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## Overdue! Tool Library stocked and ready for loans

The Triangle Tool Library (TTL) was a concept that had been knocking around in my head for much of last year, but was probably not going to come to much for some time. But at the wonderfully energetic and optimistic community forums in March a question was posed: 'In the aftermath of the fires, how can we best work together for our wellbeing and the future of Cobargo?' and it seemed like a system to make tools and equipment available to our community could be a useful piece of the picture.

So many of us lost all the useful things we had. Right down to the buckets of nuts, bolts and screws that so often hold the key to completing a project. Few of us can afford to replace a lifetime's worth of careful purchases and lucky finds, researched and stumbled upon and bought with time and effort and money. And we all need to use those tools, now. There's so much still to do. I'm sure I'm not the only one that's looking at a patch of dirt, six months later, and wondering what the hell I've been doing.

So. The TTL is here. It should have been here months ago but we're doing our best. It has been kick-started recently by the suppliers of the Co-op and Mitre 10, the Independent Hardware Group, who have made available for loan to the community a whole bunch of high quality gear such as post-hole augers, compound saws, nail guns and pressure washers. There have

also been donations of tools from the local community and the Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre, and we're starting to get enquiries from places like the Willoughby Men's Shed about what they can help us with.

We aim to acquire more useful tools and equipment very soon. Things such as cement mixers, a trailer and a wacker-packer are on the wish list.

Having such equipment available will hopefully assist local folks in getting things done without all of us having to buy everything. And we want this to work for the long run, not just for recovery.

The TTL will operate out of the back of the Cobargo Co-op, and initially will be open at least two days a week. Saturday will be 8 – 11 am, but the regular weekday is yet to be determined. Opening hours will be updated through the Cobargo Community mailing list.

If you'd like to borrow something you'll need to join the TTL as a member, which will cost \$40/year. If you're interested in helping out then drop in and have a chat with us or email me, Scott, at [thevagabondfish@gmail.com](mailto:thevagabondfish@gmail.com).

Scott Herring

Amid the ongoing intensity of this year it seems that the Triangle region is waking up again – at least in relation to the COVID-19 restrictions. This is somewhat of a mixed bag—as tourists are coming back, libraries and galleries are opening, and many fun and meaningful activities are restarting, some local businesses have closed down for good. Of course, caution is still required with emergence from the social restrictions as the virus is highly infectious—yet in some places slackening vigilance is observed among tourists and locals alike. Physical distancing, hand-washing and surface-wiping are still needed to stay safe.

In response to the question, 'In the aftermath of the fires, how can we best work together for our wellbeing and the future?' early community initiatives, like the Triangle Tool Library, have

been practical and inclusive as donations continue to support community and individual recovery. Further issues about the streetscapes of Quaama and Cobargo are in the fermenting stage.

We are also reminded that trauma from the fires still reverberates for many community members. The impact of direct engagement with the fire storm, the relentless threat experienced, and for those who draw on the forest and nature for spiritual nourishment, the devastation is deeply shattering.

The by-election time of promises, proposals and competing values offers choices to recreate old ways, to integrate perceptions of hard realities and/or consolidate new leanings. In this close election our choices have a direct impact.

## Letters to the editors

The impacts of climate change are all around us and are impacting Australians all over the country through unprecedented bushfires, record-breaking heatwaves, and crippling drought. Even though our leaders were warned about the severity of the most recent bushfires, they did nothing. Thousands of homes were lost. Thirty-four people were killed in the fires and countless more from the smoke. Millions of hectares were burnt around the country – including a huge proportion of the Eden-Monaro electorate.

In order to take action that meets the scale of the crisis, we need to rapidly invest in the clean energy solutions that will make our lives better and provide thousands of jobs. That means investing in renewable energy bodies like ARENA to fast track this process. It means waking up and challenging the threats posed by dangerous fossil fuels like gas. It means listening to the experts and doing what's right for people and the places we love – not big corporate interests.

*Penny Mitchell  
Bega*

### A dissenting voice

I am sorry but I am sick to death of reading in *The Triangle* and other papers and TV about climate change causing the catastrophic bush fires on 31 December 2019. Climate change probably had about 5% towards it, the main reason is thanks to some of our politicians and greenies. I think to avoid this ever happening again we have to go back to what the Aborigines and farmers used to do, burn-offs in the forest and other areas in wintertime. Please think of all the animals that were incinerated because of this neglect.

*Norm Reed  
Cobargo*

### Georgie's story releases a flood of memories

Jill and I have been living in Moruya now for almost four years, having moved from Canberra to build a more energy-efficient house and to enjoy the wonderful environment the Eurobodalla and Bega shires offer. During this time we've enjoyed visiting Bermagui as often as possible. But we've loved Bermagui for some time.

In 1985 we would escape from our ex-spouses and our children on the rare weekends we could manage it, staying with the wonderful Dick Davidson and Bertha Keating at their gorgeous Balamara farm cottage. Our first visit, it was snowing in Nimmitabel as we drove to the coast but arrived at Balamara in stunning sunshine and 17 degrees. We thought it was heaven.

Later we introduced our children to Balamara. Dick, with endless good humour, rode them around the paddocks on his tractor, dodging cattle and tussocks, their laughter bouncing across the pastures. Balamara was our favourite destination for many years until Dick, sadly, passed away and the property was withdrawn to the privacy of the family.

During that time, Georgie's café 'Le Marlin' got under our skin. Georgie and Bruce became our favourite hosts, with great food, a wonderful, relaxed environment and conversation. Mark Knopfler's 'Local Hero' album, playing in the background, became part of my DNA.

I arranged a surprise birthday party for Jill at Le Wharf in December 1987 with a group of friends from Canberra, with pre-dinner drinks catered at Balamara by Georgie and her staff. What a great night we had. Our friends still remember that weekend very fondly.

Now, each time we visit, we pass the old café site and smile. The memories of

Dick and Bertha, Balamara, Georgie, Le Marlin and that fantastic night (and several subsequent others) at Le Wharf will never fade. So what a surge of excitement we had when we happened upon the story in the June issue of *The Triangle*—the first time we'd picked it up! What a buzz.

*Max Wilson  
Moruya*

### Belated thank you

After six months of bushfires, pandemics and the chaos of 2020 I have finally found a quiet moment to put pen to paper.

I would like to pass on a huge thank you to the Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club and all their staff and volunteers who provided a safe and welcoming location for us during the New Year's bushfire evacuation. They took such good care of us all. The constant offering of food, drinks and refreshments was welcoming, even though I was too anxious to take up the offerings at the time it was greatly appreciated.

The Bermagui Country Club gave us a safe place to stay overnight, a beacon of light when the whole town was in darkness. We were provided with a free meal, functional bathroom facilities and warm blankets, thank you.

To hosts John and Sue at the Bermagui Motor Inn who provided me, my mother and a friend with a room for the night before our evacuation to Bega. Thank you for giving us somewhere safe to stay when we were unsure what was going on or where we should go after being told it was not safe to go home.

During such an anxious time when we had no clue in what direction the fire was burning or how close it was to us, due to loss of all communications, it is nice

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# Letters to the editors

to know we have some strong members within the community who work well under pressure to keep us all calm and feeling safe.

*M Gowing  
Murrah*

## We're the canaries

I attended the online Climate Council Bushfire Summit on 11 June 2020.

There were many good speakers including former NSW Fire Chief Greg Mullins who, along with 23 other former emergency and fire heads, had voiced to the Coalition Government their concerns about changing fire conditions due to Climate Change—well before the 2019-2020 Black Summer.

Another stand-out speaker was Cheryl Durrant, former Director of Australian Defence Force (ADF) Preparedness. She said the ADF had been working on climate preparedness for the past ten years or so.

Ten years. This has clarified in my mind that the Coalition Government hasn't been so much denying the science of Climate Change, but it hasn't suited their agenda to admit it, and only do now because it's too bleeding obvious.

The Coalition Government has left us and future generations to be the cannon fodder in their addiction to resource-rich Australia. We're the canaries in their coal, gas and oil mines. They knew. They know.

Sure, a few do/did deny the science ... but I don't think most are that dumb. If the defence forces here and overseas have been developing strategies for ten years, then what does that tell us?

We and our future generations are being lined up as the foot soldiers in the dying days of capitalism.

*Sukalpa Goldflam  
Mogilla*

I went to the opening of the Tool Library last week (mainly to snag a snag!) and saw three wonderful, big pressure washers. As a member of the Cobargo Hall committee, I've been wanting to wash down the outside of the Hall since after the fires.

Yeah! Borrowed, used on Sunday. It only took Linda Sang and me two hours to do the whole of the outside and it's powerful enough to clear the cobwebs from under the eaves.

This Tool Library is a great initiative. Why buy something you'll only use once a year, maybe not even that often—unless you're a professional? Now you don't have to.

It's an excellent idea, a great boost for the community. Well done Scott Herring, the Co-op and donors.

*Louise Brown  
Wandella*

## Plant meat—everyone wins

I finally decided to become a vegetarian after watching the hard-hitting documentary, 'Meat: a Threat to our Planet', about the abuse of animals for human consumption and the damage inflicted on the planet by mass meat production.

I've listened to lots of arguments before and thought it might be a good idea but after watching this there was no doubt in my mind. What has interested me most since making this decision is how vegetarian food is being promoted to the 'mainstream'—vegetable protein made to look like bacon bits and rashers, burgers, sausages and even spare ribs (yum!). Plant meat rather than chicken, pork or kangaroo meat. I wasn't too sure how to take this but after thinking about it for a while, it's a great idea! The more vegetarian food the world's population eats, the better.

Many of the 'mainstream' are very wary of the labels 'alternative' or 'vegetarian'. I don't mind, but calling vegetarian food 'Plant Meat' makes it accessible to everyone and, in the long run, it's the planet that benefits. And that includes 'mainstream', 'vegetarian', 'alternatives' and 'others'.

*Sarah Breakey*



Sarah's new-look shopping trolley

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### Thumbs UP

To landlords who have been generous in discounting rents during the crisis (and Thumbs Down to the landlords who think it's time to raise rents, especially for businesses still struggling to stay afloat).

To the International Hardware Group for their support of the Cobargo Tool Library, and to Scott Herring, Geoffrey Grigg, the Cobargo Co-op and others who have made this fantastic resource available to us.

To the Tool Library! What a fantastic idea. This is exactly what this community needs, with all the devastation and loss of gear. I would love to see this continue and I will definitely be using the Library once I get settled.

### Thumbs DOWN



To the group of people who, one night in May, lit a fire and had a party on Keatings Headland, and left empty cans, broken bottles, cigarette butts, plastic rubbish and used toilet paper strewn nearby, as well as wheelie tracks on the coastal walk. (And thumbs up to whoever cleaned it all away—we went back later with bag and spade but you beat us to it).



After-party on Keatings Headland

### Correction

Ratepayers will be relieved. BVSC is not running a deficit of \$134 million (Odds & Sods, June 2020). It should have read \$14 million. Apologies to Council for the slur.

## CWA State Conference 2021 to be in Bega

Great news for our region—the CWA of NSW's State Conference is scheduled for Bega in May 2021. This means 800 CWA members from around NSW and the ACT will visit Bega for the five-day Conference.

The Conference will be held in the historic Bega Showground so it will have a real country feel for CWA members and their guests. Most members will stay in the Bega, Tathra and Merimbula area to be close to the Bega Showground.

There will be a Gala Dinner and Bush Dance with Ian McNamara, better known as 'Macca', and his Australian bush band playing.

It was the Far South Coast Group CWA office bearers, Helen Galton OAM, Lynn Lawson, Alison Jenkins and Robyn Wright OAM, who presented a written submission to CWA of NSW to select Bega, 'the country heart of the Sapphire Coast', as the location for the conference. Helen, Lynn, Alison and Robyn, together with other CWA members Nelleke Gorton, Sue Hall, Vicki Hummel and Annette Kennewell, have now formed a committee to help coordinate and organise the Conference.

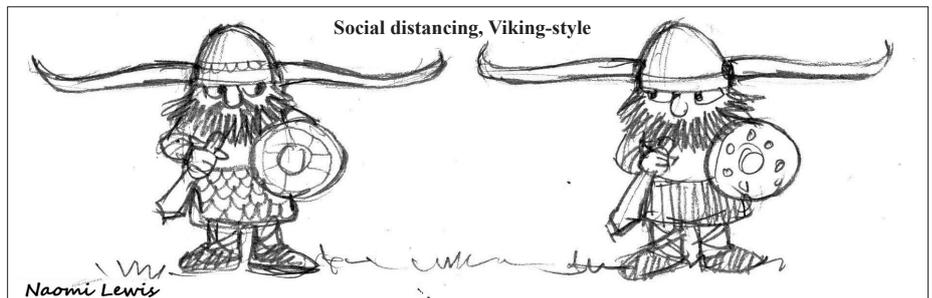
The CWA Conference committee members are all members from across the far south coast region, including Bega, Pambula-Merimbula, Cobargo, Bermagui, Tilba and Moruya.

