise on our lives. Beginning with an ode to John Cage's ground-breaking composition 4'33", *In Pursuit of Silence* takes us on an immersive cinematic journey around the globe, inspiring us to experience silence and celebrate the power of quiet places.

To see the trailer, search YouTube for 'In Pursuit of Silence'. Coffee and tea is provided, bring your own mug. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

For more information: www.cobargodocos.wordpress.com.

Lena



Santa made a special visit to the Country K9 Parlour in Cobargo recently to meet furry family members. He listened to their wishes and didn't find one naughty one amongst them. The Animal Welfare League Far South Coast would like to thank everyone who came along, and our sponsors, volunteers and hosts. Also a big thank you to our photographer, Tony Harrington.

Cards and print sheets are ready to be picked up now from the Parlour.
Pictured here: Mini, Mixy, Puppy, BJ, Santa, Keira, Holly.

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Slow Down In Our Town campaigners to meet with Andrew Constance

After receiving no response from our letters to the people who have the power to stop speeding traffic, we requested the help of Andrew Constance, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, to find out what he could do to make them listen and make the main street in Cobargo safe from the danger of speeding traffic. We are pleased to report that he has asked us to meet him in his Bega office to discuss this important issue. We hope he understands the terrible danger that pedestrians face trying to cross the main road and will help us in our campaign for a safe pedestrian crossing and safe traffic speeds in Cobargo Village main street.

Rebecca Blunden, Sarah Breakey, Phil Maughan.

Well Well Well

Cobargo District Museum is looking into the history of wells in the Cobargo village. Do you remember any of these wells? We are aware of a well at the southern end of Hillview St, one behind the Cobargo Hotel and one beside the Wandella Bridge on the school side of the creek. There was also a spring type thing behind the Cobargo pool area.

We would love to hear your stories and see photos of the wells and add to the list, if you are familiar with these or any other wells in Cobargo. Please call into the museum, phone Vicky on 0422 377 278 or email cobargodm@outlook.com with your valued information.

*Vicky Hoyer
Cobargo District Museum*

New 'Cat 9' for Cobargo Brigade

Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade members were proud to attend an official handover of the Brigade's new Category 9 fire truck held at Bega Fire Command Headquarters on 31 October.

Replacing the Brigade's faithful 30 year old unit, the new 'Cat 9' provides the Brigade with the latest in technology and fire-fighting effectiveness in a small and agile unit capable of handling some of the narrower and steeper fire trails and other general duties.

The new unit was officially handed over to the Brigade's Captain, Mark Ayliffe, by the Premier Gladys Berejiklian and local member and Minister for Transport Andrew Constance, who congratulated the Brigade's volunteers and their commitment to the safety of the community.

The Premier also thanked the area's volunteers for their service and dedication through this year's major fire incidents at Tathra and Yankees Gap Road and

expressed the hope that the provision of new equipment such as the new 'Cat 9' would provide a boost to the effectiveness of local brigades.

The continuing good rainfall is welcome and has relieved immediate bushfire danger, however land owners are reminded not be complacent and that fire restrictions continue.

Anyone considering joining the Brigade will be welcomed. Please contact Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Ayliffe on 0429 936 476, or simply come to one of our fortnightly training nights at the Cobargo Fire Station, Wandella Road, Cobargo.

Our last training session for the year will be at 7.00 pm Thursday 13 December, and we will have our Christmas celebration on Thursday 20 December from 6.00 pm—all members past and present and supporters are welcome.

John Walters



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Use it! Cobargo welcomes its latest new shop —Cobargo General Store

We welcome Jane and Alfred and the new Cobargo General Store. Yes, once again we will be able to buy our deli and grocery items here in Cobargo without having to travel for our daily needs.

Opening in the old supermarket building, they will be stocking delicatessen items, local produce, groceries and their renowned Cobargo Ice-cream.

It's a huge job opening a grocery store ... thousands of items and deciding what to stock with limited shelf space. Jane and

Alfred will be doing their best to keep prices competitive, but don't expect all the items that a large supermarket carries. They will be catering to the local market and if there is a product that you would like to see stocked, they will be pleased to look into it. They are very keen to cater to their community. In the same vein, they are very eager to stock local produce, so if you have any excess in your vegie garden, take it in!

Go Jane and Alfred—and thank you!

Louise Brown



Jane and Alfred stocking those shelves

Cobargo Creators Light up Cobargo!

Cobargo Creators presents the third annual Street Festival of Cobargo on Friday 7 December, from 5 pm until after dark.

If you haven't been along before you would have missed a grand summer evening of neighbours and friends spilling all over the pavements, shops open after hours, the giving tree, children racing about squealing, strollers and wheelchairs and dogs on leads, market stalls with plants, street food, handmade/homemade art/craft, and music weaving through the air. The fires may well be turning over a sausage and rumour has it that Santa will drop in to say hello. There will be a shopfront decoration competition with a prize for the

best-dressed window.

If you have something you would like to contribute, or would like to be involved in some way, let the Cobargo Creators know by contacting cobargocreators@gmail.com

Friday 7 December, only 18 sleeps till Christmas, could be a good time to find something local to put in the stocking.

Come along and enjoy our village, our community, the lights, the summer and this beautiful area in which we live.

And speaking of this beautiful area in which we live, the Cobargo Creators will open their annual members' exhibition in conjunction with Light up Cobargo. The theme this year is 'My Aus: why I love

living where I do'.

This exhibition is open to members and non-members, the choice of media is yours and an entry form is available from the Black Wattle Gallery.

The winner of the People's Choice prize on opening night gets to pick the theme for 2019.

Due to the issue of space and time the gallery curator and volunteers would appreciate you advising them of your entry prior to bringing it in.

For details, call Glenda on 0408 411 956.

Sandra Taylor

Cobargo Carols

Please join us at Apex Park on 8 pm on Monday 24 December (Christmas Eve) for carols and gifts for children.

If you play an instrument and would like to play, please call Fiona Kotvojs on 0448 453 422 or Tim Narraway on 0402 290 170.



Cobargo Public School students were very excited to receive a wealth of new books to be used in literacy lessons. The students would like to thank *The Triangle* who generously donated the money to purchase the new resources for the school.

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A BMX bonus for Cobargo

The Cobargo Skate Club is delighted to announce the opening of the multi-level BMX track on Saturday 24 November.

That the BMX track was built in just three weeks in October was an amazing effort. 'It couldn't have been done without the nearly 400 hours of volunteer labour,' club member Tania Lingard said.

'We had volunteers from 16 - 67 years of age raking rocks from the track, wetting and whacker-packing and even primary age children helping to grass-seed the outsides of the berms,' said a very pleased Mrs Lingard.

Equally significant to the completion of the track was the 1000 tonnes of fill from the Dignams Creek road works, and the local men with their heavy machines who also volunteered their time.

In early 2018, the Skate Club, which had been responsible for the skate park which opened six years ago, reignited their plans for this recreation area for youth. The Skate Club's vision had always included a BMX track.

'We decided to include a basketball court as well, and are still fund-raising for that,' said Mrs Lingard, 'but this milestone is one to be celebrated!'

At last, for BMX riders, the track is

theirs to enjoy.

The club is running a raffle which has as first prize a truck and truck-trailer load of Bermagui Blue road base, as second prize a beautiful BMX bike, and as third prize a KC's voucher for dinner at the Cobargo Hotel. Buy tickets at the pub, Well-Thumbled

Books, Benny's Butchers, the Co-op or the Bakery.

Thanks to an amazing crew led by John Farrell and Danielle Burgess.

For further information, call Tania Lingard on 0488 091 085 or Susan Bear, 6493 6556.



Too much excitement, Phebe and Cooper cut the ribbon and open the bike track

Photo by Rebecca Blunden

Susan Bear and the Cobargo Skate Club

CWA bake-off results

On Tuesday 13 November 2018 the bake-off known as the CWA Land Cookery Competition was held at Cobargo CWA Cottage.

Winners were:

Rich Fruit Cake – Sally Halupka

Sultana Cake - Sally Halupka

Lime and Butter Cake – Lynne Jones
(Second – Debbie Fisher)

Date Loaf – Debbie Fisher

Donna Latter Chocolate Cake –
Debbie Fisher

Honey Jumbles – Lyn Lawson

Steamed Fruit Pudding - Lynne Jones
Gluten Free Lamington Fingers –
Debbie Fisher

Petticoat Tail Shortbread – Debbie
Fisher (Second – Ann Holub)

Jams, Pickles & Relish – Strawberry
Jam – Anne Holub

Jams, Pickles & Relish – Pickled Pear
– Debbie Fisher (Second – Sally Halupka)

The next step is to enter the Group
Cookery Competition held in March next
year.

Cobargo hosted the CWA Group

Council Meeting on 26 November 2018 at the CWA Cottage. We are in the planning stages of a community high tea. There will be croquet, shuttlecock, punch, sandwiches and cakes. Lynn Lawson is our croquet expert and actually knows how to play. More on that later.

Our Light Up Cobargo Stall is coming together. Pickles, plants, and lots more will be available on the night.

Helen Carmody
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Cobargo Conversations

Cobargo now has a new veterinary service thanks to Ben Tett's Cobargo Veterinary Services. Ben grew up on a dairy farm in Galba and always had a strong passion for care of livestock and companion animals.

Completing a Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Science and Veterinary Biology at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, Ben has gained invaluable skills and experience in care for all animals. Working in numerous state-of-the-art facilities alongside industry-leading veterinarians, including he has further refined knowledge in the latest veterinary surgical and medical techniques. As a dairy farmer himself, he has integrated his veterinary knowledge into practical farm production, economics and management to provide an honest, personalised, dedicated and caring, affordable and client-driven service.

Cobargo Veterinary Services provides 24/7 routine and emergency ambulatory care for all livestock and companion animals of the Cobargo and surrounding districts. The mobile service has a strong focus on livestock reproductive management through cattle pregnancy diagnosis, bull breeding soundness examinations (VBBSE) and disease management and prevention, calf disbudding, overall herd/flock health consultancy, equine dentistry and field surgeries. He also offers pharmaceutical sales and free delivery within the Cobargo district; referral laboratory and specialist services; general livestock labouring; community engagement and education; event attendance and group consultations; and health compliances and accreditations.

Ben is a sole practitioner and member of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA), Australian Cattle



Veterinarians (ACVs), and Veterinary Business Group (VBG), and is working towards accreditation in PREGCHECK® and BULLCHECK® cattle schemes. He is also a volunteer with the NSW Rural Fire Service at the Cobargo Brigade, an Australian Army Reservist, and keen member of the Bermagui Cricket Club. For more information, to request an additional service or to book an appointment any day of the week, please contact Ben at Cobargo Veterinary Services on 0448 634 465.

Wandella Hall Christmas tree

The Wandella Hall Christmas tree celebration is happening on Sunday 2 December at 7 pm at the hall. There will be a raffle, a visit from Santa (parents/caregivers to provide a wrapped gift for own child) and refreshments (please bring a plate of food to share).

