

Bushfire Threat Eases for Brogo

The local communities of Upper Brogo and Brogo were put on red alert in mid January as fires erupted in the Wadbilliga Wilderness behind the Brogo Dam. Lightning strikes on Friday 12 January were the cause of the outbreak and Fire Authorities held emergency meetings to notify neighbouring residents to prepare for fire.

The danger was weather forecasts of northwesterly winds whipping up a bushfire, repeating conditions of the disastrous 1954 fire that swept through Brogo. On that occasion lives were lost and the final containment occurred only when the fire met the Pacific Ocean.

Fire Authorities together with National Parks Remote Area Fire-fighters attempted to contain the outbreak from spreading west with a heavy

majority decided to prepare and protect their homes. Nothing can prepare you for the mental anguish of expecting a bushfire at any moment for a whole week.

It was in these circumstances that our Brogo Community Mailing List had its hour of glory. Residents were updated constantly from Fire Control as to the progress they were making as well as informing us of the predicted weather forecasts. Even an email went out with a check list of 'things to do' in and around the house to prepare.

Thankfully some rain appeared and the expected winds did not eventuate. On Monday 21 an email came through saying the fire had finally been contained and the immediate danger was over. Brogo residents all sighed together in relief.

When the bushfires swept through Canberra a few years ago the



Refuelling

main criticism directed at authorities was that residents were not warned in advance of the potential danger and that they did not go hard at it early enough to try and contain it. Lessons have been learnt and in Brogo both of these faults were rectified.

The community of Brogo extends its sincere thanks to our local and neighbouring Volunteer Fire Brigades as well as the specialist Remote Fire Fighters from National Parks for their incredible efforts.



The parking area at the Brogo fires

bombardment of both aircraft and helicopters. Bulldozers were sent out to create a firebreak as a last resort measure to protect homes if the fire broke out. Money spent on this effort appeared to be limitless as some days saw up to 16 aircraft in the air.

Meanwhile, Brogo residents

THE TRIANGLE'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTION



We will endeavour to solve a few problems rather than skirt around the difficult issues ...

Editorial

Well, what a lovely summer break, although it seems to have been very busy. However we have slowly geared up for our first issue for 2007. You will notice a few changes in *The Triangle*. Our regular unique cryptic crossword is no longer a given, but hopefully will remain an intermittent! Andrew Burden has resigned as our Police Reporter and *The Triangle* committee would like to thank him for his Police Reports over the last 5 years. Greg Bowra from Bermagui Police will be taking up the baton. Thanks Andrew, we know you didn't join the police force to be a journalist! We would also like to thank Sallie Hand and John Quelch for their input over the last couple of years and wish them the very best in their new adventure.

Aren't we lucky to be living in an area with clear skies? Anyone who has been lucky enough to see McNaught's comet will surely agree that it has been one of the most spectacular heavenly sights in recent times. We do hope you all saw it 'cos it ain't coming back, apparently it's heading towards Pluto and then on into infinity.

Cobargo and Tilba shopkeepers certainly benefitted from the wonderful rain we had over the Christmas/New Year week, as did we! Our police report supports what seems to have been a very happy, safe holiday period.

Please, if you are posting something to *The Triangle*, even if it's at the Cobargo Post Office, please put a stamp on it, otherwise it costs us \$1.55 to receive your 50 cent letter. So it had better be really interesting!

Not much Banter from Bermi. Were you all just too laid back and having fun?

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## Letters to the Editors

*Various messages of thanks were forwarded to The Triangle after the fires:*

To Roger and Brogo Community,

We are extremely grateful to everyone for their efforts which stopped the fire. We watched the smoke through our living-room windows each day, and the helicopters continually refilling at the dam. Our place is extremely vulnerable due to its location.

Been wondering how we could convey thanks to all those involved who came from far and near. The NPWS, the helicopter and plane pilots, the RFS staff from Bega and Eurobodalla, our Brigade and other brigade members, the Raft teams, SES, the radio stations, and others who helped.

Do others feel the whole community might want to do something to say THANK YOU in some form? Be it a shindig, BBQ or a letter published in the various newspapers or a message on radio, or something else?

*Yours, a very relieved  
Delphine and Richard Troughear  
Rock Lily Cottages*

I agree 100%. Very, very impressive work by all involved, including those who inspected my place, gave me excellent advice, and many ticks too. Also thanks to my neighbours who helped, with offers of help and whipper-snippers, thanks to Mike and Jan who lent me their whipper-snipper.

*Barb xo*

Hear hear.

*Tim Metcalf*

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## Littlies give at Christmas

I would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful families who participated in a very heart-warming, special Christmas.

Inspired by an article in *The Triangle*, myself and 4 other marvellous women who work with Bega Valley Family Day Care in Cobargo - Carmel, Linda, Traci and Kylie - arranged with our respective families to encourage our children to GIVE SANTA a gift at our united Christmas party.

It really was a lump-in-the-throat moment as our 2, 3 and 4 year olds walked up to Santa with eyes huge and voices brave and said, 'This is for you Santa, to give to the children at Little Yuin Preschool'. This was followed up by an equally memorable day as the community of Wallaga Lake welcomed us to their preschool Christmas party the following week, where gifts were exchanged and hands were held and the children showed us how we, as a society, should be! A special thank you to Liz, Wallaga Lake's very special preschool teacher and her supportive team.

'For the children are our future.'  
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## My Triangle

A chance to meet the locals and learn their thoughts and feelings on living in "The Triangle"

**Roy Gannon** was born on 7 December 1938, at the (long defunct) Cobargo Hospital, located in Hoyer Street. Today

he lives across the road from that very building. And, but for the odd trip to the Sydney Show, he has spent his whole life (and happily so) in our Triangle area. Roy is a proud 'local', and always good for a

yarn; especially his stories of growing up in Cobargo. So it's great to have him share some of this stuff with us.