The committee members recently toured the Bega Showground with Manager Charlie Bell to become familiar with the facilities. They're now busily planning timelines, accommodation and bus transport, raffle prizes for fundraising, catering, local tours plus loads more, and enlisting volunteers for their help.

Helen Galton, President of the FSCG CWA, said, 'This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our spectacular far south coast region, following the drought, fires and COVID-19. We look forward to working with the community and businesses for a successful Conference.'

For more information on the CWA State Conference in Bega, please contact the committee's Secretary, Lynn Lawson, by email: fscgcwa@gmail.com.

*Annette Kennewell, Publicity Officer,  
CWA of NSW State Conference  
Committee*



## The good and the bad of lockdown

How much longer? In Scotland we've been in lockdown for three months now and the 'easing' announcements are sadly disappointing—still a five-mile limit for travel for the majority. Maybe we shouldn't complain because it's all about keeping everyone safe. But the anger of the NHS and care workers who risked their lives at the peak of the pandemic, now watching the demonstrations and counter-demonstrations, thousands of people in close proximity in George Square in the heart of Glasgow, is totally understandable. They must be thinking, 'What the f\*\*\*?' Far-right football hooligans out in force, attacking the 'Black Lives Matter' protestors. Fists and viral particles flying about freely. Police caught in the middle. Not much chance of the lockdown ending soon with this behaviour.

The good side might be the reduction of class sizes in schools. Maybe they

will no longer be the unhealthy breeding ground for all sorts of viruses, not just our COVID-19. Young children and teachers might not have to spend weeks of their lives suffering colds and flus after being confined to small, stuffy rooms with thirty-two others, hour after hour and day after day. Children might start to spend time learning out of doors! What an amazing concept!

Some really bad news filtered through yesterday—a huge increase in female genital mutilation across the world. Apparently, our new economic uncertainty means that girls have to be prepared as 'suitable' wives, to keep the family solvent. Without the protection of schools or the outside world, this horrific practice is increasing at an alarming rate. All the good work on prevention reversed. Lives changed forever.

*Sarah Breakey*

# COVID update

Once again, we are the lucky ones! Despite an increase in testing, we've uncovered no cases in the Triangle area—neither community transmission nor brought in by travellers.

As everybody knows, the plan is to test a lot of people and hopefully uncover small outbreaks like in Melbourne in the recent days, and contain them to prevent the second wave. Testing can be done at the hospitals in Bega and Moruya

(turnaround time for results is about 24 hours) or at the respiratory clinic at the Lighthouse Surgery in Narooma, which is also an assessment clinic, meaning that patients get examined, triaged and treated if appropriate. Turnaround time for results there is 36 hours. These clinics are likely to remain in place until a vaccine has been developed, so at the very least until next year.

So, we're not out of the woods yet.

To protect our community, maintain social distancing, wash your hands often and thoroughly, use hand-sanitiser ... we can do this!

I personally advocate installing the COVIDSafe app. I know a lot of people are worried about privacy – I am not.

*Dr Gundi Muller  
Lighthouse Surgery and  
Bermagui Medical Centre*

## Your vote, your choice

Our federal electorate, Eden-Monaro, is having a by-election on Saturday 4 July due to the resignation of the present member, Mike Kelly, because of illness. There are 14 candidates competing to be the single person to represent us in the House of Representatives in Canberra. This is a significantly larger number than usual and, with the COVID-19 restrictions, it's good to be prepared.

Voting is compulsory. Polling stations are open between 8 am and 6 pm. The electoral staff at the registration desks will be widely spaced with persons at the door controlling the numbers inside at any one time. Queues of voters will be spaced at 1.5 metres. Voting booths will be regularly cleaned. Provision is made for disabled, sick and elderly voters.

You need to place a number next to each candidate in the order of your choice, from 1 to 14. If you don't fill every box, your vote will not be counted. In the later counting of votes, preferences go only where you designate on your ballot paper.

It's good to be prepared beforehand, knowing the order of your choices – a written list can help. Because of the current pandemic, you can take your own pencil or pen.

Candidates and representatives of political parties may offer you their 'how to vote' pamphlets – you don't have to take them.

On the right is a list of candidates in the order that they will appear on the official green ballot paper. The candidates are ordered by a blind, random process – like 'out of a hat'. In the list, the political parties of the candidates, or their independent status, is indicated. You're welcome to cut this box out, work out beforehand how you'd like to vote, mark the list accordingly and take it with you on the day so you can **COPY YOUR CHOICES ONTO THE OFFICIAL GREEN SLIP**.

If you make a mistake you can ask for another ballot paper.

Casting a valid vote is important. The Eden-Monaro electorate is always highly marginal, so every vote definitely counts.

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# OzHarvest is back delivering goodness

OzHarvest Sapphire Coast North is back on track! After taking the difficult decision to suspend food collections temporarily following the impact of COVID-19, our local chapter will be returning to pick up and redistribute produce.

Rebecca Norman, OzHarvest Sapphire Coast North Chapter Co-ordinator, is thrilled to get back to business. 'It's such a simple way to help our community get through each week. We've all gone through such a tough time so it's great to be back on deck and ready to lend a helping hand. We're very excited to see so many happy faces who've been waiting so patiently,' she said.

OzHarvest picks up fresh surplus produce from Woolworths Bermagui, Woolworths Narooma, 777 and Honorbread every Tuesday and Thursday and delivers to Wallaga Lake, Fairhaven, Bermagui, Cobargo, Quaama and Narooma. Since March 2017 the Sapphire Coast North Branch volunteers have saved about 115,000kg of food from going to waste.

OzHarvest also offers the FEAST program for primary schools—resources to conduct a ten-week curriculum-aligned program to inspire students to eat healthy food, waste less and become change-makers in their local community. It helps children recognise the positive ways they can make changes at home, reduce food waste, learn new cooking skills and create their own recipes.

A new service, the OzHarvest Mobile Market, is also operating in regional communities to help meet the increasing need for food relief. Starting in NSW in late May, the mobile market has clocked



Volunteer for the Sapphire Coast North Branch, Rebecca Norman, with children from Little Lambs Preschool

up over 4000 kilometres so far, visiting 16 communities and distributing 1000 bags of fresh, healthy groceries. Each week our intrepid team starts a new journey to deliver emergency food relief to those doing it tough in parts of the country that often feel forgotten. For more information on this service go to [www.ozharvest.org/omm-nsw](http://www.ozharvest.org/omm-nsw).

Many hands make light work, so if you can offer one or two mornings a month to help your community then please get in touch with OzHarvest Sapphire Coast North. OzHarvest is

registered with Centrelink. If you would like to join the yellow team please contact Rebecca Norman for further information at [rebeccah.norman@ozharvest.org](mailto:rebeccah.norman@ozharvest.org).

Thank you to everyone who continues to support OzHarvest. Every dollar donated allow OzHarvest to deliver two meals to people in need. Donate at [www.ozharvest.org](http://www.ozharvest.org).

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Linda Sang spruces up the Cobargo School of Arts Hall with one of the Tool Library's pressure washers.

# Who's afraid of government debt?

First we need to understand government, money and banks.

Private banks create money when they make loans—and destroy it when the loans are repaid. The bank simply credits the borrower's account while simultaneously creating a balancing debit account. The borrower spends the new money, creating economic activity. Bank deposits, however, are not lent, but go into reserves. Banks are not intermediaries between lenders and borrowers.

The government is not a household, because it owns the Reserve Bank which has the ability to create money. Government spending creates money; taxation destroys it. There is no necessary identity between spending and revenue. Tax revenue (literally 'returned' money) is not needed to finance government spending, but serves to remove from the private sector excess money which has been injected by its spending and by private bank lending.

If there is excessive spending in the economy, leading to inflation (usually as a consequence of excessive private bank lending), either interest rates can be raised, or money can be drained through taxation or by suppressing the lending.

If there is insufficient private sector

spending in the economy, leading to deflation (usually as a consequence of low private bank lending), government needs to spend, financed either by Reserve Bank money creation, or by borrowing unused money from the private sector.

Money creation (private or government) is not inflationary if it employs unused labour and materials. We can always afford to do what we can do.

With insufficient local bank lending—the current situation—the government must provide liquidity. Consider the government functionary who arrives at a Greek hotel and pays 100 euros for a room. The hotelkeeper takes the 100 euros and rushes off to the butcher and pays him the 100 euros he owes him. The butcher goes to the farmer in the hills and pays him 100 euros that he owes the farmer. The farmer returns to the hotel and pays his 100 euro debt to the prostitute who occupies a room there. She in turn pays the proprietor the 100 euros she owes in rent. The functionary happens to cancel his booking and gets his money back—but all these businesses have benefited.

About the debt: besides Reserve Bank money creation, the government's income includes the sale of bonds, not because it

needs the money, but in order to provide a safe haven for investors, and also to control interest rates by buying and selling them.

Government debt is a private sector asset. It is owned by us, the people. Well, by owners of capital who have nothing better to do than lend to the government for ten years at 0.9%. They don't seem to want their money back; and besides, the Reserve Bank is already cancelling debt by buying up many of the bonds through money creation, and it can continue to do so, meaning debt need not constrain government spending.

The real economic problem is not the government's debt, but huge private debt—yours and mine—and of corporations, which strangles private spending and investment.

*Robert Fox*

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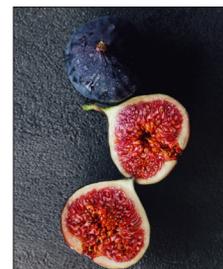
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Library staff know it's hard for those who are self-isolating, who live alone or who are trying to get back on their feet after the bushfires and we want to help. Library Link might fill the gap!

It may not be possible to deliver directly to all addresses within the Shire. In that case, we will deliver to a 'hub' location such as a nearby village post office or business that has agreed to be a drop-off and pick-up point.

Library Linkers will be able to make their own selections through the library's online catalogue if they wish, or library staff will make personalised selections for people based on reading and listening preferences and favourite authors.

If you know of someone who would benefit from Library Link, please pass this information on—we are keen to reach out! We have brochures available at all our libraries so call in and pick one up for someone you know.

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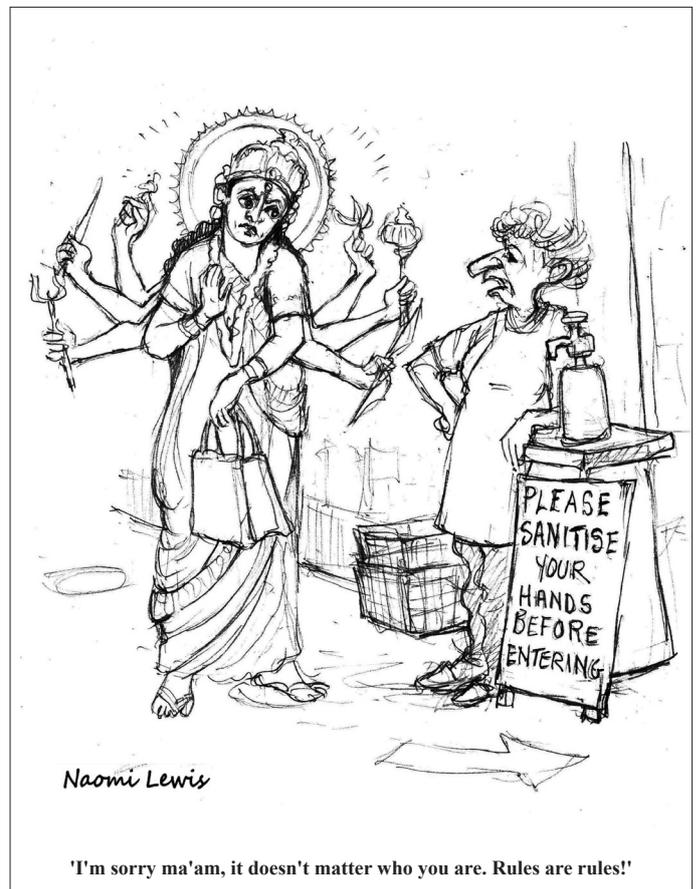
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If you're interested in Library Link, phone 6499 2127, email [librarylink@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:librarylink@begavalley.nsw.gov.au) or visit [library.begavalley.nsw.gov.au](http://library.begavalley.nsw.gov.au).