Contribution is \$8 a family, with raffle tickets \$2 each. See you there.

Sharyn Wotton

The Bowerbird hits 100!

No, not 100 years ... Only three and a bit years old but thanks to the committee, volunteers and community, the Bowerbird Op Shop has donated over \$100,000 to date into the local community, with more to come.

The Bowerbird's model is a positive cycle. People donate their excess goods to us, we display them in our shop and folks come in and go 'Oooh! I've been looking for one of those!' The funds accumulate until every three months, we give it away to those community groups who have applied.

The recipients are too many to list, but when you pop into the shop, check out the board behind the counter to see some of who have benefitted.

The committee is proud to be a part of such a positive and uplifting project that is from the community, to the community and for the community. Thank you to all!

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How did we get to Christmas so fast? It seems like the year just bolted from go to whoa, and here we are with the silly season upon us.

Bermagui is starting to buzz with activity. There seems to be a lot more traffic in the streets and people are starting to get busy planning their end of year festivities. Some are preparing for guests over the Christmas holidays, others are preparing to leave town to visit family elsewhere. Businesses are making final preparations to welcome the hordes of visitors soon to ascend upon us. Love them or loathe them, soon our town will experience a population explosion of tourists and visitors who will bring that much-needed economic boost. Our 'feast' has almost arrived!

There has certainly been some action in the CBD of late. The old newsagency has undergone a transformation, tantalising passers-by with its paper-covered windows. Word is that *She* has made some internal changes to its layout as well. The old café next to the Post Office is soon set to reopen as *Eurolicious* – a European themed café/bistro/wine bar. We will all look forward to another place to indulge our appetite for something different. Renovations to the old Chinese restaurant next to the bakery are all but finished, and soon the two shops will have new occupants, one being Esther Jane Fashion.

It's good to see our rates at work, with the construction of the new gutters along Wallaga Lake Road. Despite all the disruption, it's really looking good and, once finished, will make a nice entrance to town. But has anyone noticed that some of the driveways that were cut for

the gutters are now a foot or so above them? Wonder how the owners of those houses are going to like having to redo their driveways ...

Bushfire preparation prepare or perish!

Bermagui Rural Fire Service members could not believe their eyes when people began turning up for the Bush Fire Preparation workshop, held on Saturday 10 November. Members were seen quickly setting up more and more chairs when well over 100 people attended the session.

The presentation was excellent, presented with humour to engage the audience, but with some sobering facts. Fire plans were discussed and residents were given a timely warning to be proactive in their preparation for the coming bushfire season. As the presenter warned, it's no good waiting till the fire is just a street away to start thinking about what you will do. Complacency has no place in a bushfire situation, and every resident of Bermagui

needs to heed the advice and be prepared. It may never happen, but if it does, you need to be ready!

A big thanks to the members of Bermagui RFS and to U3A for organising this interesting and informative session.

School kids' book launch at Montreal

What a delightful little book the children from Bermagui Public School, in partnership with the Montreal Goldfield team, have produced. *The Runaway* tells the story of children who lived on the Montreal Goldfield in the 1880s. It is illustrated with photographs of the children dressed up in period costume, attending school and playing games that were popular during that period of our history.

The book was launched on Sunday 11 November at the Montreal Goldfield with over 60 people attending. The book is available at the Bermagui Visitors Information Centre for \$13.50, as is the first book, *The Lost Joey*, available for



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Thank you from the Bermi team

Your Bermagui Banter Team, Ann Maree and Carolyne, would like to thank all our supporters and readers for your kind words, your eagle eyes picking up our mistakes, your forgiveness when we stuff up and your constructive criticisms.

We hope you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and we will be back in February to bring you all the happenings from Bermagui.



Sunday Golf members 'Dad's Army' present Lori with a cheque for Can Assist

Ocean lake extravaganza to benefit Can Assist

Ingenia Holiday Park and Bermagui Men's Shed present an afternoon of music and fun on the edge of beautiful Wallaga Lake.

On Sunday 6 January, 2019 from 4.00 to 7.00 pm at Ingenia Holiday Park, Wallaga Lake Road, Wallaga Lake (just a short six-kilometre drive from town), the Men's Shed will be preparing their famous BBQ, but you will need to bring your own chair and drinks.

The event will raise funds for Bega Valley Can Assist, which provides financial assistance to people in the Bega Valley affected by cancer.

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'Can Assist' raises the roof in Bermagui

Can Assist, the Cancer Assistance Network, is committed to ensuring that people affected by cancer from rural and regional areas are given the same opportunities and treatment choices as those who live in city centres. The Bega Valley branch was formed in 2006 and since then has raised and donated over \$600,000 to people affected by cancer in the Bega Valley. The service provides confidential, practical and financial support to patients and their carers who need assistance with pharmacy, travel and accommodation costs.

Bermagui locals Lori and Gerry Hammerton are part of the moving force in raising both awareness and money

for Can Assist. A total of \$947 was raised on Sunday 18 November at the concert for Can Assist at the Bermagui Country Club, with participants enjoying an afternoon of music and entertainment. Lori's talents as both

MC and singer, her sometimes suspect jokes, along with her newest passion—the ukulele!—combined to make a fun-filled event.

Bermagui singer Katie Callaghan, Ed Long, Joe Driscoll, James Buchli, Bermagui CWA, 'The Ukalips', Maggie McKinney and the 'Ukes of Hazard' all volunteered their talents. And who can forget the illustrious Murray Douch on his accordion, who just keeps keeping on! Thanks also to the Bermagui Country Club, who donated afternoon tea and venue hire.

A little surprise for Lori just before the concert began was a call from the Dad's Army Sunday Golfers to come over to their 'off course refreshments'. To Lori's surprise, a cheque for \$1000 was presented by club captain Michael McCann. Dad's Army and the Country Club both donated \$500 for this worthy cause.

If you would like to donate to Can Assist, or if you need some assistance, please make enquiries with the Can Assist Liaison Officer on 0439 328 634. Donations can be posted to PO Box 329 Bega 2550.

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Ozharvest food shelves are a success!

Ozharvest deliveries to local preschools, schools and community centres have been made much easier and healthier by the installation of shelving units to display the produce.

Big thanks go out to the Wallaga Lake-Bermagui Men's Shed for assembling and painting the shelving units. This is just one of the wonderful projects they have done for our community, including the making of beautiful toys available for sale at the Bermagui Arcade. Thanks go out particularly to Mark Spoehr, who has been a volunteer with Ozharvest for six months and gives his time to the Men's Shed every week, and to Phil Baldwin, the president of the Men's Shed.

The shelving units have been welcomed by Cobargo Preschool,

Bermagui Preschool, Wallaga Lake Community Centre, Quaama Public School and Narooma Preschool.

The work of Ozharvest by local volunteers in Bermagui, Narooma and Quaama has to date rescued 15,000 kg from our landfill. Australia-wide, Ozharvest rescues over 320,000 kg of food from 400 Woolworths stores and delivers it to more than 1200 charities. From this month you are able to purchase 50 cent tokens from Woolworths stores that will help Ozharvest deliver free meals to Australians.

If you would like to volunteer or to know more about Ozharvest, please visit www.ozharvest.org or email me at rebeccah.norman@ozharvest.org.

Rebecca Norman



Jack Couche, Phil Baldwin and Mark Spoehr of the Men's Shed with a shelving unit for Ozharvest

Big game anglers find a 'home' at last

When the first marlin was hauled ashore at Bermagui, little did this sleepy little town realise the importance of this catch, and that Bermagui would be put on the map as one of the best game-fishing destinations in the world.

This was back in 1933. Before long, anglers were swarming into Bermagui. With the steady increase in the numbers of fish being caught, it was quickly realised that guidelines, rules and regulations needed to be set for the industry.

In 1936 fishermen from Victoria and NSW came together to form the Bermagui Big Game Anglers Club, with world-renowned game fisherman and author, Zane Grey from the USA, as its patron.

BBGAC has continued to support

its members, and recreational fishing in general, for the last 70 years. But one thing has been missing—a permanent clubhouse. Over the years, several attempts were made to build, lease or buy suitable premises to hold meetings, store equipment and provide a venue for anglers to meet socially. In the early days, the Bermagui Hotel—then O'Shea's Hotel—was the focal point for the Club. Then a small room was leased from the Bermagui Country Club for administrative purposes, but was not big enough for the needs of members.

Early this year, a chance comment turned into a proposal from BBGAC to the Country Club to explore the possibility of leasing the downstairs auditorium on a permanent basis. Ron and Betty de la

Mare, and other members of the Club, have turned this rather drab space into a functioning clubhouse, with a working bar area, cabinets to display trophies and seating for members to socialise after a day of fishing.

BBGAC's mission statement is to promote ethical angling, conservation of fish stocks, and education of new members to guarantee the future of the sport. Today, over 90% of billfish, shark, tuna and other gamefish catches are 'tag and release', with data from retrieved tags being collected by the Department of Primary Industries to be used for research and fish monitoring.

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Local hero recognised in weed control and coastal health

Congratulations to Stuart Cameron, awarded 'Local Hero' status at the recent Australian Coastal Society's NSW Coastal Conference in Merimbula. 'We were pleased to offer the new local hero award to Stuart Cameron, a botanist who has done incredible work on identifying and eradicating invasive plants in this Shire,' said Professor Bruce Thom of the Australian Coastal Society

Derek van Bracht from BVSC said it was for 'longstanding dedication to our coast, coastal biodiversity and of course the coastal weeds project that would not have happened without you.'

The Protecting the Wilderness Coast Weeds Project, which Stuart established by uniting various government departments for funding, has resulted in weed-free Far South Coast beaches.

Twice a year for the past ten years or so, Stuart has overseen three Local Land Council groups, walking, weeding and collecting marine debris along the entire coast of Bega Valley Shire, and more recently a part of Eurobodalla Shire.

Thanks to Stuart and the project, Bermagui Dune Care has been able to undertake planting and revegetation activities since 2009. Eucalypts planted early at Barragoot Swamp are nine metres tall now, and at Cuttagee are up to seven metres in height. Plantings have been undertaken according to the Plan of Management also written by Stuart. Weeds on the headland reserve such as kikuyu and blackberry are being shaded out while others such as moth vine will need ongoing work.

Congratulations Stuart—an award well deserved.

Karen Joynes

Seawater damage to a Bermagui wetland

The heavy rains of October 2014 washed away part of the Bermagui River bank just downstream from the bridge (behind the four-knot speed sign). There was a clear danger the sea would get into the wetland behind.

I wrote to Council about it; they replied (8 April 2015), 'We recently had an erosion control expert in the area looking at another job and also got him to offer some remediation advice regarding this site. Based on this advice we have formed some plans and will be going ahead with these works in the near future.'