After living his first seven years on the family dairy farm at Dignams

Creek, Roy moved to Cobargo, to live with his grandmother and attend the Cobargo Primary School, where he spent his first and second classes, before transferring to the Cobargo Convent school, which he attended till the age of fourteen.

Roy's first job was during the



Roy Gannon

Christmas holiday when he was twelve years old. Believe it or not, he worked on the *Cobargo Chronicle*, where he helped with the printing, and at the

Christmas holiday when he was twelve years old. Believe it or not, he worked on the *Cobargo Chronicle*, where he helped with the printing, and at the

It was around this time that Roy's father, 'Mr Cletus Gannon, Esquire' (according to Roy, a very hard man) bought a small dairy farm at Wandella. It was a poor farm, running just 36 cows. Mum had to leave and Roy found himself raising two younger brothers, virtually alone. For all his hard work, all Roy owned was a push-bike, a few pound in the bank, an axe, a cross back saw, a mattock and a shovel. 'There were others who copped it as bad as I did, but there were a lot of spoilt brats too.'

Roy and his brother Tony bought their father out in 1967, and in 1972, Roy became sole owner when Tony sold him his share and went on to create his own business as a mechanic at Gannon Motors, Cobargo. Roy sold his farm in 1999, but still happens by, from time to time. He rears poddy calves in the back yard now, along with a few vegies, and still keeps farmer's hours, often calling in on the local baker in the wee hours.

We asked the big questions.

**Roy, what do you like best about 'The Triangle'?**

Farming.

**What don't you like?**

Pipe attacks and demolition derbies.

**What's your favourite possession?**

My Nissan Patrol 4x4.

**If you were a motor vehicle what would you be?**

A caterpillar bulldozer.

**What kind of animal would you be?**

A dog. They're almost human, aren't they?

**Who would you choose to sit next to on a long journey?**

The first sensible person who came along. △



### THUMBS UP

To the Brogo Fire Brigade and ALL those who helped out at the Brogo fires.

To the honest persons who handed in two lost wallets - intact.

### THUMBS DOWN

To those drivers who trundle along the highway at 70kmh, then speed up to 110kmh when they hit an overtaking lane, then, once the threat of being passed is over, slow back down again.



end of six weeks, was handed the mighty sum of one pound. 'That was back when an ice-cream only cost three pence and a packet of fags cost a shilling for ten.' At thirteen, he was stripping wattle bark for his fare to the Royal Sydney Show, and not too much after then, he was paid a pound a day for spraying blackberries as he drove a horse and slide.

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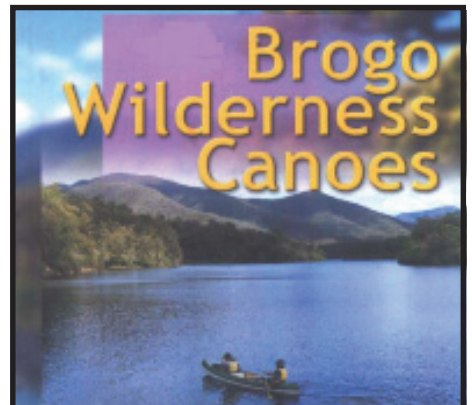
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## Quaama Files

Does anyone have any photos taken at the Community Christmas Party? Santa was a hit as always and the local entertainment lots of fun. Thanks so much especially to the Quaama Band – we love you, and in particular to **Dave Hooper** for mentoring the younger performers. There were lots of proud families and friends there appreciating our young ones' performances.

February brings the return to business of the Quaama School of Arts Management Committee (and sub-committee the Quaama Progress Association). Please come to the next meeting to be held at Quaama Hall in meeting/PIAP room at 7.30 pm on 21 February. One of the priorities this year is **completion of the BBQ shelter** in Quaama Memorial Park (yes!). We're waiting on a correctly angled length of ridge-capping... Meanwhile it needs painting – 'heritage colours' – to match the hall as well as the construction of the brick housing for the BBQ. The voluntary

committee will happily accommodate the needs of anyone with these skills and willing to give us some 'schooled' assistance! THEN... we can have a big BBQ party to launch it.

Coming to the Quaama Pictures in February: **Lawrence Geogham's** magnificent movie of his kayaking journey around Antarctica. Don't miss this special family event. Ticket prices \$5 adult and \$2 child, refreshments available. All funds go to hall restoration – the most immediate job being restumping of the kitchen and supper room. Look out at the Quaama Store notice board, at the hall and school newsletter for the date. On the topic of entertainment, there is rumour of a Revue style show being produced at Quaama. Talk up ideas amongst your friends ... and watch this space for developments.

A special highlight of the summer holiday for one young lady was her Aragannu birthday camping party. Hats off to **SueAnn and Steven Nicoll** and their able assistant **Simon Toolin** for their brilliant organisation and supervision of the kids at **Niamh's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday!**

Welcome home to **Jamie Larsen** who spent some time



**Niamh Nicoll's 10th birthday at Aragannu, January 9, 2007. Darcie and Niamh Nicoll with Tegan Carr in the centre.**

in Canberra Hospital last month having various pieces of metal inserted in her ankle after an offroad motorbike accident. You'll see her hobbling round town on crutches for the next few weeks. Speedy recovery, Jamie. And no more watching Dakar for you.

And last but not least, as we farewell and send our very best wishes to **Merlin Coen** who has moved up to Canberra to continue his education, we also welcome back old friend **Mick Moore** to Quaama. All is well as the young spread their wings and friends return home.