*Linda Albertson  
Customer Experience Librarian  
Bega Valley Shire Library*



Linda Albertson, Customer Experience Librarian; Megan Jordan-Jones, Library Services Coordinator; and library officer Myoung Yi, who are working to provide the Library Link service



'I'm sorry ma'am, it doesn't matter who you are. Rules are rules!'

## U3A Bermagui and District News

Our adventure into online classes during Term 2 has been very successful with good enrolments and high attendance. Many of our regular presenters have successfully adapted their existing and new courses to modular online presentations and discussions.

Our free membership, which is still available, has encouraged some new people to join up and we are meeting them for the first time online.

Our Term 3 program will be available on our website – [www.bermagui.u3anet.org.au](http://www.bermagui.u3anet.org.au) – from 15 July when you can enrol in our new program of online learning. The enrolment process is simple and a Zoom familiarisation session at the beginning of the term will assist members who are new to this video conferencing software. Term 3 commences on 29 July and runs through until 25 September. Please note that no face-to-face classes will be run by U3A in Term 3.

Just some of our online offerings in Term 3 to get you excited are Australia's Vietnam War, The Ice Age, Why are we Post Fact? and Buying Wine Online. We'll continue to offer old time favourites such as Poetry, Australian Literature, Apple Q's, Mindfulness and Book Chat.

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# Bega Valley Shire Council Roundup

## Filling the gaps in bushfire recovery

As the Bega Valley moves towards its sixth month of bushfire response and recovery, an opportunity is being created to check in with each other.

Bega Valley Shire Council and the NSW Government are committed to supporting each member of our community in the days, months and years ahead. The Bega Valley Recovery Needs Survey monitors that progress.

'Our black summer has changed everyone and everything forever. Now, coming out of Covid-19, it's important we reset and go forward together,' said Chris Horsburgh, Council's Recovery Project Lead.

To this end, Council has partnered with Service NSW and Resilience NSW to develop a short survey that will be delivered to everyone registered with the Bega Valley Recovery Support Service. You can complete the survey as a hard copy, online or over the phone.

'There are over 1900 people and families registered with the Recovery Support Service,' said Anne Leydon, Manager of Recovery Health and Wellbeing. 'The team is providing support in various degrees to all of those people, based on their needs. One size doesn't fit all.'

You can answer the Bega Valley Recovery Needs Survey online, or if you would prefer to complete it by phone or have a paper copy forwarded to you, please call 6499 2345 and a member of the team will assist you. You can also email [recovery@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recovery@begavalley.nsw.gov.au).

## Aboriginal Cultural Heritage—raising the bar

BVSC is committed to pursuing best practice when it comes to consideration of Aboriginal cultural heritage in our Development Control Plan (DCP). It's seeking the community's support and assistance to ensure this occurs.

Key to pursuing this goal is the current exhibition of an 'Aboriginal Heritage' chapter in the DCP and the Cultural Heritage Landscape Map that accompanies the background information.

The Map shows which parts of the Bega Valley are more likely to contain areas of significance for Aboriginal people, including ridgelines, areas adjacent to creeks and rivers, caves, rock formations and coastal headlands.

This new chapter spells out everything

that needs to be considered around development with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

'Nothing in the legislation has changed,' said Council's Aboriginal Strategic Planning Officer, Graham Moore. 'It's just that on many occasions development applications are very light in detail when it comes to Aboriginal cultural heritage and too often this leaves us with many unknowns around the potential impact.'

'Requiring more detail is an essential step towards ensuring developers don't do anything illegal under the National Parks and Wildlife Act. However, if anybody unintentionally disturbs or destroys Aboriginal heritage, carrying out a detailed level of due diligence also gives them a defence against potential prosecution.'

The new chapter and mapping layer can be viewed by visiting [www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay). The exhibition period closes Sunday, 2 August.

## Funding Finder finds its feet

The Bega Valley Funding Finder is a searchable register of more than 1,054 grants available to access a nationwide pool of \$172.9 billion from local, state and federal governments and corporate and philanthropic programs, including disaster relief funding. Council's own grants are also registered on the Funding Finder.

Since its launch in March, over 525 users have accessed the Funding Finder site. The Funding Finder presents opportunities for businesses, sole traders (such as artists, small start-ups), not-for-profit community groups, sporting clubs, and larger agricultural and manufacturing businesses. There's also a library of useful resources to help write applications.

Those needing a higher level of support can connect with professional grant writers through the Funding Finder or attend one of Council's grant writing workshops. Community groups and businesses can access the service at no cost. Go to [www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/grants](http://www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au/grants).

## Huge boost for rebuilding support

BVSC has appointed Garry Cooper to the position of Environmental Health and Building Surveyor,

Highly regarded in the local community, Garry comes to Council from the Far South Coast Rural Fire Service (RFS), where he spent the past decade working in bushfire environmental

planning, fire mitigation, and emergency management, response and co-ordination.

'It's been fantastic to be out on the ground in places like Cobargo and Kiah, where there are people still really hurting, and to have the conversation, share my experiences and give them a shoulder to lean on,' said Garry.

For assistance with the redevelopment process, contact Council's Development Hub ([developmenthub@begavalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:developmenthub@begavalley.nsw.gov.au) or 6499 2209).



The recent appointment of Garry Cooper as an Environmental Health and Building Surveyor has significantly increased Council's capacity to assist bushfire-impacted property owners.



A stern-faced Cobargo resident urges the Minister and candidates to fund the ABC adequately.

## Malcolm Halliday: ‘It’s more about a moment.’

Malcolm Halliday’s first career was in insurance. When he decided to call it a day, he did the rounds of his clients to say farewell. ‘One of them said to me, “You never seemed like an insurance broker”,’ says Malcolm. ‘And I took that as a compliment.’

I agree. It’s hard to imagine Malcolm, in suit and tie, toting a briefcase, talking indemnities, assets and agreed values. Cooling-off period. Excess. Risk management. Grace period.

But that was his life in Melbourne for many years. Next, he ran a licensed grocery with his brother. He doesn’t recommend running businesses with family members. Near the end, after another disagreement, he remembers exiting the premises, shouting, ‘I’m looking forward to just being your brother again, not your business partner!’

Then he and wife Jenny bought a paint-roller business. Those were the days when Australians manufactured things. They sold that after ten successful years, moved to NSW and retired to a block between Fairhaven Point Way and Montreal Goldfield—before he and a handful of other history-minded locals realised the cultural value of the old diggings.

Why Fairhaven? ‘Jenny and I used to bring the boys here for holidays,’ he says. ‘We’d stay at Ocean Lake Caravan Park. We loved the place. The beach, the trees. The lake.’

‘So when we decided to retire, and found four acres just back from Wallaga Lake, there was no question. And we’d come from the suburbs—we loved the seclusion of an acreage, the freedom.’ That was twenty-seven years ago.



Malcolm’s favourite photo, taken in Budapest in 2010

Since then, Malcolm’s been a key member of the team rehabilitating the Montreal Goldfield, abandoned after the digging frenzy of 1880-83, into the cultural asset it is today—after all, he could walk there, through the forest, from his home. He has billeted visiting musicians for the Four Winds Festival—names such as the brilliant pianist Geoffrey Tozer have rehearsed on Malcolm and Jenny’s Schimmel grand.



Malcolm Halliday,  
pianist, photographer - and more

And all the time, in the background, was photography. It started when he was ten. Since 2015 he has been on the Shop7Artspace team, exhibiting his photographs.

When I ask about subject matter, he finds it hard to answer. ‘It’s more about a moment,’ he says. ‘I just get the one shot. I’m not one for setting up, for taking multiple shots.’ Inspired by the 1949 film *The Third Man*, with its dramatic cinematography—angle shots, use of light—Malcolm took his favourite photo in Budapest in 2010, and another in the basement of a cathedral in Vienna.

Malcolm’s 81 now and last year was diagnosed with a condition that causes weakness of the bones. It’s slowed him down a bit. A lot. But that’s what brought home to him another thing about Fairhaven—the community.

‘When the news got out, it was amazing how many people called, or called in. And that was important to me. Very.’

In the *May Triangle*, Keith Bashford (also of Fairhaven) relates a story in his ‘Odds & Sods’ column—a neighbour had witnessed how hard it had become for Malcolm to get out of his chair, and went home to build a device. It worked. Malcolm was up and about again.

These days, ‘assets’ abound in his life—his family, his community, the environment in which he lives. ‘Agreed value’, no question. ‘Cooling-off period’ is when summer moves on and the lake birds and whales start to migrate north. There an ‘excess’ of love and care from his neighbours and the wider community. As for ‘risk management’, that’s what failed him when his knee gave way and he collapsed on the pavement in Bega recently, resulting in three precious weeks in hospital. But he learned his lesson (which was, ‘I should have listened to Jenny’).

The plan now is for more photography, and more music—playing, and listening. Bach and Beethoven, but also Debussy and the other Impressionists. Malcolm’s ‘grace period’ – that’s twenty-seven years, and counting, of life lived well in a place he loves.

Go to [www.thetriangle.org.au](http://www.thetriangle.org.au) and click on Photos in the top menu to see our inaugural Photo Gallery collection: a selection of Malcolm’s photos. More information on page 13.

## Odds & Sods: Big smiles as hens arrive

It was like a normal day at the maternity ward, or waiting for the pub to open on a Saturday morning. But no, it was the Cobargo Co-op carpark and the chooks were finally due to arrive.

We'd ordered them in November. The supplier's promises had been broken more times than Scott Morrison and Donald Trump combined. City folk had discovered what they hoped would be the pleasure of keeping chooks and enjoying their eggs, and it meant less driving and higher profits for the chook breeders. All the Co-op could say was, "The poultry mob told us Friday delivery and we haven't heard otherwise. Be there at 9.30 am and pay the truck driver – \$25 per chook!"

So there we all were, like scores of prospective foster parents. Lots of boxes to carry them home in, cardboard, wire, cat boxes. The expectant faces on the children. The adults trying to look, well, adult, but still with a light in their eyes. The big white truck pulled up at 9.30 am sharp, and opened the side doors to show wire cages all the way to the roof, jam-packed with Isa Browns, White Leghorns and Black Australorps. Hundreds of them. In turn we each shuffled forward, keeping Covid space, gave our names and collected our birds.

We took our four back to our converted rose garden with its two resident queens, still laying after all these years. Within, we had constructed a temporary shelter of a box, tarpaulin, stakes and netting. It would do for a week or so, until all the girls became acquainted. We turned the box containing the four newbies on its side and opened the lid. The poor traumatised girls stayed huddled together in the corner for ten minutes, then finally, after we walked away, a very tentative head poked out. And pecked curiously at a blade of grass—probably the first living plant it had seen or eaten. Soon they were all out. The birds were no longer generic chooks, they each had a particular look, and gradually their individualities would emerge.

We'll look after them, and they'll look after us.

Incidentally, for people with a few acres, there could be a real opportunity to grow hens for re-sale—as these are, at twenty weeks. This is called point-of-lay (in our experience it can take one to four months before they actually lay). The hens are sold through the Cobargo Co-op and Oaklands in Pambula, and no doubt other places as well. I know that local butchers are struggling to get organic chooks for sale. Somewhere in that is a modest living.

### Birds of different feathers feed together

Late morning on Wallaga Lake. A stiff westerly wind has sprung up to ruffle a sunny day. There's a large casuarina, long fallen into the lake, a favourite place for shags and others to catch the rays and dry their outstretched wings. Normally there might be half a dozen birds. Today, thirty? A large flock of pelicans circles. Then some coots paddle into sight, some other cormorant-type birds. Terns and seagulls arrive. A few birds are always visible in or above the lake, but now there must be a hundred.

A silent whistle must have blown, for each bird takes a position. Terns and seagulls above. Pelicans form a phalanx at right angles to the shore, facing into the wind. Coots, shags and other diving birds get in behind the pelicans and the whole procession heads into the wind. Other pelicans flap their wings on the water. Diving birds circle and bomb.

The procession moves forward a few hundred metres, and then the pelicans fly back and start again, the other birds following with a shared vigour and commitment. They're clearly feeding. Are they herding fish for the benefit of all? How do all these birds of different species know what's on offer at this place at this time?

Is there anyone reading this who can explain the events of that day?

*Keith Bashford*

## IHG donations arm Triangle residents for the recovery



← Stephen Jones of Quaama (right) checks out the 'catalogue' at the new Library with librarians Scott Herring and Geoffrey Grigg



→ Louise Brown uses the pressure washer on the Cobargo School of Arts Hall, which was looking a bit ashen after the fires.