By 1 November 2017 the sea had got in and the damage was pretty bad. I wrote again; Council replied (3 January 2018), 'I have passed your enquiry on to the consultant undertaking the Bermagui River Coastal Management and asked him to consider the issue within the program. I'll let you know the outcome of his assessment.'

Now the damage is extensive (see photo), but still a few hours work and a dozen sandbags would keep the sea out and let the wetland gradually recover. I think Council could find the



Stuart receiving his award from Bega Valley Mayor, Ms Kristy McBain



Salt damage to the wetland as of October 2018

money. It just seems wrong to let this attractive bushland here in Bermagui be degraded by the sea.

Bob Hughes

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On the good ship 'Pelican 1'

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Pelican 1 is based in Bermagui and offers whale watching and sunset sails. Garry McKechnie, skipper and director of Pelican Expeditions, assembled a team to design, build and operate Pelican 1 and promote sustainable use of our oceans. In her first year Pelican circumnavigated Australia and since then has worked primarily between South Australia's King Island and the tip of Cape York in Queensland. Marine mammal, turtle, seagrass and coral bleaching surveys,



**Pelican 1 is based in Bermagui.
Her crew promotes sustainable use of our oceans.**

habitat mapping, citizen science, seabed core sampling and community engagement are just a few of her activities. In particular she has hosted students of all ages in her marine education work as well as indigenous groups in cultural support and indigenous knowledge exchange programs with western scientists. She has also made several voyages into the Pacific in search

of blue whales and to document the effects of climate change on remote communities.

Pelican 1 is owned by a group of educators, artists, musicians and business people. Their aim is to provide people with a closer connection to the ocean through scientific, cultural and educational activities. She is neither a fishing boat nor a tourist charter boat. Saltwater Projects (the not-for-profit arm of Pelican Expeditions) is the engine room of this organisation, engaging with the science community, educational institutions and government. They

are funded by a mix of revenue from whale watching, marine research, monitoring, community engagement and educational projects, and are always looking for new ventures and up for adventures. If you're interested please look at www.pelican-expeditions.squarespace.com for all the details.

Ann Maree Menager

Kids' Discovery Days

Montreal Goldfield is planning to bring history alive again these coming school holidays with Kids' Discovery Days on 2 and 9 January 2019.

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Koala stencils—what do they mean?

Hara Scot of Cuttagee asked *The Triangle's* readers in last month's edition if anyone else had noticed these images on the Cobargo-Bermagui Road, and what they were.

Koalas are not an everyday sight on the Far South Coast, even in places where we know they exist.

The best place to see one is probably in the coastal strip of forest between Bermagui and Tathra. Most of this forest is either Biamanga National Park or the former Tanja, Mumbulla, Murrah and Bermagui (south of the river) state forests, protected since March 2016 as the Murrah Flora Reserves.

Even so, most of us have a better chance of seeing one of the mysterious koala stencils appearing on local roads than seeing one of the elusive live koalas.

The stencils are intriguing. One theory is that they are alerting us to

Forestry Corporation plans to log parts of Bermagui State Forest outside the Flora Reserve.

If so, we might expect to see more of the koala stencils on local roads close to the forest listed for logging in weeks to come.

Harriet Swift



Most of us have a better chance of seeing one of these on the road than a live koala

Reminders of sacrifice

It has been 100 years since the end of 'the war to end all wars', but it was a long time before all surviving servicemen were returned home.

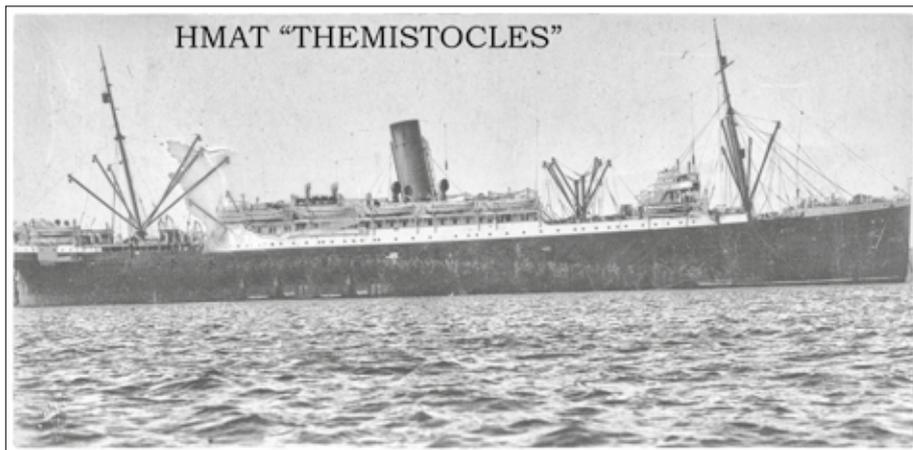
A reminder is shown here: a note written about Tilba Tilba resident Norman Corkhill on the back of the picture, 'Returned in 1920'.

The Bermagui Historical Society Heritage Museum is open from 10 am to 2 pm Fridays and Saturdays in the Bermagui Community Centre where you can pick up your 2019 historical calendar for the Christmas stocking. It's also available from the Bermagui 777 or the Visitors' Information Centre.

*Dave Cotton, Digital Archivist
Bermagui Historical Society*



Norman Corkhill in the cockpit of his WWI aircraft *Image courtesy of Greg Smith*



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Meet Nolan Mahoney and Kirsty Furbank—Camel Rock Surf School is open and here to stay! Living the dream ... but it's a serious business—serious about introducing more people to the beauty of our oceans and hopefully a lifetime of fitness and respect for the sea. What a fantastic addition to our Triangle area to have our own surf school!

Nolan came from California originally, and has been an Aussie for the past nine years. He has studied Marine Biology and has always had a love of surfing. Kirsty was born in Wollongong and has been surfing since she was 12. Her dad lived in Cobargo for some years so Kirsty knew the area a little before deciding that this was THE place to be.

How did they become surf school instructors?

'We both love surfing,' says Nolan. 'We met each other in Byron Bay on Christmas Eve six years ago. We had the benefit of working with amazing surf instructors at Mojo Surf School in Byron as well as with Josh Palmateer in his Margaret River Surf School in Western Australia.

'Teaching people how to surf was



clearly our passion—we love seeing people fall in love with surfing. We studied to gain our Level 1 certifications to be Surf Coaches. We also have Lochie McCabe, a local here who is on board with our school as a coach too. We can cater for one-on-one sessions or full-size classes as well.'

So how did they end up in Bermagui? 'Each year we would "migrate" from Byron Bay to Margaret River along the coast roads. In 2017, we had bought a new car for our annual trip and it broke down at Haywards Beach. This turned out to be the best thing that happened to us,' says Kirsty.

'We spent several weeks figuring out

how to get back on the road and at the same time found out how generous people were here. Surfers can be a territorial bunch so we were just blown away with how welcoming the locals were. We are always mindful when surfing a break to respect the locals on the waves. Here, we found the locals could not be more inclusive. We both felt like Bermagui had the best surf culture we had been in for some time. This is where we want to be.'

What does surfing have to offer people?

'With such beautiful beaches here on the Far South Coast, surfing is so accessible to everyone. We want to help people experience the ocean through surfing. We take one-on-one sessions, small groups, classes and plan to be open seven days a week all year round,' says Nolan.

'There is nothing to compare with the feeling of riding a wave and being part of the ocean. The clean oceans and abundant sea life here with whales, dolphins and seals all around you takes surfing to a whole new level.

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The QPA had it all together ... there was a Christmas Fair planned, fliers printed, stalls booked, jumping castle, crepes, doughnuts and more, then a notice goes out from Essential Energy that there would be no power that day. On a Saturday! And with less than three weeks' notice! The QPA didn't blink. They scrambled to reschedule it for Saturday 1 December.

If you're reading this in time to attend, it's well worth the visit to Quaama Hall. As it turns out, it's a better date for a lot of folks so it's going to be even bigger than first planned. Lots of Christmas presents on offer plus a wrapping service, all that yummy food, the Quaama RFB with their big red trucks, Santa and more. The Verona Classic Car Club will be back too! There will be a monster raffle drawn with a two night stay at elegant Mountain View Farm in Tilba as the first prize plus second and third prizes almost as valuable.

Hats off to the QPA for doing this great work for the community and being so flexible when faced with this challenge. And did you see the highway signs? They're hard to miss! Apparently there is a sign writer in town. Who knew? Thanks Mike!

So here's a bit of news. The Gillies family at the Quaama Store have sold and the new owners have started trading. Welcome to Andrew and Eleanor Newton! Ellie's sister Cathy will also be on the team. Call in and say hello. Kel Gillies is looking to the future and has bought himself a laser cutter. He tried it out by making a sign for the Quaama Store. Nice housewarming present to give to the Newtons! Check it out. It's hanging on a pole in front of the shop that has had no job for years. Good on

you, Kel. Looks like a fun new enterprise. Thank you to the whole Gillies family for all the hard work you put into the store and for serving us so well. Good luck in the future.

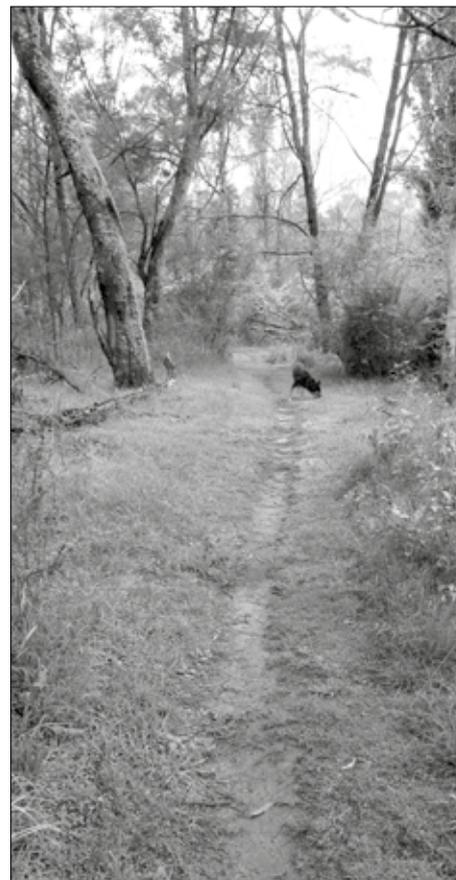


A great way to sign off after nine years at the Quaama Store

Be sure to attend the annual Quaama Christmas Party on Friday 14 December from 5 pm. It's being put on by the Quaama Tennis Club and held at the tennis courts where you can enjoy a bit of tennis as well as the usual Christmas festivities. There's going to be music, a lolly bag and games for kids, a visit from Santa and a sausage sizzle. No need to bring a present but a plate of nibbles or something sweet to share would be good if you're able. Or just come along! A gold coin donation is all you need. And there's going to be a raffle drawn with

the first prize being a family holiday valued at more than \$1000! If the weather is bad, the hall is on standby so don't let a little rain stop you.