(PS I'm now the local *Triangle* contact for Quaama, so call me on 6493 8406 with all your hatches, matches, dispatches or anything else you'd like to see in your local community newspaper. *Veronica Coen*)



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## Nardy House holds Open Day for locals



The bathroom in Nardy House, collecting dust

Before Christmas Nardy House held an Open Day. For anyone living in the Triangle the Nardy House saga has been going on for years. We have watched it being built, read about it in the local papers and heard it endlessly discussed on the radio. The Open Day was a great time to go and have a look at what we have been reading and hearing about for the last five years.

It was amazing: here is a facility, built, furnished and dressed down to towels, washing powder and toilet paper, with extraordinary equipment installed to deal with the severely disabled, lying empty, gathering dust.

Whatever the politics, whatever the history, this is a facility urgently needed and ready to go. LET'S JUST USE IT.



Exciting news! Umbarra has started a Homework Centre. Kids from the Community and Bermagui will be learning computers and doing their school work on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 4 to 6 pm in the Umbarra CTC Rooms. We are currently looking for a Teacher / Tutor to assist the kids with their learning. If you know anybody who could help us please give us a call on 44 737 232. This is a paid position.

Umbarra has started the year off well and continues to educate tourists and locals alike about the indigenous community and this wonderful country we call home.

We have had a very busy holiday period with many visitors enjoying tours to our sacred sites. Hands On Activities have been popular, with lots of boomerang and spear throwing. Budding artists have been painting the traditional way and many unique and treasured boomerangs and pottery dishes will be gracing family homes for years to come. Come, check out the new displays, our friendly staff are here for you. See you then.



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## Bermi Banter

### Bermagui Seaside Fair

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Bermagui Seaside Fair will be held on Saturday 10 March 2007. A multi-award winning tourism event attracting around 10,000 people, it is our own seaside village celebration.

The main feature of this year's event is the inaugural Sculpture on the Edge exhibition. The Australian Government is proud to be associated with Sculpture on the Edge. This project was made possible by Festivals Australia, an Australian Government program which supports cultural activity at regional and community festivals. This quality exhibition will showcase local sculptors Allan Watt and Richard Moffatt. Interstate exhibitors include ANU Sculpture School's Michael le Grand and, from Victoria, Donald Blakey. A mosaic sea creature will be constructed in Dickinson Park with community participation, and a sym-

posium on Sculpture as Public Art is scheduled for Sunday with Dr Matthew Nott as keynote speaker.

Sculpture on the Edge opens on Friday 9 through to Sunday 11 March, on Endeavour Point, Bermagui.

Saturday's Seaside Fair celebrations includes a fancy dress Street Parade at 10 a.m., the traditional Blessing of the Fleet, helicopter joy flights over the scenic coast, a fine arts and crafts exhibition, a



Sculpture at the Bermagui Seaside Fair 2006

photography exhibition, over 100 market stalls, carnival rides, Pet Pageant and more.

Saturday evening's highlight includes the fabulous Frankie J Holden and Michelle Pettigrove, performing in and compering the Bermagui Seaside Fair Music Celebration, incorporating the Best of Bermagui Idols, now in its third year.

More information ph 1800 645 808 or 6494 0191 or [www.bermaguiseasidefair.com](http://www.bermaguiseasidefair.com).

## Enter the Pet Pageant



Bermi Vets invites pets to enter the Seaside Fair Pet Pageant.

This year's prizes will be better than ever and the competition categories will include Waggiest Tail, Most Glamorous Pet, Clever Dog Award, Owner and Pet Lookalikes plus many other fun categories to be announced shortly. Look out for posters coming soon or pop into the clinic for details.

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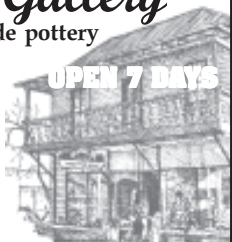
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## Bermi Banter (continued)

### Frankie J. to grace our Idols comp

The 'Idols' Music Competition will be compered this year by Frankie J Holden & Michelle Pettigrove.

The Bermagui Seaside Fair will again hold a music competition for all budding singers and musicians, including a 'best of Idols', recruited from past years' performers. New and aspiring performers are challenged to take part.

More music, less talking: there will be no judges 'critique' – your audience will rate you. So bring along your own dancing fan club – feel free to let them tap into your energy and

get physical. Perhaps you can invite one or two on stage (with prior notice, space permitting)?

Each act may feature one to three performance pieces, and music genres can include covers, originals, comedy, musicals, instrumental or voice, of your own choice - in good taste, of course (offensive language will not be tolerated).

The categories are: Solo; Duets and Trios; and Bands.

Prizes and sashes will be awarded to winners in each category and certificates awarded to all performers.

Applications will be limited – first in will secure a position and artists will be notified of their performance status before the event.

Registration forms and fact

sheets are available at [www.seasidefair.bermagui.net](http://www.seasidefair.bermagui.net), through local schools, Bermagui Visitor Information Centre, Club Muzo Narooma, Magpie Music Bega and the Event Manager. We've even included one below.

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**Please include any additional information for audience.**



# It's a Girl Thing Barb Dwyer

Shopping for Christmas presents for some little kids I know almost answered my quest for the meaning of life. Well, would you believe it explained a few matters which have sort of been plaguing me for a while?

I wanted to give these kids the kind of good old toy that they can interact with. A *doing* toy - sans batteries. Not necessarily non-gender specific and hopefully under ten bucks. The boys, aged 4 and 2, were a cinch to buy for. A string-pull propeller-head man for the 4-year-old, and a push-down spinning top for his little brother. But, and I stress, *through absolutely no fault of her own*, the girl presented a challenge no local toy store seemed able or even willing to meet. And this is where it gets deep.