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## Anglicans happy to be worshipping together again

It is wonderful for our Christian family to be worshipping together once more. COVIDSafe measures are in place, with COVIDSafe Officers at each service: Sundays, 8 am at All Saints, Bermagui and 10 am at Christ Church, Cobargo. Please join us. 'Come as you are – God doesn't want something from us, he simply wants us.' (CS Lewis)

After much deliberation it has been decided to re-open the OK Shed Op Shop on Wednesday 22 July—initially for only one day a week, Wednesdays, 10 am to 4 pm. Hopefully we'll be able to return to opening two days a week soon. We'll see how things go with the volunteer base we have available. The difficulty is that most of our workers are over 70 years of age and are unable to be on the front line, according to requirements from Anglicare, with whom we are affiliated. At this stage we're still not accepting donations; we'll let you know when we're able to do so.

Please contact Rev. Tim Narroway if you or someone you know needs support. 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:28)

Love and blessings,

*Chris Richard-Preston,  
Chair, Parish Council*

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## Calling all local photographers!

*The Triangle* is launching a Photo Gallery on our website.

This is not a competition but rather an opportunity to showcase local work, view great images and appreciate the broad range of skilled photographers we have in the Triangle area.

Each month we'll announce a different theme. Submissions are welcome from non-professional photographers of any age. The only proviso is that the images be taken locally – within the Triangle area. Sometimes we'll have to trust you on this one.

Up to twelve images will be selected and uploaded to the Gallery each month, at the discretion of *the Triangle* committee. Each image will be captioned to credit the photographer and give a brief description (up to 25 words). We won't use the photos for any other purpose without the photographer's permission. Each month's Gallery will be archived so the collection will grow with time.

The theme for August will be Portraits, so get your camera or phone out, start snapping, and send us your favourites by the end of July. Future categories to look forward to may include village life, landscapes, birds, still life, close-ups, animals, backyards, action shots, trees, black and white, and under-18s' photography.

Here are the basic requirements:

1. Photos submitted must be the submitter's own work.
2. Closing date is the end of each month. Images will be uploaded and viewable by the 15th of the following month. Subscribe to our website to receive an email notification (go to [www.thetriangle.org.au](http://www.thetriangle.org.au) and enter your email address under 'Subscribe to The Triangle via Email' on the right-hand side).
3. Send images to [photos@thetriangle.org.au](mailto:photos@thetriangle.org.au) in JPEG format with 2Mb maximum file size.
4. Images must be accompanied by the photographer's full name, email and phone contact details. Email addresses and phone numbers will not be published but used only to verify details. A short caption—up to 25 words—can be included if you wish.
5. Images must not be significantly altered although cropping is permitted.
6. No more than three images will be accepted from any single photographer each month.
7. Photographers must ensure captions are accurate.
8. Only single exposure and single frame pictures will be accepted.

We've launched the Gallery with a collection from this month's My Triangle subject and local photographer, Malcolm Halliday. Go to [www.thetriangle.org.au](http://www.thetriangle.org.au) and click on 'Photos' in the menu.

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Here it is, the middle of winter, and I'm still here! Queensland borders remain closed and, like so many other grandparents, we're missing out on being with our grandkids – and the beautiful, tropical, balmy days. We all wish this was over and things were back to normal ... but the reality is that life for everyone has changed and we must accept the change for the safety of ourselves, our families and our communities.

It's great to see Bermagui slowly opening up. Restaurants are open, shops now serving, Library's open along with the Visitor Centre. School kids are back into their second term and visitors are slowly trickling through.

The June Long Weekend surprised everyone with so many people deciding to escape their urban environments and head to the seaside towns. I believe all accommodation in Bermagui was booked out, and it was good to see the visitors spending their dollars in our restaurants and shops.

Maybe our 'new normal' is here to stay. Life is very different for our community, especially when attending public places. Hand sanitisers stand like sentinels at every doorway. Sign-in sheets are mandatory in some venues. Social distancing is being observed by most people and everyone is just getting on with their lives.

Our community is certainly lucky we went through this crisis unscathed. However, now that people are moving about again and coming from other regions, we must keep vigilant. The virus has not gone away! Everyone must continue to follow the rules and good hygiene practices ... keep washing those hands, folks!

Just when we all thought this world was going mad, Mother Nature turned on quite a spectacular lightshow of glorious sunrises and sunsets during the latter part of June. Photographers, professional and amateur, have been out in droves capturing the amazing pallet of colours that lit up the

sky. If, by chance, you missed them, there is a Facebook page called 'Bermagui Sunrise and Sunsets'. This is a public site where people can upload their photos. Perhaps this phenomenon has some meteorological explanation, but for those of us who just appreciate the wonders of nature, seeing such a sight certainly is a humbling experience and puts everything else into perspective!

Not much is happening around town at the moment, although there seem to be quite a few people around, so I'm wondering if the grey nomads amongst us, who normally escape the cold in their caravans, are staying put this year. Usually it's 'last one out, turn off the lights' in Bermagui in winter.

Still lots of activity up the top end of Bunga Street as the Bermagui Men's Shed site pushes towards completion. Concrete slabs have been poured and the toilet block has been built. The main shed is being delivered, and very soon the builders will be on site. Although a small group of blokes have been meeting once a week – fully complying with Covid restrictions – it will be great when they have a permanent home again and are able to get their equipment up and running and back into the projects they are renowned for. Well done, everyone who has worked so hard for the Men's Shed.

It's really pleasing to see the Bermagui Country Club reopened. During the lockdown, the Club has had a bit of a spruce up with a lick of paint, carpet cleaning and the roof finally fixed.

The Country Club is the heart of this community. It's a sporting hub, a place to eat, drink and meet with friends. We must never forget what the Club did for this community during the January bushfires. Although it was not the official evacuation centre, the Club suspended all trade, at a great financial loss, to support anyone who needed shelter, food, and a place of safety. After most of the town was evacuated, the Club became the headquarters for RFS logistics. Those who had to evacuate from

the Wallaga Lake area three more times during January were grateful the Club opened its doors. I will never forget sitting in the Club with fellow evacuees, looking into the auditorium and seeing so many people there with their dogs. We must applaud the Club management, who turned a blind eye to the variety of well-behaved pets that also needed shelter.

So, with the Club now open, memberships can be renewed, the restaurant is serving meals and sporting groups are beginning to regroup. However, things are not quite the same. Management has had to adapt and is asking all patrons to respect the new rules and safety measures in place.

Areas open to the public are the main lounge area, TAB and gaming machines, as well as the dining and café areas, with some restrictions placed on these areas. The following activities are currently suspended: bingo, trivia, all raffles, NPL poker, kids' corner in the dining room, courtesy bus, live entertainment and gatherings in the auditorium of ten or more.

While in the Club, patrons are to remain seated unless ordering drinks or food or attending restrooms. The Club will not admit any person who has a fever or flu-like symptoms. Management asks that anyone feeling unwell not attend the Club, but seek medical advice. All members and guests are to sign in before entering, and entry will be by the front doors only. The use of hand sanitisers is encouraged and social distancing of 1.5 metres is to be observed. Extra cleaning measures have been put into place to ensure the safety of staff and members.

These measures are to protect members and guests. The Club asks that everyone please respect these rules and adhere to instructions from Club employees. So, why not pop into the Club and say hello to the staff? Do your bit to support the Country Club – otherwise the heart of this community will cease to beat!

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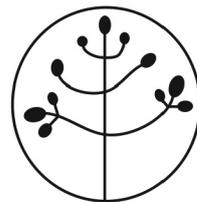
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## Bermagui project updates

Some welcome GOOD NEWS! And just the ticket for the domestic travel surge predicted in the 'new normal' COVID-19 world. It stands to reason, Australians will be holidaying inside Australia so we'll see much more activity in our beautiful area in 2020 and beyond. No better time than now to spruce up our amenities!

The All-Abilities Playground project for Apex Park in Bermagui has reached a milestone. According to the BVSC project manager, the equipment has been purchased and delivered, ready for the works to commence. If you wish to see the detailed plans take a look on the BVSC website under Major Projects/Everyone can play. It's a creative and innovative plan for the Apex Park area and will be a great addition to the recreational facilities in Bermagui.

The much awaited and much missed section of the Great South Coast Walk, which suffered damage from the massive storms in 2016, is about to get some

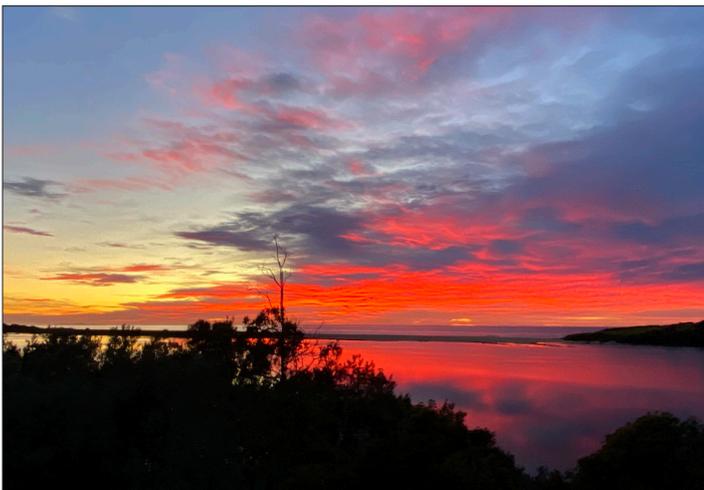
attention. There has been an exhaustive consultation phase with many interested parties on this complicated piece of land, lake and ocean frontage, with significant Indigenous sites involved as well as private properties. The first phase of the project runs from Wallaga Lake carpark to Camel Rock carpark over the Murunna Point track and is finally out for quotation now. Construction is set to start in July/August. The detailed plan will be up on the BVSC website shortly. Good things come to those who wait!

Speaking of waiting, a year ago the Bermagui Community Forum submitted a proposal to BVSC for a shared walkway from Wallaga Lake to Barragga Bay. Considering how many other similar shared pathways BVSC has now built, or is in the process of completing, at Tathra and Merimbula, it must be Bermagui's turn next, huh? BVSC must now be expert at this type of construction. We live in hope here in the north, where

tourists flood into the caravan parks and holiday accommodation in Wallaga Lake and Bermagui all year round. A shared pathway would also be much used by locals, getting out and about on their bikes and enjoying the gorgeous scenery by foot. Bermagui bats well out of its league in the tourism stakes so any addition to our area's facilities is going to pay off for our economic recovery.

Finally, though not a project, there's been a renegotiation of the postal delivery to Wallaga Lake, Beauty Point and Fairhaven. From October, residents will be enjoying package delivery to their addresses rather than always being 'carded' for pick-up in Bermagui. Personally, I say, 'It's about time!' and I'll be watching closely come October for my packages to be left at my property. If you wish to add your voice to the need for this service, pop online at the Australia Post webpage and leave your comments.

*Ann Maree Menager*



Future walkers on the Great South Coast Walk may be lucky enough to witness a sunset over Murunna Point and Wallaga Lake.



Works will start soon at the All-Abilities Playground at Apex Park.



At last, the walking track from Wallaga Lake carpark to Camel Rock carpark is getting some attention.

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# Bermagui Banter

## James Buchli: From Bazza's Bakery to Honours Scholarship in music

Readers may remember a story written by Sharon Cole in 2016, featuring local lad James Buchli. It was quite obvious at the time that this young Bermagui guitarist was heading for great things in music.

James, now 23, is the eldest son of the nine children of Paul and Alison Buchli, and locals may have noticed this shy and reserved boy working at their Bermagui bakery, or busking in the street, or performing at concerts to raise funds for local charity Can Assist. He and his siblings have all been home-schooled and this shows what dedicated parenting can achieve.

James is incredibly talented. He's on the autism spectrum but never allowed his disability to stand in his way when he set out to follow his dream in music. He's been a dedicated student at Canberra's Australian National University, obtaining distinctions and high distinctions in almost every examination.

Now in his fifth year, James is the recipient of the 2020 Ken and Vera Fowler Honours Scholarship, awarded annually to a student with an outstanding level of musical accomplishment and the potential to make an outstanding contribution to

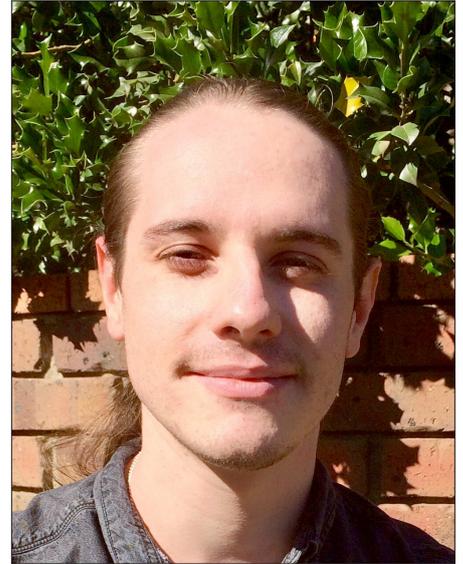
music.