Dry River Landcare have had a big year. If you've never been to the riverside, you really should take a walk and see what's been done. It's a fabulous asset to our town and this group of volunteers are keeping it clear and accessible for us all to enjoy.



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The first grant application was made in late 2013 with the support of 31 people who signed on. The first plants were put in adjacent to the Dry River bridge in 2014. There has been steady progress ever since, moving from there along the river track towards the cemetery.

Over 1000 native trees, shrubs and grasses have been planted, protected by the same number of tree guards to keep the plants safe from wallabies and wombats. Over 2200 hours of volunteer labour has been put into this project in the last five years. As well as planting they've been weeding, mowing, slashing and clearing, which has been done over and over again as things grow. In addition to these labours, the group has run a propagation workshop using locally sourced native seeds and Chris Post, the Landcare officer, has spent many off-site hours preparing grant applications and doing general admin.

The team meets to work on the track on the first Sunday of every month at 9:30 am. Sometimes four volunteers arrive, sometimes seven. On occasion, only two! They would love to have new people come along to join them. Should this work stop, the walking track and access to the river will disappear again under honeysuckle in less than two years.



A lovely picnic spot beside the water is now easily accessible

Evidence of the first planting is now clearly visible from the bridge, especially when driving north. A thousand thanks to our Landcare Officer Chris Post who has been steadfast and undaunted, especially at times when others might tremble in their gardening boots at the size of the task.

If you'd like more information, you can contact Chris on 0411 594 092 or dryriverlandcare@gmail.com.

And lastly for this year (like REALLY lastly!) is New Year's Eve! The QPA are doing it again, planning a great night in the

comfort of our own village hall with 50s rock 'n roll band 'The Hoops'.

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Lots of winners after Team Triangle rides the Gong

Bhagya drew the winning ticket in John (Hansa) van Horssen's vase raffle on 5 November and the winner was Beck Grenfell of Quaama. Congratulations Beck! The raffle raised \$160 for Team Triangle – local riders in the MS Gong Ride from Sydney to Wollongong on 4 November.

The team was depleted by injuries this year and was reduced to two starters, John and Karen Cseleda, but they still managed to raise over \$2000. This money goes to MS Australia, which supports people living with MS with medical and allied health clinics, telephone hotlines for advice, seminars, webinars, subsidies for equipment, scholarships and more.

John and Karen wish to thank all the generous individuals and businesses who donated. Beck may have won the vase, but Triangle residents with MS are the real winners here.



Team Triangle's Karen Cseleda and John van Horssen with their medals after the MS Gong Ride

Quaama RFB:

it may be green but don't be lulled ...

With the advent of a little rain it's nice to see our beautiful valley green. Unfortunately we're in what is known as a green drought. Dams, creeks and ground water are all still low. We've heard that we were 240 mm under our average rainfall for the year so with the advent of hot summer not far away a return to dry conditions is not an impossibility.

With it being green it is a good time for slashing, mowing and continuing to clean up our properties. Cleaning up combustible fuels along trails, tracks and roadways is a good way to consolidate fire breaks and access for the RFS.

An area for the fire trucks to turn around is also a safety issue for us. Our first consideration upon entering property is our personal and crew safety so the better you are prepared the better chance we have in helping you.

Get together a plan of your property with trails, water supply (outlining access), water points, pumps dams and gates, anything that makes our job easier to

navigate, obtain water and access so we can concentrate on the job we're there for—extinguishing fires.

Deciding to stay and defend your property is a serious consideration. If deciding to do so, extra education is needed. Researching fire behaviour, a necessity. Do you have the correct resources, education, physical ability, large water supply, hoses, pumps and correct clothing? Natural fibre with long sleeves and long pants, good boots, goggles, a mask and more—plus plenty of water to drink.

A good source of education is a comprehensive book, *The Complete Bushfire Safety Book* by Joan Webster.

A great quote by Sally Gallimore from the Tathra RFB: 'I personally can't do everything and I might not even be able to do much, but collectively it all adds up.' So not only at brigade level but as a community, this is a great quote to ponder on.

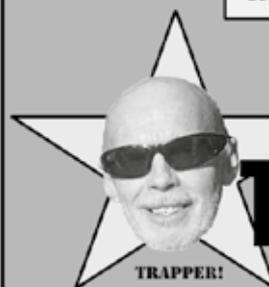
Happy Christmas to everyone and stay safe over the holiday season.

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Quaama Public School - Term 4 wrap-up

Term 4 in all schools is usually over before we know it!

To date the students have been involved in the annual spring water bug survey of Dry River Quaama, organised by the Bournda EEC. Students investigate the health of our waterways by catching, examining and then releasing the aquatic life in our local rivers. Always a fun and educational afternoon.

Students in Years 5 and 6 spent three

action-packed days at Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Camp, a favourite with students. The Year 3 and 4 students were camping in the Bournda National Park for their camp, trying their hand at camp cooking, team building exercises and enjoying our beautiful national park.

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was again a great success, with many of excited faces taking home books and many families donating a book to our wonderful school Library.

Before the end of the term, we still have more events to look forward to including:

- Our new school Captains and Parliament minister elections.
- Year 6 Peer Support Camp at Hobart Beach.
- End of Year activities including a pool day and school fair.
- Finally, we wrap up our busy term with Presentation Night.

That's a wrap..

Jody MacCrae



Keeping an eye on Dry River

As we hand over ...

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have supported Quaama General Store and Post Office for the last nine years. In that time we have established a good rapport with many people and developed some great friendships.

Whilst Rob and Judy are retiring to their small property in Quaama, Kel and Laura have begun a new adventure with the establishment of their business Gaslite Design (gaslitedesign.com.au). You can see Kel's handywork hanging over the petrol bowsers at the shop!

To Julie, a personal thank you for all your support over the years, and to Karl—thanks for allowing us to borrow her on very short notice sometimes. Happy travelling.

Please be as welcoming to the new owners, Eleanor and Andrew, and staff Cathy as you were to us.

We look forward to seeing everyone around town.

Many thanks,

Robert, Judy, Kel and Laura

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As the seasons move from spring to summer everything seems alive. The hills and valleys are green and gardens, forests and bush are bursting with new growth. With the rejuvenation that the rains have brought there is activity everywhere in our communities as we get ready for Christmas and the promises of a new year.

Tilba Market turns 10

Reaching a certain anniversary seems to prompt a bit of reflection—so the significance of the Tilba Market celebrating 10 years of operation is worth a few words!

The convergence of a few different community-driven projects and activities in 2008 seems to have been the impetus that was needed to get the market up and running. At the time there was also a lot of interest locally in the Transition Towns (TT) model which started in the UK. This model refers to grassroots community projects that aim to increase self-sufficiency to reduce the potential effects of peak oil, climate destruction and economic instability.

In addition, Sapphire Coast Producers Association - South East Producers (SCPA) saw this model as a good fit with its own aims. As this was all happening, Tilba local Annie Eldridge was keen to get a market happening. So, with all this grassroots power, the Tilba Market started on Saturday, 6 December, 2008, in the Small Hall from 8 am till 1 pm, with Annie as the Coordinator. The market theme, which continues to this day, was Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It.

Geoffrey Grigg, who initially ran the SCPA Stall at the Bega Market, later on decided to expand and have a presence at



Tilba Market turns ten this month

both Tilba Market and Bermagui Market. This was seen as beneficial to both the Tilba Market and SCPA. The Tilba Market continues to be run in association with SCPA with a local Tilba SCPA Stall.

As the number of stallholders grew, the market outgrew the Small Hall and moved to the Big Hall. Its management moved from Annie Eldridge to Mardy Aye, who also ran a stall. Kay Williams succeeded Mardy and her coordination continued until this year when a small group took over.

Last Saturday, I asked some of the stallholders for comments about the market. It's significant that there are some stallholders who have been coming since the very early days and for some, it is the only market they attend. Here are some of the comments:

- it's all about community
- where else can you get fresh oyster mushrooms, super fresh vegies and quality preserves?
- it's happy, busy, friendly
- it's weekly, undercover, tables are provided and stall spaces are not expensive
- it's where you can get the best lemon

butter and hot lime pickles

- it's a step above everywhere else with good quality art and craft, showcasing the general talent which is in this community.

Local Tilba and area residents value the Tilba Market and many rely on it for fresh produce. The variety and quality of art and craft mean that shoppers can often find those special items which are just right. Central Tilba businesses benefit from the reputation of the market, and the buzz of the market gives life to Saturday morning in the village.

The market also contributes significantly to the ongoing management of the Big and Small Halls through the weekly hire fees. These fees have added many, many thousands of dollars to the School of Arts coffers – over \$77,000 since 2010.

So, happy anniversary Tilba Market, and congratulations on turning ten. Keep up the good work and see you on Saturday!

For a small school, we do big things

Central Tilba Public School is at it again.

Sophie, Isiah, Elias and Jordy's relay team represented Central Tilba with pride in mid-November at the NSW PSSA State Athletics Carnival. They ran a personal best time and all changes were smooth, thanks to the training hours they put in with Libby Cunningham.

The beautiful sounds coming from the library lately were those of our children singing! They were learning two new songs for the Four Winds Youth Music Festival as part of a choral extravaganza performed by all of the five primary schools involved – Narooma, Tilba, Bermagui, Tanja and Tathra.

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**Central Tilba Public School's State Athletics
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Congratulations

Congratulations to Jo Lane, Tilba Tilba resident and local 'Kelp Lady', on being awarded the prestigious Churchill Fellowship. Good luck in researching kelp farming overseas.

Best wishes to all for the festive holiday period. Keep safe, healthy and happy.

The new committee for 2019 is: President, Janine H; Vice President, Deb E; Secretary, Sally P; Treasurer, Tony S; Public Officer, Cara E; Committee members, Chrissy M (a great big welcome and thanks for coming on board), Smilie M and Phil E.

At the AGM our outgoing President Deb outlined our achievements last year and thanked the committee for their efforts

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Tilba CWA News

Lots happening for Tilba CWA members in our community. In late November we participated in a Rain Dance fundraiser at Tilba Valley Wines to support farmers affected by drought. Tilba CWA members dressed in raincoats and gumboots with umbrellas then performed an unrehearsed free dance to entertain Tilba Valley Wines' guests.

Looking forward to Tilba CWA Christmas Carols on 1 December with Santa arriving on the Tilba fire truck to hand out early Christmas gifts to local children. This year the carol-singing will be led by musician Bev Long and her ukulele. The primary students from Tilba School are learning Auslan for two of the carols. A big thank you to the team at Tilba Sweet Spot for continuing to donate lolly bags for the children.

Tilba CWA Pop-up Cafés in the Tilba Small Hall will continue during the summer holidays with Cafés scheduled for Saturday 8 December, Saturday 12 January and an additional Café on Saturday 26 January. The CWA Café in December

is the same day as Tilba Market's tenth birthday and there will be a 'surprise' big birthday cake baked by CWA members and presented to the Tilba Market stallholders. At the Café on 26 January, Tilba CWA will also hold a sausage sizzle and lamington drive to celebrate Australia Day.