Ever marvelled at how a 6, 5, 4 or even 3-year-old girl can actually look like some kind of eccentric, flamboyant, promiscuous tart? Or how so many fifteen-year-old girls seem completely vacuous, vain and generally unable to communicate past a 'look at me, what about me, it's all about me' obsession? Well, what do you expect? We're practically farming princesses.

Back to the toy stores, where, aisle after aisle, basket after basket, Paris-Hilton style accessories are all that is on offer for little girls. False fingernails, child-sized high-heeled mules (whatever happened to slopping around in your mum's shoes and dreaming of the day they'll actually fit?), hair pieces, make-up, fairy

dresses, tiaras (perfect), mirrors here, mirrors there. (How do I look?)

What hope? Right from the start we are steering our girls into shallow waters. It's all about vanity. The only *doing* toy, for girls, is the up of one's face. I know I sound like some kind of militant missionary but don't get me wrong, of course lots of little girls love all this stuff and I'm very glad for them that they have that option, if only that was the case, an option - not a dictatorship.

I ended up in the craft section, determined to steer away from 'look at me' toys. Because by then I had made it my mission. That meant ignore the pretty beads, the face painting kits and anything to do with fancy dress. Don't forget, I was trying to find a toy my little 6-year-old female friend could actually play with. One that might take her consciousness outside the arena of self.

When I triumphantly presented her with a colour-in and assemble butterfly, I was rewarded for my efforts with the words I shall never forget...

'Thanks, I've already got one of these ... only bigger.'

And with a flick of her boa, she was gone.

Next year, all the kids I know are getting torches - and batteries. I've never seen a little kid yet who didn't get a kick out of one of those.

## Bermi Banter (continued)

### Bermagui - Days of Yore

From the 1930s until the mid-70s we had a racetrack on the south bank of the Bermagui River, upstream from the bridge and on the flat that's now filled in with mangroves, reeds, eucalypt regrowth and, sadly, a lot of unsightly junk. The track was natural compacted sand from tidal activity up the river and the whole area was looked after by dedicated locals who mowed it and made it ready for race days.

In the middle of the track was an east/west airstrip used by the mail plane once a week and a few holiday house owners including Dr John Lewis who flew his four-seater single-engine Auster in from Wagga on Boxing Day 1970 with his two sons on board. A windshear just before landing caused the only recorded crash at Bermagui's airstrip - tail up/fuselage flat and undercarriage gone. No fatalities but the 10-year-old in the rear seat still suffers from his injuries, and very soon after this accident passenger harnesses on all seats in private aircraft became compulsory.

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Apologies to a Michelle, who rang Sara at Dignams Creek, regarding acres for your horse. Your phone number was lost before she could call you back. Please call again on 6493 6039. Thank you.

Taylan Jackson of Bermagui had a successful day at the Pambula Show held on the 13-14 January, taking home two Champions and a Reserve Champion on her horse 'India'. You go girl!!



Taylan Jackson on India

Whilst attending a riding clinic at the home of Jenny Stock and Paul Yagilnicky, 'Karizmah Performance

Warmblood Palominos out on the Yowrie Road, I got a lot more than I had bargained for. I had the opportunity to witness the birth of a foal, and see first hand a demonstration of how 'imprinting' is done on the newborn foal. Imprinting is the process of making a young foal completely accepting of human interaction from birth. This has been

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Imprinting with the foal

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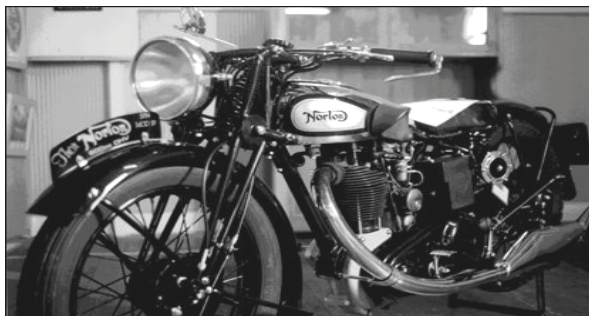
## Tilba Bites

I was feeling a bit worn out the other day, which caused me to reflect on my 25 years living and working in Central Tilba and environs. My work has been in tourism and service-related industries. Years ago they used to say Narooma's population of 4,000 people jumped to 25,000 over the summer holidays. It is incredible how our little towns and villages gear up to handle this huge increase in visitation over summer and Easter holidays. Owners, operators and all you workers need to give yourselves a big pat on the back for a job well done. I, for one, have found the mood of this summer's visitors as happy, relaxed and glad to be here.

A big thank you also to Warren Hadfield, licensee of the Dromedary Hotel, who decided to close at 7pm on New Years Eve and then hosted a private party in the beer garden for his patrons, staff and friends. There were about 100 of us with the jukebox loaded with coins and Pete's soon-to-be-reliable catering trailer. We enjoyed each others company, ate delicious food, danced the new year in and had a couple of drinks.

The fourth Tilba Now exhibition, staged in Central Tilba's Big Hall by Caroline Leach, was again an out-

standing success. Ably supported by community friends and volunteers, the 8-day event delighted locals and visitors. Once again an eclectic mix of artworks, creations, restorations and a chewed sculpture by Morgan (a dog!)



Blue Bailey's magnificently restored 1934 (model 19) Norton

gave plenty to admire and ponder. Exhibit 10A, called Bush Medicine and titled "Work in Progress" included Tuck, Jen, Al, Nanna Lou and Molly (is she a dog?). Combined instruments in this exhibit included saxophone, mandala, keyboard, drums, guitar and Molly moving every now and then. Overall, an aural and visual splendour.

The essence of this event is an eye for creativity, using any old and recycled materials, natural fibres and anything you feel passionate about, and its commercial side is principally to raise funds by donation for Tilba's wonderful halls.