When he was asked how he felt about the award, he said he was absolutely thrilled—the scholarship will greatly assist him to buy a much-needed high-powered MacBook Pro. He said that the scholarship represents a significant recognition of four years of hard work.

'To anyone out there – particularly those individuals that struggle with a disability – wondering whether it's worth pursuing your passions at the tertiary level, and spending seemingly endless hours in isolation practising your instrument, and poring over readings, I'm delighted to say with great conviction that it certainly is.'

Congratulations to James from your many friends and family in Bermagui.

Lori Hammerton



Proud musician James Buchli at his presentation

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Most people from the Triangle community will recall 'Umbrellas of Bermagui', an event presented as part of the Bermagui Seaside Fair from 2014 to 2018. Local artists were commissioned to hand-decorate 2.7-metre shade umbrellas, which were auctioned on the day of the Fair.

Over the five years it was held, 'Umbrellas of Bermagui' raised over \$40,000, which was donated to local junior sports groups. An amazing and rewarding achievement.

It goes without saying that everybody from the Triangle community recalls the bushfires that from New Year's Eve last year threatened us for nine long, awful weeks. In Bermagui for eight days in early January there were no essential services – power, water, sewerage, fuel, communications, food. All roads into town were closed. During these days the Mayor held a community meeting where it was announced that Bermagui could not be defended and residents should move to an evacuation centre in Bega or go to Canberra. All tourists were told to leave.

On a number of occasions over the next several weeks, road closures again meant there was no access in or out of the town. The community was evacuated a number of times as fires came right to our doorstep, within metres of residents' homes. Many properties around Bermagui were impacted, with significant infrastructure loss. All the town's businesses suffered enormous losses of stock and trade during this normally peak tourism period. After a brief few weeks' reprieve, the town is now impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

So Bermagui Seaside, the organisation that stages the Seaside Fair, is turning the table, giving back to those

## UMBRELLAS

## for Bermagui

who helped ensure the Fair's long success. Local artists have reunited and, with a twist, **Umbrellas FOR Bermagui** is raising funds for initiatives to support the town's businesses and tourism.

This time it's a raffle of five 2.7-metre shade umbrellas. The local artists created their umbrella designs under the theme 'Regeneration' – they're all very different, with positive reflection, and all quite simply stunning.

The raffle runs till 31 August and is open to residents in all Australian states and territories except WA. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased via online credit card payment at [www.rafflelink.com.au/umbrellasforbermagui](http://www.rafflelink.com.au/umbrellasforbermagui), where you can also see each of the beautiful umbrellas and the artists. Tickets by cash payment are also available – ask the Bermagui Visitor Information Centre for locations, phone 6493 3054.

Social media will be an important vehicle for getting the word out far and wide. Check out the Bermagui Seaside Fair Facebook page and please share, tell your friends to share and get them to tell their friends to share.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help contribute to Bermagui's wellbeing and recovery. And a chance to own a unique, magnificent, locally-crafted work of art.

*Christine Bimson  
Bermagui Seaside's Inc*

## Bermagui Library is back in action!

On Monday 15 June, Bermagui Library opened its doors to the public for the first time since the COVID restrictions came into place in March.

Some things are a little different, keeping in line with COVID-safe guidelines. Here's what you can expect:

- Self-service loans only—bring your member card with you. Library staff will be able to help people with special needs and new users of the self-service kiosks
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- All visitors to the library must sign in for contact tracing
- Enhanced cleaning regime for patrons and staff safety
- No public programs or room bookings
- Returned items quarantined for four days followed by sanitising.

New opening times for Bermagui Library are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 10 am – 5 pm and Saturday 10 am – 1 pm. Call the friendly team at the Library on 6499 2411 if you have any enquiries.

## Bermagui and District CWA

An old Swedish proverb says, 'Those who wish to sing always find a song'. What lovely words and they resonate with how individuals have found ways to contribute to the community through bushfire relief and Covid isolation. Many Bermagui and District CWA ladies have been potting plants, knitting blankets, sewing quilts, preparing care packs and cooking for BlazeAid, and we thank them for the love that they share through these activities.

Friday 3 July will see the first CWA meeting in the Bermi CWA rooms for committee members only, allowing for compliance with COVIDSafe regulations. Hopefully it won't be long until we can all meet together again, but in the meantime the prime concern is the safety of vulnerable members.

Over the past few weeks we've been delighted to see holiday-makers arrive at the Seaside Cottage, just one sign that things are opening up. This of course helps our local business—there certainly is a buzz around town! Keep safe, stay well and remember that happiness is what happens to us, when we try to make someone else happy!

*Chris Richard-Preston, Publicity Officer,  
Bermagui and District CWA*



Magnificent hand-crafted umbrellas from a previous year

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Things are loosening up! School's in session. The potluck dinners have started up again on Sundays at the Hall. Life is a little more normal now. And most people seem ready to go back to whatever we were doing last winter when we just wanted rain. And yeah, sadly, we still do. The lovely winter sun and the clear starry nights have shown precious little promise, so our drought continues despite the downpours that put out the fires, filled the dams and made our valley green again. They were a while ago now!

The Quaama Rural Fire Brigade had to stop training during the shutdown but are back at it now at the Fire Shed. If you're considering joining the brigade, head down there on Saturday 11 or 25 July at 1.30 pm to check it out. They would love to have new members to fill all kinds of roles, not just frontline firefighting. They've asked me to remind you that you must call the local RFS headquarters in Bega on 6494 7400 at least 24 hours before you intend to light a pile. You also need to let your neighbours know. They've had three callouts recently where neighbours were not warned about pile burns. It's alarming for neighbours and a waste of RFS time and resources to attend an unreported burn. So do the right thing! It's not hard. And you could be hit with a fine.

Another way to support our local brigade is by showing up with an empty stomach at the polls on 4 July. They'll be holding a classic (if not Covidised) democracy sausage sizzle and there's some noise about egg and bacon rolls as well. I'm looking forward to it!

Bushfire relief continues. The strategy is to work towards long term support for the needs of those who were affected. The Relief Centre at the Quaama Hall is open—socially distanced and sanitised. People are encouraged to come and browse through the donated goods. I know a lot of us who didn't lose our homes feel that we don't deserve any more support but don't let that stop you from having a look and giving a donation for whatever takes your fancy. If you have time to volunteer a few hours, there are always things to be done: unload, sort or arrange what's on offer. The supper room is open too. You can come for a cuppa downstairs where there are craft supplies and games if you're looking for creative entertainment.

Since restrictions on travel have eased, the Quaama Store has seen tourists return with the sole intention of supporting businesses in fire-affected areas. They're mainly buying jams and locally made craft so Ellie had the idea to get some nice bags made up with a Quaama motif. Keep an eye open for them in the coming weeks. While they may be popular with tourists, we too might want to show some village pride by sporting them when we're out and about.

The Sunday pot luck dinners are back at the hall, starting at

6 pm each weekend at the Covid-friendly fire pit outside. Bring a plate if you're able and a log or two if you can spare them. If that's too much to contemplate, just come as you are. Join your neighbours and friends after this time of isolation and rekindle our village connections while keeping a safe physical distance.

There's sweet news from the Anglican Parish. The King family, who generations ago gifted the land for St Saviours Church, has offered to restore the church bell which survived the fires so that it may feature in a memorial to the lost church. Negotiations are under way with Council for permissions and placement. It's likely to go in the park or perhaps somewhere on the Hall grounds. We'll be sure to let you know when this is decided. It will be a lovely and fitting way to tell the story of the church and its loss for future generations.

And this Covid thing is not over, but how lucky are we? We're right up there at the top of the list of countries that have kept it down to a manageable, traceable number of cases. Thumbs up! But do take care to continue following the guidelines or we may find ourselves back indoors later on. We need to make an awareness of the danger a part of our lives for the foreseeable future. So keep a safe distance from people and keep those good habits of handwashing and surface-wiping going. It causes no harm and will protect you, your family and your community.



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As our Triangle communities emerge from the past six months, many aspects of life have changed – for some, the devastation of the fires are still very real; some are eagerly returning to business; some found the time at home rejuvenating; some see this time as an opportunity to reflect and find ways for a better future. Importantly, most appreciate how privileged we are to be able to live in such a beautiful area with strong, responsive and caring communities.

All of us have the chance to reflect on the future that we want for ourselves, our children and grandchildren and for our community. As we consider how we vote in the Eden-Monaro by-election, let's all make sure that we choose a candidate which best reflects our wishes for the future. Organisations like GetUp and Eurobodalla350.org.au have scorecards for where each candidate stands on important local and national issues.

**Building for the future**

Brothers Richard and Les Stokes bought the historic Henkle property at Central Tilba in 2017. Located close to the Princes Highway at the start of Sherringham Lane, the property has stunning views in all directions, particularly the rolling hills to the north and east, Najanuga to the south and Gulaga to the west. Selected by J P Secombe in 1870, the original house has been extended over the years and is now a substantial homestead. Surrounding the homestead are many outbuildings, including the original barn and dairy as well as a repurposed farm shed, now a bunkhouse. Since acquiring the property, Richard and Les have done significant work on all the buildings to ensure their preservation. They have also revitalised the garden, re-erecting the old post and rail fencing to form designated garden areas on the sweeping lawns in front of the homestead.

Henkle is predominantly a cattle and sheep grazing property these days. To sustain their long term livelihood, Richard and Les are adding a small complex of buildings, enabling them to offer farmstay accommodation. More a retreat, the main building replicates the style of the homestead and has a two-bedroom unit at each end and a pair of single bedroom units in the middle. Each unit is self-contained and there's a communal kitchen and laundry. Adjacent to the main building is a small chapel with the original piano from All Saints at Bodalla, pews from Saint Paul's, Narooma, and the original main doors from All Saints, Bermagui. The chapel will be available for visitors and for special occasions like weddings. Close to Central Tilba and all the area has to offer, visitors will be able to learn the rich history of this historic property while staying in this stunning location.



The historic Henkle homestead will be offering farmstay accommodation.



The new Henkle buildings, under construction

**Eurobodalla estuaries and waterways**

Eurobodalla Council, like Bega Valley Council (see Odds & Sods, June 2020), has received a grant of \$1,105,000 over three years from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to mitigate the impact of bushfires on coastal waterways. Council's Environment Services Manager, Deb Lenson, said the grant will allow important work to be carried out. Priority areas will be those struggling to recover naturally and where sediment going into waterways can be reduced. Ms Lenson identified increased runoff and erosion as significant threats, and said that the grant will allow Council to carry out work that will have wide ranging environmental, social and economic benefits including the protection of the drinking water supply, fisheries and oyster industries, recreation and tourism. There is the opportunity for some of this work to be done in collaboration

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with local communities and private landholders.

Eurobodalla Council has also received joint funding with Bega Valley and Shoalhaven Councils of \$427,281 for the SE catchment and waterways bushfire recovery plan which covered the three local government areas.

## Tilba Market returns

Popular Tilba Market resumed on Saturday, 6 June, when a record number of people visited the area as the COVID-19 travel restrictions eased. Although it was a smaller market to incorporate required physical distancing, there was a long queue as people wanted to enter. Stall holders were happy to be back and to see many of their regular and loyal customers.



The Saturday Tilba Market, COVID-safe

During the lockdown, the Tilba Market SCPA Team organised fresh produce to be delivered to locals by order. This arrangement also helped local small producers, including Steve and Sue from Seamyst at Mystery Bay who have a regular stall at the Tilba Market. The SCPA Team as well as Steve and Sue are pleased to see the market resume. The market's return highlights the importance of this activity for social and community connection and economic value. There were many delighted greetings as people saw each other for the first time in many weeks.

## Chamber news

With the relaxation of travel restrictions, activity has returned to the Tilba villages. Both have seen a lot of visitors, eager to get out and about – many businesses were inundated on the June long weekend, the first weekend opportunity for people to travel. Peter Lonergan, President of the Tilba and District Chamber of Commerce, is upbeat about the upcoming school holidays with anecdotal news of strong holiday bookings in the area. This will be welcome news to all businesses. Peter also expressed regret that the Tilba Bakery and the Tilba Teapot have closed, although Ellen's Pantry, which was co-run with the Tilba Teapot, is functioning at full steam.

In other news, the Tilba Easter Festival Committee is looking forward to 2021. This long running family festival is an important annual event which highlights the special significance of Central Tilba and Tilba Tilba – its heritage and auspicious proximity to majestic Gulaga. The committee is hoping for strong community support next year.

## Back to School

Central Tilba School returned to full time face-to-face learning on Monday, 25 May, the fourth week of Term 2. A Time Capsule was buried on 29 May to celebrate, acknowledge and remember this unprecedented time. Enclosed in the capsule are the shared feelings, experiences and perspectives of the children during this time. It will be opened in 2040.