This year Tilba CWA's members' Christmas Party is on Friday 14 December. Members and friends will meet at Tilba Valley Winery for a delicious lunch at 12 noon. All local women are welcome to join us.

Why get involved in CWA? Something I read recently: 'We are a group of women who lobby governments, raise community awareness and provide disaster relief. We also make jams and knit cardigans.' Why did I get involved in Tilba CWA? To meet local women, enjoy their friendship, support our local community and once a month I bake a cake! Please contact me on 4473 7213 or 0417 203 610 if you are interested in getting involved with Tilba CWA.

Annette Kennewell

Central Tilba School of Arts - Halls News

and commitments to the restoration of our halls. They are looking great and will be even greater before the end of the year.

The Halls Committee in 2019 has more to offer our community—Hairy Concerts, Trivia Nights and more. They are your halls so please come on board and give us your suggestions and input.

A big thank you to Harry Bate for his commitment to our community halls.

A Happy 10th Birthday to our fabulous Saturday markets.

It's a win-win situation for the market, the Halls and Tilba. Thanks so much to all involved in getting it all to happen.

The CWA also appreciate the markets and will show their appreciation at the next cafe.

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Christmas in the parish

Christmas is almost here—the time we celebrate the things we love. It’s about entertaining, decorating, present-giving and feasting. It’s full of laughter, colour and surprises and the look of wonder on children’s faces. It’s about summer and holidays, families and good friends. But the best part of Christmas is celebrating the true reason for the season—the birth of baby Jesus and the hope he brings to all. May your family and friends be blessed this Christmas.

A traditional Carol Service will be held at All Saints’ Bermagui on Sunday 23 December at 5.00 pm. This will be followed by refreshments. There will also be Community Christmas Carols in

the Cobargo Park, following the Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade’s Annual Chocolate Wheel Fundraiser on Christmas Eve. Other services are listed in a box on these pages.

The OK (Opportunity Knocks) Shed in Bermagui will be open extra hours over the holiday season: Wednesdays and Thursdays 10.30 am to 4.00 pm and Saturday mornings, 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Plenty of bargains and gifts are available and there is always a friendly face and a smile! The OK Shed volunteer team would like to thank the community for their donations of goods and steady support throughout the year.

Chris Richard-Preston

It’s gone—Corunna giants felled

On an ordinary November afternoon, the *Faith* cruised up the coast off Corunna, carrying 400 hectares of Australian forests, bound for Taiwan—to become paper.

As the woodchip carrier passed the shores where her cargo recently stood tall, Forestry Corporation withdrew the harvester, aka ‘The Death Machine’, and moved it to a koala corridor near Nerrigundah.

How hard would it be for Forestry to respond proactively to the threatened Masked Owl, abandon the log dump near the sea eagles’ nest, used for just *two days of logging* and be transparent on deals with private landholders?

Residents put aside nine months of their lives to look after their forest as if nurturing the arrival of a new family member. Forestry bought the forest from a farmer, so they say it’s of no value. Tell that to the Swift Parrots; the Southern Brown Bandicoot; the Glossy Blacks who need a new home; to the people who contacted Andrew Constance without response; to the politicians who recorded in Hansard efforts to stop the logging.

Forestry Corp says the trees were around 100 years old. Not even our children will see these giants again. A return to habitat with tree hollows would take several hundred years, and that is time we do not have.

The Federal Government is accountable to the international community for species in decline. Corunna’s koalas never returned after the last logging. Please ask your politicians their stance.

We had to stop using ozone-depleting CFCs, asbestos, and other outdated industrial practices. Logging native forests can no longer be accepted.

The community is heartbroken at this loss and will never forget Forestry Corp’s decision to log their beloved forest.

Elizabeth Walton



Tim Narraway, Dave Richard-Preston and Terry Irvine at Cobargo’s Remembrance Day service



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Bermagui gardeners are just loving FOGO. No more piling up of garden clippings, prunings and weeds to wait out the month for the next green bin collection. Now we can chop away to our hearts' content, knowing that it will be gone in a week, and we can start all over again.

Still a bit of dissent around, but most people I have spoken to are embracing the changes, with many becoming interested in their waste management and trying to do more to prevent the tons of waste, that otherwise can be recycled, going into landfill every year.

It doesn't have to stop at FOGO. There's much more that can be recycled than most people know about and there's a lot of misunderstanding about what can and can't be recycled. For instance, did you know that any soft plastic—plastic that you can 'scrunch'—can be recycled through Woolworths REDcycle bins? Things like the plastic wrappers on bread, frozen food packages, biscuit packages, chip packets and even glad wrap can be recycled through REDcycle (as long as it's clean). Check www.redcycle.net.au for a comprehensive list of what can and can't be recycled. All this recycled soft plastic goes to Replas, a company that turns it into usable items such as park benches

and tables.

And, there's more you can put in your yellow bin than you realise. Bega Valley Shire Council has a very comprehensive list on its website. Only problem is that it's very hard to navigate, so here are some tips. Go to www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au website and in 'search' type 'Recycling – what to put in my yellow bin'. This will give a short list, but for a detailed list, scroll down to the bottom and find 'A-Z Recycling Guide'. Click on this and you will see a 'colour guide'. Scroll to the bottom and click on 'Full List' to see the complete colour-coded list of what can go in the yellow bin. It does seem a bit complicated, and does take a bit more time, but you will find out that there's more to recycling than just putting paper and bottles into the yellow bin. For instance, did you know you can put old plastic buckets and plant pots in the yellow bin?

So, before you bin it, take 30 seconds to think what choices you have. Will it be Green, Red or Yellow, Soft Plastic recycle, or even home composting/worm farm, or maybe the neighbours' chooks? Give it a go. If we all do our bit, then we will leave a better world for our kids, grandkids and future generations.

Carolyn Banados

Bushfire advice

Fire Permits

The RFS have instructed that until further notice Fire Permits will not be issued, and this applies for December/January at least.

Lighting an unauthorised fire during the Bush Fire Danger Period attracts heavy penalties including fines and/or imprisonment. For more information please call 02 6494 7400.

Bushfire Survival

Make sure you have prepared a Bushfire Survival Plan. For information and to find out how to download your MYFIREPLAN APP visit the Rural Fire Service website.

Monitor any dangerous fires

Monitor any dangerous fires near where you live using the Fires Near Me App on your mobile device, or on your computer at the Rural Fire Service website, www.rfs.nsw.gov.au. Monitor local radio and television and listen for any emergency warnings.

Look after your neighbours

Keep in touch with your neighbours, particularly those who are more vulnerable, when fires threaten. Having a local 'telephone tree' is a great way to help each other in an emergency.

Don't become complacent

While the continuing recent rainfall has been welcome, landowners are reminded not to become complacent as a few dry, hot, windy days may quickly return us to the high fire danger levels of only a few weeks ago.

So stay prepared and keep vigilant as the summer approaches.

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Every year there are over 3000 snake bite victims in Australia. Over three quarters of them are male who have been attempting to catch a snake or kill it. The other most common causes are gardening without gloves and long sleeves, or walking without closed-in shoes and long pants.

We live in a wild and unspoilt area here so snakes are a very real part of our summers. Keep your eyes open and be prepared. If you do come across a snake, try to stay still and the snake will likely move on without striking at you (or your dog). They dislike you as much as you dislike them—usually. However, some of our snakes defend their territories and in mating season can be aggressive if disturbed.

Stay away from long grass and do not let your dog bounce around in long grass

Remember mulberries? You can't buy them at Woolworths, too fragile to travel. You hardly see them in backyards. Too messy and the birds eat them all anyway.

But remember when, as kids, you could find those mulberry trees and climb them, eat the fruit and stain your face, your hands, your clothes. Not only were they sweet, they were often forbidden. And how much sweeter that made them.

Then there were the leaves: the only food eaten by silkworms. Every so often silkworms would appear at school. A shoe box would be found, holes punched in the lid (otherwise they suffocate), and the search for the large, bright green leaves would be on. Cocoons would appear in a

Ssssss... 'tis the season!

either. Call 000 immediately if you have been bitten. Always carry your mobile phone with you.

Snakebite Do's and Don'ts:

Don't wash the wound or try to suck out the poison. Traces of venom in the bite can be used to identify which snake bit you.

Don't waste time looking for the snake—venom identification is quicker, safer and more accurate.

Don't apply a high tourniquet—this is extremely dangerous and could result in death when the tourniquet is removed.

Do apply a firm bandage and splint to immobilise and stop the venom spreading.

Do stay put—the patient should move as little as possible. By moving you will speed up the spread of the venom. Either



The red bellied black snake. Snakes are a very real part of our summers.

put the patient on a stretcher or bring transport to them.

Do seek urgent medical help. Venom can cause severe damage and even death within hours.

This information was based on the 2018 Royal Flying Doctors fact sheet.

Ann Maree Menager

In praise of mulberries

few days and then ... memory fades at this point because I can't remember anybody actually doing anything with the silk from which the cocoons were made. Has anyone spun the silk?

A couple of years ago I happened to see a mulberry tree for sale. In a burst of recognition I bought one. Within days of planting, new branches appeared; within a few months it was taller than me; not long after that we started eating the fruit. We net it now and hack it back each autumn, but that mulberry tree, now in its third season, produces buckets of fruit.

There are wonderful things about the mulberry. When the fruit is ripe it falls into your hand. If it isn't ripe, and visually it can

be hard to tell, then even a strong tug won't release the fruit. The tree itself is strong and well-shaped. Its big, bold, green leaves make a wonderful shade tree in summer.

They stain everything you need to enjoy them: hands, tongue, teeth. But miraculously the stain fades and then disappears, usually soon after your mother or wife sees you in bright purple.

Gently simmered with a couple of spoons of brown sugar and a squeeze of lemon juice, mulberries taste wonderful. A blob of Tilba Cream ... perfect.

Mulberries also make a superb jelly. Add them to apple to make a great strudel. Mulberry, you are a shy beauty.

Keith Bashford

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Christmas Services

Sunday 23 December, 10 am,
Quaama: Holy Communion.

Sunday 23 December, 5 pm,
Bermagui: Carols

Monday 24 December, 6 pm,
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Tuesday 25 December, 9 am,
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No shortage of talent

Given the extraordinary amount of talent in this region it's no wonder that the Four Winds program is featuring many local artists and musicians. Geoffrey Badger, a fabulous choir leader from Bega, and Greg Sheehan, a stunning percussionist from Narooma, were cornerstones of Four Winds' hugely successful inaugural Youth Music Festival in November, and they have been leading the Four Winds Artists in Schools program in 2018.