A new book titled *My Visit to Tilba* was launched at the Exhibition. It was inspired and written by Amanda Gillespie with fabulous drawings by our own Vivienne Bowe. It is now available to purchase at Bates Store, Mockingbird Lane Antiques and the ABC Cheese Factory. A great little gift for children, people who know about Tilba and people who don't know about Tilba.

The Ranamok Glass Award comprises the finest examples of contemporary art glass from Australia and New Zealand. The 2006



Shanti's bath at the Tilba Now exhibition

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## Tilba Bites (continued)

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The Community Service Work Crew (ably assisted by Phil Elton), who have been doing such a wonderful job sprucing up the Tilba halls, had to lay off for a week while the Tilba Now exhibition was open. Ever-thinking Phil organised the crew to move on to Central Tilba's Fire Station, which the lo-

cal fires have been trying to get ESC to repaint for the past 17 years. Wow, what a difference! Fresh paint on the big roller doors and most of the front of the building.

Congratulations to the doers.

Tilba friends reminded me recently that in case of an EMERGENCY (fire, accident, emergency) DIAL '000'

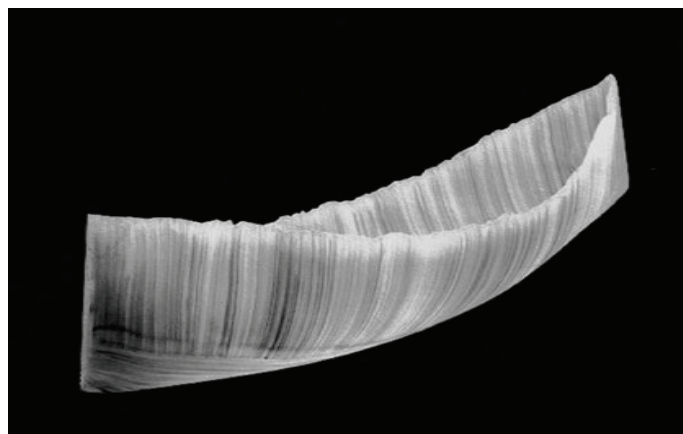
FIRST, as they have the right buttons to activate volunteer's beepers, which can save valuable seconds/minutes in responding to any emergency.



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Ewen Genders.



The winning glass: Cobie Cockburn's Shifting Fields

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Valley Edge will be closed on Saturday 3, Sunday 4 and Saturday 10 February as they are doing some outside wedding catering. It has been great to have a restaurant open on Fridays and Saturdays in Cobargo. Erin and Kerry say they will stay open on Fridays and Saturdays as long as the punters keep dining!

Have any residents in Cobargo noticed there were no baby plovers this spring? Or have found dead chooks with their necks broken, missing or half eaten? Dog biscuits left for their pets mysteriously disappearing? House cats being attacked and injured in their own yard? The reason behind all this destruction is a huge grey-and-white feral feline preying on our domestic pets and causing havoc. This is no ordinary cat, he is powerful and cunning and killing our domestic animals and wildlife. All in all it is not just the cat's fault but an irresponsible owner and people out there who dump their cats.

Pun: I do not place all cats in the same 'category', nor am I being 'dog-

matic'. Life may not be 'purrfect', no 'yolk'.

Who else got a shock when they opened the land values notice recently? One Wandella resident remarked recently that the land value had trebled in the last 10 years. Eat your heart out, city investors. Only trouble is that the lack of local sales seems to make that all a lie. Whilst on the subject of land, values and pensions, it seems manifestly unfair that a rural dweller can only include their house and two hectares as personal and anything over two hectares is counted as an asset and therefore affects their pension. When Shire rules allow for 5 to 15 hectare subdivisions, but do not allow for subsequent subdivision, a 5-hectare property is just that. Three hectares cannot be subdivided and sold, but can be counted as an asset. Isn't an asset something that can be sold? Meanwhile residents sitting in a million-dollar house on a suburban block can claim that as personal and it doesn't affect their pension. Once again the rural community is hard done by.

### Cobargo Show On Again For Young And Old

The great little country show of the South Coast, Cobargo, is on Friday and Saturday, 9 and 10 February. The Pavilion will be full of arts, crafts, quilts, photographs, flowers, vegetables, eggs, beer and cakes. Anyone can enter, just pop into the Cobargo Newsagency and get a Show Schedule and use the entry form included. Quilters remember your entries

need to be in

early in the week as they are judged on Thursday and hung Thursday afternoon.

Entries can come from mums and dads, grandmothers and grandfathers and children of all ages. There are lots of great little prizes but just the fun of entering is the greatest prize for most people.

There is the usual fun on Friday night with a special band brought in to perform at 5pm followed by the Warren Salway special Campdraft sponsored by Momsen Motors.

Saturday there will be magician shows, woodchops, tiny tot and baby competition, lolly scramble and other country fun. The cattle will also be competing on Friday and the horses will be performing throughout the two days.

The Cobargo Show is a community event shared by all in the Triangle region and also beyond. It is a great occasion for local adults and children to have two days fun and friendly chats standing by the rails at the ring, or sitting on the benches in the shade or while wandering through the Pavilion admiring all of our local achievements – and they are many and varied.

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## What's happening

**The surf competition** in Bermagui to raise money for the Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club was a huge success with lots of up and coming surfers keen to show off their skills.

**The Cobargo Skate Park** Fundraiser Raffle was really well supported with Carmel Duffy winning a brand new skateboard and Mrs. Holland won a \$20 gift voucher kindly donated by Belinda. The committee would like to thank everyone for their support.

**Surf Betties & Billies** every Saturday at 10am at the Rockwall in Bermagui. Head out and have some fun with friends learning how to surf!