As part of its commitment to ongoing development, the school office is paperless as of Monday, 15 June. Using the School Stream platform, the free Central Tilba School app will streamline communication, notes, payments and information in an easily accessible, instant and paperless format. The school offers support during this transition—information is available on its website.



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## Land Care Group expands its local environmental engagement

The Tilba Tilba and South Narooma Land Care Group has decided to broaden its local activities.

Members attending the recent Annual General Meeting unanimously agreed to work collaboratively with other local groups to improve the natural landscape, waters and ecology in the district.

President of the group Geoff Pryor said that while the group would continue to target measures to control and reduce fireweed, the time had come to broaden its focus to cover other significant local environmental issues. These included:

- controlling or eradicating invasive species of both fauna and flora, especially weeds;
- maintaining and building healthier soils and waters;
- sustaining a viable, local, climate-resilient ecology; and
- working collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders

to achieve positive, long term sustainable outcomes for, and to protect, the region's landscape, waters and general ecology.

Geoff Pryor said, 'This is an important step for our group and for the district. There are many active, hardworking groups in our

area. We see our group's role as working together long term with all stakeholders to protect the beautiful environment of our area.

'We have outstanding natural and cultural assets in our district. However they need to be recognised and protected if they are to continue to flourish. Owning or leasing land in the district is a vital economic activity but it also brings with it an obligation to enhance and protect the area.

'We don't want to look back and wish that we had done more to retain our magnificent area.'

The group has prepared a detailed strategy document. This includes organising in the near future a community forum and other events to identify key issues. It is also interested in attracting likeminded locals. Membership enquiries can be made to Mark Stubbings on [stubbingsmark@gmail.com](mailto:stubbingsmark@gmail.com) or 0414 223 925.

In the interim, Geoff said that the group remained concerned with fireweed, about which it will lobby the Federal and State Government and the candidates in the upcoming Eden-Monaro by-election. The aim is to secure urgent funding to research ways to control fireweed.

## Tilba Halls news

It's great to see life returning to Central Tilba and beyond, and to have the Saturday Tilba Market back again.

The Collectibles Trash and Treasure market is on again too, on the second Sunday of every month starting 12 July. Get sorting out at home and in the shed and book a table. What's trash to you is someone else's treasure and it's a great way to re-use and recycle. So have a stall or come and grab a bargain. Open from 8.30 am till 2 pm in the Big Hall. Contact Janine on 0400 992 246 for more information.

The Small Hall will be the local polling booth for the Eden-Monaro By-election on Saturday 4 July.

*Janine Halasz*



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The valley is awash with trucks, flashing amber beacons and high-vis outfits, and we can start to see where they've been clearing and carting the remains of people's properties. A relief for some and confronting for others but inevitable for all. The town streetscape has been cleared and a lone tree fern stands proud, holding his ground to prove, despite all that went through, there's still hope. The conversations are running hard and fast as to what will appear on the freshly cleared blocks. Time will tell.

A new business has appeared at Haydon House—'Ground Lounges'. Welcome to Kathleen Doolin. Showing great strength amongst such adverse times.

The Cobargo Showground land managers have been busy putting in for grants. They've been granted some funds to upgrade the bitumen road into the ground, to put in a ramp to access the bar area, and for some new fencing around the arena. It will all be a great asset to have when early next year the Cobargo Show will be up and running, closely followed by the Folk Festival.

The Cobargo Co-op is busy developing the new block of land they purchased. The intent is to make it a safer for trucks to be unloaded and to keep the general public safely away from it all. It's still a work in progress but so far, so good.

On 11 July Tim Senior is retiring from the managerial position at the Cobargo Co-operative. Tim has worked at the

Co-op for over 30 years—no mean feat. We hope Tim enjoys his retirement to the fullest.

Congratulations to fifth-time grandparents Lisa and Anthony Harrington—their eldest daughter Gemma and her husband Tom welcomed a son, Charlie John.

We'll no longer see Mel Neilson at Cobargo Vet Clinic. She's decided to pursue her other interests and we wish her well. And we wish Michael Shipton the best of luck on the road ahead with a challenging illness.

It has certainly been a huge year of transition as we say farewell to another two extremely strong women of the Valley, namely Margaret Blair and Lena Pearce. Condolences to the Blair and Pearce families.

I'm finding it an interesting time as we navigate our way to recovery. It's challenging when people ask to what extent we were affected, and when they discover we still have a house and sheds it's assumed we got off scot-free. For the people who chose to stay and fight for their properties and stock, it needs to be understood that the trauma of being in the fire and struggling to survive, to remain calm, certainly leaves an emotional impact. To be amongst it and realise that you could die any moment has its challenges. Neither situation is easy but both need to be understood. Life is precious.

## Cobargo CWA meets again – COVID-safely



At last we have had our first meeting since COVID-19 imposed itself onto our lives! Such a good feeling to see the faces of our friends, albeit at a distance. We met, disinfected our hands, sat at a distance around the room and talked a hundred to the dozen! No cakes or slices were shared but the company of fellow members was enough to keep us going.

We caught up on news, discussed the

upcoming State Conference at Bega in 2021 (such a boost for the local economy) and how we had been operating during the shutdown. The funds from all around the State, so generously donated to Cobargo CWA following the bushfires, have been dispersed into the community. Members who've been supplying afternoon tea for BlazeAid were thanked and future plans were discussed, particularly concerning catering for future Group meetings, which adds to our funds.

Tentative ideas were discussed for the upcoming Music and Drama Day based on the concept of 'Seasons' – some great

ideas, some pretty way out! We reflected on our meetings – so friendly – where everyone has a chance to air their point of view and to be listened to with respect. So great in today's world.

We always welcome new members. Under current conditions if you are interested in joining us, perhaps a phone call to our President Ann Holub on 0451 825 726 would be the best way to get the latest information on our meetings. You're assured of a warm welcome.

*Mary Williams, Publicity Officer,  
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## Brigade busy despite restrictions

Despite the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 situation, the Cobargo Rural Fire Brigade has been busy responding to a number of incidents over the past month or so, including several motor vehicle accidents.

Members have also assisted neighbouring brigades with containing bush fires which resulted from escaped pile burns and other hazard reduction activities being carried out by property owners

This is a timely reminder of the need to pre-register your intention to carry out any burning off with Bega Fire Control on 6494 7400 (weekdays, 9 am – 5 pm). You should also be mindful to check and consider the weather conditions the day before lighting up – particularly if strong winds and/or high temperatures are forecast.

A reminder also that you must notify your adjoining neighbours at least 24 hours prior to lighting your burn, and to ensure that you have adequate firefighting equipment, human resources and water supply on site to contain the fire if necessary.

During the month, the Brigade was involved with helping the family of former Cobargo and Tinpot Brigade member, the late Andrew 'Sunder' Spencer to celebrate his life at an event held at the Cobargo Hotel. The Spencer family has also made a generous donation to the Cobargo Brigade in memory of Sunder, in the form of the caravan Sunder had obtained after the New Year's Eve bushfires.

Anyone considering joining the Brigade and experiencing the rewards of volunteering and helping to protect and serve our



Sunder's family representatives Bruce Gregory (left) and Neil Spencer (right) display certificates of appreciation during the handover of Sunder's caravan, with Cobargo RFS President John Walters and Captain Mark Ayliffe.

wonderful Cobargo community will be welcomed.

For more information please contact me on 0412 919 708.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we're pleased to advise that our fortnightly training sessions have resumed, with training sessions scheduled for Thursdays 2, 16 and 30 July, from 7.00 – 9.00 pm at the Station, Wandella Road, Cobargo.

*John Walters,  
President/Secretary*

## Christmas in July!

**Saturday 25 July, 10 am – 4 pm.**

Our resident Santa, with his new sleigh, will be cruising downtown Cobargo, and he's stocked up on good cheer and loads of presents. The street parade begins at 10 am. Santa and our fires will head the parade, beginning at the Showground, heading along Avernus Street, from there to the highway and down into our town centre. Join us! There are prizes for the best fancy-dressed adults and children (special prizes for children) and best decorated business.

Bring or make your own bling and help decorate our Christmas tree. Let's make this a Christmas-in-July to remember!

If you can help or have any suggestions, please contact me on 0409 033 828. Stallholders, contact Beth on 0428 696 623. COVID restrictions apply.

We look forward to seeing you all on 25 July!

*Janet Doolin*



## OZHARVEST MOBILE MARKET

Keep an eye out for OzHarvest's Mobile Market, which will be visiting regional towns along the South Coast in the coming weeks. A bag full of locally purchased fresh fruit and vegetables will be available to anyone doing it tough, free of charge.

For the schedule, locations, FAQs and optional pre-registration, head to [www.ozharvest.org/omm-nsw](http://www.ozharvest.org/omm-nsw) or please text/call 0490 262 519.



Nourishing Our Country

## A message from the pumpkin patch

Put them in the ground and walk away. That's what they say about pumpkins. Well, we planted them and not long after, we ran away. We ran because of what happened on 31 December—the fire.

The dry, dry, parched late spring bade us deeply water-in our pumpkins, nestled in heaped up mounds in our new garden bed, the vegie-patch-to-be. Pumpkins? Anything to quickly cover the bare earth! And if it bore fruit we'd be stoked. With an eye to the pitiless blue of a late October sky, we manured and mulched,

mulched, mulched, then ignored them. Then remembered them ... our three remaining pumpkin seedlings got some seaweed emulsion, and we tossed in three packets of nasturtium seeds on the other side of the bed for good measure.

Ever more worried as the smoke filled our December sky, we grabbed a little strand of hope, sneakily checking on the garden bed one day and seeing the darling little shoots pushing fuzzily outward.

When the news was catastrophe, sadness and destruction, and fires angrily

getting closer, we wondered, sobbed, what's the point? What's the point of a garden? The black leaves started falling. And then it was time to go. To be safe. Not knowing what we'd return to.

We'd been expecting fires but it was hell that visited us around here. Our home and garden were unbelievably, but thankfully, spared. We cried for the unintelligible losses experienced by friends, our community, animals and the land.

Black sticky ash coated the leaves of insanely thriving pumpkin plants a few days later. Evacuees returned. Somehow, miraculously, a few millimetres of rain had fallen. Pushing back the leaves, there were tantalising glimpses of plump, young, green-striped Kent pumpkins in the shade. There's a metaphor here—those tendrils seeking out goodness despite such adverse conditions.

It wasn't over. Two further evacuations, a partially burnt paddock and once again our home and garden were spared thanks to luck with the wind, good neighbours and the RFS. Prepping. Watering. Those pumpkins grew and grew. Mostly neglected, they powered on regardless. Like they wanted to feed and sustain.

We harvested over a hundred pumpkins. They're delicious. It's been a bit of joy to share this bounty with friends, especially as so many gardens had to be started again, right from scratch, after the fires. To cut into that bright orange flesh and see those teardrop shaped seeds ... there's goodness here.

*Sally Josh*



Sally and the bountiful harvest of Kent pumpkins that she and Kate are sharing with friends



Pumpkins ... and Maggie the cat

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## 'Used to be' at the Lazy Lizard Gallery

The lizards are back! Yes, we know we reptiles should be thinking about hibernating at this time of year, but we got fed up with being lonely and for the past month we've been cautiously creeping back ... carefully sanitising our little lizard feet and observing social distancing as best we can.

We were so proud of Helen Stafford, who, despite having lost literally everything in the fires, last month bounced back and created her 'Snug as a Bug' exhibition. Well done, Helen. It would have been a bleak winter indeed without your lovely felted and knitted winter warmers!

Now, for July, we welcome Rita Easton to the Side Room Gallery, with a fascinating exhibition called 'Used to be'—she loves to make things out of used goods. Get down to zero waste, is her motto. She likes to live sustainably and make do with what she has. She works with textiles, glass and metal and will be displaying

copper-foiled glass mosaics, also handmade clothes and anything from bedlinen to kitchenware, using eco-dyed, upcycled fabrics.