Everything from dance groups, singer-songwriters, classical ensembles and 'massed' performances with 850-plus school children sang out from Nature's Concert Hall over the course of the weekend. Soloists and small groups were featured in the Windsong Pavilion on 'Festival Sunday', many performing with Four Winds Artistic Director James Crabb, who has been incredibly committed to coaching everyone for their performances at the Festival.

After moving proceedings to the Sound Shell, The Australian Voices

and Western Sydney Youth Orchestra collaborated with the Bega Valley Youth Choir to premiere a newly commissioned work by Lisa Young which has been inspired by this area. Incredible vocals rang out in breathtaking performances which reinforced the Minister for the Arts' statement during his welcome to the Festival that 'this is the most incredibly inspiring place'.

In December, Candelo-based folk singer and musician Kate Burke is curating 'Christmas Folk ... in this house tonight' for a festive performance in the Windsong Pavilion. Kate's program evokes the intimacy of people singing songs and playing music together at Christmas in their homes or community. She has been researching ancient Christmas music and seasonal music from different countries, much of which has subsequently been appropriated into carols we recognise today. This performance will be a fascinating journey into the folk/roots of Christmas music and the tradition of coming together

to make music at this festive time of year. Kate will be joined by an amazing lineup of folk musicians including Luke Plumb (bouzouki/mandolin), Oscar Neyland (double bass), James Crabb (classical accordion) as well as The Friday Choir—who Kate regularly sings with. In the true spirit of coming together to make music at Christmas, the audience will be joining in too ... don't pass up the chance to sing with these amazing musicians.

The latest from Yuin Folk Club

At its AGM in November, the Yuin Folk Club said farewell to several stalwarts of the management committee and welcomed three new faces. Graeme Fryer, Reg Dew, Dave Crowden and Vic Grantham retired from the committee, all after many years of outstanding service to the Club and the Cobargo Folk Festival. Triangle locals Harry Binnendijk, Catherine McEwen and Mike Nicholas were elected. Peter Logue was elected President and Coral Vorbach, Vice-President.

The success of the Club means they can provide around \$12,000 to build a new shed for much-needed storage for Festival equipment, and to help fund the ongoing earthworks and a new coolroom at the Showground.

'We're also continuing to provide grants and donations this year, including to local musician Corey Legge for his new recording and the 1st Cobargo Scouts who continue to do great work with the recycling program at the Festival.

'It's a way of expressing our appreciation for the support we receive from the Trust and the local community.'

Tickets are now on sale via www.cobargofolkfestival.com.

Coral Vorbach, Yuin Folk Club



Geoffrey Badger and Greg Sheehan lead the massed schools performance at the inaugural Four Winds Youth Music Festival *Photo by Chris Sheedy*



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Of this place - the forest

In 2003, when the devastating bush fires tore through the high country and the Canberra region, Shunyam Smith made several trips to see the damage these fires caused. White and ghostly, this forest of dead trees spread across the ridges as far as one could see, range upon range of stark white trees like the skeletons and bones of the forest. This work celebrates the beauty of the forest in its burned out state.



Shunyam Smith

Yemaya Grace Maitri explores in detail the continued enquiry of her relationship with the surrounding environment through a series of paintings, drawings and assemblage. She is ever inspired by nature, living as she does in the forest on the shores of Wapengo Lake.

Karyn Thompson continues her exploration of Scribbly Gum (*Eucalyptus Rossii*) bark and trunks.

Shunyam Smith, Yemaya Grace Maitri and Karyn Thompson are exhibiting at Ivy Hill Gallery from 6 December 2018 to 13 January 2019.

The Gallery is open from 10 am to 5 pm, Thursday to Sunday. You can find more information at

www.ivyhill.com.au.



Karyn Thompson



Yemaya Grace Maitri

A touch of magic

Every now and then a waft of magic flows through Bermagui and settles for just a short while. I met Paul den Holder on a whale-watching excursion. A gentle voice and a shy smile disguised the passion, energy and commitment of the music that carries him around the world.

Paul was born in Belgium. His family moved to Zaragoza in the north of Spain. With the arrival of democracy, Spain experienced the world of rock and black music it had been denied for so many years, but it was with the gypsy community that Paul learned the passion and energy of Spanish classical guitar and the unbridled abandonment of flamenco.

‘They lived in the centre of town and it could be dangerous to walk through but if you had a guitar, they would welcome you and play music with you—for hours.’

Paul studied under Alejandro Montserrat and Ruben Jimenez, honing his skills.

‘Flamenco is like any music genre—the more you understand it the more you like it. I am not a pure flamenco guitarist, I play flamenco and classical, lots of things, but you have to live flamenco, day and night.’

Paul then went travelling. With guitar and backpack he began his wandering with ‘no plans, no overthinking’ and, after two years in Malaysia, made his way to Australia.

What a delightful weekend of music from a charmingly honest and real musician. Paul will be back in 2019 with some formal recitals for all to enjoy. Watch this space.

Maggie McKinney



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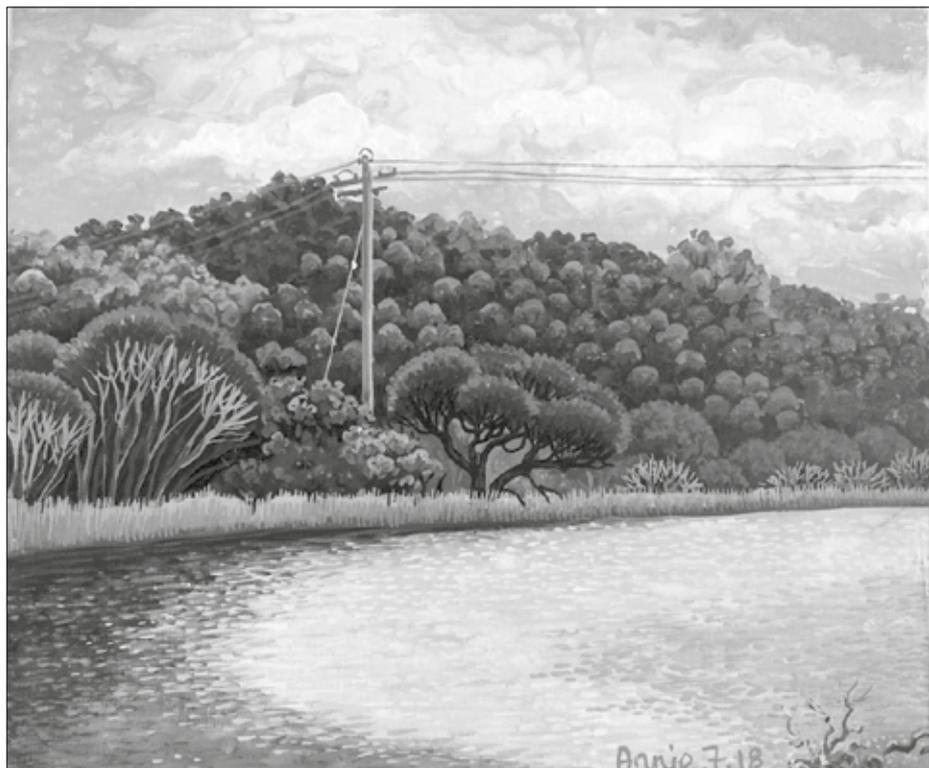
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Art in the Triangle

Summer at Narek: 'a moving feast' then Shannon Garson's ceramics

The Summer Show (mid-December to mid-January) brings together new works by regularly exhibiting Narek Gallery artists, including paintings and tableaux by Wapengo artist Annie Franklin, cast glass by Adelaide-based Wendy Fairclough, porcelain by Melbourne potter Marianne Huhn and wood-fired ceramics by Gundaroo potter Moraig McKenna, as well as other Narek favourites. This will be a vibrant, exciting collection that will be a 'moving feast' for a month so that our summer visitors from near and far may benefit by taking purchases directly.

Then we launch a glowing exhibition of new ceramics by Maleny artist Shannon



Cuttagee 1, gouache on board, Annie Franklin



Shannon Garson

Garson titled 'Depths of Light'. This will be our third solo exhibition of Shannon's work in the past decade, greatly anticipated as images of some of the new, painterly, larger thrown porcelain forms look breathtaking. Shannon's acute observations and highly developed drawing skills result in decorated forms that are as one—they belong together.

Narek Gallery is at 5/3 Wapengo Street, Bermagui. Open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm and 2 to 5 pm.

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The Triangle's Eco Edge Page

Thanks to all our creative contributors to this page in 2018, and a special thanks to artist Naomi Lewis of Yowrie, always happy to step in with a beautiful, apt illustration, sometimes at very short notice!

Next year local environmental company and long-time, generous Triangle supporter AKT is sponsoring our My Triangle page. We know you love My Triangle so we're planning a list of interesting local personalities to profile. You might be on it!

For our last issue this year, we feature a poem by Judi Hearn of Bermagui, illustrated by (who else?) Naomi Lewis.

Chicken Scratch

A lovely autumn rain—but now so dry.
We watch as grey-black clouds puff up—and float on by.
The drought will break, he said, when heavy rain sets in
and long drops fall on scorched and dried-up soil
but then he would say that, he's seen it all before,
seen dust give up its waiting dormant seeds,
fingers of green life pulsing through what seems
dead earth that cannot rise again,
a bare-burnt 'scape that changes before our eyes.

And rain will lift our expectations high despite
the cost of power beyond all sense
and Donald treading his twisting road abroad,
keeping worldly issues in a guessing state
as we, in our own small isolated way,
focus on our day by day existence,
the role of being human in all its complex states,
acting as gatherers, gathering domesticated plants
plucked from the bed of mother earth,
from where all hope and life ultimately springs.