**Kids Music Night** on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, **Open Jam Night** on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of February both at The River Rock Café in Bermagui.

## Hey guys,

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tiddlers page. Hope you are all having fun on the hols surfing, skating, playing cricket.... This page is packed full of things for you to get up to. We'll announce the winner of the surfboard design competition next month.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ms Tiddler

## Heading To High School

An interview with Sam O'Connor

*What school are you going to?*  
Narooma High.

*How do you feel about being the littlest again?*

It's gonna be very different.  
*How do you think it will be different from Primary school?*  
The people, the classes, lots of things.

*Are you looking forward to it?*  
Yes.

*Why?*  
Because it will be a big change from Primary and I think it will be a lot better.

## JOKES

Q. What did one eye say to the other?  
A. Between you and me something smells!

Q. What happened when the lion ate the comedian?  
A. He felt funny!

Q. What cries and wobbles?  
A. A jelly baby!

Q. What are two things you can't have for breakfast?  
A. Lunch and dinner!

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## Cobargo Conversations (continued)

### Cobargo Folk Festival On Again


The Cobargo Folk Festival is on again, on 23, 24 and 25 February. With over 50 different performers the festival starts on Friday afternoon and continues through to Sunday evening. There's music: world, country, bluegrass, a cappella and traditional. Dance, comedy, bush poetry and The Crossing Youth Music Expo. For those who want to make a weekend of it there is camping with hot and cold showers available and a few powered sites. Early bird tickets are on sale until 15 February, phone 6493 6758 to save \$10 on the weekend pass price. For more information go to their website [www.cobargofolkfestival.com](http://www.cobargofolkfestival.com)

This is a great weekend so come along and celebrate music, dance and the end of summer.

#### Volunteers Wanted for the Cobargo Folk Festival

If you would like to volunteer we would welcome enquiries from people who can offer time to assist in the smooth running of our festival over the weekend. A weekend pass with camping will be offered in return for six hours of festival duties over the 3 day weekend (or before and after):

Set-up (from Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February 2007)  
Pack-up (after the Festival)  
Ticket Office  
Bar (RSA necessary)  
Logistics  
Waste management  
Festival office  
Previous volunteer experience at other festivals would be an advantage but not necessary.

You will need to contact Jen Van Gorder, our volunteer co-ordinator, as soon as possible if you are interested in applying. Ph 6494 0066 or 6493 6758, [cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com](mailto:cobargofolkfestival@bigpond.com). 

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## Garden Magic

Greetings once again to all you keen and happy gardeners of the Triangle!

The garden seems to be doing its best to adjust to the latest weather conditions and so am I, and it all seems a little bit scary, but oh well, on we go!

I think the good thing about veggie gardens is that if it all has gone to the pack this season, there's always the next one. Peas and beans are good crop to grow to start it up again - to dig back into the soil even if you don't get a feed. With all your other green matter that is being discarded from the garden patch continue building on your compost heap, making sure to dispose of any diseased matter by other means.

If the fruit on your trees didn't handle the hot and wet conditions so well, dispose of all the rotten fruit and branches, rake up any fallen leaves and spray before they drop the rest of the leaves. Ask your friendly nursery assistant for advice on what to use. This should also be done again before bud burst, and another good practise is to rake up all the fallen leaves before feeding and mulching for the good fruit next year. There's always something to do in the cool of the evening besides drinking beer!

*Cheers, Garden Sorcery*



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## January Police Report

January has not been as busy as anticipated. There has been a large influx of tourists to the area and the behaviour of residents and tourists alike has been greatly appreciated. No major motor vehicle accidents have occurred and the incidents of Drink Driving have appeared to have declined in our area.

There have however been a number of persons stealing from locked motor vehicles at the Blue Pools at Bermagui and a number of camping sites south of Bermagui. Police would like to remind everyone to not only lock your vehicles but ensure valuables are not in sight or left at home.

The same advice to boat owners, please lock up your tackle boxes, rods

and easily removed gear from your boats when you have finished fishing for the day, these items are easily taken and disposed of by offenders during the night.

Police are making regular patrols of licensed premises both by day and night. If you are asked to leave licensed premises by either the licensee or his staff you are reminded that if you refuse you may be liable to a \$550 fine. The things you may be asked to leave for include being to intoxicated, or aggressive behaviour. Please drink in moderation and have a great time.

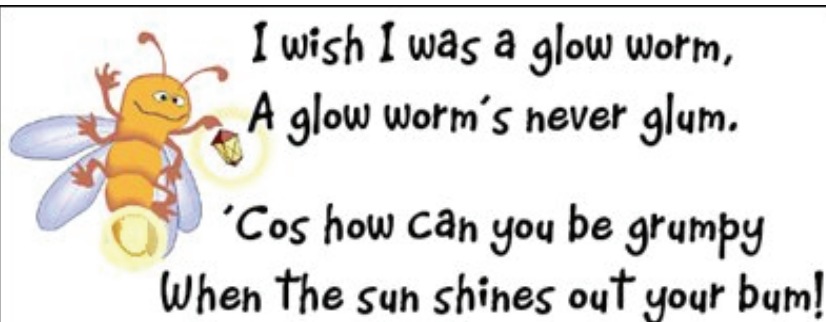
Just of late a number of juveniles have been spoken to and had their alcohol confiscated by police, just a quiet reminder that if you supply alcohol to a juvenile you may also be liable to a fine of \$550. △

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Plan well in advance where and how you will transport your animals to safety. Arrange for kennels or boarding with friends.

For cats: prepare cages covered with damp towels ready in the car. Keep your cat indoors – it will be impossible to catch them during urgent evacuation.

Have your dogs contained, wearing collars and ID tags, in a cool shelter with plenty of water. Have leads or dog harnesses on hand with dog bedding, food, water, bowls and familiar toys in the car ready to go.