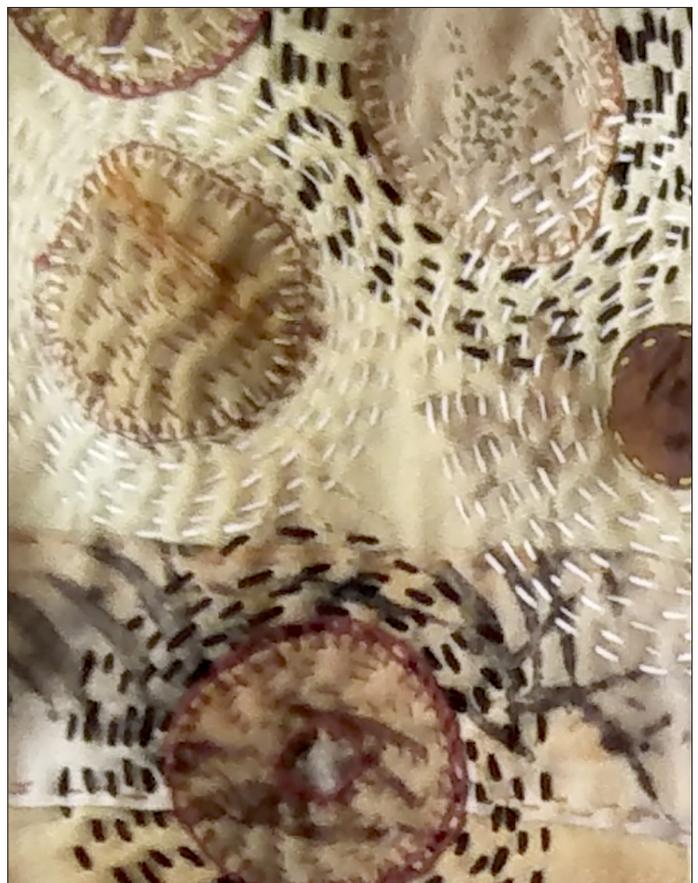
Rita's lucky enough to have a fantastic group of friends who give her their 'trash' (good stuff they no longer need). She says, 'I can't remember the last time I bought a gift for a friend or family member. I love using a medium where love and time has been put in. You can't pass up embroidery, tapestry or hand-knitting ... you just feel the love and dedication in those things. I use old jewellery for glass pieces, which I call my "Memory Window"—no use keeping it in a box!'

So please come round, check out Rita's work and say hello to the lizards. We would love to see you, and will be open as many days as we can manage.

Naomi Lewis



Sun catcher by Rita Easton



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# Art in the Triangle

## Art 'n' Craft Bank, studios and a gallery makeover

It's all a'happening at Cobargo Creators Gallery, which has re-opened with a treasure trove of beautiful work by our talented community. Despite the aftermath of our summer's fires, despite lockdown, hand sanitisers, facemasks and physical distancing, many creators have been busy developing their craft.

The solstice wheel has turned with the shortest day behind us. It's fitting then that the street has been cleaned up and, although we miss what was there and grieve for all that's been lost, the empty space is beckoning us to imagine something wonderful re-emerging in our village.

While in 'iso' the gallery had a surprising makeover, so pop in and has a look-see.

At the back of the gallery the sunroom has been converted into an Art 'n' Craft Bank. Donations from kindhearted people continue to flow in to support this new

initiative. The Bank is full to the brim – wool for felting, knitting, crochet, books, magazines, patterns, knitting needles, art supplies, scrapbooking, coloured pencils, braids threads ribbons and bows, beads wires fabric ...

Come along and withdraw a project or make a deposit.

Down the laneway, in the garden, the shed has been transformed into studios for artisans who have lost their working space. Already it's a creative happening; the kettle is on, the kiln is firing – for expressions of interest email [cobargocreators@gmail.com](mailto:cobargocreators@gmail.com).

Or drop by to be inspired and heartened by a creative community coming alive again.

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In making your selection, consideration of the eventual size of the tree must be utmost in your mind. What do you want the tree to provide – summer shade for a particular section of your garden or winter sun? Anything else? Once the tree has started to grow it can be detrimental to dig it up and relocate it.

You can select from various types, including larger spreading forms, upright narrow trees for a restricted part of the garden, weeping trees for a central garden position or a range of flowering trees that add a beautiful touch to any spring garden.

Larger spreading trees include Golden Ash, Claret Ash, Manchurian Pear, Gleditsia (several forms), Robinia and Chinese Elm. Upright forms include ornamental pears (several varieties), ornamental plums (new narrow forms) and many other new varieties that have recently come onto the market. Flowering trees include ornamental cherries, crab apples, plums and some magnificent magnolias.

Most nurseries will now have many deciduous trees in stock and the owner would have selected either bare-root or container-grown forms. If you choose a bare-root tree, it's important to ensure that

at no stage have the roots been allowed to dry out, as this can make it difficult for the tree after planting. Pot-grown trees have a more established root system, may be a bit more mature and will not have had their roots dry out.

Once you have chosen your tree, the next most important procedure is the planting. For bare-root forms, dig a hole slightly larger than the root ball, at least deep enough to cover the roots but not so deep that the tree is buried higher than halfway to the graft union. Soak the roots in water and a liquid seaweed-base fertiliser, and mix some composted animal manure with the soil you have dug out of the hole. Place the tree in at the correct depth and gradually add the soil back into the hole, shaking the tree slightly as you go to allow the soil to fall in amongst the roots. When you have all the soil in the hole, slightly compress the soil and water it in to remove any air pockets. Stake if required, using two stakes at the sides of the plant, taking care not to damage the roots.

If you have purchased container-grown plants, the process is the same, apart from loosening the roots slightly to allow them to establish. If you are unsure of any of these processes, ask your nursery person.

I mentioned in an earlier column that it was important to be patient when making the decision to remove fire-affected trees as, depending on the severity of the fires, they might not have been killed but just scorched. I suppose spring will tell—if they don't shoot, they have died. If they're

still standing, there's hope. If you can reach branches, slightly scrape the bark in a small section and if it's still green, there's a chance they'll recover. If not, remove and start the replacement program.

Good luck!



### Guidelines for contributors

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

1. Stories should be 300 words maximum except by prior arrangement.
2. Photos should be sent as **separate JPG attachments – not embedded into your story**. Please send the original digital photo, uncompressed, so we have a large image to work with. Please include a caption for your photo at the bottom of the article it accompanies.
3. Send all articles as **WORD** or other **TEXT** documents.
4. Please do not send posters or flyers! Instead, write a few paragraphs about your event and include the date, time and venue in that. And attach a photo if you have one.
5. Think about a headline for your story. Please don't leave it to us!
6. Deadline is midday on the **22nd of the month**. Any questions at all, please email [contributions@thetriangle.org.au](mailto:contributions@thetriangle.org.au)

# TILBA NURSERY

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Saturday | 9.00am - 4.00pm



## Cooking with the multi-talented yet so humble pumpkin

We've always appreciated the pumpkin. It's resilient and easy to grow, a comfort food, nutrient-dense and it can be enjoyed well beyond its season ... it's one of those foods that just keeps giving. But until we were blessed by our abundant harvest this autumn we were ignorant as to just how versatile the pumpkin is. In the past we've eaten pumpkin as a soup, baked, mashed, steamed, in a pie, casserole or curry, the odd batch of pumpkin scones, stuffed flowers and munched on the dried roasted seeds. But with so many pumpkins to cook and share, we've been enlightened by how multi-talented the pumpkin truly is. We've made pumpkin cake, jam and chutney, sweet pumpkin pie, cheesecake, bread, pumpkin salads and on and on. Here are a few of our new favourite recipes. Enjoy!

### Pumpkin Kasundi

If you love spicy sauces and chutneys, you'll enjoy this kasundi. We've adapted Rohan Anderson's (*Whole Larder Love*) end-of-summer tomato kasundi recipe to suit our autumn pumpkin harvest.

- 3kg pumpkin
- Curry powder (to sprinkle before baking)
- Lots of garlic – 10-20 cloves
- Lots of chillies (8 if they're hot ones) diced with seeds in
- 3 cups malt vinegar
- 2½ cups brown sugar
- 300 g grated ginger
- 6 tbsp mixed mustard seeds
- 6 tbsp ground cumin
- 1 – 2 tbsp dried chilli
- Sunflower oil (to fry off the spices)

Cut the pumpkin into small cubes, place on baking trays, sprinkle generously with curry powder. Bake until just cooked – not too soft, not too firm!

In a large pot add a dash of sunflower oil, add the spices and fry off for a few minutes.

Add the ginger, garlic and chilli and stir in well.

Add the sugar and vinegar, stir in and simmer for a few minutes.

Add the pumpkin (if the pumpkin you are using is dry you may need to add more liquid. Use 1 cup of apple cider vinegar or water instead of more malt vinegar).

Simmer for around 15-20 mins. Store in sterilised jars.

Eat straight away or leave for a few weeks to allow the flavours to infuse.



Pumpkin Kasundi

### One-bowl Pumpkin Cake

This is like a carrot cake but made with grated pumpkin instead.

- ½ cup brown sugar
- ¾ cup olive oil (if you find olive too strong a flavour, try a combination of olive oil and grape seed oil)
- ½ cup honey or golden syrup
- 3 eggs
- Vanilla (extract or bean paste)
- 1½ cup SR flour
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 300 g grated pumpkin
- Handful (more or less) sultanas or currants and some nuts (walnuts or pecans)



Pumpkin Cake

In one medium size bowl, mix by hand the sugar, oil, honey, eggs, vanilla (using a balloon whisk is good, but a spoon is fine). Stir in the dry ingredients followed by the pumpkin. Bake in a loaf tin (or your preferred tin), 170-175C for about 40-50 mins.

This cake is lovely eaten on its own, sliced and spread with butter, or iced with cream cheese icing (1 pkt cream cheese, ½ cup icing sugar, a squeeze of lemon and lemon peel zest, sprinkled with pepitas).

### Rich Pumpkin Cheesecake for a special treat

#### Base:

1 pkt gingersnap biscuits (or use ½ gingersnap and ½ digestive for a crumblier base) and ⅓ cup pecans, whizzed together—or swap for whatever GF base you prefer.

Mix in ¼ cup melted butter (or a bit more—enough to bind the crumb together). Press crumb into base of spring-form tin.

Blind bake for 5 – 10 mins. Cool.

#### Filling:

Mix together:

- 3 pkts cream cheese (750 g)
- 1½ cups sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 4 eggs

Stir into the above filling mix:

- 1.5 cups pumpkin (diced, steamed til tender, mashed and cooled)
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp nutmeg



Pumpkin Cheesecake

Spread filling onto base and bake at 170 for about 40 mins. Don't overcook—remove from oven while there's still a bit of a wobble in the centre. It'll keep cooking in the tin while it cools down.

## **Blacklands** **Belinda Bauer** **Orion, \$19.99**

*Blacklands*, the first novel by Belinda Bauer, is a chilling psychological read. It's both a tale of a broken, dysfunctional family and a journey into the mind of a child-murdering serial killer.

The story revolves around Steven Lamb, a 12-year-old boy from a poor background, whose uncle, Billy, was believed to have been a victim of the child killer and paedophile Arnold Avery. His remains have never been found and although Billy disappeared before Steven was born, the shadow of his uncle's death has impacted greatly on his family. His Nan is bitterly obsessed, standing at the window, every day awaiting Billy's return, while Steven's mother shows only the most basic interest in anything.

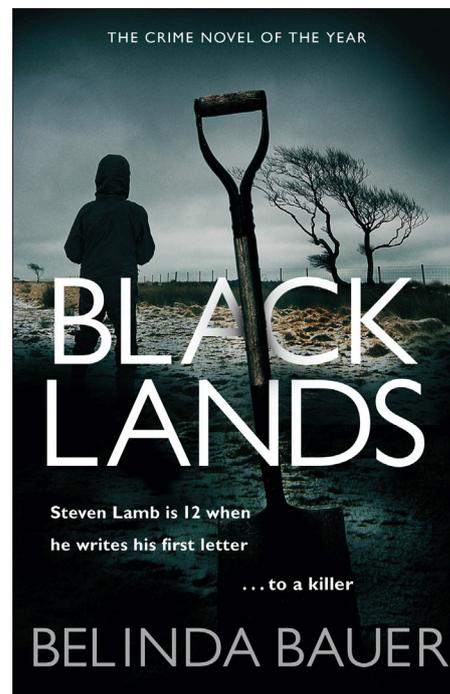
Steven begins to develop the idea that he can 'mend' his family if he can discover the fate of Billy, so begins digging on nearby Exmoor in the hope of discovering

his uncle's bones. When his search proves fruitless, Steven takes the next logical step, carefully wording a letter to Arnold Avery in prison.

Because Avery's mail is censored, Steven devises clever ways to pose his questions, and Avery finds clever ways to provide enigmatic answers. The depraved Avery sees in the letters a way to wallow in his fantasies and there begins a dangerous cat-and-mouse game between a desperate child and a bored serial killer. The growing threat from the killer, even from within his prison cell, is spine-chilling and you fear for Steven's safety.

*Blacklands* is a gripping read that provides a mix of crime, thriller and coming-of-age drama. Steven's character and his home life are well developed and drawn with subtlety and sensitivity. Arnold Avery also makes for a fascinating, if despicably ugly, character. The plot is carefully crafted—you don't know what will happen until the last pages—and deals with some potentially difficult topics, although Bauer, thankfully, avoids graphic details.