Judi Hearn

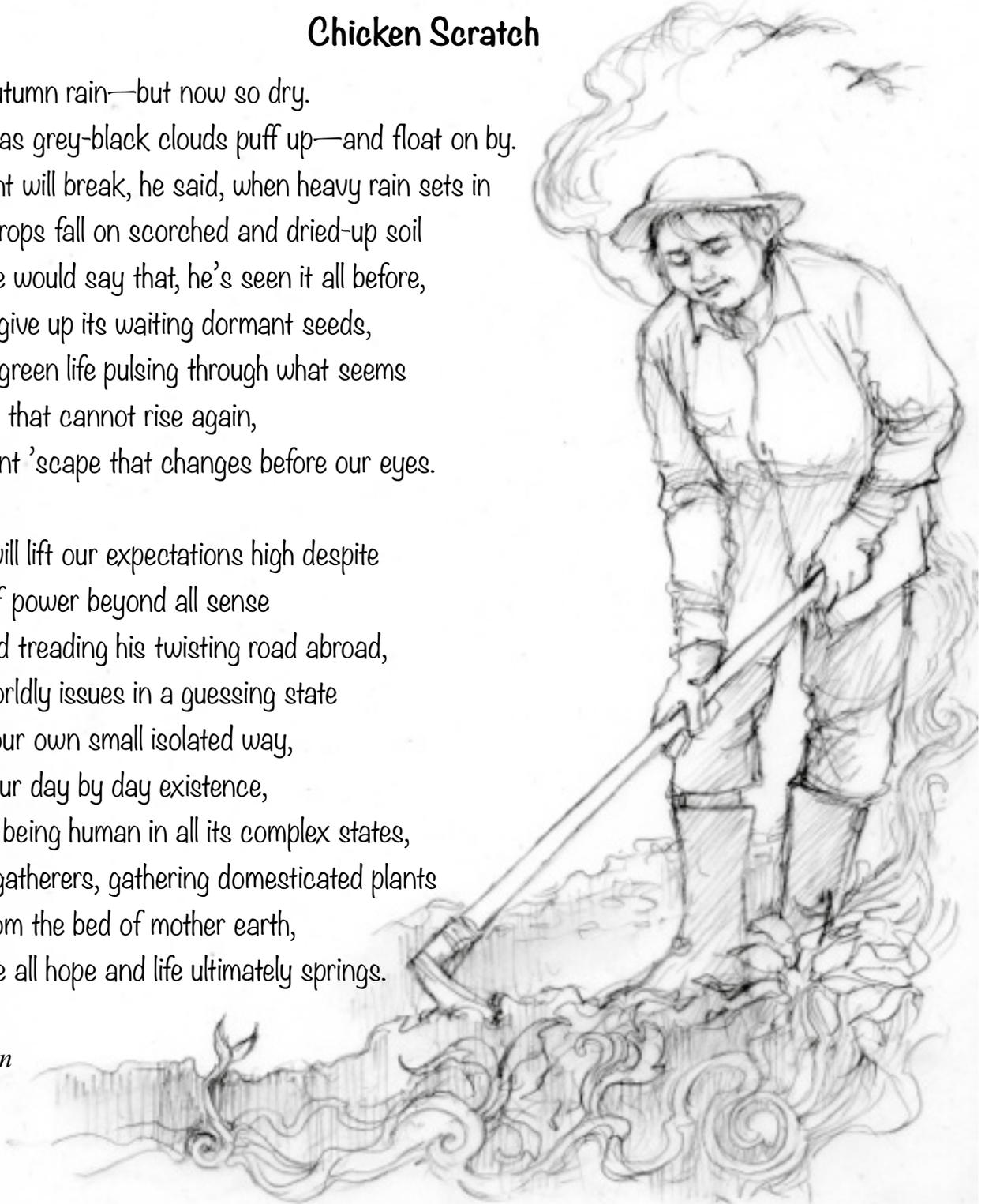


Illustration by Naomi Lewis



AKT international is a Cobargo company dedicated to developing technologies for the most effective recovery of nutrients from waste streams. These technologies are at the forefront of the "war against waste" operating in some 40 countries ranging from Greenland to Patagonia. In conducting our business we take seriously and expend effort with issues of environmental protection, art, cultural advancement, intergenerational equality and social cohesion.

The Murrah's birthday celebration: Community Music Night on Saturday 15 December

This year has been one of the most momentous in Murrah Lore since the extensive rebuild nearly 40 years ago.

Entitled *The Murrah Metamorphosis*, it's a step-by-step makeover of the existing Hall resources and surrounds, readying it for future generations' social and cultural activities well into this millennium.

The Hall now has changing and storage rooms wholly paid for by donations, equipment hire and catering. And, thanks to BVSC funding, there's a new ramp and disabled carpark, septic system and a smooth carpark surface.

Additionally, the Hall has received a new mower (donated) and, speaking of donations, the Hall Committee gratefully acknowledges the \$5000 donation from the late Premda Lowson (ex Murrah Prez), that made our recently finished extension initially possible. Gratitude to the skilled volunteers involved, with special thanks to the Gowing family, Morlec Pty Ltd and Robsonar Pty Ltd for their donations of time and materials, and to Mitre10 for the discount. The level of community (individuals' and tradies') time and support for this long-awaited project has been nothing short of humbling.

The other birthday presents



After a comprehensive make-over, at 115 years the Murrah Hall is possibly one of the best-resourced community halls in the region for catering, music and theatre.

for the Hall are both culinary and cultural. As recipients of a Mumbulla Foundation grant, the Committee now has catering pots and saucepans so that Murrah Curries are bigger and better.

The Murrah PA Inc, via a Regional Cultural Fund Grant and with SEArts as project managers, finally has a PA and an updated LED lighting system. It is hoped that they become not just tools for entertainment, but for training too.

This means that the Murrah is now one of the best-resourced community halls in the region for catering, music and theatre.

And guess what? Your mobile phone works there too! Amazing.

Saturday 15 December, curries from 5.00 pm, entry by donation.

That we are a community of all-age gifted children is more than demonstrated on nights such as these.

Arrive and experience the magic.

Murrah Music: January and February

Friday 11 January sees The Swamp Stompers—their last gig at Cobargo Hotel was a sell-out and it'll be the same for the Murrah.

Sunday 27 January is Blue Child Collective with a five-piece Funk Outfit. Book online: www.southcoasttickets.com.au: \$15. Gate \$20, \$15 concession.

We've had them for two previous shows at the Murrah, but this one will be special: Funk & Dance all the way from Margaret River, WA. Curries from 6.30 pm, dancing from 7.00 pm.

And just a quick heads-up: Saturday 2 February, national and international festival headliners Hatfitz & Cara. Check their website—extraordinary entertainers! www.hatfitzandcara.com

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'Kaleidoscope' of talent lights up the Lazy Lizard Gallery

As you know, we at the Lazy Lizard have a reputation for cultivating diversity and originality ... so, with that in mind, we have arranged for two very exciting group exhibitions in the Side Room this summer season.

For the month of December, we have a 'Kaleidoscope' of talent with an array of paintings, ceramics and sculpture, by a specially invited group of highly regarded local artists. These include Helen Morris, Justine Wardle, Lizzie Waller, Jenny Mein, Jenni Yamuna Bruce, Doris Hoyne and Bethany Thurtell.

We have timed 'Kaleidoscope' to have its official opening from 5 pm onwards on the 'Light Up Cobargo' evening, on Friday, 7 December ... so come and join us for drinks and nibbles.

Then in January, gallery members Shirleyanne Myers and I will combine with artist Doris Hoyne in an exhibition entitled 'Rhyme nor Reason'. Although, separately, we three artists usually have different styles and embrace different subject matters in our art, over the past months we have been working together, exploring various print-making techniques. Besides having a lot of fun, we have come up with some very pleasing results.

There will be an informal opening with a cuppa and bikkies on Saturday, 5 January between 10 am and 12 noon. We would love it if you came along and said 'hello' and gave us your support!

Naomi Lewis

Honey in the brew

Honey are a Mystery Bay-based duo comprising Elizabeth Walton on piano, vocals, guitar and percussion and Richard Lawson on guitar, vocals and percussion. Formed in 2014, they bring together the three worlds of rock, jazz and classical tinged with unusual and ever-changing instrumentation and a flourish of folk and blues.



Honey brings together 'three worlds of rock, jazz and classical'

Recently they wowed South Coast locals with shows at Tilba Valley Winery and Sugar Sounds in Bega.

Honey have now released their debut LP 'Blessed Bee'. Expansive instrumental takes are blended with short and soulful vocal tracks. Richard's edgy punk rock and electronica side has been soothed into a mature sound, flanked by Elizabeth's jazz/classical/soulful style.

Check them out at Camel Rock Brewery on Sunday 9 December or in January at the Illawarra Folk Festival and the ever popular Bingie Pottery Festival, or maybe at one of their popular pop-up gigs.

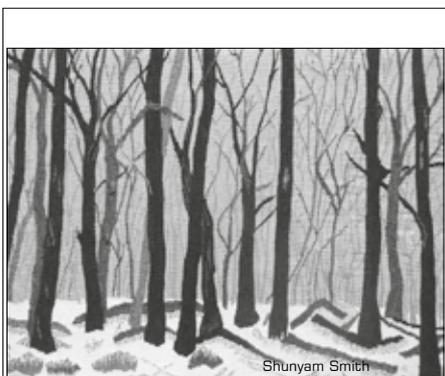
Richard Lawson



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Surviving summer

Well, here we are in another summer with Christmas fast approaching. With the hot and dry weather on its way there are a number of very crucial tasks that should be on your to-do list.

Although we have had some good rain recently, watering of the garden, whether for newly planted or established plants, will keep them healthy and help them through the dry season.

Many people say that they only purchase plants that have an indication on the label that the plant is dry-tolerant and that makes them happy because they don't have to water that plant. This is a misconception, as all plants must be watered until established—this could be anything from months to a year. Even after that period it is important to apply water on a regular basis, again depending on the plant and usually by a slow deep watering instead of a spray at the stem of the plant with some high pressure nozzle.



Lawns are also plants and these require a deep slow watering once every five or so days and not every other day.

Watering deeply and less frequently will encourage deep rooting and this allows the lawn to hang in longer during extended drier periods.

Hanging baskets require watering at least twice to three times a week as they dry out very quickly in the wind and sun. Watering of other pots will depend on the type of pot, the type of plant and, more importantly, the type of potting mix you have used.

It is also important with any type of plant container, whether basket or pot, to fertilise regularly. The nutrient drains out fairly quickly and regular fertilising (every two weeks or so with a liquid fertiliser) will encourage strong and lush growth.

Another very important task is mulching. Apart from watering and feeding of your plants, mulching is the most important garden task during the warmer months. Not only does mulch reduce the need for serious amounts of water but it also reduces weeds' ability to take hold.

Mulch comes in many forms, from gravel through wood types to soft mulches like pea straw, sugar cane or lucerne. These soft mulches are best for flower and vegetable gardens which, as they decompose, add nutrient to the soil and improve the soil texture and structure.

The heavier mulches like wood chips and gravel can be used in more permanent garden beds like shrubs and other permanent plants.

Other tasks that should be carried out during this period include dead-heading of perennials and roses. Completing this task on a regular basis during summer



will encourage new growth, which in most cases will encourage repeat flowering and keep the plants in a tidy condition.

Keep an eye on fruit trees for pest and disease control. Fruit fly will be out and about, particularly on stone fruits and citrus. There are several very good controls, both non-organic and organic, and contact with your local nursery will avail you of the correct application for your situation.

Stone fruit will require some fungal spray to prevent brown rot if we start to get some summer rain. Again, talk with your local nursery staff to get their advice for your situation.

Other spraying should include insect spray for aphid and other sap-sucking insects as they can reduce the vigour of the plant and stress them even further when the temperatures rise.

Last but not least I wish all the readers of Gardening Gabble a joyous and safe Christmas.

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Christmas at Green Gables B&B was always a little bit special. We often had guests who simply wanted to be away from home, or overseas travellers, so it was important to make it special and homely. Preparing and serving a well-planned Christmas dinner was the focus. These two recipes are from our time at Green Gables—the first, as seafood is so fabulous in this area; the second I still make as it's great for gifts, can be made as a log cake or as small, round, individual cakes and is delicious.