Bird cages should be covered in wet towels as birds are particularly sensitive to smoke and loud noises.

Relocate your poultry, horses or other livestock well in advance, so that you can devote all your energy and time to protecting your home.

It can be very helpful in many ways to delegate these tasks to family members.

And remember to indulge your pets and enjoy their love when life returns to normal.



## Art in the Triangle

*The Triangle* has heard about three exhibitions that have opened since our last issue. First, the Cobargo Arts Co-op located in the old Bass Gas station held another successful exhibition. The co-op is a group of 10 artists who work in the areas of painting, sculpture, fabrics/textiles, jewellery, photography and craftwork.

Then in a marketing coup Narek Galleries in Tanja and Ivy Hill Gallery in Wapengo both held their first exhibitions of the new year on the same



The crowd at the opening at Narek Gallery's

night. This is a great idea, two openings for the price of one petrol tank!

Narek Galleries is featuring six of Australia's finest artists working mainly with native timbers. Ivy Hill Gallery is exhibiting work by three local artists, Judith Darby, Rick Andersen and Susan Chancellor. Both exhibitions are open Friday to Monday and close on 5 March.

After the openings, a large crowd converged on Georgina's Cucina at Wapengo for a delicious dinner, much chat and laughter. A great night out and a good example of local concerns working together for their and our benefit.



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### BERMAGUI BAPTIST CHURCH

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Family Service 11.00 a.m. All Welcome. Kids church  
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### COBARGO GARDENING & FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2nd Monday every month - 12 midday. Venues vary - for  
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### COBARGO SHOW MEETING

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

### QUAAMA / COBARGO QUILTERS

Meets Mondays, 10am - 3.30pm in the CWA Cottage,  
Bermagui Road, Cobargo, and welcomes anyone who  
does patchwork, quilting, needlework, sewing or any  
other handcraft. Contact Leanne Tett on 6493 7323.

### COBARGO AREA COMMITTEE

1st Tuesday of the month, Uniting Church Hall - 7pm,  
Malcolm Elmslie - 6493 6787

### COBARGO LANDCARE GROUP

Occasional meetings - for info phone  
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### 1ST COBARGO SCOUT GROUP JOEYS/CUBS/SCOUTS

Children 6 - 15yrs wanting to learn new skills, enjoy  
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Graham Parr on 6493 6795, Jim Abraham on 6493 6668

### COBARGO CWA

CWA Rooms - Cobargo 2nd Tues of the month 10.30am.  
Enq. Dawn Evans 6493 7301, Cottage Hire 6493 6428

### 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. Contact Nicci on 6493 6602

### BERMAGUI SES UNIT

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

### 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. Contacts: Maree Selby -  
6493 3057 and Lyn Gammage - 6493 4960

### THE BERMAGUI MARKETS

Last Sunday of the month. Coordinated by the  
Bermagui/Cobargo Red Cross. Contact Gary Stevens  
6493 6581

### BERMAGUI & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

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

### MACHINE PATCHWORK GROUP

9.30am to 3.30pm fortnightly at Julie Terry's home in  
Tanja. Ring Julie on 6494 0100.

### BERMAGUI COUNTRY CLUB

**AMATEUR ART & CRAFT SOCIETY.**  
Bermagui Country Club Amateur Art and Craft Group:  
Monday mornings: Porcelain Art, Tuesday Mornings:  
Needlework/Patchwork and Art, Thursday mornings:  
Embroidery and Leadlighting, Friday mornings: Pottery,  
Friday afternoons - 2nd and 4th Friday of each month:  
Spinning. Visitors and new members welcome.  
Enquiries: 6493 3445

### ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

Far South Coast Branch - Meetings bi-monthly at Tathra  
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### QBC COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Free monthly concerts at the Bermagui Country Club.  
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Visitors, Children, Musos welcome. Contact Owen  
Hunter 6493 5151, Geoff Paul 6493 6582

### QUAAMA MORNING COFFEE LADIES

Meet at 11am every Wed for morning tea and  
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Contact Lorna 6493 8417 or Judith 6493 8347 for next  
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### OVER 50'S FUN & FITNESS

Every Tuesday, 2pm to 3pm at the Bermagui Country  
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### TILBA VALLEY WINES BRIDGE CLUB

1st Wednesday every month from 2pm. All standards  
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Further details: Peter - 4473 7308

### COBARGO MARKET DAY

4th Saturday monthly. SOA Hall and grounds. 8.30 to  
12.30. Phone Helen on 6493 6572 for bookings

### COBARGO PLAYGROUP

Recommences Cobargo Pre School, October 20th then  
alternate Fridays, 10am - 12pm, until December 15th.  
All welcome. Further info contact Pam 6496 1918

### BERMAGUI SEASIDERS

#### Volunteers Wanted

10th Annual Seaside Fair on Saturday 10th March 2007.  
If you would like to volunteer please ring John or  
Carolyn on 6493 3416 or email: [johnc@iimetro.com.au](mailto:johnc@iimetro.com.au)

### COBARGO TOURIST & BUSINESS ASS'N

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month, Cobargo CWA  
Cottage 6pm. Phone Helen Stafford - 6493 6572

### SCRABBLE CLUB

Meets each Wed. 1pm at 28 High Street, Cobargo.

### DRY RIVER RODEO COMMITTEE

Meet 1st Wednesday of the month at Quaama Rodeo  
grounds, 7.30. All horsey people welcomed. Ph. Katrina  
on 6492 7138.

### REFLECTIONS

"Reflections", the latest journal of the Bermagui  
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Information Centre, Lamont St. and from Wilma  
Masterson, 6493 4108.