*Blacklands* is uncomfortable at times but highly atmospheric and suspenseful throughout.



## Pet of the Month

Deb Cox

Sophie is a beautiful, two-year-old, dark tortoiseshell who is used to dogs and gets on well with other cats. She can be quite shy at first and would suit a quiet, adult household. She has always lived in a rural setting and is not used to traffic and busy roads. She has lived an in/out lifestyle, but always sleeping inside at night.

Sophie has been a much-loved pet but has to be rehomed due to a change in circumstances following the bushfires. She's desexed, chipped, vaccinated, worm/flea treated and vet checked. Cost \$150. D.O.B. 09/01/18.

All animals available through AWLNSW are microchipped, de-sexed, vaccinated, wormed, and flea- and tick-treated. Their adoption fee is subsidised in the hope that rescue pets will be people's first choice and that eventually we will be able to stop unwanted litters.

You can view available animals on our Facebook page (AWLNSWFarSouthCoast) but you will need to call us on 0400 372 609 to enquire about any of the cats, kittens, dogs and pups available for adoption. (AWL NSW Rehoming Organisation Number: R251000222).

De-sexing your pets can result in less risk of your pets getting cancer, prostate problems if male and uterine infections if

female. They will generally live a longer and healthier life, will be less prone to wander, fight or get lost or injured whilst looking for a mate, and are likely to be calmer and more affectionate and less likely to urine mark or to claim territory and attract mates.

De-sexing vouchers are available at all vet clinics in our branch area (Bega Valley Shire) for local residents who hold a Centrelink Pension Card. AWL Far South Coast will subsidise the de-sexing by \$125 for female dogs and cats and by \$100 for male dogs and cats. Simply make a booking with your vet, show your pension card and you only need to cover the balance of the de-sexing cost.



Sophie was a much-loved pet who had to be surrendered due to a change in her people's circumstances after the bushfires.

## Classifieds

### WANTED

Casual drivers wanted for day/night work. Bermagui based. Needs good driving record, able to use Navigator and have own ABN number. PH Andy 0408 029 508

### FOR SALE

2012 Nissan Navara 4x4, Rego June 2021, great condition, 105,000 kmls, tow bar, twin batteries, tinted windows, nudge bar, torneau cover, tub liner, full service records, \$17,500 O.N.O.. Call Brian 0408 661 533.

### ANSWERS (from back page)

12. MILLENNIUM  
10. AQUA 11. AGENDA  
CLASSIC 9. MOONBEAM  
EPISODE 6. CRITIC 7. SURPLUS 8.  
3. ABRACADABRA 4. EXERCISE 5.  
1. ANTIARCTICA 2. DIVIDEND  
**BEGIN AND END**  
HAH 29. EON 30. III 31. ANG 33. JR.  
CYGNET 23. ODD 25. COMMA 27.  
17. INEPT 19. ALLY 20. CHEATS 21.  
13. WIPE 15. PTTY 16. AD MAN  
7. INA 8. CONVEY 11. HOS  
3. LEO 4. TAC 5. ADO 6. GO  
**DOWN:** 1. CHASTE 2. PETAL  
34. SHRINKING 35. APT  
MEDICAL MAN 32. TAJ  
22. HALCYON 24. TACKY 26. AH 28.  
18. BAD TEMPERED  
12. AN 14. TULIP 16. ASININE  
ONO 10. APT TO ACHOO  
**ACROSS:** 1. CUP 3. LETHARGIC 9.  
**CROSSWORD**



#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Bermagui Saturday 2pm & Bermagui Monday 5pm  
Both at Anglican Church Hall,  
Ph Dave on 6493 5014

#### AL-ANON

Bega, Back Room 7th Day Adventist Church,  
31 Upper St (opp showground/pool)  
Tuesday 5-6 Thurs 1-2 Ph 6492 0314

#### ALICE BAILEY GROUP

Each Saturday from 12.00 to 3.00pm we gather to  
learn the Ageless Wisdom teachings. All welcome.  
Phone: Lorraine on 6493 3061

#### ANGLICAN PARISH OF COBARGO

Bermagui: All Saints- 1st, 2nd 3rd 4th Sundays 8.00am  
Cobargo: Christ Church-1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays 10.00am  
5th Sunday - One service in parish at 10  
am rotation. Contact Tim Narraway 6493 4416

#### ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Far South Coast Branch promotes the welfare of  
companion animals and responsible pet ownership.  
Call 0400 372 609

#### BERMAGUI BADMINTON CLUB

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

#### BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB ARTS SOCIETY

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

#### BERMAGUI CROQUET CLUB

Sunday Social Golf Croquet 9.45 until 12.00  
Monday Association Croquet 1.30 until 4.00  
Wednesday Golf Croquet 1.30 until 4.00  
Thursday Association Croquet 1.30 until 4.00  
Call Lynn Lawson 0411 432 533

#### BERMAGUI CWA

Meeting, first Friday of the Month at 1 pm.  
CWA Rooms, 10 Corunna St, Bermagui.  
Contact: Mrs Kathryn Preston, 6493 5887  
kfpreston@bigpond.com

#### BERMAGUI DUNE CARE

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

#### BERMAGUI GARDEN GROUP

1st Tuesday every Month 10 am until 12 noon, venues  
vary, phone Heather Sobey on 0418 406 068

#### 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

#### 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. Bob Whackett: 6493 3136

#### 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 & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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.

#### THE BERMAGUI MARKET

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

#### BERMAGUI MEN'S SHED

Currently closed due to Covid-19  
For information please contact Phil Baldwin -  
President 0421 114 882

#### BERMAGUI PROBUS

Probus provides an opportunity to meet with fellow  
retirees on a regular basis, listen to interesting guest  
speakers and join in the company of new friends.  
Meets on the second Monday of each month at the  
Pavilion, Dickenson Oval. 10am-12.  
Contact Lorraine Courtis  
email lcou6446@bigpond.net.au

#### BERMAGUI & DISTRICT SENIORS' SOCIAL CLUB

The 1st Wednesday of each month, General Meetings  
held alternately at CWA rooms, Bermagui and  
Bermagui Country Club, commencing 10.30 am. with  
social luncheons to follow. New members are most  
welcome. Enquiries contact  
President Hilda 0438864374

#### BERMAGUI SES UNIT

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

#### BERMAGUI TINY TEDDIES PLAYGROUP

Fridays 10-12 during school term. Newborn, toddlers,  
all welcome! CWA Hall, Corunna St, Bermagui.

#### BERMAGUI U3A

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

#### BERMAGUI URBAN FOOD FARMERS (BUFF)

community gardening and growing activities -  
various times and sites.  
Contact Paul on 0466 013 153 or visit  
www.facebook.com/BermaguiUrbanFoodFarmers

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend Mass times.  
Bermagui- Sunday 7:30 am Cobargo -Saturday 5pm

#### COBARGO CWA

Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am  
CWA Cottage, 5 Cobargo-Bermagui Rd, Cobargo  
Contact: Ms Sally Halupka 6493 7356  
cwa.cobargo@gmail.com

#### 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 PRE-SCHOOL

Child centred, play based preschool education for 3-5  
year olds in a happy, creative & caring environment.  
Monday-Thursday. Ph 6493 6660

#### COBARGO PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Families welcome every Thursday 9-10.30am.  
All ages welcome. Bring along a piece of fruit  
to share. A small donation would be greatly  
appreciated. 6493 6660

#### COBARGO & DISTRICT RED CROSS

For meeting dates or catering enquiries  
phone 0488 048 701, 6493 6948 or 6493 6435

#### COBARGO SoA HALL COMMITTEE

Hall bookings and inquiries: Linda 0407 047 404  
email: cobargohall@gmail.com

#### 1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP

Children 6 - 15yrs. Meetings 6.30pm to 8pm in school  
term Cobargo Showground dining hall. Contact  
Graham Parr on 0429 936 795

#### COBARGO SHOW MEETING

2nd Wednesday every month, 7.30 pm - CWA  
Rooms. Contact Naomi Rolfe 0417 456 354

#### COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASSOC

Monthly meetings 2nd Tuesdays at Well Thumbed  
Books, 6pm. Contact: David Wilson on 0401 398 141

#### COBARGO CWA

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

#### DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

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

#### MOBILE TOY LIBRARY

& Parenting Resource Service. All parents of children  
0-6 welcome to join. Enquiries: 0428 667 924

#### LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

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

#### 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

#### OPEN SANCTUARY AT TILBA TILBA

Meets regularly on 2nd Saturday 4.30pm - 6pm,  
and 4th Friday 10am to 2pm.  
Plus, meditations, discussions, guest speakers  
& special events.  
website: opensanctuarytilba.org and facebook.  
Inq: Linda Chapman 0422 273 021

#### TILBA CWA

Meeting 2nd Friday of the month at 10 am  
Tilba small hall, Bate Street, Central Tilba  
Contact: Ms Helene Sharpe 0438 257 189  
cwasecretary@gmail.com

#### TILBA MARKET

Home grown, Hand made, Grow it, Make it, Sew it,  
Bake it every Saturday 8am to 12, Central Tilba Hall  
Stall booking essential, phone 0490 130 478.

#### QUAAMA MEN'S SHED

Meets Wednesdays from 10am at the old fire shed,  
20 Bermagui Street, Quaama. All men are welcome.  
For information contact John Preston (President) on  
6493 5887 or Ron Higgins on 0408 788 528.

#### QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

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

#### SCHOOL OF ARTS PLAYERS INC (SOAPI)

Enquiries: Robyn Freedman 0410 525 968

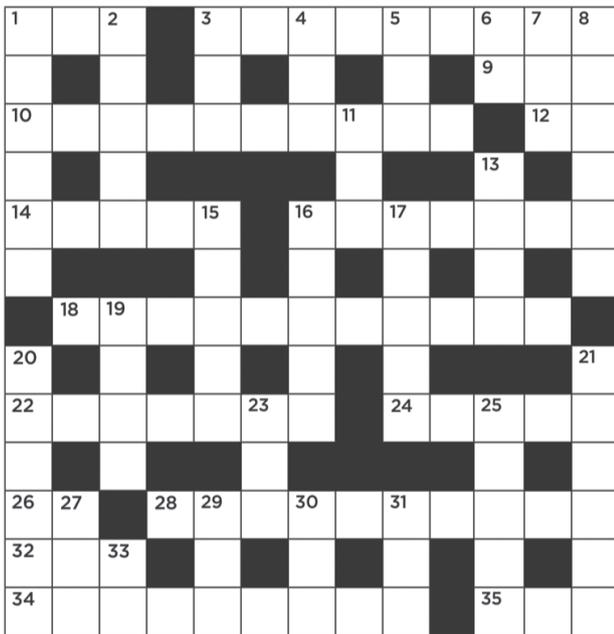
#### THE YUIN FOLK CLUB

The Yuin Folk Club organises the annual Cobargo  
Folk Festival and hosts folk music concerts through-  
out 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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# Game On

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Half-pint
3. Sleepy
9. Sean Lennon's mum
10. Sneezy (phrase)
12. "\_\_\_ apple a day ...."
14. Bloom of the Netherlands
16. Dopey
16. Grumpy
22. Happy
24. Cheap and showy
26. Physician's request
28. Doc
32. \_\_\_ Mahal
34. Bashful
35. Suitable

### DOWN

1. Unsullied
2. Flower part
3. August baby, probably
4. Tic- \_\_\_-toe
5. Hubbub
6. Monopoly starting space
7. Barefoot Food Network star
8. Communicate
11. Santa syllables
13. Clean with a cloth
15. Concise
16. Don Draper, for example
17. Unfit
19. Compatriot
20. What a swindler does
21. Young swan
23. Unusual
25. Pause mark
27. "So there!"
29. Forever and a day
30. Shakespeare classic: Richard \_\_\_
31. *Life of Pi* director Lee
33. *Dallas* villain

## WORD SEARCH



- |          |        |          |
|----------|--------|----------|
| Kindness | Water  | Cobargo  |
| Beauty   | Earth  | Bermagui |
| Ocean    | Music  | Tilba    |
| Forest   | Art    | Gulaga   |
| Love     | Garden | Triangle |
| Air      | Story  | Unity    |

## SUDOKU



## BEGIN AND END

Each answer begins and ends with the same letter.

1. A continent at the South Pole
2. Payment to stockholders
3. A word used by magicians
4. Physical exertion done for fitness
5. One television show in a series
6. One who reviews and gives judgements
7. An amount over and above what is needed
8. A great work of art or literature
9. A ray of moonlight
10. Blue-green
11. A list of topics at a meeting
12. One thousand years