Enjoy and Happy Christmas!

Ceviche

750 g fillets of very fresh white fish such as flathead
Lemon juice
1 tsp salt

For the dressing:

1 small cucumber
¼ cup finely chopped spring onion
1 large tomato cut into small pieces
½ cup finely sliced celery
finely chopped fresh chili to taste
1/3 cup good quality mayonnaise
3 tsp coconut milk
1 tsp finely grated fresh ginger
½ cup finely chopped fresh coriander

Cut the fish into small cubes, making sure to remove any skin or bones, and place in a basin. Add lemon juice and salt and stir well. The lemon should almost cover the fish. Cover and refrigerate for 24 to 36 hours, stirring a few times. As the fish marinates it will change texture and look 'cooked'.

Within two hours of serving, peel the cucumber, remove the seeds and dice into small pieces. Drain the fish well and discard the lemon juice. Mix the mayonnaise, coconut and ginger and add to the fish. Lastly add all the vegetables and coriander and mix well.

Serve individually or pile onto a serving plate. Garnish with extra coriander and spring onions.

Glace fruit and nut cake

125g glace pineapple chopped in large pieces
250g glace cherries
250g dates cut in half
250g glace apricots halved
250g pecans whole
125g walnuts whole
250g brazil nuts whole
125g blanched almonds whole
4 egg yolks
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup brandy or rum
1 cup plain flour
1 tsp baking powder
pinch salt
4 egg whites

Mix all the fruits and nuts together in a large bowl. In another bowl beat the egg yolks and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add brandy or rum. Sift the flour and baking powder into the egg mixture with the pinch of salt and mix well. Beat the egg whites until stiff peaks form and fold into the batter. Add this to the fruit and nuts, mixing well to get even distribution. Place into lined tins and bake in a slow oven until light golden brown on top. I find that this mixture will make four log cakes.

Refrigerate to store and slice thinly with a very sharp knife.



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6. Deadline is **22nd of the month**. Any questions at all, please email us **contributions@thetriangle.org.au** check it out on our website: **www.thetriangle.org.au**

**Amy Bloom,
White Houses \$27.99**

When I read an advance review of this book, I immediately got onto Candelo Books to order my copy. I have been a huge fan of Eleanor Roosevelt all my life so I was excited to see a new book on her.

Eleanor and Franklin entered the White House in 1933, living through one of the most tumultuous times in American history – the Great Depression followed by World War II.

As war-time President, Franklin didn't live to see peace in 1945, but Eleanor went on to play a critical role in the post-war struggle for international order and universal human rights.

White Houses, however, concentrates not so much on her role as a giant in public life, but on her relationship with her long-time lover, Lorena Hicks (Hicks to her friends). The story is told from the point of view of Hicks, and she certainly opens your



eyes to the back-room politics of the era, and to its scandals.

Both Eleanor and Franklin conducted extra-marital affairs, but throughout remained faithful and respectful to each other. It is hard to see how he would have achieved his remarkable presidency without her. She, on the other hand, after his death, grew into the most loved and respected First Lady in America's history, an advisor to future Presidents and world leaders, and an inspiration to human rights activists around the world.

I must admit, as an Eleanor groupie, I was disappointed there wasn't more of her public life in this new book, but, as one friend said, that wasn't the book Amy Bloom was writing. So I went back and re-read biographies I had of her that I hadn't opened for years—always a sign of a worthwhile read.

Happy reading over the Christmas break, and thanks again to the team at *The Triangle* for enabling the monthly review.

Deb Cox

Pet of the Month

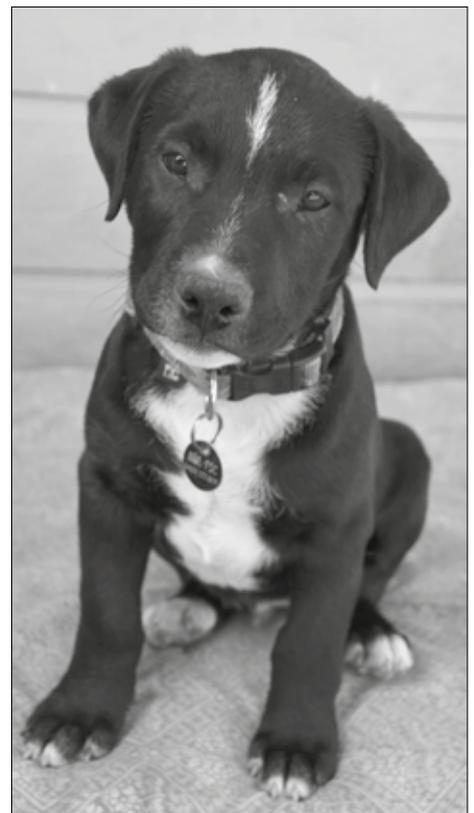
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Quaama: St Saviours- 4th Sunday 10.00 am.
5th Sunday - One service in parish at 10 am rotation. Contact Tim Narraway 6493 4416

BERMAGUI KNOW YOUR BIBLE

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

BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

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THE BERMAGUI MARKET

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

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New members welcome. Meet 1st Thurs each month at Cobargo Hotel & 3rd Thurs at Bermagui Country Club at 6.30 for 7.00pm
Enquiries: Ray Clements on 0477 017 443.

BERMAGUI INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Social games meets for Indoor Bowls at Bermagui Country Club every Monday afternoon. Names to be on list by 2:00pm, games start at 2.30pm. No experience necessary. Contact Bob Whackett on 6493 3136

BERMAGUI GARDEN GROUP

1st Tuesday every Month 10 am until 12 noon, venues vary, phone Heather Sobey on 418 406 068

BERMAGUI CROQUET CLUB

Bermagui Country Club, Thursday 2-4pm New players welcome, tuition and, equipment provided. Call Dave, 6493 5014.

BERMAGUI TINY TEDDIES PLAYGROUP

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BERMAGUI SES UNIT

No. 1 Bermagui-Tathra Rd. Bermagui.
Meetings every Tuesday 6pm. Ph. 6493 4199

BERMAGUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting First Wednesday of Month, 2.00pm CWA rooms, Bermagui. Researchers & helpers welcome. Ph Allan Douch 0428 427 873 or Dave Cotton 6493 5014

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COBARGO DISTRICT MUSEUM

Meeting 5 pm 2nd Thursday of the month at the Cobargo Museum: researchers, old photos, information and new members welcome. Contacts: Vicky Hoyer 0422 377 278 / Bev Holland 0408 280 024

COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

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MT DROMEDARY UNITING CHURCH

Bermagui: Sundays 9am at the Union Church, West St. Bermagui, Cobargo: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 11am; 4th Sausage sizzle at 7pm & praise night at 6pm, Cobargo Bermagui Rd. For information ring Robyn 64938324 Churches also at Narooma and Bodalla

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2nd & 4th Saturday of month from 12:00 to 3.00pm
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QUAAMA MEN'S SHED

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THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

The Yuin Folk Club organises the annual Cobargo Folk Festival and hosts folk music concerts throughout the year. Details at www.cobargofolkfestival.com. For info ph. Secretary Carolyn Griffin 0400 391 324, Treasurer Zena Armstrong 0402 067 615 or email info@cobargofolkfestival.com

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For the Fridge Door

DECEMBER	WHAT	WHERE	TIME
Sat 1	Quaama Christmas Fair	Quaama Hall	9 am - 2 pm
	'Dreams', \$25	Murrah Hall	6.30 pm
Sun 2	Live music: Samantha Sly, free	Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House	12.30 pm
	Live music: Daisy Boyle, free	Cobargo Hotel	4 pm
	Live music: Michael Menager, free	Bermagui Beach Hotel	4 - 7 pm
	Wandella Hall Christmas Tree	Wandella Hall	7 pm
Fri 7	Light Up Cobargo street festival	Cobargo main street	from 5 pm
Sun 9	Live music: Roddy Reason, free	Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House	12.30 pm
	Galba Forge blacksmithing demo	345 Yowrie Rd, Wandella	1 - 5 pm
	Honey	Camel Rock Brewery	1 pm
	Heartsong Christmas Concert	Christ Church, Cobargo	2 pm
Tues 11	Cobargo Seed Savers	18 Blackbutt Drive Cobargo	10 am - 12 noon
Fri 14	Quaama Christmas Party	Tennis courts	from 5 pm
	Community Christmas Carols	Bermagui Surf Club lawn	5.45 - 7.30 pm
Sat 15	Community Music Night, entry by donation	Murrah Hall	from 5 pm
	Christmas Folk with Kate Burke and James Crabb	Windsong Pavilion, Four Winds, Barragga Bay	7.30 - 9 pm
Sun 16	Live music: Robin Simpson, free	Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House	12.30 pm
	Community doco: In Pursuit of Silence	Old Cobargo Butter Factory	3.30 pm
Fri 21	Open Mic	Cobargo Hotel	7.30 pm
Sat 22	Live music: The Loop, free	Cobargo Hotel	8 pm
Sun 23	Christmas Party, Live music, Jodez and Julianne Jessop, Dust and Echoes	Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House	12.30 pm
Mon 24	Christmas Carols	Apex Park, Cobargo	8 pm
Tues 25	Merry Christmas! See General News for church services.		
Sun 30	Live music: Two Dogz Plucking, free	Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House	12.30 pm
Mon 31	NYE Party, The Hoops, \$15/10 kids free	Quaama Hall	9 pm
	NYE. Live music: Thundergoose, free	Cobargo Hotel	9 pm
JANUARY			
Sun 6	Live music: Dave Newman, free	Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House	12.30 pm
	Ocean Lake Extravaganza	Ingenia Holiday Park, Wallaga Lake	4 - 7 pm
Fri 11	The Swamp Stompers	Murrah Hall	from 6.30 pm
Sun 13	Live music: Peter Rich G20, free	Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House	12.30 pm
	Galba Forge blacksmithing demo	345 Yowrie Rd, Wandella	1 - 5 pm
	Live music: Mr Alford, free	Cobargo Hotel	4 pm
Fri 18	Open Mic	Cobargo Hotel	7.30 pm
Sun 20	Live music: Tony Jagers, free	Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House	12.30 pm
Sat 26	Survival Day event	Dickinson Oval, Bermagui	afternoon-evening
	Australia Day celebrations	Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House	12.30 pm
	Live music: The Loop, free	Cobargo Hotel	8.30 pm
Sun 27	triple j Hottest 100 celebrations	Tilba Valley Winery and Ale House	11.00 am
	Blue Child Collective \$20/\$15	Murrah Hall	from 6.30 pm
ART			
Dec Fri 7	'Kaleidoscope' opening	Lazy Lizard Gallery	5 pm
Dec Sat 8	'Of this place' opening	Ivy Hill Gallery	5 pm
Sat 19 Jan	Shannon Garson opening	Narek Gallery	6 pm