### MYSTERY BAY COAST CARE

Contact: Christina Potts 4473 7053 Meet: 9.30-12.30  
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### BERMAGUI PLAYGROUP

Friday mornings in the school term 10am-12pm  
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### BEGA VALLEY DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

Sunday mornings at Dickinson Oval, Bermagui. All dogs  
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### BERMAGUI DAY VIEW CLUB

3rd Friday each month. Venues vary. For info phone  
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### LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS

Cobargo CWA Cottage every second Sunday. Set up —  
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### QUAAMA TEXTILE GROUP

Fabric and Textile Art Group meeting monthly at  
Quaama Phone 0427 402025

### SOPHIAN Gnostic Circle Meetings

Twice monthly at Bermagui and Quaama. Enlightenment  
teachings of a living western tradition. For further info,  
phone Sue on 6493 8473

### DIGNAMS CREEK COMMUNITY GROUP

Meets randomly - for info phone Shannon Russack- Pres.  
- 6493 6512 Merryn Carey- Sec. - 6493 6747

### THE YUIN FOLK CLUB Inc

Folk Night Evenings, visiting performers, usually first  
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### QUAAMA BIG BAND

Are you interested in joining a local community band?  
No matter what your ability is or how rusty you may be,  
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### SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Mon - Murrah Hall 1.30 - 3.30pm Thurs - Cobargo  
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# FOR THE FRIDGE DOOR

|                             |                                                                  |                                                                                      |                                     |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>February</b><br>Friday 2 | Tilba Valley Winery                                              | Art Exhibition                                                                       |                                     |
| Saturday 3                  | Tilba Valley Winery<br>Bermagui Hotel                            | Spicy Fruit Chutney CD launch<br>Music                                               | 7.30pm                              |
| Monday 5th                  | River Rock Cafe                                                  | Jam session                                                                          | 7pm                                 |
| Friday 9                    | Cobargo Showground<br>Bass Gas Gallery<br>River Rock Cafe        | Cobargo Show<br>Kickasso Skillpcha Exabitchin<br>Kids' Jam night                     | all day<br>7pm<br>5-7.30pm          |
| Saturday 10                 | Cobargo Showground<br>Bermagui Hotel<br>Mystery Bay Yoga Retreat | Cobargo Show<br>Music<br>Yoga Workshop (ph 4473 7114)                                | all day<br>7.30pm<br>10am - 12.30pm |
| Sunday 11                   | Dromadery Hotel                                                  | Fig Jam                                                                              | 5.30 - 9.30pm                       |
| Friday 16                   | Bermagui Hotel<br>River Rock Cafe<br>Cobargo Pub                 | Live, local & vocal<br>Movie night<br>Larrikan's Quartet, Damon Davies & Jay McMahon | 5.30pm                              |
| Saturday 17                 | Bermagui Hotel                                                   | Mr Dillon                                                                            | 8 pm                                |
| Sunday 18                   | Tilba Valley Winery                                              | Bush Medicine                                                                        | 1 pm                                |
| Monday 19th                 | River Rock Cafe                                                  | Jam session                                                                          | 7pm                                 |
| Friday 23 -<br>Sunday 25    | Cobargo Showground                                               | Cobargo Folk Festival with Ante's Pizza all weekend                                  | all day and night                   |
| Saturday 24                 | Bermagui Hotel                                                   | Black Velvet                                                                         | 7.30pm                              |
| <b>March</b><br>Friday 2    | Dromadery Hotel                                                  | Janet Levy and Good Intentions                                                       | 7.30 til late                       |
| Sunday 4                    | Tilba Valley Winery                                              | Richard Bloomfield                                                                   | 1 pm                                |



## Pat's Piece

W h e w !!  
Are you all exhausted? It began for me with John and Maggie's Christmas Party at Dignams Creek.

Those two really are the hostests with the mostests. Then off to Canberra to spend Christmas surrounded by beloved family and friends, which was both hectic and wonderful. Back into the car and heading for home to spend New Year with Candy in her splendiferous house in the forest. David Bates arrives after driving all night which of course leads to a rip roaring sing-song around the piano, with David proclaiming as he belts out the oldest of the oldies that he can feel the spirit of his piano-playing grandmother sitting on the stool beside him. But the icing on the cake for me is the arrival of the Powell and Cashin families. The

Powells are wheat farmers from way up on the edge of the Mallee where the effects of the drought have been catastrophic. Our two families have been friends for three generations. The Cashins are school teachers and talk of the alarming rate of suicide among farmers. The two families have five children between them. Ethan, Caleb and Khian Powell and Meg and Harry Cashin. In all my eighty-four years I've never met a sweeter bunch of kids. Ethan at the age of eleven played his ukulele in the Spiegeltent with me with his grandfather on piano. They brought the house down. Now as I listen to him playing on a beautiful acoustic guitar he brings tears to my eyes and I know he's headed for great things, with the added bonus of making old vaudevillians like myself die happy. Now after all that it's back to the day-to-day things. Many thanks to *The Triangle* for inviting me back and a Happy New Year darlings one and all. (Ah, now for a good lie down!!).

Pat Thompson.

## Free Home Visiting for Families

How often do parents of young children wish they had an extra pair of hands? Well, help is at hand with Campbell Page Volunteer Home Visiting Service, a free service for families with children 0-3 years, or in their antenatal period. Campbell Page has been working with families in the Bega Valley Shire since 2004 and has supported over 70 families in the past 3 years. During this time the service has continued to grow and is now in need of additional volunteers especially in the north of the Shire. Becoming a volunteer enables you to make a difference to a family in your own community, increase your skills, meet new people, and it looks great on your CV! For more information about the service and to enquire about becoming a volunteer call Jessica Millar on 6496 4681.

